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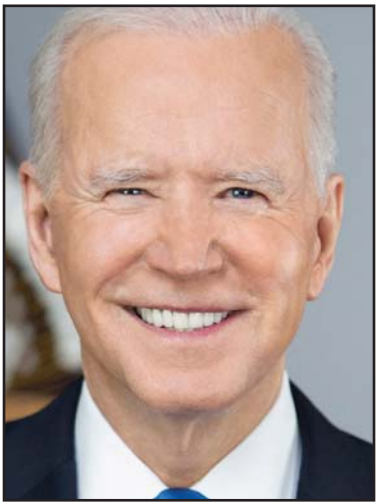


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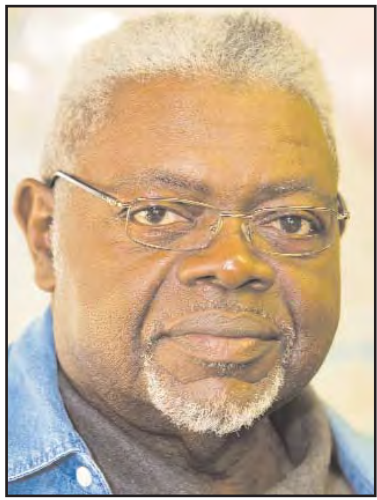
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Bi-partisan infrastructure deal brings long-awaited justice to Black America, White House says PAGE 3

BRUNSWICK COUNTY



BERNEST HEWETT

A BETTER LIFE FOR ALL

BY BERNEST HEWETT CONTRIBUTING WRITER

I see growth coming to Brunswick County. There are new houses everywhere, even where there were none before, areas which used to be forests, but there are housing developments.

There is less farming; there are no more commercial fishing boats; there are just a few shrimp boats. This industry used to make up a third of the jobs in this County.

There is growth in facilities for the aged (elder care homes), but there are no industries of

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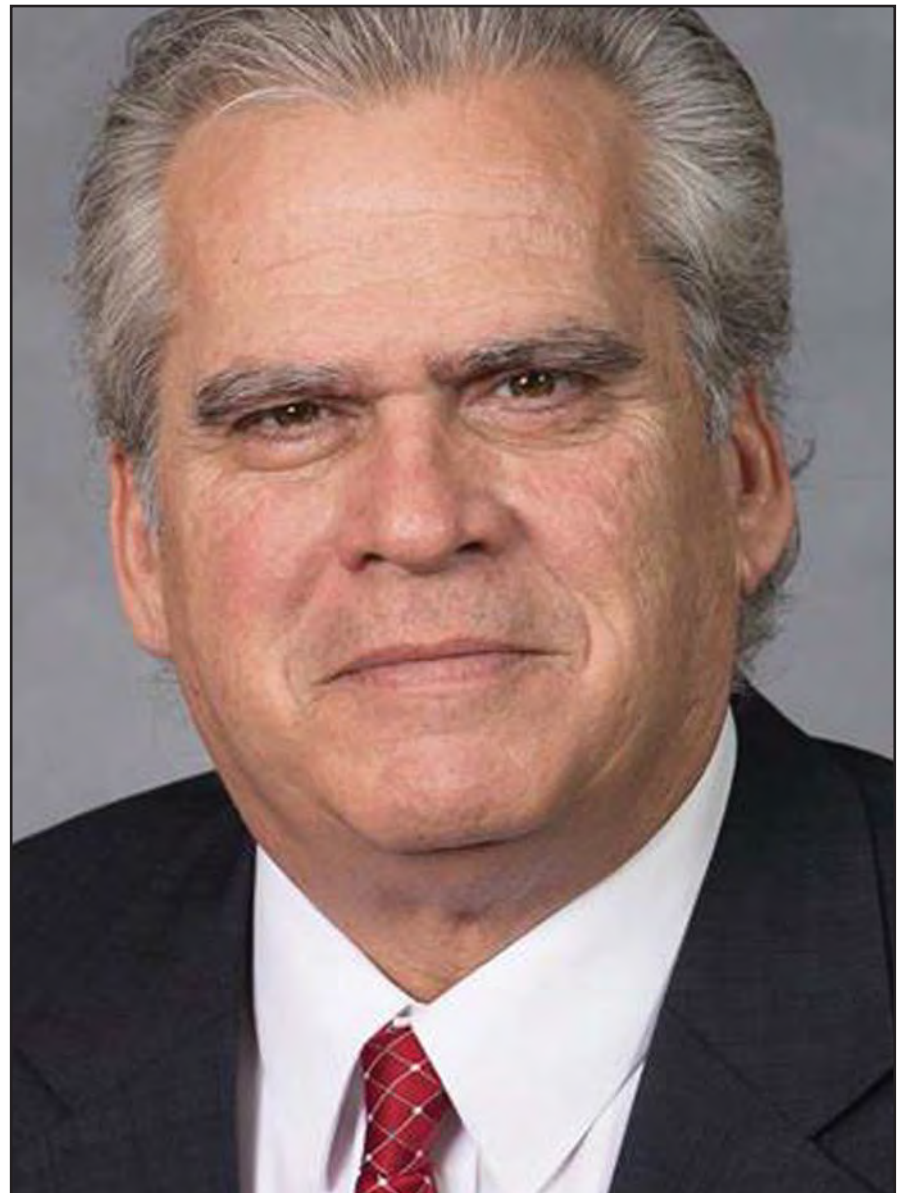
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STATE REP. JOHN TORBETT

Students, teachers, lawmakers question goal of anti-history bill

BY CASH MICHAELS OF THE WILMINGTON JOURNAL

Is House Bill 324, the "Ensuring Dignity and Nondiscrimination [in] Schools" Act, better known as the "anti-Critical Race Theory" bill, really about protecting students from "radical" racial distortions of American history and preventing "an individual solely by virtue of his or her race or sex, [from feeling] discomfort, guilt, anguish, or any other form of psychological distress" from what they learn or discuss?

Or is the measure really a Republican attempt to officially rewrite American and North Carolina history so that the truth about slavery, the '60's civil rights movement, the Wilmington 1898 Race Massacre, and even, eventually, the January 6, 2021 siege of the U. S. Capitol be whitewashed and covered up?

Several students, teachers and North Carolina lawmakers took part in last Friday's special statewide webinar, Digging Deeper: A Conversation on the Impact of HB 324 on Students, Educators and Classrooms.

Sponsored by the nonpartisan Public Schools Forum of N. C., the 90-minute virtual discussion focused on the controversial bill that is currently being debated in the N. C. General Assembly, and its ramifications, if passed.

Participants offered their perspectives and, for the most part, made it clear that restricting what social studies and literature teachers can instruct about fact-based American history, in addition to openly and freely discussing that knowledge, only hurts students, not "protects" them.

KaLa Keaton, is an 18 year old African-American student who graduated from Wake County's Middle Creek High School in June and will be attending Yale University in the fall.

She said that, thanks to her African-American literature instructor, Mr. Matthew Scialdone, she not only learned about North Carolina's history of lynching, a word she said she'd never heard in prior classes, despite North Carolina being one of the top 12 states in the country for it, the State's eugenics

program, the Wilmington 1898 Race Massacre and other important episodes of North Carolina history, but was intrigued enough to follow up on her own and learn more.

That junior year class was optional, she noted, but she considers it "essential" learning.

"I learned historical points in those classes I never heard in other classrooms," Ms. Keaton continued. "The point of these classes and culturally responsive curricula is not to sit and wallow in oppression, struggle and negative energy, and then we're off to second period math."

"There was never a day when I felt the weight of the world was on my shoulders," concluded Keaton, who added that as a result, activism has become a critical part of her life because what she learned was "solution-oriented."

In other words, having been taught that history usually repeats itself, Ms. Keaton believes knowing the problems and conflicts of history better helps to make sure that those problems and conflicts are better addressed in the future before they manifest themselves.

Keaton later shared the experience of being the target of racism, sometimes being the only Black student in her predominately White classes, and wondered why no one ever thought to pass a law to protect students like her from the hurtful racism that she faced.

Abby Rogers, another former Middle Creek High School student who will be attending UNC at Chapel Hill in the fall, talked about the value of being a White student who took an African-American history class, being in the minority in the class, and "...being allowed to understand perspectives that I otherwise would never have been exposed to."

Matthew Scialdone, KaLa Keaton's teacher from Middle Creek High, made the point that if students of color are experiencing racism in the classroom, then White students are certainly emotionally strong enough to learn about it, and why it happens.

"The concept that discomfort should be removed from the educational process, to me, that is the moment where the most educational growth happens," Scialdone, a White teacher who has been in

the classroom for twenty years, said, dispelling the stated Republican belief that White students would be emotionally crushed learning the truth about this nation's racial history.

Rodney Pierce, a Black social studies teacher from Nash County, offered that if HB 324 is passed, then it might become against the law for him to share actual historical documents with his students where White leaders spoke out against the rights of "the Negro," let alone lead movements against them.

Pierce explained that such historical documents and speeches are key to understanding what prompted the Civil War or the Confederacy.

HB324 did have at least one defender during the webinar: State Representative John Torbett (R-Gaston County), a primary sponsor of the bill, said "...I support almost everything I'm hearing."

Representative Torbett, who is actually from Tennessee, added that contrary to the problem teacher Rodney Pierce presented, the bill would not prohibit the use of historical documents or quotes in the classroom that deal with racial statements made by historical figures.

"Don't read past the language of the law," Torbett cautioned. "We're simply [against] promoting things that are bad for the future of the State and the future of this country," Torbett said, later adding that he had no problem teaching about the bad things of the past, as long as the good things were also taught.

Thus, Torbett said, he had no problem with school children's learning about the 1961 Greensboro lunch counter sit-ins, remarking that the closer that history was for students to learn about, the better.

Critics note that HB324 is so broadly written, that, if White parents wanted to challenge a teacher for focusing on the issues surrounding the Greensboro sit-ins, they could legally do so if they felt their children were negatively affected by that instruction and subsequent discussion.

Editor's Note - You may view video of the webinar at https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1NOZGP5K7dY

KaLa Keaton, one of the students who took part in the Public Forum NC webinar; is related to the writer of this article.

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some of our adults have had
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order to make a decent liv-
ing and take care of their
families! Our elected offi-
cials have to put their focus
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work for a living wage too.
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elected officials of these
facts. There needs to be con-
sideration on how to help
the farmer and the common
laborer.

We can make life better
for all, not just a few. The
average person only wants
a chance at making a living.
Don't cut folks off at mak-
ing a better living for them-
selves! It shouldn't make a
difference whether they are
high school dropouts or col-
lege graduates!

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

STATE BRIEFS

UNC-W TO WEEKLY
TEST UNVACCINATED
ON CAMPUS

[WILMINGTON] UNC at
Wilmington will begin
weekly testing of all unvac-
cinated students, faculty
and staff for COVID-19
starting August 23.

Chancellor Jose Sartarelli
made the announcement
Tuesday via a release from
his office. With classes
scheduled to begin August
18, failure to comply will
result in loss of on-campus
housing.

NEW HANOVER
COUNTY EMPLOYEES
MUST VERIFY THEIR
VACCINATION STATUS

[WILMINGTON] New

Hanover County employees
have until September 1 to
verify their COVID-19 vac-
cination status through the
county health clinic by
September 1. All unvac-
cinated NHC employees will
be required to be tested
once a week at no cost to
them. New county hires
will be required to be vac-
cinated, except for those with
federally-approved medical
or religious exemptions.

COVID-19 TESTING
INTEREST RISES IN
NORTH CAROLINA

[RALEIGH] What a dif-
ference \$100.00 makes, espe-
cially to the unvaccinated
in North Carolina.
According to published
reports, ever since Gov. Roy
Cooper announced that in
an effort to stem the surge
of COVID-19 cases among
the unvaccinated in the
state, the amount of money
offered by the state would

increase from \$25 to \$100,
there has been a 269%
increase in the number of
\$100 page load incentives
per the month of July.

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CASH MICHAELS

Lt. Governor Robinson's hypocrisy on COVID-19 vaccine

BY CASH MICHAELS
OF THE WILMINGTON JOURNAL

It is rare, but on this issue,
North Carolina Lt. Governor
Mark Robinson, a
Republican, is on the oppo-
site side of several of his
party's top leadership. Saying
that "individual liberty" is
how North Carolinians
should navigate the COVID-
19 pandemic, Robinson, dur-
ing his August 2 weekly
videoed "Monday
Monologue" on Facebook and
in earlier public appear-
ances, maintained that "it
should be left up to individu-
als if they want to wear
masks" or receive the COVID-
19 vaccines.

"It is not my job, as an
elected official, to convince
anyone to take the vaccine,
coerce anyone to take the vac-
cine, or dissuade anyone
from taking the vaccine," he
said. Robinson's controver-
sial remarks are in direct
contradiction to the efforts of
Governor Roy Cooper and
North Carolina health offi-
cials to convince as many of
the unvaccinated as possible
to "get the shot" in an effort to
stem further spread of the
new Delta variant amongst
those who have chosen not to
be vaccinated.

The Black Republican lieu-
tenant governor then virtu-
ally capped his remarks by
saying that his only role is to
provide the necessary infor-
mation about the vaccine to
North Carolinians "...to
make that informed decision,
along with your health care
provider, and then make sure
that, if you want the vaccine,
you can get the vaccine..."

Robinson won plenty of
plaudits and kudos from
Facebook followers of his video
post, but what they didn't hear
there is what he told the conser-
vative Wake County Taxpayers
Association during their July
29 monthly meeting at N.C.
State's McKimmon Center in
Raleigh, where Robinson
indeed tried to dissuade the
audience from considering tak-
ing the vaccine, telling them
he's spoken with medical per-
sonnel who are against it.

"I know cardiologists, neu-
rologists, ...I know podiat-
rists, I know
urologists...None of them
want the vaccine" a video of
Robinson's remarks show
him saying.

"The highest ranking
Republican in North
Carolina State government is
irresponsibly endangering
human lives and needs to
stop," wrote columnist Rob
Schofield in the August 6 edi-
tion of NC Policywatch about
Robinson's hypocritical
remarks.

What really riled the Black
conservative's critics was his
declaration that any elected
official who pushes people
"...to take the vaccine should
be voted out of office! It is not
your job to convince anybody
to take that vaccine. That's
not your job," he added.

Lt. Governor Robinson's
admonition to fellow elected
officials that "It's not your job

to convince anybody to take
that [COVID-19] vaccine" flies
in the face of documented
and disturbing numbers
showing that North
Carolina's coronavirus cases
are dramatically going back
up, primarily in counties
across the State that are the
least vaccinated. His remarks
also fly in the face of top
Republicans in the State and
the nation who have recently
been urging their constitu-
encies to get the shot to be bet-
ter protected against serious
coronavirus infection and,
possibly, death.

"As you know, the Delta
variant of COVID-19 is more
contagious than earlier
strains, and it's important to
make sure we all take care of
ourselves and others," U. S.
Senator Thom Tillis (R-NC)
said in an August 2 state-
ment. "If you have any ques-
tions or concerns, please talk
with your doctor about the
vaccine....It is safe and effec-
tive and our best tool at beat-
ing this virus." Indeed,
Senator Tillis himself con-
tracted the coronavirus last
year. Unlike his former State
House colleague, Republican
NC House Speaker Tim
Moore straddled the fence in
his recommendation. "I have
personally been vaccinated
against COVID-19, and I have
done my best to help educate
the public and urge others to
get vaccinated if they choose
to do so," Moore said in a July
27 Facebook post, "but at the
end of the day, the decision
whether or not to vaccinate is
a personal one and should be
made between a doctor and
patient."

Powerful Republican U. S.
Senator Lindsey Graham, of
South Carolina, is reportedly
battling a coronavirus infec-
tion right now and has said
he is lucky to have taken the
vaccine before he became
infected. He now urges for-
mer President Donald Trump
to push more of his followers
to get the shot, as he did in
January, before leaving office.

Trump infamously con-
tracted the virus late last
year and received special
treatment from government
doctors to overcome the ill-
ness.

On the flip side, there are
still Republican leaders who
side with Lieutenant
Governor Robinson in sow-
ing doubt about the vital
need for the COVID-19 vac-
cines and protection to stem
the growing spread.

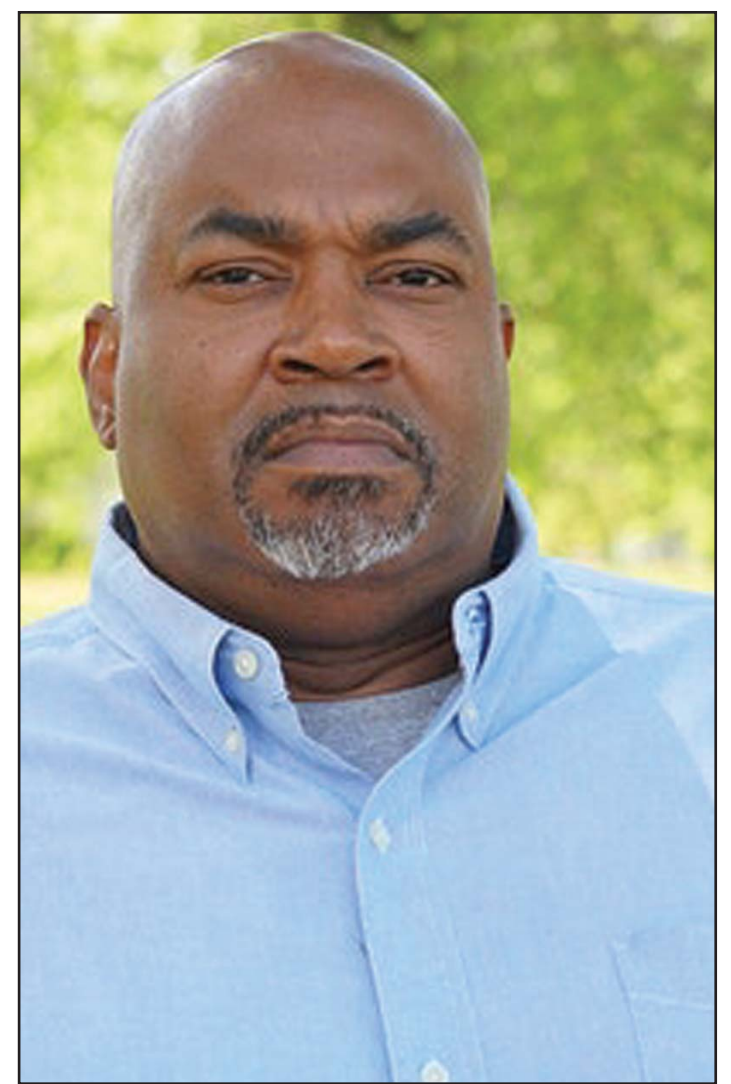
State Senate President Pro
Tem Phil Berger, also a
Republican, in a recent cam-
paign letter, told supporters
that guidance from the U. S.
Centers for Disease Control
and Prevention on the contin-
ued wearing of protective
masks was "guidance to
ignore," because all it boiled
down to was a way for White
House Chief Medical
Advisor, Dr. Anthony Fauci,
the media and liberals "to
control the American peo-
ple." A spokesman for
Senator Berger later tried to
clean up his inflammatory
language.

And then there is
Congressman Madison
Cawthorn (R-NC-11), who
spoke at a recent Buncombe
County School Board meet-
ing, telling officials there
that "forcing our children to
wear a mask is nothing short
of psychological child
abuse... period." Cawthorn
made his remarks after the
board voted to require stu-
dents and school staffs to
wear protective masks dur-
ing the upcoming school year.
Fact is, a recent national
poll by Monmouth University
shows that 31% of self-identi-
fied Republicans say they
"will likely never get vac-
cinated against COVID-19,"
despite growing evidence
that the new Delta variant is
more dangerous.

In recent weeks local school
boards, depending on the level
of vaccinations in their respec-
tive county, either have man-
dated masks for students and
personnel for the upcoming
school year, or not. Many local
governments have mandated
protective masks for anyone
entering their government
buildings.

Many large businesses
have also required not only
masks again for customers to
enter, but some are leaning
towards requiring people to
show proof of vaccination as
well, something at which
civil libertarians cringe.

Furthermore, amid a
recent protest in Raleigh by
over 100 healthcare workers
last week, over fifty
Republican State House law-
makers, in a letter to the
CEO's of major healthcare
systems across North
Carolina, like Novant Health



LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR MARK ROBINSON

and Atrium Health, asked
that they reconsider their
respective decisions to
require all employees to be
vaccinated against COVID-19
infection "in order to keep
their jobs."

In his recent remarks, Lt.
Governor Robinson made it
clear that he was against vac-
cination mandates, regard-

less of the stated goals of
Governor Roy Cooper and
other North Carolina offi-
cials to lower North
Carolina's growing rate of
infection. The fact that he is
actively working against the
best efforts of the State gov-
ernment to save lives that he
was elected to serve, is alarm-
ing many.



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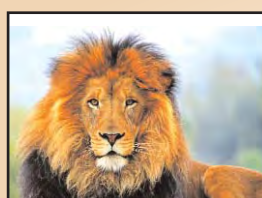
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Bi-partisan infrastructure deal brings long-awaited justice to Black America, White House says

BY HAZEL TRICE EDNEY

(TriceEdneyWire.com) - As America continues to await the signage of President Biden's \$1.2 trillion Bi-partisan Infrastructure deal, White House officials say African-Americans and other people of color will benefit vastly from the bill which is set to pour billions of dollars into urban and rural communities.

"The infrastructure bill is a bill for all Americans. It's about better roads and bridges; it's about expansion of commuter rail and public transportation. That's one area that lots of communities of color are cut away from - the job centers of their states and their areas," said U. S. Department of Labor Secretary Martin J. Walsh in an interview with the Trice Edney News Wire. "So, it's an opportunity for us to do better connectivity there."

In addition to years of neglect in Black communities, Walsh said the bill will intentionally work to help undo much of the recent economic, educational, and quality of life damages to communities resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic.

"During the pandemic, particularly communities of color; the Black community; when kids were learning from home, they weren't connected to the internet; they weren't connected to WIFI," Walsh said.

The President's infrastructure bill will bring "broadband to all of America - rural America, urban America, poorer communities in our country," he said. "And it tackles the environment - [bringing] new buses, clean buses. Many of the buses that go through our communities of color now in our country are diesel buses. Pollution is higher; the asthma rates are higher. This is no secret; we know that."

Walsh concludes, "There's lots of great investment in this bill for the Black community in this country; but also, for the entire community quite honestly."

Meanwhile, as 10 senators who negotiated the bi-partisan bill are jointly protecting it from sabotage before Biden gets to sign it, the White House has listed a string of benefits and opportunities that the bill will provide to African-Americans and other communities of color. A White-house issued document, titled, "Bipartisan Infrastructure Deal: Advancing Economic and Public Health Opportunities for Communities of Color", says "The bipartisan infrastructure agreement will grow the economy, enhance our competitiveness, and make our economy more sustainable, resilient, and just."

It continues, "The agreement will also create good-paying, union jobs. With the remainder of the President's Build Back Better Agenda, these investments will add, on average, around 2 million jobs per year over the course of the decade, while accelerating America's path to full employment and increasing labor force participation."

According to the White House document, the bipartisan infrastructure deal:

- **"Addresses economic disparities in our economy and the consequences of decades of disinvestment in America's infrastructure that have fallen most heavily on communities of color.** Through critical investments, the Bipartisan Infrastructure deal increases access to good-paying jobs, affordable high-speed internet, reliable public transit, clean drinking water and other resources to ensure communities of color get a fair shot at the American dream...These critical investments are first steps in advancing equity and racial justice throughout our economy. The President believes additional investments are needed in our nation's caregiving infrastructure, housing supply, regional development, and workforce development programs to ensure that communities of color and other underserved communities can access economic opportunity and justice...And, earlier this summer in Tulsa, OK, President Biden announced a whole-of-government effort to increase the share of federal contracts going to small, disadvantaged businesses by 50 percent over the next five years, leveraging the government's purchasing power to help more Americans realize their entrepreneurial dreams."

- **"Delivers high speed internet to every American household.** There is a digital divide in America. Black families are 9% less likely to have high-speed internet than their white peers, and Latino Americans are 15% less likely."

- **"Ensures every American has access to reliable high-speed internet** with an historic investment in broadband infrastructure deployment, just as the federal government made a historic effort to provide electricity to every American nearly one hundred years ago. This includes a \$2 billion investment in broadband in Tribal communities which were hit particularly hard by the COVID-19 pandemic."

- **"Helps lower prices for internet service** by requiring funding recipients to offer a low-cost affordable plan, by creating price transparency and helping families comparison shop, and by boosting competition in areas where existing providers aren't providing adequate service."

- **"Helps close the digital divide** by passing the Digital Equity Act, ending digital redlining, creating a permanent program to help more low-income households access the internet, and establishing a new program to help low-income households obtain the devices required to access the internet."

- **"Makes the largest investment in clean drinking water in American history,** replacing all of the nation's lead pipes and service lines. From rural towns to struggling cities, the deal invests in water infrastructure across America, including in Tribal Nations and disadvantaged communities that need it most."

- **"Invests in more public transit options and addressing the backlog of repairs.** Asian American and African American workers commute by public transit at nearly 4 times the rate of white workers. For example, low-wage Black residents in Chicago spend 70 additional minutes commuting to work than their white peers. In New York City, the average Black resident spends 110 minutes more per week commuting to work than the average white resident. The Framework's historic investment in public transit - the largest federal investment in history - will reduce commute times and create more economic opportunities in communities of color."

- **"Creates a first-ever program to reconnect communities divided by inequitable transportation infrastructure.** Significant portions of the interstate highway system were built through Black neighborhoods, destroying homes, schools, churches, and parks, and causing lasting disconnection and disinvestment for residents who stayed. More broadly, historic investments in transportation infrastructure, especially highway construction, cut too many Americans off from opportunity, dividing and demolishing communities, and perpetuating economic and racial injustices."

- **"Electrifies school buses, improving the air quality for children.** The deal will make a critical down payment on helping the more than 25 million children and thousands of bus drivers who breathe polluted air on their rides to and from school. Diesel air pollution is linked to asthma and other health problems that hurt our communities and cause students to miss school, particularly in communities of color and Tribal communities."

- **"Remediates Brownfield and Superfund sites.** Across America, 26% of Black Americans and 29% of Hispanic Americans live within 3 miles of a Superfund site, a higher percentage than for the overall population. Proximity to a Superfund site can lead to elevated levels of lead in children's blood. Recent studies demonstrate that cleaning up these sites can lead to a decrease in blood levels by approximately 13-26%."

- **"Provides the full American Jobs Plan funding level - \$21 billion - to create good-paying union jobs plugging orphan oil and gas wells, cleaning up abandoned mines, and remediating Brownfield and Superfund sites.** As we transition to a clean energy future, the bipartisan Infrastructure deal will begin to remedy economic injustice for communities across the country that have relied on the fossil fuel industry and have been affected most by the impacts of climate change and pollution, including rural communities and communities of color."

- **Safeguards communities of color from climate crises and extreme weather risks.** People of color are more likely to live in areas most vulnerable to flooding and other climate change-related weather events. For example, in the wake of Hurricane Harvey, Black and Hispanic residents were twice as likely to report lost income. Tribal lands are significantly at risk to the effects of climate change and Alaska Natives are particularly vulnerable, as they face multiple climate impacts."

- **Invests in clean energy grid to mitigate the disparate impacts of pollution on communities of color.** Black, Latino, Asian American and Pacific Islander, and Native communities are more likely to be burdened by pollution. Black people are almost three times more likely to die from asthma related causes than their white counterparts. And more than one in three - or over 23 million - Latinos in the U.S. live in counties where the air doesn't meet EPA public health standards for smog."



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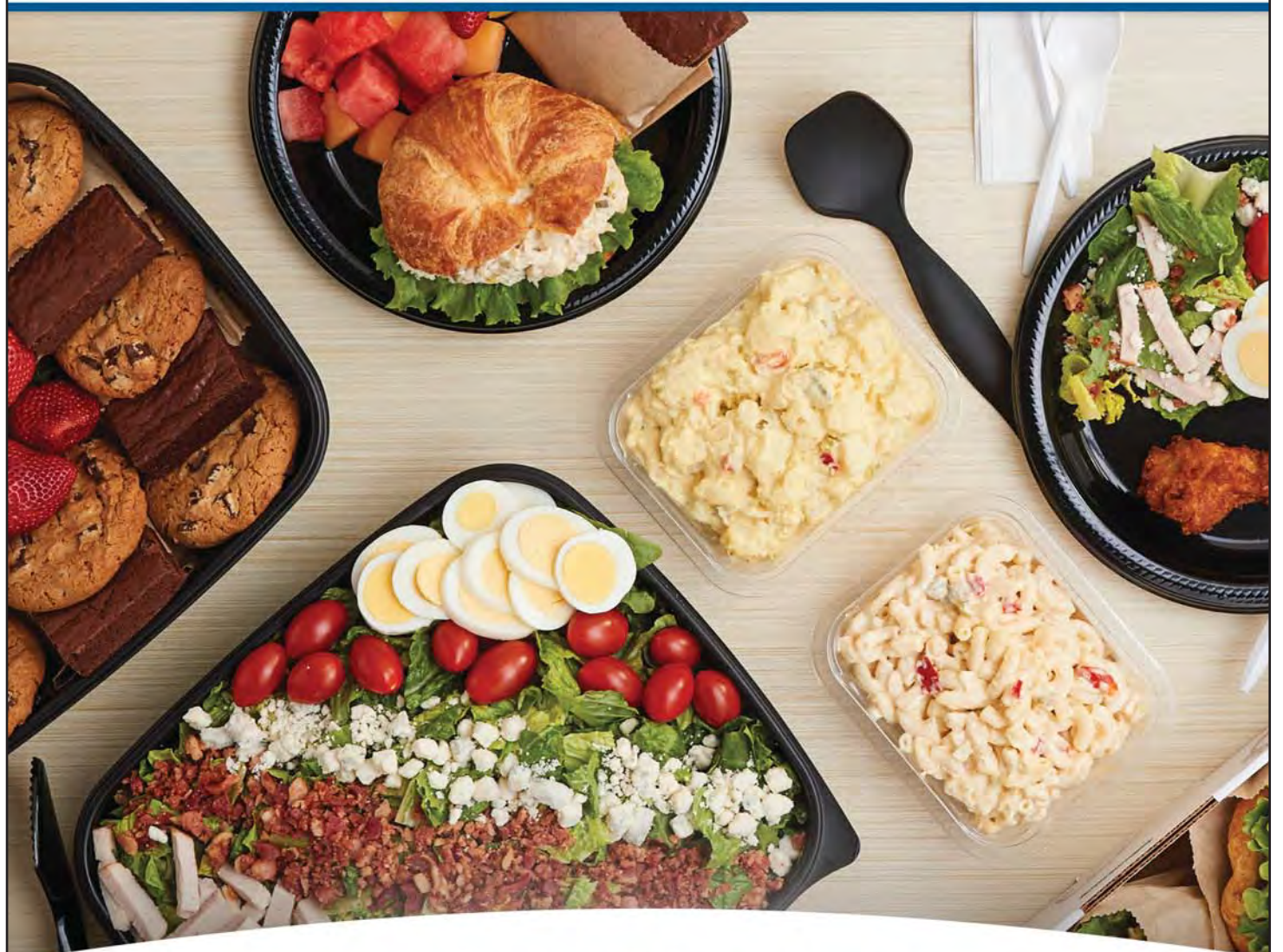
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GUEST EDITORIAL

The killing of Walter Rodney

On the evening of June 13, 1980, a bomb blast shook a neighborhood in Georgetown, Guyana and took the life of Black scholar, writer and activist Walter Rodney. Few Black people in the United States, or elsewhere around the world felt the explosion, but it was an event that shook our lives to their very foundations.

The assassination of Walter Rodney on that bad luck Friday the 13th silenced a voice that was pressuring bastions of white supremacy to loosen their grip on the formerly enslaved and colonized people of color around the world.

In 1972, Rodney published his brilliant book, "How Europe Underdeveloped Africa," and stripped away the false narrative of humanistic motives driving European and American interactions with Africa both before and after most modern African nations gained their independence. This book, described by some as "the 20th century's most important and influential book on African history," eloquently sets out the case of how European and American regimes deliberately exploited and underdeveloped Africa. It also called for people of color to understand the capitalist system underpinning European and American economic dominance and to work for its overthrow.



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Walter Rodney knew that modern Western culture was built upon, and maintained by, a worldwide system of racialized labor exploitation of people of color, coupled with the theft of the natural resources from the lands where those people lived. He was determined that people of color should come to understand this. And this is why, for some, he had to die.

We must understand that Walter Rodney's death is not a singular instance of European and American regimes shutting down voices calling for the economic freedom of people of color. Economic freedom translates into political power, and the former slave nations and colonial powers cannot allow people of color to gain the type of power that comes with economic independence.

For those who would argue that this last statement is an exaggeration, a brief survey of history presents a very clear picture of how white supremacy and Eurocentric dominance has been maintained by violence throughout the centuries.

History tells us of Toussaint L'Ouverture, the most prominent figure in the Haitian revolution against France from 1791 until his capture in 1802. But his capture and subsequent death in a French prison in 1803 did not end the Haitians' thirst for liberty. The fighting continued until the black and brown population of the former French colony won their freedom in 1804 at a great cost of lives loss. This victory also created the nation of Haiti - the world's first Black-led republic.

However, 21 years later, France sailed warships into Haitian waters and threatened a devastating invasion if its demands for reparations for the loss of its slaves and its slave colony were not met. Haiti was forced to submit to the overwhelming French show of force and, over the years, has paid to France what amounts to \$21 billion in today's dollars. This economic burden severely stunted Haiti's economic development and has kept the island nation impoverished to this day, as well as making it a source of cheap labor for more developed economies.

Not long after Haiti became a nation, Mexicans began their war of independence against Spain, and after 11 years, threw off the Spanish colonial yoke. But when Vicente Guerrero, the second president of Mexico, issued a decree abolishing slavery in 1829, it sent shockwaves through the Texas region of Mexico, which was being flooded with Americans bringing their slaves and seeking fertile lands to grow cotton.

Three months after abolishing slavery, Guerrero, who was an Afro-Mexican, was driven from office and eventually executed by reactionary conservatives who took over the Mexican government. But the prohibition against slavery remained in place.

Texas slaveholders eventually rebelled against the Mexican government and its abolitionist policies and declared independence, sparking a war that is famous for its sanitized myth about the Alamo. After gaining independence in 1836, Texans codified white supremacy by, among other things, establishing a constitutional provision banning free Black people from its borders.

More than a century after Texas gained its independence, Africans in various European colonies began to agitate for their freedom and, in many instances, fought bloody wars of liberation. Unable to maintain their geopolitical grip on these overseas holdings, European nations devised "post-colonial" strategies to achieve the same economic results they enjoyed during centuries of colonial exploitation.

History also documents how African financial independence has been thwarted by Western colonialist and imperialist powers.

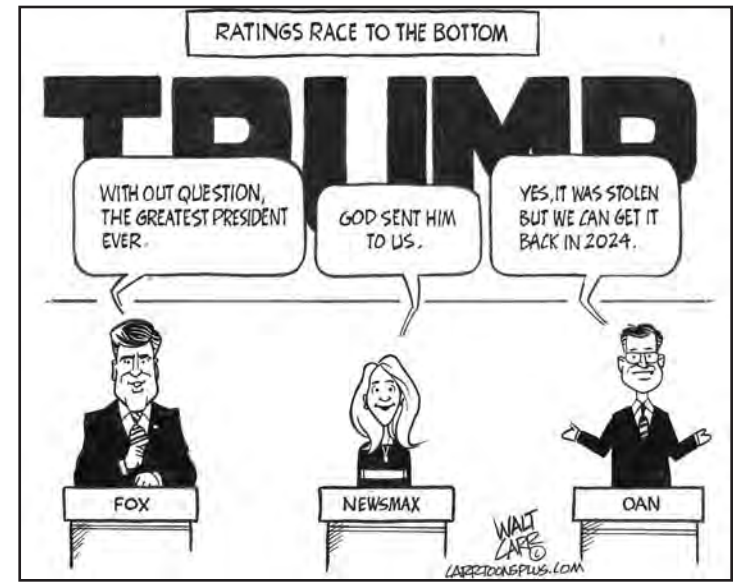
It is now a part of the public record that President Dwight Eisenhower ordered the murder of Patrice Lumumba, the first prime minister of the mineral rich Democratic Republic of the Congo, an act that has led to decades of instability in that nation and made its riches easily exploitable by Western interests.

From the beginning of their independence in the mid-20th century until 2020, former French colonies in West Africa were forced to deposit half of their foreign exchange reserves with the French Treasury. This economic constraint gave France control over the financial prosperity of those countries. And to this day, France controls the currency of its former central African colonies this way.

There are many chains with which global white supremacy and Eurocentric policies have kept people of color in economic bondage and unable to develop the necessary power to con-

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Climate change alert: Tuvalu is sinking

(TriceEdneyWire.com)

Tuvalu is a tiny Polynesian island nation located midway between Hawaii and Australia. Home to just 11,000 people, it is just 10 square miles. It is smaller today than it was a decade ago. Thanks to world climate change, Tuvalu is sinking, and the evidence is everywhere.

I'd never heard of Tuvalu until I attended COP15, the Copenhagen climate change conference, in 2010. It was an intense experience, partly because white climate change progressives were prepared to disrespect President Obama for not taking an extreme enough position on climate change. It was also intense because many small countries, like Tuvalu, did not have the opportunity to address the assembled delegates. Instead, they had to clamor for attention through booths and flyers in an area outside the main assembly.

Tuvalu is sinking, a man said, grabbing my elbow to get my attention. He is angry, anxious for attention. He describes how beautiful his island once was and how he has seen the destruction from the rising ocean, partly a function of climate change. We talk for more than a few minutes, and we meet for tea before the conference is over. He asks, repeatedly, why the

United States won't do more to stop the destruction of the planet. I have no answers.

The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, in a report released August 9 (https://www.ipcc.ch/site/assets/uploads/2021/08/IPCC_WGI-AR6-Press-Release_en.pdf) offers both answers and condemnation. They describe climate change as "widespread, rapid and intensifying." U.N. Secretary-General António Guterres says the report is a "code red for humanity."



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"The alarm bells are deafening," he said in a statement. "This report must sound a death knell for coal and fossil fuels before they destroy our planet," he went on to say. Code red means emergency, but few are treating this climate crisis as an emergency. Indifference or the tepid responses to the evidence we are experiencing has led us into a situation that will worsen before it gets better; a condition requiring world cooperation when such cooperation is rare.

Frank, a 32-year-old Tuvalu native who is quoted in a 2019 piece that appeared in the *Guardian*, says, "Before, the sand used to stretch out far, and

when we swam, we could see the seafloor; and the coral. Now, it is cloudy all the time, and the coral is dead. Tuvalu is sinking. Tuvalu is sinking, California is burning, the Pacific Northwest, known for its mild weather, is experiencing temperatures sometimes exceed 100 degrees.

Folks, this climate madness is all our fault. The IPCC says that emissions are "unequivocally caused by human activities." They have pushed the global temperature up and will move it further if we don't do something. But climate change deniers seem to think this is all-natural. The 44th President was rabidly vocal on this matter; and his acolytes deride climate change mitigation as a part of a "woke" Democratic plan. The leader of the pack is a non-Missouri living Missouri Senator, Josh Hawley (his residence issues could be the subject of an entire column). This man has raged against the infrastructure bill, which, though insufficient, represents necessary bipartisanship as we look to the future.

The commitment to spend \$39 billion on transit is significant, especially in the context of climate change. We need to get cars off the road, and we can only do it if people have easy ways to get around. Safe, reliable public transportation could help, but, as always, there is tension. Many would use the \$39 billion for public transportation; some would use it for roads and carbon

emissions. If our country and others are committed to combatting climate change, we must consider reducing or eliminating carbon emissions. And we must consider the ways climate change will change the world.

Thousands of people are leaving Tuvalu because their lives and livelihoods have been threatened by climate change. Many are moving to Fiji, which has offered the Tuvalu government incentives to relocate to that island. The people of Tuvalu would become the first documented climate change refugees in the world.

Thousands left New Orleans after Hurricane Katrina. Should they, too, be considered climate change migrants. There will be others as resources become scarce in one community and people are pushed into other communities, straining those resources and creating conflict. We will pay for ignoring climate change one way or another. We will pay now, we will pay later, but we will pay.

Thus the infrastructure bill, while not enough, is to be applauded. The provision of some climate change mitigation in the budget is also commendable. But there is so much more to do, and Tuvalu is sinking.

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The attack on the Capitol and the shameful right-wing Republican response

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The Jan. 6 attack on Congress and the U.S. Capitol was an assault on our democracy. So is the effort by congressional Republicans and their right-wing media allies to keep Americans from learning the truth about the insurrection. They are desperate to protect the people responsible for that deadly attack. We can't let them.

The U.S. House Select Committee to Investigate the January 6 Attack on the United States Capitol held its first hearing on July 27. It was hard to watch, but important for Americans to witness.

Four officers testified, two from the Capitol Police and two from the Washington, D.C. police department. They described the physical attacks they endured and the moments in which they feared for their lives. Capitol Police officer Harry Dunn described being surrounded by an angry mob taunting him with the n-word, something he said he had never been called while protecting the Capitol.

The power of the first hearing, and the impact of the officers' stories, testified to the importance of the select committee created by Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi after Republican congressional leaders refused to join in creating a bipartisan commission to investigate

the insurrection. The leader of the House Republicans, Minority Leader Kevin McCarthy, even tried to tank the select committee by appointing people who were intent on disrupting its work.

Thank goodness Speaker Pelosi wasn't going to let that happen. When she refused to play McCarthy's game, he tried to stop any Republicans from joining the panel.

To their credit, two conservative Republicans, Reps. Lynn Cheney of Wisconsin, and Adam Kinzinger of Illinois, decided to put country over party.

They have refused to be bullied by former President Donald Trump into promoting his lies about the election. They have refused to be intimidated by threats from McCarthy and other Republicans who are downplaying the fact that a violent mob incited by Trump tried to prevent the peaceful transfer of power to President Joe Biden.

I was disgusted to see right-wing activists and media figures like Charlie Kirk and Laura Ingraham mocking and belittling the police officers who were traumatized by the attack. And I am even more disgusted by the Members of Congress

who have betrayed and abandoned the officers who put their lives on the line to protect them. Some Republican members of Congress dismissed the mob that hung a noose and hunted members of Congress as "tourists." Some Republican members of Congress are calling insurrectionists "political prisoners."

Capitol Police Sgt. Aquilino Gonnell testified that such distortions are deeply demoralizing. I believe it is possible that kind of betrayal may have contributed to the suicides of four officers who were defending the Capitol that day.

All the lies that Trump and his team can spew could not stand up to the actual experience of those officers. And that was just the beginning. There are a lot of dark corners that need some light thrown on them.

We need to learn more about what Trump was doing on Jan. 6. We need to know which members of Congress he talked to and what he said. We need to know which members of Congress or congressional staff might have helped insurrectionists plan and carry out the attack.

We need a fuller understanding of how all the different groups promoting Trump's stolen election lies fueled the rage of his supporters and built the momentum behind the violent mob that swarmed the Capitol.

We also need to get a better handle on some bigger picture questions, like problems of

racism and authoritarianism in law enforcement. At least 17 law enforcement officers that we know about took part in the attack on the Capitol. The military needs to get a handle on the existence of white supremacy and other extremist ideologies in the ranks.

We cannot forget just how deadly and dangerous the insurrection was—and is. Former President Trump continues to rile his supporters with the big lie that he won the election and had it stolen from him. Right-wing politicians, media personalities, and pastors spread those lies. Some still say Biden will be removed and Trump returned to power. Some talk openly of civil war.

This is all discouraging. But remember this. As loud, and mean, and violent as Trump's supporters can be, they are still a minority. They may have the power to intimidate cowardly Republican officials. But they cannot prevent us from learning the truth about Jan. 6.

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Scott v. Taney

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When presented without context, the name Roger Brooke Taney means little to most contemporary Americans. Taney was born in Calvert County Maryland, very close to Washington, DC. He was an attorney, served in the Executive and Judicial Branches of the US government, was a member of the Democratic Party, and is infamous, as the US Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, for authoring the equally infamous Dred Scott decision.

To provide context, in addition to being the Chief Justice of SCOTUS, Taney was pro-slavery and a southern sympathizer during the Civil War. His legacy of racism would live for over a hundred years. Some, like me, say that his legacy yet lives on. Taney's decision held that no Black, free or enslaved, had ever enjoyed the rights of citizenship under the Constitution. He argued that Blacks were "regarded as beings of an inferior order, altogether unfit to associate with the

white race ... and so far inferior, that they had no rights which the white man was bound to respect." I would argue that, consciously or not, his decision is ingrained in the psyche of white America and is used as justification for all forms of racial discrimination.

I submit that the current pattern of race-based voter suppression is rooted in the same mindset that Taney used to reach his decision. Counting the number of jelly-beans in a jar or guessing the number of bubbles released by a bar of soap were mere indicators of the respect accorded to the rights of Blacks. After 1965, as long as African Americans and other people of color offered no real threat to the power and authority of the white establishment, they could "play" the game of voting. Ultimately, the usefulness of gerrymandering as a



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control against the demands for equal rights began to erode. We now see an unapologetic, full-blown racist attack on the voting rights of people of color and a perversion of the democratic principles fundamental to this nation. They understand that we have learned to effectively use the most powerful tool in any democracy.

Thursday, July 29, 2021, was my chosen day to get arrested. I stood in protest for the restoration of voter rights established under the For the People Act and the John Lewis Act. Inaction is unacceptable!!!

Congresswoman Sheila Jackson Lee, Dr. Johnetta Cole (NCNW President), Faya Rose Toure (Alabama), Arlene Holt (AFL-CIO), Jarrett Sawyer (Morehouse University), and I were arrested for, allegedly, blocking the entrance to the Hart Senate Building. When given the option to pay a fine or request a court date, I chose the latter. The Federal Magistrate will hear my concerns on November 24, 2021.

Considering the struggles of the past, this experience was relatively uneventful. There were no batons. There

were no firehoses. There were no horses or dogs. There was a sense of urgency! We all knew that action could not be deferred for a later date. We all know that for the sake of survival we must mobilize in greater and increasing numbers. We have no time to waste!!

On August 3, 1857, the same year as the Dred Scott Decision, Frederick Douglass delivered what some consider to be his greatest speech. From that speech came the words, "If there is no struggle, there is no progress..."

Who would be free, themselves must strike the blow.

He continued, "Power concedes nothing without a demand. It never did and it never will. Find out just what any people will quietly submit to and you have found out the exact measure of injustice and wrong which will be imposed upon them, and these will continue till they are resisted with either words or blows, or with both."

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CRAZY FAITH MINISTRIES

Who is the Lord Jesus?

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 is no monotheism. In spite of a broad swath of people claiming to be Christian, I conclude that there are at least two Christ-figures in this country, one that Black people worship, and the other that white people worship.

But as conspiracy theories rage out of control and the voices of White Nationalists become louder and louder, there may in fact be three versions of the Christ of the Bible.

I have found it difficult to stomach racists declare their love "for the Lord Jesus Christ." Their Jesus seems to be blind to and uncaring about racism and how racists use his name to sanction their hatred.

But this week, as the Delta variant of COVID-19 rages across the land, killing thousands, some churches are declaring that they will not bow to safety measures suggested or mandated by any government - local, state, or federal. Referring to restrictions that have been and may yet be put in place to protect people, this pastor called the precautions "Luciferan," and said that his church will ignore any efforts to curtail and control the virus. "When the Luciferans tried to shut down churches last year we didn't bow to them...we will have church every night while there's a lockdown. Don't touch the church of



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the Lord Jesus Christ ..."
(<https://friendlyatheist.patheos.com/2021/08/08/gop-senate-candidate-tells-his-church-theyll-ignore-future-covid-restrictions/>) (For insight into how the Right is thinking about the government taking measures to protect people, read Hugh Hewitt's piece here: (<https://hughhewitt.com>))

And oh, I forgot to mention: the pastor/preacher referred to in the above story is going to run for the Senate.

It is flabbergasting. I keep asking myself, "What's wrong with (these) white folks? How in the world did they get person of Christ so twisted?" There is nothing in the Bible that supports a Messiah who ignored or supported bigotry of any sort, but these people constantly lift up the name of Jesus as the reason for their bigotry. The strength of Jesus - and what set him apart according to the scriptures - was his willingness to love and embrace everyone, especially and including those who society marginalized and ostracized.

What we see happening is a group of disgruntled white folks whining and claiming themselves to be victims of a system which has not treated them fairly. It is against the will of their "Lord Jesus Christ." Their Jesus wants them to overturn the government, to "take over" government on all levels and make everyone "think like them."
(<https://twitter.com/StevenBeschloss/status/1424408239534452739?s=20>)

When I tried to share with a very religious friend of mine that there are a lot of people who see and interpret Jesus in a different way, she shut me down. "There is only one Jesus," she snapped. "You're talking foolishness."

But the fact is that people have taken not only the Jesus of the Bible but the Bible itself and shaped them both to adhere to their ideology and sociology and have called it theology. The problem is one of interpretation - and from the moment humans in this country embraced the enslavement and subsequent mistreatment of Black people and any other non-white group, a Jesus and a God foreign to the way I thought everyone was taught in Sunday School emerged and has never been successfully submerged.

The people who are living in and practicing hatred based on racism are convinced that they are in the right.

So, will the real Jesus the Christ please stand up?
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Angry Old White Civil Rights Lawyer Not Tired Yet The First Reconstruction, the 15th Amendment, and the VRA

My Great Grandfather, Simon Spearman, was a Freed Man in North Carolina's Cape Fear River Valley in 1870, when the United States passed the 15th Amendment. He was a proud member of President Lincoln's Republican Party. He knew Lincoln was born in Kentucky, apprenticed himself to become a lawyer in Illinois and, with the Abolitionist Republican Party as his national network, recruited hundreds of thousands of White and Freed Black soldiers to the United States if America Army to abolish the sin of slavery. The diverse Army and Navy Lincoln commanded included virtually every Free Man of Color and every enslaved African who made the long night-walk to Freedom alongside the back roads and rivers to enlist in the U.S. Army. New Bern, Quaker and other abolitionist faiths near Greensboro, and the bustling Wilmington Port city, were controlled by the USA throughout the War to abolish slavery.

Simon Spearman knew well the 15th Amendment was just the first step in the long day-walk to Equality. He knew well the right to vote and to run for public office would be temporary, unless Black men exercised their hard-won rights every November. So did thousands of Black men who won seats in North Carolina state and county offices in the period between 1870 and 1898. But this new generation of civil rights leaders were not blind. They knew the slavers' whip which had lashed their fathers' backs on the plantation was being replaced by the money, press, churches, and secret political organizations that formed the militias in the county court-houses and Raleigh General Assembly organized by the sons of the confederacy.

The historical irony of this backlash was the "literacy" test the county militias forced prospective Black voters to take. Slaves had been back-lashed 17 times, when the slavers caught them reading, usually the Bible. After the 15th Amendment, the militias in the courthouses forced a prospective voter to read and recite long passages of documents written in legalese before they could register, much less vote, or run for office.

The First Reconstruction Is Betrayed
In 1877, state militias sold out the African Americans, scratching out a living on their

tenant-farms, and holding Wednesday Bible studies at their rural churches, as preachers taught literacy and liberation to the eager classes. Despite these 20 years of catch-up and the courage of the Wilmington Moral Fusion movement led by publisher Alex Manly and his family, who daily advocated Black and White workers to fuse their voting power; a Trump-like traitor; William Aycock and a militia of red-shirts led a well-armed, well-financed massacre on November 10 1898 in the bloody streets of Wilmington.



Al McSurely

The Aycock violent coup came on the heels of a National backlash against Fusion and integrated voter leagues. Jim Crow was encoded into law by the sinful 1896 Supreme Court decision, Plessy v. Ferguson, which found racial segregation was fine, as long as public facilities were "separate but equal." The Court told every Judge as long as they closed their eyes to the massive inequalities Africans had endured during slavery, the Constitution's 14th Amendment clear requirement of Equal Protection Under the Law should be ignored. In other words, Plessy left a gaping loophole for County and state militias to drive their Jim Crow policies through for 58 more years!

The Second Reconstruction's Crown Jewel, the Voting Rights Act, Authorized by the 15th Amendment

In 1954 the NAACP's lawyers knocked the legs out from under Plessy's racist nonsense. Eleven years after this magnificent victory had turned loose the Civil Rights Movement in the South, Pres. Lyndon B. Johnson sent a Voting Rights bill to Congress. LBJ said the bill "will make it impossible to thwart the 15th Amendment" and "We cannot have government for all the people until we first make certain it is government of and by all the people."

It was no coincidence that President Johnson quoted President Lincoln's Gettysburg Address as mass graves were being filled in the cemetery behind him, with the concise definition of American democracy.

A Century later, the 1965 Senate, except for its stone-cold racist southern caucus, voted for the Voting Rights Act. LBJ

had urged his former Senate leader, Republican Everett Dirksen, that the VRA was the most important legislation of the Century and Dirksen would be remembered by this vote. Dirksen agreed, he voted for the VRA, the bill passed with a wide majority, and the nation moved into the early stages of the Third Reconstruction, which is playing out now. Of course, the VRA became the target of the dying but deadly racist militias and cults of racist rationalizers who have been normalized by national demagogues and private websites ever since.

This weekend marks the Anniversary of the Voting Rights Act. It is my solemn duty to report the violent strain of racism it was designed to prevent has surfaced again, backed by violent, gun-toting, well-funded militias. This violent strain includes about a third of white voters who pledge allegiance to the Flag "and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation, under God, with freedom and justice for all" who apparently are following the delusions of a cult leader. We must stop referring to them as members of Simon Spearman's and Senator Dirksen's Republican Party. No way. Yes, there are some white people who call themselves Republicans who have forgotten their heritage. They cling to the notion that Number 45 is the Real Number 46. They remain in denial about the massive outpouring of a multi-racial fusion electorate that soundly defeated him eight months ago. They have convinced themselves their cult leader could never lose. Their fantasy has them clinging to the belief that their well-funded dangerous group's willingness to use gun violence gives them a false sense of their political power. They have latched onto an attack on teaching accurate history about systemic racism, and that county school Boards are vulnerable to their nonsense.

The Third Reconstruction's Task: Complete the Dismantling of Jim Crow at the School Board level. End tea-party foolishness.

Running for a school board seat used to involve a Parent who got interested in the miracle of public schools and of children being "drawn out" by loving teachers who live the miracle every day. The parent asked her family to support her; her friends, other PTA and NAACP members who know freedom is a constant struggle-

maybe a couple thousand dollars. But the dying militia movement has decided to pump millions of dollars into small tea party caucuses and factions, to promote the national agenda they are sent from faraway places about masks, vaccinations, critical race theory, and reverse racism. If they get elected, they use old authoritarian meeting tactics, filibustering public meetings late into the night, until regular working people have left, before taking votes. These tactics send a message to our frontline trusted messengers, our teachers, who know better than anyone how much work we have to do to catch-up from both Covid and Truth Deficits, which have hit historically marginalized families and their children the hardest.

Let us celebrate the VRA this week. But let's also get back to work, analyzing how to bring Justice for All into the classrooms all day, not just the first minute of the day. Tomorrow I am asking our legal team to provide our local Branches with an analysis of how at-large school board voting affects the segregated housing patterns which haunt many of our counties. When Black neighborhoods are still identifiable, when school boards vote to surplus historically Black schools which were built and funded in violation of Brown and the VRA, we must educate and litigate these policies. The NAACP must complete the purpose of Brown and the VRA: Dismantle Jim Crow.

A fusion voter alliance can build a movement in which all God's children can accept the ugly truths of the long night-walk and the joyous day-time miracle of building a more Perfect Union.

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

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trol their own well-being. And this brings us back to Walter Rodney. Rodney wrote about post-colonial economic and the need for people of

color to be aware of those transactional processes that keep us impoverished around the world. And he urged us to do something about it.

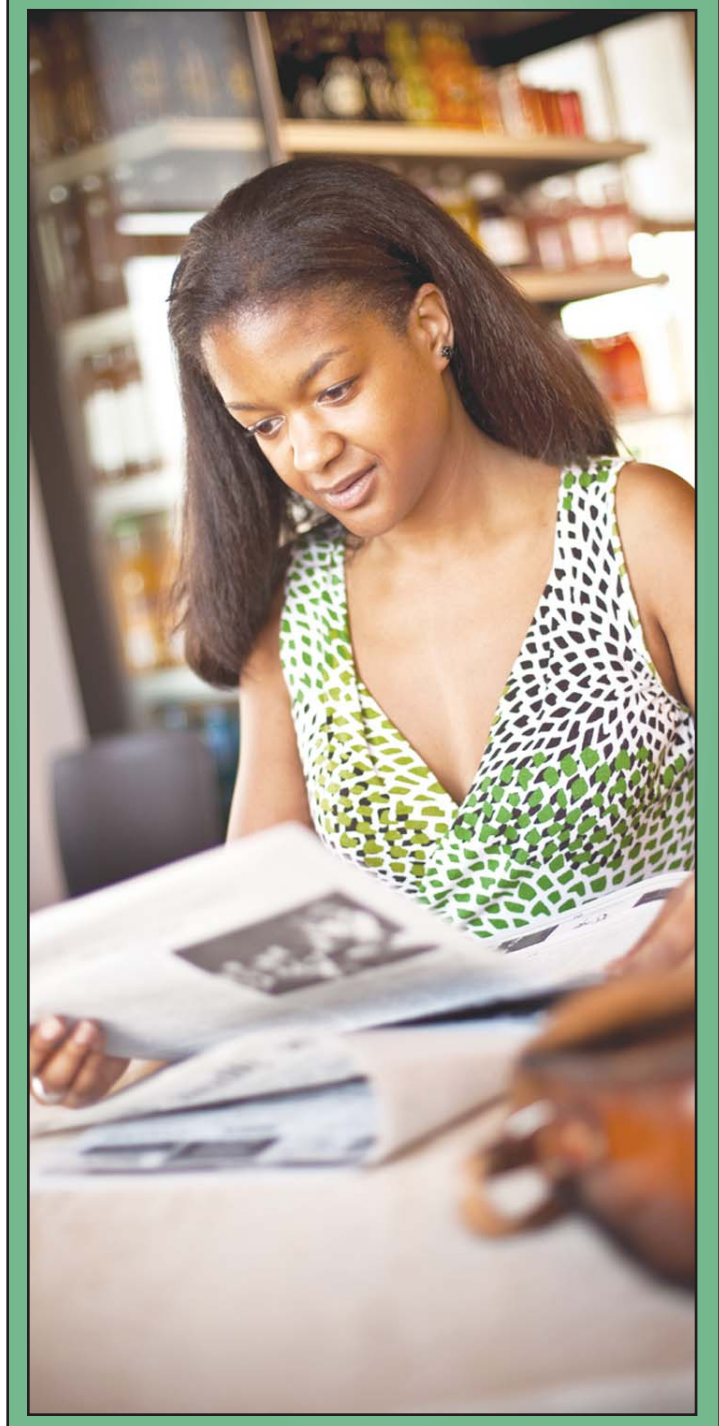
The least we can do is to educate ourselves about why people of color are in the economic state we are in. Try as

they might, we cannot allow white supremacists to silence the voices of people like Walter Rodney who speak truth to power in the face of certain danger. Many people of color have lost their lives speaking against white supremacy. We should not

only amplify their voices, we should act upon those truths of which they spoke.

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THE BLACK PRESS: USE It or LOSE It!



GET THAT DEED AND FLIP THOSE KEYS!

More resources for families

Recently NC Housing Finance agency rolled out a new loan product to help strengthen the family's buying power. That's great news, and very timely.

For families, the thoughts of purchasing a home can cause anxiety for some, and glee for others. No matter what side of the fence you are on, a little extra help is always welcome. One of the main things that stood out to me about this new program,

The NC Home Advantage Mortgage, is that you don't

have to be a 1st-time buyer to use it. It is for both first-time, and move-up buyers that want to live anywhere in N.C. Now, this is a true blessing for families that already purchased their first home but are ready to step up in size or location. Most times you have to be a first-time buyer to get all the extra extras, but not this time. This



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new loan provides qualified individuals with stable, fixed-rate mortgages and down payment assistance up to 5% of the loan amount. The Agency also offers an \$8000 down payment assistance option just for first-time buyers and military Vets who meet additional eligibility. The repayment of the down payment options is required only if you sell, refinance or transfer your home before year 15. However, the downpayment assistance is forgiven at 20% per year at the end of years 11-15, with complete forgiveness at the end of year

15. Good stuff especially if you are planning on setting roots in a home for a while anyway. One more good nugget about the program is that if you are a 1st-time buyer or a military veteran, you may also be eligible to combine the NC Home Advantage Mortgage with the NC Home Advantage Tax Credit which could save you up to \$2000 yearly on your federal tax returns.

Let me highlight more details on the eligibility for these programs. You may be eligible for NC Home Advantage Mortgage IF: You

are purchasing in NC. You occupy the home as your primary residence. Your annual income doesn't exceed \$99,000. Your credit score is 640 or higher. You are applying for an FHA, VA, USDA, or Conv loan with one of their participating lender partners, Meet the sales price limits of the loan, and You are a legal resident of the United States. You must make sure the property you have an interest in also meet the program's criteria. It can be a single-family home, townhouses, condos, and new manufactured homes (if have 660 or higher

credit middle score). If you fit these criteria and looking to purchase a home, it might fair you well to look more into these programs. Nothing to lose, so much to gain.

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Edward McGee

Edward McGee died August 4, 2021. Memorial service was held on Tuesday, August 10, 2021 at the Willie L. Shaw Jr. Memorial Chapel.

Edward McGee, son of the late Rommie James McGee and Mary Aretha McGee, was born on December 27, 1949. Edward was educated in the Pender County Public School System, graduating in 1967. Edward also studied welding and electricity at Cape Fear Community College in Wilmington, North Carolina. He was employed at Babcox & Wilcox. Edward also worked as an electrician. Edward accepted Christ as his Lord and Savior on September of 2019. If you asked him, Edward would tell you that he loved people. He would just say, "I knew I didn't always do the right things but I improved on the journey." It is without a doubt that he knew God loved him.

Edward, beloved son, husband, brother, uncle, and cousin is survived by: his loving wife, Ruth McGee of

Wilmington, NC; two brothers, Rommie James, Jr. (Mildred) McGee of Columbia, SC, and George Arthur (Barbara) McGee of Wilmington, NC; three sisters, Joyce Ann (Wesley) Brown of Columbia, SC, Delores Diana (Raynard) Jones of Gaithersburg, MD and Brenda Williams of Wilmington, NC; a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives and many friends. *A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.*

Gracie Session

Gracie Session died August 2, 2021. Graveside service was held on Wednesday, August 11, 2021 at Calvary Memorial Cemetery. *A Service of John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.*

Tevin Jeffrey Clay

Mr. Tevin Jeffrey Clay was born on Thursday, April 7, 1994 at 12:36 pm in Wilmington, North Carolina to Tiffany C. Clay and Jeffrey L. Nixon. On

Thursday, July 29, 2021, the Lord called our son home to rest in peace. He was preceded in death by his grandfather, Dean L. Clay and his baby girl Kasiah A. Marshall.

Tevin graduated from E. A. Laney High School in June 2012. At Laney he was a star athlete in football, proudly wearing #7. He later attended Fayetteville State University where he played collegiate football, a sport he enjoyed most.

Tevin accepted Christ at a very young age. He attended and was a member of Enoch Chapel Missionary Baptist Church where he rededicated his life back to Christ. He was previously employed by Coastal Precast in Wilmington, NC. Tevin was getting prepared to start Truck Driving School at Cape Fear Community College.

Football, baseball, track and basketball, it seems as though he played them all. On and off the field he gave it his all. We will forever remember rooting and cheering him on. During Tevin's youth he played

baseball for the Cape Fear Optimist Club, the AAU League and also the City League of the MLK Jr. Center for numerous years. He started his football years playing Pop Warner Football as a member of the Colts Football Team. He will never be forgotten even though he is gone. Now he is the one cheering for us from above. Tevin was a great father, son and friend to many and was truly loved. He loved his family but his most precious accomplishment in life was becoming a father, a real dad to his children who he called his Kings and Queens.

He leaves to cherish his memories his children (his Kings and Queens) Amara McDaniels of Jacksonville, NC (mother, Ashley); Novah Clay and Tru Clay of Wilmington, NC (mother, Joycesean); Kalanlee

Marshall of Wilmington, NC (mother, Chanya); twins, Raelynn and Ramsey Keaton-Clay of East Arcadia, NC (mother Keana); his loving parents Tiffany Clay-Brunson (Ronald) of Wilmington, NC, Jeffrey L. Nixon of San Antonio, TX; sisters Hydria Griffin Nixon of Columbia, SC, ShaRona Brunson of Wilmington, NC; brother Ronald Burnson of Wilmington, NC; grandparents Mary Ann Clay of Wilmington, NC, Idella Nixon of San Antonio, TX; great-grandparents Queen James of Castle Hayne, NC, Essie Clay of Wilmington, NC; aunts Crystal Clay of Wilmington, NC, Jennifer Nixon of San Antonio, TX, Leilani Mack of Wilmington, NC; nephews Kimir, Major; niece Zaria; god parents Ernestine Freeman and Elton Williams; god brother

De'Vante Bloodworth; god sisters Cierra Burns-McKoy, Alexis Freeman and Arrion Williams Dixon; special cousins like his brothers Patrick Hayes, Markel Mitchell; uncles Tevin adopted himself Cedric Green, Steven Brunson; a very special person in Tevin's life Chanya Marshall and her son Kamaree Marshall; and a host of great-aunts, great-uncles, cousins, other relatives and many friends including his very close friends, "The Crew," the EA Laney High School and Fayetteville State University Athletic Departments and classmates who became his family. *Services entrusted to Adkins-Drain Funeral Service, 515 South 8th Street, Wilmington, NC, 28401. Condolences may be shared at www.adkins-drainfuneralservice.com.*



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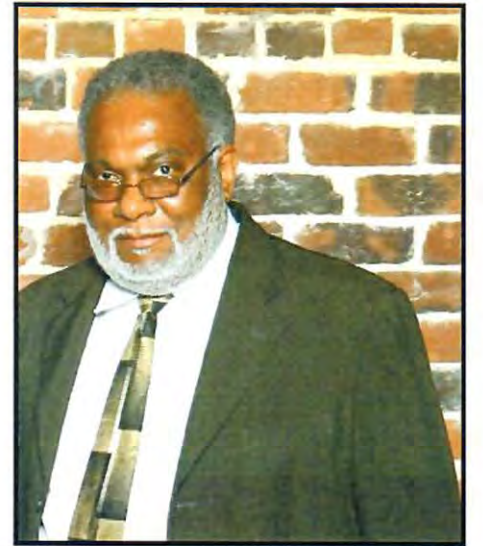
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"And to the angel of the church in Philadelphia write, These things saith he that is holy, he that is true, he that hath the key of David, he that openeth, and no man shutteth; and shutteth, and no man openeth.

I know thy works: behold, I have set before thee an open door, and no man can shut it: for thou hast a little strength and hast kept my word, and hast not denied my name." Revelation 3:7-8

Door - A barrier for opening or closing; for entrance or exit

This message was written and sent to the Church in Philadelphia, which was one of the most faithful of the Seven Churches of Revelation. The book of the Revelation of Jesus Christ is an unveiling of that which otherwise could not be known. The words from this book are Faithful and they

are True. The word Philadelphia means "brotherly love". Three of the outstanding characteristics of the church at Philadelphia were:

- They drew their strength from the Lord
- They kept His Word
- They did not deny His Name

In Revelation 3:7, Jesus is speaking and informing the church that he holds the Key of David. This key has the ability to open and close. It represents control and authority, and also that Jesus is the fulfillment of the Davidic Covenant. Jesus is the ruler of The New Jerusalem; and Lord of The Kingdom of Heaven. Therefore, when Jesus opens a door no man can shut it. Likewise, when Jesus shuts a door, no man can open it!

Isaiah 22:22, "And the keys of the house of David will I lay upon his shoulder; so he shall open, and none shall

shut; and he shall shut, and none shall open."

The Door Is Still Open.

In the book of John 10:9, Jesus said, "I am the door: by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved, and shall go in and out, and find pasture."



Sylvia Hooper

Ephesians 2:18, "For through him we both have access by one Spirit unto the Father."

John 10:10, "The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly."

The Door Is Still Open.

"I know thy works." Jesus told the church at Philadelphia. "Behold I have set before thee an open door." This open door gives

Believers the opportunity to enter into the kingdom of God so they shall be saved, have life, and live more abundantly. Jesus told them that because they had kept His Word, he was going to "Keep Them", from the hour of temptation which shall come upon all the world.

This open door was opened by Jesus Christ, and could not be closed or shut by man. We are encouraged to keep His Word. Hallelujah. Thank You Jesus!

According to scripture, there has been recorded times when God has shut the door. In Genesis, chapter 6, the wickedness of man was great upon the earth. The earth was corrupt before God and was filled with violence. But Noah found grace in the eyes of the Lord. The Lord instructed him to build an ark to keep him alive. When the ark was completed, God shut him in. No man could enter or exit the ark, because

the Lord "shut the door". God's grace shut Noah and his family in. Death and destruction came upon all who were not inside of the "ark" of safety. Genesis 7:16

The Door Is Still Open.

In Matthew 25th. Chapter, we read about the parable of the Ten Virgins. Five of them were wise and five of them were foolish. Those that were wise, were ready to meet the bridegroom when he came at midnight. Those who were foolish, did not prepare for The Bridegroom and were not ready when He arrived. The triumph and the victory came to the virgins who prepared themselves and were ready while the door remained opened to enter with the Bridegroom. The tragedy was when the door was shut to those who were not ready for The Bridegroom. They would have made it in, if only they were ready!!! Matthew 25:10, "And while they went to buy the bridegroom came:

and they that were ready went in with him to the marriage: and the door was shut."

Matthew 25:13, "Watch therefore, for ye know neither the day nor the hour wherein the Son of man cometh." So, while the door is open, let us all.....

Draw Strength from the Lord....Keep His Word...Don't Deny His Name. Be Ready!

The Door Is Still Open. Tell Somebody!

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

A WORD FROM THE LORD

What is Bible faith or the Godkind of faith

We all at one time or another have been asked this question what faith are you; this question automatic depicts that the person is does not have the proper understanding of the Godkind of faith. Most people think that their denomination is a faith, Baptist, Methodist, Holiness or Pentecostal, Presbyterian or Catholic, these are religious institution, these may be made up of people of faith or may be not, they may be religious people, who do not have a personal relationship with God the Father through His Son Jesus Christ. Jesus describes this in Matthew 15:8-9, KJV8 This people draweth nigh unto me with their mouth, and honoureth me with their lips; but their heart is far from me.9 But in vain they do worship me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men. Notice what Jesus call them eight times in Matthew 23, Vs. 13,14,15,16, 23,25,27,29. But woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites. Remember what Jesus said, In John's gospel, chapter 3:3-7, There was a man of the Pharisees, named Nicodemus,

a ruler of the Jew: 3 Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.4 Nicodemus saith unto him, How can a man be born when he is old? can he enter the second time into his mother's womb, and be born?5 Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God.6 That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.7 Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again. So then faith is a necessity in becoming a Christian and being a Christian.

What is Bible faith or the Godkind of faith? Hebrews 11:1, KJV 1 Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen. What does faith mean? This is the only time the Bible ever defines faith. Time and time again, the Bible discusses faith and the great importance of faith. The Bible tells us that we must have faith-we must believe God-and it tells us the great things that happen to those who do believe

God. The Bible also gives example after example of men and women who have and have not believed God and shows in clear terms what



Rev. Naconiel Fullwood

happened to each. But nowhere does the Bible define faith except here. Thus it is important that we clearly see just what faith means. The Biblical definition is this in each of the following author's commentaries for their discussion): AMPC "Now faith is the assurance (the confirmation, the title-deed) of the things [we] hope for; being the proof of things [we] do not see and the conviction of their reality-faith perceiving as real fact what is not revealed to the senses"

"Faith means that we are certain of the things we hope for, convinced of the things we do not see" (William Barclay).

"Faith is a hope that is

absolutely certain that what it believes is true, and that what it expects will come" (Barclay says this is what faith is to the writer of Hebrews).

"Faith is trust in the unseen. It is not trust in the unknown, for we may know by faith what we cannot see with the eye" (Wycliffe Bible Commentary).

"Faith apprehends as a real fact what is not revealed to the senses. It rests on the fact, acts upon it, and is upheld by it in the face of all that seems to contradict it. Faith is a real seeing" (Marvin Vincent). (POSB-C)

How do we have access to this kind of faith or the God kind of faith? Romans 10:17, (KJV) 17So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

Faith is a relationship function, it is something closely related to another thing (the word of God) and depends on it (the word God) for its existence, value or significance. No Word, no faith!

1John5:14-15 And this is the confidence that we have in him, that, if we ask any thing according to his will, he heareth us:15 And if we know

that he hear us, whatsoever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we desired of him.

Faith is practical: of relating to governed by, or acquired through practice or action, rather than theory, speculation, capable of being used or put into action.

James 2:17, KJV17 Even so faith, if it hath not works, is dead, being alone. AMPC 17 So also faith, if it does not have works (deeds and actions of obedience to back it up), by itself is destitute of power (inoperative, dead). We bury that which is dead because it is no longer useful to us, it has no value, purpose and cannot function.

Hebrews 11:6, KJV 6 But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him. (AMPC)6 But without faith it is impossible to please and be satisfactory to Him. For whoever would come near to God must [necessarily] believe that God exists and that He is the rewarder of those who earnestly and diligently seek Him [out].

Faith is to our spiritual life is what oxygen is to our physical: 2Cor.5:7, KJV 7 (For we walk by faith, not by sight;) (AMPC) 7 For we walk by faith [we [b]regulate our lives and conduct ourselves by our conviction or belief respecting man's relationship to God and divine things, with trust and holy fervor; thus we walk] not by sight or appearance. Epes. 4:5, 5 [There is] one Lord, one faith, one baptism, 6 One God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all.

Jesus asked His disciples in Luke 8:25a And he said unto them, where is your faith? My question to you is where is your faith? Father, in the name of Jesus Christ, we thank you for your word, we receive it and believe it and now we thank thee for the manifestation of its power in our lives and circumstances. Amen.

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This the 29th day of July, 2021.

Leslie Graham Shell, III
c/o Craige & 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.
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701 Market Street
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July 29, August 5, 12, 19, 2021

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
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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

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Having qualified as Executor of the Administrator of **Robert Pierce Myers (21-E-1124)**, 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 **November 5, 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 5th day of August, 2021.

Scott Parker Myers
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701 Market Street
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August 5, 12, 19, 26 2021

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Having qualified as Executor of the Administrator of **Francine Deborah Nagy Thornton (21-E-932)**, 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 **November 5, 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 5th day of August, 2021.

Charlotte Noel Fox
701 Market Street
Wilmington, NC 28401

August 5, 12, 19, 26 2021

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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.
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July 22, 29, August 5, 12, 2021

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This the 22nd day of July, 2021

Wayne William Kool, Executor
236 Oakland Dr.
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July 22, 29, August 5, 12, 2021

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

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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
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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
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The undersigned, having qualified as Executor of the estate of Robert N. Huffman, 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 12th day of November, 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 12th day of August, 2021

Mary Margret McClain, Executor
2212 Lynnwood Drive
Wilmington, NC 28403

August 12, 19, 26, September 2, 2021

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Having qualified as Executor of the Estate of **Dorothy Mills Hewett-Hobbs (21-E-1149)**, 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 **November 12, 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.

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August 12, 19, September 3, 2021

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Having qualified as Executor of the Estate of **Walter Joseph Lennon (21-E-1151)**, late of Newbury, Essex County, Massachusetts 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 **November 12, 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 9th day of July, 2021.

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**NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION
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**IN THE MATTER OF: T.S.P.
(DOB: 4/15/2015)**

**TO: RESPONDENT:
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Termination of all parental rights you have to the above-captioned minor child.

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YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT A HEARING ON THE PETITION TO TERMINATE YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS IS SCHEDULED FOR September 27, 2021, AT 9:30 A.M. or as soon thereafter as it may be heard, at the New Hanover County Courthouse, 138 N 4th Street, Wilmington, North Carolina, 28401.

This the 3rd day of August, 2021.

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Not only do newspaper media reach a **HUGE** audience, they also reach an **ENGAGED AUDIENCE**

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Newspaper print ads drive the **highest purchase intent—a 35% higher score** than local television, cable television & local music radio.

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NEWSPAPER MEDIA ARE MOST TRUSTED

56% trust newspapers
37% trust social media
52% trust local television

Sources: 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 2013 (NAA.org, April 8, 2013); 2013 Nielsen National Cross-Media Engagement Study (NAA.org, April 16, 2013)

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NCDOT TO HOLD VIRTUAL PUBLIC REGARDING PROPOSAL TO AMEND THE GREEN SWAMP PRESERVE STATE DEDICATED NATURE PRESERVE TO ACCOMMODATE BRIDGE REPLACEMENT ON N.C. 211 IN BRUNSWICK COUNTY

STIP Project B-5624

Wilmington - The public is invited to a hearing on Aug. 31 with the N.C. Department of Transportation this month to discuss the proposed amendment of the Green Swamp Preserve State Dedicated Nature Preserve located in Brunswick County.

A proposed project, State Transportation Improvement Program Project No. B-5624, is needed to replace a structurally deficient bridge. This amendment of the Dedicated Nature Preserve is needed to facilitate the replacement of Bridge No. 57 over Driving Creek on N.C. 211 (Green Swamp Road). The amendment would provide 0.447 acre of Permanent Drainage Easement and 0.099 acre for a Temporary Construction Easement. Approximately 0.4569 total acre of right-of-way is needed for replacement of the bridge.

Project details, including maps of the proposal, can be found on the NCDOT project web page: (www.publicinput.com/Green-Swamp-Preserve).

The formal presentation will begin at **7 p.m. Aug. 31, 2021**. Interested people can attend as shown below:

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People may also submit comments by phone (984-205-6615 project code 8026); email (Green-Swamp-Preserve@publicinput.com); or mail at the address shown below by **September 3, 2021**.

For more information, contact David Stutts, PE, Project Engineer, NCDOT Structures Management Unit using the phone and email listed above.

NCDOT will provide auxiliary aids and services under the Americans with Disabilities Act for disabled people who wish to participate in this virtual hearing. Anyone requiring special services should contact Diane Wilson, Environmental Analysis Unit, at 1598 Mail Service Center in Raleigh; 919-707-6073; or pdwilson1@ncdot.gov as early as possible so that arrangements can be made.

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