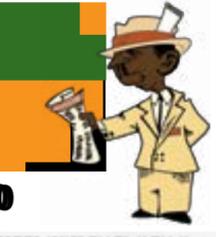


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Blending Heritage With Hospitality Perfectly

By Alana Edmond

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From the early to mid-20th century, the United States was bursting with thriving Black communities. Asheville, North Carolina was one of the many predominantly Black cities that had a flourishing local economy due to the number of Black homeowners and Black businesses. However, from the 1950s to the 1980s, the urban renewal project wreaked havoc on Asheville and other Black communities across the United States.

Kristin Kitchen, the founder and CEO of Sojourn Heritage Accommodations has a personal connection to the unfortunate events that displaced so many Black families in Asheville. She recalls, "My grandmother is from North Carolina. We had a house and they took it by eminent domain, put us in the projects, and never built anything there. The land is still there, vacant...That's America. That was urban renewal. When they systematically stole Black folks' properties."

Kristin's grandmother lived near what is now the River Arts District in Asheville. Although it may not reflect it now, the River Arts Districts and many parts of the United States have a Black past that has been erased by urban renewal and gentrification. One of Kristin's goals is to uncover those histories.

With a background in African American History and years of real estate experience, Kristin owns four bed and breakfasts



under the Sojourn Heritage Hotel Brand. The goal of the brand is to showcase the rich history of African Americans through a hospitality setting. Her first accommodation, Six Acres Bed & Breakfast, was founded in 2001 when Kristin had the opportunity to recover an old, run-down property located in Cincinnati that was once a part of the Underground Railroad.

"I found this old house that was part of the underground railroad. I actually went to a party

there when I was in high school, and the owners told me the history and that it was part of the underground railroad. So, I held on to that. It was all boarded up and the [owner] passed away but it couldn't be torn down because it was zoned historic. I was babbling about it to one of my neighbors and he told me that the new owners were our neighbors. I called them and I asked if I could buy it and they were like "sure!"

That property and the renovations ended up costing her three

times the amount she anticipated, however, she states, "if that wasn't going to sink me, nothing would." As a trained historian, Kristin's passion for African American history and the vision she had for her brand are what kept her going. She states, "the desire to create a brand that was going to tell our story and that was going to be focused on African American history was natural to me."

All of the Sojourn Heritage B&Bs are located on properties

that are relevant to the Black experience. In fact, Kristin affirms that you can "put me in any town in America and I can tell you the Black history story."

Rocky Mount, NC turns out to be a great city for a Black history lesson and a ripe location for her thriving business. Kristin's third bed and breakfast, *The Aventura Falls*, is set on what used to be the land of former slave owners and tells the history of Black people's contribution to North Carolina's tobacco industry from slavery to the present day. The B&B showcases pictures of African Americans that worked in the North Carolina tobacco industry.

"Because the house was built by descendants of a slave-owning family, the Aventura Family, we want to tell the history of those who tilled the fields so that they could buy that house."

Kristin also owns the Dunns Josephine Hotel located in the Overtown neighborhood of Miami, Florida, previously known as the "Harlem of the South." This hotel was the last historic property in the neighborhood and was used in the early 20th century to lodge Black performers, who performed in Miami, but could not rest in other Miami hotels that were for whites only. Although Overtown is being

rapidly gentrified, Kristin says she is "thrilled that we can fight to save some history and tell a Black story, because in ten years people won't even know that Black people lived in Overtown."

In addition to preserving Black History, Kristin has an unwavering commitment to supporting the communities in which her businesses are located. In late 2019, Kristin had just opened the Dunns Josephine Hotel after spending nearly a decade and "every dime" she had trying to launch the location. However, when the pandemic hit in 2020, the hospitality industry took a major blow, and Kristin's B&Bs were no exception. Although devastated, she decided that instead of leaving the hotel unoccupied, she would house Miami's homeless population.

But that is not the only thing Kristin has done to better surrounding communities. Through her accommodations, Kristin uplifts local communities by supporting Black-owned businesses and hiring people from within those communities. Every B&B under the Sojourn Heritage Hotel Brand is supplied by local Black-owned businesses—from the soaps to the wines, giving visitors a truly unique experi-

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Durham 4th-Grader Heading To Scripps

Frank Dumas, a fourth-grade student at Bethesda Elementary in Durham, is spewing Black excellence. Dumas won a trip to Washington D.C. to compete in the National Scripps Spelling Bee after winning the Duke Regional Spelling Bee on March 26.

While walking out of school last week, his peers cheered him on in victory; some of his peers even picked him up and tossed him into the air a few times.

Dumas will represent Durham Public Schools as well as his elementary school, being one of 200 students on the national stage competing in the Scripps National Spelling Bee in Washington, D.C. on June 2.

Once the news spread, North Carolina Gov. Roy Cooper gave a shout-out via social media to Dumas. "C-o-n-g-r-a-t-u-l-a-t-i-o-n-s, Frank! Good luck, we're rooting for you here in North Carolina."

Even though this is an amazing opportunity, it took a lot of preparation leading up to the competition. Dumas stated he would study for three to four hours a week in addition to his schoolwork.

"I feel confident because I've studied a lot," he stated. "So, I know that I can spell those words. First I was in the class spelling bee and I won that, so I had to go to the grade one and I studied for the grade one 'cause I kind of wanted to win it."

"After I won that it was the school one, and I like, studied a bunch."

His mom, Keyna Dumas, went on to explain why she pushed him to excel.



"That was part of my motivation in challenging them to participate, and not just participate in the school spelling bee, but to really take it seriously, to dive in and see how they could challenge themselves to learn more words and gain an appreciation, love and respect for words. Also, not a boy who studies all the time," she said.

"Yes, he's going to the (National) Spelling Bee but he's not just a speller. He's this normal kid who likes doing all the kid stuff, and he likes spelling. So, it's not just 'spelling is his life.' He has a lot of other activities he enjoys."

The Scripps National Spelling Bee will premiere on ION, Bounce, and Laff. ION will air the semifinals on June 1 and the finals on June 2, hosted by actor and literacy advocate LeVar Burton, of "Roots," "Star Trek: The Next Generation" and "Reading Rainbow."

Do Not Put That Mask Away Just Yet!

By Dr. Joy Martinez

Staff Writer

Philadelphia became the first major U.S. city to reinstate its indoor mask mandate on Monday after reporting a sharp increase in coronavirus infections, with the city's top health official saying she wanted to forestall a potential new wave driven by an omicron subvariant.

Since it was first identified in November, stealth omicron – or the BA.2 variant – has been spreading around the globe, driving new surges in parts of Asia and Europe. Omicron subvariant BA.2 is now dominant in at least 68 countries, including the U.S.

The World Health Organization says it makes up 94 percent of sequenced omicron cases submitted to an international coronavirus database. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention it was responsible for 72 percent of new U.S. infections last week. One reason it's gained ground: it's about 30 percent more contagious than the original omicron/

Confirmed COVID-19 cases have risen more than 50 percent in 10 days, the threshold at which the city's guidelines call for people to wear masks indoors, said



Dr. Cheryl Bettigole, the health commissioner. Health officials believe the recent spike is being driven by the BA.2 subvariant.

"If we fail to act now, knowing that every previous wave of infections has been followed by a wave of hospitalizations, and then a wave of deaths, it will be too late for many of our

residents," said Bettigole, noting about 750 Philadelphia residents died in the wintertime omicron outbreak. "This is our chance to get ahead of the pandemic, to put our masks on until we have more information about the severity of this new variant."

The U.S. is still losing more than 1,000 people a day, on aver-

age, to the virus. According to Dr. Fouci, "we generally follow the European Union, but particularly the U.K., by a few weeks, usually three or so weeks. And if you look at what's going on, for example, in the U.K., when you combine the increased trans-

(See *MASK*, P. 2)

Local Man Walks The Walk Of Mentorship

By Tyria McCray

Staff Writer

Scottie Barnes, founder of Katch The Kite program in Raleigh, is truly making a difference in the lives of young Black men across the Raleigh-Durham area.

This program aims to build self-esteem and career paths for teens in the foster care system. In addition, they assist "at-risk" youth through a film and music studio engineering program.

Since our youth of today face various hardships throughout life, Katch The Kite provides the young men with hands-on mentorship, tutoring and support with whatever life throws at them.

"What we do is prevention. We have kids that come in here and have never been in any trouble but that is what we want," said Barnes. "Even the ones that have been in trouble."

Barnes had a young man come in recently that was affiliated with a gang. Barnes took the arrival of this young man personally because of his past. He feels like Katch The Kite was created for this young man

and others like him. Barnes recalls, "I was in the streets for 25 years and I did not put anything good in those boys I was with. So we have to be the ones to fix it now." Barnes feels that knowing the

majority of teenagers, ages 14 and 15, have been through more turmoil than the average mentor these days.

"The mentors back then couldn't relate to me. My mom took me places but I left, I just did not want to be around them because they could not understand me. I was far gone. I had already done more at that time in the streets than they probably ever have. So we couldn't identify with one another which is why I started Katch The Kite."

This program not only gives youth an open outlet to speak but it adds value to their lives. Barnes made it a point to have an open-door policy known as Teen Talk Tuesdays. These gatherings are provided to welcome in any teen young man that needs a listening ear.

"The reason why I have an open-door policy," Barnes ex-

pains, "is because I do not know what young brother wants to talk or what a young brother might be going through."

Various other programs are offered at no fee.

Inside their building sits a beautiful studio. "We put this studio up with the young men in mind when we started this. My son is a producer and works for BET (Black Entertainment Television) which is a cable channel targeting African-American audiences and he is managed by me and Chris. Another young man that was under us is a lawyer now. So we have success stories that come from us and there is a good track record."

"We are from Raleigh, born and raised. We watched the great transformation into what Raleigh is today. We were subjects of our environment and we were telling the kids last night, we did not have anyone telling us different."

Barnes expressed that the elders that he looked up did not provide much guidance. This is what motivates him today, and what drives the mission of Katch The Kite.



SCOTTIE BARNES



NORTH CAROLINA CITY SETTLES FEMALE FIREFIGHTER'S LAWSUIT

ASHEVILLE (AP)—Officials in a North Carolina city have settled a federal discrimination lawsuit with a former female firefighter who said she had endured a hostile work environment in which the fire chief and others inflicted emotional distress.

John Hunter, the attorney representing former Asheville firefighter Joy Ponder, confirmed Tuesday that his client will get \$155,000 in compensatory damages. She also voluntarily dismissed her claim in U.S. District Court, Hunter said.

"I believe and hope that this settlement makes a statement that women will not just stand and be silent when treated unjustly," Ponder said in an email. "The settlement allows me to move forward with my life. I am eager to put this experience behind me and look forward to continuing my work for firefighters dealing with PTSD, as well as other future positive endeavors."

Hunter told the *Asheville Citizen-Times* that it was unusual for a gender discrimination case to survive summary judgment.

"The city didn't come forward with settlement offers until that happened," he said.

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ence. “The goal is to show Black excellence in a hospitality space so that the world can see we can do it all. To really make sure we support our own and be the change we want to see.”

By supporting local Black-

owned businesses and hiring from within the community, Kristin hopes to generate economic opportunities and revitalize urban communities in a way that is beneficial for the residents.

“My constant conversation

is, it's wonderful to be able to tell someone's story but how do you make sure that you have an economic impact on a community? That's one of the things we're most committed to. Ensuring that the Sojourn Brand has an economic impact into a community. That we're using the people in that town. We make sure we are supporting our communities and that Black people make money when we come into a community.”

Along with the creation of economic opportunities, Kris-

tin feels that entrepreneurship and ownership are crucial elements to the empowerment of Black people.

“My grandmother grew up in a rough life... And here I am, two generations later and I'm going to own the hotels they worked in. We've always been the bellhops and the doormen and the waitresses and the maids, but to be the ones who own the buildings and to be the ones that own the brands is extremely significant and important. It's kind of like an honor to my grandmother.”



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missibility of the BA.2, which is a sublineage variant of the original Omicron, together with the relaxation of some of the restrictions like mask-wearing and indoor concern about making sure people are vaccinated, and then you talk about the waning of immunity, they're starting to see an increase in case and, to some extent, an increase in hospitalization, even though they are not seeing an increase in — necessarily in severity of disease.”

A number of universities in the Washington, D.C. area reinstated mask mandates for students this week or last. American University and George Washington University on Tuesday both announced they will require students to wear masks at all times when on campus, except when alone or actively drinking or eating. Both schools, which recommend students wear KN95 or N95 masks, cited the rising COVID cases in the nation's capital as reasons for the reestablished rules. Across the country in Texas, Rice University also reinstated its masking policy for students and faculty on campus, save for those actively eating, drinking or teaching a class, citing a “significant rise in the number of positive cases reported in our community.”

In New York, where cases on Sunday had risen 42 percent from the week before, Columbia University reinstated its indoor mask mandate effective Monday, writing in part: “Based on the current situation and in an abundance of caution, non-cloth masks will be required in classrooms.”

“Continued caution in certain situations remains extremely important, particularly in indoor social settings when the vaccination

status of attendees is unknown or uncertain,” Columbia SVP Donna Lynne wrote in a statement to faculty and students. “Being up-to-date in terms of COVID-19 vaccination status — i.e., to get all doses of the vaccines (primary and booster doses) as recommended by the CDC — is critically important.”

Both New York and D.C. have seen high-profile COVID outbreaks among big names in the theater and political spheres, respectively, in recent weeks. On Broadway, several performances of the comedy “Plaza Suite” were canceled after Matthew Broderick tested positive, followed by his wife and co-star, Sarah Jessica Parker, in early April. Daniel Craig, too, has been sidelined from his revival of “Macbeth.”

Reportedly, more than half of Americans believe that COVID cases, hospitalizations, and deaths are decreasing — data that is unsupported by CDC data, which says those metrics are slightly increasing or remaining the same.

That skewed perception could be the result of wishful thinking, with people interpreting information so that it aligns with what would make them happy, even if evidence points elsewhere. It's an idea proposed by philosopher and cognitive scientist Paul Thagard in his paper *The Cognitive Science of COVID-19: Acceptance, Denial, and Belief Change*, published in November.

Many health experts expect to see a rise in the Carolinas in the coming weeks. “I am anticipating that with the increase in travel and changes in patterns with spring break and several holidays coming up, we are likely going to have an increase in cases and potentially hospitalizations over the next few weeks,” said Dr. Julie Swann, a professor at North Carolina State University who has tracked models throughout the pandemic.

“Just look to your left, look to your right. We're all hearing about friends, neighbors, and family who are getting infected over the last week, so the numbers are going up,” Dr. David Wohl, an infectious disease expert at UNC said.

Predicting how many cases will increase is difficult, especially with the rise in popularity of at-home testing. “There is less data than there was earlier because of testing. It's not updated as frequently because we are not in as dire a situation as we have been before,” Swann explained.

Positive at-home testing kits are not included in states' case counts, which means the number of total cases is underreported.

“We know those lab-reported cases won't capture all of them including our at-home tests. But that's why all along we've never relied on looking at one metric, we've relied on multiple metrics that help look at our trends,” Dr. Elizabeth Tilson, North Carolina's

state health director explained.

During the first week of April, NC Gov. Roy Cooper signed a new executive order to extend North Carolina's COVID-19 response. Executive Order 256 on Friday to extend provisions granting the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services secretary flexibility to increase the health care workforce to ensure continuity of operations in hospitals, adult care homes, nursing homes, and other long-term care facilities.

The new order means professional licensing boards will retain the authority to modify or waive requirements that would otherwise prevent retired medical professionals, trained students and other individuals from providing care to COVID patients.

“While we have turned the corner on this pandemic, we must continue to make sure that tests, vaccines, and treatments are widely available and that we remain prepared for the potential of future surges,” Cooper said. “The measures in this Executive Order are essential to North Carolina's continued response to this virus.”

Cooper acknowledged that “these metrics, taken together, indicate declining COVID transmission across North Carolina and declining severity of disease and hospital burden from COVID,” but nonetheless extended his previous pandemic related executive orders until at least July 15, 2022.

What Was The Red Ball Express?

By Matthew Delmont

Dartmouth College

Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower had a problem. In June 1944, Allied forces had landed on Normandy Beach in France and were moving east toward Nazi Germany at a clip of sometimes 75 miles per day.

With most of the French rail system in ruins, the Allies had to find a way to transport supplies to the advancing soldiers.

“Our spearheads... were moving swiftly,” Eisenhower later recalled. “The supply service had to catch these with loaded trucks. Every mile doubled the difficulty because the supply truck had always to make a two-way run to the beaches and back, in order to deliver another load to the marching troops.”

The solution to this logistics problem was the creation of the

Red Ball Express, a massive fleet of nearly 6,000 2½-ton General Motors cargo trucks. The term Red Ball came from a railway tradition whereby railmen marked priority cars with a red dot.

From August through November 1944, 23,000 American truck drivers and cargo loaders—70 percent of whom were Black—moved more than 400,000 tons of ammunition, gasoline, medical supplies and rations to battlefronts in France, Belgium and Germany.

These Red Ball Express trucks and the Black men who drove and loaded them made the U.S. Army the most mobile and mechanized force in the war.

They also demonstrated what military planners have long understood—logistics shape what is possible on the fields of battle.

That's a point well known in today's war in Ukraine: As the

Russian invasion stretches into its second month, logistics have been an important factor.

The Red Ball Express gave the Allies a strategic advantage over the German infantry divisions, which were overly reliant on rail, wagon trains and horses to move troops and supplies.

A typical German division during the same period had nearly 10 times as many horses as motor vehicles and ran on oats just as much as oil. This limited the range of the vaunted Blitzkrieg, or lightning attacks, because German tanks and motorized units could not move far ahead of their infantry divisions and supplies.

Driving day and night, the Red Ball truckers earned a reputation as tireless and fearless troops. They steered their loud, rough-driving trucks down pitch-black country roads and through narrow lanes in French towns. They drove fast and adopted the French phrase “tout de suite”—immediately, right now—as their motto.

Gen. George S. Patton “wanted us to eat, sleep, and drive, but mostly drive,” one trucker recalled.

James Rookard, a 19-year-old truck driver from Maple Heights, Ohio, saw trucks get blown up and feared for his life.

“There were dead bodies and dead horses on the highways after bombs dropped,” he said. “I was scared, but I did my job, hoping for the best. Being young and about 4,000 miles away from home, anybody would be scared.”

Patton concluded that “the 2½ truck is our most valuable weapon,” and Col. John D. Eisenhower, the supreme commander's son, argued that without the Red Ball truck drivers, “the advance across France could not have been made.”

The Red Ball Express was a microcosm of the larger Black American experience during World War II. Prompted by the *Pittsburgh Courier*, an influential Black newspaper at the time, Black Americans rallied behind the Double V campaign during the war, which aimed to secure victory over fascism abroad and victory over racism at home.

Many soldiers saw their service as a way to demonstrate the capabilities of their race.

The Army assigned Black troops almost exclusively to service and supply roles, because military leaders believed they lacked the intelligence, courage and skill needed to fight in combat units.

Despite the racism they encountered during training and deployment, Black troops served bravely in every theater of World War II. Many saw patriotism and a willingness to fight as two characteristics by which manhood and citizenship were defined.

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Black Friday Market: From Virtual To Physical

By Tyria McCray

Staff Writer

On the corner of West Hargett Street and South Salisbury in downtown Raleigh sits a thriving Black-owned businesses in the city. In its unique way, Black Friday Market serves as more than a regular department or retail store. It represents Black culture, Black creativity, Black unity, and lastly pure Black excellence.

The market features Black-owned products such as clothes, hats, hair and skin care products, jewelry, artwork, handbags, kitchenware, candles, and children's toys.

Co-Owner Johnny Hackett Jr. started Black Dollar NC which is an online directory of Black-owned businesses and entrepreneurs. Black Friday Market later opened as an extension of that online directory by providing those products.

"I wanted to give business owners a place to sell their products," said Hackett. "I started Black Dollar NC and after doing that for a year, I noticed that every business that signs up on the directory is online only because they do not have their own storefront. Everyone hustles out of the car or crib and nothing is wrong with that."

"So when I started the directory, I was not thinking about opening a store. But there was a recognition that many of our businesses were online, so fast forward to a couple of months, we then get this opportunity so I did not hesitate because I knew there were so many business owners with good products and good at what they do but did not have a space like any other business owner."

"So that was the deciding factor which was we can open up a high-quality and high traffic area in the middle of downtown Raleigh and this be a place for business owners that otherwise, did not have that opportunity."

So far the market has accumulated a total of 83 vendors. From Black-owned apparel to snicker-doodle cookies, wall decor, eccentric jewelry, hair and body oils, crystals, and so much more, this market has earned its nickname,



as the "Black WalMart."

"Month to month our vendors fluctuate. It will go up, when we first started we were at 105 but we have always hovered around 80 vendors though," said Hackett. "We are also looking to open more stores in Durham and trying to figure out if we want to open in Charlotte or Greensboro. We actually have two good leads in both of those areas but right now we are focusing on Durham. We see ourselves getting to a max of five stores over the next year."

"The feedback from the community has been amazing. There are also two sets of the community. The consumer and the small business community. The consumers more so are very thankful for providing one place to shop with Black-owned business owners and the business owners are truly grateful to have that opportunity to be able to earn without having to actually be here."

Overall Hackett is blessed to have a thriving Black business but he does not take it for granted.

"We do not take any days off even though we have gotten this

far. We are always figuring out what to improve and change what we are doing to better support business owners to be more responsive to what they need and responsive to customers and their demands. As you can see now, we are renovating, so it is like we are never satisfied, we are always trying to figure out a better way to

lay things out because ultimately, it benefits the business owners," he added.

In 2021, Black Friday Market accumulated \$385,000 in sales that all went back to business owners. However, Hackett likes the number five. Initially, there were five business owners that began selling at the market whereas now they have their own storefront.

"Lastly, when people walk in, I want them to feel welcomed. I want them to feel a positive vibe when they come in."

"Whenever anyone walks through the door, we always say wassup or how are you doing which is separate from what you might get from a big corporation. We are local, so every engagement matters," said Hackett.

Black Friday Market does not take commission which means that 100 percent of sales go to the business owners. So far the market still has some of the same business owners that they initially began with.

"To consumers, we want to be known as a one-stop shop where one can shop locally, support your local businesses, and be known for that. Amongst the business community, we want to be known as a welcoming place where they can come in and sell their products," Hackett concluded.

For store hours and more information, visit their website at <https://blackfriday.market/>.

Instrument Petting Zoo

By Zenobia Dowdy

Campus Echo

Celebrating 48 years of service, the ladies of the Epsilon Lambda chapter of Tau Beta Sigma decided to try something different last February for Charter Day. The goal: to do something service-oriented that would also give back to the community.

Epsilon Lambda Chapter President Destiny Baker came up with the idea of an Instrument Petting Zoo.

The concept was simple. They'd gather fellow sorority sisters, a few musical instruments, and children who could use some exposure to music.

Sorority sisters then took the idea to N.C. Central University and Epsilon Lambda alumna and Lakewood Elementary School librarian Turquoise Lejune Parker.

According to Parker the idea of an instrument petting zoo lined up perfectly with her "Mrs. Parker's Career Day 2022." The event was held on February 9.

FUNDraising Good Times

By Mel & Pearl Shaw
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We hear it all the time, "Fundraisers are just professional beggars." We respond: "Really? Would you call Bill Gates, Elton John, Denzel Washington, Steph Curry, and Elizabeth Taylor beggars? What about the President of the United States, a college president, a minister; or the CEO of the Red Cross, the American Heart Association?" Could it be that we display our insecurity when we call fundraisers professional beggars? Are we afraid to ask others to give to organizations and institutions we believe in, and so we degrade those who are bold enough and talented enough to do so? Maybe this a culture thing: a way in which we put down some people and causes and elevate others?

Begging is typically associated with asking from a place of destitution, pleading, desperation. The person who begs is seen as "less than" as they seek out food, clothing, shelter, just a little kindness... Many of us seek to be anything but a beggar—we fear those who beg because we fear being in their shoes. Sometimes we turn a cold shoulder saying, "pull yourself up by your bootstraps." There are many negative associations with the words beggar or begging. But we forget there are also positive connotations. Here's one that clearly contributes the confusion between fundraising and begging: to ask for as a gift, as charity, or as a favor.

Here's the newsflash: fundraising is a profession. There are standards, qualifications, training and ethics. Those outside the profession don't always know this. Instead, we elevate or devalue fundraisers based on social status, race, gender, age or gender identity. Here's an example: some fundraisers beg people to give to HBCUs while others encourage investment in Ivy League institutions. We place these labels on ourselves, and others place these labels on us. This means our work—whether paid or volunteered—is not seen as valuable and the causes we represent are less than.

Fundraising is a noble profession. Fundraisers ask people to come together to contribute towards positive solutions. The solution could be medical research that pays off in 20 years; dance classes for children; national or international travel for high school students. Maybe it is something as "basic" as feeding, clothing, and sheltering our neighbors; ensuring they have access to medical care, counseling, and medications? Do you consider fundraising a proud and honorable profession, regardless of the activity? Or is the "honor" associated with the size of the gift being asked for; the cause; who is doing the asking; the magnitude of the project; who will be served or will benefit?

The nonprofit sector is the third largest employer; in the fourth quarter of 2021 alone it contributed \$1.4 trillion to the economy; and fundraising professionals are critical to generating revenue within this sector. Do our language and insecurities create a negative image of an important profession? Are we keeping young people—and mid-career and late-career professionals—from moving into this profession? Our words impact the world we seek to create: let's lift up our fundraisers and their important work.

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With Aid To Spend, Schools Are Looking For Students Who Need Help

Schools across America are racing to make up for time they lost during the pandemic by budgeting billions of dollars for tutoring, summer camps and longer school days and trying to untangle which students need help most urgently after two years of disruptions.

Many schools saw large numbers of students fall under the radar when learning went online for the pandemic. Many skipped class, tests and homework. Record numbers of families opted out of annual standardized tests, leaving some districts with little evidence of how students were doing in reading and math.

Now districts are trying to address that lack of information by adding new tests, training teachers to spot learning gaps and exploring new ways to identify students who need help. In many districts, the findings are being used to guide the spending of billions of dollars in federal relief that's meant to address learning loss and can be used in myriad ways.

New York City is adding three rounds of testing this year, hop-

ing to pinpoint which students are behind. Similar tests are being used in Virginia's Fairfax County, which is allotting larger shares of funding to schools with lower scores. Chicago is prioritizing students using a ranking system that factors in their grades and also rates of COVID-19 and violent crime near their homes.

"Understanding completely where students are and what those gaps or challenges might be for them — that is going to be a challenge for us," said Debbie Durrence, the data officer for Gwinnett County, Georgia.

Her team, which serves the 180,000-student district, has started tracking a new metric: "missingness." In regular reports, the team aims to log what is known about each student's learning progress, but also what is unknown. Schools have been asked to help fill in gaps, and students are being tested more frequently.

For students, disruptions related to the pandemic are still reverberating. Now that Lorena Rivera's twin daughters are back

in the classroom in Boston, some of their teachers have quit mid-year or gotten sick with COVID-19. The 14-year-old twins struggled with virtual learning, feeling like they had nowhere to turn when they had trouble with math problems.

"There was a lot of giving up — it was hard," Rivera said.

Her daughters, Elizabeth and Amerie Alder, have since found support through a local tutoring program, Boston Partners in Education, but Rivera wonders whether their school knows how her daughters are doing.

"I'm not sure because every time you meet with someone, they give you something different," she said. "Some teachers say they're doing great, others say they can do better."

Early results of data gathering by some of the country's biggest school districts confirm what many had feared: Groups of students that already faced learning gaps before the pandemic, including Black and Hispanic students and those from low-income families, appear to be behind in even greater numbers now.

In Fairfax County, tests given this fall found that 68% of Hispanic elementary school students need intervention in math, up from 55% in 2019. Students learning English saw a similar increase. A quarter of white students were flagged for help, up from 19% in 2019.

Last year, public schools in Houston found that 45% of Black and Hispanic students had at least one failing grade. That was up from 30% in 2019, and nearly three times the rate of white students.

Similar inequities are turning up at schools across the country, said Robin Lake, director of the Center on Reinventing Public Education, a national research group. It suggests that long-standing inequities are widening, she said, which could translate to deeper learning and income gaps for generations to come.

States have been raising alarms, urging schools to focus on students who spent more time away from school. Utah's education officials found that students who missed last year's exams were far more likely to be Native

American or Hispanic, prompting an urgent call to find those students and "prevent them from falling into an academic spiral."

Many bigger districts already had testing regimes and data systems to find students who are falling behind, while some are scrambling to catch up. But not all major districts are analyzing the data or making it public.

New York City is spending \$36 million on new testing, but officials said they don't have district-wide results. Instead, they said the tests are being used at the school level to help teachers support students.

Schools in Chicago were encouraged to use a new screening exam, but a district spokesperson declined to provide the results.

In Fairfax County, where more than 20% of students opted out of state tests last year, district officials attempted to fill in the gaps by giving students informal, low-stakes tests to measure their progress this fall.

"We've been working to figure out which students need the most targeted support most quickly,"

said Amy Goodloe, principal of Rocky Run Middle School. Teachers have used test results to find concepts students struggle with and create plans to get them up to speed, she said.

The results are also guiding the district as it divides \$188 million in federal funding among nearly 200 schools. In many buildings, the money is being used to add staff who help students in small groups, or to hire tutors for more personal help after school.

Testing increases in some districts have led to pushback from parents and teachers who say it takes away from valuable classroom time, but proponents say it's a crucial step toward understanding the impact of the pandemic.

In Texas, a law passed last year requires 30 hours of tutoring for students who did not pass state exams last year. It applies to students who failed tests but also those who didn't take exams.

In Houston, the state's largest district, officials are hiring more tutors but haven't added new tests.

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Type 1 Diabetes Numbers Are Skyrocketing In Black Youth

By Tyria Mccray

Staff Writer

Type 1 and 2 diabetes present a serious burden among African-American youth and adolescents. When Minnesota native Katie Martin's sons Caleb (13) and Micah (5) were diagnosed with Type 1 diabetes in 2012, she recalls being overwhelmed with new information at the time of the diagnosis.

The first thing she remembered was learning how expensive her son's insulin was. Since her family did not have health insurance at the time, they had to pay egregiously expensive medical bills to keep her son alive. The mother recalled crying in the middle of the store when the pharmacist read her the prescription price.

Due to insulin prices being so high, it serves as a challenge for Black families, as the prevalence of youth cases of Type 1 diabetes has grown sharply among diverse populations, according to a 2020 report from the CDC. In fact, T1D cases among African-American children increased by 20 percent with 20.8 children diagnosed per 100,000 between 2002 and 2015.

Katie Martin is one of the many mothers who has struggled with the high costs of care for people with diabetes. Since 2001, the list price of insulin has skyrocketed to 11 percent annually which left those without health insurance or on high-deductible insurance plans having to pay unaffordable out-of-pocket expenses.

Thankfully, the global diabetes nonprofit Beyond Type 1 is working to make more patients aware of GetInsulin.org, an anonymous website that doesn't collect any personal information and serves as a free resource for anyone in the U.S. who needs insulin.

Based on the questions that are being answered on the website, experts then provide people with an action plan such as co-pay cards and information about assistance programs.

Beyond Type 1 is a nonprofit organization that changes the narrative on what it means to live with diabetes. The nonprofit empowers people to live well today and support a better tomorrow through peer support programs, global campaigns, digital platforms, and education on diabetes.

Chief Advocacy Officer Christel Aprigliano spoke about why they partnered with Getinsulin.org and their plans going forward.

"For the entire diabetes community, nobody wants to jump through hoops, diabetes is hard enough already. So there is a bill that was introduced in the Senate by senator Raphael Warnock. So this bill is for individuals who are on Medicare and individuals who have commercial or marketplace insurance. Their monthly prescription would be \$35 per month. Which is great."

The Affordable Insulin Now

Act will help individuals who have insurance, and individuals who are also on other types of government assistance. However, it does not help people who are on non-Affordable Care Act or non-marketplace insurance plans because health ministries or short-term plans are not covered under that \$35 per month plan.

Specifically, the bill caps cost-sharing under private health insurance for a month's supply of selected insulin products at \$35 or 25 percent of a plan's negotiated price (after any price concessions), whichever is less, beginning in 2023.

In some cases, sometimes families cannot afford to pay for insulin even after they have been given assistance from Get Insulin. Even if they have followed all the steps and answered all the questions, and are still not able to access affordable insulin, that is where Beyond Type 1 steps in.

"The first thing people should do is contact the email address to contact Beyond Type 1. We will then walk them through and help them find a solution on how to pay. In the last couple of years, especially during the pandemic, the number of programs for people to access affordable insulin has increased. So if you have any type of insurance, there are programs that are available and if you are uninsured, there are programs available. So we want to make sure that no matter what your current situation is, you have the ability to access it. We also can direct people to the federally qualified health centers, that are within peoples' communities. Therefore, we want to make sure that people can access affordable insulin," said Aprigliano

More importantly, a person does not need to have health insurance in order to use the Get Insulin website.

"What they do need is an active prescription. So when someone is diagnosed, that person is given an insulin prescription. The minute they have that, they can use the website to access assistance. So if you have insurance, there are co-pay cards, and if you do not have insurance, there are co-pay cards," said Christel.

The Carolinian also spoke with Katie Martin on her son's journey and their progress.

"My sons are the only known diabetics with type 1 diabetes on my side of the family and my husband's side. When we first found out that he had diabetes, we were shocked.

"We felt like it was a misdiagnosis and between myself and my husband, we did not know much about diabetes so when he was rushed to the hospital, he was pretty sick and I started asking doctors were they sure that he had diabetes. I was really in disbelief once we found out."

"As far as cost-wise, it did not really set into me how much

diabetes costs until after leaving the hospital and having to refill prescriptions. Because when we left, they kind of just handed us a lot of stuff so we did not see the bill right away. It wasn't until we needed to refill his insulin is when it hit me how expensive it was."

Currently, Katie Martin and her family are insured which is great and Get Insulin provided those necessary resources to help her son.

"With that website, because we are able to type in where we are located and demographics and it then gives us all the resources out there to help. So for me, that's helpful knowing that there is help rather than playing the guessing game and calling doctors to figure out what to do.

"As far as COVID, it was rough! I remember watching the news going into 2020 and from early on in the spring when it first began, we just went into home mode, no one was coming to visit. We were not going anywhere because we did not know

what COVID would do to people with Type 1 diabetes.

"It was really scary because any sickness along with diabetes can really knock them down. But we are finally starting to get back to normal," said Katie

Newly diagnosed families have reached out to Katie via social media and throughout the community. She stated that she makes it a point to always inform people of Beyond Type 1 and GetInsulin.org if they need assistance with paying for insulin, or if they need help with setting their insurance up.

Also, her sons are progressing; Caleb has been a diabetic since he was 4, and Micah since he was 2 years old. Both are thriving and enjoying life as kids. Caleb recently signed up for high school and beginning spring sports.

"It's nice to watch him be himself without worrying about the diabetes aspect," said Katie. Overall, she feels great that her sons have a future where they are able to live life carefree.



Martin and her two sons



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Fact & Fitness

By Jeneea Jervay-Bush, M.S.

BARRIERS: PART 2

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What does this look like? It looks like prioritizing your workout or sport practice or food prep and ranking their impact to your goals. Starting with a workout example, let's say a person wants to lose weight and lose fat and tone muscles. This hypothetical goal combination includes 2-3 days of resistance/strength training, 4-5 cardio days, and 2 nonconsecutive recovery/rest days per week. It's the 6th day of the week, the 7th day is a recovery day, 4 cardio days have already been completed, 1 strength training day has been completed, and the person feels themselves starting to lose steam during cardio on a day where the plan is to start with cardio and finish with strength training. Should the person finish the cardio because they already started it and hope they have enough in the tank to complete the strength training?

The approach selected depends on the person's number of years of workout experience, which month of the plan they're on, whether the strength training is on machines, whether they enjoy strength training, and which part of the goal is priority one. Build a barrier/boundary around the part of the workout that correlates to the priority one and that portion of the workout should be given the most weight (pun intended) when considering trade-off options.

A beginner whose strength training program is on weightlifting machines should probably stop cardio and transition to completing their 2nd day of strength training for the week. With 4 cardio days already complete, the cardio weekly threshold has been met but the strength training threshold is in jeopardy.

A person with 10 years or more of workout experience should be able to gauge whether they have enough left in the tank to finish the resistance training after completing the cardio, with good form. There's a difference between needing to go slower because you're getting tired versus inability to complete the resistance training with good form. Form should never be sacrificed as it impacts safety and injury potential. A breakdown in form should be the end of the workout for anyone. That said, if this person's total experience points to being able to...

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Community

St. Augustine's Launches First HBCU Women's Rowing Team In The Country

The Saint Augustine's University (SAU) School of Business, Management & Technology has announced the formation of the first HBCU women's rowing team in the country. The team has recently been approved and registered by the American Collegiate Rowing Association (ACRA). It plans to compete against other schools in local regattas in the coming months.

"ACRA is proud to do whatever we can to support our sport's growth and encourage SAU and other HBCUs to join our organization," said ACRA president Cam Brown in a statement.

The team has been in the works since the summer of 2021. Dr. Mark Janas, a professor in SAU's School of Business, Management, & Technology, coaches the indoor training sessions and virtual competitions. In addition, North Carolina State University Rowing Team Head Coach HT Slaughter, Coach Kees Koopman of the Triangle Rowing Club, and other area volunteer coaches provide coaching for live water sessions. The team is already competing virtually, and the



live water competition will begin as early as Fall 2022.

"We've had rowing in mind since the inception of our virtual sports program and suite that opened in early 2021," Dr. Janas said in a statement. "Virtual sports' in our defini-

tion are distinct from 'esports' in that they are real sports that require the equivalent or similar skill and fitness as the 'real sport' counterpart, but they can be done virtually."

The only HBCU to sponsor a rowing team has been Howard,

which started a program in Washington, DC, in the 1960s. A 1964 Sports Illustrated article gave a historical account of the Howard team. That Howard Crew program came back to the rowing world's attention in 2020 via social media thanks to posts from Rowers for BLM.

"We started looking into Howard and what they had going on, and [Dr. Janas] put us on a little assignment," said SAU junior rowing team member Mikahya Hill in a statement. "We didn't find anything: Just Howard, and that was about as far as rowing at HBCUs went."

The team has a roster of five student-athletes, which currently allows them to compete in the Quad category. The group plans to grow to ten athletes to compete in the Eight categories.

"We're just eager to get on the water already," said Hill in a statement. "We want to get things going and get more dedicated people on the team who want to make a name for ourselves."

For more information about the SAU women's rowing team, please contact Dr. Mark Janas at mjanas@st-aug.edu or follow the team on Instagram at @SAUCrewTeam.



Sheriff's Office, Firebirds Host Youth B-Ball Event

The NCAA's "March Madness" may have come to an end for the season, but the Wake County Sheriff's Office wants to add one more day of exciting basketball for Wake County kids.

The Wake County Sheriff's Office, along with the Raleigh Firebirds Professional Basketball Team, hosted the first annual "Hoops with the Sheriff's Office, Saturday, April 9th.

Members of the agency's Community Relations Unit selected 24 children, ages 10 through 14, to play with Wake County Deputies and Detention Officers. There were four teams taking part in the single elimination tournament.

"Through a shared love of basketball, the Wake County Sheriff's Office is excited to provide an event that positively reaches the youth of this community," said Wake County Sheriff Gerald Baker. "This agency continues to develop programs and events that promote positive interactions between law enforcement and the community. This tournament is just one, of many events which builds lasting bonds with a new generation of citizens."

Each child participant received a jersey and a basketball to take home with them to promote staying active.

What Is A 529 College Savings Plan?

THE CONVERSATION—A 529 college savings plan is an investment account that families can open to save for college by investing money that grows tax-free. The name of the account comes from Section 529 of the U.S. tax code.

The money can be used for qualifying education expenses, such as tuition, room and board, textbooks, computers and travel.

People can add money to a 529 account whenever they like, or set up automatic withdrawals from their checking account.

At the end of 2020, Americans had invested a total of US\$425 billion in 529 plans. In 2020, the average 529 plan had \$25,644, but average balances vary by the age of the child. This amount is almost exactly the total cost of only one year at an in-state, four-year college. The average total cost of one year at a private school is more than double that amount.

When money is placed into a 529, it's not as if the money is just sitting there. You will have several possible investment options to choose from that com-

prise stocks, bonds or a combination of the two. There are usually preset investment portfolios based on a child's age. When a child is young, these portfolios are mostly stocks and are invested more aggressively. But as the child ages, the portfolio automatically transfers more money to bonds, which are usually less volatile. So the effectiveness of a 529 plan depends on how well the stock market performs.

It is also possible to use 529 plans for graduate school. So if a child earns a full scholarship as an undergraduate, then the money from the child's 529 plan can be saved for graduate school.

A recent change in 529 plans allows them to be used for education before college. More specifically, they can be used to pay up to \$10,000 per year for tuition at K-12 schools.

For college, however, there are no limits on how much can

be withdrawn to cover education expenses.

Every state in the United States, plus Washington, D.C., has its own 529 plan. However, not all plans are the same. For that reason, it is important to research which plans have the lowest fees, the best investment options and the best overall returns.

There are no residency requirements. In other words, you don't have to live in a particular state to invest in the state's 529 plan. However, if a state offers a tax deduction for investing in its 529 plan, then you have to live in that state to get the deduction.

It is possible to move funds in 529 plan accounts from one beneficiary to another. Beneficiaries who do not use their 529 plan funds can even transfer the account to their own children or another family member without penalty.



Men of all races gathered in Downtown Durham this past Sunday for the NC Finest Event. This remarkable event was held at the CCB plaza in front of the Durham Bulls Stadium. The event consisted of men coming together to make a fashion statement and also to convey to the younger generation that it is okay to dress nicely without their pants sagging. Derrick Bridges ultimately came up with this concept when he noticed black men on social media dressed nice. He then partnered with James Abrams, owner of Jadas Men's Accessories which grew into the NC Finest event. Photos By Delmas Cooper



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Chapel Hill Celebrates The First Freedom Ride

On April 9, 1947, eight Black and eight white members of the Congress of Racial Equality set out from Washington, D.C., on Greyhound and Trailways buses in what was billed as the "Journey of Reconciliation." Their goal was to test the enforcement of Morgan vs. Virginia, a Supreme Court decision that declared segregation on interstate buses and trains unconstitutional. Their planned route included stops in Virginia, North Carolina, Tennessee, and Kentucky. Chapel Hill was the only stop where the riders met with violence.

On April 12, the buses arrived in Chapel Hill where the organizers met with local pastor, Reverend Charles Jones, as well as students and townspeople. As the buses prepared to depart on April 13, four riders—Andrew Johnson, James Felmet, Bayard Rustin, and Igal Roodenko—were arrested for disorderly conduct for refusing to comply with the segregated seating rules. One rider, James Peck, was physically attacked for his participation.

The riders arrested in Chapel Hill were later sentenced to thirty days on a chain gang. Bayard Rustin's writings about the Journey and later about his experiences on the chain gang later inspired Rosa Parks' protest in 1955 and the Freedom Riders of 1960-61.

At its April 6 meeting, Chapel Hill Town Council proclaimed April 13 as the Journey of Reconciliation Day of Remembrance. The Town of Chapel Hill, in partnership with community groups, faith organizations, and the University, encourages everyone to commemorate the 75th anniversary of the 1947 Journey of Reconciliation, also known as the First Freedom Ride.



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NC REALTORS® recognize the significance of the Fair Housing Act and reconfirm their commitment to upholding fair housing law as well as offering equal professional service to all in their search for real property. We now offer special training on Fair Housing to all our REALTOR® members and, this month, are funding a multimedia campaign to increase awareness of Fair Housing statewide in radio, newspaper, and social media.

Thankfully, our elected officials at both the state and national levels are joining us in this commitment. Congress and the President recently agreed to a 2022 fiscal year spending bill that includes important provisions for fair housing. The bill includes \$85 million directly to the agencies that do the most to protect fair housing. In addition, the bill provides billions of additional dollars for affordable housing loans and grants. Finally, the legislation had nearly \$100 million for housing counseling and legal aid. In North Carolina, the most recent state budget bill included \$180 million for a workforce housing loan program. We need more, diverse housing available so we can keep housing affordable for all North Carolinians.

Fair Housing Month is a time to remember that we all have a part to play in ensuring equal access to housing for all. More than 50 years after the passage of the landmark Fair Housing Act, there is still work to do, and NC REALTORS® are committed to leading the way. As we like to say, We Open Doors to Everyone.

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Links Award \$1 Million Grant

WASHINGTON, D.C.—(News-wire.com)—The Links Foundation, Incorporated, the philanthropic arm of The Links, Incorporated, has awarded its sixth \$1 million Legacy Grant to the Obama Presidential Center, which is set to open in Chicago in 2025.

With a focus on driving economic growth and development, bolstering tourism, and developing the next generation of leaders, the Obama Presidential Center's vision and mission fully aligns with the goals and objectives of the Legacy Grant program.

"This is such a proud moment in our history," said Kimberly Jeffries Leonard, Ph.D., national president of The Links Foundation, Incorporated and The Links, Incorporated. "And we are honored to take part in cementing this historic milestone that celebrates

our nation's first African -American president and first lady on the South Side of Chicago, the place they call home."

Nestled in historic Jackson Park, the Obama Presidential Center will feature a world-class museum, forum, and a branch of the Chicago Public Library. The Obama Presidential Center will serve as a place to welcome visitors to honor history while inspiring young people to write chapters of their own.

At the heart of the 20-acre Obama Presidential Center will be a public plaza named in honor of John Lewis. The late congressman lauded The Links, Incorporated in 2019 as a distinguished organization of outstanding community service and influence.

"The Links is committed to supporting organizations like the

Obama Presidential Center that also celebrates change agents like the late civil rights icon John Lewis who fought for rights and privileges we enjoy today," remarked Rosalind Hudnell, national director of philanthropy for The Links Foundation, Incorporated and The Links, Incorporated.

"We appreciate The Links Foundation's support of the Obama Presidential Center which will inspire, empower, and connect the next generation of leaders here in Chicago and around the world," said Obama Foundation CEO Valerie Jarrett. "Support from organizations like The Links Foundation is crucial to helping us bring the Obama Presidential Center to life and invest in the community that means so much to president and Mrs. Obama."



HOPPY EASTER— The Easter Bunny was so excited about this in-person egg hunt that he delivered LOTS of eggs! The Town of Cary hosted an Easter Egg Hunt at Middle Creek HS football stadium on Saturday. *Mathias Bishop Photos*



North Carolina FC's Oalex Anderson (9) and Chattanooga's Jorge luna (2) compete for control of the ball in the first half. The NCFC and the Chattanooga Red Wolves met in the NCFC's home opener in Cary, NC on April 9th. Chattanooga went on to win 3-1. *Steve Worthy Photo*

NCCU's Wicker-McCree Stepping Down

DURHAM—After almost 28 years as N.C. Central University's athletic director Ingrid Wicker-McCree announced earlier this school year that she will be stepping down after this semester.

Wicker-McCree received her introduction to sports at a young age. She played basketball, volleyball and track as an adolescent before taking her talents to the collegiate level at George Washington University. Unbeknownst to her, Wicker-McCree would hone more skills off the court.

Wicker-McCree got her introduction to athletic administration at her beloved alma mater.

"I worked in the Smith Center, which was our arena. I worked

at the front desk checking ids for patrons coming in, the equipment desk, and gymnastics meets in terms of operations and behind the scenes," she said.

Wicker-McCree was offered a volleyball coaching position by Judy Martino at N.C. State University where she worked as a graduate assistant. She later found a new home at NCCU in 1994 where she coached volleyball in addition to working as athletic director.

Wicker-McCree was one of few Black women to hold this high of a position in athletic administration. As a woman of color she faced a number of challenges.

But Wicker-Mcree is no strang-

er to challenges. She says she was taught at an early age to put in the work to get the things she'd wanted out of life.

"My mom and my dad always told me that as a Black woman you are going to have to work harder, you are going to have to be more resourceful at all times."

Wicker-McCree was able to accomplish a lot during years at NCCU because of her work ethic. Her accomplishments include winning multiple volleyball championships in the Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference, bringing the athletics program to the Division I status, and, of course mentoring student athletes, far too many to count.

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Judge Jackson has exceptional credentials, impeccable character, and an unwavering dedication to the rule of law, the Constitution, and we the people. She has outstanding qualifications to sit on the Supreme Court.

Republicans disrespectfully tried to block her at every turn, and they continue to stand in the way of progress for the American people. But for Democrats, voters are valued, and a promise made is a promise kept.

Congratulations to the Honorable Ketanji Brown Jackson on her historic confirmation!

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Community

Jesse Jackson, Jr. Visits Raleigh

By Tyria McCray

Staff Writer

Former Congressman Jesse Jackson Jr. visited the Omega Multipurpose Center in Garner this past weekend to promote his new book, *The Finger of God: From the Lineage of David to the Presidency of the United States*.

The author and Chicago native is a graduate of North Carolina A&T State University and served 17 years in the U.S. House of Representatives from Illinois' 2nd Congressional District.

As the eldest son of civil rights

leader Reverend Jesse Jackson Sr., Jr. faced controversy and setbacks after he resigned from Congress after being convicted of campaign finance violations.

During his time incarcerated at Butner Correctional Facility in North Carolina in 2013, Jr. stated that he received many revelations about God as well as the vision for America going forward.

More importantly, he spoke to members of the Xi Mu Mu Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity on the theological perspective of the foundation of the nation by its forefathers. He also examined

the U.S. Constitution and educated the audience while invoking his vision for America.

"I value America and its traditions, and I love our country," Jackson penned in his book. "All people were created equal and hold the truths of the Declaration of Independence to be self-evident. My blind spot is not the country of my birth, the country in which my father dreamed a presidency possible, but in my role in a country that extends the promise of life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness to all."

"Thank you all for inviting me here to discuss a critical work," he added. "Yesterday was a historic day in the history of our country and the history of African-Americans with the appointment of Ketanji Brown Jackson to the Supreme Court of the United States. She will be one of the less than 150 Americans who have the privilege of interpreting the Constitution of the U.S."

"While incarcerated as a former member of Congress I discovered a unique interpretation in the founding document of our nation called the finger of God. So I am privileged to be here in Raleigh with these distinguished gentlemen to discuss this book and this work."

"At some point and time in the future, it is my hope that nearly 68 million men and women that have paid their debt to society will be able to appeal to a Supreme Court case and an interpretation of the constitution that grants them a new life."



Juniper Level Botanic Garden, a 28-acre educational, research, and display garden gifted to N.C. State University, will open two springtime weekends in April-May, including Mother's Day weekend, for self-guided tours and plant purchases. Open each season for just two weekends, the spring 2022 Open Garden dates are April 29-May 1 and May 6-8. Hours are Fridays and Saturdays from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m., and Sundays 1-5 p.m. Admission is free.

Cary's Dorcas Ministries Loses An Angel

Howard Lewis Manning, aged 69, of Willow Spring, NC, passed away on Saturday, April 2, 2022 at WakeMed Hospital in Raleigh following a brief illness. Howard was born on October 3, 1952 in Laurinburg, NC to Lenwood and Lou Bertha (McQueen) Manning. He graduated as class valedictorian from Maxton High School in 1970 and then attended St. Augustine's University in Raleigh, where he received a B.S. in Chemistry in 1981.

Howard served in management at Almay and Revlon Cosmetic Companies and GlaxoSmithKline (GSK). After retiring from GSK, Howard began to volunteer at Dorcas Ministries and was eventually appointed as its Executive Director in 2005. He served in that position until his death.

Howard never met a stranger. His remarkable memory allowed him to recall the names of people he met years ago. Compassion and his Christian faith guided his principles, especially when it came to serving his family, church, Rotary Club, community service, and the scores of people who turned to Dorcas Ministries when they needed help. To know Howard was to love him.

Howard's board and committee assignments included service



ing at his bedside around the clock during his entire stay at WakeMed Hospital. Howard also leaves to cherish his memory a son, Lamont Jacob, and two daughters, Alta Manning and Dr. Stephanie Rankin (Darren) along with grandchildren LeeQuan McLarin, Howard, Jr., Bryant, and Sarah Jacobs; Kaylee and Saryana Gamble; and Myles, Lana and Savannah Rankin. Howard also leaves two sisters, Rena Manning-Commedo (Larry) and Mary Terry (Billy), along with two brothers, Lenwood Manning, Jr. (Anna), and Willie Gibson (Leah). In addition, Howard leaves behind a host of uncles and aunts: James McQueen (Henrietta), Thomas Manning (Dorothy), Johnnie Manning (Janie), Herman McIntyre, Leo McIntyre, John David (Viola), Douglass Davis (Darlene), Eugene Patterson, Jessie Miles, Doris Green (Willie), Louise Huggins (Danny), Sarah McCormick (Joseph), Lucindy Briggs, Rosetta Barnes, Katie Moore, Josephine Manning, Earlie McIntyre and Maxine McIntyre, along with a host of nieces, nephews and cousins. Three special children were also in his life - Kyleigh Hayes, Aniyah London Carey, and Amelia Faber.



Poultry Shows, Public Sales Suspended In NC

RALEIGH, N.C. (AP) — All poultry shows and public sales in North Carolina are being suspended because of the threat of the avian flu, the state veterinarian said.

The suspension includes all exhibitions, farm tours, shows, sales, flea markets, auction markets, swaps and meets pertaining to poultry and feathered fowl, State Veterinarian Mike Martin said in a news release. The activities are suspended until further notice, the news

release said.

The N.C. Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services says North Carolina joins several other states, including Georgia, that have also cancelled or altered poultry events due to the flu. Poultry owners are being urged to practice security, including keeping flocks indoors without access to outside and reporting sick birds to a local veterinarian, the department of the N.C. Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory System.

The suspension was announced on last Tuesday.

Since March 29, avian flu has been detected at seven commercial poultry facilities in Johnston and Wayne counties. More than 90,000 turkeys and more than 280,000 broilers have been killed and composted on-site to prevent further spread of the virus.

This type of avian flu is considered a low risk to people, according to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control.

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We Are Accountable...

In a world and time where our nation and every race of people are calling on the Government as a whole to do something in regards to crime, unemployment, domestic abuse, prison reform, higher education cost, murder rate, homelessness. The list is never ending. At the same time we hold the Government accountable for their actions. But we must remember that Jesus Christ holds us all "Accountable" for our actions.

As parents we must do our part by not allowing our kids to go astray, be stolen, get lost, give up on life and become hopeless/depressed and become suicidal. It is our duty to "Stop The Steal"!

John 10:10; The thief comes only in order to steal, kill and destroy. Right now we live in an anything goes society where right is wrong and wrong is right. The nature of sin is obsolete everywhere. This generation and the generation(s) to come is being stolen from us or are we giving them away?

In Genesis 25:30-34 Esau sold his birthright for food. Because he was hungry. In this case it wasn't stolen but given away. Mark 4:14-15: The sower sows the message. Those alongside the path where the message is sown are people who no sooner hear it than the adversary comes and takes away the message that was sown in them. We as Christians must protect the word of God. We must hide it in our hearts so that we might not sin against God. We protect everything else. We have alarms on all our possessions except for our children.

We need The Holy Ghost to be our guide and protector! The Holy Ghost shall alert you when the enemy is approaching or near or headed your way. When we leave church it seems as

though we leave the Word of God there as well. We are instructed to meditate on The Word of God daily. We are instructed to live by the word of God daily and to stand on God's word daily. How can we do those things if we don't keep hold of God's word?

Psalms 119:11: Thy word have I hid in my heart, that I might not sin against thee. We must hide the word and stop allowing Satan to steal it.

Mark 4:16-19 Likewise, those receiving seeding rocky patches are people who hear the message and joyfully accept it at once; but they have no root in themselves.

These are churchgoers. They haven't allowed their roots to fully dig into the word of God. They are fence straddlers. They only want God when it's convenient for them.

So they hold out for awhile, but as soon as some trouble or persecution arises in account of the message/word they immediately fall away.

Mark vs 18: Others are those sown among thorns, they hear the message; but the worries of the world, the deceitful glamour of wealth and all kinds of desires push in and choke the message, so that it produces nothing.

Just like that it's gone. What happened? Did I just give it away or was it stolen? Either way, we choose not to protect of gift or gifts. Our children are a gift from Jesus. We must protect at all cost. We must do everything to prevent the steal from happening.

Every day I hear a parent on the news when asked about their children or child their first response is, "I don't know what happened." This is not about race but more about our existence and position while on Earth. The possibility of everything being about race is a mere distraction.

It's about our place in God's Heavenly Kingdom.

We protect our homes with alarms/motion detectors. Our vehicles have theft alarms. Our cell phones and computers have password detectors. Our credit cards are protected. Why are our children unprotected? We give our children access to social media in order to keep them busy while we don't want to be bothered. Giving a child a mobile device is like giving a child a gun. If giving those things to them and not explaining clearly how to properly use it they will eventually hurt themselves.

God kicked Satan out of his house and ironically we took him in. We as parents must shoulder the blame for raising our children. It's not up to the school system, Government, grandparents, mentors or the community. It's up to the parents to prevent their child or children from being stolen. We can't continue living to please God and Satan. We have to choose. Life or death.

I have no doubt that our young folk are hearing the word. They are and have always been active in the church. My problem is that while they are in Church, church is not in them. We all need the Holy Ghost/Comforter/Guide/Truth Protector. It has to be in us in order for it to work. An alarm is useless unless it's properly installed. And it has to be installed somewhere on the inside so it can monitor everything on the outside.

Approaching dangers or potential hazards.

It's good that we attend church, however it's great when we attend church and allow God complete control over our life and leave church with a desire to live and seek God for who he really is and not just for A Blessing. Moses asked God to show him his Glory that he might know him. We need The Glory of God for ourselves. Simply to know God.

I recall the newly appointed Police Chief of Durham said, "This has got to stop"! She was referencing a mall shooting that took place. I said the same thing. We have to stop our kids from being stolen. We have to do Preventive Maintenance or we will continue to see our young folk going to prison and the Graveyard.

I'm tired of seeing our youth dead in the streets, parents crying in disbelief, young men and women being taken away in handcuffs, smiling. As a parent, that's Satan's way of saying "I got him/her." It's time we start fighting for our families, marriages, children, heritages, our Salvation in Jesus' Name. Because we will all be held accountable for what we do with what God has given us. It's Time we "Stop the Steal."

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Practical Biblical Principles

PALM SUNDAY ENDS DANIEL'S PROPHECY

Daniel 9:25-26

The crowd was shouting and praising the figure riding on a donkey with her young colt beside her coming down the road through the Mount of Olives hillside, which leads into the walled city of Jerusalem (Matthew 21:2).

Obviously, this was not an ordinary event for the people were placing their clothes and palm branches on the road before the donkey. They were crying out to the figure riding the donkey, "Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!"

The One who was riding the donkey appeared not to have an air of majesty but one of meekness and poverty. Yet He was being praised as if He were a king. Yet He said not one word as he rode into the city. Jesus knew the hearts of men as they threw praises at Him. All the city was moved by this man's presence, asking Who is this man? The multitude said, "This is Jesus the prophet from Nazareth of Galilee."

Jesus arrived at the temple of God and drove out all those who bought and sold in the temple and overturned the tables of money changers and the seats of those who sold doves. And He said to them, "It is written, 'My house shall be called a house of prayer,' but you have made it a den of thieves."

What we have just witnessed in following these powerful events, is only Jesus's triumphal entry

into the city of Jerusalem leading up to His crucifixion. In a sense this was the Lord's last stand, so to speak, in establishing His rightful position as God's Son sent to Earth.

These powerful events were also eventful in another powerful way. This event also marked the precise end of Daniel's 483 years of prophecy which is mentioned in Daniel 9:25. Daniel saw that the Babylonian captivity has been 70 years; the period between the Captivity and the coming of the Messiah will be seven times that long. The date from which the 70 weeks was to be counted was the decree to rebuild Jerusalem (Daniel 9:25) given under three decrees issued by Persian kings for this purpose (536 B.C., 457 B.C., 444 B.C.). The principal date here is 457 B.C. under Nehemiah, the Persian's king's, Artaxerxes, cup bearer, who led the faithful Jews to rebuild the temple walls. Some Jews had returned to Jerusalem 100 years earlier and had not started rebuilding the walls. When Ezra, the priest, and Nehemiah partnered to encourage the Jews to rebuild the temple the people became encouraged and began to build. Much of this encouragement is due to the influence that Queen Esther still held sway in Persia.

Daniel's 483 years brings us to within 3.5 years of Jesus's crucifixion, that is, "in the middle of the one week" the Anointed One would be "cut off"—crucified. According to *Halley's Bible Handbook*, adding (minus) 483 years to 457 BC brings us to

A.D. 26 the very year Jesus was baptized and started His public ministry. A remarkable fulfillment of Daniel's prophecy, even to the year. The year Jesus was born the church began a new time keeping. Thus, we have A.D.

Thus, Daniel foretold not only the Time at which the Messiah would appear, but also the Duration of His public ministry, and His Atoning Death for Human Sin.

Palm Sunday is pivotal in the life of a believer. Daniel's 69 weeks of prophecy ends when Jesus is crucified on the cross. There is a gap of time which has yet to be accounted for to complete the total 70 weeks Daniel mentioned. We are living in that "gap of time" now! What will complete the seventh week is the week of the Tribulation period which may start at any time if God calls it.

The seventy-week, when it happens, will finish out Daniel's long-standing prophecy. This last week will determine: To finish the transgression, To make an end to sins, To make reconciliation for iniquity, To bring everlasting righteousness, To seal up the vision and prophecy, And to anoint the Most Holy.

This is what Palm Sunday is all about and is why every believer should be looking toward to celebrating Easter which crowns all Bible events.

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SERMON of the WEEK



THE BLOOD STILL WORKS

Yes, most of us know that there's a gospel song called, "The Blood Still Works," but in this message I want to emphasize the importance of living a life of total belief in the words of that song. If we truly absolutely faithfully believe the blood still works, then I suggest we must all clarify what blood we are singing or talking about.

There are two main fluids that are found in the human body; one is blood and other is water. Doctors say that a person can live 3-5 days without water depending on how healthy they are; and some may go a day or two longer in rare instances. [Right now we should think about the Ukrainian people in whom many are facing death 24 hours a day as they are trying to stay alive amid a brutal war with Russia. Sadly, many are drinking melted snow in order to survive]. I have been praying for those men, women and children every day and I hope and beseech you are doing the same. How many of you know that prayer works too?

However, when it comes to the loss or absence of blood in our bodies, it is estimated that if all the blood were drawn out of our bodies, the longest we could live would be about 2 minutes. However, astonishingly in Exodus 12,



God used blood in different ways and it worked to save lives that were facing death.

"Now the blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you are. And when I see the blood, I will pass over you; and the plague shall not be on you to destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt." Exodus 12:13 NKJV

Moses delivered a message that God's Covenant People, after 400 years of suffering as slaves in Egypt, God had come down to set them free and lead them to a fresh new life in the Promised Land. That special night is recognized as the Passover; let's look at three features of it.

Sacrifice—would signify their Faith and Obedience to God Almighty.

Sandals—on their feet (and staff in their hands, Ex 12:11) showed that they were prepared to follow whenever and wherever their Almighty God would take them.

Blood—this was a mark of God Almighty's Protection from the Angel of Death from judgment that God brought to all the gods of Egypt.

This blood in Exodus 12 that was put on the door frames around the sides and top of the Israelites' homes was sufficient because it lasted until the Death Angel came. It also was effective

because all the inhabitants of each protected house were passed over because a Lamb had been killed, its blood sacrifice came from innocent blood.

Last, on the eve of His Crucifixion, Jesus Christ celebrated the Passover with his disciples and demonstrated that He had come down from Heaven to institute the greatest change ever, which was and is a New Covenant with believers who follow. He was the Sinless Sacrifice that was slain for the sins of all the people of this world!

His Blood still works when struggles and trials come, conflict and confusion come, attacks come, offenses come, the Adversary comes, sickness comes, and even when it seems like death is about to come. I believe when the enemy brings these and other things in our life's journey is when we must focus on how God had delivered us in the past and focus on His Promise that we will one day live in Eternity possessing a New Life with Him!

What can wash away our sins? What can make us whole again? It still works and it will never, never, never lose its POWER!

To view complete sermons by Pastor William Eli Ratcliff, please visit our website at: lincolnparkchurch.com/

Repaired Texas Synagogue Reopens

By Jamie Stengle

Associated Press

COLLEYVILLE, Texas (AP)—In the three months since Rabbi Charlie Cytron-Walker and three of his congregants were held at gunpoint in their Texas synagogue, new carpet has been laid in the sanctuary, the walls have been repainted, the entry retiled and new doors installed. He said it has been healing to watch.

"Each time I came back in, I got to see us moving forward," Cytron-Walker said.

Congregation Beth Israel in the Fort Worth suburb of Colleyville will be rededicated on Friday, and members will celebrate Shabbat in their own building for the first time since the attack.

After the 10-hour standoff on Jan. 15 ended with the escape of the remaining hostages and an FBI tactical team rushing in and killing the gunman, the synagogue was left with broken doors and windows, bullet holes and shattered glass.

Anna Salton Eisen, a founder of the synagogue, said the scene reminded her of abandoned synagogues in Poland still marked with bullets from World War II that she saw while visiting that country in 1998 with her parents—both Holocaust survivors.

"I was standing in my synagogue this time and it was just empty and silent and it showed the marks of the violence that had occurred," Eisen said.

Eisen said the return will help the healing process.

"We are not defeated and we are not going to live in fear," she said.

Leaders of the congregation made up of about 160 families said that as they return after holding services at a Methodist church during the repairs, they've been struck by the outpouring of love and support

they've received. They also want to focus on fighting antisemitism, which led the gunman to their synagogue.

"It's my hope and my prayer that there's greater awareness about how damaging hate can be," said Cytron-Walker, who starts a new job in July at Temple Emanuel in Winston-Salem.

He was preparing for a morning service on Jan. 15 at when a stranger came to the synagogue's door. Cytron-Walker welcomed the man who said he'd spent the winter night outside, chatting with him and making him tea.

Then, as Cytron-Walker and three of his congregants prayed—and others watched online—a click from a gun could be heard. During the standoff, British national Malik Faisal Akram

demanding the release of a Pakistani woman serving a lengthy prison sentence in nearby Fort Worth after being convicted of trying to kill U.S. troops.

The hostages have said Akram cited antisemitic stereotypes, believing that Jews wield the kind of power that could get the woman released.

One hostage, 85-year-old Lawrence Schwartz, was released after about six hours. At about 9 p.m., the remaining hostages made their escape as Cytron-Walker threw a chair at Akram and the hostages ran out a side door.

Cytron-Walker has credited past security training for getting them out safely, including training he received from the Secure Community Network, founded in 2004 by Jewish organizations.

Hester M. Adams Dies

HESTER MONK ADAMS

Hester H. Monk Adams passed away in Beltsville, Md., March 15, 2022, at age 79; daughter of Ada and Leander Monk of Bell Arthur, Eastern NC; graduate of the 1964 Class at St. Augustine's College; loving wife for 60 years of Clement Vincent Adams, DDS, who predeceased her by six months; beloved teacher in the Wake County Schools, then in Maryland; member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority; and former member of St. Ambrose Episcopal Church, Raleigh.

She was an active member of Trinity Episcopal Church, Washington, D.C., where Funeral Services were held, April 1, 2022.

Survived by four sons: Clement V. Adams II, DDS, (Miriam) Creighton V. Adams, Esq. (Lynette), Corliss V. Adams, Esq. and Daniel J. Adams, five grandchildren and one great-grandchild; predeceased by four siblings and survived by six sib-



HESTER MONK ADAMS

lings and scores of relatives and friends.

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Why Do Gas Prices Rise Faster Than They Fall?

By Mike Walden
Guest Editorial

Drivers suffered through almost daily hikes in gas prices when the war in Ukraine began. In the early weeks of the war oil prices jumped almost 25 percent. Then for a few days afterward there was a pullback, with oil prices falling over 20 percent. But during the same time period gas prices at the pump continued to rise, increasing both when oil prices rose as well as when oil prices dropped. It wasn't until a week after oil prices fell that pump prices also took a dip.

This situation has been dubbed the "rockets and feathers" of gas prices. The analogy means gas prices jump quickly like rockets when oil prices rise, but gas prices fall slowly like feathers when oil prices drop.

Indeed, one study found gas prices fall twice as slowly as they rise after a major change in oil prices. This means, for example, if it took four weeks for gas prices per gallon to increase 25 cents, it would take them eight weeks to fall 25 cents once oil prices returned to their starting level.

This pattern seems totally unfair to drivers—indeed, it likely seems unfair even to people who don't drive. When the price of oil increases, fair persons would expect the price of gasoline to also increase because gas is derived from oil. People may not like the fact the price of gasoline rose, but they understand it.

But fair people would expect the same to occur when oil prices dropped. They would expect gas prices to also fall just as fast as they rose when oil prices rose.

This controversy about oil prices and gas prices isn't new. When I joined the NSCU faculty in the late 1970s, the same issue was a hot topic in the media.

So, what's the answer to the gas price puzzle? There are several potential explanations.

One possible answer is collusion. This means gas station owners get together and agree to only slowly reduce the price when their costs fall. However, for this theory to be accurate, owners would need to cooperate and coordinate their pricing. But since there are over 14,000 gas station outlets in the country, with no single company controlling more than five percent of the market, collusion between owners to keep prices high is unlikely the answer. For collusion to be effective, it requires a handful of companies, not thousands.

Another possible explanation is that gas station owners worry that when the wholesale price of gas they pay drops, there is no assurance the price won't again rise, especially in a volatile period like the one we are

experiencing. Hence, owners wait until they see a trend in oil prices. Their reasoning is that customer relations will be better if the higher price is kept for a while until the downward price trend is confirmed, versus immediately lowering the price but then being forced to quickly raise it again if oil prices go back up.

While the above story is plausible, many economists think there is a better explanation for the "up like a rocket but down like a feather" pattern of gas prices. Interestingly, the explanation is based on how drivers react to changes in gas prices.

While some drivers consistently shop around for the lowest gas price, most buy gas at one or maybe a couple of gas stations. They may be stations close to their homes or on a route to work or school. Even if we could save a penny or two per gallon by buying at another station, we know that some of those savings will be eaten up by driving to the less convenient station. There's also the matter of the value of our time to find the lowest gas price.

But, when gas prices rise, more drivers shop for the lowest gas price in their area. With gas costs taking a bigger chunk of their income, drivers are motivated to seek any savings they can. The use of gas price apps increases and local news programs regularly report on the locations of the lowest gas prices.

The opposite behavior occurs when gas prices drop. Fewer drivers shop for the lowest price. One reason is they are just happy to see prices fall.

Sellers of gasoline know these behaviors. When oil prices drop, station owners will cut their gas price, but more slowly. Why? Because they know fewer drivers will shop for the lowest price. Instead, drivers will be relieved prices are finally dropping, and hence they feel less motivation to look around for the lowest price. Gas station owners will take advantage of this behavior to earn a little more as prices slowly fall. Gas prices will eventually decrease as much as oil prices; it just takes longer.

While this explanation may currently explain the "up like a rocket and down like a feather" pattern of gas prices, my prediction is it won't last. Why? Technology is the reason. More drivers will use apps that will not only search for the lowest gas price in the area, but will also calculate the benefits and costs to the driver of buying gas at alternative stations. Will these apps make drivers "permanent shoppers?" You decide.

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WE REGRET THE INCIDENT AT THIS YEAR'S AWARDS!...



...DESPITE MOVIES LIKE "NATURAL BORN KILLERS," "SCARFACE," "KILL BILL" ETC....



...THE OSCARS DO NOT CONDONE VIOLENCE OF ANY KIND...



...BUT IF YOU'RE ONE OF THE TENS OF MILLIONS THAT DIDN'T WATCH THE OSCARS, YOU MISSED A GOOD FIGHT!



Mike Walden (caricature.com)



To Be EQUAL

Editor's Note: The following column is reprinted from before Kentaji Brown Jackson was confirmed by the U.S. Senate as a justice on the United States Supreme Court.

KENTAJI BROWN JACKSON WILL BRING A MUCH-NEEDED NEW PERSPECTIVE TO THE SUPREME COURT

"The advancement of Black people into positions of power traditionally held by White people is a threat to White supremacy. It frustrates a narrative about merit, threatens the expectation of unlimited control and power, and opens the door to see things through a different lens. When that Black person is one who has fought for racial justice or who unapologetically brings experiences and perspectives to the table that have the potential to interrupt prevailing approaches to how the law is understood and applied, it opens a portal to see aspects of our society that are all too often beyond the range of vision of those in power."

—Sherrilyn A. Ifill, president and director-counsel, NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund Inc.

Her name means "lovely one." Her parents chose it from a list sent by an aunt serving in the Peace Corps in West Africa in 1970.

Kentaji Brown Jackson, nominated by President Biden to serve as the first Black woman on the United States Supreme Court, was born into a unique moment of hope for Black Americans. "The hard work of the previous decade—the marches, the boycotts, the sit-ins, the arrests—had finally borne fruit," she said. A Black man, Thurgood Marshall, had been serving on the Court for three years. The first Black woman federal judge, Constance Baker Motley—who shares Judge Jackson's birthday—had been confirmed four years prior. It was hard to imagine that it would take more than 50 years for a Black woman to be nominated to the nation's highest court.

Judge Jackson's nomination is historic not only because she will be the first Black woman to serve as a Supreme Court Justice, but her service will mark the first time two Black justices have served together and bring the Court near to gender parity with four women justices.

But it is more than just her gender and her race that make her nomination historic. She will be the first justice to have served as a public defender, giving her a range of experience and perspective that currently is lacking on the Court.

"Most of my clients didn't really understand what had happened to them," she said during her confirmation hearing last year for the U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit. "They had just been through the most consequential proceeding in their lives, and no one really explained to them what they were supposed to expect so they didn't know where things might have gone wrong." That's why as a trial judge, she took extra care to communicate with the defendants who come before her in the courtroom.

"When I have to sentence someone, I always explain to them, this is why your behavior is so harmful to society that Congress thought it had to be made a crime," she said. "This is why I as the judge believe that you have to serve these consequences for your decision to engage in criminal behavior. I think that's important for our entire justice system because it's only if people understand what they've done, why it's wrong,

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A Different Voice



HOLY WEEK

For Christians this week is called "Holy Week." Each day there is consideration for the things that happened leading to the crucifixion and resurrection of the personage of Jesus Christ. There is Palm Sunday, when Jesus went into Jerusalem and the people who had traveled there were so excited they waved palm branches and laid them and their cloaks down on the path where he entered riding on a donkey. Then there is Holy Monday, when Jesus let the animals that were typically to be sacrificed go and he cleaned (washed) the temple of the blood and dung of the past. On Tuesday, Jesus taught at the temple and on Wednesday, one of the 12 disciples, Judas, betrayed Jesus by (of all things, identifying him with a kiss on the cheek), accepting silver for this act. On Thursday, he had dinner with his friends/disciples and actually washed their feet. This is still done in some churches and was a cultural practice then as often guests would arrive with dust and dirt on their feet. On Good Friday Jesus was hung on a cross, died there and on Holy Saturday his body remained in the tomb upon which a heavy stone was placed. On Sunday, Jesus was seen walking the Earth and as he told them, "had risen."

This is the Easter Story or as many call it, Resurrection Sunday. During that week a lot of things happened. Jesus was interrogated as though he was a criminal and found not to be guilty of anything by Pilate who washed his hands (literally) of the matter. Judas, as already mentioned, sold Jesus out to the Romans, some say because he wanted Jesus to lead a military

assault against the Roman government. A crowd of people praised him at one point and screamed "Crucify him!" at another. Peter, the disciple who claimed to have loved Jesus the most, as Jesus predicted, denied knowing him three times. The disciples ran and hid after Jesus was arrested because this was not their idea of what was supposed to happen, so they probably were afraid of being killed with him. I call that desertion. Yet they later renewed their faith and became tellers of the story and spreaders of the gospel. That's New Testament and Old Testament prophesy.

Now many people associate Easter with brand-new clothes, and in my childhood that included underwear, socks, shoes and hats (Easter bonnets). There were Easter bunnies, baskets and candy eggs of all colors, jelly beans, marshmallow rabbits and eggs, chocolate and even toys in some baskets. If you didn't go to church on any other Sunday, you were there on Easter Sunday or where else would you wear your clothes? Most churches were full to the brim on Easter Sunday and some had to put chairs in the aisles in order to accommodate the crowd.

All the songs were related to the Easter story. "In the Night Christ Came Walking," "I Come to the Garden Alone," "Alone (He Suffered, Bled and Died Alone)," "Nothing But the Blood," "The Old Rugged Cross," etc. In African-American Raleigh we often met at the Capitol downtown in our Easter finery. I have pictures of that, and for some there were Easter parades. On Easter Monday there were Easter egg hunts and tradition had it that on Saturdays you would boil eggs and dye them different colors, even decorating them. The Easter Bunny (who of course didn't lay eggs but was a symbol of new life and procreation. The colors were usually pastels, symbolic of springtime and spring flowers often adorned hats. Often Easter lilies would adorn front porches and church altars and pulpits. The white lily was a symbol of purity, rebirth, new beginnings and hope and of course the resurrection of Jesus the Christ. Many Christians today don't like those symbols of Easter just as there are Christians who think decorating Christmas trees is a sin because of a reference in the Bible. I'm one who is not so led because I and most of my friends survived these experiences with our Christian beliefs intact. If people became devilish and sinful I submit that Halloween, Christmas and Easter didn't cause it.

Though many people today scoff at Christianity and think that people who believe that Jesus was a great teacher, prophet and the Son of God are misled and ignorant, I say as did a popular song in my day... "Let Them Talk," talk don't bother me. I am a Christian because I believe in the message of Jesus Christ. My faith says that God can do anything he wants to with the world and I have found that what he does and what Christ taught fuels me. For me it has nothing to do with rituals. I don't think as someone said that going to church makes

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Child Watch



A MORALLY INCLEMENT CLIMATE

April 4th was the 54th anniversary of the assassination of our nation's prophet of nonviolence, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. On the same day we received new warnings from international scientists that our world remains headed towards an environmental climate catastrophe, this date was a sad reminder that before his death, Dr. King presciently warned us about a metaphorical climate crisis that also threatened us all.

Shortly after President John F. Kennedy's 1963 assassination, Dr. King wrote that it was time for our nation to do some soul-searching, and while the question "Who killed President Kennedy?" was important, answering the question "What killed President Kennedy?" was even more critical. Dr. King said he believed "our late President was assassinated by a morally inclement climate": "It is a climate filled with heavy torrents of false accusation, jostling winds of hatred, and raging storms of violence. It is a climate where men cannot disagree without being disagreeable, and where they express dissent through violence and murder. It is the same climate that murdered Medgar Evers in Mississippi and six innocent Negro children in Birmingham, Alabama."

Dr. King also noted that the undercurrents of hatred and violence that made up this morally inclement climate were fueled by our cultural embrace of guns: "By our readiness to allow arms to be purchased at will and fired at whim, by allowing our movie and television screens to teach our children that the hero is one who masters the art of shooting and the technique of killing, by allowing all these developments, we have created an atmosphere in which violence and hatred have become popular pastimes."

The same winds of hatred, storms of violence, and easy access to and glorification of guns he believed killed President Kennedy would soon kill Dr. King too. Decades later, we are still being ravaged by the same storms. On April 3, six people were killed and 12 others injured in a shooting in downtown Sacramento, Calif., one of the worst mass shootings in the city's history. Afterwards, President Biden released a statement: "Today, America once again mourns for another community devastated by gun violence... Families forever changed. Survivors left to heal wounds both visible and invisible... We know these lives were not the only lives impacted by gun violence last night. And we equally mourn for those victims and families who do not make national headlines. But we must do more than mourn; we must act."

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Other Viewpoints



FAR-RIGHT SMEARS OF JUDGE JACKSON SHOW WHY WE CAN'T LET THEM TAKE POWER

By Ben Jealous

People for the American Way

Judge Ketanji Brown Jackson made history last week when the U.S. Senate confirmed her nomination as a U.S. Supreme Court Justice. That is cause for celebration.

When Judge Jackson is sworn in as Justice Jackson later this year, she will become the first Black woman to serve on our highest court. And she will become the first justice ever to have served as a public defender. She will bring a much-needed "justice for all" perspective to the court.

Judge Jackson's nomination has inspired millions of Americans. Her bipartisan support from Americans and senators is a sign that our country can continue to move toward a "more perfect union."

The confirmation process, however, showed us something else. Something far more disturbing about the current state of that union.

The far-right wing of the conservative movement, which is currently the dominant force in the Republican Party, set out to smear Judge Jackson and anyone—Republican or Democrat—who supported her. They made it clear why we cannot allow them to take power in this year's elections.

They dragged Judge Jackson into dishonest and dishonorable far-right political campaigns that were already under way.

For example, far-right activists and their Republican allies have been waging a campaign to silence teaching about racism in U.S. history and institutions. The Far Right has devoted a huge amount of energy to make critical race theory—a way of studying the impact of racism—something sinister. They want to scare conservative voters into turning out for school board elections and this year's congressional elections. The extremist think-tank activist who started the CRT scare has admitted that his goal was just to apply that label to anything that right-wing culture warriors didn't like. And for sure, they tried to slap it on Judge Jackson.

Another far-right campaign sweeping the country is an attack on the legal equality of LGBTQ Americans. That campaign taps into some of the oldest and ugliest smears against LGBTQ people—claims that they are a threat to children. And it draws energy from the conspiracy theories promoted by QAnon activists about a network of powerful pedophiles.

Shameless senators like Josh Hawley and Ted Cruz tried to drag Judge Jackson into that cesspool by distorting her record as a judge and portraying this mother of two daughters as sympathetic to child abusers. Now, keep in mind that Judge Jackson is from a law enforcement family, and was endorsed by organizations representing both police chiefs and police officers. That didn't stop the smears.

Rep. Marjorie Taylor Greene made it clear that this was a political weapon. She outrageously attacked three Republican senators who voted to confirm Judge Jackson, calling them "pro-pedophile." And she attacked Democrats as "the party of pedophiles." The Family Research Council suggested that it would try to make Democratic senators explain their support for someone who is "lenient on child offenders." Others used far worse language.

This is beyond unprincipled. It is dangerous. And it shows us how much is at stake in this year's elections. If we let these extremists get control of the House and Senate, we will be putting our future in the hands of people like Greene, Hawley and Cruz. And we will put our courts in the hands of Mitch McConnell, who kept many of President Barack Obama's judicial nominees, including a Supreme Court nominee, from even getting a vote.

Judge Jackson's nomination was part of an exceptional effort that President Joe Biden has made to put more Black women, and a more diverse group of judges, on the courts. But Sen. Lindsey Graham made it clear that Republicans would put an end to that. He said if Republicans had been in control of the Senate, Judge Jackson wouldn't have even gotten a hearing—because Republican senators would have forced President Biden to name someone else.

What a loss that would have been for our country—and for all the people who are inspired by Judge Jackson. Let's not give the Far Right a veto over our courts and our future.

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BIG OIL'S WAR BONANZA

By Mel Gurtov

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In case you haven't noticed, a major consequence of the Ukraine war is the bonanza it has provided for the oil and gas industry. US sanctions on Russian oil and gas have given the industry yet another reason for more drilling and fiercer opposition to environment-friendly energy sources.

Yes, a tight oil market and inflationary prices are good for electric car production. But the oil and gas industry is doing even better, not just because of high gas prices, but also because they can demand more access to public lands for drilling—and blame the administration for the high gas prices if the companies don't get to drill more.

This is a false argument on five counts.

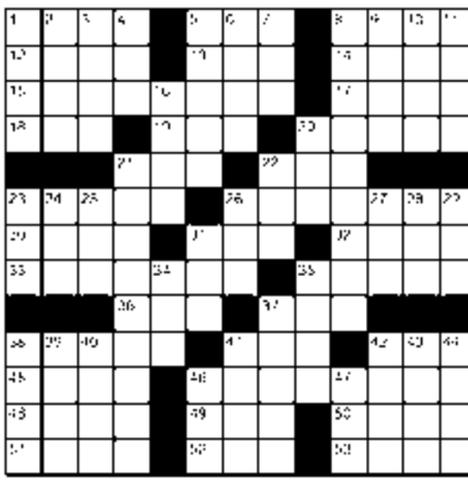
Drill, Baby, Drill

First, the Biden administration is granting oil and gas drilling permits at a higher rate than was true under Trump. "No more drilling on public lands," Biden had said during his presidential campaign.

King Crossword

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- 5 — roll (w/ning)
- 8 Lily variety
- 12 Not worth debating
- 13 Chest muscle
- 14 Here (Sp.)
- 15 Shop tools
- 17 Void partner
- 18 Chemical suffix
- 19 MGM motto start
- 20 Lit. genre
- 21 Flew
- 22 Petrol
- 23 P. ma dominos
- 26 Thornton Wilder drama
- 30 B — boy
- 31 Grass shack
- 32 "Closely" actor
- 33 "Blue Bloods" actress
- 35 El Guco's birthplace
- 36 Sumbather's goal
- 37 Career to Amsterdam
- 38 Cabbage choice
- 41 Chariot of China
- 42 Persian for one
- 46 Recognized



- 46 Sightseeing stop
- 48 Falco of "The Sopranos"
- 49 Whatever number
- 50 Unruly kid
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Drilling leases are now being offered on 80 million acres in the Gulf of Mexico alone. And this allowance was two months before Russia's invasion of Ukraine.

Second, we've all learned not to expect gas prices to go down even when more gas comes on the market. That supply-and-demand argument doesn't fit with industry promises or practice.

Third, as Earth Justice points out, the oil and gas industry is sitting on 9,000 drilling permits that it chooses not to use. Why not? Because:

"drilling costs money the industry doesn't want to spend. In 2021 alone, Exxon Mobil, Shell, BP, and Chevron made a combined \$75 billion in profits. Instead of spending some of this massive profit on drilling the leases they already hold, oil companies are buying back their own shares, funneling dividends to their shareholders, and paying lobbyists to demand cheap new federal leases so they can stockpile them for future profit."

The real winners in this war are the stockholders and executives of the Big Four oil companies.

Fourth, besides the U.S. market, Biden needs to satisfy the European Union countries as they look for ways to delink from reliance on Russian gas. Biden has promised to find and ship other sources, and the Germans are leaning heavily on him. That means increased U.S. gas production from shale and other sources, a calamitous option for the environment, and construction of new LNG terminals over the next several years.

"For now," the *New York Times* reports, "climate concerns appear to be taking a back seat as U.S. and European leaders seek to punish President Vladimir V. Putin of Russia for invading Ukraine..." Building new terminals will mean "streamlining" environmental regulations to facilitate loans and construction.

A fifth factor favoring Big Oil is the unwillingness of Saudi Arabia and the other Middle East oil producers to step up their oil output. Tense relations with those countries over Iran, Yemen, and now the Russian invasion of Ukraine have given them excuses for once again demonstrating what unreliable allies they are. That's good news for Moscow, but not for Biden as he searches for more oil to satisfy our insatiable demands.

A Back Seat for Conservation and Clean Energy

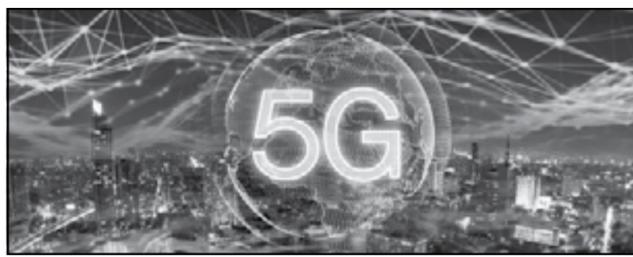
In short, the pressure is on Biden to push domestic production, and although he's released oil from the strategic reserves, that won't be nearly enough to stave off industry and political pressures. The industry has launched yet another disinformation campaign designed to make gasoline prices "Biden's war on oil" and discredit his clean energy agenda. The administration has had to concede some ground. Here's Jennifer Granholm, the energy secretary, pleading for more oil production: "Yes, right now, we need oil and gas production to rise to meet current demand." But "we're serious about decarbonizing while providing reliable energy that doesn't depend on foreign adversaries."

We know what more drilling means: It "wrecks ecosystems, coasts, groundwater, and critical habitats. Our country has laws in place precisely to protect people from corporate greed and ensure that the environmental and human cost of fossil fuel extraction is taken into account."

Biden has options to protect the environment and conserve energy even without passage of his Build Back Better bill. He has already used executive orders over 50 times to overturn Trump-era environmental deregulation actions.

For example, recently the administration issued a new rule to substantially cut tailpipe emissions in cars and small trucks. New fuel efficiency standards are on the way. Still, there's no getting away from it: Truly significant climate crisis legislation that will make a meaningful contribution to carbon neutrality and demonstrate leadership on saving the planet is not going to happen. Big Oil is doing its part to ensure that we continue to have energy and environmental insecurity.

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5G AND THE BIPARTISAN INFRASTRUCTURE LAW COULD HELP END THE DIGITAL DIVIDE

By Hazel Trice Edney

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The past two years have underlined what we already knew: the digital divide in America is real and has consequences for millions of Americans. An affordable, reliable connection is imperative in participating in the 21st century economy, and those families relying on mobile-only access are falling behind. Often, they cannot attend class online or seek a career opportunity that offers the possibility of working remotely. And as more services, job applications, and infrastructure moves online, the gap is only widening.

This digital divide is one that crosses geographic, racial, and class lines. More often than not, those living without access to a reliable broadband connection are living in rural areas of our country. In urban areas access is not a problem, but affordability is for many low-income families—a challenge that disproportionately impacts minority communities. Data show that Black and Hispanic adults are less likely than White adults to have high-speed internet in their home.

And while 92 percent of adults who make \$75,000 or more a year say they have broadband at home, that number drops to 57 percent according to those whose annual income is \$30,000 or less.

According to research by the Joint Center for Political and Economic Studies, "Over 7.2 million children in the U.S. live in households without a computer—including over 1.84 million Black children... In the United States, 34 percent of Black adults do not have home broadband, and 30.6 percent of Black households with one or more children age 17 or younger lack high-speed home internet (over 3.25 million Black children live in these households)."

Therefore, while it's great news to see that broadband prices have fallen over the past five years, there are still millions of Americans who can't afford an internet connection at home. Fortunately, two new developments from the public and private sector can help solve this problem: the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law and the nationwide rollout of 5G home service.

Closing the digital divide has been an area of key focus for President Biden. The bipartisan infrastructure package signed into last year contains billions of dollars that aims to tackle not only broadband access, but affordability and adoption. \$14.2 billion of this funding went to the creation of the Affordability Connectivity Program (ACP), which offers a \$30 discount to help lower-income consumers and families pay for internet service. In many cases, internet service providers are offering plans under the ACP which are effectively free, and, to date, over 10 million households have taken advantage of these steep discounts.

The infrastructure bill also provides \$65 billion to help bring broadband to the many unserved and under-served swaths of the country where there is little to no service to be had at any price. States are currently working on developing plans in coordination with the National Telecommunications Information Administration (NTIA) to finally connect those parts of their cities and states that have languished with poor connectivity for decades.

One of the solutions to connect these homes is a new one: 5G for home broadband (also known as fixed wireless access or FWA). Similar to your phone connection, 5G home is a wireless, rapidly deployable and a cost-effective technology that relies on new, nationwide 5G networks to provide home internet at speeds comparable to cable.

Many people who are living without internet don't have the luxury of waiting around for a technician for one, let alone two, visits. The ease of use of 5G for home broadband addresses this problem. It relies on the user for a self-installation, with some carriers reporting an average install time that is under an hour.

There are over 2,800 providers of fixed wireless access in the United States today. The number of companies entering the market will significantly increase competition and cause the price of broadband to drop even further. FWA plans are generally priced below cable internet rates and this new competition is a welcome development for low-income families.

The Biden administration's broadband connectivity goals are intrinsically linked to the successful and widespread rollout of fixed wireless access. We've made a historic investment in making broadband affordable through the ACP and in making broadband available to all Americans. This historic investment along with 5G home internet service means a better digital future for all of us regardless of race or income level. An equitable digital future is within reach.

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and what will happen to them if they do it again, that they can really start to rehabilitate."

While we at the National Urban League are reviewing her record, Judge Jackson has already proven she is eminently qualified to serve on the U.S. Supreme Court. After graduating from Harvard Law School, Judge Jackson clerked for judges at every level of the federal judiciary, including former Associate Justice Stephen Breyer on the U.S. Supreme Court, and served as a federal public defender. With her extensive experience in both civil and criminal law, Judge Jackson is more than prepared for exemplary service on the nation's highest court.

Judge Jackson has remained dedicated to fighting for the most vulnerable members of our society and fought for the constitutional rights of all—qualities that have been overlooked in recent nominations to the Court. This country deserves a Supreme Court that reflects the rich diversity of the American people, and this nomination brings us one step closer to realizing that goal. Judge Jackson's credentials, experience and expertise have been extolled widely by some of the nation's most formidable legal minds. But the most meaningful endorsement came in a handwritten letter to President Obama in 2016, when he was looking for a replacement for the late Justice Antonin Scalia.

Dear Mr. President,

While you are considering judges to fill Justice Scalia's seat, I would like to add my mother, Kentaji Brown Jackson of the District Court. I, her daughter of 11 years old, believe she would be an excellent fit for the position. She is determined, honest, and never breaks a promise to anyone, even if there are other things she'd rather do. She can demonstrate commitment and is loyal, and never brags. I think she would make a great Supreme Court Justice, even if the workload will be larger on the Court, or if you have other nominees. Please consider her aspects for the job.

Thank you for listening,

Leila Jackson

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you any more of a Christian than going to McDonald's makes you a hamburger. I love Bible study, prayer and meditation, it teaches me. It's psychological, spiritual and behavioral medicine. It helps me get clear on how I want to be treated and it helps me get along with others and so though not all my friends are bible students, my best friends are. I don't think I am a Christian because I went to church every Sunday (to three services even) when I was a kid. Though I love Sunday School and Bible School, half of the time I wasn't even listening to the sermon but as an adult nothing is better than a good, inspiring sermon and I listen to them through my devices and they are just as good. This is my testimony and I own it. I don't judge what other people believe but I can handle it if they judge me. There is so much good in Easter, I encourage others to look at the story for yourself. The very best part for me is the new learning that Jesus taught for many, that we don't die.

CHILD WATCH

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Will we? President Biden went on to list steps Congress could take to curb gun violence right now: "Ban ghost guns. Require background checks for all gun sales. Ban assault weapons and high-capacity magazines. Repeal gun manufacturers' immunity from liability." We know what could help. But we also know how many members of Congress remain resistant to doing anything at all. Meanwhile, gun violence is now the leading cause of death for children and teens ages 0-19 and is taking a growing number of lives—a fact that is sometimes lost in the middle of the pandemic. Violence still saturates our communities and our culture. We are raising another generation in a morally inclement climate. We must do more than mourn. We must put actions behind our words and thoughts and prayers.

In his eulogy at Dr. King's funeral, Dr. Benjamin E. Mays said: "Here was a man who believed with all of his might that the pursuit of violence at any time is ethically and morally wrong; that God and the moral weight of the universe are against it; that violence is self-defeating; and that only love and forgiveness can break the vicious circle of revenge. He believed that nonviolence would prove effective in the abolition of injustice in politics, in economics, in education, and in race relations. He was convinced, also, that people could not be moved to abolish voluntarily the inhumanity of man to man by mere persuasion and pleading, but that they could be moved to do so by dramatizing the evil through massive nonviolent resistance... He believed that the nonviolent approach to solving social problems would ultimately prove to be redemptive." Our world is still in desperate need of leaders who share this belief today.

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All persons, firms and corporations having claims against Angela Yvonne Pierce, deceased of Durham County, North Carolina, are notified to exhibit the same to the undersigned on or before June 26, 2022 or this notice will be pleaded in bar of recovery.

Debtors of the decedent are asked to make immediate payment.

This the 24th day of March, 2022.
Voncille Pierce-McKie
Administrator

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The undersigned, Dorothy McFarland Copley, having duly qualified as Executor of the Estate of Floyd Copley, deceased, late of Durham County, North Carolina, hereby notifies all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the Estate to present them to the undersigned in care of Ronald G. Coulter, Attorney for the Estate, 3400 Croasdaile Drive, Suite 205, Durham, North Carolina 27705, on or before June 23, 2022 or it will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to the Estate will please make immediate payment.

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

State of NC File: 2022 E 000384

ALL PERSONS, firms and corporations having claims against Jackie Anthony Holmes, deceased, of Durham County, N.C., are notified to exhibit the same to the undersigned on or before June 24, 2022 or this notice will be pleaded in bar of recovery.

Debtors of the decedent are asked to make immediate payment.

This 24th day of March, 2022.
Leslie Holmes Gydos
Administrator

P.O. Box 3022
Burlington, NC 27215
3/24,31, 4/7,14/2022
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
DURHAM COUNTY

NOTICE OF SERVICE

OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION
In The General Court Of Justice

Superior Court Division

Before the Clerk

File Number 2022-E-000159

The Undersigned, having qualified as Executor of the Estate of Nathaniel Dickerson, late of Durham County, North Carolina, hereby wishes to notify all persons having claims against the Estate of said deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned at the below listed address on or before the 24th day of June 2022, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery.

All persons indebted to the Estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned at the below listed address.

This the 24th day of March 2022.
Katherine Dauchert
Executor

27 Clearwater Drive
Durham, NC 27707
3/24,31, 4/7,14/2022
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
DURHAM COUNTY

NOTICE OF SERVICE

OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION
In The General Court Of Justice

Superior Court Division

Before the Clerk

File Number 22-E-185

The Undersigned, having qualified as Successor Executor of the Estate of Willie Lee Winston, late of Durham County, North Carolina, hereby wishes to notify all persons having claims against the Estate of said deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned at the below listed address on or before the 24th day of June 2022, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery.

All persons indebted to the Estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned at the below listed address.

This the 24th day of March 2022.
Roderick E. Roberts
Successor Executor
412 Caprano Drive
Holly Springs, NC 27540
3/24,31, 4/7,14/2022
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
DURHAM COUNTY

NOTICE OF SERVICE

OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION
In The General Court Of Justice

Superior Court Division

Before the Clerk

File Number 22-E-347

The Undersigned, having qualified as Executor of the Estate of Charles Edward Workman, late of Durham County, North Carolina, hereby wishes to notify all persons having claims against the Estate of said deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned at the below listed address on or before the 24th day of June 2022, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery.

All persons indebted to the Estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned at the below listed address.

This the 24th day of March 2022.
Elizabeth Barbo
Executor

13470 Zarthan Avenue South
Savage, MN 55378
3/24,31, 4/7,14/2022
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
DURHAM COUNTY

NOTICE OF SERVICE

OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION
In The General Court Of Justice

Superior Court Division

Before the Clerk

File Number 22-E-366

The Undersigned, having qualified as Co-Executors of the Estate of Helen Oldham Dennis, late of Durham County, North Carolina, hereby wish to notify all persons having claims against the Estate of said deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned at the below listed address on or before the 24th day of June 2022, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery.

All persons indebted to the Estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned at the below listed address.

This the 24th day of March 2022.
Cristy McGranahan
Co-Executor

3701 Hermine Street
Durham, NC 27705
Co-Executor
Robert McGranahan
Durham, NC 27705
3/24,31, 4/7,14/2022
NORTH CAROLINA
DURHAM COUNTY

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Estates Division

22 E 339

The undersigned, Judy Whisnant, attorney for the estate of WILLIAM WALTER DICKERSON, deceased, late of 703 Lindley Drive, Durham, North Carolina notifies all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate of said deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned at 123 West Main Street, Suite 612, Durham, NC 27701 on or before the 24th day of June, 2022, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment.

This 24th day of March, 2022.
Attorney for the Estate of William Walter Dickerson, deceased.

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STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
DURHAM COUNTY

NOTICE OF SERVICE

OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION
In The General Court Of Justice

Superior Court Division

Before the Clerk

File Number 21-E-1822

The Undersigned, having qualified as Administrator of the Estate of Thressa Poe Robinson, late of Durham County, North Carolina, hereby wishes to notify all persons having claims against the Estate of said deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned at the below listed address on or before the 24th day of June 2022, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery.

All persons indebted to the Estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned at the below listed address.

This the 24th day of March, 2022.
Cynthia McCrimmon
Administrator CTA

103 Warwick Hills Court
Cary, NC 27518
3/24,31,4/7,14/2022
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
DURHAM COUNTY

NOTICE OF SERVICE

OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION
In The General Court Of Justice

Superior Court Division

Before the Clerk

File No. 22 E 356

Having qualified as the personal representative of the Estate of Janece Catherine Radabaugh, deceased, late of Durham County, NC, Kathryn R. Nightingale, the undersigned, does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate of decedent to exhibit them to the undersigned at 1007 Vickers Ave., Durham, NC 27707, on or before July 15, 2022, or this notice will be

Superior Court Division

Before the Clerk

File Number 22-E-216

The Undersigned, having qualified as Administrator of the Estate of Cynthia Darlene Weaver, late of Durham County, North Carolina, hereby wishes to notify all persons having claims against the Estate of said deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned at the below listed address on or before the 24th day of June 2022, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery.

All persons indebted to the Estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned at the below listed address.

This the 24th day of March 2022.
Georgina Nicole Moreno
Administrator

404 Idlewood Drive
Durham, NC 27703
3/24, 3/31,4/7,14/2022
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
DURHAM COUNTY

NOTICE OF SERVICE

OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION
In The General Court Of Justice

Superior Court Division

Before the Clerk

File Number 22-E-319

The Undersigned, having qualified as Executor of the Estate of Ronald Wayne Whitt., late of Durham County, North Carolina, hereby wishes to notify all persons having claims against the Estate of said deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned at the below listed address on or before the 1st day of July 2022, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery.

All persons indebted to the Estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned at the below listed address.

This the 31st day of March 2022.
Christina R. Whitt
Executor

4002 Hamlin Rd
Durham, NC 27704
3/31,4/7,4/14 and 4/21/2022
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
DURHAM COUNTY

NOTICE OF SERVICE

OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION
In The General Court Of Justice

Superior Court Division

Before the Clerk

File Number 22-E-427

The Undersigned, having qualified as Administrator of the Estate of Victor Metcalfe Carnes, late of Durham County, North Carolina, hereby wishes to notify all persons having claims against the Estate of said deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned at the below listed address on or before the 1st day of July 2022, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery.

All persons indebted to the Estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned at the below listed address.

This the 31st day of March 2022.
Jane C. Belford
Administrator

204 Cedar Elm Road
Durham, NC 27713
3/31,4/7,14,21/2022
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
DURHAM COUNTY

NOTICE OF SERVICE

OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION
In The General Court Of Justice

Superior Court Division

Before the Clerk

File Number 22-E-363

The Undersigned, having qualified as Administrator of the Estate of Leslie Holstein Ziegler, late of Durham County, North Carolina, hereby wishes to notify all persons having claims against the Estate of said deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned at the below listed address on or before the 1st day of July 2022, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery.

All persons indebted to the Estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned at the below listed address.

This the 31st day of March 2021.
Jamie Lovering
Administrator

c/o Jones Branz & Whitaker LLP
4030 Wake Forest Road, Suite 300
Raleigh, NC 27609
3/31,4/7,14,21/2022

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

File No. 22 E 356

Having qualified as the personal representative of the Estate of Janece Catherine Radabaugh, deceased, late of Durham County, NC, Kathryn R. Nightingale, the undersigned, does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate of decedent to exhibit them to the undersigned at 1007 Vickers Ave., Durham, NC 27707, on or before July 15, 2022, or this notice will be

pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to the estate will please make prompt payment to the undersigned.

This the 31st day of March, 2022.
Kathryn R. Nightingale
Executrix

c/o Wilfred F. Drake, P.C.
Attorney for the Estate
1007 Vickers Avenue
Durham, NC 27707
1-919-683-8441
3/31, 4/7,14,21/2022
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
DURHAM COUNTY

NOTICE OF SERVICE

OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION
In The General Court Of Justice

Superior Court Division

Before the Clerk

File Number 22-E-336

The Undersigned, having qualified as Executor of the Estate of Aldine Margaret Goodwin, late of Durham County, North Carolina, hereby wishes to notify all persons having claims against the Estate of said deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned at the below listed address on or before the 1st day of July 2022, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery.

All persons indebted to the Estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned at the below listed address.

This the 31st day of March 2022.
Diane Marie Coffas
Executor

5601 North Hawthorne Way
Raleigh, NC 27613
3/31, 4/7,14,21/2022

NOTICE OF SERVICE

OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION
In The General Court Of Justice

Superior Court Division

Before the Clerk

File Number 21-E-1273

The Undersigned, having qualified as Executor of the Estate of Cora T. Cooper, late of Durham County, North Carolina, hereby wishes to notify all persons having claims against the Estate of said deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned at the below listed address on or before the 8th day of July, 2022, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery.

All persons indebted to the Estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned at the below listed address.

This the 7th day of April, 2022.
James Harrison Holman, Jr.
Executor

1918 Crowell St
Durham, NC 27707
4/7,4/14,4/21, and 4/28/22
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
DURHAM COUNTY

NOTICE OF SERVICE

OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION
In The General Court Of Justice

Superior Court Division

Before the Clerk

File Number 2022-E-00458

The Undersigned, having qualified as Administrator of the Estate of Linda H. Buchanan, late of Durham County, North Carolina, hereby wishes to notify all persons having claims against the Estate of said deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned at the below listed address on or before the 7th day of July, 2022, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery.

All persons indebted to the Estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned at the below listed address.

This the 7th day of April 2022.
Elizabeth Buchanan
Administrator

910 Constitution Drive
Apt. 309
Durham, NC 27705
4/7,14,21,28/2022
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
DURHAM COUNTY

NOTICE OF SERVICE

OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION
In The General Court Of Justice

Superior Court Division

Before the Clerk

File Number 22-E-463

The Undersigned, having qualified as Executor of the Estate of Lillian V. Barbee, late of Durham County, North Carolina, hereby wishes to notify all persons having claims against the Estate of said deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned at the below listed address on or before the 8th day of July, 2022, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery.

All persons indebted to the Estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned at the below listed address.

This the 7th day of April, 2022.
Denise Barbee Williams
Executor

136 Crestview Drive
Durham, NC 27712
4/7,4/14,4/21, and 4/28/22
NORTH CAROLINA
DURHAM COUNTY

In The General Court of Justice

District Court Division

File No. 21- CVD -3381

NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION

To: ADAN ULMAN SANCHEZ LOPEZ, Defendant.

Take notice that a pleading seeking relief against you has been filed in the above-entitled action. The nature of the relief being sought is for child custody. You are required to make defense to such pleading no later than the 17th day of May, 2022, said date being at least forty (40) days from the first publication of this Notice, and upon your failure to do so, the Plaintiff, DOMINGA OTILIA GONZALEZ RODAS, will apply to the court for the relief sought.

This, the 7th day of April, 2022.
Aneta Pavai, Esq.
Pavai Law Offices, PLLC
7404 Chapel Hill Rd
Suite M
Raleigh NC 27607
Telephone: (919) 410-6690
4/7,14,21/2022

NOTICE OF SERVICE

OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION
In The General Court Of Justice

Superior Court Division

Before the Clerk

File Number 22-E-179

The Undersigned, having qualified as Executor of the Estate of Gassennie W. Hodge, late of Durham County, North Carolina, hereby wishes to notify all persons having claims against the Estate of said deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned at the below listed address on or before the 8th day of July 2022, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery.

All persons indebted to the Estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned at the below listed address.

This the 7th day of April 2022.
Roderick V. Hodge
Executor

5425 Loyal Place
Durham, NC 27713
4/7,14,21,28/2022

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

File No. 22 E 451

Having qualified as the personal representative of the Estate of Valinda H. Blalock, late of Durham County, NC, Bonnie Huckabee, the undersigned, does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate of decedent to exhibit them to the undersigned at 1007 Vickers Ave., Durham, NC 27707, on or before August 15, 2022 or it will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to the estate will please make prompt payment to the undersigned.

This the 7th day of April, 2022.
Bonnie Huckabee
Executrix

Wilfred F. Drake, P.C.
Attorney for the Estate
1007 Vickers Avenue
Durham, NC 27707
1-919-683-8441
4/7,4/14,4/21, and 4/28/2022

NORTH CAROLINA

DURHAM COUNTY

In The General Court of Justice

District Court Division

File No. 21- CVD -3381

NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION

To: ADAN ULMAN SANCHEZ LOPEZ, Defendant.

Take notice that a pleading seeking relief against you has been filed in the above-entitled action. The nature of the relief being sought is for child custody. You are required to make defense to such pleading no later than the 17th day of May, 2022, said date being at least forty (40) days from the first publication of this Notice, and upon your failure to do so, the Plaintiff, DOMINGA OTILIA GONZALEZ RODAS, will apply to the court for the relief sought.

This, the 7th day of April, 2022.
Aneta Pavai, Esq.
Pavai Law Offices, PLLC
7404 Chapel Hill Rd
Suite M
Raleigh NC 27607
Telephone: (919) 410-6690
4/7,14,21/2022

NOTICE OF SERVICE

OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION
In The General Court Of Justice

Superior Court Division

Before the Clerk

File Number 22-E-179

The Undersigned, having qualified as Executor of the Estate of Gassennie W. Hodge, late of Durham County, North Carolina, hereby wishes to notify all persons having claims against the Estate of said deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned at the below listed address on or before the 8th day of July 2022, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery.

All persons indebted to the Estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned at the below listed address.

This the 7th day of April 2022.
Roderick V. Hodge
Executor

5425 Loyal Place
Durham, NC 27713
4/7,14,21,28/2022

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

File No. 22 E 451

Having qualified as the personal representative of the Estate of Valinda H. Blalock, late of Durham County, NC, Bonnie Huckabee, the undersigned, does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate of decedent to exhibit them to the undersigned at 1007

Classifieds

LEGALS

WAKE COUNTY

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
WAKE COUNTY
NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION In The General Court Of Justice Superior Court Division Before the Clerk
File Number 2022 E 001139

The Undersigned, having qualified as Executor of the Estate of Dorothy J. Hinton, late of Wake County, North Carolina, hereby wishes to notify all persons having claims against the Estate of said deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned at the below listed address on or before the 24th day of June 2022, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery.

All persons indebted to the Estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned at the below listed address.

This the 24th day of March 2022.
William H. Alston, Jr.
Executor

2005 Waters Drive
Raleigh, NC 27610
3/24,31, 4/7,14/2022
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
WAKE COUNTY

NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION In The General Court Of Justice Superior Court Division Before the Clerk
File Number 22 E 349

The Undersigned, having qualified as Administratrix of the Estate of Alton Royce Elliott, late of Wake County, North Carolina, hereby wishes to notify all persons having claims against the Estate of said deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned at the below listed address on or before the 24th day of June 2022, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery.

All persons indebted to the Estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned at the below listed address.

This the 24th day of March 2022.
Debra Elliott Putman
Administratrix

4717 Kiger Road
Rougemont, NC 27572
3/24,31,4/7,14/2022
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
WAKE COUNTY

NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION In The General Court Of Justice Superior Court Division Before the Clerk
File Number 2021 E 004666

The Undersigned, having qualified as Administrator of the Estate of Nneka Ife Jackson, late of Wake County, North Carolina, hereby wishes to notify all persons having claims against the Estate of said deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned at the below listed address on or before the 24th day of June, 2022, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery.

All persons indebted to the Estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned at the below listed address.

This the 24th day of March, 2022.
Doris L. Jackson

Administrator
1010 Amelia Station Way
Apt. 107
Clayton, NC 27520
3/24,31,4/7,14/2022
3109 Woodbine Court
Raleigh, NC 27610
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
WAKE COUNTY

NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION In The General Court Of Justice Superior Court Division Before the Clerk
File Number 22 E 001264

The Undersigned, having qualified as Administrator of the Estate of Zula Kimbrell Adams, late of Wake County, North Carolina, hereby wishes to notify all persons having claims against the Estate of said deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned at the below listed address on or before the 1st day of July 2022, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery.

All persons indebted to the Estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned at the below listed address.

This the 31st day of March 2022.

Larry W Adams
Administrator
7108 Eastover Drive
Raleigh, NC 27603
3/31,4/7,4/14, and 4/21/2022
NORTH CAROLINA
WAKE COUNTY

In The General Court of Justice District Court Division File No. 21 SP 1610

NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION

To: LEONCIO VILLEGAS,

Respondent
Take notice that a Petition For Adoption of a Minor Child has been filed in the above entitled action for the minor child, Edward David Alvarado-Quijada. You are required to make defense to such petition no later than May 10, 2022, said date being at least forty (40) days from this Notice, and upon your failure to do so, your consent to the adoption will not be required.

This, the 31st day of March, 2022.

Yvonne Armendariz, Esq.
Armendariz Law Office, PLLC
6110 Lake Wheeler Road
Raleigh, NC 27603
Telephone: (919) 656-1524
Yvonne.armendarizlaw.com
4/7, 4/14 and 4/21/22
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
WAKE COUNTY

NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION In The General Court Of Justice Superior Court Division Before the Clerk
File Number 2018 E 004118

The Undersigned, having qualified as Administrator of the Estate of Sivey Junior Peacock, late of Wake County, North Carolina, hereby wishes to notify all persons having claims against the Estate of said deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned at the below listed address on or before the 8th day of July, 2022, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery.

All persons indebted to the Estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned at the below listed address.

This the 7th day of April, 2022.
Mattie Drayton

Administrator
Bldg 160 Gas Light Creek Ct
apt. 101
Raleigh, NC 27601
4/7,4/14,4/21, and 4/28/22
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
WAKE COUNTY

NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION In The General Court Of Justice

Superior Court Division Before the Clerk
File Number 2021 E 000145

The Undersigned, having qualified as Executor of the Estate of Willie Kennedy Jr., late of Wake County, North Carolina, hereby wishes to notify all persons having claims against the Estate of said deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned at the below listed address on or before the 14th day of July 2022, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery.

All persons indebted to the Estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned at the

D/M/WBE

SUBCONTRACTORS/SUPPLIERS WANTED

T.A. Loving Company (NC General Contractor License No. 325) is seeking certified DBE, MBE, and WBE subcontractors and suppliers for the **Cypress Landing Pump Station Rehabilitation** project for the **Town of Chocowinity** which bids **April 21, 2022, at 2:00 PM**. Plans and specifications for this project are available at the following locations: TA Loving Company, 400 Patetown Road, Goldsboro, NC 27530 * the Town of Chocowinity Town Hall; 3351 US Highway 17 Business-South; Chocowinity, NC 27817 * Rivers and Associates, Inc.; 107 East Second Street; Greenville, NC 27858.

Potential subcontracting opportunities include but are not limited to surveying, hauling, erosion control, seeding, electrical, linework, bypass pumping, flatwork, manhole lining and painting. Please contact Jeff Price (jprice@taloving.com) if you are interested in submitting a proposal on any portion(s) of this project. Contact via phone 919-734-8400; fax 919-736-2148; or email. All quotations will be accepted up to bid closing time on bid date. TA Loving Company is an Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action Employer.

Please advise if assistance is needed with obtaining necessary equipment, supplies, materials, or insurance/bonding to satisfy the work requirements. We are willing to accept quotations on all or partial quantities and items of work. We can offer 2-party check payments and quick payment agreements, but the agreements need to be negotiated prior to bid date.

D/M/WBE

SUBCONTRACTORS/SUPPLIERS WANTED

T.A. Loving Company (NC General Contractor License No. 325) is seeking certified DBE, MBE, and WBE subcontractors and suppliers for the **Martin Pond Road Water Main Extension** project for **City of Raleigh Public Utilities Division** which bids **April 21, 2022, at 2:00 PM**. Plans and specifications for this project are available at the following locations: TA Loving Company, 400 Patetown Road, Goldsboro, NC 27530 * WithersRavenel; 137 South Wilmington Street, Suite 200; Raleigh, NC 27601 * Dodge Data and Analytics website * ConstructConnect website * Construction Journal website * NC Institute of Minority Economic Development (NCIMED) website.

Potential subcontracting opportunities include but are not limited to surveying, clearing and grubbing, hauling, asphalt paving, erosion control, seeding, linework, jack & bore, and flatwork. Please contact Jeff Price (jprice@taloving.com) if you are interested in submitting a proposal on any portion(s) of this project. Contact via phone 919-734-8400; fax 919-736-2148; or email. All quotations will be accepted up to bid closing time on bid date. TA Loving Company is an Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action Employer.

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SUBCONTRACTORS/SUPPLIERS WANTED

T.A. Loving Company (NC General Contractor License No. 325) is seeking certified DBE, MBE, and WBE subcontractors and suppliers for the **Lakewood Avenue Sewer Replacement** project for the **City of Durham** which bids **April 21, 2022, at 2:00 PM**. Plans and specifications for this project are available at the following locations: TA Loving Company, 400 Patetown Road, Goldsboro, NC 27530 * City of Durham, Department of Water Management, Utility Engineering Division; 1600 Mist Lake Drive; Durham, NC 27704 * Carolinas AGC Website * Dodge Data and Analytics website * NC Institute of Minority Economic Development (NCIMED) website * Raleigh-Durham Minority Business Development Center; 800 North Mangum Street; Durham, NC 27704.

Potential subcontracting opportunities include but are not limited to surveying, clearing and grubbing, hauling, asphalt paving, striping, traffic control, erosion control, seeding, linework, jack & bore, bypass pumping, and flatwork. Please contact Jeff Price (jprice@taloving.com) if you are interested in submitting a proposal on any portion(s) of this project. Contact via phone 919-734-8400; fax 919-736-2148; or email. All quotations will be accepted up to bid closing time on bid date. TA Loving Company is an Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action Employer.

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below listed address.
This the 14th day of April 2022.
Johnny Perry
Executor
747 St. George Road
Raleigh, NC 27610
4/14,21,28, 5/5/2022
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
WAKE COUNTY

NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION In The General Court Of Justice Superior Court Division Before the Clerk
File Number 2022 E 000748

The Undersigned, having qualified as Executor of the Estate of Lorraine Williams Whitley, late

of Wake County, North Carolina, hereby wishes to notify all persons having claims against the Estate of said deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned at the below listed address on or before the 14th day of July 2022, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery.

All persons indebted to the Estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned at the below listed address.

This the 14th day of April 2022.
Cynthia McNeill
Executor
5129 Emerald Springs Drive
Knightdale, NC 27545
4/14,21,28, 5/5/2022

D/M/WBE

SUBCONTRACTORS/SUPPLIERS WANTED

T.A. Loving Company (NC General Contractor License No. 325) is seeking certified DBE, MBE, and WBE subcontractors and suppliers for the **Wildwood Park Bridges and Boardwalks** project for **Greenville Recreation and Parks Department** which bids **April 19, 2022, at 2:00 PM**. Plans and specifications for this project are available at the following locations: TA Loving Company, 400 Patetown Road, Goldsboro, NC 27530 * City of Greenville Current Bid Opportunities website.

Potential subcontracting opportunities include but are not limited to surveying, demolition, clearing and grubbing, earthwork, hauling, asphalt paving, striping, traffic control, erosion control, seeding, sodding, landscaping, and flatwork. Please contact Justin E. Hill (jehill@taloving.com) if you are interested in submitting a proposal on any portion(s) of this project. Contact via phone 919-734-8400; fax 919-736-2148; or email. All quotations will be accepted up to bid closing time on bid date. TA Loving Company is an Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action Employer.

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ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Town of Morehead City
1100 Bridges Street
Morehead City, NC 28557

Separate sealed BIDS for the construction of 2022 Water and Sewer Improvements Contract No. 123—PS 25, FM and Water Line Improvements will be received by the Engineer at Morehead City Train Depot, 1001 Arendell Street, Morehead City, NC 28557 until 2:00 PM, May 3, 2022, and then at said office publicly opened and read aloud.

The CONTRACT DOCUMENTS may be examined at the following locations:

- Morehead City Town Hall, 1100 Bridges Street, Morehead City, NC 28557
- McDavid Associates, Inc., 109 East Walnut Street, P.O. Box 1776, Goldsboro, NC 27533-1776
- Dodge Data and Analytics, 4300 Beltway Place, Suite 180, Arlington, TX 76018-5253
(View online at www.construction.com)
- Construct Connect, Attn: DPC, 30 Technology Parkway South, Suite 100, Norcross, GA 30092
(View online at www.ConstructConnect.com)
- Construction Journal, 400 SW 7th Street, Stuart, FL 34994
(View online at www.ConstructionJournal.com)
- Builders & Contractors Exchange, Inc., 1118 Azalea Garden Road, Norfolk, VA 23502-5612
(View online at www.bceva.com)

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The OWNER reserves the right to reject any and all BIDS. BIDDER shall be properly licensed under Chapter 87, General Statutes of North Carolina.

Small, minority, women's, and disadvantaged businesses and labor surplus area firms are encouraged to submit BIDS.

This PROJECT is subject to the good faith efforts and goals for participation by minority businesses required by G.S. 143-128.2. The OWNER has adopted a verifiable ten percent (10%) goal for participation by minority businesses in the total value of the WORK.

BIDDERS shall, within the time frames specified in the BID documents, submit all required affidavits and documentation demonstrating that the BIDDER made the required good faith effort in compliance with G.S. 143-128.2. Failure to file all required affidavits and documentation within the required time frames is grounds for rejection of the BID.

Prospective BIDDERS who have been found guilty of discrimination within the last two (2) years are debarred from bidding.

A pre-Bid conference will not be held.

April 10, 2022
Daniel Williams
Public Service Director
Town of Morehead City

D/M/WBE

SUBCONTRACTORS/SUPPLIERS WANTED

T.A. Loving Company (NC General Contractor License No. 325) is seeking certified DBE, MBE, and WBE subcontractors and suppliers for the **Transit Shed No. 5 Deck Improvements** project for **North Carolina State Ports Authority** which bids **April 21, 2022, at 3:00 PM**. Plans and specifications for this project are available at the following locations: TA Loving Company, 400 Patetown Road, Goldsboro, NC 27530 * NCSPA Engineering and Maintenance Department; 2202 Burnett Boulevard; Wilmington, NC 28401 * Moffat and Nichol; 4700 Falls of the Neuse Road, Suite 300; Raleigh, NC 27609.

Potential subcontracting opportunities include but are not limited to surveying, demolition, clearing and grubbing, hauling, asphalt paving, striping, traffic control, earthwork, erosion control, flatwork, CIPC, concrete forms, and concrete rebar. Please contact Justin E. Hill (jehill@taloving.com) if you are interested in submitting a proposal on any portion(s) of this project. Contact via phone 919-734-8400; fax 919-736-2148; or email. All quotations will be accepted up to bid closing time on bid date. TA Loving Company is an Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action Employer.

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