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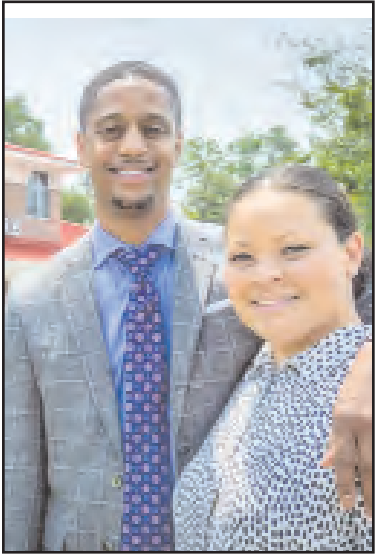


EBONEE SPEARS

Wilmington Police are continuing their search for 30 year old Ebonee Spears of Wilmington. The local Crimestoppers organization has joined with the Wilmington Police Department in offering a reward of up to \$5,000 for information on Ebonee's whereabouts. If you know where Spears may be, call Wilmington Police at (910) 343-3600 or use Text-a-Tip.

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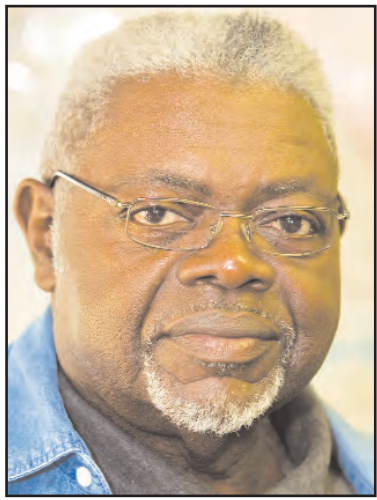
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BRUNSWICK COUNTY



BERNEST HEWETT

DO NOT MISLEAD THE CHILDREN

BY BERNEST HEWETT CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Today we are reminded of the racist attitude that Whites take against people of color and don't pay attention to what's done; this new idea of teaching history and way of living that took place in the past is racism at its best! We cannot erase slavery, human suffering, people chained up and beaten for no reason, unjust laws, people sold like animals, and forced to labor from sun to sun with no wages at all from America's history!

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NEW HANOVER SCHOOLS SUPT. CHARLES FOUST



GUILFORD SCHOOLS SUPT. SHARON CONTRERAS

"Critical Race Theory" threats made against school administrators

BY CASH MICHAELS OF THE WILMINGTON JOURNAL

The growing controversy surrounding "Critical Race Theory" has now gone from over-the-top political rhetoric to heated parental protests and threats of violence against school administrators across the North Carolina.

In Wilmington, the New Hanover County Sheriff's Office is investigating threats of intimidation being made against the NHC School Board and its superintendent, Dr. Charles Foust. This comes a week after the regularly scheduled in-person July school board meeting had to be cut short two weeks ago because the packed audience became unruly and demanded to be heard. That forced the NHC School Board to finish its public meeting virtually and put speakers on videotape for its own safety.

While there are several school issues of concern to parents and citizens up for debate, there is no question that the commonly held belief that Critical Race Theory allegedly is slated to be taught, starting in the coming school year is at the top of the list.

However, according to Dr. Foust, who did not return a Wilmington Journal request for comment Monday, there are no plans for Critical Race Theory to be taught in New Hanover

County Public Schools.

Supt. Foust has said the school district is not teaching Critical Race Theory, primarily because it is a collegiate level concept about the history of systematic racism that has been taught in universities and law schools for the past forty years, not secondary schools or primary schools.

What will be taught will be based on the new social studies standards adopted by the NC Board of Education that focus more on the history of American slavery, with students being challenged to engage in critical thinking about what they learn.

However, parents in Wilmington and elsewhere, like Guilford County, see any focus on America's racial past as "Marxist indoctrination," so much so that last June, many rose up in righteous indignation over what they thought was the teaching of Critical Race Theory in their schools.

Guilford Schools Supt. Sharon Contreras has had to face threats since June, again, over false accusations about Critical Race Theory being taught in the school system there. A conservative group called Take Back Our Schools reportedly has been "banging on the windows" of the school district headquarters, demanding that Contreras be fired over the allegation. Many of the alleged threats have been racist

in nature, directed at Supt. Contreras and calling students of color "BLM thugs" and "anti-White racists."

Charlotte-Mecklenburg schools haven't seen any threats over Critical Race Theory yet, but at least 80 outraged parents blasted the CMS School Board two weeks ago, primarily because the school system paid \$25,000 to an African-American speaker for a "race theory presentation" during a summer leadership conference.

"I'm not co-parenting with the government. It is not your job to force these ideas onto my child," a parent, Abby Daugherty, told the CMS Board. "Your job is to teach my child math, language arts, science, and history, including American history. We are Americans."

Other school boards across the North Carolina have gotten the message and have effectively outlawed the teaching of any subject matter that reflects badly on American history, regardless of how true it is.

Add to that Republican lawmakers' passing HB 324 to formally outlaw Critical Race Theory and Republican Lt. Gov. Mark Robinson's standing firm against the new social studies standards, alleging that they teach that America is a racist nation, and it should be no surprise that the level of rhetoric, threats and violence will increase when the school year resumes in a few weeks.



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Then, when slavery ended and people of color were supposed to be free, Blacks were bound by one law and Whites by another! Black men and boys have been shot, hanged and put into prison for looking Whites in the face. Now I read statements by our elected officials that say teaching the truth in our schools will not be good for our youth because it will cause young White students to think that their parents and grandparents were bad people and cause children of color to grow up with hatred for Whites! If that is the reason, why do they keep making racist bills and appointing racist judges, and, most of all, why won't Whites sit down at the table and begin to work out the problems and put a stop to them?

Why is it so hard to say that this system needs to be fixed? These things that we want to cover up from the past and present are not working. We don't need to cover up the wrongs (corrupt police, unjust laws, voter suppression and more). Let's begin to work out the differences! There is no need to mislead our children. The world needs to change for the betterment. If not, there will be no more slavery, only rebellion and division of the races as we see it today.

Bernest Hewett is
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CONGRESSWOMAN
ALMA ADAMS REACTS
TO BIPARTISAN
JAN. 6TH CAPITOL
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TESTIMONY

[WASH., D.C.] Congresswoman Alma Adams (D-NC-12) praised the powerful testimony of four police officers who defended the U.S. Capitol against attack by enraged Trump support-

er on Jan. 6th. "Their harrowing testimony about the weapons used against them during the attack, their injuries, and their physical and mental recovery cannot be ignored by people of conscience. Their testimony that the attack was a white nationalist insurrection against our government also cannot be ignored."

PRESIDENT BIDEN
NOMINATES RETIRED
ERIK HOOKS TO
FEDERAL POST

[WASHINGTON, D.C.] Retiring NC Secretary of Public Safety Erik Hooks apparently isn't going to

take much time off. On Tuesday, Pres. Joe Biden nominated Hooks to serve as deputy administrator of the Federal Emergency Management Agency. The nomination requires Senate confirmation.

"I commend President Biden for his nomination of Erik Hooks to serve as Deputy Administrator for FEMA," said Congressman G. K. Butterfield (D-NC-1). Secretary Hooks is the right man for the job. On day one, he will bring over 30 years of public safety experience to FEMA. Secretary Hooks' experience and leadership at FEMA is what our country

needs in times of crises, especially as a changing climate produces more severe and frequent natural disasters. I have no doubt Secretary Hooks will serve the American people with distinction while at FEMA, just as he has done for the past 30 years in North Carolina."

POOR PEOPLE'S
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[RALEIGH] Members of Rev. Dr. William Barber's Poor People's Campaign demonstrated in front of

the Federal Building Monday, and the offices of Republican senators Richard Burr and Thom Tillis, demanding that Congress end the U.S. Senate filibuster, pass H.R. 1 "For the People Act," and also raise the federal minimum hourly wage from \$7.25 to \$15.

Protestors also demanded that Congress fully restore the 1965 Voting Rights Act.

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Senate candidate Beasley
running strong 2022 bid

BY CASH MICHAELS
OF THE WILMINGTON JOURNAL

Former N. C. Supreme Court Chief Justice Cheri Beasley is certainly attracting both support and scrutiny in her bid for 2022 U. S. Senate seat currently occupied by the departing Republican incumbent, Sen. Richard Burr.

"I'm so grateful for all of the support and enthusiasm we're seeing across N. C.," she wrote on Twitter recently. "For too long, our senators have been more focused on their own self interest than serving our state. It's past time for that to change, and together we'll make that happen."

The former Chief Justice lost a razor-thin race against Associate Justice Paul Newby by just 400 votes statewide in the November 2020 election. She formally joined the 2022 race for the U. S. Senate in April 2021.

On the support side, the Beasley campaign reported raising \$1.3 million for its war chest, with donations coming in from 93 of North Carolina's 100 counties (90% being \$100.00 or less), keeping pace with her Democratic primary opponents thus far, and also keeping pace with the GOP U. S. Senate front runner, former N. C. Governor Pat McCrory, who has also reportedly raised approximately \$1.3 million.

In McCrory's case, the once moderate Republican and one time mayor of Charlotte faces a primary field of two others, Congressman Ted Budd (R-NC-6) and former District 6 Congressman Mark Walker (R-NC-6), and leads both in fundraising. However, McCrory has already challenged both to primary debates, mostly likely because he's seen as weak with North Carolina's rock solid conservative base.

Indeed, when former Pres. Donald Trump visited North Carolina last month, he surprised everyone by publicly endorsing Budd for the Senate seat. Walker has already agreed to the debates, but Budd has not responded thus far.

No such drama on the Democratic side, as Cheri Beasley leads a primary field of six, which includes State Sen. Jeff Jackson, former State Sen. Erica Smith, Beaufort Mayor Rett Newton, pharmacist, Ava Edwards, and virologist, Richard Watkins. The primaries are slated for March 8, 2022.

Republicans are already

trying to soften Democratic front runner, Beasley, up, with the N. C. Republican Party releasing a statement alleging that Beasley "...has agreed to partner with Democratic socialist, U. S. Rep. Cori Bush (D-MO), in a joint fundraising committee...a member of Justice Democrats, the most left wing caucus in Congress, which includes Congresswomen Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez (D-NY), Ilhan Omar (D-MN) and Rashida Tlaib (D-MI).

The National Republican Senatorial Committee is also accusing Beasley of flip-flopping on voter ID, alleging that she's trying to having it both ways in a statement both supportive of H.R. 1 "For the People Act that is against voter ID, but also supportive of a proposed compromise by moderate Sen. Joe Manchin that touts voter ID.

For the record, Beasley has been against voter ID since 2014 but, apparently, is willing to compromise on the issue, like many other Democrats, in order to get important voting rights legislation passed.

On the support side, N. Y. Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand has publicly endorsed Beasley as "...a trailblazer who has dedicated her career to the people of North Carolina..." adding that "Cheri can flip this seat and help us hold our Senate majority..."

Political observers see at least ten U. S. Senate seats flip in 2022, and North Carolina is one of them. They also see the prospect of two Black female Democrats winning Senate seats - Val Demings in Florida and Cheri Beasley in North Carolina.

As of press time, Cheri Beasley has received endorsements from at least 70 leaders from across North Carolina, including from Color of Change; former NC Supreme Chief Justice Henry Frye; State Senators Gladys Robinson (D-Guilford); Deb Butler (D-New Hanover); State Rep. Evelyn Terry (Forsyth) and former State Rep. H. M. "Mickey" Michaux (Durham).

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GUEST EDITORIAL

State Of Black America 2021: A path forward as the Nation emerges from "Three Pandemics"

"Building a fair, representative democracy is how we achieve long-term advances on issues from employment to education, from health care to housing, and from civil rights to criminal justice. It's how we count every vote – and make every vote count. It is how we advance equality, opportunity, and justice in areas where too many Americans are still let down, left out, and left behind. The job before us will not be easy; it never has been. But our aims are worth fighting for... Make no mistake, we have the capacity to repair our country and forge a nation that recognizes the dignity of every human being and that finally makes real the promise of America." – **Former U. S. Attorney General Eric Holder, Chairman, National Democratic Redistricting Committee, 2021 State of Black America**

Few events have shaped American history and our national perspective on racial inequity as profoundly as the grief, civil unrest, and economic devastation brought about by the COVID-19 pandemic. The pandemic didn't simply unmask the stark racial inequities in our economic, health care and criminal justice systems and institutions – revealing not one but three pandemics,

The National Urban League's 2021 State of Black America® report, "The New Normal: Diverse, Equitable & Inclusive," – released July 15 – charts a path forward as the nation emerges from these three pandemics.



Marc Morial

The United States in 2021 finds itself at crossroads of racial reckoning. One path leads backward, toward the "old normal," a return to the marginalization, discrimination, and segregation that left Black and Brown Americans exceptionally vulnerable to a deadly virus and economic desperation. The other path leads toward a "new normal": a nation where police approach the

communities they serve as allies and collaborators, and not hostile combatants; where every citizen has equal access to the ballot box, where fatal complications in pregnancy are just as rare for Black mothers as for as white mothers, where the value of a home is not determined by the race of its owner.

The New Normal: Diverse, Equitable, and Inclusive makes the case that dismantling structural racism - identifying and repairing the cracks in our national foundation – will result in more resilient and dynamic institutions that expand opportunity for everyone. To quote a flippant sentiment frequently shared on social media, "Equal rights for others does not mean less rights for you. It's not pie."

Perhaps the most vivid illustration of the tension between the forces competing for the soul of America was the January 6 insurrection, when a violent mob dissatisfied with the results of the 2020 Presidential Election stormed the U.S. Capitol in an effort to overturn it.

Led by white supremacists and right-wing extremists, the insurrection represented both a counterresponse to the ongoing protests against racial injustice and an almost perfect example of the injustice that inspired them.

In the months leading up to the insurrection, peaceful racial justice protesters around the nation had been met with the aggressive tactics of militarized police, clad in fatigues and armor, assaulted with tear gas and rubber bullets, buffeted by the violent winds of swooping helicopters.

The extremists who stormed the Capitol on January 6 had openly plotted the insurrection on social media, declaring their intentions to "storm the government buildings, kill cops, kill security guards, kill federal employees and agents." Yet they were met with no troops in riot gear, no military helicopters. No tear gas was deployed as the mob shoved its way past barricades. Vastly outnumbered police stepped aside and allowed the mob to storm the Capitol.

The mob was motivated by furious resentment over historic Black and Brown voter turnout that contributed to the loss of their preferred candidate, Donald Trump. Baseless claims of fraud sought to tarnish the integrity of elections in Black and Brown communities, and lawsuit after lawsuit sought to invalidate votes in those jurisdictions. The "Big Lie" - the myth that the election was "stolen" – succeeded largely because it blamed voters of color for stealing it. It frames the promise of a multicultural, pluralistic democracy as an act of theft from the dominant white majority.

Whether we are to achieve a "New Normal" that is truly diverse, equitable, and inclusive will depend in large measure upon our response to the "Big Lie." A capitulation on voting rights is not only a fast track back to the "old normal," it would further entrench the white supremacist ideology that has warped our society over centuries.

Compelling analysis from our 2021 research partners – the Johns Hopkins Center for Health Equity, the Center for Policing Equity, and the Brookings Institution – turns some conventional wisdom on its head. Did stop-and-frisk programs not only fail to curb juvenile crime, but contribute to its increase? How does easing financial hardships affect health conditions like hypertension? Can a smartphone app lift unbanked households out of poverty and help repair their credit?

As Jordan wrote in the very first State of Black America,

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VISUAL VOICE



MATTERS OF OPINION

Black women and the pay gap - we do we have to do

(TriceEdneyWire.com)

It takes Black women until August 3, or 19 months, to earn what a white man earns in a year. Most years, Pay Equity Day happens in March (this year on March 24), when ALL women must work to make as much as white men. Ain't I a woman, though. It takes me five months to catch up with white women. Too often, this fact is ignored, but this year, the National Council of Negro Women and others are reminding the nation that Black Women's Pay Equity Day is as important as any other recognition of pay inequities.

involved intense disputes about money. We couldn't live on what Mom earned as a teacher (remember, in the early 1960s, teachers, mostly women, had earnings considered "supplemental income," especially if they were married). So she got a better paying job at the post office (as film maker Robert Townsend said, "there is always work at the post office").



Dr. Julianne Malveaux

There is a level at which this is acutely personal to me. My mom, Proteone Marie Alexandria Malveaux, made her transition on June 17 and was funeralized on July 24. She was a phenomenal woman, and she was, always, a worker. Although she had studied music and had an undergraduate and graduate degree in social work, she was also a teacher, professor, entrepreneur, and legal assistant. I've talked about all these things when I talk about my mother, but I rarely talk about the several years she spent as a postal clerk and what I learned from that.

My parents had one of those "rocky road" divorces that

Working at the post office stretched her (and me, as her eldest) in all kinds of ways. Her shift required her to leave the house before day in the morning, 4 or 5. I woke up to lock the door was "in charge" until all five of us got out of the door. I didn't mind. I had quiet time in the house to myself, occasionally I snooped through mom's papers, and I might fry myself up some potatoes before the others got up for their cereal.

Still, I can't forget how hard mom struggled to pass the postal exam. Back before computers and scanners, postal clerks had to connect an address with a zip code. Many people didn't put their zip code on their mail, but the clerks had to know it and pass a test to

show it. We spent some evenings drilling Mom on addresses and zip codes, over and over again, until she passed with a score high enough to earn a raise.

When I was in my 20s and studying women and work, Proteone told me that she could say a few things about work. She shared about working as a maid with a family with a rather handsy patriarch and how she had to duck and dodge his advances, going so far as to fake passing out when he got too close. And she told me about working as a postal worker. Do you remember, she said? And I did. I remembered the early mornings of awakening, of the smell of her coffee tickling my nose. I remembered being told to "behave" as I locked the door. Years later, I asked her how she did it.

"It was hard," she said. "It would have been harder to see my children go without. We never missed a meal or an educational opportunity. We might have missed some toys, but you can't miss what you can't measure. We had an exceptional childhood because my mom did her best to support us, running us all over the city on the bus because she didn't drive, enrolling us in cultural activities, and (sometimes) supporting our political involvement.

Dr. Dorothy Irene Height

often said that "Black women don't do what we want to do; we do what we have to do." I think of my Mama, a Mississippi-raised middle-class hat and glove-wearing diva working in the post office so that my siblings and I could eat, and I think of the many ways that Black Women's Pay Equity Day is so meaningful. Too many Black have earned too little for working too hard and so much. Too many Black women have experienced not only unequal pay but also unequal and unreasonable working conditions. And we have been forced to work to facilitate other women's ability to work. For example, 40 percent of the certified nurse's assistants (CNAs) during covid were Black and Brown. Their work made life easier for others, but it was rarely recognized. Instead, it was insistently expected.

We, Black women, do what we have to do to support our families and the nation. Maybe we can get some recognition for it, especially this August 3.

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Whitewashing history and suppressing voters go hand in hand

(TriceEdneyWire.com)

There's been a lot of news about the Democratic legislators in Texas who fled the state to prevent Republicans from pushing through sweeping new voter suppression laws. Gov. Greg Abbott has threatened to have them arrested to force them to attend a special session of the state legislature. Now it turns out that voter suppression is not the only "special" project Abbott has in mind. He and his fellow Republicans are pushing a far-reaching "memory law" that would limit teaching about racism and civil rights.

wave of voter registration laws around the country, they are also pushing laws to restrict teaching about racism in our history, culture, and institutions. CNN's



Ben Jealous

Abbott already signed a bill last month restricting how racism can be taught in Texas schools. But he and other Republicans in the state don't think it went far enough. The Republican-dominated state-Senate has voted to strip a requirement that white supremacy be taught as morally wrong. Also on the chopping block: requirements that students learn about civil rights activists Frederick Douglass, Susan B. Anthony, Martin Luther King Jr., Cesar Chavez and Dolores Huerta.

It's not just Texas. Just as Republicans are pushing a

Julian Zelizer recently noted that such laws do n o w p l a y i n j u s t i c e s i n o u r h i s t o r y a n d l e a d t o t e a c h i n g "propaganda rather than history."

Here's a good example: Texas Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick said the new legislation is meant to keep students from being "indoctrinated" by the "ridiculous leftist narrative that America and our Constitution are rooted in racism." If Patrick really believes it is a "ridiculous" idea that racism was embedded in our Constitution from the start, he has already put on his own ideological blinders. And he wants to force them onto teachers and students.

Some of these state memory laws specifically ban teaching that causes "discomfort, guilt, anguish or any other form of psychological distress on account of the individual's

race or sex." As educators have noted, that's a recipe for erasing and whitewashing history.

"Teachers in high schools cannot exclude the possibility that the history of slavery, lynchings and voter suppression will make some non-Black students uncomfortable," history professor Timothy Snyder wrote in the New York Times Magazine. Those laws give power to white students and parents to censor honest teaching of history. "It is not exactly unusual for white people in America to express the view that they are being treated unfairly; now such an opinion could bring history classes to a halt."

Snyder also explained how new state "memory laws" are connected to voter suppression. "In most cases, the new American memory laws have been passed by state legislatures that, in the same session, have passed laws designed to make voting more difficult," he wrote. "The memory management enables the voter suppression."

"The history of denying Black people the vote is shameful," he explained. "This means that it is less likely to be taught where teachers are mandated to protect young people from feeling

shame. The history of denying Black people the vote involves law and society. This means that it is less likely to be taught where teachers are mandated to tell students that racism is only personal prejudice."

As I wrote in The Nation, far-right attempts to suppress honest teaching about racism is meant to "convince a segment of white voters that they should fear and fight our emerging multiracial and multiethnic democratic society" and to "help far-right politicians take and hold power, no matter the cost to our democracy."

That's also what voter suppression bills are designed to do. We cannot tolerate either of these assaults on democracy.

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"It is our hope that this document will pierce the dark veil of neglect that has thus far smothered efforts to right of

the past and the present. It is presented as an alternative to failed public policies. I hope that it will be read closely in the White House and in the Congress, and that it may influence decision makers to open their eyes to

the plight of Black Americans."

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by the report, can be accessed at <https://soba.iamempowered.com/2021-virtual-series>.

"Marc Morial is President/CEO of the National Urban League.

Both eyes open

(TriceEdneyWire.com)

When one considers the events of last week, there is a significant question that thoughtful Americans are asking without the benefit of a cogent answer. What has this world come to when women seeking basic human rights are placed in handcuffs and charged \$50.00 of their hard-earned money to pay the police who arrested them?

Last Thursday, I am sure that seeing Congresswoman Joyce Beatty, the Chairperson of the Congressional Black Caucus, in handcuffs was a sight that brought extreme emotional discomfort to women and men across this nation. It sparked memories of a time that most of us thought had ended. We were reminded of those times when peaceful protest for Constitutionally guaranteed rights was met with mindless and ruthless violence – both physical and psychological. We were reminded of just how little control we have over how our bodies are handled or mishandled and the lack of protection we possess against brutality and mistreatment directed at us.

Adding insult to injury, Congresswoman Beatty was arrested inside a Congressional office building where she had every right to be. She and the balance of women who accompanied her and were arrested with her were in that location petitioning their government, as guaranteed in the Constitution, for the protection of the most fundamental and meaningful right of citizenship – the right to vote.



Dr. E. Faye Williams

For all who will see, voter suppression efforts – locally and nationally – by the Republican party are an existential threat to the principles of democracy we strive to perfect. Congresswoman Beatty and the activists with her reacted viscerally to what they perceived as the in-your-face erosion of rights already won through the struggles of those who preceded us.

Before making his transition, Dick Gregory warned us that we needed to "Wake Up and Stay Woke." I believe he could foretell that the blinders of complacency that we placed over our own eyes would prevent timely awareness of the social doom that is advancing upon us. The creature comforts of the limited integration of our recent history led us to mistakenly believe that we have "made it." Because we've used our votes effectively in the past few election cycles, we mistakenly believe it is still the sacrosanct commodity of participatory citizenship owned by every citizen of this nation. Instead, through open eyes, we see that most valued element of citizenship wrestled from our collective grasp by the manipulation of immoral and unethical laws.

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CRAZY FAITH MINISTRIES

Using the name of Jesus to sanction bigotry

In my most recent book, *With Liberty and Justice for Some: The Bible, the Constitution, and Racism in America*, I come to the conclusion that in this country there are two gods - one which white nationalists "worship," and the other one who people who claim to be Christian follow.



Rev. Susan K. Smith

My belief is that if one is going to call oneself "Christian," then the bare requirement is that said person must follow the commands and instructions given to us by Jesus the Christ - the Great Commandment that we "love the Lord our God with all our hearts, all our minds, and all our souls and our neighbors as ourselves" being central to everything Jesus taught.

I look on the majority of white nationalists as being holdovers and descendants of pro-slavery Americans, and specifically, of being sympathetic to the Confederate commitment to white supremacy. The United Daughters of the Confederacy (UDC) had and used a catechism which contained their beliefs. In this UDC Catechism for Children there were directives as to what a good Confederate should believe - about God and about the place of Black people.

Children were taught the accepted answers to specific questions. In answering the question as to what caused the War Between the States, children were taught "The disregard, on the part of the North, for the rights of the Southern or slave-holding states."

To the question as to how was this disregard shown, the children were taught, "By the passage of laws in the Northern States annulling the rights of the people of the South - rights that were given to them by the Constitution of the United States."

What were these rights, the children were asked? The expected answer: "The rights to regulate their own affairs and to hold slaves as property."

The children were taught that slavery was introduced to this country by the British but that by 1776, "slavery existed in all of the thirteen colonies."

Finally, the children's catechism lesson asked, "How many of the colonies held slaves when the federal constitution was adopted in 1787?" and the accepted and expected answer was "All except one."

The children were taught that enslaved Africans "were treated with great kindness; a cruel master lost the respect of other slaveholders if he treated his slaves badly, and the slaves, the children were taught, "were faithful and devoted" to their owners and were always ready to serve them."

To the Southern/white nationalist, white supremacist and "Christian" values were intertwined, according to Robert P. Jones, author of *White Too Long*. Easter, it appears, was and is important to those dedicated to remembering "the Lost Cause," because of the Christian emphasis on resurrection. As Jesus rose, so would the South as it had been.

But Christianity is about more than the resurrection of the Christ. It is about living to create the kingdom of heaven on earth. Jesus' ministry was about reaching out to "the least of these" and treating all persons with dignity and respect. Both the late Rev. CT Vivian and Archbishop Desmond Tutu, among other Christian clerics, have said - correctly, I believe - that one cannot be a Christian and be a racist at the same time. God, said Archbishop Tutu, was not a "Christian" and Jesus "was not a bigot."

So, when I hear white nationalists using the name of Jesus to justify their lying and their unabashed quest for power at the cost of the lives of Black and Brown people, I tremble. When I hear a white nationalist lift up the name of "the Lord Jesus," I know that that Jesus and the Jesus I was taught, the Jesus who was at the heart of the nonviolent movement to get human and citizenship rights for Black people, are not one in the same. I see that though white nationalists use the name of Jesus, their gods are their leaders. Right now their god is the former president, but in the past, their gods have included Gen. Robert E. Lee, Stonewall Jackson, and others.

God has traditionally been marginalized by white nationalists; Jesus as the proponent of agape love toward all people is ignored - except, it seems, as a reminder that that which was dead can arise. What white nationalists want resurrected is a country where white people have complete control over all people - Black, Brown - and poor whites as well.

These white nationalists have created their own religion, far removed from the Christian principles espoused by Jesus the Christ himself. Sam Bowers, the convicted killer of a Black man, Vernon Dahmer and also the Grand Wizard of the Ku Klux Klan, told the story of how he had a Damascus Road experience where he heard God tell him that he had been called to save white supremacy.

Really? Very religious white people conflate patriotism and their religion; while it was the late Sen. Robert Byrd who proclaimed that he (and others) have the right to choose their neighbor when applying the lesson of the Great Commandment, his belief was deeply rooted. Strom Thurmond likewise said that white people stood for the "segregation of the races ...and the constitutional right to choose one's associates." Not even Jesus could tell them how to live their Southern, bigoted lives, and the fact that they were willing to fight for their rights as southerners made them deeply patriotic.

Integration, say the white nationalists, is "unChristian" and against the very will of God.

Like I said, their god and the one about whom I was taught are not one and the same. I truly wish they would specify that they depend on and believe in a white God who is completely supportive of their racism.

At least that would be an honest declaration. © Copyright Susan K Smith. Please consider purchasing my latest book, *With Liberty and Justice for Some: The Bible, the Constitution, and Racism in America*.

Angry Old White Civil Rights Lawyer Not Tired Yet Hold the Line Video Museum in Statutory Hall

Parents should encourage their children of all ages to watch day-time cable TV broadcasts of the House of Representative investigation of the violent attack of about a thousand middle-aged white men who criminally and violently attacked several police officers who did their best to protect the lives and limbs of top U.S. elected leaders-the Vice President and the House Speaker-on January 6, 2021 (161). The former President had refused to accept the fact that President Biden had trounced him in the November election, and organized a violent attack on the Capitol.

The *Wilmington Journal* is reprinting the Map it printed after 161, suitable for framing or hanging on your refrigerator. We and all our young people must Never Forget how close we came that day to losing all the gains our parents, grandparents, and great grandparents gave their lives for, in the long fight

against slavery and Jim Crow. Many old timers, including me, believe this fight will never end. But I believe we should learn to celebrate a First Down every now and then. We should learn how to consolidate lessons we have learned, such as the lessons taught by the



Al McSurely

Police who gave their bodies to Holding the Line in their 7 / 2 7 / 2 1 T u e s d a y T e s t i m o n y. For example, we can demand the Congress store the statutes of some of the old racists who now stand in its Statutory Hall, and replace them with a modern Hold the Line Video Museum for the millions of students who visit our Temple of Democracy. The videos of the Capitol Police riveting Tuesday Testimony are readily available.

When I was a kid I mailed

pennies to the U.S. Government as part of my U.S. History class at Stonewall Jackson School in Virginia. My creative teacher told us it would help pay off the debt on the Washington Monument. We should remember him, she said, because not only was Pres. Washington a great military general, at the end of his term he could have kept his power until he died, like a King, which was why we fought against the English in the first place. I'll never forget that teacher or that lesson.

What would happen if children began sending pennies to the new Sergeant-of-Arms of the U.S. Capitol, with suggestions about what should be included in the Hold the Line Video Museum? Videos of the attack on Capitol Police and their direct memories of them, would be powerful educational tools for the millions of students who travel across the country to see Democracy in Action. You can send your pennies and

ideas to Hon. William J. Walker, Sergeant of Arms, U.S. House of Representatives, U.S. Capitol, Washington, D.C., 20515.

First Down. Move the Chains!

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.

RAINBOW COALITION

It's time for patriots to stand up

(TriceEdneyWire.com)

America's democracy is under assault — systematic, unrelenting and unhinged. The assault is waged by one party — the Republican Party. It is largely driven by the lies and racism of Donald Trump, who simply will not accept that he lost the last election. To deny that unacceptable reality, Trump has spread — and Republican officials across the country have echoed — utterly fraudulent claims of fraud to justify measures to make voting more difficult.

These are passed by partisan legislatures and designed — often "surgically designed," as a federal court found in North Carolina — to suppress the votes of African Americans, Latinos and the young. Republicans have introduced voting restrictions in states across the country — and 25 new restrictions have been enacted. For Republican officials, the motivation is often cynical: They believe they have to attract Donald Trump supporters to stay in office, and so they echo his lies, and vie to show that they are working to change voter laws. After the passage of the Voting Rights Act in 1965, the Justice Department and the federal courts would have reviewed these laws and overturned many of them.

Now, however, the right-wing majority on the Supreme Court has effectively disemboweled

the Voting Rights Act, limiting the ability of lower courts to protect democratic elections. The big lie is enforced by venom and threat. Election officials — both Republican and Democratic — face death threats. In Arizona, Katie Hobbs, the state's democratic elections official, was recently



Rev. Jesse Jackson, Sr.

provided with a state security unit after being threatened for criticizing the preposterous partisan "audit" taking place in Maricopa County. As Colorado's Secretary of State Jena Griswold summarized, "Elected officials really embraced the use of lies to try to manipulate American voters." The lies are creating violence. The lies are creating threats." Trump has argued that fraud took place only in states that he lost, not in states that he won. Without evidence, he fingers urban counties and cities — Atlanta, Philadelphia, Detroit, Maricopa County — as cesspools of election fraud. The racism is blatant and purposeful. Observers suggest that laws like strict voter ID requirements may not have much of an effect. Others argue that some of the Republican reforms — making it harder to cast an absentee ballot, limiting hours of voting to make it

harder for working people to vote — might actually impede Republicans as well as Democrats.

But American history makes it clear how dangerous this offensive is. After the Civil War, freed slaves were given the right to vote. Discrimination on the basis of race or creed was made unconstitutional. Biracial majority coalitions were forged in many of the former slave states. African Americans were elected to local and state offices. New progressive constitutions guaranteed the right to education, and progressive investments in schools, health and housing were passed. The reaction of the displaced plantation class was fierce, violent and utterly corrosive. Once more, lies about corruption and fraud were spread. Terrorists like the Ku Klux Klan murdered and threatened.

Jim Crow laws were passed to limit the right to vote. Registrars learned how to enforce restrictions to make it virtually impossible for African Americans to register and vote. The South descended into legalized apartheid that lasted for nearly 100 years until the civil rights movement forced a change. If we are to avoid a modern-day version of that reaction, action is needed now. Democrats in the Senate should unite around key voting rights reforms — federal standards that would provide minimum standards for free

elections — and pass them, even if it requires suspending the filibuster. Across the country, Republicans must be taught that the price they pay for undermining free elections is far greater than any benefit they might reap.

That requires that corporations demand an end to voter suppression. It requires Republicans who care about the Republic to call out those peddling the Big Lie and stand up against voter suppression. Most of all, it requires those who are the primary targets of electoral disenfranchisement — African Americans, Latinos, the young — to organize and mobilize, to increase their turnout even in the face of the new obstacles. In state after state, Republicans are virtually guaranteeing that urban voters will face long lines, shorter hours, fewer voting sites.

Their effort to suppress our votes should help us spread the word of how important that vote is. We must make those who would once more seek to suppress our votes pay for the insult big time. Donald Trump's irresponsibility and Republican cowardice are undermining the democracy. The peril is great. If not challenged and stopped, our democracy itself is at risk from the poisonous brew. It is time for patriots to stand up.

Rev. Jesse Jackson, Sr., is the founder of Rainbow Coalition.

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GET THAT DEED AND FLIP THOSE KEYS!

Well, it has come to this...

All economist, all real estate professionals from Attorneys to Realtors, to Appraisers, etc. have been echoing the same sentiment, "We have never seen a real estate market like we have seen in 2021." We are in a time where buyers are willing to pay as much as \$100,000 over appraised value on properties across the USA, and here locally. We have seen families on the brink of homelessness due to losing over and over again in the bidding wars. They did not have \$10- 20,000 to pay over appraised value.

They did not have thousands to offer as due diligence fees, which is non-refundable if the deal went sour. We have seen new home builders put homes on the market and say we will let buyers submit their best offers within 48 hours, and we will take the offer that is best. That means, the offer with the most money, and best terms. Never in my 30-yr history of real estate has



Brenda Dixon

new home developments called for Best Offers. The norm was whoever gets there 1st with the deposit and approval letter gets the home for the advertised price, period. This is uncharted territory, and just when we thought nothing more could go haywire, it did. There is now private landlords, apartment buildings, etc that are allowing applicants to make them a offer over the advertised price for a rental. There are some renter applicants that are actually offering to remodel homes for free, paint,

replace flooring, update baths, and pay \$300 more for the rental if they are picked. Things has become that desperate out here? Many say yes it has, and I say, I don't know how this can continue much longer. Families of modest means can not afford to compete. Their landlords are cancelling leases citing bogus reasons, and some not renewing leases because they know they can get more from a new tenant. Mortgage payments has become cheaper than rental amounts, but if only these families can

win a bidding war to purchase their 1st home. With all of this going on I know how discouraging it seems. I know the toll it takes on a family not knowing if they will be homeless due to being out-priced in this current market. I can only offer my encouragement to our families that has approval letters in hand, and hopes that are on life support. I tell them, and I now I am telling you, in the words of 1 of our great community leaders, "KEEP HOPE ALIVE". Some economist are predicting the market will start to

cool, and the market will get better in 2022 for buyers. I am hopeful, and I know something will break. Hold on families, keep your credit straight, keep saving money, your turn will come. Praying for yall, for real. Until next week, please share this article with at least 3 people, and tell them to reach out for a free game plan to get homeownership approved in the next 18 months or less.

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UNCW to offer new programs in Cybersecurity and Intelligent Systems Engineering

To expand STEM and critical workforce programs, UNC Wilmington will offer two new undergraduate degrees.

The university has received approval from the UNC Board of Governors to begin two new Bachelor of Science programs: cybersecurity and intelligent systems engineering. UNCW is the first institution in the UNC System to offer undergraduate degrees in those disciplines. The programs are slated to start in fall 2022, pending approval by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges.

The addition of the cybersecurity program will help to fill the significant workforce gap in the field. There are more than 464,400 open cybersecurity positions available in the U.S., including 17,660 in North Carolina, according to Cyberseek.org. With more companies and governments becoming victims of cyberattacks, the need for highly trained individuals is more important than ever.

"Cyberattacks on our computing systems continue to threaten our personal security, government operations and professional activities," said Provost James Winebrake. "This degree will provide North Carolina and the nation with necessary interdisciplinary and well-educated graduates who can address cybersecurity issues holistically."

The intelligent systems engineering degree brings together computing and engineering disciplines and liberal arts to prepare students to succeed in an area that is becoming increasingly important for industry, government and society, Winebrake said.

"North Carolina and the nation require students who are educated in connecting our cyber and physical systems in novel ways," he added.

Industrial sectors such as agriculture (precision farming), transportation (smart cars), medical devices (intelligent sensors) and government initiatives (smart cities) could benefit from the engineering skills and knowledge students graduating from this program would exhibit.

"The courses developed for these programs were designed to meet labor demands and growing industry needs for the 21st century," said Ron Vetter, professor of computer science.

Vetter, who was involved in the development of the undergraduate degree programs, noted that he expects considerable

demand for these programs based upon significant student interest and the overall rising need for STEM skills in general. "By all accounts, the societal demand and employability of graduates from these degrees programs will be very high," he said.

The new undergraduate degrees build upon current programs in place to address the workforce gap. In 2020, UNCW and Cape Fear Community College were awarded a \$196,782 grant from the Department of Defense Cyber Scholarship Program to develop the UNCW-CFCC Collaborative Cybersecurity Apprenticeship Program. The program provides a work-based learning experience for UNCW cybersecurity students and an incentive for CFCC Cyber Crime Technologies graduates to continue their studies at UNCW.

That same year, UNCW was selected as one of 10 universities to participate in a pilot that has the potential to onboard future cybersecurity professionals. The university received funding to implement CyberStart, a program that helps identify, select, train and provide cybersecurity experience to students across the country. CyberStart was developed by the SANS Institute, a global leader in cybersecurity training and certification. The National Science Foundation funds the pilot.

UNCW launched its Center for Cyber Defense Education in 2018. The university is recognized as a Center for Academic Excellence in Cyber Defense Education, a designation given by the National Security Agency and Department of Homeland Security. It offers a cyber defense education curriculum path.

The bachelor's degree in cybersecurity is offered by the Department of Computer Science within the College of Arts and Sciences and the Congdon School of Supply Chain, Business Analytics and Information Systems within the Cameron School of Business. The intelligent systems engineering program is offered by the Department of Computer Science.

For more information about the cybersecurity degree program, contact program coordinator Ulku Clark at clarku@uncw.edu. To learn more about the intelligent systems engineering degree program, contact program coordinator Karl Ricanek at ricanek@uncw.edu.

RECYCLE *THE WILMINGTON JOURNAL*
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African-American physician comes to inner city

BY BEVERLY SMALLS
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Though a downtown Wilmington medical center closed its doors at Sixth and Dawson streets, Dr. Umar Bowers is the new owner and medical director.

The Howard University Medical School internal medicine physician will practice with a special team member, his wife.

Nurse Practitioner Tiffany Moore Bowers, a lower Cape Fear native who graduated from Pender High.

She attended North Carolina State and Winston Salem State universities earning BSN, RN and MSN degrees.

Her father, Ernie Moore, as well as grandfather, Rudolf Moore are well known in regional communities.

The Bowers medical team plans to broaden offerings within their Dawson Med practice.

It will provide primary care services, and urgent care coverage.

Dr. Bowers is a northern Virginia native with close roots to the metro District of Columbia area.

His residency at Wake Forest University as well as wife Tiffany's links to Rocky Point and Wilmington made the Port City location perfect for long-term goals.

"I chose internal medicine because it's a very broad area," said Dr. Bowers who prefers a smaller independent practice.

Primary care, prevention of disease, and best management practices for improving health are primary goals for community recognition.

Realizing common connections, "from, diabetes to dialysis or blindness," are concepts Dr. Bowers plans to emphasize in preventive education activities.

One-on-one and community discussions will be ongoing, he said.

Making contacts in churches, barber shops, beauty salons, and area events are on the Bowers' agenda.

Diet, exercise, and medication adherence link to his belief that some physical issues relate to genetics or DNA, but many are due to individual behaviors.

Bowers formerly researched health care disparities at Johns Hopkins in



DR. UMAR BOWERS AND TIFFANY MOORE BOWERS

Baltimore, and the Wake Forest Maya Angelou Center for Health Equities.

African-American, "trust issues are understandable," he said.

A related prevalent issue is Dr. Bowers' personal study about the loss of local medical practices connected to the 1898 race-related insurrection.

"How many black doctors, not including Africans are there in Wilmington today," Dr. Bowers asked while citing concerns about a limited number.

"It's that gap we're trying to fill."

Tiffany Bowers, the on-site nurse practitioner will manage the Dawson Med Urgent Care section of the building.

Her operating hours will be extensive, Monday through Sunday, 8:00 am to 8:00 pm.

Dr. Bowers' primary care practice will be available Mondays through Thursdays, 8:30 am to 5:00 pm; Fridays, 8:30 am to 1:00 pm; Saturdays, 8:30 am to 12:00 pm.

An initial opening for

patients is scheduled for the first week of August. The grand opening celebration will be in September.

Medicare, Medicaid and all levels of income will be served.

Dr. Bowers participates in an accountable care oversight organization.

He also has plans for addiction medicine services.

How to protect your Black skin from cancer

BY MERDIES HAYES
OUR WEEKLY NEWS

With California fully reopening and with summer here, many people can hardly wait to spend more time outdoors walking, biking, hiking, camping and swimming after more than a year mainly indoors due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Although that is welcome news for families and outdoor enthusiasts, we cannot forget an important fact: spending too much time in the sun and its harmful ultraviolet (UV) rays is hazardous to your health as it can cause skin cancer, a potentially deadly disease.

This is true for all ethnic groups, including the Black community. According to a 2016 study in the Journal of the American Academy of Dermatology (AAD), melanoma, a form of skin cancer that affects all ethnic groups, is more frequently detected in later stages in Black men and women than in any other ethnic group. This can lead to a worse prognosis and higher mortality rates.

The AAD has reported that people with darker skin tones do not receive a diagnosis until the cancer is in its later stages. This tends to be because the symptoms are harder to recognize. Reportedly, the five-year

melanoma survival rate for African Americans is 65 percent, compared with 91 percent for White persons.

"There's a misconception that people with black or brown skin can tolerate the sun more than other people of different racial backgrounds," said Dr. Joy M. Twersky, a dermatologist with Kaiser Permanente Southern California. "That's false. Anyone can get skin cancer, and it's smart for all of us to protect our skin from UV radiation to lessen our risk."

"It's important to use sunscreen with a sun protection factor (SPF) of 30 or higher to better protect our skin, and it should be reapplied as needed, including every 1-2 hours when in the water or when perspiring. It's important to know that using sunscreen alone isn't always enough, however. We should also consider taking other steps to protect ourselves."

The AAD further reports that doctors diagnose around 24 percent of melanoma cases in the regional stage, meaning that cancer has spread to nearby lymph nodes. As well, physicians tend to diagnose roughly 16 percent of melanoma cases when they are in the "distant-stage" (cancer has spread to distant parts of the body).

Protecting your skin Twersky offered the following tips to lessen your chance of getting skin cancer:

Avoid the sun during its peak hours from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Understand that sand, water and snow can reflect 85 percent of the sun's rays.

To protect your eyes, wear sunglasses capable of blocking 99 percent of UVA and UVB radiation.

When possible, wear loose-fitting, long-sleeved clothing to cover much of your skin.

Wear clothing with the UPF label that helps protect against UV radiation.

Because their skin is more sensitive, completely shield the skin of babies younger than 6 months from the sun.

"Taking these precautions will help you a great deal in preventing skin cancer," Twersky said. "Additionally, following these simple tips will also help keep your skin looking healthier."

Checking your skin It is important to keep an eye out for new spots or growths on your skin that are changing, such as growing, itching, or bleeding, as these could be early signs of skin cancer, and they can occur even in sun-protected places, like the soles of your feet. Use a mirror to exam-



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ine difficult-to-see areas, especially on the bottoms of feet and between the toes.

Examine areas most likely to develop skin cancer, such as soles of the feet, inside the mouth, the anogenital region, the palms of the hands, and other areas where

skin's pigment is not as dark.

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line around or underneath a fingernail or toenail.

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He was a caring person who loved to help local cus-

tomers at the gas station, by either pumping gas, sweeping floors or opening car doors. He loved to walk every day on US Highway 17 in Winnabow, waving to friends and strangers before his health no longer allowed him to walk long distances.

On occasion he would attend Sunday School at St. Mary's Missionary Baptist Church and he enjoyed fields trips at the Senior Center in Leland. At home he loved to build plastic model ships and putting puzzles together.

Freddie leaves fond memories for those who knew and loved him, Anna Ballard of Wilmington, North Carolina, Thomas Galloway (Rose) of Leland, North Carolina and many relatives and friends, Special thanks to caregivers

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From tragedy to triumph: A way forward toward a Haitian government of national inclusion and unity

BY DR. RON DANIELS

(TriceEdneyWire.com) - Tragedy and triumph is a recurring theme in the history of Haiti, the world's first Black Republic. It was a horrific tragedy that Africans were enslaved via the Europe slave trade and forcibly relocated to Ayiti to be the forced free labor for what would become the richest colony in the Caribbean. It was one of the greatest triumphs in the history of the world when enslaved Africans rose-up to decimate the armed forces of Napoleon Bonaparte to establish an independent nation, the world's first Black Republic; the first time in the history of humankind that an enslaved people rebelled against the slave masters to create an independent nation. In so doing, the Haitian freedom fighters shattered the myth of "white supremacy" at a time when Eurocentric theories of racial superiority and inferiority were gaining currency. The Haitian Revolution was the greatest revolution of all time!

The tragedy is that Haiti has been punished ever since, stigmatized, marginalized, embargoed, invaded and subjected to chronic interference in its affairs by European powers and the United States. But, despite persistent class contradictions and related tensions, the Haitian people, particu-

larly the Haitian masses have been remarkably resilient. Through all the trials and tribulations, the spirit of the Revolution is embedded deep into the soul, consciousness and culture of the Haitian people who yearn for and are willing to fight for democracy and development that is worthy of the dreams of the Freedom Fighters, the sons and daughters, who founded the first Black Republic.

Ultimately, it is this spirit which will triumph as Haiti struggles to overcome the often-turbulent head winds of external and internal contradictions. People of African descent and people of goodwill globally owe an enormous debt to Haiti. Therefore, our mission in the time of trouble is to wrap our supportive arms around the Haitian people, with all the complexities and contradictions, confident that eventually the spirit of the Revolution as manifest in the aspirations of the people will triumph. This background is crucial to the consideration of contemporary crises in Haiti.

The tragic, brutal, mysterious assassination of President Jovenel Moise on July 7th, after months of turmoil and massive, paralyzing protests, stunned the nation. Many observers fear that the vacuum created by his demise will plunge the nation deeper into turmoil. The current crisis occasioned by the assassination

of the head of state is exacerbated by the recent death of the Chief Justice of Haiti's Supreme Court, whom the Constitution designates to become the interim President under circumstances like the present. Moreover, President Moise was ruling by decree because elections for the Haitian Parliament had not occurred. So, in effect every branch of government has been decapitated, creating a rudderless State. In the void there is a scramble for power between various leaders, parties and factions eager to seize the reins of governance.

Unfortunately, corruption in the political class runs deep in Haitian society. So, the fierce jockeying for power among far too many political leaders is to gain access to the public trough as a source of self-aggrandizement. The long-suffering Haitian people, the masses of the people rightly view this scramble for power with anger, frustration and a sense of betrayal. The defining question is where is the critical mass of leaders, organizations and institutions that will put the interest of the Haitian people and the nation, first? And what is the way forward out of yet another crisis of governance? Anxious to avoid another flood of Haitian refugees knocking at the door for asylum, the U.S., Canada and nations of the Caribbean also have a

vital stake in the answer to the question.

Plagued by coup after coup and intervention after intervention for decades after the overthrow of the U.S. backed Duvalier dictatorship, a nascent Haitian democracy has repeatedly faced the challenge of cobbling a way forward under trying circumstances. In my view, Haiti's young

democracy has also suffered from a near-fatal weakness, a western style "winner take all" governmental system and political culture where leaders, parties, factions and constituencies engage in fierce competition, bordering on mortal combat to gain access to the "spoils" of power! This is not true of every leader, party or faction, but "winner

take all" is a dominant factor in Haiti's political culture. This immediately creates the problem of envy, antagonism and resistance by the losers who are locked out of access to the spoils of power! The answer to this cultural predicament would seem obvious, share power; share access to the benefits of governance.



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Looking out the rear view mirror

"Forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forth to the things that are before, I press toward the mark of the prize of the high calling of God through Christ Jesus." *Philippians 3:13*

We all have a past. So, in order to make spiritual progress, we have to avoid looking back too long. It's ok to look back sometimes and appreciate or evaluate how far God has brought you. We need to give God the glory for whatever spiritual progress we have made that brought us from where we were then, back when, to where we are now. A rear view mirror has a

purpose. It has been designed to allow the driver to see the rear of the vehicle through the rear window. A rear view mirror also helps you to gauge the needed distance wherein it is safe to stop to avoid hitting an object or a person. Then, when it is time to go forward, one must stop looking behind, so they can focus on what is ahead. The driver must change/shift gears and proceed to move forward with the assistance of the rear view mirror. Looking too long in the rearview mirror of life can cause you to get stuck in a place of being stagnant. You may even want to move forward, but you cannot get your focus off of the past. When we understand,

that we cannot look backwards and forwards at the same time! There must be a conscious decision to move forward no matter what. Then based on that decision, you must change your focus and start moving toward your future.



Sylvia Hooper
We also invite trouble when we focus too long on the present situation. Where you are is only temporary. Whether it is a good place or a bad place, it is only temporary

Things change and life happens to all of us. When life happens, we can go with the flow or get left behind. It is our choice. Don't get stuck in your past, by lingering too long in the rear view mirror of life!

We invite trouble when we dwell on the past too long. The past has come to pass! Past mistakes can be corrected. If you are willing to profit from them. You can actually use the hard places you have been in the past, as stepping stones for your future. If you have done wrong in the past, forgive yourself and repent to your fellow man. Where it is possible, make amends for your wrong, pay what you

owe, and restore what you stole. If someone has wronged you, forgive them, and get on with your life!

Don't live in the rear view mirror of life. Go there from time to time to check yourself and to maintain a safe distance from danger, but don't park there, don't stay there.

Letting go of the past allows you the freedom to reach forth towards the future God has in store for you! Jeremiah 29:11 states, "For I know the thoughts that I think towards you, saith the Lord, thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you an expected end." Go ahead and check your rear view mirror from time to time, but don't

get stuck in your past and lose focus on your future. What's coming is greater than what is behind you! Be encouraged, and Tell Somebody

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A WORD FROM THE LORD

Bible study notes for MRDRC Bible class taught from POSB-C-Part 2

Romans 12:1-4 (KJV) "I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. 2 And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God."

1. The word "conformed" comes from the root word schema which means fashion, the outward form, the appearance of a man. It is the appearance of a person that changes from day to day and year to year. A man dresses differently for work than he does for an evening out. A man looks different as a young man than he does as an older man. His schema, his fashion, his outward appearance differs.

2. The word "world" in the simplest of terms means the world itself and everything in it, for it is all corruptible. The world, including the heavens and earth and all therein, is aging, deteriorat-

ing and dying; and it will pass away. The world is not perfect: not in being, order, morality, or justice.

3. The believer is not to be conformed to this world. Now note something: the world, the very fashion and appearance of the world...

"Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you, and will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty" (2 Cor. 6:17-18).

"Ye adulterers and adulteresses, know ye not that the friendship of the world is enmity with God? whosoever therefore will be a friend of the world is the enemy of God" (James 4:4).

"Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world" (1 John 2:15-16).

12:2) Transformed- Mind:

the believer is to be transformed. The Greek root of the word is morphé. Morphé means the real being of a man (example: Tadpole to a frog)



Rev. Naconiel Fullwood
What the Bible is saying is clearly evident: the believer must undergo a radical change within his inner being in order to escape the world and its doom. The believer must be transformed and changed inwardly. His real self-his very nature, essence, personality, inner being, his inner man-must be changed.

1. How is a man transformed within his inner person? The Bible declares as simply as can be stated, "by the renewing of your mind." The believer's mind is to be renewed, which means to be made new, readjusted, changed, turned around,

regenerated (being born again).

b. The mind is renewed by the presence and the image of Christ in the life of the believer through the Word of God. When a person receives the Lord Jesus Christ as His Lord, the man is spiritually...

- born again (John 3:3-8; 1 Peter 1:23).

- made into a new man (Ephes. 4:24; Col. 3:10; Phil 2:5).

- made into a new creature (2 Cor. 5:17).

- given the mind of Christ (1 Cor. 2:16; cp. 1 Cor. 2:9-15).

- changed into the image of Christ (2 Cor. 3:18; cp. Romans 8:29; 1 Cor. 15:49; Col. 3:10; 1 John 3:2; Be sure to look up these scriptures and study them).

What this means is a most wonderful truth, and it is easily seen. When a person receives Jesus Christ into his or her life, he receives the mind and the image of Christ as well. Christ places His mind into the believer's mind; that is, Christ changes the believer's mind to focus upon God. In addition, He stamps His image upon the

person. Whereas the believer's mind and image used to be centered upon the world, they are now centered upon spiritual matters. The believer's mind and image are renewed, changed, turned around, and regenerated to focus upon God. However, it is critical to remember that only Christ can renew the human mind and image. Only Christ can implant the mind and image of Christ within a person. Only Christ can give His thoughts and the spirit to live out His thoughts to a person (But notice the mind of Christ must be developed through the teaching of the Word of God).

c. The believer is to live a transformed life; that is, he is to walk day by day renewing his mind more and more. He is to allow the Spirit of Christ (the Holy Spirit) to focus his mind more and more upon God and spiritual things.

"For they that are after the flesh do mind the things of the flesh; but they that are after the Spirit the things of the Spirit. For to be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life and

peace" (Romans 8:5-6).

The believer is to cast down imaginations and every thought that interrupts his knowledge of God and to captivate every thought for Christ.

(2 Cor. 10:3-5)."For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war after the flesh: (for the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds;) casting down imaginations, and every high thing that exalteth itself against the knowledge of God, and bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ".

Father, in the name of Jesus give us revelation knowledge on these verses of Scripture that we may have understanding, "for it is life to those that find them and healing and health to all their flesh." Amen.

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Big Mama said, 'If the Lord says the same, then I will too'

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Like Big Mama's 'more than a notion,' I know so many other mothers, grandmothers, sisters, aunts and Black women who have uttered that statement, "If the Lord says the same I will too." The phrase is a staple thought in our community.

Maybe it came off as just a catchphrase to you or maybe you thought it was an easy response for a churchgoer to say instead of "Hello" or "Goodbye."

I decided that since Lucille "Big Mama" Allen said it, then I would unravel my understanding of it. The statement definability has religious connotations not like some of the phrase, including "If Fate decrees," and "Anyway the wind blows it is ok with me," or "What a blessing, it must be my lucky day," all of which relate to the future but does not have the religious connotation that "IF THE LORD SAYS THE SAME..." has.

The idea is, "If the Lord permits." The spiritual Christian submits himself to the will of God. He keeps God's viewpoint on his whole

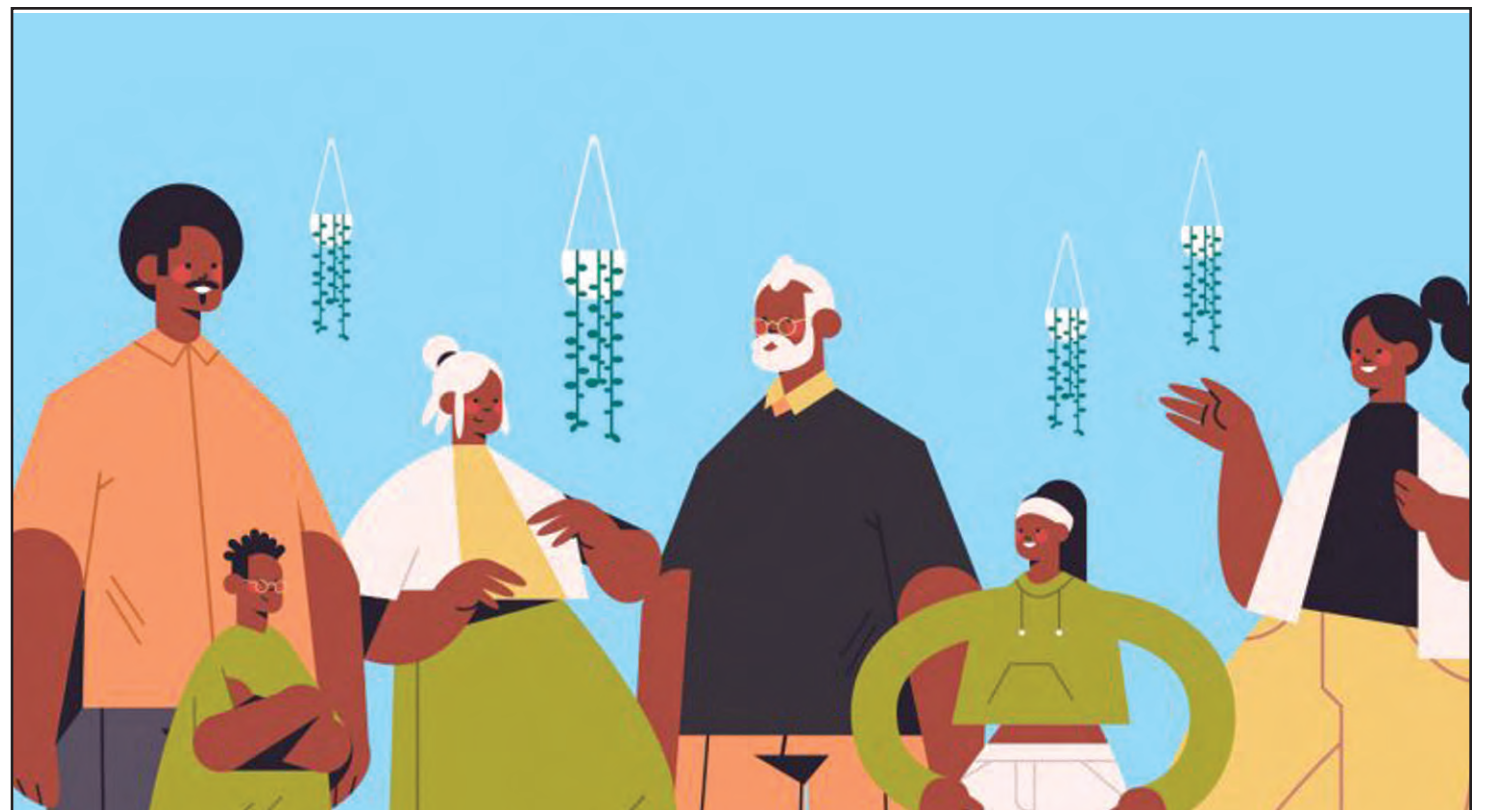
life. We say, "The Lord willing; I will do this or that." This attitude demonstrates submission to God's will. It should be more than a jingle but an orientation of life that accepts God's providence for my life. "I accept what God chooses to do with me."

This is far from a magic formula for one's life. Big Mama told us many times that our way is not our way yet, it is God's way. What I understood from Big Mama's statement fell along the lines of God and Fate. I evaluated what she meant: "...barring some unforeseen act or occurrence that God does NOT bless me through, then things will work out and I will be here."

I do recall when on a family visit to one of my Big Mama's 21 siblings, like Aunt Rosa, Aunt Lillian or Aunt Mary, as they ended the visit they would say, "'Cille,' you coming back right?" She would always respond with, "If the Lord says the same I will!"

My French quarter family customized the phrase when we visited with them. They would answer with, "If God is willing and the creek don't rise!" Amen!

What I do know is "If the Lord says the same I will" was tied to 2 important factors. It was tied to 1) the



Some people use the shortness of life as their reason not to act under God's will. Big Mistake! We are still in a state of turmoil as some pundits unravel years of social justice, destroy gains in voting opportunity and create revisionist history. (Illustration: iStockphoto / NNPA)

future and 2) God's will.

Lucille "Big Mama" Allen knew one thing. If we lived under God's will, we had a better chance for the best future outcomes. She knew a spiritual presence ensured a Godly viewpoint on life by dependence on God's will and our ability to implement divine decision-making.

Lucille "Big Mama" Allen knew that God governs what we accomplish. Not only are our lives in His hands, our success is in His hands.

Some people use the shortness of life as their reason not to act under God's will. Big Mistake! We are still in a state of turmoil as some pundits unravel years of social jus-

tice, destroy gains in voting opportunity and create revisionist history.

I say to you, let us honor the truth of God in the way we think about our truth and the way we talk about the fullness of God.

In closing, my question is, "Do you think you can choose to create a positive interac-

tion for 30 days. My answer is "If the Lord says the same I will"

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President Biden and majorities in Congress are pushing for enactment of an infrastructure plan to serve as a financial antidote for a nation wracked with myriad social and economic challenges.

A blueprint for the nation's infrastructure urges inclusion in housing, small business, and student debt

BY CHARLENE CROWELL

(TriceEdneyWire.com) - As the country continues to increase COVID-19 vaccinations, businesses and consumers alike still struggle with evolving versions of daily life. At the same time, there is little disagreement that sustained effort is needed for a return to stability - not only in public health, but in personal finance and the larger economy as well.

By the end of July, the moratoriums on housing evictions and foreclosures will expire. Without a timely and broad-ranging federal response, the nation's homeless population could explode to unprecedented levels.

President Biden and majorities in Congress are pushing for enactment of an infrastructure plan to serve as a financial antidote for a nation wracked with myriad social and economic challenges. A recently negotiated and bipartisan multi-year plan has the support of the Biden Administration, 22 U.S. Senators, and a diverse coalition of business, labor, policy and professional organizations. In the first five years of the plan, \$579 billion in new revenues would be directed to transportation investments.

According to the White House web, "The historic Bipartisan Infrastructure Framework will make life better for millions of

Americans, create a generation of good-paying union jobs and economic growth, and position the United States to win the 21st century, including on many of the key technologies needed to combat the climate crisis."

President Biden expanded his view of the plan in a June 28 Yahoo guest column.

"The Infrastructure Deal is part of my economic strategy that, taken as a whole, will help create millions of jobs for years to come and add trillions of dollars in economic growth. According to one study of my Jobs Plan, nearly 90 percent of the jobs it will create won't require a college degree, and 75 percent won't require an associate's degree. It's a blue-collar blueprint to rebuild America."

"This deal will also make it easier for all Americans to get to work each day, including communities of color who in some cities are twice as likely to take public transit but often have fewer good transit options," continued President Biden. "In fact, it contains the largest federal investment in public transit in American history - making the public transportation that millions of working people rely on safer, quicker, cleaner, more frequent and more reliable."

For much of Black

America, Biden's remarks reflect the wish list of our working poor: livable wages, and reliable public transportation. No one wants or needs for their work commute to be a job in itself. Yet that is indeed a daily reality where public transit is limited and predictably unreliable.

A diverse coalition declared its support of the revised plan, bringing additional pressure to bear on lawmakers expected to vote on the measure in the coming days.

Supporters such as the AFL-CIO, U.S. Chamber of Commerce, Laborers International Union of North America, National Association of Manufacturers, National Retail Federation and others overcame historic labor and business rivalries to make a united call on July 8 for Congress to act with dispatch.

"Now is the time to turn these promises into projects," stated the coalition. "We urge Congress to turn this framework into legislation that will be signed into law, and our organizations are committed to helping see this cross the finish line. Enacting significant infrastructure legislation, including investments in our roads, bridges, ports, airports, transit, rail, water and energy infrastructure, access to broadband, and more, is critical to our nation and will create mid-

dle-class family sustaining jobs," the coalition urged.

"Don't let partisan differences get in the way of action - pass significant, meaningful infrastructure legislation now," warned the coalition.

Other major provisions in the plan propose closing tax gaps, redirect unspent emergency relief funds and targeted corporate user fees to finance economic benefit projects such as:

Improvements to combat the multiple impacts of climate change, cyber-attacks, and extreme weather events;

Long-term, billion-dollar investments in clean energy and transportation via a first-of-its kind Infrastructure Financing Authority;

Creation of good-paying jobs to mitigate and support environmental justice; and

Construction of thousands of miles of new, resilient power transmission lines to facilitate the expansion of renewable energy, including through a new Grid Authority.

Even though this plan proposes a major economic boost, many in Congress are debating exactly what 'infrastructure' means. Which meaning prevails will determine which investments will be made and for whom.

For some, infrastructure is only about systems of roads and bridges, electrical grids, or water delivery

and disposal - and as reflected in the Bipartisan Infrastructure Framework. Others endorse a much broader view of the term that includes the underpinnings of a functioning society: affordable housing, day care, and education - to name a few.

Even a review of the Merriam Webster dictionary's definition of 'infrastructure' offers two meanings. The first reads, "the system of public works of a country, state, or region also; the resources (such as personnel, buildings, or equipment) required for an activity". The second expands the term as follows: "the underlying foundation or basic framework (as of a system or organization)".

For consumer advocates like Mike Calhoun, President of the Center for Responsible Lending, what qualifies as infrastructure is clear.

"Equitable housing investment and policy, student debt relief and reform, and grants for struggling small businesses, particularly those owned by people of color, must be a part of the infrastructure and recovery plan to come," noted Calhoun. "We are hopeful for the nation's future and look forward to working with the President and with Congress on enacting a plan for these communities to achieve financial security, build

wealth, and thrive, all while stimulating the overall economy."

Similarly, California Congresswoman Maxine Waters, Chair of the House Financial Services Committee is equally lucid on infrastructure and what it includes.

"As Chairwoman of the Financial Services Committee and a longtime advocate for ending homelessness and promoting fair, affordable, and accessible housing, my number one priority has been to ensure that President Biden's infrastructure plan recognizes that Housing Is Infrastructure through robust funding," stated Waters.

"To say that the pandemic destabilized an already unstable housing market is an understatement," continued Waters. "Our nation's chronic shortage of affordable housing has left millions of people at all income levels struggling to pay their housing costs, and in the worst cases, has locked people out of homeownership, led to people being evicted or foreclosed on, and exacerbated our homelessness crisis... I look forward to continuing to work with the President, his administration, my colleagues in the House and Senate, and America's housing advocates on enacting once-in-a-generation investments in our nation's housing programs."



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The undersigned, having qualified as Executrix of the estate of **Joyce W. Heunemann**, deceased, of the New Hanover County, North Carolina, does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the **8th day of October, 2021**, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to said estate please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This the 8th day of July, 2021
Tracey D. Beres, Executrix
11948 Augustine Herman Hwy.
Kennedyville, MD 21645

July 8, 15, 22, 29, 2021

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Having qualified as Executor of the Estate of **Carol Jackson Shell (21-E-1063)**, late of New Hanover County, North Carolina the undersigned does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate of said decedent to exhibit them to the undersigned at 701 Market Street, Wilmington, North Carolina, 28401 on or before **October 29, 2021** or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to the said estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This the 29th day of July, 2021.

Leslie Graham Shell, III
c/o Craig & Fox, PLLC
701 Market Street
Wilmington, NC 28401

July 29, August 5, 12, 19, 2021

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Having qualified as Executor of the estate of **Ruth E. Syre (21-E-1057)**, late of New Hanover County, North Carolina the undersigned does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate of said decedent to exhibit them to the undersigned at 701 Market Street, Wilmington, North Carolina, 28401 on or before **October 29, 2021** or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to the said estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This the 29th day of July, 2021.

Thomas Ralph Syre, Jr.
c/o Craig & Fox, PLLC
701 Market Street
Wilmington, NC 28401

July 29, August 5, 12, 19, 2021

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER**

The undersigned, having qualified as Collector of the estate of **Dennis Higgins**, deceased, of the New Hanover County, North Carolina, does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the **29th day of October, 2021**, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to said estate please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This the 29th day of July, 2021
Denise Hayes, Collector
615 S. 12th Street
Wilmington, NC 28401

July 29, August 5, 12, 19, 2021

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- Bid Submission: Friday, August 20, 2021 by 3:00 p.m.
- Specifications/Plans will be available for pickup beginning Friday, July 23, 2021 at the Central Office between 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.
- Fee; non-refundable charge of \$15.00 for project manual pick up, or
- Download Project Manual from our website at www.wha.net, click on Business Opportunities then RFP at no charge.
- Questions; E-mail to cburns@wha.net no later than August 9, 2021 by 12:00 noon.

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July 29, August 5, 2021

LEGAL NOTICES

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER**

The undersigned, having qualified as Executor of the estate of **Hobson Sanderlin Morgan**, deceased, of the New Hanover County, North Carolina, does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the **22nd day of October, 2021**, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to said estate please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This the 22nd day of July, 2021

Joy D. Morgan, Executor
5601 Marsh Bay Dr.
Wilmington, NC 28409

July 22, 29, August 5, 12, 2021

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER**

The undersigned, having qualified as Executor of the estate of **Harry Arnold Drake, Jr.**, deceased, of the New Hanover County, North Carolina, does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the **22nd day of October, 2021**, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to said estate please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This the 22nd day of July, 2021

Wayne William Kool, Executor
236 Oakland Dr.
Wilmington, NC 28405

July 22, 29, August 5, 12, 2021

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Having qualified as Administrator of the Estate of **John E. Nolan (21-E-836)**, late of New Hanover County, North Carolina the undersigned does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate of said decedent to exhibit them to the undersigned at 701 Market Street, Wilmington, North Carolina, 28401 on or before **October 22, 2021** or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to the said estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This the 22nd day of July, 2021.

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July 22, 29, August 5, 12, 2021

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS
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The undersigned, having qualified as Executor of the estate of **Bradford Utz**, deceased, of the New Hanover County, North Carolina, does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the **29th day of October, 2021**, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to said estate please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This the 29th day of July, 2021

Nicole Utz, Executor
317 Hanover Lakes Dr.
Wilmington, NC 28401

July 29, August 5, 12, 19, 2021

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER**

The undersigned, having qualified as Collector of the estate of **Dennis Higgins**, deceased, of the New Hanover County, North Carolina, does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the **29th day of October, 2021**, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to said estate please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This the 29th day of July, 2021

Denise Hayes, Collector
615 S. 12th Street
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July 29, August 5, 12, 19, 2021

LEGAL NOTICES

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE
OF:
RODERICK VONZELL ALLEN**

The undersigned having qualified as Administratrix of the Estate of **Roderick Vonzell Allen**, deceased, late of New Hanover County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against said Estate that they must present such claims to the undersigned c/o Terry B. Richardson, Attorney at Law, 209 Princess Street, Wilmington, NC 28401 on or before the **19th day of October, 2021**, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of your recovery. All persons indebted to the estate will please make immediate payment.

This the 8th day of July, 2021

Natoshia Tameka Allen, Administratrix
Terry B. Richardson
Attorney for the Estate
209 Princess Street
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Telephone No.: 910-763-7420
Fax No: 910-762-4176

July 15, 22, 29, August 5, 2021

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE
OF:
NORMAN LEE TOLIVER**

The undersigned having qualified as Administratrix of the Estate of **Norman Lee Toliver**, deceased, late of New Hanover County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against said Estate that they must present such claims to the undersigned c/o Terry B. Richardson, Attorney at Law, 209 Princess Street, Wilmington, NC 28401 on or before the **19th day of October, 2021**, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of your recovery. All persons indebted to the estate will please make immediate payment.

This the 8th day of July, 2021

Gale Griffin Hall, Administratrix
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Attorney for the Estate
209 Princess Street
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July 15, 22, 29, August 5, 2021

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE
OF:
GEORGE WILLIS HILL**

The undersigned having qualified as Executor of the Estate of **George Willis Hill**, deceased, late of New Hanover County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against said Estate that they must present such claims to the undersigned c/o Terry B. Richardson, Attorney at Law, 209 Princess Street, Wilmington, NC 28401 on or before the **19th day of October, 2021**, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of your recovery. All persons indebted to the estate will please make immediate payment.

This the 8th day of July, 2021

Payton Elizabeth Freeman, Executor
Terry B. Richardson
Attorney for the Estate
209 Princess Street
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July 15, 22, 29, August 5, 2021

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
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The undersigned, having qualified as Executrix of the estate of **Jill M. Gillespie**, deceased, of the New Hanover County, North Carolina, does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the **19th day of October, 2021**, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to said estate please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This the 15th day of July, 2021

Wanda Hunt, Executrix
704 Samuel Chase Lane
Melbourn, FL 32904

July 15, 22, 29, August 5, 2021

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The Housing Authority of the City of Wilmington is seeking to fill the Housing Choice Voucher Director's position. A copy of the full job descriptions can be accessed from the website at www.wha.net. The Housing Authority provides a generous benefit package. Salary will be commensurate with experience and education. Submit a cover letter, resume, Wilmington Housing Authority employment application and three professional references to HCV Director Job Search, Attention: Human Resources Department, PO Box 899, Wilmington, NC 28402 or email to jobs@wha.net. Applications will be accepted until the position is filled. The Housing Authority City of Wilmington is an Equal Opportunity Affirmative Action Employer.

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Across Platforms, 7 in 10 Adults Access Content from Newspaper Media Each Week (NAA.org, March 25, 2013)
The American Newspaper Media Industry Revenue Profile 2012 (NAA.org, April 8, 2013)
2013 Nielsen National Cross-Media Engagement Study (NAA.org, April 16, 2013)

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