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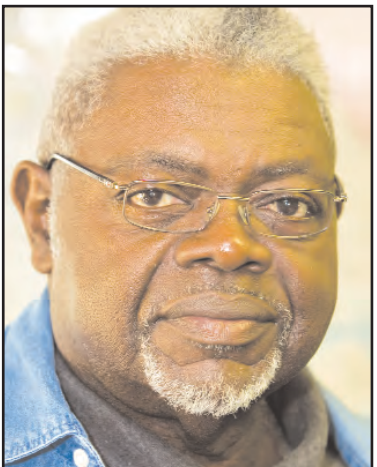
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BERNEST HEWETT

WAKE UP PEOPLE!

BY BERNEST HEWETT CONTRIBUTING WRITER

People of color, we are openly being attacked with open vengeance! Our elected officials are trying to pass laws that will stop the teaching of slavery, racism, violence that was, and still is, going on against our skin color. We must know from where we've come in order to know how to manage our future. We can't keep going without setting goals for ourselves. That would stop us from making the same mistakes we made in the past. I find myself listening to the North Carolina lieutenant

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NIKOLE HANNAH-JONES

OUTRAGE IN THE NIKOLE HANNAH-JONES TENURE CONTROVERSY

BY CASH MICHAELS OF THE WILMINGTON JOURNAL

If there's anyone concerned about how award winning New York Times investigative journalist, Nicole Hannah-Jones, recipient of the prestigious MacArthur Fellowship "Genius Grant" is doing amid the growing controversy over how she's been treated by UNC-Chapel Hill after being hired for a heralded position at its journalism school without the benefit of tenure, she says, "Don't." "I have been overwhelmed by all of the support you all have shown me," Hannah-Jones tweeted under her alias, "Ida Bae Wells," May 20, 2021. "It has truly fortified my spirit and my resolve. You all know that I will [be] OK, but this fight is bigger than me, and I will try my best not to let you down."

It is that feisty, defiant, intellectual spirit for which the heralded Black journalist is known, especially after being targeted by political conservatives and contrarian historians for her keenly researched, long-form Pulitzer Prize winning New York Times Magazine series, "The 1619 Project," which tells the story of how slavery was so vital to the founding of what would eventually become the United States of America over 400 years ago when people of African descent were first brought to these shores.

The narrative profoundly contradicts the more popular adage that the nation was formally founded in 1776 when colonists declared their independence from England in search of freedom, thus downplaying slavery as the institution with which colonists built a powerful economy.

However, maintaining the 1776 narrative has proven to be the main mission of those like Republican former Pres. Donald Trump, Republican U. S. Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell (KY) and N. C. U.S. Sen. Thom Tillis, who have opposed Hannah-Jones, accusing her of "Marxist" anti-American rhetoric, and chiding the New York Times for giving her the prime platform with which

to disseminate it, especially to American students.

"Americans do not want their tax dollars diverted from promoting the principles that unite our nation towards promoting radical ideologies meant to divide us," Tillis wrote to a constituent in a May 21 letter.

And there lies what's at the heart of the UNC-Chapel Hill versus Hannah-Jones tenure controversy, observers say.

As first reported by NC Policy Watch several weeks ago, Hannah-Jones was hired by UNC-Chapel Hill's Hussman School of Journalism and Media (from which Hannah-Jones earned her master's degree in 2003) to be the Knight Chair in Race and Investigative Journalism. Her journalistic bonafides, by all accounts, exceeded the requirements.

Hannah-Jones previously reported for the Raleigh News and Observer for several years before going to The Oregonian in Portland and then Pro Publica in New York. Her reporting gained prime notice and applause at the New York Times Magazine, where she focused on social justice issues before overseeing The 1619 Project.

When Hannah-Jones was hired by UNC's Hussman School, Dean Susam King said in April, "Giving back is part of Nikole's DNA, and now one of the most respected investigative journalists in America will be working with our students on projects that will move their careers forward and ignite critically important conversations."

Still conservatives close to the UNC Board of Trustees reportedly weren't having it, especially when tenure, as approved by the faculty tenure committee and normally rubber stamped by the UNC-Chapel Hill Board of Trustees, was part of the hiring package for Hannah-Jones. Shortly after it was announced that Hannah-Jones was coming to UNC-Chapel Hill, pressure was brought to bear on the Hussman School to eliminate the tenure offer; a lifetime appointment, changing it to just a five year contract with the possibility of tenure at the end.

For example, Shannon Watkins, of the conservative James G. Martin Center for Academic Renewal (formerly the Pope Center) called Hannah-Jones an "activist-scholar."

The two previous Knight Chairs, sponsored by the Knight Foundation of Knight Ridder Newspapers, have been hired with tenure. The fact that Hannah-Jones was an outspoken Black female professional did not escape anyone in how she was being treated, and the reaction from UNC faculty, students, and colleagues was strong.

"As Hussman School of Journalism and Media faculty, we are stunned at the failure to award tenure to Nikole Hannah-Jones, a Pulitzer Prize, Peabody, and MacArthur Foundation "Genius Grant" winner and UNC-Chapel Hill 2019 Distinguished Alumna, recently inducted into the North Carolina Media and Journalism Hall of Fame," they wrote in a May 19 open letter.

"We demand explanations from the University's leadership at all levels," the faculty letter continued. "Nikole Hannah-Jones does necessary and transformative work on America's racial history."

The UNC Board of Trustees is seen as having the final word on the Hannah-Jones hiring and tenure issue.

UNC student leaders wrote an open letter to Hannah-Jones, which said in part, "We are frustrated and disappointed that our university, the flagship institution of the UNC System, has failed not only you, an outstanding alumna, but its students, its faculty, its community as a whole..."

Protesters with signs interrupted the May 20 UNC Board of Trustees' meeting under threat of arrest. The Carolina Black Caucus also issued a letter declaring "We stand in protest."

Lamar Richards, UNC-Chapel Hill student body president, who also sits on the UNC-Chapel Hill Board, wrote an open letter chastising his colleagues for not taking the matter up in a vote thus far. Richards urged them to do so.

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We need to invest time and dues with the NAACP, the Black Caucus, and the ACLU because if your elected officials are committed to teaching our children lies. They are confident enough in themselves to try to control all the people of color with lies taught them from a young age until they become old enough to realize the truth about a racist society which wants to slowly mislead our nation and people. Wake up people!

Bernest Hewett is President Emeritus of the Brunswick County Chapter of the NAACP.

STATE BRIEFS

ELIZABETH CITY POLICE CHARGE DRIVER WITH HITTING TWO PROTESTERS WITH HER CAR
 [ELIZABETH CITY] A motorist has been charged with two felony counts of assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill after she allegedly hit two demonstra-

tors protesting the killing of Andrew Brown, Jr. with her car Monday night. Police say Lisa Michelle O'Quinn of Greenville was also charged with one count of careless and reckless driving, and one count of unsafe movement. The two victims were Black females, and they're injuries were deemed non-life threatening.

\$25,000 GEORGE FLOYD SCHOLARSHIP GIVEN TO FSU BY SISTER
 [FAYETTEVILLE] Bridgett

Floyd, the sister of police brutality victim George Floyd, has donated \$25,000 to Fayetteville State University in his memory. Tuesday, May 25th was the one year anniversary of Floyd's murder by a Minneapolis police officer, who was convicted of the crime that shook the world. The FSU scholarship was given to the school on behalf of the Raleigh-headquartered George Floyd Foundation, a nonprofit dedicated to social justice and education.

DURHAM SCHOOL BOARD OPPOSES ANTI-CRITICAL RACE THEORY BILL
 [DURHAM] The Durham County School Board is now on record opposing HB 824, the pending state House legislation that if passed, would prohibit the teaching of racism has played a key role in American history. In its resolution, the board says HB 824 would "restrict and prohibit honest conversations about race, conflict with the existing state and local education standards, and

infringe free speech rights of students, educators and staff." The board says it believes that students should be taught the truth about North Carolina and American history.

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NC NAACP, REV. DR. WILLIAM BARBER, ASK U.S. JUSTICE DEPT. FOR FULL "PATTERN AND PRACTICE" PROBE IN ELIZABETH CITY

BY CASH MICHAELS
 OF THE WILMINGTON JOURNAL

The FBI is already in Elizabeth City, conducting a federal civil rights investigation into the April 21, 2021 Pasquotank County Sheriff's Dept. fatal shooting of Andrew Brown, Jr.

However, the heads of the NC NAACP, the Pasquotank County NAACP, and Repairers of the Breach are now also petitioning US Attorney General Merrick B. Garland, Deputy Attorney General Lisa Monaco, and Associate Attorney General Vanita Gupta to conduct a "pattern and practice" probe of both the Pasquotank County Sheriff's Dept. and the Pasquotank County District Attorney's Office, "...to address the crisis of trust and the legitimate calls for accountability and change boiling over in Elizabeth City, Pasquotank County, and the surrounding jurisdictions, as well as to identify and help rectify systemic deficiencies which contribute to misconduct and enable it to persist."

The civil rights leaders are requesting the federal probe via a May 24 letter to the U. S. Dept. of Justice,

which is also signed by several hundred citizens of Pasquotank County.

The Reverend Dr. T. Anthony Spearman, president of the NC NAACP; Rev. Dr. William J. Barber, II, president of Repairers of the Breach and co-chair of the Poor People's Campaign; and Keith Rivers, president of the Pasquotank County Branch of the NAACP, spoke to reporters Friday in Elizabeth City, and had local citizens present sign a petition accompanying the letter:

"In the name of justice....Dr. King once said, 'We are not satisfied,' Rivers told reporters, "...and we won't be satisfied until justice rolls down like water."

The missive and press conference were in response to the May 18 press conference by Pasquotank County District Attorney Andrew Womble where he announced he would not criminally charge the seven deputies for fatally shooting Brown, 42, maintaining that it was "justified" because the suspect allegedly used his car "as a weapon" when deputies attempted to serve him with

a felony arrest warrant while he was in his car in front of his house.

Clips from police bodycams of the April 21 incident that Womble "displayed" shows Brown behind the wheel of a BMW vehicle as the deputies rolled up into his yard. As the deputies trained their weapons on the vehicle and demanded that Brown exit it, the BMW backed up, then went forward as shots ring out from three of the seven deputies. The vehicle rolled a few feet away until it crashed into a tree in another yard.

When deputies reached the car with weapons still drawn and finally opened the driver's side door, they discovered that Andrew Brown, Jr. had been shot in his right arm and once in the back of the head, the "kill shot."

District Attorney Womble contended that the bodycam clips showed that, legally, Brown used his car "as a weapon" to fend off the deputies and was "a perceived threat," but most observers, upon seeing the clips, believe that Brown was fleeing from law enforcement, and any con-

tact made was by a deputy trying to stop the car physically.

One of the Brown family's attorneys, Bakari Sellers, disagreed with Womble on Twitter, tweeting, "Four officers didn't shoot, didn't feel life was in danger."

Because the shooting took place in a residential neighborhood, one of the fourteen bullets fired was later found across the street in a neighbor's house, and there is a law enforcement policy about shooting at a moving vehicle. Pasquotank County Sheriff Tommy Wooten, II says the three deputies who fired their weapons will keep their jobs but will be disciplined and retrained.

Wooten also chided his deputies for not having emergency medical services on standby and two of his deputies for not having their body cameras on.

However, Attorney Sellers made clear, on behalf of the family, that the killing of Andrew Brown, Jr. was unjust, and if they can't get criminal justice, they will certainly seek civil justice by way of a lawsuit.

Others, like 2022 U.S. Senate candidate Cheri Beasley, have called for "a special prosecutor" to conduct "an independent investigation," calling D.A.. Womble's decision "a stunning lack of transparency."

At Friday's press conference, Spearman, Rivers, and Barber joined the rhetorical fray, calling for the federal "pattern and practice" probe.

"How long will it take before those who are called to uphold justice finally uphold justice," NC NAACP president, The Reverend T. Anthony Spearman, rhetorically asked.

"We want [U. S.] Attorney General Garland to understand that...we stand behind a full FBI investigation by the [U. S.] Justice Dept.," Rev. Dr. Barber concluded, reiterating the need for a full review of law enforcement in the Pasquotank County region.

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GUEST EDITORIAL

TO BE EQUAL

It's time for a Black woman on the Supreme Court

(TriceEdneyWire.com)

I am eager to see a brilliant Black woman serving as a U.S. Supreme Court justice. I hope to celebrate her swearing-in later this year.

If you're thinking, "Did I miss something?" the answer is no, there is no vacancy on the Court right now.

But there has been talk that Justice Stephen Breyer, who is 82 years old, might step down after the current Supreme Court term ends in June.

Some activists and legal scholars are encouraging Breyer to step down now. That would give President Joe Biden a chance to fulfill his campaign promise to name a Black woman to the high court. And it would let a Biden nominee be considered by a Senate that is not controlled by Republicans.

Never forget that when Republican Sen. Mitch McConnell was majority leader, he abused his power to slow-walk President Barack Obama's judicial nominees. And he refused to allow the Senate to even consider Obama's Supreme Court nomination of Merrick Garland, leaving a seat vacant for more than a year.

That same Sen. McConnell did everything he could to pack the courts with right-wing judges during the Trump administration—including a third Trump Supreme Court justice who was rammed through the Senate just days before voters turned Trump out of office. Those Trump judges threaten the legal legacy of the first Black person to serve on the Supreme Court, the brilliant Justice Thurgood Marshall. And that threatens all of us.

As a Marylander with deep roots in Baltimore, I am proud that a native son of that great city was the first Black justice on our country's highest court. As a lifelong civil rights activist, I am grateful that a strategist for the civil rights movement was given the opportunity to advance equality under law as a Supreme Court justice. As a Black man and father of Black children, I am thankful for the ways that Marshall changed history. And I am deeply committed to defending those changes at a time when they are under attack.

The threat to our lives, and to a multiracial, multiethnic democratic society, does not just come from violent white supremacists or abusive cops. It comes from Republican politicians whose response to high Black voter turnout in 2020 is to make it harder for many of us to vote. And it comes from judges who dismiss evidence of systemic racism and uphold voter suppression.

What better time to have a powerful Black woman on the high court as a voice for truth and accountability?

That is especially true now that another civil rights champion, the late Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg, has left the court, and been replaced by a justice who does not share her values. We need someone to fill the shoes of both Marshall and Ginsburg, two of the most transformative lawyers in our nation's history.

Fortunately, there are plenty of Black women who represent the values of the civil rights community and are ready to serve.

Black women lawyers are fighting for civil rights every day. Black women scholars are expanding our understanding of systemic racism and its impact on all of us. Black women strategists are defending voting rights. Black women activists are building coalitions and electing politicians who are committed to defending our rights and our communities.

Candidate Joe Biden demonstrated his recognition of the importance of Black women when he chose Sen. Kamala Harris as his running mate. And he excited many of us with his promise to name a Black woman to the Supreme Court. The American people made Biden president and made Harris the first woman, first Black person, and first Asian American to serve as vice president.

I am looking forward to working with President Biden to confirm to the Supreme Court a phenomenal Black woman who will champion the values of freedom, justice, opportunity, and equality at a time when they urgently need champions.

It will be a relief to see her take her seat. And it will be glorious.

Ben Jealous serves as president of People For the American Way and People For the American Way Foundation. Jealous has decades of experience as a leader, coalition builder, campaigner for social justice and seasoned nonprofit executive. In 2008, he was chosen as the youngest-ever president and CEO of the NAACP. He is a graduate of Columbia University and Oxford, where he was a Rhodes Scholar, and he has taught at Princeton and the University of Pennsylvania.



Ben Jealous

VISUAL VOICE



MATTERS OF OPINION

The Groundhog Effect

(TriceEdneyWire.com)

I have always been amazed by the immediate, long-lasting impact of the media on cultural/current events. This is the case with the 1993 movie, Groundhog Day. Since its release, people have discussed the problem of being trapped in a metaphorical loop of activities from which they cannot escape. Even those who didn't see the film are familiar with this theme.

Viewing the news, I was introduced to the case of Ronald Greene which occurred in my home state of Louisiana in 2019. Greene was a forty-nine-year-old Black male who was brought into the Glenwood Regional Medical Center Emergency Room by members of the Louisiana State Highway Patrol. He was reported as the DOA victim of a single-car collision between his automobile and a tree. Injuries from his "accident" were fatal. The attending ER found this suspicious since in addition to his bruised and broken body were found the two prongs of a police taser.

For two years, Louisiana State Police authorities withheld the bodycam videos of

the event from public view. The AP was able to obtain these videos which disclosed another vicious, extra-legal attack on a Black man. The minimal damage to Greene's vehicle belied the excuse of fatal injuries suffered in a crash.

Axios reports that the following statements can be heard:

Greene: (After being tasered in his vehicle) "I'm your brother! I'm scared! I'm scared!"

Trooper: "Look, you're going to get it again if you don't put your f--- h a n d s behind your back!"

Trooper: (referring to Greene) "stupid motherf---er."

Trooper (Hollingsworth): can be heard saying that he "beat the ever-living f--- out of him... Choked him and everything else trying to get him under control. He was spitting blood everywhere, and all of a sudden he just went limp."



Dr. E. Faye Williams

The arrest of Greene is now the subject of a federal civil rights investigation. The refusal of the LSP to release bodycam footage for two years and inconsistencies in police reporting of events suggest cover-up. According to AP, bodycam footage from in-custody deaths is typically released immediately. Troopers on the scene of the arrest first claimed that Greene died on impact after crashing his vehicle into a tree during a chase. State Police later released a statement saying Greene struggled with troopers and died on the way to the hospital. Footage shows Greene raising his hands and surrendering to officers after crashing his SUV and apologizing for leading them on the chase.

After a two-year cover-up, there has been no justice for Mr. Greene's family. According to the AP, Trooper Hollingsworth died in a single-vehicle crash hours after learning he would be fired over the Greene case. Two other troopers remain, one awaiting administrative action.

In an overview, we should be reminded that the LSP motto is: "Courtesy, Loyalty, Service!" with a commitment

to ensure the safety and security of the people in the state through enforcement, education, and providing of other essential public safety services.

Although Mr. Greene's event preceded George Floyd's, like Bill Murray in the film, I, we continue to wake up to a series of events that result in the deaths of Black men and women. The response of the administrators who are otherwise expected to render impartial judgments regarding the propriety of conduct or the fitness of officers to objectively enforce the laws seems, in many cases, to be turning the blind eye. As their psychopathic subordinates in the case of Andrew Brown, Jr., when dealing with persons of color they likewise consider complexion as a weapon, and no measure is too extreme in physically controlling these animals of color.

After all, who but a psychopath, would treat another HUMAN BEING with the brutality we have recently witnessed?

Dr. E. Faye Williams is President of the National Congress of Black Women and host of "Wake Up and Stay Woke" on WPFW-89.3M.

Angry Old White Civil Rights Lawyer Not Tired Yet UNC's denial of tenure to Nikole Hannah Jones affects all of us

Republicans with political-financial power withdrew the University of North Carolina (UNC) Journalism School's righteous offer of a tenured professorship to New York Times historian Nikole Hannah-Jones last week. While the Moral Fusion antiracism Movement worked 24-7 to consolidate historic transformations inspired by the video and murder conviction of Derek Chauvin's execution of George Floyd a year ago, a small group of UNC white alumni, donors, Board of Governors, and Board of Trustees conspired to violate the University's policies, the N.C. Constitution, and slow the growing History Rectification Movement for truth about four centuries of slavery-Jim Crow beginning in 1619 in the James River harbor.

These good ol' boys want to kill teaching Truth to White Power as surely as deputies in Elizabeth City executed Andrew Brown a month ago.

Readers know I have spent 33 years as a civil rights lawyer, mostly in Chapel Hill. My clients, including 400 Black women housekeepers, sued UNC and the same mentality that surfaced at UNC against Hannah-Jones. I graduated from UNC, taking several classes in the same classrooms at the J-School where Hannah-Jones shall, with full tenure I believe,

share her unfettered views later this year.

I am sure of this because I know the Black faculty-staff-students and most of their white friends have wholeheartedly adopted the Moral Monday Slogan-Forward Together, Not One Step Back. I know that because the Knight Foundation, which funded and supported Hannah-Jones tenured professorship for a working journalist, to bring her "knowledge and experience into the classroom"



Al McSurely

wrote this about the small group's effort to kill an idea whose time has gone.

Knight Foundation Report on UNC's Trustee's Decision to Withhold Tenure

Hannah-Jones accomplishments are exemplary. The faculty at the UNC Hussman School of Journalism and Media fully supported her application for tenure.

"We were thrilled when UNC announced it had selected Hannah-Jones - a Pulitzer Prize-winning investigative journalist and MacArthur Fellowship "Genius Grant" recipient - to join our ranks."

"The fact UNC's trustees chose to withhold tenure from Hannah-Jones speaks vol-

umes about the pettiness of those who would try to diminish her 20-year track record of award-winning journalism.

"We believe independence is at the heart of journalism in a free society, and freedom of inquiry the heart of a research university. These principles allow citizens and scholars to ask questions that move society closer to the truth. Without them, journalists and researchers become tools of the government."

"Tenure is designed specifically to protect those rights for faculty members."

The Trustees want to stop Hannah-Jones' teaching the 1619 Project she spearheaded at the NY Times. First, we the people need to teach the Trustees that governments cannot lock up ideas!

Action Steps Listen to Hannah Jones and other historians who wrote and produced The 1619 Project. <https://www.nytimes.com/2020/01/23/podcasts/1619-podcast.html>

Close your eyes. Imagine you are in her classroom at the UNC School of Journalism. That's what the Trustees don't want people to hear.

Prof. Hannah-Jones is a 2003 master's graduate of UNC. Her academic credentials were superior to two other working journalists who were granted tenure with their appointment to the same

Chair. She was clearly discriminated against because of her race, sex, and her views. Support a winning lawsuit.

Wear your 1619 T-Shirt. Rectify White-Washed History at Carolina, and all over the South. Make The 1619 Project part of the Training Curriculum for all Law Enforcement applicants and members in North Carolina. Sign the many Petitions to the Chancellor at UNC to Accept the recommendation of the Journalism School's faculty, its Dean and Provost: Approve Tenure for Hannah-Jones!

Att. McSurely worked in the Civil Rights Movement from 1960 to 1968, when his family's home was dynamited in Eastern Kentucky. Margaret Herring and he were charged with overthrowing the Government of Kentucky by building moral fusion alliances with Appalachian coal miners and Black voters. He became a lawyer after 15 years of apprenticeship to Bill Kunstler, Arthur Kinoy, and Morton Stavis while they fought off charges of sedition and contempt. He earned his law degree from NCCU Law School and has been suing racist institutions ever since. He has worked closely with his friend, Bishop William J. Barber II. Five years ago, he married O'Linda Watkins, President of Moore County NAACP Branch.

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So there is about to be some more money distributing to families with kids; and many families will be getting this increase. All I can say is that you must Save, Save, Save it to start the home-buyer process.

Let me remind you that there are 4 pots of money you must be aware of when purchasing so you can get those finances in formation and go Get That Deed for your family.

When buying a home, there are 4 pots of money you need to prepare for. Also, you must make sure all monies you plan to use for the purchase, that can be tracked as to where it came from. Do not put random cash in the accounts, unless you can prove where it came from with a paper trail. That includes gift funds from family. They must show bank statements for 60 days showing they had money in the

account to give. Proving, tracking where the money came from is called "Sourcing Funds." So, start keeping good deposit habits because the lender will require the last 60 days of bank statements. Any monies in there prior to 60 days will not be questioned. Let me break this down a bit more so you can get yourself prepared. When purchasing a home there are 4 pots of monies you will need, and the bank wants to know if you have enough money to complete the purchase. These monies can be either come from your bank account, 401k account, gift funds from family, Organization, or Non-prof

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its.

1. DOWNPAYMENT: Depending on the loan program you are applying for, you may or may not have a down payment. There are several 100% financing options out here so definitely see if you can qualify for one of them. Otherwise, the next most popular for 1st-time buyers is an FHA loan with a 3.5% down payment or a Conventional 3% down payment.

2. PREPAIDS: This is a collection of fees like Earnest deposit/Due diligence fees(upfront monies paid to take home you like off the market so no one else will get it). NOTE: There is no set amount in NC what those fees should be, it's negotiable but lately I'm seeing about \$1000+. (PS.If all goes well and you make it to the closing table, then both Earnest deposit and Due diligence fee will be applied towards whatever

closing cost you owe at the end).. Then home/pest inspections to make sure home doesn't have any major problems, that's \$400-450, and bank appraisal, this gives the bank a certified report from an appraiser certifying the home is worth the amount of money you are asking the bank to lend for it, that's \$550-600.

3. LOSING COST: The closing cost will be paid at the end of the transaction at the closing table. These fees are a buyer's responsibility but can get help at times from the seller, just case by case. These fees are lender fees, Attorney fees, 1-yr insurance paid upfront, the start of the tax/insurance escrow account, etc. The closing cost varies depending on the loan, price of the house, etc but typically they can range between \$5000-7000. The good news is that a Realtor can try to negotiate for the seller

to pay some of this but when a home is very popular and have multiples offers coming in, the less you ask the seller to pay, the stronger your chances are of outbidding your competition.

4. RESERVE: are funds that will be left in your account after the down payment, prepaid and closing cost are out of it. The bank wants to know that you have at least 2-3 months of the new mortgage amount left in case you can't work for some reason. All they care about is if they give you this money, will they get paid, afterward. Now I know this is a lot of funds to come up with but here is where pre-planning and budgeting will come in. As stated, if you have a 401K or other assets that could be sold to get funds you need to purchase, all these things will help you. Your other

option is gift funds. Lenders will allow immediate family members to give you funds for any of these pots of money, but those relatives must be willing to prove that they had the money in their bank accounts for at least 60 days prior to giving you the funds. Relatives must also sign a statement saying the funds are indeed a gift and you are not expected to pay them back. Sit down, strategize, and get your monies up and then go ahead and Get That Deed.

Until next time, please share this information with at least 3 people, and reach out for your free game plan to own in the next 18 months or less.

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CFCC Construction Management students employed by top-ranked construction company

Wilmington, NC — Cape Fear Community College is pleased to announce that seven construction management students have recently been employed by T.A. Loving Company, a consistently top-ranked commercial construction company.

Three students received full-time offers while four students were extended internships. These students will join the company's Summer Construction Internship and Construction Trainee program, giving them hands-on experience and exposure to industry leaders across the organization. Each student will also be partnered with a mentor to aid in his/her professional growth.

"The folks that come out of Cape Fear Community College to work for T.A. Loving have been extremely prepared and hardworking, and it has been a very positive experience for us," said Jason Hill, regional operations manager for T.A. Loving Company. "Their work ethic is impressive and we are really pleased and excited to con-

tinue this partnership with the Construction Management Technology program at CFCC."

"We are excited and grateful for this partnership with T.A. Loving Company," said CFCC's Dean of Career and Technical Education Mark Council. Through the company's internship and construction trainee program, CFCC students further the application of the skills they learn in the program and help meet the needs of the local workforce."

The CFCC Construction Management Technology program prepares individuals for careers in construction management and framing certificates are also offered through the program. Graduates of the Construction Management, A.A.S. program who wish to continue their studies are eligible to take part in the College's transfer agreements with select North Carolina universities.

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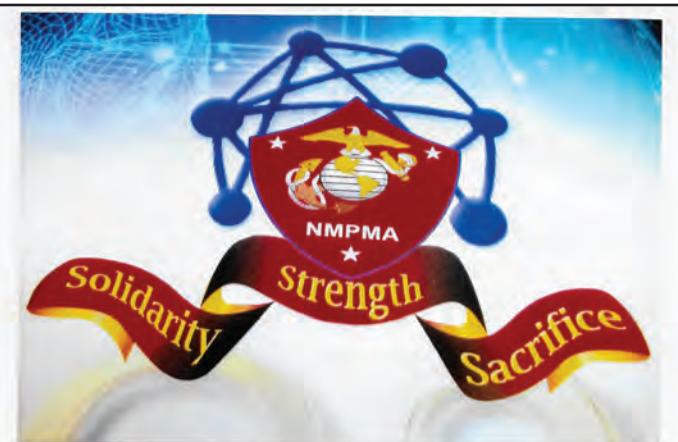
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Bringing summer back: COVID-19 vaccines for teens

As the sunny days of summer begin to return, many North Carolinians are eager to put the COVID-19 pandemic behind them and safely get back to the things that bring us together. From family reunions to in-person Sunday church service, it's time to get back to the activities and the people we love the most. And with increased COVID-19 vaccine availability across our state, more and more people are getting their chance to make up for time lost during the pandemic.

Fortunately, there is good news for helping our children get back to the fuller lives they had before the pandemic. The tested, safe and effective Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine is now available for teenagers ages 12 and up. Young people are vulnerable to the virus, just like everyone else. In North Carolina, close to 123,000 children 0 to 17 years old have tested positive for COVID-19.

Vaccine availability for teenagers ages 12 and up comes at just the right time to bring summer back for

teenagers and help to get them safely back in school full time next year. Getting them vaccinated is the best way to protect them, prevent the spread of COVID-19 and protect others.

Significant progress has been made in getting more people vaccinated as quickly and fairly as possible. But there is still more to do to fight this virus. Getting your family vaccinated is still the best way to slow the spread of COVID-19 and make sure that the worst days of this pandemic remain behind us.

MySpot.nc.gov, run by the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services, is the best place to find information about COVID-19 vaccines and nearby vaccination locations. To find providers with the Pfizer vaccine, go to MySpot.nc.gov and filter for Pfizer. Remember, getting vaccinated means that you'll have added protection and peace of mind in knowing that you've taken the necessary steps to keep yourself, your loved ones and your neighbors safe.



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Bring summer back: Get vaccinated.



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Let's get back to the people and places we love this summer. Getting your safe, effective and free COVID-19 vaccine will protect you and others. Millions of people have already taken it—and the only lasting side effect is getting everyone back together.



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TELL SOMEBODY

"Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friend." John 15:13

Memorial - Something intended to celebrate or honor the memory of a person or an event.; Designed to keep remembrance alive.

One of the most important national holidays is Memorial Day. Memorial Day, is celebrated by every state in the U.S. and is commemorated on the last Monday in the month of May. Formerly known as Decoration Day, it commemorates the death of U.S. men and women who died while in military service.

Begun as a ritual of remembrance and reconciliation after the civil war, by the early

20th. century, Memorial Day was an occasion for more general expressions of memory, as ordinary people visited the graves of their deceased relatives, whether they had served in the military or not. It also became a long weekend increasingly devoted to shopping, family get-togethers, fireworks, trips to beach, etc.

To insure the sacrifices of American fallen heroes are never forgotten, in December 2000, the US Congress passed and the president signed into law "The National Moment of Remembrance Act", creating the White House Commission on the National Moment of Remembrance. The commission's charter is to "encourage the people of the United States to give something back to their country, which provides them so much freedom and opportu-

nity" by encouraging and coordinating commemorations in the United States of Memorial Day and the National Moment of Remembrance.

The National Moment of Remembrance encourages all Americans to pause wherever they are at 3 p.m. local time on Memorial Day for a minute of silence to remember and honor those who have died in service to the nations.

A hero is defined as a man distinguished by exceptional courage, nobility, and strength. Joseph Campbell



Sylvia Hooper

stated, "A hero is someone who has given his or her life to something bigger than oneself." A hero is also one admired by many people for his brave deeds. We can all agree that soldiers who have died while in military service are considered by many to be heroes.

While the world is looking for heroes to remember, there is One Greater, than any hero this world has ever known! This Hero of heroes, is named Jesus Christ, who lay down his life for our nation and entire world, while demonstrating exceptional love, obedience, courage, nobility, and strength far beyond the call of duty of any mortal man.

"For scarcely for a righteous man will one die: yet peradventure for a good man, some

would even dare to die. But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us." Romans 5:7-8

He said, "No man taketh it from me, but I lay it down of myself." St. John 10:18a

"This is my body which is given for you: this do in remembrance of me." Luke 22:19b "Surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows: yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God and afflicted. But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed." Isaiah 53:4,5

Let's celebrate Memorial Day in honor of all servicemen and women who died in the military. If possible, let's attend family get-togethers

and embrace our loved ones. . Lest we forget, let's remember the death, burial, and resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, whose unselfish devotion and obedience to God, opened up the way for our deliverance, healing, and our Salvation. John 3:16 Tell Somebody!

"Mrs. Sylvia B. Hooper is a native Wilmingtonian, married to Pastor Johnson A. Hooper. Pastor of Faith Outreach COGIC, Jacksonville, N.C. She has a heart for women's ministry, starting with young women and girls ages 12 - 18, and also branching out to women of all ages. Her life's mission includes the desire to rescue the perishing, comfort the dying, and save the lost all in the name of Jesus to the glory of God the Father.

A WORD FROM THE LORD

Meet your God, yes, meet our God

Man will ask the question, why would an all loving, all powerful and mighty God allow man to go to a place called hell? Hell is a place of constant punishment, the likes of is unheard of. He created man in his own image and breathed in him the breath of life: perfect in every way. Then God planted him in a place that was prepared in every lovely and wholesome way that could exist. Along with that he gave him the ability to enjoy it all. He knew no sadness or evil!

First, let's answer this question. Who was hell created for? Hell was not made for man. It was, however, for fallen angels, Lucifer and a host of others who followed that path of wanting to be in control and replace the God of creation. The bible says that hell has enlarged itself. Why? Because that same enemy, the devil, was and still is deceptive. He's out to steal and

seek others that he may devour or destroy. As it was in the time of Noah, so will it be in the last days; man would be, lovers of pleasure more than lovers of God, etc. Can we not open our eyes to see that the world is much the same way, now.

Why does anything or place enlarge itself. It's a simple truth of supply and demand. There is a demand for more space to allow for the need of more invaders into hell. Who are the invaders? Of course, they are humans like me and you. My husband often makes this statement. If you or I choose to go to hell by rejecting Jesus who paid our sin penalty, we are actually intruders, invading a place created only for the devil and his angels. Satan's angels are still deceiving great numbers of God's creation. Man is still being deceived through lust (his flesh, mind and soul) with a soul that stands in need of the redemptive power of God.

How long will you be deceived. You may say, O no, I'm not. But the mere fact that you say you haven't been deceived shows that you don't actually know what real deception is. It's simple. Blinding your eyes so that you can't see that you're on a slippery slope is a magicians trickery. It, too, can look so real but is built on the premises that practice makes it appear as normal behavior. Satan has had thousands of years of practice and boldness. He even tried to use that same trickery to deceive Adam and Eve and the Son of God.

He picks you at your weakest moment. As he did as Jesus ended his 40 day fast. Jesus was hungry, because he was God in the flesh. Satan approached Jesus! If you be the Son of God, command these rocks to turn to bread. Jesus could have done this simple order. Of course, it was simple. But it would have been at the command of

Lucifer. Jesus, unlike Adam and eve, knew who he was and to whom he belonged. He knew the Father God had already said in essence, "We are one and I take my commands only from the Father that sent me. Get behind me Satan, was His response".

Our God is a consuming fire. Trash is burned. The trash that is in every human, born of a woman: that's all of us. According to God's word, "Is of a few days and full of trouble." But we can meet our God through the shed blood of his Son, Jesus. The old gospel song rings out, "O it is Jesus, wonderful Jesus, It is Jesus in my soul, For I have touched the hem of His garment and His blood has made me whole". Fire is a purifier, also, through Jesus blood.

God is about inviting and welcoming all of His creation to come to Him. I will give you rest, come to me I will give you hope, knowledge, wisdom, prosperity and a whole, healthy and renewed

life. Who is God? Our God is all sufficient. Their is no need that he cannot fill.

Why, how, when, what and where? Why does God love us? He wanted a people who would learn of his love and want to receive it. How? It would be available to all and free to receive by acceptance with your heart. When to receive would be when the invitation is extended. Where to receive is wherever you happen to be. You will be welcomed by a heavenly host that God says, rejoices when one sinner repents.

Our God says come to the feast, the table is spread. All can come and dine. The table is spread with whatever is required to satisfy your need. You AND I need a Savior and His name is the Son of the living God and to accept His Son, Jesus, gives glory to God the father. Believe in His only Son!

God is so broad in His omniscience, omnipresence and his omnipotence that he

can not be exhausted. In essence, we can not exhaust his knowledge. He asks us, in fact, invites us to approach him as a little child. He says he will not keep anything from us. There is an opened policy with God who has given all of himself for all to seek and he said there is no doubt in finding him when we seek with all our heart.

Accept now, and begin to truly know who He is by saying this, "Father, I give my heart to you. Receive and guide me into all of your truth. Help me to walk in your precious gift of eternal life. Lead me to the place where I can be able to grow the most in the fellowship of my new found family. I accept your dying on the cross for my sins and repent by totally yielding my life to your protection and guidance. Amen.

This week's article was written by First Lady Thelma C. Fullwood, MRDRC Ministries.

New pastor of Mt. Zion A.M.E. Church to preach first sermon

On June 13, 2021 at 11:00 a.m. Mt. Zion A.M.E. is proud to announce that their new pastor Donna Marie Calix will preach her first sermon.

Pastor Donna Marie Calix was born on the island of New Providence, Bahamas. Pastor Calix received her early education at Saint John's College Prep School, New Providence, Bahamas; Her Bachelor of Arts from The University of the West Indies; the Masters of Divinity Degree and the Doctor of Ministry Degree from Interdenominational Theological Seminary (ITC), Atlanta, Georgia.

Pastor Calix is an ordained Itinerant Elder in the AME Church. Prior to her new assignment to Mount Zion AME Church in Wilmington, North Carolina, she served on the Ministerial Staff and worked in the Office of Big Bethel AME Church, Atlanta, Georgia, for 12



PASTOR DONNA MARIE CALIX

years. She was the Pastor of Saint James AME Church, Monticello, Georgia for 14 years and Paradise AME Church for 2 years.

Pastor Calix served as a Delegate to the 48th, 49th and the 50th Session of the General Conference of the AME Church.

SOLVING THE RACE ISSUE IN AMERICA

The destruction of Black Wall Street (Part 2 Systemic violence)

From May 27 through June 6, 2021, the world comes together to commemorate the one-hundred-year anniversary of the destruction of Black Wall Street in Tulsa, Oklahoma. (https://www.blackwallstreet.org/)

This centennial commemoration is an important event to help us all understand the truth about America. Here the existence and impact of racist hatred and corresponding violence is a highlighted signature of America's legacy in dealing with black Americans.

There is a movement across many states in this nation to erase the past and rewrite history. It is important that we as good, God loving Americans stand up for truth and historical accuracy.

It is only when we acknowledge the racism of the past and present, that we can move on as a country. Move on to the more perfect union contemplated by the founding fathers of this nation.

Only truth will set America free of the sin, harm, death, and destruction caused by slavery, discrimination, injustice, and systemic racism.

All Americans should learn about the destruction of Black Wall Street on May 31, 1921 to get a better understanding of what can happen in this country if systemic racism is not addressed.

A more complete understanding of the violence inflicted on the black citizens of Tulsa, Oklahoma in the

area known as Black Wall Street is described in the below excerpt from pages 75 - 76 of "Solving The Race Issue In America" by H. J. Harris. (www.solvingtheraceissue.com)

"Military aircraft used to kill black Americans.

The bombing of Black Wall street was the first time in American history, during non-military times that a people and their community were bombed from the air! Recent 1999 research has revealed that military aircraft were used in the bombing of homes and businesses of the black citizens of Tulsa. The facts are astoundingly clear that the Klu Klux Klan (KKK) had overwhelming support from the police, government officials, wealthy businessmen and thousands of white supporters throughout Oklahoma.

The bombing and destruction of Black Wall Street was by no means an accident. It did not happen suddenly by an outburst of anger. It did not happen by two opposite races deciding to go to war. It was a well-calculated, meticulous plan to stop a major black economic development and monument that would have emulated itself across

the country. The 1921 Tulsa Race Riot was part of a heinous master plan to undermine, halt, and destroy the economic success of industrious black Americans.

The so-called 1921 Tulsa Race Riot was a part of that same sinister master plan alluded to 23 years earlier (in the Coup of 1898) by Rev. C. T. Blackwell in Wilmington North Carolina: "The primary purpose was not to kill but to educate." ... The white people hold the Negroes in the highest respect, so long as they observe their place and position."

which we build our house. It is important that all Americans - black and white - be a part of the awakening to the truth of the Destruction of Black Wall Street in Tulsa, Oklahoma on May 31, 1921.

The fact that Black Wall Street existed in 1921 is a tribute to the vision and resilience of black Americans. The destruction of Black Wall Street is a stain on the spirit and truth of white Americans.

We as Americans - black and white - should search our hearts and souls to understand the history and truth of our nation. We should never forget and do what is right.

Acknowledge. Confess. Atone.

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Learn more about Dr. H. J. Harris' book "Solving The Race Issue In America" and contact Dr. Harris at: www.solvingtheraceissue.com

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About the author: Dr. Herbert H. J. Harris personally experienced the Civil Rights era of the 1950's and 1960's. He attended the 1963 March on Washington and heard Dr. King's "I have a dream" speech at the Lincoln Monument. Harris has been a keen observer, recorder, and participant at pivotal moments of the racial evolution of America.

Sooner or later this cancer will destroy America. The spiritual contradiction between the words of America and the deeds of Americans is the sand on

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RECYCLE THE WILMINGTON JOURNAL BY SPREADING THE NEWS

Dr. Kevin Williams issues caution to African Americans about rare heart disease

BY STACY M. BROWN
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It was less than four years ago that Pfizer Rare Disease teamed with the National Newspaper Publishers Association (NNPA) to assess the awareness of sickle cell disease, the challenges of living with it, and the importance of clinical trial participation.

The partnership between the pharmaceutical giant and the NNPA, which represents the Black Press of America, resulted in conducting polls and helping researchers succeed in developing potential new treatments.

With the most recent collaboration between Pfizer Rare Disease and the Black Press, the organizations embarked on a mission to educate and raise awareness of transthyretin amyloid cardiomyopathy – or ATTR-CM.

"ATTR-CM is a rare, life-threatening, underrecognized, and underdiagnosed type of amyloidosis that affects the heart and it is associated with heart failure," Dr. Kevin Williams, Pfizer Rare Disease

chief medical officer, told the NNPA in a live interview.

"The disease disproportionately affects African Americans," Dr. Williams maintained.

He said underdiagnosed genetic mutation in African Americans carries an increased risk for heart failure.

"A genetic variant called V122I could lead to a higher risk of heredity transthyretin amyloid cardiomyopathy, which is caused by a buildup of protein in the heart," Dr. Williams continued.

A concern about ATTR-CM is that it remains challenging to diagnose.

"It's vital that patients act as their best advocates," Dr. Williams decided.

"ATTR-CM could be building for years before doctors notice the obvious signs."

Pointing out that detailed information about ATTR-CM could be found on the website, yourheartmessage.com, Dr. Williams noted what happens to cause the disease.

He said the liver produces transthyretin, a transport protein carrying the hormone thyroxine and vitamin A through the bloodstream.

When an individual has ATTR-CM because of aging or an inherited genetic variant, the protein becomes unstable and misfolds.

When the disease is caused by aging, it's called wild-type. When it's an inherited genetic variant, it's hereditary.

Over time, the misfolded proteins join and build up in the body, including in the heart, which causes the muscle to stiffen. That leads to heart failure, Dr. Williams noted.

While the wild-type ATTR-CM is associated with aging, the hereditary form is caused by a change in a gene.

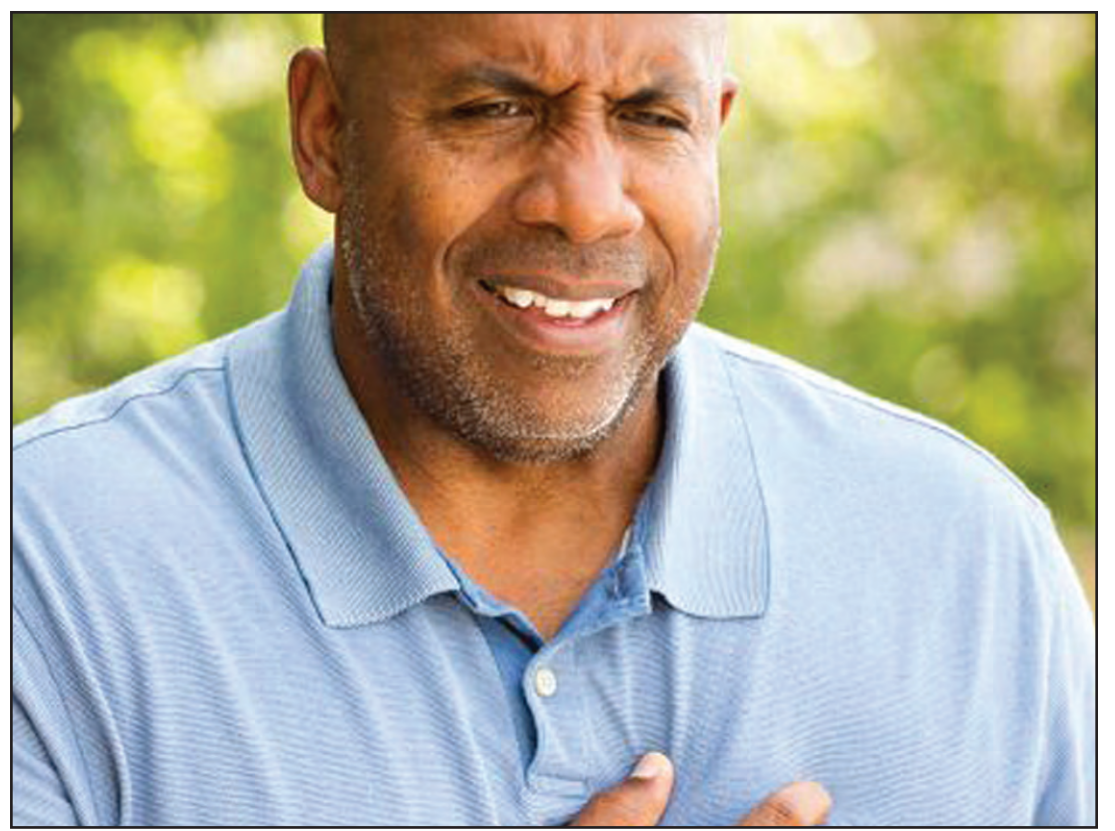
It is passed down from a relative.

However, Dr. Williams cautioned that more than 120 known mutations cause hereditary ATTR-CM, with the most common mutation in America being V122I.

That mutation almost exclusively affects African Americans, Dr. Williams said.

"About 3-to-4-percent of the African American population are thought to be carriers of the mutation," Dr. Williams stated.

"We know Black people experience higher rates of



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heart disease than anyone in

the United States," he continued.

"It is really important for Black people who are experiencing any unresolved symptoms related to heart disease or those who have a family

history or are diagnosed with any heart disease to talk with their doctors. Ask them about ATTR-CM because not all physicians have a full understanding of this disease."

New Obamacare enrollment nets 1 million sign ups

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Proclaiming that health care is a right and not a privilege, President Joe Biden said his administration is committed to ensuring that every American has access to the quality, affordable health care they need.

The President noted that since his American Rescue Plan authorized the re-opening of the Affordable Care Act in February, more than 1 million Americans have gained coverage. The former administration, which tried to demolish the health care law, had closed enrollment last fall.

In one of his first acts as President, Biden declared his intention of offering more coverage.

"Since it became law more than a decade ago, the Affordable Care Act has been a lifeline for millions of Americans. The pandemic has demonstrated how badly it is needed and how critical it is that we continue to improve upon it," President Biden stated.

On February 15, the Biden-Harris Administration expanded HealthCare.gov to provide all an opportunity to sign up for health insurance through a special enrollment period.

Less than three months later, the President announced that one million have signed up.

"That's one million more Americans who now have the peace of mind that comes from having health insurance. One million more Americans who don't have to lie awake at night worrying about what happens if they or one of their family members gets sick," President Biden remarked.

"Through this opportunity for special enrollment, we have made enormous progress in expanding access to health insurance."

The administration also has focused efforts on ensuring that African Americans enroll.

Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Secretary Xavier Becerra earlier announced commitments from national organizations to support Black American outreach and enrollment efforts during the special enrollment period.

Governmental estimates show that Black Americans represent roughly 13 percent of the U.S. population but 16 percent of the uninsured.

Last month, HHS and its partnership organizations,

combined social media efforts to inform African American consumers and spur enrollment in "affordable, quality health plans through HealthCare.gov."

An estimated 66 percent of Black uninsured adults now may have access to a zero-premium plan and 76 percent may be able to find a low-premium plan as a result of expanded coverage, Secretary Becerra noted in a news release.

"Black Americans are clearly taking advantage of the current Special Enrollment Period to access quality health care coverage," Secretary Becerra stated.

"But we still have a lot of work to do. We are building on this encouraging momentum and earnestly teaming with key national partners serving Black communities."

He continued:

"We are leveraging their expertise and networks to promote enrollment in quality, affordable health insurance coverage during this special enrollment period. Health care is more affordable now, and access easier than ever, for people in need of a health plan that best fits an individual's or family's health care needs."

President Biden reiterated that there remains plenty of time for anyone to sign up at www.HealthCare.gov.

The enrollment period has an August 15 deadline.

"Getting more Americans covered is an important part of the equation — but we also need to lower health costs," President Biden continued.

"My American Rescue Plan lowered premiums for nine million Americans who buy their coverage through the Affordable Care Act, saving families an average of \$50 per person per month."

"Americans are also seeing lower out-of-pocket costs. Since April 1, the median deductible for Americans signing up for new coverage on HealthCare.gov has dropped by nearly 90 percent, to just \$50."

President Biden concluded that his American Families Plan would build on the work to make health care more affordable, including making the American Rescue Plan's premium reductions permanent.

"This milestone demonstrates that there is a need and a demand for high quality, affordable health insurance across this country," the President determined.

"It is up to Congress to hear them and act quickly to pass the American Families Plan."



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