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Mary Lumpkin Liberated A Slave Jail & Then Transformed It Into An HBCU

By Kristen Green

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The cobblestone streets of downtown Richmond, Virginia, gently slope to a low-lying area where a dark history is hidden.

One of the oldest neighborhoods in the city, Shockoe Bottom is marked by throbbing nightclubs, an advertising agency, and a smattering of cafés, hotels and restaurants. Tobacco warehouses perched on the James River are now stylish lofts. Interstate 95 roars over the neighborhood, and Amtrak rails run alongside the highway, shuttling passengers to the historic Main Street Station. Old advertisements painted on the sides of brick buildings lend the neighborhood a certain charm. But it also feels abandoned and unloved, cluttered with parking lots and potholed streets.

In the shadow the train station, visitors find history delivered up on a dull brown sign: Lumpkin's Slave Jail Archaeological Study Site. Three metal markers outline the jail's significance, telling the story of one of the most important chapters of the domestic slave trade in America.

This is how the life of Mary Lumpkin, an enslaved woman who survived life inside the brutal jail, is shared. And this is exactly the way to tell a story so that no one will hear it.

Described as "nearly white" and "fair faced," Mary, who was born in 1832, may have been the multiracial child of an enslaved woman and her enslaver, one of his relatives, or a white overseer. Sold away as a young girl, probably from one or both of her parents, she was purchased by



the slave trader Robert Lumpkin, a violent white man 27 years her senior. When she was about 13, she was forced to have the first of five children with him. According to a descendant, she told him he could do with her what he wanted but demanded that their children be freed. She and the children likely lived with him on the compound of his slave jail, where he imprisoned thousands of enslaved people between 1844 and 1866. Some were imprisoned there before sale, and others were held after sale. Nearly all were eventually shipped away to the Deep South.

In this wretched place, Mary managed to educate her chil-

dren and find a path to freedom, moving them and herself to the free state of Pennsylvania with Robert's blessing prior to the Civil War. She inherited the jail in 1866, when Robert died and bequeathed the property to her. Two years later, she helped a white Baptist missionary from the American Baptist Home Mission Society turn the "Devil's Half Acre"—a greatly feared place where countless enslaved people had long suffered—into "God's Half Acre," a school where dreams could be realized. The same grounds where enslaved people were imprisoned and beaten became the cornerstone for one of America's

historically Black colleges and universities (HBCU). Virginia Union University (VUU) is still in existence today.

"Virginia Union ... was born in the bosom of Lumpkin's Jail," says W. Franklyn Richardson, chairman of the university's board and an alumnus. "The place we were sold into slavery becomes the place we are released into intellectual freedom."

In the aftermath of the Civil War, the school, founded as the Richmond Theological School for Freedmen, provided Black students with an education. For more than 150 years, it has elevated and nurtured generations of Black men and women, helping them to realize their potential. It has shaped civic, education and business leaders and developed activists who worked to desegregate whites-only lunch counters in Richmond department stores.

It is also one of the rare HBCUs in America that can tie its origins to a Black woman.

"For Virginia Union to have a forming story rooted in Black womanhood ... it's a story of its own," says VUU president Hakim J. Lucas.

Yet for many years, Mary was invisible, even at the school she had played a role in forming. She lived first as an enslaved woman in the Richmond slave trade district and then as a free person in Philadelphia; New Orleans; and, later, New Richmond, Ohio. When Lumpkin's Jail was demolished and covered with fill dirt in 1876, her story went with it.

Few enslaved people left the kinds of documents that histo-

(See LUMOKIN, P. 2)



GAME, SET, MATCH, COUNTRY — Asia Muhammad stretches out to keep the rally going in the deciding match against team Ukraine. Team USA met the Ukrainian team at the Billie Jean King Cup in Asheville over the weekend. See more photos on page 14.

Williams, Karat Work To Double Presence

BUSINESS WIRE—Karat, the world's largest interviewing company, today announced a strategic investment from Serena Williams to significantly scale Brilliant Black Minds, a program that improves access and inclusion across the technology industry. By opening the program to all current and aspiring Black software engineers and serving as Karat's "Champion of Brilliance," Serena will support Karat's call on the industry to help add more than 100,000 new Black engineers to tech in the next decade.



Many Black software engineers face multiple barriers to entry for jobs in the tech industry, from structural inequities that delay early exposure to computer science to limited information about how the industry hires, fewer connections in their professional networks, and less opportunities to practice technical interviews. As a result, just 5 percent of all software engineers in the U.S. are Black.

Karat launched Brilliant Black Minds to close the Interview Access Gap that disproportionately impacts Black software engineers. Only 50 percent of the Black engineers Karat and Howard University surveyed have experienced a technical

interview before they look for a job. However, the same research shows that confidence levels increase with more interview practice — 79 percent of respondents with three practice interviews say they are more likely to succeed. Equitable access to interview practice also has a significant impact on early career opportunities like internships. Respondents with more than three practice interviews are six times more likely to have had an engineering internship compared to those that never had one.

"The technology industry is (See WILLIAMS, P. 2)

Confederate History Month Proclaimed

Mayor Curtis Hayes of Livingston, Tennessee signed a proclamation declaring April "Confederate History Month" in the city.

America seceded from the United States in the early 1860s in order to perpetuate the enslavement of Black people, but subsequently it lost the Civil War. On its Facebook page, the

Overton County News links to a post on its website about the proclamation. The post features a photo of Hayes, who is Black, surrounded by men who are described as members of the Sons

of Confederate Veterans.

The Sons of Confederate Veterans website states that the organization "shall be strictly patriotic, historical, educational, fraternal, benevolent, non-political, non-racial and non-sectarian. The Sons of Confederate Veterans neither embraces, nor espouses acts or ideologies of racial and religious bigotry, and further, condemns the misuse of its sacred symbols and flags in the conduct of same."

April is a popular choice for Confederate History Month, which only began in 1994. Various southern states have recognized it over the years. However, in April 2022 only Mississippi Republican Gov. Tate Reeves commemorated the Confederacy.

Several states and municipalities have moved to take down statues of Confederate military leaders and remove Confederate flags from public buildings in recent years, though obviously the imagery persists in some places.



The Carolinian's 'Honoring Mothers' Contest

In honor of mothers, and mother figures, The Carolinian is inviting the community to submit essays about what the most influential woman in their life has meant to them.

From now until Monday, May 2nd, you are all welcome to email, mail or hand deliver your comments of adoration about the mother in your life.

The purpose of the submission is to showcase the great influences that have shaped generations.

We will publish the submissions in the May 5th edition of The Carolinian. At that point we will ask our readership to weigh in on the essay that moves them the most. The three submissions that have the most nominations will be awarded a collectible BARBIE Inspiring Women doll.

The dolls are of iconic African American women, which is befitting of the contest.

Ella Fitzgerald— born April 25, 1917 in Newport News, Virginia, was an American jazz singer who became world famous for the wide range and rare sweetness of her voice. She became an international legend during a career that spanned some six decades.

Maya Angelou— born April 4, 1928, St. Louis, Missouri, was an

American poet, memoirist, and actress whose several volumes of autobiography explore the themes of economic, racial, and sexual oppression.

Rosa Parks— born February 4, 1913, Tuskegee, Alabama, was an American civil rights activist whose refusal to relinquish her seat on a public bus precipi-

tated the 1955-56 Montgomery bus boycott in Alabama, which became the spark that ignited the civil rights movement in the United States.

Each of these women influenced millions of people and lives around the world. They are a symbol of hope and achievement, and that is why they were

chosen as the awards for this year's contest.

We want to know about your influential woman. Write about how she helped to forge your path, or saved your life, or make you who you are today.

You can email your submission to info@caro.news and put in the subject line: Honoring Mothers



Mary Lumpkin Liberated A Slave Jail —CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

rians use to trace and tell white people's stories. Though Mary, who died in 1905 at the age of 73, was literate, she did not leave journals or personal papers. "People who are free have the ability to give their papers to someone specific," says Niya Bates, the former public historian at Monticello. "Enslaved people didn't have that privilege."

Most enslaved people kept everything in their minds—"the only diary in which the records of their marriages, births and deaths were registered," wrote Henry Clay

Bruce, who was born enslaved in Virginia, in his 1895 autobiography. Oral histories were their primary means for preserving stories.

A handful of letters that Mary wrote to the administrators of the school now known as Virginia Union University survive today. These letters and the court testimony she gave on behalf of a friend are the only records in her own voice. I couldn't find any documents that show where Mary was born or who her parents were.

To reconstruct the lives of Black

men and women, historians have had to rely on the records created by their oppressors. But such records are unavailable for Mary, as only a few pages of a ledger book from Robert's infamous slave jail operation were preserved. While his will instructed that his assets be distributed to Mary, and to their children if she eventually married, other documents that might have revealed more about the relationship—and more about his role in the slave trade—were either lost or destroyed, perhaps intentionally.

To flesh out Mary's story, I went to a Richmond courthouse, where crinkling, 150-year-old court cases were still tied in "red tape"—the ribbon that has become synonymous with government bureaucracy. I traveled to the tiny seaside town of Ipswich, Massachusetts, and sat in the town museum and town library, flipping through records for the school her two white-passing daughters attended. Robert had agreed to educate them, as he feared that a "financial contingency might arise when these, his own beautiful daughters, might be sold into slavery to pay his debts," according to Charles Henry Corey, a leader at the Richmond theology school.

Poring over old property records in a Philadelphia basement, I discovered that Mary had purchased a home in the Pennsylvania city in her own name. The girls went to live there with their two eldest brothers after two years of schooling, and Mary and her youngest son joined them before war broke out in 1861. I visited the hillside cemetery where she was buried in New Richmond, Ohio, and learned about the abolitionist roots of the community on the banks of the Ohio River where she spent her later years. An outline of a life began to emerge that seemed to be defined as much by the freedom that Mary forged in her late 20s as by her enslavement.

As I traced her movements, I discovered that in her role as the



Aerial view of the Lumpkin's Jail site today

mother of Robert's children, Mary was part of a community of girls and women, hidden from view, who were chosen as sexual partners by slave traders and forced to bear their children. These women probably managed their enslaver's household and operated some part of the business of running his slave jail. As witnesses to the slave traders' violence and participants in the system of slavery, they were in some ways separated from other enslaved people. Yet choices were not theirs to make. They were unfree, and their lives were a paradox.

These enslaved women may have encouraged each other to seek more independence and assert themselves in the slave jails and in their relationships with the fathers of their children. Perhaps they supported each other in their quests to educate themselves and their children. They may have bolstered each other's attempts to move their children out of slavery. Maybe they shared not only tactics for enduring their lives of enslavement but also methods for seeking better lives.

Mary forged such friendships and connections throughout her adult life. Her relationships with other enslaved women, including Lucy Ann Cheatham Hagan, Corinna Hinton Omohundro and Ann Banks Davis, may have helped

protect her in her interactions with Robert and must have made her daily life easier to bear.

In her relationship with Robert, Mary exercised her agency and limited authority, finding a way out of enslavement. She showed empathy and concern for other enslaved people who were tortured and held captive in Lumpkin's Jail. She was highly mobile, seeking out opportunities in new places, and she would eventually make a home for herself in three American cities and a village. Not only did Mary ensure that her children were educated, but she helped make education available to newly free Black men in the aftermath of the Civil War and, subsequently, to generations of Black Americans. Why, then, don't we know her story?

Traditionally, only the stories of the most exceptional women—like Harriet Tubman—and their narratives of triumph have broken through. But focusing solely on those who escaped slavery leaves out the reality of most enslaved women's lives. Many felt that they could not run away because they had family obligations and children they would not leave. "[A]pparently many women concluded that permanent escape was impossible or undesirable," writes the late historian Stephanie M. H. Camp.

Instead, they fled temporarily

when violence became too great to withstand. They fought back to avoid abuse, and they protested beatings. When they could not avoid rape, they attempted their own birth control and chewed cotton root to abort pregnancies. In despair and defiance, some took the lives of their own infants rather than see them grow up enslaved. A few killed their enslavers. Others slit their own throats, cut off their own hands, jumped from windows. They rescued other enslaved people, and they led slave revolts—stories that are only now coming to light.

They resisted in quiet ways too, using their agency to secure better jobs in enslavers' households, to get education for their children, to provide their families with some security and extra food. Because historians for generations have limited the scope of storytelling about Black women to those who are better documented and those deemed exceptional, the lives of women like Mary have not been explored.

Mary's story was even forgotten by her own family. Using public documents and newspaper stories, I built her family tree and traced the movement west of several of her children, followed by her grandchildren and great-grandchildren. During Reconstruction and Jim Crow, they headed farther and farther away from the land of her birth and enslavement, from her Blackness, from all that she endured and all she survived—until many of her descendants didn't know that she had existed at all.

Black scholar and writer Carolivia Herron has always known the story of her ancestor Mary, who insisted to her enslaver that "these children have to be free." When Herron visited the Lumpkin's Jail site in 2014, she threw herself onto the ground at the adjacent African Burial Ground and whispered to her great-great grandmother and other long-suffering kin. "You won't be forgotten," she said. "I will hold you up."

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focused on solving some of the world's biggest challenges. My focus is ensuring the solutions to those challenges are developed by all of us," said Serena Williams. "There has never been a shortage of brilliance in Black America; only limits to the access and opportunities extended to our community. That is why I am proud to team up with companies like Karat who are taking actionable steps to bring more diversity and equity to the industry, as well as call on others to be part of the change."

The Brilliant Black Minds program uses Karat's Interviewing Cloud to deliver free interview practice, feedback, and coaching to help aspiring software engineers in this community prepare to successfully enter the tech industry. Designed to unlock engineering value and accelerate hiring, the Interviewing Cloud is a human + tech solution

that delivers predictive, fair, and enjoyable live technical interviews conducted by a global network of interview engineers. The expertise and data generated from hundreds of thousands of interviews has enabled Karat to create more candidate-centric experiences, particularly for software engineers who have been previously overlooked by traditional hiring practices.

"We're living in a world where engineering time grows more valuable every day, yet organizations are grappling with a multi-decade shortage of software engineers. The current approach is to source talent from the same talent pool over and over again, which reinforces the industry's lack of diversity and makes it harder to find technical talent," said Mohit Bhende, Co-Founder and CEO of Karat. "The Brilliant Black Minds program helps solve this major business chal-

lenge by giving organizations access to a deeper, interview-ready talent pool. More engineers ultimately unlocks more engineering time, driving diverse and powerful innovations."

With this investment from Serena Williams, the Brilliant Black Minds program is now open to all current and aspiring

Black software engineers in the U.S. who want the opportunity to make progress on their technical interviewing skills. In Serena's role serving as a "Champion of Brilliance," she will teach the importance of practice and building a championship mindset to help participants land their dream job in tech.

Publisher's Note

We at The Carolinian extend our sincerest apologies to our readership, and advertisers, for the misprint of page two in last week's newspaper. Though the mistake was not made in-house, it is never our intent for our readers to have an interrupted experience within the pages of The Carolinian.

To ensure that you receive all that you pay for, we have reprinted the two articles that were truncated in their entirety. Thank you for your continued support.

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Texas Governor Halts Inspections Of Trucks That Caused Border Gridlock

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Texas Gov. Greg Abbott on Friday repealed his traffic-clogging immigration order that backed up commercial trucks at the U.S.-Mexico border, after a week of intensifying backlash and fears of deepening economic losses.

The Republican governor dropped his new rules that had required all commercial trucks from Mexico to undergo extra inspections to curb the flow of migrants and drugs and ratcheted up a fight with the Biden administration over immigration policy.

Some truckers reported waiting more than 30 hours to cross. Others blocked one of the world's busiest trade bridges in protest.

Abbott, who is up for reelection in November and has made the border his top issue, fully lifted the inspections after reaching agreements with neighboring Mexican states that he says outline new commitments to border security. The last one was signed with the governor of Tamaulipas, who earlier this week said the inspections were overzealous and created havoc. On Friday, he joined Abbott and said they were ready to work together.

When Abbott first ordered the inspections, he did not say lifting them was conditional on such arrangements with Mexico.

Pressure was building on Abbott to retreat as gridlock on the border worsened. The American Trucking Association called the inspections "wholly flawed, redundant and adding considerable weight on an already strained supply chain." One customs agency in Mexico estimated the losses at millions of dollars



a day, and produce distributors warned of empty shelves and higher prices if the order was not rescinded soon.

Abbott acknowledged the trade slowdowns but showed no sign of regret. He said he was prepared to reimpose the inspections if Mexican states don't hold up their end of the deal.

"I'm not hesitant to do so whatsoever," Abbott said.

The U.S.-Mexico border is crucial to the U.S. economy and more of it is in Texas — roughly 1,200 miles (1,931 kilometers) — than any other state. The United States last year imported \$390.7 billion worth of goods from Mexico, second only to China.

Trucks are inspected by U.S. Customs and Border Protection agents upon entering the country. Texas began its own inspections after the Biden administration said pandemic-related restric-

tions on claiming asylum at the border would be lifted May 23.

Abbott called the inspections a "zero tolerance policy for unsafe vehicles" smuggling migrants. He said Texas would take several steps in response to the end of the asylum restrictions, which is expected to lead to an increase in migrants coming to the border.

State troopers inspected more than 6,000 commercial vehicles over the past week, according to the Texas Department of Public Safety. Nearly 1 in 4 trucks were pulled off the road for what the agency described as serious violations that included defective tires and brakes.

Troopers did not turn up any human or drug trafficking during the inspections, said Department of Public Safety Director Steve McCraw. He described it as unsurprising, saying cartels knew the inspections were taking place.

But migrants are stopped at ports of entry in only about 5% of CBP encounters. The vast majority cross in mountains, deserts and cities between official crossings.

The dynamic with drug seizures is different, with fentanyl, heroin, methamphetamine and other hard narcotics being seized overwhelmingly at official crossings instead of between them. Their compact size and lack of odor make them extremely difficult to detect.

Abbott has also chartered buses to Washington, D.C., for migrants who wanted to go. The first drop-offs happened Wednesday, drawing criticism from the Biden administration. On Thursday, CBP Commissioner Chris Magnus said Texas was moving migrants without "adequately coordinating" with the federal government.

Business & Finance

President Biden Visits Greensboro, A&T

By Tyria McCray

Staff Writer

This past Thursday, President Joe Biden traveled to North Carolina A&T in Greensboro, to speak on the Build a Better America plan and tour the university's new engineering research and innovation complex.

At N.C. A&T, one of the 12 HBCUs in the state, the Harold L. Martin Sr. Engineering Research & Innovation Complex was recently developed to support engineering research.

The \$90-million Martin Complex, which opened in February, is equipped with cutting-edge technology and research capabilities, including humanoid and animal robots, a hologram design studio, a 360-degree immersive driving simulator, self-driving vehicles, the latest in drone systems, and much more. It is home to A&T's Computer Science programs, which are growing in impact, research interests, and corporate partnerships with well-known brands.

Michael S. Regan, administrator of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and an alumnus of A&T, kicked off the program with warm sentiments for his alma mater: "I would not be where I am today, serving as the first Black man to lead the EPA, were it not for the time I spent here at North Carolina A&T."

Nominated to his Cabinet-level role by President Biden, Regan was sworn into his office last year by Vice President Kamala Harris, marking the first time that two HBCU graduates have had led such a ceremony. VP Harris is a Howard University graduate.

"A&T is an extraordinary university with a great tradition,



an HBCU tradition," said Biden. "I've been on a lot of university campuses, as a matter of fact, for four years, I was a full professor at the University of Pennsylvania. And North Carolina A&T is a really impressive place with a lot of very impressive students."

The president's stop at the nation's largest HBCU and one of North Carolina's top three public research universities kicked off a national tour focused on growing awareness of America's new successes in manufacturing and company expansions.

As part of that, the president is touting the America Competes Act, legislation aimed at enhancing research and manufacturing, which Biden said are fueling America's economic recovery. The bill would invest at least \$335 billion in those areas over the next 10 years. Included in the bill are provisions of potential interest to A&T students and faculty. A major investment in funding for wireless supply chain innovation, for instance, could have a significant effect on

graduates of A&T's Supply Chain Management and Marketing program

"Science and technology are moving so incredibly rapidly," said Biden. "It is all part of a broader vision that Vice President Harris and I ran on, to build back a better America than even before the pandemic. I'm here today to talk about my plan to create and expand HBCU programs in high-demand fields like cyber security, mass manufacturing, health care and so much more."

Biden also discussed the U.S. economy and inflation, all while mentioning the impact of rising gas prices due to Russia's invasion of Ukraine. As of March, the Bureau of Labor Statistics reported that inflation has risen to 8.5 percent across the United States.

"This is the largest 12-month increase since 1981. Our economy has gone from being on the mend to being on the move," Biden said. "I know that we are still facing the challenges of high prices and inflation. I grew up

in a family where if the price of gasoline went up at the pump it was a conversation at the kitchen table with my dad."

A&T students and some faculty were not aware of the president's visit. N.C. A&T student Naseyah Williams said that she did not know about Biden's plan until 10 a.m. that day. Williams said she only watched parts of the speech but what she heard was important. "He was saying how he was signing more Pell grants so that more Blacks and minorities would be able to go to college," Williams said.

"He was saying how they were going to be providing \$5 billion in funding to HBCUs, and I think that that was all I heard but that's honestly the most important part."

Granted, this visit was a little different than others. Rather than a new student introducing the president, Malkam Hawkins, a senior in electrical engineering and captain of A&T's national championship Honda Campus All-Star Challenge team, used his own experience and the rise of A&T overall to illustrate "how much is possible with investment in HBCUs."

"As I graduate next month, I feel fully equipped with the knowledge I'll need to excel. I'm excited to see HBCUs continue to rise in prominence, and I can't wait to see how they impact America in the future," said Hawkins, who President Biden later revealed will begin work with IBM after graduation.

Upon leaving the campus, Biden came out the front doors of the Alumni-Foundation Event Center and waved to the students gathered on the opposite sidewalk. They responded by chanting "Aggie Pride!"

Fed's Bostic Says Slowing Global Growth Is A Reason For The Fed To Be "Cautious"

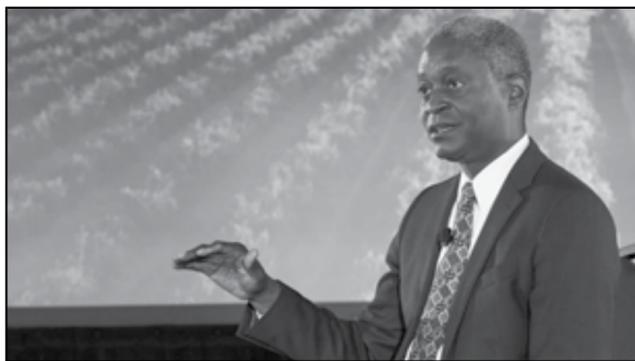
CNBC—Atlanta Federal Reserve President Raphael Bostic on Tuesday expressed concern about the impact that rate hikes could have on the U.S. economic recovery, saying the central bank shouldn't move so fast that it chokes off growth.

Bostic did not commit in a CNBC interview to what pace the Fed should take in increasing benchmark rates. Instead, he said policymakers should be measured in their approach and watch how what they do impacts conditions.

"I think I'm in the same areas as my colleagues philosophically," he told CNBC's Sara Eisen in a "Closing Bell" interview. "I think it's really important that we get to neutral and do that in an expeditious way."

"Neutral" is considered the rate at which the economy is running on its own with rates that are neither boosting nor restricting growth. Bostic said that neutral rate could be between 2% and 2.5% and the funds rate could be as low as 1.75%. That puts him near the median of the Fed's "dot plot" of individual members' projections released each quarter.

"I really have us looking at one and three-quarters by the end of the year, but it could be slower depending on how the economy evolves and we do see greater weakening than I'm seeing in my baseline model," he said. "This



is one reason why I'm reluctant to really declare that we want to go a long way beyond our neutral place, because that may be more hikes than are warranted given sort of the economic environment."

That puts him in contrast with some of the other Federal Open

Market Committee members.

On Monday, St. Louis President James Bullard said he sees the fed funds rate, which serves as a benchmark for many consumer debt instruments, rising to 3.5%. He said the Fed needs to go beyond neutral if it has hopes of taming inflation running at

its fastest pace in more than 40 years.

But Bostic said the Fed "needs to be cautious as we move forward." Inflation could be topping, he said, though he noted that real incomes adjusted for the cost of living have been falling.

"We do need to get away from zero, I think zero is lower than we should be right now," he said. "But at the same time, we need to just pay attention."

Market pricing is for rate hikes that would bring the funds rate to 2.5% and the Fed ultimately hiking to around 3.2% before cutting rates in late 2024.

The Atlanta Fed is tracking GDP growth in the first quarter of just 1.3%, though Bostic said he expects the annual pace in 2022 to be around 3%.

"My goal is to have there not be a recession while I sit in this chair, and I'm just going to do all I can to make that be true," he said.

Small Biz To Face Tax Headaches

NEW YORK (AP) — Small businesses that have been buffeted by the pandemic, inflation and shipping woes have another challenge to add to their plate: taxes.

Tax season can be complicated for everyone, but as the April 18 filing deadline passes, small-business owners, contractors,

entrepreneurs and others face a raft of ever-changing rules and regulations.

Plus, many are dealing with delayed returns and refunds from prior tax periods. The Internal Revenue Service has warned of a backlog and says more delays are to be expected.

"It's worse this year than last year," said Gene Marks, owner of The Marks Group, a small business consulting firm in Bala Cynwyd, Pennsylvania. "It seems to get worse every year, and this year definitely worse than it's been in prior years."

The IRS said earlier last month it was hiring 10,000 workers to deal with a backlog of 23 million items triggered by limiting operations during the coronavirus pandemic. But with understaffing at both the federal and state government levels, CPAs have

found it difficult to reach anyone if problems or questions arise.

"I've never seen this in my career, they're all understaffed and all behind," said Scott Orn, chief operating officer for the human resources and accounting startup Kruze Consulting.

But he urged companies to be patient with the IRS and state-level tax officials. The government programs provided during the pandemic, including the Paycheck Protection Program and Economic Injury Disaster Loans, helped countless small businesses.

"So many companies were saved, but that additional administrative burden was really rough on the IRS and state tax agencies," Orn said. "The unintended consequences of good deeds have been tough to handle."

Oates Named New Director At NCDMV

ROCKY MOUNT—N.C. Division of Motor Vehicles Commissioner Wayne Goodwin announced last week the promotion of License and Theft Bureau Internal Affairs Supervisor Major Michael Oates to the position of Director of the Bureau with the rank of Colonel.

"With his patience, sound decision making and ability to listen, as well as 16 years at the Division and 22 years in law enforcement overall, the License and Theft Bureau is in a great position to thrive," said Commissioner Goodwin.

"During his years in Internal Affairs, Colonel Oates developed a deep-rooted passion for fair and impartial treatment for all, no matter the circumstances."

Oates began his law enforcement career in 2000 with the Holly Springs Police Department. After five years, he joined the License and Theft Bureau as a Field Inspector serving the Wake County area.



Oates was then afforded the opportunity to move to the Internal Affairs Unit and became Supervisor. Oates is a member of the North Carolina Internal Affairs Investigators Association where he currently serves on the executive board. Oates succeeds Colonel Eric Copeland, who retired on April 1.

The License and Theft Bureau was created in 1921 by the N.C. General Assembly and celebrated its centennial in 2021. It is the oldest state law enforcement agency in North Carolina.

Toyota's \$109 Million Investment In Troy, MI

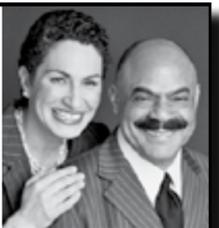
TROY, Mo. — Toyota said Tuesday it will spend \$109 million on new equipment at its cylinder head plant here as it works to build more hybrid electric cars.

Toyota will put \$383 million toward boosting production of four-cylinder engines, including options for hybrid electric vehicles, at its plants here and in Alabama, Kentucky and Tennessee. The lion's share of that money will go to its Huntsville, Alabama facility, where it will have a line capable of building both gas-powered and hybrid electric engines.

"Toyota customers want vehicles that are fuel-efficient and electrified," said Norm Bafunno, senior vice president, Unit Manufacturing and Engineering, Toyota. "These investments allow us to meet customer needs and quickly respond to an evolving market."

The company is also spending \$1.3 billion to build its first U.S.-based electric battery plant in North Carolina.

FUNDraising Good Times



By Mel & Pearl Shaw
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SPECIAL EVENTS—ALL YOU NEED TO KNOW

An interview with Toni Brown—Part One

Special events are critical to the life of many nonprofits. They bring people together in support of a common cause, extend your brand, engage new and continuing donors, create a memorable experience, and most importantly raise money. To help you take your event to the next level we asked a few questions of Toni Brown, a talented and highly experienced special events producer and co-founder of The Brown Wynn Agency in New York.

We started with two key questions: Does hiring a special events manager guarantee your event will be successful, and what can an organization do to increase the success of their event? Brown shared the following: "There really are no guarantees when it comes to events. Many factors including, competing events, poor past performance, severe weather, and local emergencies can affect the outcome of a special event. However, having an event manager onboard can help an organization to plan effectively and navigate potential pitfalls that could otherwise sink a great event. Here are five things to focus on to increase success.

- Start the planning process early and have reasonable expectations about the outcome
- Create a detailed monthly action plan. Focus on the plan and make adjustment as needed
- Be open to suggestions and new ideas
- Be realistic and transparent about staff and/or the organization's capabilities
- Don't rely on staff to take on event planning duties that are not their primary work responsibilities

We also wanted to know how Brown got started in this field. Here's her story.

"My career as a Special Events professional was totally unexpected. I worked for the United Negro College Fund (UNCF) in New York, as Assistant to the Director of Marketing, and later as Assistant to the Senior Vice President of Fundraising. Special events was a very important fundraising vehicle for UNCF. I was fortunate to participate in discussions, planning meetings, and allowed to attend events around the country.

"UNCF needed a special event concept for New York City. I offered my event idea, but it was rejected three times. The rejection turned into determination, and I decided to create the event myself. I closed my office door and strategically planned my first event called The Flavor of New York. The event was a culinary extravaganza and food tasting event showcasing 10 of New York's top African-American chefs and their respective restaurants, 10 prominent male celebrities that were paired with each restaurant, and 100 amateur male chefs from New York's five boroughs.

"I recruited a popular music industry CEO to serve as the event chairperson, secured one of the city's most unique and unexpected locations—The Winter Garden at the World Financial Center—to host the event, and utilized my friends and contacts to build an effective and enthusiastic 80-person volunteer committee. In addition to food, the evening included live performances, dancing and donated champagne and desserts. The Flavor of New York was an unforgettable evening and a huge fundraising and public relations success. Over 700 people attended the inaugural event and 'Flavor' became a highly anticipated annual event for UNCF."

Next week: part two of this interview.

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NCDOR—Phase Two Of Biz Recovery Grant Prog

The N.C. Department of Revenue (NCDOR) plans to launch the application for Phase 2 of the Business Recovery Grant (BRG) program on Monday, May 2, 2022, with changes to the program's eligibility criteria allowing many additional businesses to qualify for these grants. BRG will issue a payment to an eligible North Carolina business that suffered an economic loss of at least 20 percent during the pandemic. The grant amount is a percentage of the economic loss demonstrated by the eligible business or \$500,000, whichever is less. The application deadline is June 1, 2022.

"Barbers, cosmetologists, gyms and other service providers were hit hard by the pandemic and it's important to expand these grants to help them too," said Governor Roy Cooper. "Our small businesses are the backbone of our economy and strong support for them is critical."

Many businesses excluded in Phase 1 are eligible to apply in Phase 2. In addition to COVID-impacted businesses in the hospitality industry such as restaurants and hotels, the BRG is now open to other businesses affected by the pandemic such as:

Farmers and Agribusinesses, Gyms and Personal Training businesses, Salons and Barbershops, Massage Therapy businesses, Dental offices, Law firms, Doctor offices, Interior Design businesses, Hardware Stores, Pharmacies, Landscapers, Tailor and Dry Cleaning businesses

Additionally, a business's previous receipt of a grant award from certain federal programs will not make it ineligible for a reimbursement grant. This list is non-exhaustive, and businesses are encouraged to visit <https://www.ncdor.gov/business-recovery-grant> to learn more about eligibility criteria beginning May 2.

Following the initial application period, which closed on January 31, approximately \$203.5 million remained of the \$500 million in funds initially authorized for the program. NCDOR worked with the N.C. General Assembly to expand eligibility to certain businesses impacted by the pandemic but that did not qualify for the first round of funds.

"Our hope is that the expanded Business Recovery Grant program requirements will encourage more eligible North Carolina businesses to apply," said NCDOR Secretary Ronald Penny. "These funds are available for eligible businesses that suffered a financial loss because of the pandemic and we want to make sure those businesses receive them."

Two types of grants will be available to eligible businesses for Phase 2:

A hospitality grant is available to an eligible arts, entertainment, or recreation business, as well as an eligible accommodation or food service business such as a hotel, restaurant, or bar (NAICS code 71 and 72).

A reimbursement grant is available to an eligible business not classified in NAICS Code 71 and 72. A business's previous receipt of a grant award from certain federal programs will not make it ineligible for a reimbursement grant.

Gross receipts reported on the expanded list of tax forms can be used to calculate an economic loss for Phase 2, making the BRG available to sole proprietors, corporations, and other businesses that do not report gross receipts on Form E-500 or Federal Form 1065. This may also provide a larger grant award to businesses that primarily provide services.

On May 2, eligible business owners will be able to apply for Phase 2 online at www.ncdor.gov. More detailed information and answers to Frequently Asked Questions will also be available on the agency website.

Why The 14th Amendment Has Surfaced In 2022 Midterms

By Gary D. Robertson

Associated Press

An 1868 amendment to the U.S. Constitution best known for protecting the due process rights of previously enslaved Americans has resurfaced in certain congressional races this year.

Some attorneys and voters believe a rarely cited section of the 14th Amendment dealing with insurrection can disqualify a handful of U.S. House members from seeking reelection for events surrounding the Jan. 6, 2021, riot at the Capitol.

First-term Republican firebrands Madison Cawthorn of North Carolina and Marjorie Taylor Greene of Georgia are among those targeted. Both are strong supporters of former President Donald Trump who have pushed his unsubstantiated claims of voter fraud in the 2020 presidential election.

It's a largely untested argument working its way through election agencies in at least three states, with little success so far. But court cases and appeals could address the extent to which state officials

can scrutinize the minimum qualifications for candidates for federal office.

There are five sections to the amendment. The best-known declares that no state can "deprive any person of life, liberty or property, without due process of law; nor deny to any person within its jurisdiction the equal protection of the laws."

Section 3 of the amendment also declares that no one can serve in Congress "who, having previously taken an oath, as a member of Congress... to support the Constitution of the United States, shall have engaged in insurrection or rebellion against the same."

This section was designed to keep representatives who had fought for the Confederacy during the Civil War from returning to Congress. The amendment, however, allows Congress to pass laws that can remove such restrictions.

Voters from congressional districts where Cawthorn and Greene are seeking reelection this fall allege in legal filings that evidence shows they helped facilitate the Jan. 6, 2021, insurrection that

attempted to thwart the certification of President Joe Biden's Electoral College victory. The voters want state officials to investigate Greene and Cawthorn and disqualify them from appearing on ballots this year, based on the amendment's language.

Greene, according to a challenge filed Thursday with Georgia Secretary of State Brad Raffensperger, either helped plan the riot or helped plan the demonstration held beforehand, knowing that it was "substantially likely to lead to the attack, and otherwise voluntarily aided the insurrection."

In a video posted on social media, Greene said: "You can't allow it to just transfer power 'peacefully' like Joe Biden wants and allow him to become our president because he did not win this election."

Somewhat similar allegations have been lodged with the North Carolina Board of Elections by voters challenging Cawthorn. Cawthorn spoke at the "Save America Rally" before the riot, days after he was sworn in to office, saying the "crowd has some

fight in it."

A longshot Democrat candidate seeking to unseat Indiana Republican Rep. Jim Banks filed similar allegations against Banks with the state elections commission.

Greene and Cawthorn have said they did nothing unlawful such as encouraging political violence or participating in an insurrection.

Cawthorn, who was the first representative subjected to the challenge in January, said activists are going after "America First patriots" who backed Trump. Greene said she was targeted because she is "effective and will not bow to the DC machine."

Cawthorn proceeded to sue the State Board of Elections in federal court, saying that North Carolina's candidate challenge process violated his constitutional rights and should be overturned. His lawyers also said Section 3 didn't apply to Cawthorn because of congressional action in 1872.

Free Speech for People, a national election and campaign finance reform group, is helping represent the voters in both challenges. The group has said more

challenges could be filed against other members of Congress who are seeking reelection.

Indiana's state elections commission voted unanimously last month to reject the challenge against Banks. The commission's chairman, a Republican, called the Capitol riot a "regrettable mark in history" but said there was no evidence that Banks was guilty of taking part in an insurrection.

As for Cawthorn, U.S. District Judge Richard Myers ruled earlier this month that the State Board of Elections could not hear the voters' challenges on Section 3 claims.

Myers wrote that the 1872 law that removed office-holding disqualifications "from all persons whomsoever"—save for those who served in two specific legislative sessions among others—"demonstrates that the disability set forth in Section 3 can apply to no current member of Congress."

The North Carolina Board of Elections hasn't appealed so far. Myers previously rebuffed efforts by voters who filed challenges to participate in the litigation, but the

4th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals told him last week to reconsider their entry. Myers' ruling could come as soon as next week.

Free Speech for People argues that the 1872 law applied only to former members of the Confederacy: "The right of voters to bring this challenge to Cawthorn's eligibility must be preserved," group legal director Ron Fein said this month.

Michael Gerhardt, a constitutional expert at the University of North Carolina law school, said he believes the 1872 law could be construed more broadly than how Myers ruled. But he also said the chances that candidate challenges will go forward under insurrection claims are "probably not good."

"It's really a novel theory and there's no consensus on what the actual procedure should be, and that does pose a problem," Gerhardt said.

He said it's unclear, for example, whether a declaration that someone participated in an insurrection should come from a judge hearing evidence, state officials or Congress.

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Health & Fitness

Do Not Put That Mask Away Just Yet! COVID Is Still Here

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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 sub-variant.

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 average, 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 transmissibility 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.



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Fact & Fitness

By Jeneea Jervay-Bush, M.S.

BARRIERS: PART 3

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That said, if this person's total experience points to being able to complete the whole workout with good form and they've been doing the workout at least 8 weeks, they would most likely just reduce the cardio pace and take longer to complete the strength training.

Hatred of strength training, in my opinion, is the second most important consideration after which part of the workout most directly ties to the person's priority one goal. Mistakenly, people who hate strength/resistance training usually think they are the only one. It's more common than you think my friends. Additionally, it exists across the spectrum of experience and achievement and gender. Look yourself in the mirror if this is you and know that this means you would need to stop the cardio and skip straight to the strength training portion of your workout. Even if you have enough left in the tank to do both, because you hate strength training you will talk yourself into reasons to cancel that part of your workout. Better to get it over with, then return to finish the cardio. Know thyself.

An example of a nutrition related wall that I had to build has to do with over-eating, snails pace bounce back after over-eating, and a slice of cheesecake from a certain factory; you know the one. Unfortunately, my historic ability to consume large amounts of food is completely divorced from actual hunger. Not proud of it, but I've had people increase the amount of food at a holiday gathering because I was joining them. Since most of my over-eating happened at night, the 12 on and 12 off concept is foundational to my nutrition goals. My calories consumed happen between 3:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. daily. Straying from that framework spells weeks or even months to get back on track.

Knowing that I had to build a wall around my 12 on and 12 off, I recently took a different approach that has worked wonders. I started planning my monthly indulgence versus waiting for my over-eating tendency to make decisions for me. I picked one indulgent item, the most decadent slice of cheesecake on the menu, and designated a recovery day in the middle of the month to enjoy that slice throughout the day. Miraculously, when I thought about over-eating, the plan for the cheesecake slice helped me stay on track. I eat 6 times per day. I had a forkful of that cheesecake slice at each of my 6 fuelings that day and finished the last couple bites off at 3:15 p.m. Yes, I ate the whipped cream that came with it!

This approach helped me avoid the over-eating I'm prone to which can easily result in me consuming 10 days' worth of my resting metabolic caloric intake in one meal. No, I'm not joking. I swapped out my usual healthy carbs for the cheesecake that day which resulted in me only consuming about 1.5 days' worth of my resting metabolic caloric intake. Further motivating was that my weight remained the same over the next couple days whereas my usual indulgence habit equals 3-5 pounds and leads to additional over-eating jaunts.

Build the walls you need and defend them! Find ways to use your brain as an ally versus fighting against it. I was able to create a repeatable method to short-circuit my chronic over-eating habit after I accepted the need to indulge and that my choices were that I control the indulgence or continue to let it control me. The only problems you can solve are the ones you decide to acknowledge and then commit fully to the necessary work to fix them.



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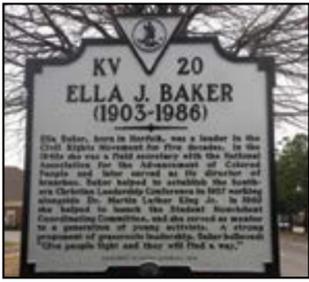
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Ella Baker Highway Marker Reinstalled

By Tyria McCray

Staff Writer



A repaired historical highway marker recognizing a North Carolina civil rights leader soon will be reinstalled at its original location thanks to The N.C. Department of Natural and Cultural Resources.

Originally dedicated in 2011, the marker honors civil rights leader Ella Baker. It was damaged in 2019 and placed in storage.

On April 15, 2022, in her hometown of Littleton, the marker was returned to her childhood home on Main Street (U.S. 158) near East End Avenue. Baker, known as “the mother of the civil rights movement,” devoted her life to civil rights work by organizing the meeting

in April 1960 to establish the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee (SNCC) at her alma mater, Shaw University.

Born December 13, 1903, in Norfolk, Va., she moved with her family in 1910 to Elam in Warren County and soon after settled in Littleton. She then attended St. Anna's, a local Epis-

copal school before graduating from Shaw in 1927. By 1930, Baker moved to New York and joined the Young Negroes Cooperative League, with an aim to develop Black economic power through collective planning.

In 1940 she began work for the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) as a field secretary and rose to director of branches, 1943-1946.

By 1957 Baker joined with Martin Luther King Jr. and others as the only woman present to organize the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC). Her subsequent work toward starting the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee was inspired by the Greensboro sit-ins, beginning Feb. 1, 1960, and the regionwide

movement that followed.

Baker mentored the leaders of SNCC, among them Marion Barry, Julian Bond, and John Lewis, as they separated from the SCLC.

Ella Baker Highway Marker Reinstallation

She passed away on December 13, 1986 in Queens, N.Y., where she was buried. Currently, the Ella Baker Center for Human Rights in Oakland, Calif. honors her memory and legacy.

The Ella Baker marker was repaired with money from the North Carolina Highway Historical Marker endowment fund. The fund accepted donations from people and organizations across the state and nation who wanted to see the Baker marker back in place.

Harnett County African American Heritage Center

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The Harnett County (North Carolina) African American Heritage Center, formerly known as the Harnett County African American Experience, was founded in October 2020 in Lillington, North Carolina by Desi L. Campbell, a local author, musician, school teacher and historian.



Mission Statement

The mission of the Harnett County African American Heritage Center is to empower, educate, and enlighten the African American community with the tools and resources to explore and celebrate the rich African American history of our ancestors in Harnett County and surrounding areas.



Raleigh AKAs, Welcome House Observe Global Impact Day

The Target 5-Global Impact program of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. ©, Alpha Theta Omega Graduate Chapter observed Global Impact Day on Friday, April 8th. The Target 5 program provides resources for refugees and immigrants in the Raleigh/Wake area. The chapter hosted a webinar for chapter mem-

bers and other community organizations. Presenters from agencies that work with the resettling of refugees and immigrants provided information about their role and resources that they use in their assistance of serving others. The presenters were:

Kim Wyatt works with Welcome House Raleigh and as

an ESL tutor from the United States Committee for Refugees and Immigrants. Welcome House Raleigh locates housing and furnishings for homes for refugees and immigrants.

Graham Sitski and Rae Marie Czuhai from the Green Chair Project work closely with Welcome House Raleigh by collecting, storing and delivering

household items and furniture to furnish the homes for the refugees and immigrants.

Alpha Theta Omega Chapter Target 5: Global Impact partners with the following organizations in the Raleigh/Wake area and globally:

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dividuals in preparation for learning conversational English and preparation for taking citizenship tests to become US citizens.

- Welcome House Raleigh-provide housing for refugees and immigrants through donations of household items
- Lions Club International (Southeast Raleigh)-collect

used eyeglasses, eyeglass frames; chapter members also volunteer at the annual Health Fair Screening

- Pillowcase Sewing Project-dresses and shirts are made using donated pillowcases that are sent to Haiti and Africa
- Soles4Souls - gently used shoes are collected and mailed to undeveloped countries

Kristin Kitchen Is Blending Heritage With Hospitality Perfectly

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By Alana Edmond

Special To The Carolinian

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 Avent on 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 Avent 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 experience.

“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, Kristin feels that entrepreneurship and ownership are crucial elements to the empowerment of Black people.

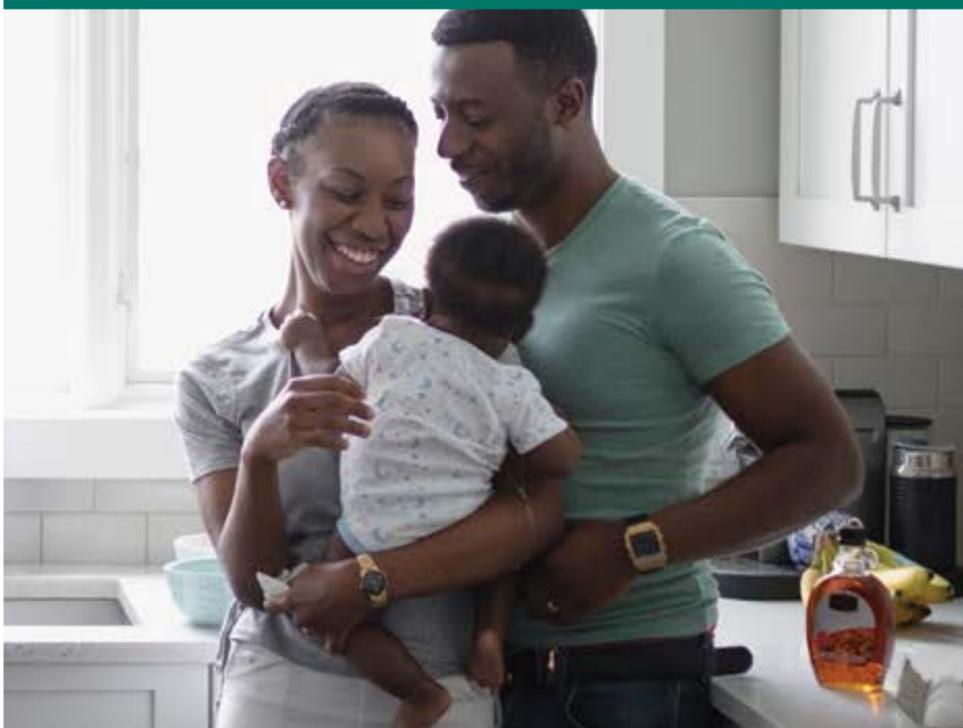
“My grandmother grew up in a rough life... And here I am, two generations later and I'm going to own the hotels they worked in. We've always been the bellhops and the doormen and the waitresses and the maids, but to be the ones who own the buildings and to be the ones that own the brands is extremely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

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Sports

Temple Univ. And Maryland Rare D-I Schools With Top Black Leadership

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — In the past year, Temple has hired a new president, athletic director and football coach, all Black men.

The moves have made Temple just the second school that plays major college football to have an African-American in all three of those high-profile positions, along with Maryland.

Temple is also the only school among 131 that compete at the highest level of Division I to have Black people leading the university, the athletic department, the football program and both the men's and women's basketball programs.

Temple's choices were not planned, but they were also more than a coincidence, university president Jason Wingard said.

"It was no more intentional than it is the other way around," Wingard said, referring to the far more common occurrence in big-time college sports of a white man hiring another white man.

Much like the NFL, major college football has struggled to address the dearth of Black head football coaches in a sport where the majority of the players are Black. According to the most recent data compiled by the NCAA, 45% of football players in Power Five conferences during the 2020-21 season were Black and 37% were white. In the five other FBS conferences, 51% percent of the players were Black and 33% white.

Just 10% of the head coaches were Black and 82% were white. Ten years ago, 14% of FBS head coaches were Black. New Temple coach Stan Drayton is one of 15 Black head coaches currently set to start next season at 131 FBS schools.

When talk turns to growing those numbers the focus is often on the pipeline leading to the head coaches office, and trying to raise the profiles of Black assistant coaches. Maryland coach Mike Locksley's National Coalition of Minority Football Coaches is trying to lead the way in those areas.

Just as important, Wingard said, is the trickle-down effect that comes from having more diversity among those who are ultimately making those hires — the athletic directors and university



Arthur Johnson, left, the new Athletic Director at Temple University, and Temple University President Jason Wingard, right, pose during an introductory press conference in Philadelphia, Thursday, Oct. 7, 2021. Temple is also the only school among 131 that compete at the highest level of Division I to have Black people leading the university, the athletic department, the football program and both the men's and women's basketball programs.

presidents.

"I don't call you or anybody else racist, but we have experiences and we have biases based on those experiences. And so we tend to all be more attracted to work better with people who are like us and who have shared those experiences," said Wingard, who wrote an op-ed about the subject after former Miami Dolphins coach Brian Flores sued the NFL and several teams for discrimination.

"So representation matters," Wingard added, "because when you have a variety of people as college presidents, when you have women, when you have African-Americans, when you have Latinos and Asian-Americans, then their experiences are going to bring — around them — differences."

Wingard became Temple's first Black president last June. In October, he filled Temple's long vacant AD position by hiring Arthur Johnson, whose career as an athletic administrator spans 20 years and includes lengthy stints at Texas and Georgia.

"This business is about relationships," Johnson said. "So who are people most comfortable with?"

Drayton, 51, is a first-time head coach after a long career as an assistant in the NFL and some of the highest-profile programs in college football such as Ohio State and Texas.

Drayton's previous experience in the Philadelphia area as a college coach early in his career went a long way in helping land him the job, along with some strong recommendations from those he had worked with previ-



Then-Ohio State receivers coach Stan Drayton calls out to players during NCAA college football practice in Columbus, Ohio

ously, Johnson said. He noted the two did not work closely together at Texas.

Johnson is one of 19 Black athletic directors among FBS schools. His longtime friend, Maryland AD Damon Evans, is one of the others.

Evans said advocacy plays a huge role in who is hired. Locksley's coalition has tried to foster professional relationships between up-and-coming Black coaches and college sports administrators as a way of creating more advocates. Evans said more Black leaders should lead to more advocacy for Black candidates.

"You tend to be more in touch, let's just be candid, with individuals that may look like you or come from your same race, ethnicity or what have you. And also to be more in tune and more aware," Evans said.

"We have to pay it forward," he added.

Drayton said he was proud to be part of a rare leadership group in college sports. That it would be assembled at Temple, an urban university in North Philadelphia that counts late Hall of Fame men's basketball coach John Chaney as one of its most influential figures seems appropriate.

"It is a very significant time here at Temple and it's a very significant action by the powers that be here at Temple to put this type of leadership in place," Drayton said. "And it makes sense."

Jackie Robinson Was Republican Until The GOP Became The 'White Man's Party'

By Chris Lamb

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On April 15, 1947, Jackie Robinson played his first game with the Brooklyn Dodgers, forever changing baseball and society.

Robinson was Black, and the integration of all-white major league baseball was perhaps the most important story about civil rights in the years immediately following World War II.

The integration, Jules Tygiel wrote in his groundbreaking book "Baseball's Great Experiment," "captured the imagination of millions of Americans who had previously ignored the nation's racial dilemma."

As Martin Luther King Jr. famously put it, Robinson "was a sit-inner before sit-ins, a freedom rider before freedom rides."

Major League Baseball celebrated the 75th anniversary of Robinson's historic career on April 15, 2022, in stadiums and ballparks across the nation.

But in my view, those celebrations will fall short if they don't address how Robinson confronted white supremacy with class and dignity during a time before he joined the Dodgers, when his own minor league manager once asked, "Do you really think a nigger is a human being?"

I've written or edited four books about Jackie Robinson. When I give a lecture or a talk about him, I often mention that he was a Republican.

Given the modern-day opposition that the Republican Party has toward civil and voting rights protections — and the teaching of racism in American history — this invariably provokes an audible gasp from the audience.

Robinson, who lived from 1919 to 1972, was a Republican when millions of other Blacks were Republicans.

Back in those days, the GOP still hung on to its mantra that it was "the party of Abraham Lincoln," the president who signed the Emancipation Proclamation.



The proclamation declared "that all persons held as slaves" within the rebellious Southern states that had seceded from the Union "are, and henceforward shall be free."

Robinson's parents gave him the middle name Roosevelt in honor of Republican President Teddy Roosevelt, "who expressed disdain about racism," Arnold Rampersad wrote in his Robinson biography, "before white supremacist power made Roosevelt retreat into conservatism."

Branch Rickey, the white Dodgers executive who signed Robinson to a contract and became his mentor, was an ardent Republican who believed in racial equality. Robinson supported and then worked for civil rights advocate New York Gov. Nelson Rockefeller.

"If we had one or two governors in the Deep South like Nelson Rockefeller," King said, "many of our problems could be readily solved."

Robinson endorsed Richard Nixon, the Republican candidate for president, in 1960. Nixon, who, like Robinson, was from southern California, convinced Robinson, a former UCLA athlete, that he would support civil rights.

Robinson found Democratic

presidential candidate John F. Kennedy, Nixon's opponent, "insincere" in his tepid support for civil rights.

Kennedy won the presidential election that year.

In 1964, U.S. Sen. Barry Goldwater of Arizona challenged Rockefeller and other more liberal Republicans for control of what the right wing called "the white man's party." He won the party's presidential nomination.

Though Goldwater lost the presidential election in a landslide to Democratic President Lyndon Baines Johnson, he won the hearts and minds of pro-segregation Democrats, the mostly Southern politicians and their followers who had abandoned the Democratic Party when it endorsed legislation during the late '50s and '60s to advance civil rights and voting rights for Blacks.

Those who switched parties included U.S. Sen. Strom Thurmond of South Carolina, who ran for president in 1948 as a segregationist and later filibustered for more than 24 hours to prevent passage of the 1957 Civil Rights Act.

Goldwater, Nixon and others in the GOP used what they called the "Southern strategy" to leverage the grievances and fears of Southern whites over the Demo-

crats' groundbreaking proposal that Blacks should have equal rights.

By 1968, Robinson was done with the GOP. He refused to support Nixon when he ran for president again in 1968. He also became more active in the civil rights movement and appeared with King on frequent occasions.

Robinson also became a prolific writer, including a column for the Amsterdam News, a weekly Black newspaper, where he further developed his fierce opposition to the Republican Party.

"I suspect that unless the party showed a desire to win our votes," he wrote in a letter 1968 to Clarence Lee Towns Jr., the leading Black member of the Republican National Committee, "it may rest assured that I and my friends cannot and will not support a conservative."

Instead, Robinson supported Nixon's Democratic rival, Hubert Humphrey. "I have my right to remember that I am Black and American before I am Republican," Robinson wrote in the Amsterdam News. "As such, I will never vote for Mr. Nixon."

When Nixon won the election, Robinson demonstrated the determination he showed throughout his life.

In one of his last letters to the Nixon White House, Robinson pleaded with special assistant Roland L. Elliott to listen to Black America before racial tensions got out of control.

"Black America has asked so little," Robinson wrote, "but if you can't see the anger that comes from rejection, you are treading a dangerous course. We older blacks, unfortunately were willing to wait. Today's young blacks are ready to explode."

On Nov. 24, 1972, Robinson died of a heart attack at age 53. Twenty-five years later, Major League Baseball honored him by retiring his number, 42, meaning the number can no longer be worn by any player in the league.

No other baseball player has been given such an honor.



Division II Star Emerges Among NFL's Prospects

(AP) — Fayetteville State cornerback Joshua Williams recites the Kyle Dugger story as if he wrote the book.

He talks about how the late-blooming safety chose to play Division II football in small town North Carolina after receiving just three scholarship offers. And how Dugger went from being an overlooked prep recruit to a second-round draft pick in just a few years.

So as Williams watched Dugger's journey from less than 200 miles away in Fayetteville, North Carolina, the budding cornerback figured he would follow Dugger's lead. Next week, it could become a reality.

"He ended up in New England and is doing great things now," Williams said during the NFL's annual scouting combine in March. "He went to the Senior Bowl like me, he went to the combine like me, and I'm hoping maybe I can follow in his footsteps and showcase my talents the same way he did."

There are many similarities between Williams and Dugger. Both have the long, lanky body frames scouts want in defensive backs, possess top-end speed, and needed to prove they could outplay the more familiar big-time college names.

Dugger convinced the Patriots he was good enough in 2020. Now, it's Williams' turn.

NFL.com gives the 6-foot-3, 197-pound Williams a grade of 6.18 — an above-average backup who may eventually become a starter — though it's unclear where that puts him in next week's draft.

Still, Williams has already achieved more than most people ever expected.

The son of a track coach, he grew up in Fayetteville, a military town where nearly 20% of residents live in poverty. Locals follow basketball more than football and while Williams certainly looks as if he might have succeeded on the court, his dream always was to play in the NFL.

So after moving from receiver to defensive back as a high school senior, Williams went to a South Carolina prep school for one season before returning home.

It's a 10-minute drive from Fort Bragg Army Base to the Broncos' campus. The 5,000-seat Luther "Nick" Jeralds Stadium seems more suited to hosting a large high school game than college stars. But it was this turf that helped Williams emerge as a legitimate draft prospect and possibly the league's next big star from a historically Black college or university.

The list includes Hall of Famers such as the late Walter Payton of Jackson State, Jerry Rice of Mississippi Valley State, and Donnie Shell of South Carolina State, along with Super Bowl champs such as Ed "Too Tall" Jones of Tennessee State and Doug Williams of Grambling.

Last year, though, no players from HBCU schools were taken in the draft. The shutout prompted league officials to put a higher emphasis on those players at the Senior Bowl and the HBCU All-Star game in New Orleans.

This year, four players made the combine cut: Williams, defensive backs Markquese Bell of Florida A&M and Decobie Durant of South Carolina State, and offensive lineman Ja'Tyre Carter of Southern. Each understands the long odds they overcame to reach this point and the even longer odds they face in trying to replicate the success of Indianapolis Colts linebacker and South Carolina State grad Darius Leonard, a three-time All-Pro.



A New Face Of NASCAR

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. (AP) — Jusan Hamilton fell hard for fast cars, dreaming as a kid of a NASCAR career as he drove at dirt tracks in New York. He contended for wins, kept pace with top drivers as he bounced from series to series and trusted his talent enough to know that he could succeed as a professional driver.

What Hamilton didn't see as his family traversed around tracks were other kids that looked like him. And while a dearth of minorities didn't deter him from racing, it did lead other friends and family to wonder what he was doing with his time each weekend.

"Why does an African-American kid from upstate New York have an interest in motorsports?" Hamilton said he was often asked.

The answer was simple, based less on breaking barriers and blazing trails, and more about simply pursuing his passion.

"For me, it was, this is what I enjoy," Hamilton said. "This is what I love doing. There's a huge connection with me and my family to go to the race track each weekend and spend the time together."

The 31-year-old Hamilton did make it in racing, not in a driving career that petered out -- to a great degree because of the financial strain on his family -- but behind the scenes for over a decade in NASCAR. He has worked in event production, social media, shepherded the series' Drive for Diversity program (that rejected him as a teen) and eventually was named race director for NASCAR's three national series.

Hamilton also became the first Black race director in Daytona 500 history and only the third since 1988. He watched from a booth overlooking the sprawling track and called the shots on everything from cautions to penalties to the clean-up crew, navigating the complexities of the race in the official debut for NASCAR's Next Gen car.

"It's not necessarily about being the first Black man to call the Daytona 500," Hamilton said. "Career-wise, it's a huge accomplishment for me, with the passion I've had for motorsports. Bigger picture, I hope it sets a positive example for others that, regardless of race and background, if you work hard and have a mindset toward your goal, it is achievable."

Choose a story in this newspaper. Cut out the headline or write the headline in the box below.

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Try to use the word **career** in a sentence today when talking with your friends and family members.

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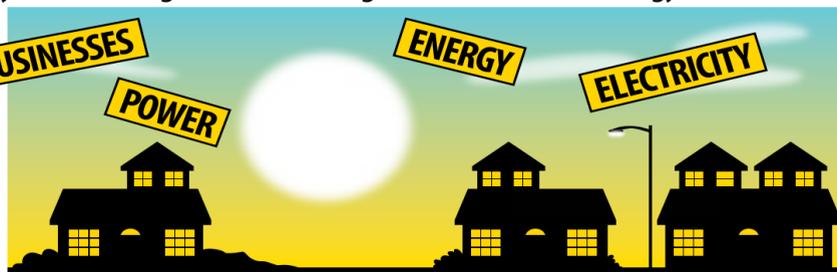
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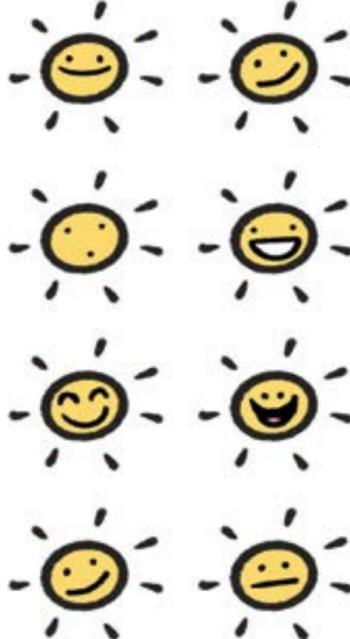
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Find the two suns that match.



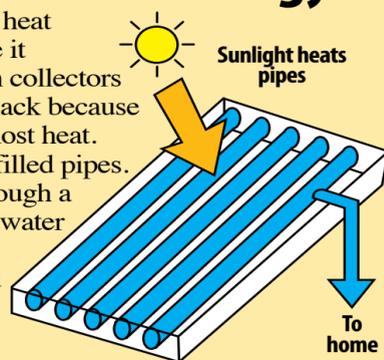
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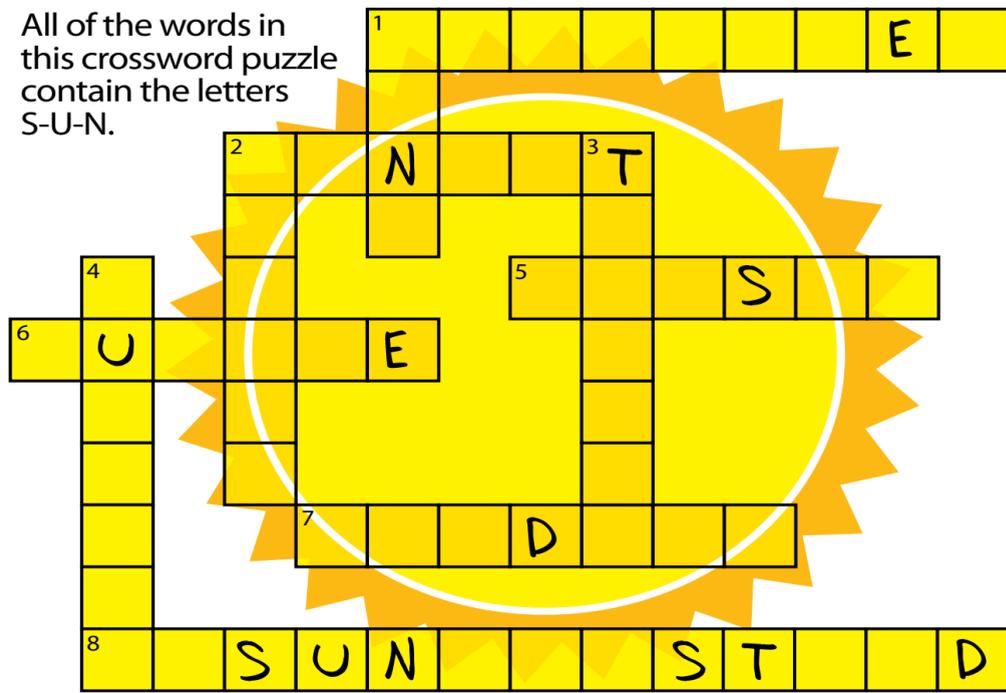
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All of the words in this crossword puzzle contain the letters S-U-N.



Across

- Tall plant with yellow petals and tasty seeds for snacking
- Lit by the sun
- When the sun goes behind the horizon in the evening
- Ice cream topped with fruit, syrup and whipped cream
- Device that tells the time of day with a shadow
- To take a wrong meaning

Down

- Made music with voice
- The first day of the week
- An unusually large ocean wave, often causes major damage
- A ray of light

Standards Link: Spelling: Spell grade-level appropriate words correctly.

Extra! Extra!

Sunny Words

Look through the newspaper for five or more words that describe the sun and what it does. Use these words to write a paragraph or a poem about The Sun.

Standards Link: Identify Adjectives; write in a variety of genres.

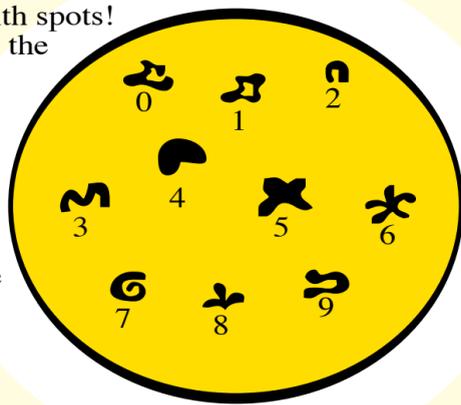
Kid Scoop Puzzler

The sun is covered with spots! Use the spots to solve the mystery questions.

How far is the sun from the Earth?
5M million miles (149.6 million km)

How long does it take the sun to make one complete rotation?
27 Earth days

What is the diameter of the sun?
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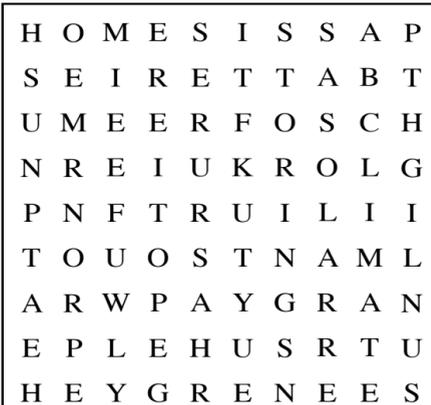


WARNING! Never look directly at the sun as this can damage your eyesight!

Double Double Word Search

- BATTERIES
- SUNLIGHT
- STORING
- SYSTEMS
- HOMES
- CLIMATE
- ENERGY
- FUTURE
- SOLAR
- POWER
- HEAT
- WORK
- HELP
- SUN
- PAY

Find the words in the puzzle. How many of them can you find on this page?



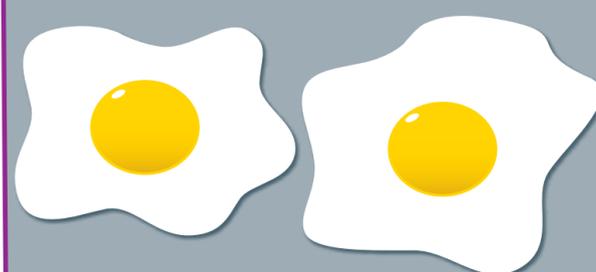
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Solar Energy Careers

Look through your newspaper for ads or articles about companies that install solar panels. Write a letter to the company and ask them what kinds of jobs they have.

Standards Link: Language Arts: Compose formal letters.



How do solar panels like their eggs?

ANSWER: Sunny side up.

Write On!

Tree Poems

What do trees mean to you? What do you love about them? Write a poem about a tree.

Church



SERMON of the WEEK



THE MAN IN THE MIDDLE
Sermon By Pastor William Ratcliff

Do you have any childhood experiences at Easter? Allow me to share some of mine with you. When I was a little boy, my second favorite holiday was Easter. Why? Because I would often think, maybe, just maybe, this might be the year that my brother and I would get a new suit and my sister a new dress: some years we did, and some we didn't. But growing up, Easter was always an exciting time of the year for me and my family, extended family and church family.

I can remember one year we got a big surprise when my grandmother took us downtown to a store called Learners on Fayetteville Street and we got whole new outfits: shoes, shirts, ties, socks, and all!

When we went to church that Sunday, we thought we were sharper than a double-edge Gillette razor blade.

Moreover, the years we didn't get an outfit, or a basket filled with jelly beans and marshmallows or chocolate rabbits, we could always look forward to Easter Monday.

I must admit; although we learned the Bible Story of Easter in Sunday School, we still had Easter egg hunts and sang songs about Peter CottonTail hopping down the bunny trail.

Well...I once was young and now I'm old and what I cherish most about Easter is not how many eggs I found, or how many new outfits I wore, nor how many pairs of shiny shoes I ever put on my feet.

The single most wonderful thing that happened to me was when I found a Savior, and when old things passed away and all things became new.

Prayerfully, one day we all can sing the song... I got shoes; you got shoes, all of God's Children got shoes. When we get to Heaven, we're going to put on



our shoes and walk all over God's heaven.

Most important to me, it's not what we wear because God doesn't look at the outward appearance. He looks at the heart and whenever we have Him in our hearts; I believe we are dressed for success that leads to eternal life. How about you?

I learned that there were three crosses on Calvary on the day Jesus was crucified. Calvary was a skulled shaped hill in ancient Jerusalem, the site of Jesus' crucifixion and is referred to in all four gospels, Matthew 27:33, Mark 15:22, Luke 23:33 and John 19:17.

Each cross had a different man on it. There was one on the left and one on the right. The Bible says that one man said, "If you are the Christ, save Yourself and us." I believe he relates to non-believers that want to be saved without repenting.

And note he said, "If you are the Christ." To me, that meant that although he had a doubt about Jesus, he still wanted to experience the benefits that came from our suffering Lord. [Nobody wants a part-time lover and God doesn't either].

I believe that the man on the other side relates to those of us that are Godly sorrowful for our sins and have become repenting sinners. The second man recognized Christ for who He was and then he said to Jesus, "Lord, remember me when you come into Your kingdom." Wisely and honestly, he repented and asked for Grace and he also received Mercy right there on the spot.

GRACE is receiving something that we don't deserve. MERCY is not receiving something that we do deserve.

Jesus gave that repenting man Blessed Assurance when He said to him, "Assuredly, I say to you, today you will be with Me in Paradise."

When Jesus' resurrection happened 3 days after His crucifix-

ion, that let all of us as believers know that we too shall live again when we die! Do you believe that one day you too shall rise again? I deem, Ain't no power on Earth can tie believers down! Yes, we too shall rise again!

1 Corinthians 15:52-57 NLT says "... For when the trumpet sounds, those who have died will be raised to live forever. And we who are living will also be transformed. For our dying bodies must be transformed into bodies that will never die; our mortal bodies must be transformed into immortal bodies."

I believe it was on that Heavenly Historic Day, and not a holiday, that Death made its best shot and missed. Jesus got the rebound and from that point on, because of His SACRIFICIAL DEATH, HE has controlled the outcome at the end of our lives once we are judged in Heaven.

Let me remind you that, in the middle of your despair, you're not alone because the Man in the Middle, Jesus, said He would be with you even to the end of the world.

In the middle of sickness, remember that by His stripes, we are healed! In the middle of heartaches and pains, He will stand right by your side and give you peace that will surpass your own understanding! Yes, Jesus, the Man in the middle is the Center of our Joy.

In the middle of everything that's currently going on in the world, we as believers should still be able to hold our heads high because of JESUS. The Man in the Middle is the center of our Joy!

EZEKIEL said... HE'S like a wheel in the middle of a wheel!!!

Easter is about Jesus' victory over death, hell, and the grave! So daily, let's make The Man in the Middle the center of our joy!

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The Future Of World's Largest Religion Is Female, And African

By Gina Zurio
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At the start of 2019, Bill and Melinda Gates released a list of facts that had surprised them the previous year. Number four on their list: "Data can be sexist."

"There are huge gaps in the global data about women and girls," they explained.

My interest was piqued—not only as a demographer, but as a woman and mother of girls.

I research women in global Christianity and am frequently asked what percentage of the religion is female. The short answer is 52 percent. But the long answer is more complicated—women make up a much more substantial part of Christianity than that number makes it seem.

The goal of my research is to put the spotlight on Christian women's contributions to church and society and fill in gaps in our data. Headlines about religion may be focused on the words and actions of Western male leaders, but the reality of the worldwide church is quite different. More and more Christians live outside Europe and North America, especially in Africa—and women are central to that story.

Social scientists have shown for decades that women are more religious than men by a variety of measures—everything from frequency of private prayer to worship service attendance. Christianity, the world's largest religion, is no exception. Data from the Pew Research Center show that, compared to Christian men, Christian women are more likely to attend weekly church services (53 percent versus 46 percent), pray daily (61 percent versus 51 percent), and say religion is important in their lives (68 percent versus 61

percent).

It's not a new trend. In the Gospels, women were the last at the foot of Jesus's cross, the first at his tomb. Research has shown they were critical to the growth of the early church, being more likely to convert to Christianity than men, and most of the early Christian communities were majority female. Throughout history, women were exemplars of the faith as mystics and martyrs, royal women converting their husbands and supporting convents, and founders of denominations and churches that are now all over the world. Women make up the majority of Christians today.

What researchers don't have is comprehensive data on women's activities in churches, their influence, their leadership or their service. Nor are there comprehensive analyses of Christians' attitudes around the world about women's and men's roles in churches.

"Women, according to an old saying in the Black church, are the backbone of the church," notes religion and gender scholar Ann Braude. "The double meaning of this saying is that while the churches would collapse without women, their place is in the background," behind male leaders.

But there's not much actual data, and without good data, it's harder to make good decisions.

My current research is illustrating that women are the majority of the church nearly everywhere in the world, and that its future is poised to be shaped by African women, in particular.

Christianity continues its demographic shift to the global south. In 1900, 18 percent of the world's Christians lived in Asia, Africa, Latin America and Oceania, according to my research. Today that figure is 67 percent, and by 2050,

it is projected to be 77 percent. Africa is home to 27 percent of the world's Christians, the largest share in the world, and by 2050, that figure will likely be 39 percent. For comparison, the United States and Canada were home to just 11 percent of all Christians in the world in 2020 and will likely drop to 8 percent by 2050. Furthermore, the median age of Christians in sub-Saharan Africa is just 19.

One of the most common refrains about the church in Africa is that it is majority female. "The church in Africa has a feminine face and owes much of its tremendous growth to the agency of women," writes Kenyan theologian Philomena Mwaura.

Or as a Nigerian Anglican bishop recently told me, "If anyone tells you a church in Nigeria is majority male, he's lying."

It's clear that women have been a crucial part of Christianity's seismic shift south. For example, consider Catholic sisters, who outnumber priests and religious brothers in Africa—and on every continent, in fact. Mothers' Union, an Anglican nonprofit that aims to support marriages and families, has 30 branches in Africa, including at least 60,000 members in Nigeria alone. In Congo, women have advocated for peacebuilding, including through groups like the National Federation of Protestant Women.

Next door, in the Republic of the Congo, Catholic sisters were at the forefront of providing shelter, education and aid in postwar recovery efforts.

Yet here, too, more precise data about African women's contributions and religious identities is lacking. And beyond quantitative data, African women's narratives have often been ignored, to the detriment of public understanding.

Practical Biblical Principles

THE FIRST FRUITS AT EASTER

If we are not careful, we will soon lose the meaning of the Passover Celebration. Already the buying of a new outfit for Easter, Easter egg hunts along with adding a sunrise service to make Passover acceptable to the Lord may not be the required protocol for worship. In short, this could be seen as "window dressing" for Palm Sunday and Easter services. We are not to play down the institution of Sunrise services, but to understand what it is we should be emphasizing when we worship at Passover/Easter.

There is no biblical record of any Easter sunrise service being held in the Bible. The origin of Sunrise services started in Germany in 1732 by the Moravians. Before this time what was the main spiritual point of Passover worship? It wasn't Sunrise service. Sunrise service celebrates the risen Lord from the dead leaving an empty tomb to prove His Resurrection.

It appears now the church may be out of step substituting the wrong celebration for Passover/Easter celebration that was not meant to be. Did God leave us Bible commandments or instructions to carry out to maintain His Plan for celebrating Passover? Yes, He did. God's instruction to celebrate the Passover runs through the Old as well as the New Testaments starting in the Book of Exodus 23:19, Deuteronomy 26:2, Leviticus 23:10-11, Numbers 18:12-13, and I Corinthians 20-23, which is the spiritual manifestation of the First Fruits—Jesus is the first fruit of being raised from the dead. Others who were raised from the dead died again. Jesus didn't.

From the time the children of Israel came out of Egypt, God required that once they arrived in the Promised Land, they must harvest the first portion of their crop (the first fruits) and take it to the priest at the specified holy place and let the priest dedicate this first portion of the farmer's harvest to God and declare that God is sovereign and you owe Him everything. This is the requirement before the Israelites begin to harvest the rest of their crops from the field.

This is not to be confused with tithing. God established two types of tithing for Israel. The first was the "first fruits," and the second was "tithing" which came shortly thereafter.

The First Fruits offering was to be permanent and celebrated yearly until the Messiah comes to take up His rule (Exodus 23:19; Proverbs 3:9). When a man came to the temple to offer his first fruit offering, in a spiritual sense, the individual was spiritually offering himself to God through his first fruit offerings. God wants our souls, not what we eat. The act of offering First Fruit was soon to become a theophany—the relationship between Christ and man as man offered himself to God. Just as it was during the first Passover in Egypt, when the death Angel saw the shedded blood painted on the door posts of the Hebrew homes, this was a theophany—a spiritual picture of Christ saving His people.

As God began to work his plan for the Messiah to complete His work in the New Testament, the New Testament gospel writers begin to describe Jesus as God's First Fruit when He, Jesus, was risen from the dead. When

any event of the resurrection is mentioned in scriptures, Jesus is seen as the first fruit of the resurrection. And those who will be resurrected by Jesus will also be seen as being the first fruit of Jesus (Proverbs 3:9, Romans 8:23, James 1:18; Revelations 14:4).

Biblically speaking, it appears in the earlier centuries the Church was celebrating and worshipping Passover/Easter by offering themselves as "first fruit" to the Lord being a living sacrifice, thanking God for Jesus, and for the Messiah's death on the cross setting all the world free from their sins, and without repentance was cancelling out their soul's eternity (John 3:16). This appears to be a worthy agenda for Passover worship.

The church can still have its sunrise services at Easter, but biblically speaking, it appears that offering our first fruits to the Lord should be our priority. On Passover/Easter, the Lord has His Reasons for wanting us to keep His Commandment of First Fruit in mind.

What is important about First Fruit offering worship is that it is here that we receive and accept Jesus Christ as our Lord and Savior, which is what gives us our salvation. Jesus died and canceled out all sin in the world—past and present, therefore, sin is no issue when it comes to being saved. Believing and accepting Jesus as our personal Lord is what gives us our salvation and make us the "first fruit of Christ (James 1:18).

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Raleigh Church Gives Away Gas

By Tyria McCray
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This past Saturday, 500 people in Raleigh received \$25 worth of free gas apiece, courtesy of the Baptist Grove Church. Pastor Bankole Akinbinu stated that this giveaway is about more than gas.

He shared that their goal was to provide this service so parents would not have to stress about getting their children to school in the morning, as well as making sure parents are able to get to work so they can provide for their household.

"This is also about relieving our seniors from having to make decisions between grocery money and gas money to get their prescriptions," said Akinbinu.

Many motorists like Kelly Rosinski appreciated the chance to save. "Thank you, and keep up the good work. You are blessed, and you are blessings," said Rosinski.

In most cases, gas prices have forced some people to curtail spur-of-the-moment trips or scenic weekend drives. Rosinski said without the gasoline she got for free on Saturday, she would be sitting at home, staring at the walls.

Pastor Akinbinu considers the

distribution of free gas part of his ministry. "We're blessing our community with gas. Why? Because people are hard-pressed at the pump, we know that gas prices are astronomical right now. We're passing out some doughnuts, we're praying with people at the pump. We want them to leave, not only with full tanks but full in the spirit as well," he said.

"There's so much that's happening in our world. There's so much distress, there's so

much mental anguish as a result. So, we believe in the power of prayer, we believe God cares for people, and this is what this is all about.

"So we don't want people to just leave saying, 'Oh, that church is so nice!' We want people to leave saying 'What a great God, what a great Lord!'"

Akinbinu stated that they chose to give out 500 gas cards because of the Bible verse I Corinthians 15:6.



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Doing The Unthinkable

Lowe's has done the unthinkable and has followed a growing trend where companies no longer offer military discounts to past and present service members. Lowe's eliminated this discount on lumber and appliances earlier this month. This is a huge slap in the face.

Many service members give up their youth, their body, and most of all their time. While their peers are rooting themselves in higher academia, the men and women who put on the uniform and protect our country, from enemies foreign and domestic, are running 24 hour, 365 day a year operations.

Not only does our military offer peace and solace domestically, but their presence abroad allows American companies and their allies to function in a way that protects them from being completely strong armed when doing business in developing countries.

This is what our 18- to 21-year-olds are doing instead of working on their exit exams and landing their first consulting job post college.

If they serve only four years, many do not have skills that relate to or are transferable to civilian life. This means at 22, they are starting from the same line as someone 18 and fresh out of high school. This is complicated further for veterans who were unable to leave the military the way the came in, uninjured and free from the limitations of ingrained PTSD. Despite their struggles, they forge forward and find ways to survive.

Many veterans wind up in some manner of construction, handy man, or home remodeling business if they don't go into law enforcement. This is why losing the ability to purchase lumber and appliances to run their business is unac-

ceptable. Instead they are now being ushered to reapply for the same level of discount as someone who never swore to protect this country and it's constitution.

To be frank, some service members feel used and are frustrated when they are at the counter, expecting receive their discount, only to be told that they are not being offered a discount, or it is limited to items that they simply don't use.

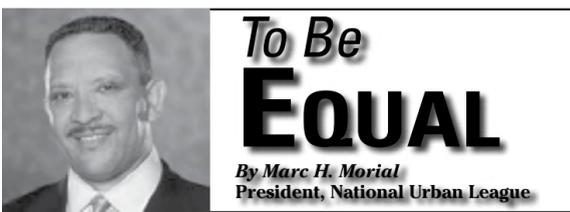
If you are a carpenter or do any manner of home repair, the inability to purchase wood at a reasonable price is downright crippling. Everyone is cash strapped do to the forced shortage of goods left on ships floating along the coast. You would think wood that comes from the continent of North America should not cost you extra, especially as a veteran. But it does. How is this a thank you?

In short, corporate profits have not taken such a hit that they cannot weather the minor perks afforded to the men and women who served this country.

With the housing boom we've had for the past few years, and the popularity of TV shows on HGTV promoting the idea of remodeling, it is hard to imagine that Lowe's is taking a hit. Especially when, with good accounting, these discounts can also equate to much needed tax relief when their capital gains increase as reported in the SEC filings.

Hopefully Home Depot does not follow suit. There is a collection of eight military bases and installations in North Carolina alone. Perhaps our friends headquarter in Mooresville may need a polite reminder of how many veterans support their retail chains, or we can take our business up the street where it is appreciated and valued.

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To Be EQUAL

By Marc H. Morial
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THE PULSE OF BLACK AMERICA: THE COMPLEXITIES OF BLACK PAIN AND BLACK PRIDE

"The psychological toll of always anticipating that next setback where one unexpected bill, short paycheck, or medical emergency will derail months, maybe years, of plans and priorities is exhausting. Feeling like you must do more, and expect less, creates a never-ending daily cycle of economic anxiety."

—Shannon Currie, Vice President, Benenson Strategy Group.

For nearly two decades, as part of the State of Black America® report, the National Urban League has produced the Equality Index™, a statistical calculation of the social and economic status of African-Americans inspired by the Three-Fifths Compromise of 1787. The 2022 Index year's is 73.9 percent, slightly up from the revised 2020 Index of 73.7 percent.

This year, for the first time, we decided to find out how Black Americans feel about their status.

Conducted by Benenson Strategy Group, the Pulse of Black America survey is based on nearly 1,700 interviews conducted in March of this year.

"If the Equality Index measures the share of the American economic pie Black Americans gets compared to Whites, then the Pulse of Black America survey unpacks the feelings and frustrations of Black people who will never get that last slice of pie," wrote Shannon-Janean Currie, the BSG Vice President who conceived of and led the research.

The survey revealed a Black America ravaged by a deadly pandemic and beset by economic despair, yet still optimistic in the promise that "we shall overcome."

The survey confirmed the findings of the Equality Index: When it comes to education, income, occupation, housing, and debt load, Black Americans are at a disadvantage. Only 27 percent of Black survey respondents had attained a college education, compared to 37 percent of White respondents. Fewer than half as many Black respondents—12 percent—reported earning more than \$100,000 annually, versus 27 percent for Whites. The Black homeownership rate was a little more than half the White rate: 33 percent compared to 62 percent.

The survey found that Black and White Americans differ in their views about these economic disparities. A majority of Black respondents, 57 percent, agreed with the statement, "Wealth inequality between Black and White Americans is a cycle that creates never-ending economic disparity, no matter how hard individual people work." But an even larger majority of White respondents, 71 percent, agreed with the statement, "Wealth inequality between Black and White Americans can be overcome, but it's up to individual people to change their circumstances."

But Black Americans are frustrated about their ability to change their circumstances. Majorities are worried about being paid less, passed over, having to work harder for the same amount, and being discriminated against because of their race. While a plurality of Black respondents, 47 percent, felt that the professional opportunities they receive have nothing to do with race, nearly as many—41 percent—said they received fewer professional opportunities because of their race or ethnicity.

Black Americans feel the sting of racism even more sharply

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A Different Voice

By Dorothy Shaw Thompson

WORD POLICE IN FLORIDA

I was born a non-conformist. If the program doesn't sit well with me I just can't go along with it. Sorry, I just can't. I'm willing to take the consequences of doing that. So I will admit that it's not easy to take controversial positions but if it's a choice between my peace of mind and the consequences, I choose my peace of mind. This is how I'm approaching this "word police" situation that appears to be overtaking some parts of our country. The idea that a governor can give an edict that the word "gay" cannot be used in a classroom whether it's kindergarten and first or second grade is a problem for me. The idea that parents can report and/or sue a teacher for using the word gay is a problem for me. There doesn't seem to be rational thinking about this so I can imagine a situation where a kindergarten might say to a kid who tells another kid that her parents, or friend, or whomever is gay and the teacher says little Johnny you can't say that word in here and the child says "What word?" and the teacher says "that word that you just said that I can't say because I might get fired." This is ridiculous to me.

I have a problem with word police because I know that historically slaves were not allowed to speak their native language or keep their birth names as a method of control. We all saw *Roots* and Kunta Kente whipped because he refused to say that his name was Toby. To me this is the same stuff that has Ron DeSantis signing a bill to control the usage of the word "gay." I looked up the term gay and saw how far back it goes in the history of our civilization (or is this civilization?)

It is a word that has evolved but the usage of the word has not altered the behavior that the word described. Shakespeare says that if you were to call a rose something else it would still smell as sweet (not quite the quote but the meaning is there).

So what's going on here? In this land of ours where the Constitution guarantees freedom of speech, why does not this apply in Florida or the other places looking to follow suit? I think these things are steeped in fear, intolerance and primarily ignorance. There are people who fear and want to control the freedoms of others. They seem to think that if children are taught about or allowed to speak about matters of sex or sexual difference they will all become gay or participants in free sex. I wonder if it's a personal problem. Do they think they would have become gay if their teachers would have read the words in their presence? For me, this is an interesting phenomenon right now.

Controlling others seems to be a universal thought system in some camps. I think differently about this. So someone has an abortion or has sex with someone who is of their same sex. Why isn't it enough that if I think it's wrong for me just not to do it? Why do they think they should control what others do? It's certainly not a Christian perspective, at least not as I read the Bible. Jesus didn't attempt to keep Judas from betraying him and that was something that affected him. When his disciples went to sleep as he was agonizing at Gethsemane, he asked them, "Couldn't you wait with me those last hours?" But he didn't fire them and reject them as disciples. When they ran away and hid he didn't give them a rule for being faithful, he called them brethren. Kind of like "do unto others as you would have others do unto you." Wasn't that his model? Can we say we are following him if we don't do as he did?

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Child Watch

By Marian Wright Edelman

CELEBRATING A SEASON OF HOPE

On April 7, the Senate confirmed Judge Ketanji Brown Jackson as the next Supreme Court Justice of the United States and the first Black woman justice, marking a new era of progress in our nation. For the first time in American history White men will not be the majority on our Supreme Court. It is slowly becoming more representative of all of us.

In her remarks at the White House the next day, Judge Jackson spoke gratefully about the overwhelming number of encouraging messages she received from people across the country and world during her confirmation process. She said: "The notes that I've received from children are particularly cute and especially meaningful because, more than anything, they speak directly to the hope and promise of America. It has taken 232 years and 115 prior appointments for a Black woman to be selected to serve on the Supreme Court of the United States. But we've made it. We've made it, all of us. All of us. And—and our children are telling me that they see now, more than ever, that, here in America, anything is possible."

Black girls will now see themselves represented on the highest court in the land and all children have a new role model for what is possible. It was an overwhelmingly joyous moment. For all those celebrating Passover, Easter, and other rituals of renewal and rebirth, we are reminded again that this is a season of hope.

In April 1957, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. preached an Easter Sunday service at Dexter Avenue Baptist Church in Montgomery titled "Questions that Easter Answers." Dr. King said one of these questions is "Is the universe on the side of the forces of justice and goodness?":

"Sometimes it looks dark and sometimes people come to feel that the universe is on the other side, that the universe seems to say 'Amen' to the forces of injustice... Every now and then I feel like asking God, Why is it that over so many centuries the forces of injustice have triumphed over the Negro and he has been forced to live under oppression and slavery and exploitation? Why is it, God? Why is it simply because some of your children ask to be treated as first-class human beings they are trampled over, their homes are bombed, their children are pushed from their classrooms, and sometimes little children are thrown in the deep waters of Mississippi?... I begin to despair sometimes, it seems that Good Friday has the throne. It seems that the forces of injustice reign supreme. But then in the midst of that something else comes to me. And I can hear something saying, 'King, you are stopping at Good Friday, but don't you know that Easter is coming?'"

Dr. King continued: "This is the meaning of Easter, it answers the profound question that we confront in Montgomery. And if we can just stand with it, if we can just live with Good Friday, things will be all right. For I know that Easter is coming and I can see it coming now. As I look over the world, as I look at America, I can see Easter coming in race relations. I can see it coming on every hand. I see it coming in Montgomery. I see it coming in Alabama. I see it coming in Mississippi. Sometimes it looks like it's coming slow, but it's still coming."

Easter is still coming. Sixty-five years after Dr. King preached that Easter sermon, sometimes it may still feel as if change is coming too slowly. Sometimes even now it may feel as if the forces of injustice and those who are afraid of the light and the truth are winning for a day. But the message of this season is that darkness will not prevail. Some of the changes Dr. King saw coming in Montgomery and Mississippi came to pass during his lifetime. Judge Jackson noted that in

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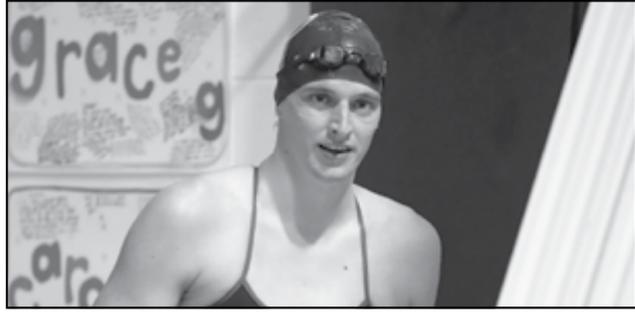
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Other Viewpoints



IT IS NOT JUST ABOUT SEX

By Dr. Ada M. Fisher

Former NC Republican National Committeewoman

"TransMania" is seemingly overtaking the media and hyper-inflating a new national show, "What's my sex." Lia Thomas, a University of Pennsylvania student competing as a female in the NCAA Division I 500 meter swim won, breaking the record by more than a few seconds, would not be a big issue had she not competed on her school's male team while a man less than three years before.

When Harry Potter author JK Rowling stated her belief and support for Maya Furstater who posted seemingly un-politically correct opinions about gender self-identification or spoke up about the need for female safety in women's restrooms if shared by those who proclaim themselves something other than what their genetics expressed, she as well as others have been portrayed as pariahs rather than those trying to ensure the status of genetically defined females. Other than Chas Bono and a few other women who have sought to physically transition to men, the uproar of outrage isn't there for their "trans" formation.

Dr. Paul McHugh, a Johns Hopkins University Distinguished Service Professor of Psychiatry (25 year tenure as Chief of that Department) and Jon Meyer, who ran the hospital's Sexual Behaviors Consultation Unit analyzed a study of "sex-change" surgery finding that though "subjectively satisfying" for the small sample surveyed, the operations they underwent conferred "no objective advantage in terms of social rehabilitation." McHugh spoke against gender blockers for minors and criticized much on gender dysphoria thinking appreciating the complexities of human development. Thus furthered the entrapment of minds unsure what one could call themselves inconsistent with their genetic makeup.

Yet here finds us still not sure what to do with or for those who do not wish to comply with their genetic makeup. Back in 1968 while rotating on the Urology Service at the University of Wisconsin at Madison's Medical School, I had the opportunity to interview males before their transition surgery to physically anatomically similar females where as a student I would get to "scrub in." Of note was that many of these men were quite beautiful, more so than most women I had seen, had taken hormones for a substantial amount of time and completed intensive psychiatric and psychological interrogation before subjecting themselves to such brutal transformative surgery all in the name of being physically altered to look female to satisfy their sense that they were in the wrong body though their genes may have had something else in mind.

The LGBTQ community which likely represents less than 6 percent of the population (per a 2020 Gallup poll) exerts influence in subduing people not similar in their wishes in order to blend in and be accepted for the sexual orientation they feel they should be. It seems that women are the group most at risk in this push to lift restrictions based on genetics for we are not merely people who menstruate, have done so or are designed to do so in promulgating the population. The entrapment of young minds not experienced in the vagrancy of life to such alterations of body and mind before they have reached adulthood as constitutionally stated at 18 to vote, should be of concern.

A person's sexual orientation is a reflection of their identity as it relates to gender or the gender to which they may be sexually attracted. Changing the basis of sexual groupings, family structures or even how we speak of affected persons is neither simple nor painless for it impacts on not just the individual, but international cultures where there is no tolerance for those other than male or female and how we use language to identify who is who.

The allowance of the U.S. Census Bureau to change its categorizations of humans based on political correctness without approval of the U.S. Congress or some wider discussion of what is being done without scientific analysis or appreciation of the socio-dynamics involved considering institutions so impacted, seems short sighted. When society makes such decisions blatantly disregarding the right of people to hold to their religious views, and so exercise them, especially if no federal or state funds are consumed, this is also discrimination—denying religious freedom under the First Amendment to the U.S. Constitution.

The hard sell bottom line is always how would you feel if it were your child?

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MILITARY AND ECONOMIC POWER ONCE AGAIN FAIL TO PRODUCE HAPPINESS

By Lawrence S. Wittner

SUNY/Albany

Although the rulers of the world's major military and economic powers have repeatedly claimed that they are making their nations great again, their policies have not resulted in widespread public happiness among their citizens.

That conclusion emerges from the recent World Happiness Report-2022, published by the UN Sustainable Development Solutions Network. Based on Gallup World Polls conducted from 2019 through 2021, this extensive study provides a revealing look at how roughly 150,000 respondents in 146 countries rated their own happiness. The study's findings underscore the limited levels of happiness in the world's major military-economic powers.

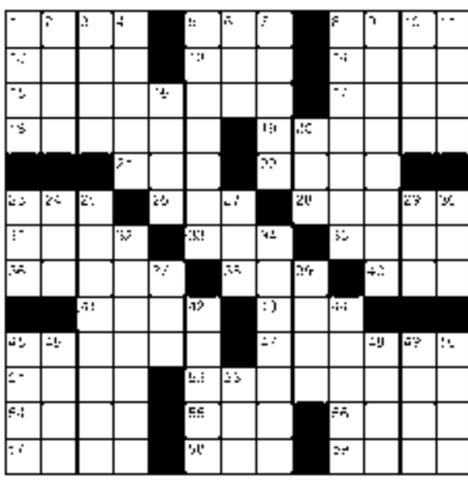
There is little doubt about which nations belong in this category. In 2022 (the latest year for which accurate figures are available), the world's biggest military spenders were the United States (#1), China (#2), India (#3), and Russia (#4). Collectively, they accounted for nearly 59 percent of the world's military spending and the vast majority of the world's nuclear weapons.

When nations are ranked by total wealth, a similar pattern appears: United States (#1), China (#2), India (#7), Russia (#13). Despite their ostensibly different economic models, they all boast a hefty share of the world's billionaires, and once again their ranking is rath-

King Crossword

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- 5 Bygone jet
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- 13 Historic period
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- 15 "No problem!"
- 17 Darkens
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- 22 Hold sway
- 23 Zsa Zsa's sister
- 26 Slitch
- 28 Justice Ruth Ginsburg



- 31 Missing
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er similar: United States (#1), China (#2), India (#3), and Russia (#5). And what has this enormous array of military and economic power produced for their citizens? Well, as it turns out, not a great deal of happiness. The most positive thing that can be said for it is that the United States currently ranks a rather dispiriting 16th on this score. China ranks 72nd. Russia ranks 80th. And India is 136th. Furthermore, over the decade since the annual world happiness surveys began, in 2012, none of these major powers has ever appeared among the 10 happiest nations.

In 2022, the 10 happiest countries were: Finland (#1), Denmark (#2), Iceland (#3), Switzerland (#4), Netherlands (#5), Luxembourg (#6), Sweden (#7), Norway (#8), Israel (#9), and New Zealand (#10).

It is deceptively easy to conclude that the explanation for this high level of happiness lies in the fact that these 10 are all fairly comfortable, economically advanced nations. Even so, there is no significant correlation between a nation's rank in happiness and its per capita income. Indeed, seven of the nations (Finland, Denmark, Iceland, Netherlands, Sweden, Israel, and New Zealand) did not place at all among the top 12 nations in per capita income during 2021. Finland, ranking #1 for happiness for the fifth year in a row, ranked #25 in per capita income. New Zealand, ranking #10 for happiness, ranked #31 for per capita income. Conversely, Singapore, which ranked #3 in per capita income, ranked #27 for happiness, while United Arab Emirates, which ranked #6 in per capita income, ranked #24 for happiness. Factors other than top incomes were clearly at work in producing the happiest nations.

One such factor appears to be the provision of substantial public services. A striking feature of the world's nations is that all five Nordic countries rank among the 10 happiest. What these five countries have in common are social democratic policies that counteract income inequality and dramatically reduce poverty by providing free or low cost healthcare, dental care, housing, education, and childcare, as well as ample pensions and a range of other "welfare state" benefits. Moreover, the other five happiest countries also maintain significant social welfare systems.

The happiest nations also stand out for their relatively egalitarian distribution of wealth. Each of the 10 happiest nations, except Israel, has greater equality of wealth than do the four major military-economic powers. And even that nation's wealth distribution is considerably more equal than that of the United States and only slightly more unequal than China's.

Yet another contrast appears when it comes to military spending. Given the enormous Gross Domestic Product (GDP) of the four biggest military-economic powers, an adequate "defense" of their nations should be less of an economic burden on them than it would be on the economies of these 10 much smaller, less wealthy nations. But, in fact, the reverse is true in eight of the happiest nations, which devoted a smaller percentage of their GDP to military spending in 2020 (the latest year for which accurate figures are available) than did all but one of the four major military-economic powers. Sweden, for example, spent only 1.22 percent, Denmark 1.44 percent, and Finland 1.53 percent of their small GDPs on their armed forces, while India spent 2.88 percent, the United States 3.74 percent, and Russia 4.26 percent of their much larger GDPs to fund their military might.

Admittedly, poverty and national insecurity do appear to play important roles in reducing human happiness. The lowest ranking nations in World Happiness Report-2022 are very poor nations, or nations plagued by violence, or both, such as the Palestinian territories (#122), Myanmar (#126), Yemen (#132), and Afghanistan (#146).

Even so, as the global happiness studies indicate, great military and economic power bring nations only so far. Ultimately, a high level of happiness requires social solidarity.

Dr. Lawrence Wittner is Professor of History emeritus at SUNY/Albany and the author of Confronting the Bomb (Stanford University Press).



ACROSS AMERICA, STUDENTS MUST LEARN ALL HISTORY

By Ben Jealous

People for the American Way

Black history is American history. That shouldn't be a controversial statement. But thanks to politicians like Virginia Gov. Glenn Youngkin, teaching honestly about history is getting downright dangerous.

Youngkin got elected in part by embracing a dishonest campaign launched by far-right activists to make parents fear that teaching about racism represents some kind of sinister plot to shame and indoctrinate children.

Once he took office, the very first official action he took as governor was to sign an executive order supposedly designed to "get divisive concepts out of our schools."

You know what was "inherently divisive?" The Confederacy, which waged a brutal war to defend slavery from its capital in Richmond, Va. How about massive resistance to the desegregation of schools? How about Virginia's law that made interracial marriage illegal until the U.S. Supreme Court overturned it in 1967?

Youngkin has claimed that his order will still allow students to learn about history—both good and bad. But he also set up a tip line that parents could use to report on "divisive" teachers.

That's in the worst tradition of authoritarian politicians everywhere.

It's a terrible policy. It's a terrible way to think about education.

And, I will admit, I take it a bit personally. My ancestors were enslaved in the state of Virginia. One of my forefathers was elected to the state legislature during Reconstruction. He helped create the state's system of public education. Then White supremacists took back power, made segregation the law of the land, and made it impossible for Black Virginians to build political power for decades. That's pretty "divisive" stuff.

A coalition of civil rights groups has launched the Black History is American History campaign to push back on Gov. Youngkin's efforts to force teachers and schools to whitewash teaching about history and racism. Students have the right to learn the truth about our history and our present.

We are inviting Virginia parents and families to use the governor's "tip line" to tell Gov. Youngkin that denying students the freedom to learn is bad for children, families, and the future.

Unfortunately, Virginia is far from alone. Politicians and political operatives are out to build power by mobilizing a backlash to honest teaching about racism in our history and institutions. And those efforts are connected to campaigns for so-called "Don't Say Gay" laws, which threaten teachers who acknowledge the reality of LGBTQ students and families.

And all of this goes hand in hand with a surge in censorship in classrooms and libraries. The American Library Association recently released its list of the books most often challenged last year. Most of them were about Black and LGBTQ people. And that reminded me that Gov. Youngkin's campaign actually ran an ad featuring a woman who objected to the teaching of Toni Morrison's Pulitzer Prize-winning novel *Beloved* in her son's senior-year English class.

Watching politicians build power by inflaming fears about Black people can be deeply discouraging. It can also be intensely motivating.

As a Black Christian writing this column during Holy Week, I draw strength from the historic witness of the Black church and its role in supporting and sustaining Black people as we made history. I celebrate the power and impact of Martin Luther King, Jr.'s appeal to both the Constitution's promise of equality under law and the great faith traditions' call for us to treat one another with decency and respect.

And I lift up the words of Lonnie Bunch, the founding director of the National Museum of African-American History and Culture and now the director of the Smithsonian Institution, who reminds us that "there are few things as powerful and as important as a people, as a nation that is steeped in its history."

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



TO BE EQUAL

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in the health care system. An overwhelming 8 in 10 Black respondents feel that race influences the quality of care a person receives, and 2 in 5 said the system had discriminated against them personally.

When it comes to the heart of this year's State of Black America report, voting and democracy, overwhelming majorities believe in the power of their vote to make a difference in economic opportunity, social and racial justice, and police violence. But nearly as many—71 percent—believe that Black and brown communities specifically are often denied the right to vote. Only 45 percent of Black respondents said voting in their communities is very easy, compared to 59 percent of White respondents. And Black respondents said the government is doing more to limit voting rights than it is to protect them.

"Fifty years since the Civil Rights Movement and 10 years since the murder of Trayvon Martin, the real promise of equity has yet to be fulfilled, and young Blacks are growing frustrated with the rate of change," Curry wrote. "Beliefs and behaviors are hard to shift, and while progress has been made, the biases of today manifest in more subtle forms of systemic suppression.

"Pragmatic and hopeful, hardworking and vulnerable, the complexities of Black pain and Black pride define the Black experience.

The full survey, along with the rest of the 2022 State of Black America report, "Under Siege: The Plot to Destroy Democracy," can be found at www.StateOfBlackAmerica.org/

A DIFFERENT VOICE

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Look, I'm kind of sure that when you fill out a birth certificate it's okay to check a box for male or female and I think all these lettered "sexual labels" are a mouthful but if someone tells me they want to be labeled as an L or a G or Q, what do I care? I tell you for sure if they tell me I have to call myself colored instead of Black or African-American I'm going to refuse their label, so I don't go along with not saying "gay" and would probably be on the front line of fighting it if I lived in Florida.

CHILD WATCH

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her own American family, after the legacy of generations of ancestors born into slavery and the Jim Crow south, it took just one generation to go from segregation to the Supreme Court. We can see more changes to come. As we celebrate this season of transformation, renewal, and hope, we must keep lifting up the vision of a changed nation and world where anything is possible for all of our children.

Classifieds

LEGALS

DURHAM COUNTY

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

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-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 PRO- CESS BY PUBLICATION

To: ADAN ULMAN SANCHEZ LO-
PEZ, Defendant.

Take notice that a pleading seek-
ing 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 publica-
tion of this Notice, and upon your
failure to do so, the Plaintiff, DOM-
INGA OTILIA GONZALEZ RODAS,
will apply to the court for the relief
sought.

This, the 7th day of April, 2022.

Aneta Paval, Esq.

Paval Law Offices, PLLC

7404 Chapel Hill Rd

Suite M

Raleigh NC 27607

Telephone: (919) 410-6690

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-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

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
DURHAM COUNTY

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

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
DURHAM COUNTY

NOTICE TO CREDITORS File No. 22 E 362

The undersigned, having duly qualified as Executor of the Estate of Rebecca W. Glenn, deceased, late of Durham County, North Carolina, hereby notifies all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the Estate of said deceased to present them to the undersigned at the below listed address on or before July 21, 2022 or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to the Estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This the 21st day of April, 2022.

Gregory Stuart Glenn

Executor

c/o Ronald G. Coulter

Attorney at Law

3400 Croasdaile Drive Suite 205

Durham, NC 27705

4/21,28,5/5,12/2022

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
DURHAM COUNTY

NOTICE TO CREDITORS File No. 22-E-502

THE UNDERSIGNED, having qualified on the 12th day of April, 2022, as Executor of the **ESTATE OF CHRISTINE DUKE DAVIS A/K/A BLANCHE CHRISTINE DAVIS**, Deceased, of Durham County, North Carolina, does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against said Estate to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the 20th day of July, 2022 or this Notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said Estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This, the 21st day of April, 2022.

RANDALL DUKE TEASLEY

CECILIA JOHNSON TEASLEY

CO-EXECUTORS

ESTATE OF

CHRISTINE DUKE DAVIS

A/K/A

BLANCHE CHRISTINE DAVIS

c/o Jennifer Dalman, Attorney

Walker Lambe, PLLC

Post Office Box 51549

Durham, NC 27717-1549

4/21,28,5/5,12/2022

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-527

The Undersigned, having qualified as Executrix of the Estate of Ellwood Eugene Hicks, 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 21st day of July 2021, 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 21st day of April 2022.

Lou F. Hicks aka

Lou Farrell Hicks

Executrix

132 Continental Drive

Durham, NC 27713

4/21,28,5/5,12/2022

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF DURHAM

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

File No. 22-E-501

THE UNDERSIGNED, having qualified on the 12th day of April, 2022, as Executor of the **ESTATE OF WILLIAM CHARLES WITZLEBEN**, Deceased, of Durham County, North Carolina, does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against said Estate to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the 20th day of July, 2022 or this Notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said Estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This, the 21st day of April, 2022.

CLARK HUGHES WITZLEBEN

EXECUTOR

ESTATE OF WILLIAM CHARLES

WITZLEBEN

c/o Stephen C. Rhudy, Attorney

Walker Lambe, PLLC

Post Office Box 51549

Durham, North Carolina 27717

4/21,28,5/5,12/2022

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
DURHAM COUNTY

In The General Court Of Justice

District Court Division

File Number 22-CVD-237

NOTICE OF SERVICE

To: KEVIN AVILA LICONA,

Defendant.

Take notice that a pleading seek-
ing 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 June 1, 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, DANY JULISSA
CHAVEZ SANCHEZ, will apply to
the court for the relief sought.

This, the 21st day of April, 2022.

Aneta Paval, Esq.

Paval Law Offices, PLLC

7404 Chapel Hill Rd

Suite M

Raleigh NC 27607

Telephone: (919) 410-6690

4/21,28,5/5/2022

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 21-E-655

The Undersigned, having qualified as Executor of the Estate of Rosa D. Covington, 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 21st 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 21st day of April 2022.

Percy Covington, Jr.

Executor

833 Exum Street

Durham, NC 27701

4/21,28,5/5,12/2022

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
DURHAM COUNTY

NOTICE OF SERVICE

OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION

In The General Court Of Justice

Superior Court Division

Classifieds

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 2021 E 001223
The Undersigned, having qualified as Administrator of the Estate of Alfred L. Grigsby, 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 21st 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 21st day of April 2022.
Michelle Moore
Administrator
10444 Neland Street
Raleigh, NC 27614
4/21,28,5/5,12/2022
NORTH CAROLINA
WAKE COUNTY
In The General Court Of Justice

District Court Division
File No.: 22-CVD-3354
NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION
JEWEL HUGHES,
PLAINTIFF
VS.
UNKNOWN FATHER
Of Kamden Hughes
DEFENDANT
TO: UNKNOWN FATHER OF KAMDEN HUGHES
TAKE NOTICE that a pleading seeking relief against you has been filed in the above-entitled ac-

tion. The nature of the relief being sought is for Custody of the minor child Kamden Hughes, born July 1, 2008 to the Plaintiff's daughter MeTasha S. Hughes in Wake County, North Carolina.
You are required to make defense to such pleadings no later than the 1st day of June 2022, said date being at least forty days from the first publication of this notice; and upon your failure to do so the party seeking relief against you will apply to the Court for the relief sought.

This the 21st day of April 2022.
LAW OFFICES OF STEPHANIE J. BROWN
BY:
Stephanie J. Brown
Attorney for Plaintiff

P.O. Box 2596
Raleigh, NC 27602
(919) 836-9444
State Bar No. 18944
sjbrown_law@hotmail.com
4/21,28,5/5/2022

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 **Greenfield Lake Spillway Repairs** project for the **City of Wilmington** which bids **April 26, 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 * Wilmington Purchasing Manager's Office; 305 Chestnut Street, 5th Floor; Wilmington, NC 28401; contact Christine Karem at christine.karem@wilmingtonnc.gov.

Potential subcontracting opportunities include but are not limited to surveying, demolition, clearing and grubbing, traffic control, earthwork, erosion control, seeding, sodding, 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.

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 **Western North Ridge Stormwater** project for the **City of Raleigh** which bids **April 27, 2022, at 12:00 PM**. Plans and specifications for this project are available at the following locations: TA Loving Company, 400 Patetown Road, Goldsboro, NC 27530 * W.K. Dickson and Company, Inc.; 720 Corporate Center Drive; Raleigh, NC 27607 * 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, striping, traffic control, erosion control, seeding, landscaping, linework, bypass pumping, flatwork, CIPP, and fencing. 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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LEGAL NOTICE

State of North Carolina Department of Transportation, Raleigh, N.C.

The Deadline for submitting Electronic Bids on the following projects as well as the public reading will be **May 17, 2022, at 2:00 pm**. The public reading will be held in Contract Standards and Development Unit Conference Room (Room 156 A/B), Building B, North Carolina Department of Transportation, Century Center Complex, 1020 Birch Ridge Dr., Raleigh, NC 27610. Please enter door B-2.

May 17, 2022

(C204459) PITT, BEAUFORT; (C204737) MOORE;
(C204621) SURRY; (C204709) MADISON

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(C204110) CUMBERLAND

A bid bond or bid deposit in the amount of 5% of the bid will be required.

These contracts are subject to all appropriate Federal Laws, including Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964.

Plans, proposal forms, and specifications may be obtained at the Raleigh office of the Department of Transportation, Telephone #919-707-6925.

Department of Transportation
Mr. Ronnie L. Keeter, Jr.
Chief Engineer

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 **City Road Utility Improvements** project for the **Town of Clayton** which bids **April 28, 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 * Adams and Hodge Engineering, PC; 314 East Main Street; Clayton, NC 27520.

Potential subcontracting opportunities include but are not limited to surveying, hauling, asphalt paving, 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.

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.

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T.A. Loving Company (NC General Contractor License No. 325) is seeking certified DBE, MBE, and WBE subcontractors and suppliers for the **Pennsylvania Avenue Waterline** project for the **Town of Southern Pines** which bids **April 27, 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 * Accent Imaging; 8121 Brownleigh Drive; Raleigh, NC 27617 or at www.plans-cope.com.

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BID REQUEST

BARNHILL CONTRACTING COMPANY

Attention MBEs/WBEs—Barnhill Contracting Company is requesting bids from any interested firms for the following project: NCDOT Contract: #DB00510 Beaufort County—Milling, Strengthening, Resurfacing, Widening, and Shoulder Reconstruction of Various Routes. Pre-Bid Meeting is on Monday, April 25th, 2022 at 10:00 AM. Due to social distancing standards, this meeting will be held virtually utilizing conference call and online meeting tools. Please contact Jimmy Spivey at the number below for meeting details. This project bids on April 27th, 2022 and includes opportunities on, but not limited to Hauling, Milling, Traffic Control, Erosion Control, Pavement Repair & Miscellaneous Concrete. Bids are due to James Spivey no later than 12:00 P.M. on Tuesday April 26th, 2022.

Plans can be viewed in our office (please call to schedule) or on the NCDOT website:

<https://connect.ncdot.gov/letting/Pages/Division2Letting.aspx>

Attn: James Spivey at (252)335-9503.

AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYER

"The North Carolina Department of Transportation, in accordance with the provisions of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (78 Stat. 252, 42 U.S.C. §§ 2000d to 2000d-4) and the Regulations, hereby notifies all bidders that it will affirmatively ensure that any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, disadvantaged business enterprises will be afforded full and fair opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, or national origin in consideration for an award. In accordance with other related nondiscrimination authorities, bidders and contractors will also not be discriminated against on the grounds of sex, age, disability, low-income level, creed/religion, or limited English proficiency in consideration for an award."

RE-ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS—CDBG PROJECT

Town of Seaboard
P.O. Box 327
Seaboard, NC 27876

Separate sealed BIDS for the construction of 2018 CDBG-NR Drainage Project Contract No. 1—Storm Drainage Improvements will be received by the ENGINEER at the Town Hall, 102 W. Central Street, Seaboard, NC 27876 until 2:00 PM Eastern Daylight Time, May 3, 2022, and then at said office publicly opened and read aloud.

The CONTRACT DOCUMENTS may be examined at the following locations:

Seaboard Town Hall, 102 W. Central Street, Seaboard, NC 27876

McDavid Associates, Inc., 3714 North Main Street, Farmville, NC 27828-0049

Dodge Data and Analytics, 2860 South State Highway 161, Suite 160, #501, Grand Prairie, TX 75052-7361
(View online at www.construction.com)

ConstructConnect, 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)

Copies of the CONTRACT DOCUMENTS may be obtained at the office of McDavid Associates, Inc., located at 3714 North Main Street, Farmville, NC 27828-0049 upon a non-refundable payment of \$75.00 for each set.

This project is being funded in whole or in part by the Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG). All Federal CDBG requirements will apply to the contract: BIDDERS on this work will be required to comply with Section 109 and E.O. 11246 which prohibits discrimination in employment regarding race, creed, color, sex, or national origin. BIDDERS must comply with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Davis Bacon Act, Anti-Kickback Act, and Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act.

The Town of Seaboard is committed to and supportive of efforts to effectively maintain and/or increase the use of Small and Minority/Women-Owned Business and Historically Underutilized Businesses (HUB) contract participation for Construction Projects, services (including professional and consulting services) and commodities purchases, AND increase contract participation to offer employment, training and contracting opportunities in accordance with Section 3 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968 (24 C.F.R. Part 135).

The total CDBG program is funded with \$590,647.00 in CDBG funds which represent 100% of the total CDBG program costs. The total CDBG funding amount of \$590,647.00 is a governmental disclosure required by the CDBG program and not the proposed construction cost for contracts referenced by this advertisement.

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, Historically Underutilized Business (HUB), and Section 3 (low income) 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.

This information is available in Spanish or any other language upon request. Please contact Christine Bass at 102 W. Central Street, Seaboard, NC 27876 or at (252) 589-5061 for accommodations for this request.

Esta información está disponible en español o en cualquier otro idioma bajo petición. Por favor, póngase en contacto con Christine Bass al 102 W. Central Street, Seaboard, NC 27876 o en (252) 589-5061 de alojamiento para esta solicitud.

The Fair Housing Act prohibits discrimination in housing based on race, color, national origin, religion, sex, family status, and disability.

The OWNER is an EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYER.



April 21, 2022

Geraldine Langford
Mayor
Town of Seaboard

USA Defeats Ukraine In BJK Tennis Tourney

The United States team in the, now, Billie Jean King (BJK) Cup, formerly known as the Fed Cup, defeated a tough Ukraine team 3-2 in Asheville, N.C. on April 15-16, 2022.

Match play started off on April 15th with the United States' Alison Riske defeating Ukraine's Dayana Yastremska and the States' Jessica Pegula handily defeating Ukraine's Katarina Zavatska in the second match of the day to go up 2-0. On the 16th, Ukraine bounces back with Yastremsta and Zavatska with victories over United States' Pegula and Shelby Rogers, respectively.

With the match score netted at 2-2, and for final match, doubles, United States BJK Cup head coach Kathy Rinaldi made a lineup change and paired Jessica Pagula with Asia Muhammad against Ukraine's Dayana Yastremska and Lyudmyla Kichenok. Muhammad and Pagula win the first set in a tiebreaker 7-6 (5) and win 6-3 in the second, behind Muhammad's strong serve, to give the USA a 3-2 victory.

The United States move onto the final round of play and their opponent is yet to be determined. 2021 finalists, Switzerland, have an automatic bye into the final round.

The Billie Jean King Cup team play was originally started in 1963 as the Federation Cup with female players representing their countries. Was rebranded the Billie Jean King Cup in 2020 in honor of the tennis legend and her efforts to make tennis more equitable for, and fighting injustice against, women.

Photos and recap by Steve Worthy



BILLIE JEAN KING CUP	
USA vs UKRAINE	
FRIDAY, APRIL 15	
Alison Riske	Dayana Yastremska
Jessica Pegula	Katarina Zavatska
SATURDAY, APRIL 16	
Jessica Pegula	Dayana Yastremska
Shelby Rogers	Katarina Zavatska
Jessica Pegula	Lyudmyla Kichenok
Asia Muhammad	Dayana Yastremska

