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## Abrams Once Again Vying For Governor

ATLANTA (AP) — Republican Gov. Brian Kemp and Democratic challenger Stacey Abrams will face each other once again in a rematch of the 2018 race that is likely to be one of the nation's most expensive and closely watched.

Kemp easily turned back a

GOP primary challenge Tuesday from former U.S. Sen. David Perdue, who was backed by former President Donald Trump as retribution for Kemp not going along with Trump's effort to overturn his defeat in Georgia's 2020 election.

Perdue embraced Trump's

election lies, opening two debates between the candidates with the claim that the 2020 balloting was "rigged and stolen." Georgia election officials found no evidence of fraud. The presidential vote was counted three times, with each tally confirming Democratic President Joe

Biden's win.

Kemp, in his victory speech said conservatives "didn't listen to the noise."

"They didn't get distracted," Kemp said. "They knew our record of fighting and winning for hardworking Georgians and tonight because of your support, Georgia Republicans went to the ballot box and overwhelmingly endorsed four more years of our vision for this great state."

The incumbent continued to swing the spotlight to his quest to defeat Abrams, who told reporters Tuesday morning that she's ready to take on Kemp and wants to talk about the governor's failures.

"Four years ago, I warned about the failure that Kemp was going to be. And four years later I am going to prove he was the wrong choice for Georgia," Abrams said earlier Tuesday.

Kemp, in turn, was quick to cast a potential Abrams victory as a looming disaster for Georgia, saying Abrams was out of step with Georgia voters and that the contest would be a "fight for the soul of our state."

"She has embraced the disastrous Biden agenda at every single turn," Kemp said. "You can see the choice at the ballot this November is crystal clear."

Abrams narrowly lost the governorship to Kemp in 2018 but became a leading national Democratic voice as a voting rights activist. She also cast the rematch as a stark choice, saying she was seeking to improve problems including a lack of health care, poor education and lagging wages.

"The challenge I have is that the answer from Republicans, from our former senator to our current governor, is to fight me instead of fighting the problems that are facing Georgia," Abrams said. "And I urge everyone to pay less attention to rhetoric and more attention to the record and to the results."

Abrams has been running for months, seeking to burnish her image among Georgia voters with more than \$7 million in

advertising, despite the lack of primary opposition.

The centerpiece of her platform remains a call to expand Medicaid to all adults, but Abrams is also highlighting her support for abortion rights and opposition to a law allowing the permitless carry of concealed handguns in public.

The Democratic star has shown the ability to raise millions. Meanwhile, Republicans have raised the specter of her becoming governor to try to unify a party fractured by Trump's attempts to unseat Kemp.

Kemp tossed off Perdue's challenge in part by using the power of his incumbency to push a raft of legislation through Georgia's Republican-controlled legisla-

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## Monkeypox Is No Joke

By Dr. Joy Martinez

Staff Writer

A rare disease called monkeypox, a much less severe cousin of smallpox, is spreading around the world into places it usually never touches. According to the World Health Organization (WHO), more than 250 cases have been reported in at least 16 countries including a confirmed US case in a man in Massachusetts, and the four pre-summer cases in men in New York, Florida and Utah.

Monkeypox is a virus endemic in parts of Central and West Africa. It is similar to but less severe than smallpox, which is caused by a related virus, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). Symptoms usually appear in six to 13 days but can take as long as three weeks after being exposed. While the virus has a long incubation period, patients are considered most infectious when they have a rash. They can last for two to four weeks, and cases are usually more severe in children.

Monkeypox usually begins with symptoms similar to the flu including fever, headache, muscle aches, chills, exhaustion and swollen lymph nodes. It then progresses to body rashes on the face, hands, feet, eyes, mouth or genitals that turn into raised bumps which then become blisters.

Though monkeypox can spread through respiratory droplets, the virus comes from infected lesions in the throat and mouth that can expel it into the air. But transmission from respiratory droplets requires prolonged face-to-face contact, according to the Centers for Disease Control (CDC).

Monkeypox is not a sexually transmitted disease, which is generally passed through semen or vaginal fluid, but it can be transmitted through sexual and intimate contact as well as through shared bedding.

In an interview with The Associated Press, Dr. David Heymann, who formerly headed WHO's emergency department, explained the spread of the disease was sexual transmission among gay and bisexual men at two raves held in Spain and Belgium.

This is the first time that chains of transmission were reported in

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### NORTH CAROLINA MAN GETS 10 YEARS FOR SHOOTING AT POLICE

(AP)—A North Carolina man was sentenced to 10 years in prison on Tuesday after his conviction on charges stemming from a police chase during which he fired multiple shots at an officer, a federal prosecutor said.

Cedrick Tyler Armstrong, 37, of Zebulon was convicted last November of possession of a firearm by a convicted felon, said U.S. Attorney Michael Easley.

Court documents show that on Oct. 12, 2018, a Wendell police investigator stopped a vehicle in which Armstrong was a passenger. A baggie from the glove box tested positive for cocaine, and police tried to remove the driver and Armstrong from the vehicle. The investigator got one of the cuffs on the driver before a struggle after which the driver fled and dragged the investigator about 25 feet.

Wendell police officers pursued the vehicle through multiple counties reaching speeds in excess of 100 mph. During the chase, approximately nine shots were fired from the passenger side of the vehicle at a pursuing Wendell police officer, and the chase ended out of a concern for public and officer safety, the news release said.

Armstrong and the driver were found and arrested that night at a home in Raleigh, officials said.

### FOOD COMPANY TO CREATE MORE THAN 200 JOBS IN NORTH CAROLINA

(AP)—A fresh foods manufacturer says it is expanding production in the Southeast with plans to invest over \$42 million in a North Carolina production facility which will create more than 200 jobs, Gov. Roy Cooper announced Tuesday.

Häns Kissle Co. will build a 100,000-square-foot manufacturing site in Apple Creek Corporate Center just outside of Gastonia, Cooper said in a news release.

The *Charlotte Observer* reported that the Gaston County Economic Development Commission says the company plans to break ground next month and be operational by next summer.

The 219 jobs will have an average annual salary of \$42,018, matching Gaston County's average annual wage.

Häns Kissle's project will receive a \$2.1 million Job Development Investment Grant approved on Tuesday by the state's Economic Investment Committee. Over the 12-year term of the grant, the project is estimated to grow the state's economy by \$599 million.

Häns Kissle makes entrees, delicatessen salads, side dishes, quiches and other ready-to-eat foods for supermarkets and foodservice customers throughout the U.S. Since opening in 1984 as an in-house commissary for a grocery chain, the company now has a 700-item menu.

The North Carolina expansion will help meet demand with its Southeast retailers, Häns Kissle CEO Scott Moffitt said in a statement.

## TX Gunman Kills 19 Children, 2 Adults

UVALDE, Texas (AP) — An 18-year-old gunman opened fire Tuesday at a Texas elementary school, killing at least 19 children as he went from classroom to classroom, officials said, in the latest gruesome moment for a country scarred by a string of massacres. The attacker was killed by law enforcement.

The death toll also included two adults, authorities said. Gov. Greg Abbott said one of the two was a teacher.

The assault at Robb Elementary School in the heavily Latino town of Uvalde was the deadliest shooting at a U.S. grade school since a gunman killed 20 children and six adults at Sandy Hook Elementary in Newtown, Connecticut, almost a decade ago.

"My heart is broken today," said Hal Harrell, the school district superintendent, announcing that all school activities were canceled until further notice. "We're a small community, and we're going to need your prayers to get through this."

The attack also came just 10 days after a deadly, racist rampage at a Buffalo, New York, supermarket that added to a yearslong series of mass killings at churches, schools and stores. And the prospects for any reform of the nation's gun regulations seemed as dim as in

the aftermath of the Sandy Hook deaths.

President Joe Biden appeared ready for a fight, calling for new gun restrictions in an address to the nation hours after the attack.

"As a nation we have to ask, when in God's name are we going to stand up to the gun lobby? When in God's name are we go-

ing to do what has to be done?" Biden asked. "Why are we willing to live with this carnage?"

Many of the injured were rushed to Uvalde Memorial Hospital, where staff members in scrubs and devastated victims' relatives could be seen weeping as they walked out of the complex.

The gunman, who was wearing body armor, crashed his car outside the school before going inside, Sgt. Erick Estrada of the Texas Department of Public Safety told CNN.

He killed his grandmother before heading to the school

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## America's Strained Salute To Black Veterans

By James Jeffrey

For The BBC

At the end of 2018, US Air Force veteran Janice Jamison was outside the town hall in Augusta before Stacey Abrams, then running for Georgia governor, arrived to talk at an event for a local veterans group for women.

Suddenly Jamison found herself confronted by five white men who began protesting that Abrams didn't understand veterans.

Jamison, who works for the organisation whose members are predominantly African American, tried to reason with the men but found herself being harangued by one man on the subject of veterans' needs.

"I said to him, 'Well, sir, for you to tell me what I need as a veteran, have you ever been in uniform?'"

The man - who she later discovered to be a white nationalist - admitted he had not, and appeared visibly embarrassed, she tells the BBC.

Such encounters have some concerned that the current politically and racially charged climate is exacerbating existing problems about how Black Americans are treated both in the military and as veterans.

"On paper I made a seamless transition, I got accommodation in New York through a friend,



Paul Matthews as a lieutenant in jeep at Camp Red Devil, 5th Infantry Div. Quang Tri, Vietnam, 1968

found a job," 26-year-old Richard Brookshire says about leaving the infantry.

But he says over the course of a year his emotional state slowly deteriorated until he couldn't function, and months of depression led to a suicide attempt.

"Part of it was coming to terms with the social and racial climate of the country I was coming back to," explains Brookshire, whose African-American father served in the military as did his mother after emigrating to the US from Haiti.

"I'd been inspired to join and serve under the first Black president. I'd even interned for Obama's presidential campaign in Sanford, Florida - and a month

after I got back from Afghanistan in 2012 that was where Trayvon Martin was killed."

There would be further racially charged tragedies and tensions for Brookshire to contemplate, set against the Black Lives Matter movement emerging in response to Martin's death. In August 2014 riots erupted in Ferguson after the fatal shooting of Michael Brown by a police officer.

Meanwhile, white supremacists became increasingly bold and public, culminating with the tragedy of Charlottesville in 2017 when a woman was hit and killed by a car that drove into crowds protesting a white supremacist rally.

Brookshire was also unnerved

when he discovered how his military career had paralleled that of James Jackson, an Afghanistan veteran and self-proclaimed white supremacist who in 2017 targeted and killed a Black homeless man in New York.

"We both went to Fort Leonard Wood, got stationed together in [Germany], deployed to Afghanistan at the same time, got out of the army within a month of each other—it felt like we shadowed one another for those four years," Brookshire says.

"That was the straw that broke the camel's back and had me realising I was emotionally [in trouble] and had to sort [myself out]."

Brookshire's personal experience as a veteran, coupled with what he saw going on in the country, motivated him to co-found the Black Veterans Project (BVP). It aims to help preserve the historical legacy of America's 2.5 million Black veterans while also advocating against racial inequities in the military and post-service.

"The military is the first to say we are a reflection of society. Well, that's the good and the bad," says Kyle Bibby, BVP's other co-founder, who left the Marines as a captain after six years.

"In the military I saw lots of confederate flag tattoos that made me very uncomfortable,

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# N.J. Officials Propose Police Bill To Hold Officers Accountable

By Stacy M. Brown

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As police reform bills like the George Floyd Justice in Policing Act remain defeated at the federal level, New Jersey officials may have found one solution to police accountability. Governor Phil Murphy and Acting Attorney General Matthew J. Platkin have announced proposed legislation to create a statewide police licensing program. According to a news release, if enacted, the bill would require all law enforcement officers to

hold valid, active licenses issued by the Police Training Commission (PTC) for employment as officers in New Jersey. "I am honored to announce that we will be joining the overwhelming number of states, who have established a police licensing program as a requirement for all law enforcement officers," Murphy stated. "These licenses should be held with honor as they show that these officers have been through rigorous training and have upheld what it means to be a law enforcement officer to the high-

est professional standards." If the bill passes, the PTC will establish the licensure process and qualification standards for officers and applicants. That includes passing a psychological examination, maintaining post academy ongoing professional training requirements set by the PTC, and not engaging in conduct, including social media posts or being an active member of a group that advocates for the violent overthrow of the government. It also prohibits discrimination based on classes protected by the Law Against Discrimination. The bill would make law enforcement licenses subject to renewal three years after issuance. It would also authorize the PTC to suspend, revoke, place conditions, or deny licenses after a hearing. The measure would expand Governor-appointed public members from two to four members

of the PTC, officials noted in a news release. Further, employing law enforcement agencies must also inform the PTC of any separation from employment of a licensed officer, and hiring agencies must request from the PTC why an applicant left prior law enforcement employment. For instance, an employing unit must contact the PTC when an officer loses their license due to a conviction of a crime, domestic violence, or an offense for losing a firearm. "Combined, these provisions would establish a mechanism for law enforcement agencies

to make thorough and effective hiring decisions," New Jersey officials wrote. The PTC establishes statewide law enforcement standards and in 2021, voted unanimously to create a statewide police licensing program. Officials said more than 40 states across the country use a form of decertification or licensing for law enforcement officers. To help build public trust in law enforcement, the proposed police licensing program would require all law enforcement officers to meet specific uniform professional standards to serve in law enforcement.

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two military-style rifles he had purchased on his birthday, according to state Sen. Roland Gutierrez, who said he had been briefed by state police.

"That was the first thing he did on his 18th birthday," he said. Officials did not immediately reveal a motive, but the governor identified the assailant as Salvador Ramos and said he was a resident of the community about 85 miles west of San Antonio.

Ramos had hinted on social media that an attack could be coming, Gutierrez said, noting that "he suggested the kids should watch out." A Border Patrol agent who was working nearby when the shooting began rushed into the school without waiting for backup and shot and killed the gunman, who was behind a barricade, according to a law enforcement official speaking on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to talk about it.

The agent was wounded but able to walk out of the school, the law enforcement source said. The school district's police chief, Pete Arredondo, said that the attacker acted alone.

It was not immediately clear how many people were wounded, but Arredondo said there were "several injuries." Earlier, Uvalde Memorial Hospital said 13 children were taken there. Another hospital reported a 66-year-old woman was in critical condition.

Robb Elementary School has an enrollment of just under 600 students, and Arredondo said it serves students in the second, third and fourth grade. He did not provide ages of the children who were shot. This was the school's last week of classes before summer break.

Heavily armed law enforcement officers swarmed to the school, with officers in tactical vests diverting traffic and FBI agents coming and going from the building.

White House press secretary Karine Jean-Pierre said Biden was briefed on the shooting on Air Force One as he returned from a five-day trip to Asia.

Uvalde, home to about 16,000 people, is about 75 miles from the border with Mexico. Robb Elementary is in a mostly residential neighborhood of modest homes.

The tragedy in Uvalde was the deadliest school shooting in Texas history, and it added to a grim tally in the state, which has been the site of some of the deadliest shootings in the U.S. over the past five years.

In 2018, a gunman fatally shot 10 people at Santa Fe High School in the Houston area. A year before that, a gunman at a Texas church killed more than two dozen people during a Sunday service in the small town of Sutherland Springs. In 2019, another gunman at a Walmart in El Paso killed 23 people in a racist attack.

The shooting came days before the National Rifle Association annual convention was set to begin in Houston. Abbott and both of Texas' U.S. senators were among elected Republican officials who were the scheduled speakers at a Friday leadership forum sponsored by the NRA's lobbying arm.

In the years since Sandy Hook, the gun control debate in Congress has waxed and waned. Efforts by lawmakers to change U.S. gun policies in any significant way have consistently faced roadblocks from Republicans and the influence of outside groups such as the NRA.

A year after Sandy Hook, Sens. Joe Manchin a West Virginia Democrat, and Patrick J. Toomey, a Pennsylvania Republican, negotiated a bipartisan proposal to expand the nation's background check system. But as the measure was close to being brought to the Senate floor for a vote, it became clear it would not get enough votes to clear a 60-vote filibuster hurdle.

Then-President Barack Obama, who had made gun control central to his administration's goals after the Newtown shooting, called Congress' failure to act "a pretty shameful day for Washington."

Last year, the House passed two bills to expand background checks on firearms purchases. One bill would have closed a loophole for private and online sales. The other would have extended the background check review period. Both languished in the 50-50 Senate, where Democrats need at least 10 Republican votes to overcome objections from a filibuster.

ture. He signed measures that cut taxes, allowed people to carry concealed handguns without permits and helped ban transgender girls from high school sports.

The governor also tapped bountiful state coffers to give pay raises for public employees and announced two large electric vehicle factories.

Kemp's focus on Georgia issues won over Will Parbhoo, a 22-year-old dental assistant.

"I'm not really a Trumper," Parbhoo said. "I didn't like him to begin with. With all the election stuff, I was like, 'Dude, move on.'" Perdue's loss became obvious quickly. He appeared 90 minutes after polls closed to announce that he had called Kemp to concede, and quipped, "Well, I hope everybody made dinner reservations in a few minutes."

Perdue told his supporters that he would not sulk, but instead do everything he could to help Kemp beat Abrams.

"There is nothing they can ask me to do that I won't do," he said. "We're going to do everything we can to make damn sure Stacey Abrams doesn't take over this state."

Although Perdue said the results of the primary are "counter to what I saw around the state," he seemed to reject Trump's lies that he was defrauded out of the 2020 election. When two supporters shouted "2000 Mules," the title of a film that pushes the idea that the 2020 election was stolen, he replied, "I'm sorry, but what we're going to do right now is make sure Stacey Abrams is not governor of this state."

Trump conducted an in-person rally for Perdue, sent more than \$3 million to two political action committees to pay for ads attacking Kemp on election issues, and kept up a steady stream of rhetorical fire against the incumbent. But Trump has not returned to Georgia since March, and Perdue's ads have been missing from Georgia television stations for much of the crucial early-voting period.

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# N.C. Parents' Rights Bill Includes LGBTQ K-3 Curriculum Ban

RALEIGH, N.C. (AP) — North Carolina Senate Republicans on Tuesday unveiled a wide-ranging proposal they say would help parents stay informed about what their children are being taught and how they're being treated by doctors. The measure also would tread into contentious LGBTQ matters that have caused divisive debate elsewhere.

The "Parents' Bill of Rights" legislation would bar public school curriculum for kindergarten through third grade from containing instruction on sexual orientation and gender identity. Republicans contend the prohibition is more limited than a new Florida law that critics have dubbed the "Don't Say Gay" law, which has received intense scrutiny nationally from critics who argue it marginalizes LGBTQ people.

And throughout K-12 schools, local school boards would be required to adopt procedures that notify a parent when school staff notices changes to a child's "mental, emotional or physical health or well-being," or before a child's name or pronoun is changed in school records.

Separately, the bill also would subject health care providers to disciplinary action by licensing boards should they fail to receive parental consent for non-urgent medical treatments for a minor child, including fines of up to \$5,000.

With kids participating in online classrooms during the coronavirus pandemic, parents "got an up-close look at what their children were being taught. It opened their eyes in a lot of ways," Senate leader Phil Berger said.

"The bill is about increasing transparency and trust in our public schools," Berger, a Rockingham County Republican, said at a news conference.

The measure, to be heard in an education committee on Wednesday, would have to clear both the House and Senate before going to Democratic Gov. Roy Cooper. Berger and Sen. Deanna Ballard, who is helping shepherd the bill, said they hadn't spoken to Senate Democrats about the measure. But some Democratic support would be needed if Cooper vetoed the bill.

The measure would broaden the rights that parents already have in state and federal laws. Additional rights would include the ability to make health care decisions for their children and to be notified if a government agency suspects a crime has been committed against the child. The proposed rights would be in state law, not in the state constitution.

For schools, parents would have additional legal rights and be provided a "guide to student achievement" at the start of each school year. Parents would have to be informed that they can review textbooks and instructional materials, request that their child be evaluated for gifted programs and review standardized test results.

"Greater participation from our parents really does lead to a better quality of life for our students," said Ballard, a Watauga County Republican. "When parents are excluded from critical decisions affecting their child's health and well-being at school, it really sends a message to children that parents' input and authority is really no longer important."

Berger said the provision addressing the K-3 classroom instruction is different from Florida's law because the Senate's proposal would only ban content on sexual orientation and gender identity from actual curriculum.

Language in the Florida law says "classroom instruction by school personnel or third parties on sexual orientation or gender identity may not occur in kindergarten through grade 3 or in a manner that is not age appropriate or developmentally appropriate for students in accordance with state standards."

Berger said the North Carolina law would not prevent a K-3 teacher from responding to a child's LGBTQ-related questions. But he said it would make sense for a school to alert the child's parent about such questions.

Parents who have complaints about the K-3 curriculum or don't feel properly notified about their child's physical and mental health could ultimately seek intervention from the State Board of Education or go to court to seek an injunction.

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Europe without any direct links to Africa, according to the European Center for Disease Prevention and Control. The agency also said this year's cases included the first that have been reported among men who have sex with men.

CDC official, Dr. John Brooks, stated anyone can contract monkeypox through close personal contact regardless of sexual orientation. However, Brooks said many of the people affected globally so far are men who identify as gay or bisexual. Though some groups have greater chance of exposure to monkeypox right now, the risk isn't limited only to the gay and bisexual community, he cautioned.

The CDC says there is "no proven, safe treatment" for monkeypox but the Food and Drug Administration has approved the use of small-pox vaccines and antiviral treatments to control outbreaks.

The cases are spreading quickly, and the US is positioning its healthcare industry to respond by releasing monkeypox vaccine from the nation's Strategic National Stockpile.

Dr. Jennifer McQuiston, deputy director of the Division of High Consequence Pathogens and Pathology within the CDC's National Center for Emerging and Zoonotic Infectious Diseases said Monday she could "report that there has been a request for release of the Jynneos vaccine from the National Stockpile for some of the high-risk contacts of some of the early patients, so that is actively happening right now."

In the United States, the two-dose Jynneos vaccine is licensed to prevent smallpox and specifically to prevent monkeypox. Right now, we have over 1,000 doses of that available, and we expect that level to ramp up very quickly in the coming weeks as the company provides more doses to us," McQuiston said.

There is another smallpox vaccine licensed in the United States, ACAM2000, that could be used to prevent monkeypox, she said, and the country has more than 100 million doses.

"ACAM2000 is an older-generation smallpox vaccine that has some potential significant side effects with it. So a decision to use that widely would have to have some serious discussion behind it," according to McQuiston. Overall, "we are hoping to maximize vaccine distribution to those that we know would benefit from it," she said. "Those are people who've had contact with a known monkeypox patient, health care workers, very close personal contact, and those in particular who might be at high risk for severe disease."

The United Nations said the outbreak is "a highly unusual event" and said the fact that cases are being seen in so many different countries suggests the disease may have been silently spreading for some time. The agency's Europe director warned that as summer begins across the continent, mass gatherings, festivals and parties could accelerate the spread.

It's important that this outbreak not cause stigma toward the LGBTQ community. The Joint United Nations Program on HIV/AIDS cautioned against reporting and commentaries using language and imagery that reinforce stereotypes and exacerbate stigma.

UNAIDS Deputy Executive Director Matthew Kavanagh said Monday, "experience shows that stigmatizing rhetoric can quickly disable evidence-based response by stoking cycles of fear, driving people away from health services, impeding efforts to identify cases, and encouraging ineffective, punitive measures. We appreciate the LGBTI community for having led the way on raising awareness -- and we reiterate that this disease can affect anyone."



## Stein Recovering From Stroke

RALEIGH, N.C. (AP) — North Carolina Attorney General Josh Stein said Tuesday he is recovering from a "minor stroke" that prompted doctors to remove a small blood clot.

Stein, a Democrat currently in his second four-year term as the state's top law enforcement official, said in a tweet that he had stroke-like symptoms Monday night after he and his wife, Anna, walked the family dog.

Stein, 55, said he was taken to a hospital, where the clot-removal procedure was successful. Stein's office also confirmed his medical emergency and his stay in a Raleigh hospital.

"I'm feeling back to normal now and am beyond blessed to have no lingering effects," Stein wrote, adding that his physician wants him to stay in the hospital another day or two, then get some rest before returning to work.

"Anna is my hero for recognizing that something was wrong and insisting that I go to the hospital," Stein said, while also praising the emergency medical technicians who took him for medical help. The couple has three children.

"I have a tremendous amount to be thankful for this morning, especially my loving family," he added. Politicians from both sides of the aisle offered Stein their best wishes on social media.

Democratic Gov. Roy Cooper tweeted that he spoke to Stein on Tuesday morning and "he's doing well. Already back at it on the phone and corresponding. Can't keep a good man down."

Stein, a former state senator, has been considered a potential 2024 gubernatorial candidate to succeed Cooper, who is barred by term limits from running again. By narrow margins, Stein was elected attorney general in 2016 and reelected in 2020.

Stein led the consumer protection division in the Department of Justice when Cooper was attorney general before Stein went into private practice.

Stein announced May 17 that he had tested positive for COVID-19 the day before but said he had no symptoms.

While attorney general, Stein has been known for his involvement in a national opioid settlement and for a landmark legal settlement that forced electronic cigarette giant Juul Labs Inc. to pay \$40 million to North Carolina and take more action to prevent underage use and sales.

Stein, the son of civil rights attorney Adam Stein, grew up in Chapel Hill. He went to Dartmouth College and later Harvard University, where he received a law degree. He was campaign manager for John Edwards in his successful U.S. Senate bid in 1998.

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# Business & Finance

## Inflation, Recession Could Wipe Out Gains

LOS ANGELES, May 19, 2022/PRNewswire/—As runaway inflation escalates, gas prices skyrocket and recession looms, African-Americans have continued to lose economic ground throughout the pandemic.

Responding to what she feels may be a future economic Armageddon for Black America, Najah Roberts, the “Queen of Crypto,” is launching “The Second Annual Digital Financial Revolution Tour” (DFRT) on Saturday, May 28 at 3 p.m. at Leimert Park Plaza (4395 Leimert Blvd, Los Angeles, Calif. 90008).

The event, whose speakers include actor Hill Harper (CBS’s “The Good Doctor”), is free and features guest appearances, entertainment, free bitcoin, and merchandise giveaways.

For information, go to [www.thedfirtour.com/](http://www.thedfirtour.com/). For full list of all tour stops, visit [www.thedfirtour.com/tour-schedule/2022](http://www.thedfirtour.com/tour-schedule/2022).

The tour is headed to 41 urban communities throughout the United States to educate attendees on how to use bitcoin and



cryptocurrency to save and grow wealth.

Participants will learn what Bitcoin and bitcoin (BTC) are and why they’re important and, also learn how to download a digital wallet. At each stop, Roberts will give away the smallest denomination of bitcoin (Satoshis) to show participants in real-time what a bitcoin transaction looks like.

“The pandemic has acceler-

ated the economic destruction of many of our urban communities,” Roberts warns. “I fear that we are already in a recessionary cycle, and this combined with runaway inflation could wipe out generational wealth for everyday African-Americans. Our communities are facing an economic Armageddon.”

Roberts, a Bitcoin, cryptocurrency, and NFT expert, feels that cryptocurrency can offer one of

the few viable options for poor African-Americans to start building real economic independence.

She has been an advocate for educating and promoting long-term financial health and wealth-building. In 2021, she and actor Hill Harper kicked off the first annual Digital Financial Revolution Tour” and visited 33 cities throughout the country.

Najah Roberts, the Queen of Crypto, is a pioneering tech entrepreneur, Cryptocurrency, Bitcoin, NFT expert, and community activist. She is the Founder & CEO of Crypto Blockchain Plug, the first Black-owned cryptocurrency exchange, and one of just three brick-and-mortar digital cryptocurrency businesses in the U.S.

She is a radio host on Tavis Smiley’s KBLA Talk 1580 daily, Monday–Friday from 1–2 p.m. PT (4–5 ET) featuring her segment “Ahead of The Crypto Curve” which educates the Black and Brown community on Bitcoin, Altcoins, Wallets, and all things Crypto related.

## FUNDraising Good Times

By Mel & Pearl Shaw  
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### INTRODUCING YOUR FUNDRAISING PLAN

You are ready to raise money and make an impact. You have created a fundraising plan and are ready to share it with your board and get them “on board.” They already approved the fundraising priorities and financial goals and charged you with coming up with a plan to make things happen. This could be an annual fundraising plan; a plan to raise funds for a special advocacy campaign; a capital or endowment plan; or a combination of these or something else. The main thing is that everyone is on one page and now their eyes are on you for how to proceed. How you introduce your fundraising plan will set the tone for your efforts. People are either going to get excited, or they will get turned off. Here’s how you can help your board (and others) to embrace your fundraising plan.

**It’s all in the preparation.** We recommend developing a “deck” or short PowerPoint presentation that highlights the key components of the plan. It should include items such as the financial goal and anticipated timeframe and the anticipated impact. Be sure to share what will be accomplished with the money you seek to raise. Bring your audience into your vision with photos that help them feel the importance of this work. Share the opportunities that lie ahead. This can be shared by talking about the organization’s fundraising track record, conversations you have had with donors who want to support your initiative, and other facts that ground your faith in what is possible. Don’t forget to mention the challenges that lie ahead. Identify them and share what you understand as possible solutions.

**Be specific.** Let your board know what fundraising methods will be used. Share what percentage of revenue you anticipate will come through online giving, and who will design and manage that campaign. Talk about the role of major gift solicitation and the unique role that board members, major donors, and influencers can play in asking for the largest gifts.

**Communicate your communication plan.** One thing that people want to know is “how will we get the word out?” They also want to know if you have talking points, sample text for emails, brochures, and other marketing materials. Take time to share with them how you will create awareness for the organization and its fundraising and how you will equip them for success.

**What can I do?** This is the response you are looking for. To get there, share what you believe success will look like and what you believe is required to achieve it. Talk about the roles people can play. For each role—such as a fundraising chair, or a volunteer solicitor, or an advocate—be clear about what the responsibilities are. You want people to know what they are volunteering for so they don’t take on something they can’t follow through on. Remember: getting to “what can I do?” requires you to make an ask! Be sure to invite your board to participate as donors, cultivators, and solicitors.

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## Social Media Hammered By Mounting Questions Over Advertising Practices

Social media has had a rough 2022 with lingering questions about advertising spending, political ads and a \$44 billion takeover of Twitter that may or may not be happening, depending on which Elon Musk tweet you read.

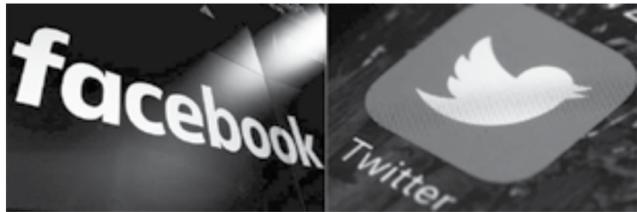
Then late Monday Snap, which runs the Snapchat app that features vanishing messages and video special effects, issued a rather dire profit warning, saying that “the macroeconomic environment has deteriorated further and faster than anticipated,” since just last month.

Social media companies are competing for the same pool of advertising money that is increasingly under threat from spiking inflation and also changes at Apple Inc. that can restrict the information social media platforms can collect on users, a big selling point for advertisers.

Shares of Snap Inc. plunged 43% Tuesday.

And with Wall Street unsure if the company is an outlier or a canary in the social media coal mine, shares of Facebook parent Meta Platforms, Twitter, Alphabet and Pinterest all slumped alongside it.

Snap late Monday said it now



foresees revenue and adjusted earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation, and amortization coming in below the low end of its prior forecasted range.

Justin Patterson of KeyBanc Capital Markets who follows social media warned investors not to read too much into Snap’s profit warning, calling it “a cautionary flag but not one to sound the alarm on the entire sector.”

“We believe it is better to view each channel in the context of the nature of advertisers and verticals, guidance history, revenue growth vectors, and investments to assess the level of risk to revenue and profitability from the macro environment,” Patterson wrote.

The volatility comes in a week when both Meta Platforms and Twitter hold their annual meetings with shareholders, with a

particularly intense focus on what could be a lively gathering for Twitter. Elon Musk has hit the pause button on the buyout, saying he needs more information on how many “spam bots” the social media platform truly has.

A note from Dan Ives, who follows social media at Wedbush, summarizes the confusion.

“We believe its currently a 60% chance that Musk tries to walk and use this spam account issue as the scapegoat to get out of the deal and a 40% chance Twitter’s board and Musk come to a new deal price over the coming weeks,” he wrote in a note to clients.

Twitter’s stock fell 5.6% Tuesday.

Adding to the social media tumult is Facebook’s parent company Meta. The company said that

it will start publicly providing more details about how advertisers target people with political ads just months ahead of the U.S. midterm elections.

Meta is particularly sensitive to the changes made at Apple and is now contending with a civil lawsuit against its chief, Mark Zuckerberg. On Monday the District of Columbia sued Zuckerberg, seeking to hold him personally liable for the Cambridge Analytica scandal, a privacy breach of millions of Facebook users’ personal data that became a major corporate and political scandal.

Shares of Meta Platforms Inc. closed Tuesday down 7.6%.

Alphabet Inc., the parent company of Google, tumbled 5%. Shares of Pinterest Inc. slumped by 23.6%.

## Davos Gathering Overshadowed By Global Economic Worries

DAVOS, Switzerland (AP) — Soaring inflation. Russia’s war in Ukraine. Squeezed supply chains. The threat of food insecurity around the world. The lingering COVID-19 pandemic.

The risks to the global economy are many, and it’s led to an increasingly gloomy view of the months ahead as corporate leaders, government officials and other VIPs gather in Davos, Switzerland, for the World Economic Forum’s annual meeting.

The managing director of the International Monetary Fund sought to dispel the gloom during an economic panel this week, saying a global recession isn’t in the cards but “it doesn’t mean it’s out of the question.”

Kristalina Georgieva noted that the IMF last month forecast 3.6% economic growth for 2022, which is “a long way to global recession.” But she acknowledged that it’s going to be a “tough year” and that one of the big problems is surging food prices, partly fueled by the Russia-Ukraine war.

“The anxiety around access to food at a reasonable price globally is hitting the roof,” she said.

The brewing food crisis — especially for countries in Africa, the Middle East and Asia that rely on affordable wheat, barley and sunflower oil that are blocked in the ports of major producer Ukraine — has been a key topic in Davos.

European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen accused Russia of deliberately bombarding grain warehouses across Ukraine and using food supplies as a weapon.

Besides that, “Russia is now hoarding its own food exports as a form of blackmail — holding back supplies to increase global prices, or trading wheat in exchange for political support,” said von der Leyen, the head of the European Union’s executive arm. “This is using hunger and grain to wield power.”

The elites that huddle every year about ways to help save the world also are focused Wednesday on the future of Europe and of the internet, helping poorer countries with low-cost medicine, and on climate change, including an expansion of a corporate effort to decarbonize the economy.

While there are many panel discussions and announcements, it’s unclear how much concrete action the meeting produces.

In Davos, economic and central bank officials debated the effects of moving abstract policy levers at their disposal, while company bosses outlined their worries about the business outlook.

“As we run our business, we think a correction is now well underway” in the global economy, Pat Gelsinger, CEO of chipmaker Intel, said on the sidelines of the meeting.

Gelsinger said the semiconductor industry is still grappling with supply chain issues, including a slowdown in deliveries of the advanced equipment used to manufacture computer chips.

A global shortage of chips, used in everything from cars to kitchen appliances, erupted last year as demand recovered after the pandemic.

Gelsinger said Intel is better positioned than rivals to handle the supply chain issues because it has more control over sourcing.

“But like everybody, we’re having to cope with the same challenges economically as others are,” he said at a press roundtable.

Gelsinger said he doesn’t expect the semiconductor industry to work out the kinks in the supply chain until 2024.

The aviation industry, decimated during the pandemic as travel restrictions forced air-

lines to ground flights and killed demand for business and leisure trips, is rebounding strongly, said Hassan El Houry, CEO of National Aviation Services.

The Kuwait-based company provides services for airlines like staff to check in passengers and shuttle to and from planes, load and unload baggage, and handle air cargo. It’s merging with a U.K. rival to become the world’s biggest aviation services company.

“Almost every airline I speak with is reporting a huge rebound, especially for this summer and particularly in leisure travel. So that is the positive note,” El Houry said in an interview.

He predicted the airline industry would return to pre-pandemic levels earlier than airline industry group IATA’s forecast of 2025.

“I think it might be much sooner. I think end of 2022, maybe, you know, mid-2023, we’ll see volumes back to 2019 levels,” he said.

However, the aviation industry is still overshadowed by \$200 billion worth of losses racked up during the pandemic. Half of that is government grants and loans that need to be repaid, he said.

The other big problem is the surge in oil prices fueled by the Russia-Ukraine war, which will force airlines to raise fares — and potentially dampen travel demand. Fewer air passengers means El Houry’s company serves fewer flights.

## Buyers Opt For ARMs As Rates Rise



Condominium units are offered for sale in the Dorchester neighborhood in Boston. Rising interest rates are making adjustable-rate mortgages a more attractive alternative to common 30-year, fixed-rate home loans. (AP Photo/Charles Krupa, File)

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Rising interest rates are making adjustable-rate mortgages an increasingly attractive alternative to common 30-year, fixed-rate home loans.

ARMs made up 13% of all home loans by dollar volume in March, their highest share since January 2020, according to CoreLogic.

The increase coincides with a sharp rise in mortgage rates. The average weekly rate on a 30-year mortgage slipped this week to 5.25% from 5.3% last week, which was the highest level since 2009, according to mortgage buyer Freddie Mac. The average rate was 3% a year ago.

Rising mortgage rates, in conjunction with sharply higher home prices, make homeownership less affordable.

“It’s natural for homebuyers to be looking at ways to reduce that mortgage payment, and one of the ways is to use an adjust-

able-rate mortgage,” said Selma Hepp, deputy chief economist at CoreLogic.

Adjustable-rate mortgages don’t make it any easier to qualify for financing, but they do offer buyers some flexibility with their monthly mortgage payments in the first few years of the loan term.

For example, a homebuyer who takes out a typical 5/1 ARM will have a low, fixed rate for the first five years of the loan. After that, the loan adjusts to an adjustable interest rate, which could be higher or lower, until the debt is paid off, or the buyer refinances the loan.

Such loans became less attractive the last couple of years as average long-term mortgage rates fell to an all-time low.

ARMs’ share of all loans by dollar value sank to just 4% in January 2021 from 13% a year earlier, according to CoreLogic. ARMs have made up between

10% and 19% of all loans by dollar value over the last 12 years.

At the height of the last housing boom in 2005 ARMs represented just under 45%, CoreLogic said.

Back then, such home loans were more common because lenders could sign up homebuyers for a loan and then take it off their balance sheet by selling it to investment banks that made a big business of selling mortgage-backed securities to investors. Far looser lending criteria also set up many loans to default when they adjusted to a higher rate.

Such a scenario isn’t in the cards now, however, as banks have beefed up their lending standards since the Great Recession.

“We still see very solid underwriting standards,” Hepp said. “The last few years have been some of the best underwritten loans, irrespective of what people use as their mortgage type.”



# EPA Admin. Regan Is Focused On Clean Air & Water For Minorities

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Administrator Michael S. Regan remains on a journey to justice.

He said President Joe Biden's historic bipartisan infrastructure bill provides an opportunity to finally rid America of poisonous lead pipes and free communities of color of the toxins that have polluted their neighborhoods for centuries.

"I'm the first Black man ever to lead this agency, the first to graduate from a historically Black college (North Carolina A&T) leading this agency," said Regan, who made a special appearance on the National Newspaper Publishers Association's live daily morning news program, "Let It Be Known."

The program can be viewed on

youtube.com/blackpressusatv, facebook.com/BlackPressUSA, and on Twitter @BlackPressUSA.

During a recent discussion with NNPA President and CEO Dr. Benjamin F. Chavis Jr., Regan declared that the Biden-Harris administration is "passionate about the environment and public health."

The bipartisan infrastructure law invests \$3.5 billion in cleaning up superfund sites and addressing the nation's legacy of pollution, he stated.

Regan said the law delivers more than \$50 billion to EPA to improve America's drinking water, wastewater, and stormwater infrastructure.

Further, it provides \$15 billion to the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund (SRF) for Lead

Service Line Replacement, \$4 billion to the Drinking Water SRF for Emerging Contaminants, and \$5 billion to Water Infrastructure Improvements for the Nation Grants to address emerging contaminants.

Because of the investments in the infrastructure law, millions of American families will no longer have to fear the harmful health effects caused by lead and other pollutants in their water, Regan asserted.

He recounted a visit to Lowndes County, Alabama, where he found disturbing facts about water in communities of color.

Regan said he witnessed homes with malfunctioning septic systems that discharged untreated sewage into backyards.

"Where little children play," he added.

"There also was straight piping into lagoons and to have to see children walk around delicately so that they don't sink or get bogged down into their own front yards. This is not the America that we all know it should be."

He continued:

"This is unacceptable. Safe drinking water, safe sewer systems, you know, this is a basic right. These individuals deserve what every American deserves: clean water and a safe environment."

On a visit to Wilkins Elementary School in Jackson, Mississippi, Regan recounted another difficult-to-stomach experience for young children of color.

City officials declared a city-wide mandate to boil water as Regan arrived because of the discovery of toxic chemicals.

Regan said he had scheduled time to speak with second and third graders and found porta-potties stationed outside the school.

"It looked like a worksite, and many of the kids had already been sent home because they couldn't prepare food because of the water," Regan remarked.

"This is on the heels of a pandemic. But the kids who remained behind were so excited because they got to see someone who looked like them in my position and someone who cared."

Regan said in each location he visits, he's sure to invite the national media to accurately report

what's going on in communities across the nation.

"The bipartisan infrastructure provides resources for our communities. There are matching grants and forgivable loans, which means more of our communities have an opportunity to compete for these grants," he stated.

"We are also making \$50 million available for technical assistance to help our communities to become more competitive. I've written a letter to every governor in the country outlining the criteria by which we believe those resources should be spent."

Regan continued: "I've traveled and met with mayors because a lot of this action starts at the ground level."

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# Health & Fitness

## Cross Country, Nat'l Black Nurses Association Join Forces

BOCA RATON, Fla. (BUSINESS WIRE)—May 23, 2022—Cross Country Healthcare, Inc. (CCH), a market-leading workforce solutions tech-enabled talent platform, staffing, and advisory services firm, has joined forces with the National Black Nurses Association (NBNA) to establish the Cross Country Healthcare Nursing Scholarship Fund.

Funded by Cross Country Healthcare, two annual scholarships will be given each year to qualifying members of NBNA who are pursuing a BSN or higher.

“As a pioneer in healthcare workforce solutions, we are committed to being part of the solution to ensure underrepresented groups have the opportunity to pursue the education required to serve in this critical profession,” said John A. Martins, President, and CEO of Cross Country Healthcare.

“We are also committed to supporting health equity and doing our part to ensure all communi-



**National Black Nurses Association, Inc.**

ties throughout the country receive quality healthcare.”

For 36 years, Cross Country Healthcare has been a trusted partner to thousands of healthcare, education, and homecare professionals across the nation.

The company has a longstanding history of investing in diversity, equality and inclusion as a key component of its corporate social responsibility program, closely aligned with its core values to create a better future for its people and the communities they serve.

The National Black Nurses Association (NBNA) was organized in 1971 under the leadership of Dr. Lauranne Sams, former Dean and Professor of Nursing, School of Nursing, Tuskegee University, Tuskegee, Ala.

NBNA is a nonprofit organization acting as a forum for collective action by African-American nurses to represent and provides a forum for black nurses to advocate for and implement strategies to ensure access to the highest quality of healthcare for persons of color.

“We are pleased to partner with Cross Country Healthcare to help nursing students pursue their education and help them on the right path for their nursing career,” said Martha A. Dawson, DNP, RN, FACHE, NBNA President.

“With support from organizations committed to making a difference like Cross Country, we are building a pipeline to strengthen not just the industry but also at the front line of patient care.”

Cross Country Healthcare,

Inc. (CCH) is a market-leading workforce solutions tech-enabled talent platform, staffing, recruitment, and advisory firm with 36 years of industry experience and insight. They solve complex labor-related challenges for customers while providing high-quality outcomes and exceptional patient care.

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healthcare professionals.

The company was the first publicly traded staffing firm to obtain The Joint Commission Certification, which they still hold with a Letter of Distinction.

Founded in 1971, the National Black Nurses Association (NBNA) is a professional organization representing 308,000 African-American registered nurses, licensed vocational/practical nurses, and nursing students in 111 chapters and 31 states and the District of Columbia.

The NBNA mission is “to serve as the voice for Black nurses and diverse populations, ensuring equal access to professional development, promoting educational opportunities and improving health.”

NBNA chapters offer voluntary hours providing health education and screenings to community residents in collaboration with community-based partners, including faith-based organizations, civic, fraternal, hospitals, and schools of nursing.



### FACT & FITNESS

By Jeneea Jervay-Bush, M.S.

#### ANYTHING, BUT NOT EVERYTHING

I heard something in conversation the other day that gave me pause. The person was making the point that many people can afford anything, but not everything. Of course, there are exceptions which would include runaway medical bills, long-term elder care, buying a home may now fall into this category, and people in proximity to or below the poverty line who are in survival mode. The services I'm talking about are the type that would require some trade-off decisions and therefore could be made space for in a monthly budget for people in and above the middle class.

The thing about fitness, nutrition, recreation/sports, and services is that they can be short-term or long-term. Working with a good personal trainer to teach you how to properly do resistance training, how to safely work toward your goals, when to change your routine and how, and use of different equipment can usually be done in one year of a consistent partnership. Alternatively, and if the person wants the regular personal training appointment for accountability purposes, it may become a staple in their lives.

Playing in recreation/sports leagues is season to season so can be done as it suits the person's schedule and when they prioritize it in their budget. Instruction for a specific sport or skill is usually temporary. I took golf lessons every 2 weeks for about a year because I knew I was clueless. That was enough to teach me the fundamental skills, basic knowledge of the game, and a lot of things to work when I practice. I also temporarily took swim lessons from a triathlon coach when preparing for my second half-ironman to improve my swimming stroke.

It's easy to get caught up in the “forever” trap, but it's worth taking a step back to really consider the temporary nature of many well-being services. If you want to play golf the rest of your life and enjoy it, there's probably a way to fit in lessons. Private lessons are more efficient because you get one-on-one instruction the whole time. There are also group lessons which can be a great way to get started or do a check on your fundamentals.

...continued next week.

## 1/6 Kids Below Poverty Line

By Callie Freitag

Health Writer

In the United States, children are more likely to experience poverty than people over 18.

In 2020, about 1 in 6 kids, 16 percent of all children, were living in families with incomes below the official poverty line—an income threshold the government set that year at about \$26,500 for a family of four.

Only 10 percent of Americans ages 18 to 64 and 9 percent of those 65 and up were experiencing poverty, according to the most recent data available.

The official child poverty rate ticks down when the economy grows and up during downturns. It stood at 17 percent in 1967—just about the same as in 2020.

In many recent years the rate hovered even higher—around 20 percent.

Researchers calculate the official poverty rate by adding up a household's income and comparing it with a threshold of what is needed to survive. The government has calculated this rate the same way since the 1960s.

One of its shortcomings is that it excludes several sources of income, including tax credits and the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, which are intended to reduce poverty.

In 2011, the government began to calculate an alternative metric: the supplemental poverty measure. It includes SNAP and tax credits. It also uses thresholds based on the cost of living in different areas of the country. For a family of four, this threshold currently ranges from \$24,000 to \$35,000, depending on where a family lives and whether they own or rent housing.

According to this alternative measure, 10 percent of children were living in poverty in 2020, the lowest rate ever recorded.

Depending on which measure you use, either 7 million or 11.7 million U.S. children lived in poverty in 2020.

By both metrics, poverty is higher for children of color. The official poverty rate for Black children stood at 26 percent, and 23 percent for Hispanic children, while for White, non-Hispanic children it was 10 percent.

Both child poverty rates had been declining before the COVID-19 pandemic.

The official rate dipped to 14 percent in 2019 from 21 percent five years earlier. It shot back up to 16 percent in 2020, when the pandemic compounded economic hardships for many families.

The supplemental measure of child poverty tells a more complete story.

Steps the government took during the pandemic, including its series of economic impact payments, the child tax credit expansion and a boost in SNAP benefits, led the supplemental child poverty rate to keep declining even during the economic crisis.

The government will release its child poverty data for 2022 in September 2023. But some researchers at Columbia University have monthly data suggesting that child poverty rose steeply after the expiration of the pandemic-era programs. They estimate that 3.7 million more children were living in poverty in January 2022 than in December 2021 because of the expiration of the child tax credit expansion.



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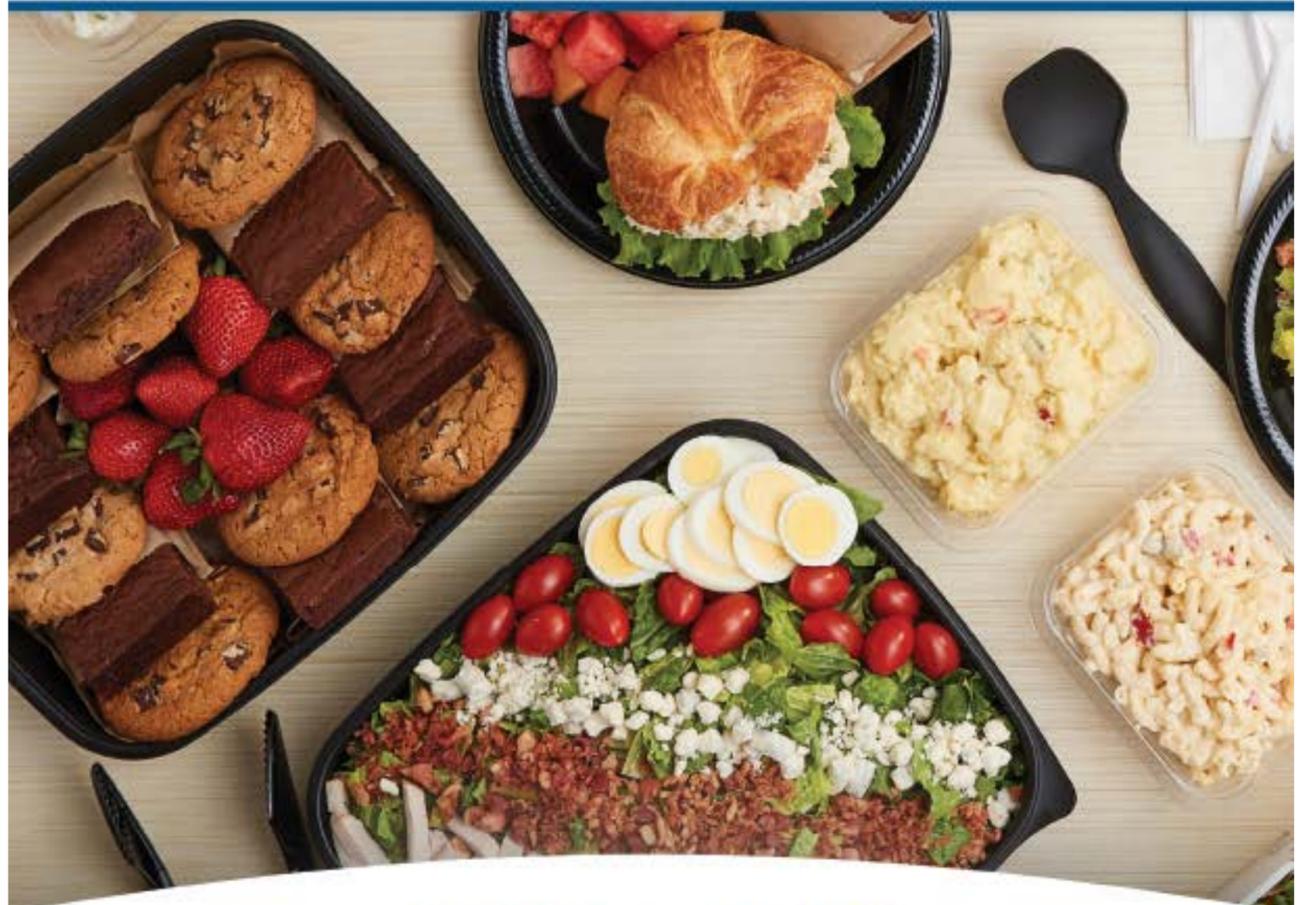
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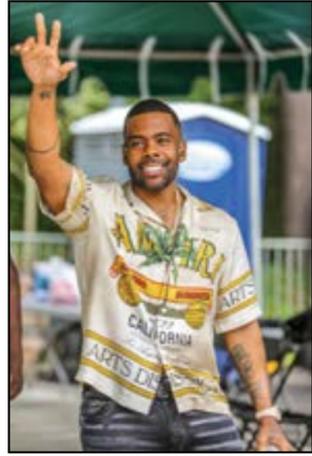


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# Community

## Bobby Daye Is Still Leading By Example

By Tyria McCray

Staff Writer



One amazing, yet unique aspect of journalism is being able to come across Black history right here in North Carolina. In the city of Raleigh alone, Black history is still alive and well. Part of which is Raleigh native, retired officer, Bobby Daye.

A prominent yet profound staple in the community, Daye, was one of the first five Black officers for the City of Raleigh Police Department. He joined the force in 1956 and went on to retire in 1985.

That being said, it is such a great opportunity when you're able to get a first-hand account from someone that changed the narrative for Black officers.

Mr. Daye along with his family sat down with *The Carolinian* to speak on his time as an officer and the impact he continues to leave.

"I chose to be an officer because I needed a job," he recalled as he laughed. "I had left high school and went straight to the service. I had five scholarship offers to play football but I felt I was better off going to the service."

Upon returning, he began work as a carpet mechanic and one evening, an officer by the name of John Winters stopped him and asked him if he had taken the Fireman's examination. Mr. Daye went on to pass the exam but did not hear anything back.

Following that, he learned there was a position open at the police department. Therefore, Officer Winters sent Daye downtown to speak to Chief Davis and he was hired on the spot.

As one can imagine, being a Black officer was quite a challenge during that time, but Daye persevered. Black officers did not work the day shift, shifts were 3 p.m.-11 p.m. and 11 p.m.-7 a.m. for quite some time, which kept them from home, especially during dinner, and from seeing their children off to school.

"The night shift was the worst, as far as endurance because it would mess up your system. Regardless of how much sleep we would get before going in at 11 p.m., around 5 a.m., we couldn't

keep your eyes open and your buddy would have to drive."

He went on to describe how his relationships were with his White counterparts. Some were cordial and others not, which is a given, but Daye remained kind. At one point, a White man told Daye that he could not arrest him.

"I asked him why and he said because I am White. I told him that he does not look White to me." Daye stated while laughing.

During his time with the police department, he received many accolades when it came to stopping crime. One burglary, one armed robbery, one attempted rape, and two murders. All of those, except for one, Daye was by himself.

Once he resigned, he was told that he gave an acceptable job but not exceptional job. "I did not have anything to say about that, I did not want what I said to get back to higher ups. But that was the way things were, they did not give any credit. Also, if there were any accolades given or said, it would not go out any further than those in that room."

Daye also stated that he enjoyed working with the parolees rather than being a police officer. On his caseload were murderers, rapists, arsonists, etc, but he never encountered a problem out

of them. He stated that he never treated anyone wrong, which he is most proud of. During his time as an officer, he worked all over the city of Raleigh and never a problem out of anyone. By 1985, he was fortunate enough to retire.

Further along in the interview we asked what advice would he give his 20 year-old self and he simply said, "to go to school and try your best to learn." He stated that if one does not have sense enough to take care of their money, he or she will be broke before age 50.

"Sacrifice all of your wants and dig as hard as you can." That being said, he also gave advice to other Black policemen, which is much needed especially during today's climate. "Just be honest with yourself and continue to treat everyone like another human being."

We then spoke with his family and discussed how things were growing up with him as an officer. "For years I was known as Bobby Daye's daughter," said Tara Daye Cooley. More importantly, she just wanted to be known as Tara.

Of course she outgrew all of that but recently a gentlemen that she works with told her that her dad was his parole officer years ago. He then went on to tell

Tara that her dad was such a fair man. He stated that just because he was a parole officer, he was not trying to overdo his job and Mr. Daye gave him every opportunity to do the right thing.

Tara went on to share how her childhood was; she recalled that due to her being just a kid, she really could not grasp the concept of the job.

"I grasped the concept of the title but not the job. All I knew was that whenever I would awaken for school, he was gone. As well as a few hours after I would return from school, my dad would be in bed asleep for his night shift that was 11 p.m.-7 a.m."

Once she became older, she began to understand how things were. After having a conversation with her father, she learned that the majority of Black officers did not get the prime hours during work. They did not get off early nor were they able to eat dinner with their families. Nonetheless, she knew her dad was making a difference.

His granddaughter, Aria also recalled her time growing up with everyone calling her Bobby Daye's granddaughter. Even though, during her childhood, Daye was not an officer anymore but people still associated her by name. "Oh, you're Bobby Daye's granddaughter" as people would say.

She recalled that while growing up, she wanted to be a police officer because her granddad was. "I thought that was just amazing. I was and still am very proud him being an officer."

Furthermore, with Aria being the only grandchild of Bobby and his late wife Dorothy Daye, she sees her grandparents as her pride and joy.

Bobby holds a great legacy. He recently celebrated turning 90 years young with family and friends at John Chavis Memorial Park. In attendance were his high school peers, friends, and family, including his three great-grandchildren.

Daye served with the Raleigh Police Department for more than 15 years as an officer and parole officer, whereas he summed up his time in three words. "It was a blessing"



The countdown to the 2022 Fatherhood Conference on June 18 started on Saturday with several "Barbershop Buzz" held in the following cities: Raleigh, Wendell, Durham, Wake Forest, Garner, Greenville, Greensboro, Winston-Salem, and Charlotte.



## Building Strong Communities

On Saturday, May 21 the Omega C.H.A.M.P.S., a mentoring program of Iota Iota Chapter, Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., held its first in-person monthly session hence the pandemic.

Omega C.H.A.M.P.S. is Committed to Helping American Males Pursue Success.

The session was held at the Omega Multipurpose Center, located at 1004 Vandora Springs, Garner.

The session gave the proteges a chance to see each other in person and provided an opportunity for parental feedback. Parental feedback is used to help mentors discuss future related topics, and gauge how the program has impacted their child. The proteges had fun playing corn hole and football toss, followed by a box lunch.

Article submitted by Bro. David Carter, MSBA—Iota Iota Chapter Reporter.



## AKAs Promote Financial Literacy

On Thursday, April 21, members of Alpha Theta Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. visited middle school students at Southeast Raleigh Community Learning Center to share information about financial literacy.

During the event titled, "Make it Make Cents," the middle school students had the opportunity to play an interactive digital financial education game to understand how to develop a savings plan, budget their current and future earnings, and establish smart spending habits. They also learned the importance of savings through a real-world simulation.

The workshop's focus was to help students make wise financial decisions to promote financial well-being over their lifetime in the ever-changing economy.

New Chapter members Ayana Ferguson, Trevor Greggs, and Jocelyn Richardson conducted the workshop.

## Global Impact Service Celebration

Members of Raleigh's community and local organizations gathered at Wake Young Men's Leadership Academy Tuesday, May 24 in celebrating Global Impact Day for The Martha E. George Memorial Institute "Gilbretta Jill Ashton-Jones" Library in Monrovia, Liberia.

Gilbretta Jill Ashton-Jones traveled to Liberia in 1968 on a mission to help those in need. She stated that as soon as she stepped on the soil, she knew Liberia would become her beloved place. Since then, her mission has been to help children in Monrovia.

Therefore recently, with the help of others, they began to take up a donation of books for students in grades K-12 and now, they have accumulated a total of 800 books. More importantly, a shipment of books has already been picked up in Liberia so kids can begin reading.

Joyce Bailey Stephens kicked off the celebration with kind remarks alongside principal Xavier King of Wake Young Men's Leadership

"This shows me that it pays to be present. We are looking forward to our students seeing the impact of providing these books. One thing that we do know is that reading does make a difference. Thank you for allowing us to be a part of this project," said King.

Key sponsorships also played a part in this matter. Just a few were Wake Young Men's Leadership Academy Business Alliance Members, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority-Soror Andrea Rayner (Chairman of Target 5-Global Impact), Viki Newkirk (Chairwoman of North Carolina Black Women Empowered 50+), and Phly Lord-Phly (local author and mural artist).

The purpose of Global Impact Day is to show how youth, communities and local businesses can all work together for the betterment of mankind.

This initiative has already made an impact on the lives of children across the world and has no plans of stopping.

"Thank you! It means so much that little Black children where I am from, are able to see that people across the world, think so much about them. I travel back to Liberia next month and I cannot wait to see them with their books. Maybe one day, 50 years from now. Someone will remember they had a book from the Wake Young Men's Academy," said Sister Esther Richards, a native of Monrovia, Liberia.

## Rocky Mount Is Looking To Fill Board Positions

The Mayor and Rocky Mount City Council will consider appointments to the City's Boards, Commissions and Committees at an upcoming Committee of the Whole meeting. City residents are encouraged to apply by June 6, 2022. Appointments are expected to be finalized by the City Council on June 13, 2022.

Following is a list of appointments to be considered:

- Animal Care and Control Advisory Board - six (6) appoint-

ments: Wards 1, 2, 3, 5, 7 and Veterinarian;

- Board of Adjustment - five (5) appointments: Wards 2, 4, 5, and (2) Alternate Members;

- Business Development Authority - four (4) appointments (Mayoral appointments);

- Central City Revitalization Panel - eight (8) appointments:

- one (1) Downtown Renaissance; one (1) Commercial Builder/Developer; four (4) Members-at-Large; and two (2) Ex-Officios;

- Community Appeals Board - three (3) appointments: Wards 2, 4, and 5;

- Historic Preservation Commission - four (4) appointments;

- Housing Authority - three (3) appointments (Mayoral appointments);

- Human Relations Commission - one (1) appointment;

- Martin Luther King, Jr. Commission - five (5) appointments;

- Mayor's Commission on Persons with Disabilities - eight (8) appointments;

- Planning Board - two (2) appointments: Wards 4 and 7;

- Redevelopment Commission

- four (4) appointments;

- Rocky Mount-Wilson Airport Authority - one (1) appointment;

- Tree Advisory Board - five (5) appointments - Wards 1, 2, 5, 6 and 7;

- Utility Service Review Board - five (5) appointments: Wards 1, 2, 4, 5 and 7; and

- Workforce Housing Advisory Commission - eight (8) appointments: Mayor (1); Wards 1, 2 and 5; one (1) Housing Authority member; two (2) Faith-based Community members, one (1) Business Community member; and

- Braswell Memorial Library - one (1) appointment.

## WGU's Newest Member

Durham - WGU North Carolina Chancellor Ben Coulter, Ed.D., has announced that Dr. Monique Perry-Graves, Executive Director of Teach For America (TFA) North Carolina, has joined the organization's Board of Advisors. Celebrating its fifth year in the state, WGU North Carolina is an affiliate of Western Governors University, established 25 years ago by a bipartisan group of governors to meet changing workforce needs.

Dr. Perry-Graves is an award-winning leader, community college administrator, educator, and speaker. As of June 2021, she is the first statewide executive director for Teach For America North Carolina. In this role, Dr. Perry-Graves serves as the chief executive for the state in support of TFA's mission to find, develop, and support a diverse network of leaders working together to end educational inequity. This includes leading a network of 2,000+ TFA teachers and alumni in the Old North State.

Dr. Perry-Graves is a proud graduate of North Carolina Central University where she earned her undergraduate degree in English. She continued her educational pursuits by earning a master's degree in strategic communications and leadership from Seton Hall University. She then earned a doctorate in higher education administration from the University of Florida.

"Dr. Perry-Graves brings a wealth of experience and knowledge from the field of education that will benefit WGU and our



students across the state," said Coulter. "It is an absolute honor to welcome her to our Board of Advisors, and we look forward to her input and advice."

"At Teach For America, we are working towards a day where all children will have the opportunity to attain an excellent education. That only happens through innovative partnerships and shared leadership," said Dr. Perry-Graves. "That is why I am so excited to work alongside the folks from WGU North Carolina to serve their students and our state. It is an absolute honor to become a member of their Board of Advisors."

WGU is a fully-accredited, non-profit online university offering more than 60 bachelor's and master's degree programs in health-care, IT, business, and K-12 education. The university has more than 136,000 students enrolled nationwide, including more than 3,800 in North Carolina. Tuition is around \$4,000 per six-month term for most degree programs.



## SECU Grants UNCF \$200k

Raleigh - Earlier this month, SECU Foundation announced a \$200,000 grant for UNCF (United Negro College Fund) to provide emergency financial assistance for students attending one of the state's five Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) within the University of North Carolina System. The grant will support UNCF's Emergency Student Aid program to ensure college students impacted by the pandemic or other unexpected hardships remain on track to graduate.

"Students attending HBCUs are receiving a high-quality education - this grant will address students' financial insecurities and help them cross the finish line," said Jama Campbell, SECU Foundation Executive Director. "Education has been a core focus of our Foundation from the beginning, and we are pleased to assist UNCF in their efforts as staunch advocates for education and their students' well-being."

"UNCF is committed to serving the needs of students across the state of North Carolina, so establishing a relationship with the SECU Foundation is a tremendous step toward making a direct impact. Keeping students enrolled and equipped to secure higher education at HBCUs will yield more young people getting to and through college," said Natia Walker, Development Director, UNCF.



# Memorial Day Memories

## VETERANS

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and the sorts of personalities that you might expect with them.”

He says that a sense of neglect or “assumptions being made about me” made him “deeply examine my blackness.”

Although it is unclear where exactly the Memorial Day tradition originated, Bibby notes that one of the earliest commemorations followed the Confederate surrender, when recently freed slaves gathered on 1 May, 1865, to consecrate a burial site for 250 Union soldiers who had died in the fight to grant African Americans their freedom.

During the Civil War, more than 180,000 African Americans wore the Union Army blue.

Another 30,000 served in the Navy, and 200,000 served as workers in military-support roles. More than 33,000 were killed.

When World War I broke out, 380,000 black men heeded the call of the Black intellectual WEB Du Bois to enlist in the segregated army in the hope that doing so would empower greater opportunities for Black Americans on the home front.

Today, Blacks account for 17% of America's 1,340,533 active-duty personnel - including those serving in the US Coast Guard - according to the Pew Research Center.

“The military has always been popular in the Black community,” says Paul Matthews, who served as a platoon surgeon in Vietnam before founding Houston's Buffalo Soldiers National Museum, which examines the role of African-American soldiers during US military history.

“In the 1960s, when you graduated from high school you either went to college or to the military. It was Frederick Douglass who said that if you put a uniform on a Black man and a musket on his shoulder then you could not stop him being a citizen and a man.”

Such hopes haven't been borne out by the data.

Protect Our Defenders, an advocacy group, released a 2017 report highlighting how black service members were treated more harshly by the military's judicial system.

Black soldiers were 61% more likely than white soldiers to face court martial, the military judicial proceeding for more serious offenses. That percentage was 40% for Black sailors and 32% for Black Marines.

Black airmen were 71% more likely than whites in the Air Force to face court martial or non-judicial punishment, discipline meted out for less serious offenses.

“I seem to be getting inundated with Black female officers who are being disciplined for dumb stuff,” says Coretta Gray, who spent 13 years as an officer in the Air Force Judge Advocate General's Corps, the military's branch for military justice and military law, and continues to consult on cases.

“Often those sorts of issues are sorted out at unit level before it has to go anywhere, and I'd contend that usually whites get the benefit of that more than Blacks,” Gray says.

“It may well be unconscious bias, as opposed to anything institutional, as you tend to help those within your social group and who you are more familiar with.”

But she also suspects that the current mood in America has something to do with why she is seeing an increase in these types of disciplinary cases.

“People are feeling more emboldened to act out their biases,” Gray says. “It's an inflection moment - there's this atmosphere emboldening people to show who's in charge and how they are going to handle things.”

Unequal justice for Black troops is likely influenced by a lack of diversity in the military hierarchy, observers note. In 2016, about 78% of military officers were white, while 8% were Black.

At the same time, many Black veterans say that the military does a far better job of embracing egalitarianism than the rest of US society.

“Growing up in the '80s in Connecticut and New York, you didn't see many prominent Black people,” says 38-year-old Sadiki Harriott, who is originally from Jamaica, and served eight years in the US army as an IT specialist.

“There were no business owners - people did things like my dad who was a plumber. But once I got into the military I saw all types of races in leadership roles,” he adds.

“One of the most influential people in my life was Master Sergeant Alan Dewitt - he was the first Black person who showed me what I might achieve: he was an impressive guy; he got a degree in the military and drove a Mercedes.”

Due to his IT skillset, Harriott says he had little trouble transitioning to the civilian realm, landing a well-paid job in cyber security. But his veteran success story is only one side of the coin.

Bibby notes how many Blacks leaving the military often go in two totally different directions: some are boosted into the middle class and a better station than they had before, while others fall entirely off the ladder.

Today roughly 45% of all homeless veterans are African American, despite only accounting for 10.4% of the US veteran population, according to the National Coalition for Homeless Veterans. The US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) estimates that 40,056 veterans are homeless on any given night.

“A lot of it has to do with education. If you joined before finishing high school and leave the military before doing your 20 years, the chances of not being successful when you come out are higher,” Matthews says.

“And if you come back to an urban environment, there aren't many jobs, there's just one VA [Veterans Affairs] centre where it's hard to get appointments. That adds to negative experiences.”

As with African American experiences in the civilian realm, there is a precedent for Black veterans being treated differently.

“There's been a historical consistency in Black veterans being treated badly ever since the Red Summer,” says Bibby, noting the period following WWI when many African Americans returned home from the war with a new confidence and assertiveness, which often didn't go now well with many whites.

More than twenty “anti-black riots” erupted in major cities throughout the nation in 1919, including Houston, Chicago and Washington, DC.

“No one was more at risk of experiencing violence and targeted racial violence than black veterans,” concludes the Equal Justice Initiative report, *Lynching in America: Targeting Black Veterans*, which investigated racial violence and terror in America between 1877 and 1950.

In a 1917 speech on the Senate floor, Mississippi Senator James Vardaman said the return of black veterans to the South would “inevitably lead to disaster”, and he warned that once you “impress the negro with the fact that he is defending the flag” and “inflate his untutored soul with military airs”, it risked the conclusion that “his political rights must be respected”.



These WWI soldiers returned to France in 1919 to receive the Croix de Guerre medal

## Honoring Their Service To Our Country

Did you know that African Americans have served in the U.S. Armed Forces during every major conflict since the American Revolution, even in times of slavery, segregation and racial discrimination?

In celebration of Memorial Day and in honor of all the brave Black men and women who have served our country with valor and distinction, the USO is taking a moment to shine a light on the astonishing bravery of six African American service members who went above and beyond the call of duty:

### Henry Johnson

The 369th Infantry Regiment, which became known as the “Harlem Hellfighters,” was an all-African American unit in World War I. Aside from seeing more combat than all other U.S. outfits and having a world-famous ragtime band, the Hellfighters were also home to Pvt. Henry Johnson.

Johnson, who President Theodore Roosevelt described as one of the “five bravest Americans” who served in the war, single-handedly fought off more than 20

Germans and saved a fellow soldier from capture - all while injured and armed only with a bolo knife. These courageous actions earned Johnson the nickname “Black Death” from the German army, as well as the French Croix du Guerre, France's highest military honor. After the war, Johnson returned home to a welcoming parade in his native New York City and was posthumously awarded the U.S. Medal of Honor by President Barack Obama in 2015.



### Ruben Rivers

During World War II, many U.S. Army leaders had doubts about deploying African American soldiers overseas. Those unfounded fears were quickly squashed by the rapid achievements of the primarily Black 761st Tank Battalion, also known as “Patton's Panthers.” In addition to playing a crucial role along the western front, the unit quickly garnered a reputation for having fierce

fighters like Staff Sgt. Ruben Rivers.

After suffering a severe leg injury from hitting a mine with his tank, Rivers, a native Oklahoman, disobeyed a direct order to evacuate and put himself in harm's way to cover the U.S. retreat from advancing German lines. Rivers was killed in the battle and later posthumously awarded the Medal of Honor by President Bill Clinton.



### Oleta Crain

As an African American woman serving in the Women's Army Corps and the Air Force, Oleta Crain showed bravery not only in service, but also in challenging racism and segregation.

Of the 300 women who entered officer training during World War II, Crain was one of only three Black women in the program. After the war, Crain was the only female Black officer to be retained by the military.

Throughout her career, Crain would go on to complete tours in

Alaska, England and Germany, but her real fight was for civil rights in military training. During her service, Crain bravely raised concerns about racial segregation and discrimination in the military, and successfully gained the respect of her superiors because of her efforts. She eventually retired from the Army as a major and continued to fight for civil rights, specifically for Black women, after careers in military intelligence and at the Department of Labor.



### Lawrence Joel

Spc. Five (now known as a Sgt. 1st Class) Lawrence Joel, a member of the 173rd Airborne Brigade, showed immense courage in the face of outnumbered odds while serving in the Vietnam War.

When his battalion was suddenly ambushed by the Viet Cong, Joel was determined to fulfill his duties as a medic, despite getting shot in the thigh and calf. Joel disobeyed direct orders to stay down and, under heavy gunfire, moved through the battlefield, attending to the wounded and constantly shouting words of encour-

agement to those fighting around him. Even after he ran out of medical supplies, Joel continued to save the lives of his unit with improvised materials throughout the 24-hour battle.

Joel was presented with the Silver Star, the military's third-highest award for valor, and the Medal of Honor for his heroism. He was the first medic to receive the Medal of Honor during the Vietnam War and the first living African American to receive it since the Spanish-American War in 1898.



### Melvin Morris

During the Vietnam War, Staff Sgt. Melvin Morris went above and beyond the call of duty by leading an advance across enemy lines to recover the body of a fallen sergeant. While doing so, Morris was shot three times and still managed to single-handedly destroy four

enemy bunkers with a bag of grenades.

Morris would go on to become one of the first Green Berets in 1961 and in 2014, at the age of 72, was presented with the Medal of Honor by President Barack Obama for his actions in Vietnam.



### Alwyn C. Cashe

In Iraq in 2005, Sgt. 1st Class Alwyn C. Cashe dove back into a burning vehicle three times while under enemy fire to rescue trapped soldiers. During the rescue, Cashe's uniform, which was soaked in fuel, caught on fire, giving him second and third-degree burns. Despite the burns, Cashe continued to pull soldiers from the vehicle and refused to be placed on the medical evacuation helicopter until all other wounded men had been flown to safety.

Later in the hospital, when Cashe regained consciousness, his first words were, “How are my boys?” He passed away three weeks later and was posthumously awarded the Silver Star.

After years of effort to have his actions recognized, on Dec. 16, 2021, Cashe was posthumously awarded the Medal of Honor, and his family was presented with the award by President Joe Biden; he is the first Black recipient of the medal since 9/11.



## Carolinian's Junior Journalist Article

DIESEL SHOT UP  
By Juliana R.

Carolinian Jr. Journalist

America has become more and more greedy with capitalism; especially with diesel fuel.

Now, those who have electric, normal, and unleaded may not care about this, but you need to! Why? Because guess what runs on diesel? TRUCKS!

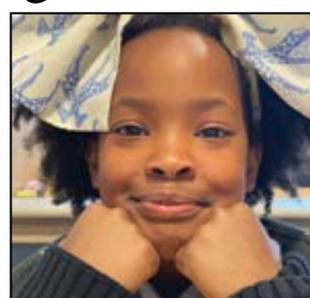
Transporting trucks run on diesel. These truck deliver your

stuff to the stores so that you can buy it.

Guess what also runs on diesel? TRACTORS!

Tractors are used to harvest your food. When the farmers have to pay more money to run the tractors, that means that you have to pay more money to buy the food that they grow.

These things help you survive. Without it, humans in America would probably be extinct.



The Carolinian's Junior Journalist program allows students to submit articles for publication about things that they want to share with the community.

Our Junior Journalist range from ages 7 to 18 years old.

Allowing young people to have a non judgemental voice is a huge necessity in our world today. Please encourage the young people in your life to join the Carolinian's Junior Journalist program, and let them explore their creativity.

# Church

## U.S. Protestants And The Pill

By Samira Mehta

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(THE CONVERSATION) Since May 3, when Politico reported that the Supreme Court was planning to strike down Roe v. Wade, many Christians have celebrated the prospect of an America where abortion is not a constitutionally protected right—or is someday banned entirely.

Meanwhile, other conservative Christians have been working on a related target: limiting access to some contraceptives.

In July 2020, when the Supreme Court ruled that organizations with “sincerely held religious or moral objection” are not obligated to provide contraceptive coverage to their employees, many conservative Christians applauded. Six years before, the evangelical owners of crafting chain Hobby Lobby took their objections to covering the IUD in their health insurance plans all the way to the Supreme Court. Hobby Lobby argued—incorrectly, according to most medical authorities—that it was a form of abortion, and therefore they should not have to cover employees’ health insurance for it. The justices sided with the chain’s owners.

Yet as access to both abortion and contraception comes under threat, the vast majority of Protestants use or have used some form of contraception. Their actions are supported by almost 100 years of pastoral advocacy on the issue. In my work as a scholar of religious studies, gender and sexuality, I have researched the Protestant leaders who campaigned to make contraception respectable, and therefore widely acceptable, in the mid-20th century.

History, I have found, provides a different story about the relationship between Protestants and birth control.

As new contraceptive options emerged in the first two-thirds of the 20th century, from the diaphragm to the birth control pill, Christian leaders wrestled with what to think. Many came to see birth control as a moral good that would allow married couples to have satisfying sex lives, while protecting women from the health risks of frequent pregnancies. They hoped it could ensure that couples would not have more children than they could care for, emotionally and economically.

They looked inward, considering the consequences of birth control for their own communities, and hoped that “planned” or “responsible” sex would create healthy families and decrease divorce. They also looked outward, thinking about birth control’s wider implications, at a time of widespread concern that the global population was rising too quickly to handle.

By the time the pill came on the market in the 1960s, liberal and even some conservative Protestants were advocating

for birth control using new theological ideas about “responsible parenthood.”

“Responsible parenthood” reframed debates about family size around “Christian duty.” To be responsible in parenting was not only to avoid having more children than you could afford, nurture and educate. It also meant considering responsibilities outside the home toward churches, society and humanity.

Protestant leaders supporting contraception argued that the best kind of family was a father with a steady job and a homemaker mother, and that birth control could encourage this model, because smaller families could maintain a comfortable lifestyle on one income. They also hoped that contraception would help couples stay together by allowing them to have satisfying sex lives.

Multiple denominations endorsed birth control. In 1958, for example, the Anglican Communion stated that family planning was a “primary obligation of Christian marriage,” and chastised parents “who carelessly and imprudently bring children into the world, trusting in an unknown future or a generous society to care for them.”

Religious leaders’ support for “responsible parenthood” was not just about deliberately creating the kind of Christian families they approved of. It was also about heading off the horrors of population explosion—a fear very much front of mind in mid-century America.

In the middle of the 20th century, with increased access to vaccines and antibiotics, more children were living to adulthood and life expectancies were rising. Protestant leaders feared this so-called population bomb would outstrip the Earth’s food supply, leading to famine and war.

In 1954, when the global population stood at about 2.5 billion, Rev. Harry Emerson Fosdick, one of the most prominent Protestant voices of the age, framed overpopulation as one of the world’s “basic problems,” and the birth control pill, which was then being developed, as the best potential solution.

Richard Fagley, a minister who served on the World Council of Churches’ Commission on International Affairs, argued that in family planning, science had provided Christians with a new venue for moral responsibility. Medical knowledge, Fagley wrote, is “a liberating gift from God, to be used to the glory of God, in accordance with his will for men.”

These “responsible parenthood” ideas held that religious couples had a responsibility to be good stewards of the Earth by not having more children than the planet could support. In the context of marriage, contraception was viewed as moral, shoring up a particular form of Christian values.

These ideas about “good” and “bad” families often rested on assumptions about race and gender that reproductive rights advocates find troubling today.

Early in the 20th century, predominantly White, Protestant clergy were very interested in increasing access to contraception for the poor, who were often Catholic or Jewish immigrants or people of color. Some scholars have argued that early support for contraception was predominantly about eugenics, particularly before World War II. Among some White leaders, there was concern about so-called race suicide: the racist fear that “they” would be overwhelmed.

Apart from some eugenicists, however, most of these clergy wanted to give people access to contraception in order to create “healthy” families, regardless of income level. Yet many were unable or unwilling to see how they were promoting a narrow view of the ideal family, and how that marginalized poor communities and people of color—themes I am studying in my current book project.

Moreover, many proponents were advocating for women’s health, but not reproductive freedom. Their priority was setting women up for success to attain their ideal of the middle-class, Christian motherhood. With fewer children, some hoped, families would be able to get by on just a husband’s salary, meaning more women at home raising children.

Over the decades, Protestant leaders have, in large part, disappeared from pro-birth control arguments.

There are many reasons. Mid-century agricultural technologies reduced fears of overpopulation—which have only recently been reawakened by the climate crisis. Meanwhile, mainline Protestant churches, and their public influence, are shrinking. Conservative leaders eventually grew concerned that birth control would lead to more working women, not fewer. And since the 1970s, evangelicals have grown increasingly opposed to abortion, which was increasingly linked to birth control through the broad term “family planning.”

In other words, since the “population bomb” was no longer ticking, contraception no longer seemed like such an urgent necessity—and some of its other implications troubled conservatives, breaking an almost pan-Protestant alliance.

Meanwhile, liberal Protestants had so embraced contraception that they no longer viewed it as turf that needed defending. Today, 99 percent of American girls and women between the ages of 15 and 44 who have ever had sex use or have used a contraceptive method. Reproductive rights advocates turned their attention to abortion rights—largely leaving religious views on birth control to their opponents.

## SERMON of the WEEK



### SPEAK TO YOUR MOUNTAINS

*For verily I say unto you, That whosoever shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that those things which he saith shall come to pass; he shall have whatsoever he saith. Therefore, I say unto you, What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them. And when ye stand praying, forgive, if ye have ought against any: that your Father also which is in heaven may forgive you your trespasses.* Mark 11:23-25

There are times when we find ourselves in circumstances and situations that require a little



more help than just “momma and them.” We need the real DIY Manual, the Bible, the Basic Instruction Before Leaving Earth.

From the Word we understand that we can speak to our mountains, whatever they may be, whether its finances, an unruly child, or even our health, there is a Scripture to ask God for help. In Psalm 30:2 David cried out to the Lord and the Lord healed him. Proverbs 3:5-6 addresses the issue of our children, Trust the Lord. When we trust the Lord, how can we go wrong? I remember hearing the Lord cannot lie. If it’s your finances, the Book of Genesis says that Father Abraham is the Father of Many Nations because

GOD SAID SO. Therefore, you are an heir to that inheritance, all you do is stake your claim which requires information from the Manual.

Verses 24, 25 is more about making things right within you. Do you believe; do you have an Issue with someone? All these things must be clear before God will freely work on our behalf. That’s not to say that He won’t do things to make changes, but when we get out of our own way God can really do something with us. Grace and Peace be unto you.

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## Practical Biblical Principles

### THE LION OF JUDAH Read: Revelation 5:5, Genesis 49:9

When we think of a lion, we may picture a large, ferocious, roaring cat with lots of thick hair around his neck standing majestic looking on a hill looking over his territory. This is somewhat of a picture Revelation 5:5 gives us when heaven is looking for someone qualified to open the “sealed scroll” God has given all to know the end times. In short, Heaven was looking for someone strong and majestic enough to open a door that God has shut (the seals).

John started to cry because no one was found worthy to open the sealed scroll or read it. One of the Elders around the throne shouted out “don’t weep.” Behold the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David has prevailed to open and loose its seven seals. John stopped crying and looked in the midst of the throne of living creatures and elders (the redeemed church) and saw a Lamb as though it had been slain, having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven Spirits of God sent out into all the Earth. And all heaven began to sing “Worthy is the Lamb to take the scroll and open its seals.”

Who is worthy to take anything out of the hand of God for any reason? Only some One Who is equal to God or God Himself. While on the Earth Jesus was not equal to God, simply because He was wrapped in human flesh. At home in heaven Jesus is God and co-equal with the Father and the Holy Spirit.

Christ is the “lion of the tribe of Judah” which means He is the ultimate, true, and eternal King. The roaring lion speaks of strength, majesty, and royalty. Of course, King David died and ceased being king. We read of the Lord Jesus in Luke 1:33, “And He shall reign over the house of Jacob forever; and of His kingdom there shall be NO END.” Christ is the eternal king, Whose kingdom has no end.

The elderly Jacob called all of his sons to him and said, “Gather together, that I may tell you what shall befall you in the last days (Genesis 49:1). “Judah, thou art he whom thy brethren shall praise: thy hand shall be in the neck of thine enemies;

thy father’s children shall bow down before thee. Judah is a lion whelp: from the prey, my son thou art gone up: he stooped down, he crouched as a lion, and as an old lion: who shall rouse him up? The SCEPTRE SHALL NOT DEPART FROM JUDAH, nor a lawgiver from between his feet until Shiloh come; and unto Him shall the gathering of the people be.”

All this was foretold by the elderly Jacob as he blessed his sons. Jacob was the first to refer to the coming King and Messiah as the Lion of Judah (Isaiah 11:1). Jacob in his blessings implied that when the Lion of Judah arrives on the scene, he will be a strong lion (man) of strength whether He be young or old (Psalm 89:3-4).

When Israel entered the Promised Land, Joshua assigned each of the twelve tribes their portion of land. Judah was the first tribe to be assigned their land. After the tribes became settled, they began infighting. Eventually the Assyrian army came and captured the northern 10 tribes and dispersed them from their homeland. The only tribes left were the southern tribes of Judah (Jerusalem) and Benjamin.

## Man Pleads Guilty To Stealing Church Checks

GREENBELT, Md. (AP)—A Florida man has pleaded guilty in connection with the theft of more than 2,600 checks intended for religious institutions in several states that were deposited into fake bank accounts, a federal prosecutor in Maryland said.

Florin Vaduva, 31, of Dania Beach, Fla., pleaded guilty to conspiracy to commit bank fraud and wire fraud. The plea agreement orders Vaduva to pay at least \$1 million restitution, U.S. Attorney Erik L. Barron announced Tuesday in a news release.

The guilty plea says that from June 2018 to January 2021, Vaduva and at least five others conspired to steal checks intended for religious institutions and deposit them into multiple fraudulent bank

accounts. The checks were stolen from roadside mailboxes.

Vaduva and the co-conspirators deposited the stolen checks into bank accounts through ATMs, then withdrew money and spent the proceeds using debit cards he got from the banks.

During five months in 2020, Vaduva deposited or was part of the deposit of at least 49 stolen checks totaling more than \$27,000 from churches in Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Indiana, Kentucky, Maryland, North Carolina, South Carolina, and Virginia into five fraudulently opened bank accounts.

Vaduva was apprehended last September.

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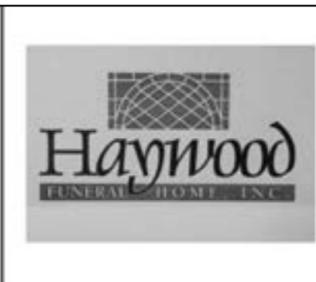
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# Editorials

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## How Will The Hospitality Industry Change?

By Mike Walden  
Guest Editorial

The North Carolina hospitality industry, primarily composed of restaurants and hotels, is a multi-billion-dollar sector in the state. As a percent of the state economy, its share has been growing in recent decades. The industry accounts for one out of every 11 jobs in the state. On average, every \$1 million of new spending in hospitality creates 15 direct jobs in the industry and another five jobs in other industries.

During the pandemic, the hospitality industry suffered some of the largest losses among all industries. Employment dropped 44 percent compared to 12 percent for the entire economy. Even in early 2022, employment in hospitality was five percent lower than prior to the pandemic, while employment in the total economy had fully recovered. Surveys show that hospitality is one of the sectors where many pre-pandemic employees have moved on to other jobs rather than returning to employment in restaurants and hotels.

As a result, hospitality is an industry, along with personal services, construction and manufacturing, where there are large numbers of unfilled jobs. Recent data on job openings in the state show 10 percent of all jobs in hospitality are unfilled, the highest among all industries.

The good news is that consumers are returning to spending at restaurants and hotels. Revenues in the industry are today two percent higher than pre-pandemic, even after adjusting for inflation. The worry among hospitality operators is how they can meet rising consumer demand with so many employment positions unfilled.

To add to the industry's challenges are demographic trends. Young workers are a key part of employment in the restaurant industry, which employs seven times the number of workers as the hotel industry. Due to the declining birth rate—both in the nation and in North Carolina—the population of young individuals between the ages of 16 and 24 is expected to be the slowest-growing among all age categories. For example, between 2020 and 2050, individuals ages 16 to 24 in North Carolina will increase 16 percent, half the rate as for the total population.

What are the answers to these challenges so the hospitality industry in North Carolina can flourish? I think there are three approaches that will need to be considered.

First, to compete with other industries for workers, the hospitality sector will have to make work in the industry more lucrative. Pay will have to be increased. Indeed, the industry is already doing this. In 2021, average hourly pay in North Carolina hospital-

ity firms rose almost twice as fast as in all of the state's industries. This will likely need to be continued.

Today's workers also like certainty in their schedules and possibilities for advancement. Unfortunately, this can be more difficult to achieve in hospitality than in other areas. Nevertheless, owners and managers of hospitality companies will need to get creative in structuring work schedules and promotions in order to "stay in the game" for workers.

The second approach has owners and managers looking at the efficiency of their operations in order to find savings in both labor and money. The goal is to find wasted efforts and time in providing the final product and service. Sometimes the wasted efforts are due to a lack of communication between workers. Or, often the work won't be properly divided between workers to achieve the final result in the lowest cost way. The bottom line is, too often owners and managers don't step back and look at operations with an eye toward achieving savings without compromising output.

The third approach may be the most important—the use of technology and automation to substitute for human labor. In the future, technology and automation will increasingly be applied to all industries, but for the hospitality sector it may be the difference between success and failure.

We're already seeing this transition at work. Hotels are using robots for cleaning, and check-in has become automated. Some fast-food restaurants are using digital ordering boards to replace humans taking customer orders at a counter. Some sit-down restaurants have customers use tablets for ordering and paying the bill. There are also stories of up-scale restaurants delivering meals to customers with robots and of using other robots to assist chefs and cooks.

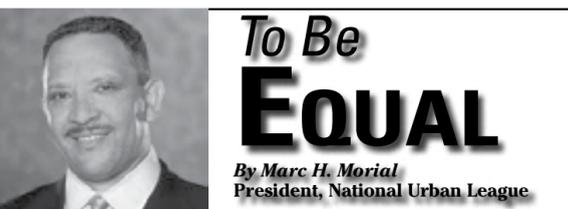
As technology continues to advance, these uses in the hospitality industry will be perfected and also become more common. And while it may be expensive to shift from humans to "bots," the long-run economics of the change may make it inevitable.

The hospitality industry suffered a big blow during the pandemic. And while it has made a strong recovery, labor and financial issues suggest the industry will undergo major changes in the future. I believe most of us will continue to eat-out for some of our meals, as well as stay in hotels when we visit the wonderful sights of North Carolina. But what will our restaurants and hotels of the future look like? You decide.

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### RACIST KILLERS ARE ENABLED BY NATION'S SINFULLY LAX GUN POLICIES

"Once again, so-called pro-life pundits and politicians responded by pontificating about all of the possible causes of the shooting tragedy, like mental illness, while willfully ignoring the role of White supremacy and easy access to firearms... while every peer nation is home to men who have been radicalized, only America allows them to have easy access to arsenals and ammunition again and again."

—Shannon Watts and Angela Ferrell-Zabala

The 18-year-old gunman who slaughtered 10 people in a Buffalo supermarket last week was fueled by a frenzy of White supremacist hatred and enabled by an unprecedented national tidal wave of firearms spilling into American hands.

He spent the months before the massacre stockpiling ammunition and compiling a racist screed with references to the "great replacement."

The "Great Replacement," a racist conspiracy theory referring to a nefarious plot to undermine and outnumber White Americans, is not new. Its origins are evident in the 1924 Johnson-Reed Act, which limited immigration based on race. The term itself comes from a 2011 book, *Le Grand Remplacement*, by French White nationalist Renaud Camus. It inspired the deadly 2017 "Unite The Right" rally in Charlottesville, W.Va., where marchers chanted "You will not replace us." It was the motivation for the antisemitic terrorist attack at Tree of Life synagogue in Pittsburgh in 2018 that killed 11 worshippers. It was explicitly referenced by the gunman who killed 23 people in El Paso in 2019 in the deadliest attack on Latinos in modern American history.

As deadly as this toxic conspiracy theory has been in recent years, it is our nation's sinfully lax gun policies that lend it the power of mass destruction. New York State does have a red-flag law that can ban gun sales to potentially violent people like the Buffalo shooter, who last year declared his intent to commit murder-suicide at his high school. However, the law apparently gave police enough discretion, or they were not sufficiently well-trained, that they did not invoke it in his case. New York Governor Kathy Hochul this week issued an executive order requiring police to do so going forward.

More Americans died of gun injuries in 2020 than in any other year on record, according to a recent Johns Hopkins analysis of CDC data. Guns were the leading cause of death among children and teens in 2020, killing more young people than COVID-19, car crashes, or cancer.

The year 2020 also saw record gun sales. "Millions of people, including many first-time purchasers, bought guns. Tens of thousands of these new guns turned up at crime scenes across the country—almost twice as many as in 2019," the researchers wrote. "While it remains to be seen whether this surge in gun purchases contributed to the rise in gun violence over the long term, a strong body of research has identified drivers of gun violence—namely, easy access to guns and weaknesses in our

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### ALLEGIANCE TO WHAT?

When I was in elementary school, we had devotions which consisted of prayer, a Bible reading and a song. Each student was assigned a time to lead. We practiced democracy this way and as a kid I got the point. If there was an operetta it was essential that every child got a part, a "speaking part." I don't remember when I began to see the fallacy in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance but I did. Segregation and Jim Crow made it hollow to me but I was obedient. It was not until I left college that I felt grown enough and free enough to stop doing it. The words "with liberty and justice for all" are the lie of the pledge for me. It's a goal but it's a goal that has not been reached. The message in Buffalo tells it all. Not just the horror of what occurred but the police response to it, separates what happens when White terrorists perpetrate an act of violence against the African-American community in comparison to what happens when unarmed Black people are perceived to have committed a crime.

The terrorists are not killed by the police. In the case in Buffalo they talked him down. He supposedly was ready to take his own life, which I doubt, but the reports say that they talked him down. Of course, we also know that the terrorist in South Carolina was taken to Burger King because he was "hungry." They are not called "thugs," instead they are described as having mental problems (which I also believe is true) but nobody investigates the neighborhoods they live in and a roadblock is not set up stopping the cars of all White "suspects."

In the '60s the Black Panther Party was infiltrated, surveilled and accused of killing people they had been nowhere near. Fred Hampton was killed in his bed for "suspicious behavior" and Angela Davis had wanted posters all over America (and probably Europe) because she had corresponded with George

Jackson (and "probably" given his brother the gun that he used to try to break him out of jail). Not only is the injustice from the past but here and now the terrorist that killed protesters and/or everyday citizens minding their own business are alive and many exonerated before they even get to jail. Where are the leaks of school records and drug records of these guys in comparison to what happened to Trayvon Martin or Michael Brown, who are innocents? What if MSNBC was agitating violence movements against the White conservatives the way FOX News' Tucker Carlson is spouting "Replacement Theory" nightly on his show? What if Obama had used every chance he got to vilify White people the way Trump did with brown people when he was president? Methinks there would be an immediate raid on every Black community in America. When a policeman shoots a tased man at close range in the back of the head why isn't it called murder, immediately? Investigation? Why? He did it in broad daylight on camera.

What is remarkable to me is that the 10 fatalities in Buffalo were loyal citizens of this country: all of them in some way

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### "WHITE SUPREMACY IS A POISON"

The scene at the Delavan Grider Community Center earlier this week was a far too familiar one in our nation: a President and First Lady comforting grieving families after another mass shooting. Once again, a killer's easy access to powerful guns lethally hatred. This time, the mass shooting at Buffalo's Tops Friendly Market shared a common thread with mass shootings at a synagogue in Pittsburgh, a Walmart in El Paso, Mother Emanuel AME Church in Charleston, and countless other mass murders, lynchings, and individual acts of violence throughout America's history since its founding: they were committed by a White supremacist killer or mob emboldened because they believed they had the backing of a white supremacist culture behind them.

So this time President Biden's message was very direct: "What happened here is simple and straightforward: terrorism. Terrorism. Domestic terrorism. Violence inflicted in the service of hate and a vicious thirst for power that defines one group of people being inherently inferior to any other group. A hate that through the media and politics, the Internet, has radicalized angry, alienated, lost, and isolated individuals into falsely believing that they will be replaced—that's the word, 'replaced'—by the 'other'—by people who don't look like them and who are therefore, in a perverse ideology that they possess and being fed, lesser beings." President Biden continued: "White supremacy is a poison. It's a poison running through... our body politic. And it's been allowed to fester and grow right in front of our eyes... We need to say as clearly and forcefully as we can that the ideology of White supremacy has no place in America. None."

The ideology of White supremacy has no place in America. This ideology was built into our nation's founding, but the forces who are desperate to canonize it today as a permanent feature of our nation's future must not win. And we must be insistent and unapologetic about teaching this message to all of our children. Throughout American history there have always

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### RACIST 'REPLACEMENT' RHETORIC IS DEADLY AND REPUBLICANS MUST STOP USING IT

By Ben Jealous

People for the American Way

The young man who murdered 10 people in Buffalo, N.Y. on May 14, was out to kill Black people. He chose a grocery store because he wanted to leave the local Black community in fear of going about their daily lives.

These evil actions were motivated by a racist ideology known as the Great Replacement Theory. That should cause some serious reflection among Republicans who are trying to build power with their own versions of racist "replacement" rhetoric.

Replacement rhetoric is meant to tap into a very old fear: that the survival and dominance of White Americans is threatened by others—whether by the freedom and empowerment of Black people or immigration by people of color.

Frederick Douglass, one of the great Americans of all time, denounced that ideology shortly after the end of the Civil War. Douglass was born into slavery.

He became a great anti-slavery speaker and organizer. He

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# Other Viewpoints



## A RECKONING FOR WORKERS THIS NOVEMBER

By Andrew Moss

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Among the issues facing voters in the coming midterms are ones all too familiar to working people. These are the struggles for living wages and good benefits, good working conditions, a strong and secure voice in the workplace, and a continuing affirmation of the dignity of labor.

Sometimes the assessment of candidates on these issues is relatively straightforward. Other times, other kinds of considerations cloud the picture. Two races, a congressional contest in West Virginia and a senatorial race in Ohio, illustrate the point.

In West Virginia, a six-term Republican congressman, David B. McKinley, was defeated in this month's primary by a fellow Republican incumbent, Alex Mooney, whose own seat had been eliminated by redistricting. The two representatives had fairly similar voting histories, but they differed on a key issue: McKinley's vote last year for President Biden's \$1.2 trillion infrastructure bill. That bill had strong union backing, for it will funnel billions to West Virginia for roads, bridges, sewers, broadband expansion, upgrading of the electrical grid, and other improvements that mean jobs for West Virginians.

But Donald Trump condemned the infrastructure bill, calling it "a fake infrastructure bill" and labeling McKinley a "RINO" or "Republican in Name Only." He endorsed Mooney shortly after the vote for the bill, and his endorsement is widely credited as a key to McKinley's defeat.

Because West Virginia's Congressional District 2 is predominantly Republican, it is likely that Alex Mooney will represent it when the 118th Congress begins next January. The state will still get its roads, bridges, and broadband expansion, but the voters of District 2 will likely be sending back to Congress an individual whose judgment on issues like infrastructure and labor is strongly influenced by his allegiance to Mr. Trump. And because Mr. Mooney will continue serving in Congress, not a state house, his judgments continue to impact the welfare of working families across the country, not just West Virginia.

In Ohio, on the other hand, the outcome of the Senate race is yet to be determined. J.D. Vance, commentator, venture capitalist, and author of the best-selling *Hillbilly Elegy: A Memoir of a Family and Culture in Crisis*, recently won the Republican primary and now faces Democratic Congressman Tim Ryan. Mr. Vance, who draws upon a strong identification with working-class Ohioans in his campaign appearances and literature, has declared that he'll "fight against the corporate elites who want to continue the status quo that plunders the millions who are unable to use their hands to earn a decent wage."

Since he never served as an elected official, Mr. Vance has left no voting record with which to track his pro- or anti-worker positions. It's not clear, for example, how he might have voted, had he had the opportunity, on the PRO Act (Protecting the Right to Organize Act) that Mr. Ryan supported last year. That act, which passed the House but went no further (primarily because of Republican opposition), would have, among other things, prohibited employer interference in union elections, including the mandatory attendance of workers at meetings designed to discourage organizing.

Though we can only surmise how Mr. Vance might have voted on the PRO Act, we do know that he, too, warmly welcomed the endorsement of Donald Trump, explaining that he saw in Mr. Trump's program "a substantive agenda." This embrace of the former president gives us some clues, since Mr. Trump left a well-defined anti-worker record on labor issues. Mr. Trump made appointments and took executive actions that undermined workers' ability to organize, compromised safety standards, and otherwise made the workplace more hostile to workers. Despite occasional professions to the contrary, Mr. Trump opposed raising the federal minimum wage beyond \$7.25 an hour, where it stands today. And Mr. Trump's signature 2017 tax cut disproportionately benefited earners in the top 20 percent.

It remains to be seen how Mr. Vance will square his compelling personal narrative with his embrace of a Trump agenda that is so clearly anti-worker. It remains to be seen how Ohio voters reckon these contradictions as they weigh what is best for working families in Ohio—and across the nation.

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## THE HEART IS MIGHTIER THAN THE SWORD

By Robert C. Koehler

PeaceVoice

They're coming for me!

Sounds like a horror movie on permanent rewind through the brain, through the soul. Catch your breath, buy a gun. What other choice do you have? It's called, among other things, "White replacement theory"—but my sense is that the fear itself (fear of God-knows-what) comes first. When it finds a name, what a sense of relief that must be: knowing who the enemy is, where the enemy lives. Now you can go to war.

Killing 10 people at a grocery store—killing 50 people at two mosques—isn't murder. It's healing.

I take a deep breath. Violence is situation normal, not just in the United States but across much of the planet. Often the violence is simply an abstraction, a.k.a., war, which is always, always necessary when we're the ones who wage it, and the people we kill, including the children, are simply collateral damage. But war always comes home, where the victims are fully human... if they actually make the news.

"Once startling and noteworthy," Keeanga-Yamahtta Taylor writes in a recent *New Yorker* article, "mass shootings have melded into the background of life in the U.S. Since January, there have been almost two hundred shootings involving at least four victims shot or killed... This must be viewed within the context of the growing normalization of racism and political violence in the U.S."

## King Crossword

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**ACROSS**

1 Ancient Brit  
5 Slated  
8 Fail to see  
12 River to the Baltic  
13 Spanish gold  
14 "Do others..."  
15 Opera set in Egypt  
16 Used a Hoover say  
18 Baseball divisions  
20 Diving ducks  
21 1-b. neighbor  
22 Ostrich skin  
23 Sauce composition  
26 Empty, as a stare

**DOWN**

1 Turned fuel  
2 Falco of "Nurse Jackie"  
3 Spartan cueer  
4 Very sad  
5 Paramour  
6 Historic period  
7 Physician's nickname  
8 Hawaiian garment  
9 "By the power of..."

54 NBC week-end show  
55 Scarce

10 Leftovers recipe  
11 Lays down the awn  
17 Gomer Pyle's org.  
18 Show to a sea; slangily  
22 Hearing thing  
23 Dallas group ster. briefly  
24 Nabokov novel  
25 Sinbad's bird  
26 Compete  
27 Man-mouse link  
28 Kiev's land

29 "Mayday"  
31 Reply (Abbr)  
34 Suez and Ere. e.g.  
35 Yeah, right!  
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37 Web master?  
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43 Pork cut  
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46 Alaskan city  
48 Conditions

These words, of course, were written in the wake of the massacre on May 13 at a Tops Friendly supermarket in a segregated neighborhood in Buffalo, N.Y. Thirteen people were shot (11 of them African-American), 10 of whom died. The killer was a blatant racist, who had posted a 180-page, hate-filled manifesto online prior to his assault. The manifesto, which acknowledged his admiration of previous mass murderers with racist motives, discussed the dangers of "White replacement"—people of color are taking over, claiming the same importance that White people have and, in the process, diminishing the importance of the Whites. There's one obvious solution: Go to war!

And because we live in a country where guns are everywhere, and remarkably easy to come by, young boys—the killer was 18—can play war for real, without bothering to enlist. And Payton Gendron decided to go to war.

I mention his name for one reason only: I want to address a moment in his life before he drove 200 miles to Buffalo and opened fire. Last spring, as he neared the end of his senior year in high school, he and fellow students were asked to think about a school project addressing their plans after graduation. Here's what Payton Gendron said: He wanted to commit a murder-suicide.

Oh my God! The "threat" was unrelated to race, but it shocked the hell out of people. He claimed to be joking, but the state police were summoned and the boy, then 17, was given a mental health evaluation and hospitalized for a day and a half.

That's it—a brief, sudden revelation to school authorities of the horror movie on continual rewind through Payton Gendron's brain. According to an Associated Press story:

"The revelation raised questions about whether his encounter with police and the mental health system was yet another missed opportunity to put a potential mass shooter under closer law enforcement scrutiny, get him help, or make sure he didn't have access to deadly firearms."

As I read those words, I felt an enormous squeeze of frustration, which took me a while to begin understanding. As the story pointed out:

"New York is one of several states that have enacted 'red flag' laws in recent years that were intended to try and prevent mass shootings committed by people who show warning signs that they might be a threat to themselves or others..."

"The long list of mass shootings in the U.S. involving missed opportunities to intervene includes the 2018 massacre of 17 students at a high school in Parkland, Fla., where law enforcement officials had received numerous complaints about the gunman's threatening statements, and the killings of more than two dozen people at a Texas church in 2017 by a former U.S. Air Force serviceman who was able to buy a gun despite a violent history."

Slowly it started kicking in. What I was reading in this story about another mass shooting in America—the Land of the Free (to kill)—was official cluelessness on full display. We're clueless about the nature of social safety. We think of it as something that is linear and hierarchical, with authoritative action kicking in primarily after the fact.

"Authorities said Sunday that they were investigating the attack on predominantly Black shoppers and workers at the Tops Friendly Market as a potential federal hate crime or act of domestic terrorism."

Prior to the occurrence of the shootings, the best the national imagination can do is come up with a red flag law: If somebody seems unhinged, or spews hate, the state can step in and temporarily confiscate his firearms. Problem solved!

But when I think about the 17-year-old high school senior who momentarily let loose a sarcastic idea for a school project—a mass shooting, followed by suicide—I see a deeply, deeply troubled human being who, in all likelihood, has spent most of his life alone, psychologically if not physically. And here's where my own emotional wounds start to bleed.

What if schools were places where lonely, frightened kids could talk? I think about the peace circle, the concept of Restorative Justice, where all participants sit in vibrant equality, each given the opportunity to talk, everyone else listening. This is catching on in some school districts, but of course it's only a beginning. For a moment I envision a social infrastructure that embraces all of us and doesn't condemn anyone's fear and hatred, but rather, listens to him, values him, learns from him and walks with him into the darkness.

The heart is mightier than the sword. I'm allowing myself to imagine a world where most people believe this.

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## TO BE EQUAL

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country's laws that create a patchwork of gun regulations."

The report confirmed that common-sense policies like red-flag laws—and Governor Hochul's order to strengthen New York's—are effective in reducing gun violence.

"While the media often focuses on gun violence in cities in states like New York, Pennsylvania, Maryland, and Illinois, all of these states had gun death rates lower than the national average," the researchers found. "New York, for example, had a rate 2.5 times lower than the national rate. Many of the states with the lowest gun death rates have strong gun violence prevention policies."

Specifically, the five states with the lowest gun death rates all had both a firearm purchaser licensing law or a waiting period, and a "red flag" law.

All five of the states with the highest gun death rates had "stand your ground" laws and three of the five had permitless

carry laws. Alabama, one of the five, passed permitless carry earlier this year.

The National Urban League is a longtime partner of Everytown for Gun Safety, largest gun violence prevention organization in America, and emphatically supports its evidence-based, common-sense solutions to make communities and save lives.

On Friday, I joined with other civil rights leaders in a meeting with U.S. Attorney General Merrick Garland to discuss the Department of Justice's role in addressing the spread of White supremacy across social media platforms and hate crimes tearing through Black communities across America.

Our hearts and deepest sympathies are with the families who have lost loved ones to another senseless act of racial violence. Our fury is with the White supremacists who are the perpetrators of this violence. And our anger is with the social media companies and gun merchants who have aided and abetted them and other extremists for profit and with the politicians who have recklessly encouraged them for votes.

Our commitment now is to do something about it, beginning with calling on President Biden to hold a national summit on hate crimes to elevate the national consciousness around the rising danger of White supremacy and online extremism.

We need a whole-of-nation approach to combat and eliminate this threat to our national security and the stability of our democracy. Until we do, innocent people will continue to pay the deadly price.

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trying to make America better and great again. Yet the irony is that making America great again is the mantra of those who want to destroy our democracy. Their America is not to expand rights but to take rights away from anybody not like them. It is insanity. This is a crazy time in our country and the "Barbarians at the Gate" are our own congressmen and senators on the right. They are openly touting their views in order to get elected.

What are we going to do, those of us with melanin in our DNA? Are we to stop shopping in grocery stores or going to Bible studies and prayer meetings? I think not because then the terrorists have won. No, we must download our intuitive antennae; we must put justice and democracy on the ballot. We must trust the words of my faith, "Do not fret over evildoers, vengeance is mine sayeth the Lord... I will repay." Our job is to do and seek justice, love mercy and walk humbly with our God. This is not an easy task but it can be a cleansing solution; for our goal is as it should be, a healing of this land we call America. Where there is sickness, a diagnosis is necessary and then a treatment. It is treatment time and mindlessly pledging allegiance to a myth is not a patriotic solution.

My favorite devotional leader in elementary school was a classmate named Shirley Wilson. Every time she led, she sang an old gospel song, "You Can't Hurry God." That song took me from elementary school to now, it helped build my faith and not my foolishness.

## CHILD WATCH

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been parents and community members who explicitly taught our own children that White supremacy is a lie. But even children who know the truth can sometimes internalize a lie from the culture around them. It also should not be a Black or Native American or Asian American or Latina or Jewish parent's burden to be the only one teaching her children the truth about our nation's history of White supremacy. And it should not be a White child's burden to be ignorant of this truth because no one taught it to him at all.

Right now there are entire segments of our nation still embracing a violent lie with violent consequences. Many of the killers in these White supremacist mass shootings were young men who internalized these lies at very young ages. Unchallenged white supremacy and hate will leave all of our children at risk, and when it is fueled by our national love affair with guns, no one is safe—including a wife getting a few groceries after her daily visit to her husband's nursing home, a community activist who wrote letters to Buffalo newspapers speaking out against gun violence, or a father picking up a birthday cake for his three-year-old son.

In his Nobel Peace Prize acceptance speech, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. said, "I refuse to accept the view that mankind is so tragically bound to the starless midnight of racism and war that the bright daybreak of peace and brotherhood can never become a reality... I believe that unarmed truth and unconditional love will have the final word[.]" We must drown out voices of hate and white supremacy with unarmed truth and unconditional love and action. If we remain bound to hate and violence we will destroy ourselves and our future.

## RACIST REPLACEMENT RHETORIC

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gave a series of important anti-slavery speeches in Buffalo, near where he lived in Rochester, and where a statue of him in his home town has been repeatedly vandalized.

In 1869, this Black Republican gave a speech called "Our Composite Nation."

He promoted a vision of a country that welcomed and was strengthened by diversity. And he denounced fears that were being stirred up against Chinese immigrants. He said that the idea that "the Caucasian race may not be able to hold their own" against immigrants "does not seem entitled to much respect."

Truth. Replacement ideology is still not worthy of respect. It is toxic. And it promotes violence.

The man arrested for the killings in Buffalo reportedly claimed that he picked up his anti-Semitic and racist beliefs from some of the unsavory corners of the internet. He decided to kill Black people in Buffalo. Others who were twisted by the same racist ideas chose to kill Latinos in El Paso, Jews in Pittsburgh, Muslims in Christchurch, New Zealand.

Unfortunately, millions of Americans are hearing variations of the replacement rhetoric from irresponsible politicians and cable TV personalities. They falsely claim that Democrats want "open borders" so they can replace American voters with what Tucker Carlson called "more obedient voters from the Third World." Carlson has used that kind of rhetoric more than 400 times on his highly rated show. And this year at least half a dozen Republican Senate candidates have been running on the idea.

It seems that the Republican Party, the party of Abraham Lincoln, is acting more like the old Democratic Party did after the Civil War. It is becoming a party defined by its willingness to use the ideology of violent White supremacists to try to stir up voters and win elections.

This is playing with fire. And if it continues, we will all get burned, again and again.

There is a more honorable path for the Republican Party. I believe national Republicans should go to Buffalo. They should reflect on the killings that were motivated by racist ideas. They should reflect on the legacy of Frederick Douglass. And they should consider the life of a more recent Republican, the late Jack Kemp.

Kemp had been a quarterback for the Buffalo Bills. Then he became a Republican congressman representing western New York. And he ran for president as both a Republican and a card-carrying member of the NAACP. "I can't help but care about the rights of the people I used to shower with," Kemp said.

We urgently need more of our national leaders to embrace Douglass's broad vision of a strong and diverse America, and Jack Kemp's recognition of our shared humanity. And we need more people, both politicians and regular folks, to have the courage to consistently call out bigotry when we hear it and to hold accountable those who spread it.

Ben Jealous serves as president of *People For the American Way* and Professor of the Practice at the University of Pennsylvania. A *New York Times* best-selling author, his next book *Never Forget Our People Were Always Free* will be published by Harper Collins in December 2022.

# 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 300

The Undersigned, having qualified as Administrator of the Estate of Donnie Calvin Hobbs, 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 5th day of August 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 5th day of May 2022.

Cynthia Kaye Hobbs  
Administratrix

537 Clayton Rd  
Durham, NC 27703  
5/5,5/12,5/19 and 5/26/2022  
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 585

The Undersigned, having qualified as Administrator of the Estate of Lane A Combs a/k/a Lane Allen Combs, 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 5th day of August 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 5th day of May 2022.

Karen O Combs a/k/a Karen Oakley Combs

Administrator  
614 Wanda Ridge Dr  
Durham, NC 27712  
5/5,5/12,5/19 and 5/26/2022  
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 583

The Undersigned, having qualified as Executrix of the Estate of Elva Catalina Lay, 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 5th day of August 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 5th day of May 2022.

April Dawn Austin  
Executrix  
708 Carroll St  
Durham, NC 27701  
5/5,5/12,5/19 and 5/26/2022

#### NOTICE TO CREDITORS File No. 22 E 574

Having qualified as Administrator of the Estate of Catherine Cecilia Syhre, deceased of Durham County, North Carolina, Estate File No. 22-E-574, this is to notify all persons, firms, corporations, and other entities having claims against the said decedent to present them to the undersigned on or before the 5th day of August 2022, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of recovery of any such claims. All debtors of the decedent are asked to make immediate payment.

This the 5th day of May, 2022.

ATTN: Laura C. Kelley  
2113 Pershing Street  
Durham, NC, 27705  
5/5,5/12,5/19 and 5/26/2022  
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
DURHAM COUNTY

#### NOTICE TO CREDITORS File Number 22 E 584 SOO WON PARK ESTATE

The undersigned, having qualified as Administrator of the Estate of Soo Won Park late of DURHAM County, NC does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against

said estate to present them to the undersigned at the address below on or before the 5th day of August 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 5th day of May 2022.

Eun Kyung Park  
Administrator  
c/o Anne Page Watson, PLLC  
3400 Croasdaile Drive Suite 205  
Durham, NC 27705  
5/5,5/12,5/19 and 5/26/2022

#### NOTICE TO CREDITORS File No. 22 E 560

Having qualified as Administrator of the Estate of Fidel Cortell of Durham County, North Carolina, the undersigned does hereby notify all persons, firms, and corporations having claims against the estate of said decedent to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the 5th day of August, 2022, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms, corporations indebted to the said estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This is the 5th day of May, 2022.

Jose Fermin Cortell  
Administrator  
c/o Richard F. Prentis, Jr., Stubbs, Cole, Breedlove, Prentis & Biggs  
4 Consultant Place  
Durham, NC 27707

5-5, 5-12, 5-19 & 5-26, 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 407

The Undersigned, having qualified as Executor of the Estate of Susan Ruth Campbell, 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 5th day of August 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 5th day of May 2022.

Marion Campbell Phelan  
Executrix  
5453 Coyote Canyon Way  
Unit A  
Morrison, CO 80465  
5/5,5/12,5/19 and 5/26/2022

#### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

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

This the 12th day of May, 2022.

Gary Dale Riggsbee, Executor  
C/O Ronald G. Coulter  
Attorney at Law  
3400 Croasdaile Drive  
Suite 205  
Durham, NC 27705  
1-919-246-5775

May 12, 19, 26, and June 2  
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
DURHAM COUNTY

#### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

THE UNDERSIGNED, having qualified on the 29th day of April, 2022, as Executor of the ESTATE OF CASSANDRA V. WILLIAMS A/K/A CASSANDRA VISHNEVSKY WILLIAMS, 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 12th day of August, 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 12th day of May, 2022.

CONSTANTINE VISHNEVSKY  
EXECUTOR  
ESTATE OF CASSANDRA V. WILLIAMS A/K/A  
CASSANDRA VISHNEVSKY WILLIAMS

c/o Shirley M. Diefenbach, Attorney  
Walker Lambe, PLLC  
Post Office Box 51549  
Durham, North Carolina 27717  
May 12,19,26 and June 2, 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-82

The Undersigned, having qualified as Administratrix of the Estate of Lucille Williams Carrington, 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 18th day of August 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 19th day of May 2022.

Sandra Carrington  
Administratrix  
710 Terrace View Dr  
Chapel Hill, NC 27516  
5/19,5/26,6/2 and 6/9/2022  
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
DURHAM COUNTY

#### NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION In The General Court Of Justice Superior Court Division Before the Clerk File Number 2022 E 000610

The Undersigned, having qualified as Executor of the Estate of Susie Moore Hillery, 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 12th day of August 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 12th day of May 2022.

Nathan H Hillery  
Executrix  
904 Queensbury Circle  
Durham, NC 27713  
5/12,5/19,5/26 and 6/2/2022  
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 624

The Undersigned, having qualified as Executrix of the Estate of Gisela K Cox, 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 12th day of August 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 12th day of May 2022.

Pamela Nielsen  
Executrix  
c/o Kennon Craver, PLLC  
4011 University Dr.  
Ste 300  
Durham, NC 27707  
5/12,5/19,5/26 and 6/2/2022  
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 612

The Undersigned, having qualified as Executor of the Estate of Darlene Mary Marraccini, 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 12th day of August 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 12th day of May 2022.

Jerome Edward Marraccini  
Executrix  
107 Avenel Lane  
Clayton, NC 27527  
5/12,5/19,5/26 and 6/2/2022  
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
DURHAM COUNTY

#### NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION In The General Court Of Justice Superior Court Division Before the Clerk File Number 2022 E 000617

The Undersigned, having qualified as Executor of the Estate of Bettie L Epps a/k/a Bettie Mae

Epps, 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 12th day of August 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 12th day of May 2022.

Samantha Lou Dockery  
Executrix  
9210 Buckhaus St #329  
Raleigh, NC 27617  
5/12,5/19,5/26 and 6/2/2022  
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 492

The Undersigned, having qualified as Administrator of the Estate of Audrey Kay Evans, 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 12th day of August 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 12th day of May 2022.

Phillip W Evans  
Administrator  
1501 Cole Mill Rd  
Durham, NC 27705  
5/12,5/19,5/26 and 6/2/2022  
NORTH CAROLINA  
DURHAM COUNTY

#### In The General Court Of Justice District Court Division File No. 21 CVD 924 NOTICE OF SERVICE

OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION  
To: DANNY JOSE CARBAJAL RAYES,

Defendant  
Take notice that a pleading seeking relief against you has been filed in the above-entitled action. The nature of the relief being sought is for child custody. You are required to make defense to such pleading no later than June 22, 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, KARLA SUSANA SANTOS VASQUEZ, will apply to the court for the relief sought.

This, the 12th day of May, 2022.

Aneta Paval, Esq.  
Paval Law Offices, PLLC  
7404 Chapel Hill Rd  
Suite M  
Raleigh NC 27607  
Telephone: (919) 410-6690  
5/12,5/19 and 6/2/2022  
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-546

The Undersigned, having qualified as Executrix of the Estate of Phyllis J. Smith a/k/a Phyllis Jean Smith, 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 25th day of August 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 26th day of May 2022.

Maxine Smith  
Executrix  
216 Overlook Avenue  
Durham, NC 27712  
5/26,6/2, 6/9 and 6/16/2022

#### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Having qualified as Administratrix of the Estate of Sybil Johnson of Durham County, North Carolina, the undersigned does hereby notify all persons, firms, and corporations having claims against the estate of said decedent to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the 26th day of August, 2022, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms, corporations indebted to the said estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This is the 26th day of May, 2022.

Michelle Johnson  
Administrator  
c/o Richard F. Prentis, Jr., Stubbs, Cole, Breedlove, Prentis & Biggs

4 Consultant Place  
Durham, NC 27707  
5-26, 6-2, 6-9 & 6-16, 2022

#### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Having qualified as Administratrix of the Estate of Glenda R. Bradley of Durham County, North Carolina, the undersigned does hereby notify all persons, firms, and corporations having claims against the estate of said decedent to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the 26th day of August, 2022, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms, corporations indebted to the said estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This is the 26th day of May, 2022.

Gail R. Truax  
Administrator  
c/o Richard F. Prentis, Jr., Stubbs, Cole, Breedlove, Prentis & Biggs  
4 Consultant Place  
Durham, NC 27707  
5-26, 6-2, 6-9 & 6-16, 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 711

The Undersigned, having qualified as Executor of the Estate of John Buddy Horn, 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 25th day of August 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 26th day of May 2022.

Melody H. Seyffert a/k/a Melody Horn Seyffert  
Executrix  
106 Elkton Green Court  
Cary, NC 27519  
5/26,6/2,6/9 and 6/16/2022  
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
DURHAM COUNTY

#### NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION In The General Court Of Justice Superior Court Division Before the Clerk File Number 2022 E 000188

The Undersigned, having qualified as Administrator of the Estate of Kent Eugene 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 25th day of August 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 26th day of May 2022.

Lindsay Mckenzie  
Administrator  
791 Prospect Ave B  
Oakland, CA 94610  
5/26,6/2,6/9 and 6/16/2022  
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 572

The Undersigned, having qualified as Administrator of the Estate of Kenneth Williams, 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 25th day of August 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 26th day of May, 2022.

Charles Williams  
Administrator  
6664 Blythdale Dr  
Charlotte, NC 28213  
5/26,6/2,6/9 and 6/16/2022

### WAKE COUNTY

#### NOTICE TO CREDITORS ESTATE OF MARSHALL WILLIES HARVEY

File Number 2022 E 001586

Mildred Harvey, having qualified as Executor of the Estate of Marshall Willies Harvey, 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 12th day of August 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 12th day of May 2022.

Mildred L Harvey  
Executrix  
2613 Wycliff Road  
Raleigh, NC 27607  
5/12,5/19,5/26 and 6/2/2022  
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
WAKE COUNTY

#### NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION In The General Court Of Justice Superior Court Division Before the Clerk File Number 2022 E 001976

The Undersigned, having qualified as Executor of the Estate of Doris Wylie Bellamy, 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 19th day of August 2022, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery.

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

This the 19th day of May 2022.

Denise Laura Craven  
Executrix  
1201 Element Cir  
Garner, NC 27529  
5/19,5/26, 6/2 and 6/9/2022  
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
WAKE COUNTY

#### NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION In The General Court Of Justice Superior Court Division Before the Clerk File Number 2022 E 001592

The Undersigned, having qualified as Administrator of the Estate of Karen Campbell, a/k/a Karen Rosalie Campbell, 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 19th day of August 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 19th day of May 2022.

Jerry Campbell Sr  
Administrator  
8836 Campfire Trail  
Raleigh, NC 27615  
5/19,5/26, 6/2 and 6/9/2022  
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
WAKE COUNTY

#### NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION In The General Court Of Justice Superior Court Division Before the Clerk File Number 2022 E 002000

The Undersigned, having qualified as Administrator of the Estate of Leroy Blount, 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 25th day of August 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 26th day of May 2022.

Lillie M Wilson  
Administrator  
1121 Wagstaff Rd  
Fuquay Varina, NC 27526  
5/26,6/2,6/9 and 6/16/2022

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# USDA Invests \$770 Million To Expand Market Opportunities For Rural Businesses And People In 36 States & Puerto Rico

WASHINGTON - U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Secretary Tom Vilsack announced that the Department is investing \$770 million to help create new and better market opportunities for rural businesses and people in 36 states and Puerto Rico. The investments include \$640 million for 122 projects to help people living in socially vulnerable communities.

"The economic success of rural America has long been the bedrock of our Nation's economy as a whole," Vilsack said. "Under the leadership of President Biden and Vice President

Harris, USDA is prioritizing investment in jobs, businesses, and entrepreneurial opportunities in rural America. The investments we're announcing today demonstrate how USDA remains committed to helping people in rural America create new and better market opportunities for our country."

The funding will help a diverse rural America keep resources and wealth right at home through job training, business expansion and technical assistance. It will help companies hire more workers and reach new customers. It will open the door to new economic opportuni-

ties for communities and people who historically have lacked access to critical resources and financing. It will also help entrepreneurs and business cooperatives create jobs, grow businesses, and find new and better markets for the items they produce.

For example:  
In New York, 88 Ridge Royale LLC will use a \$3.5 million loan to update the historic Queensbury Hotel in Glens Falls. Funds will be utilized to build a 5,800-square-foot ballroom to accommodate 400 guests, with a dedicated banquet kitchen. This investment will create 25 new jobs and support 80 existing jobs in Glens Falls.

In Nebraska, the city of Co-

zad will use a \$300,000 Rural Economic Development grant to update a pharmacy. Upgrades will expand the pharmacy department, add security measures, and install new ventilation hoods. These improvements will enhance rural health care for approximately 4,000 people in the Cozad area.

In South Carolina, Clemson University will use a \$99,992 Rural Microentrepreneur Assistance Program grant to help the South Carolina Center for Cooperative and Enterprise Development provide technical assistance to microentrepreneurs. The funding is expected to help at least 50 rural businesses access financing and receive financial management guidance.

## 19 Communities Selected For Capacity Bldg Prog.

Nineteen rural communities from across the state have been selected to participate in a unique new program to increase their capacity to plan, implement, and manage economic development programs and opportunities. The Rural Community Capacity (RC2) program, a pilot initiative from the Commerce Department involving Appalachian State University's Walker College of Business, will welcome its first cohort of participants in Boone on Tuesday, May 24th.

"As we build on North Carolina's economic development success, we must make sure that success is shared among both urban and rural communities across our state," said Governor Roy Cooper. "This program will strengthen the ability of local governments in rural communities to secure major economic projects and bolster North Carolina's economy."

The RC2 program, part of Commerce's broader Rural Transformation Grant program, will provide educational programming, technical assistance, and focused guidance to local government staff in rural and distressed communities. Each of the nineteen jurisdictions can identify up to two representatives to participate in program activities, which include on-campus and virtual classes, community level engagement, and targeted training programs. RC2 campus curriculum will include four core courses that are required by the Department of Commerce and additional targeted courses that are designed by the ASU faculty.

"Our rural communities can become stronger and more vibrant places to live and work, but to reach that goal we must build up local governments' capacity to plan and execute proven economic development strategies," said North Carolina Commerce Secretary Machel Baker Sanders. "This new program, part of Commerce's efforts to transform rural economies, will equip local governments and their staffs

with the education, technical assistance, and implementation grants they need to succeed."

During an RC2 engagement, communities have direct access to Commerce's Rural Planning team, who offer additional training and technical assistance to program participants, including a strategic planning process focused on identifying economic development assets and priorities that are specific to each community.

Communities that successfully complete the RC2 campus curriculum and participate in the Commerce rural planning process will then be eligible to apply for Community Implementation Grants offered by Commerce's Rural Economic Development Division through the new Rural Transformation Grant Fund.

The nineteen communities participating in the Rural Community Capacity (RC2) program include:

- Bertie County
- Hertford County
- Martin County
- Town of Archdale
- Town of Carthage
- Town of China Grove
- Town of East Spencer
- Town of Garysburg
- Town of Hildebran
- Town of Jonesville
- Town of Liberty
- Town of Mars Hill
- Town of Marshville
- Town of Maysville
- Town of Pilot Mountain
- Town of Rosman
- Town of Spruce Pine
- Town of Vass
- Town of Wilson's Mills

"Success in economic development takes intentional preparation," said Kenny Flowers, Commerce's Assistant Secretary for Rural Development. "We know the approaches that work well and lay the groundwork for success, and we're excited to share these best practices with more local government officials."

More information about the Rural Transformation Grant Fund and the Rural Community Capacity initiative is available at [nccommerce.com/transform](http://nccommerce.com/transform).

# Classifieds

### 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 **White Oak Church Road Water Line** project for the **Town of Cary** which bids **May 31, 2022, at 2:00 PM**. Plans and specifications for this project are available at the following locations: TA Loving Company, 400 Patetown Road, Goldsboro, NC 27530 \* the Town of Cary: <http://townofcary.contractorsplanroom.com> \* Carolinas AGC -Raleigh office \* Dodge Data and Analytics website \* NC Institute of Minority Economic Development (NCIMED) website \* CDC News-Cary office

Potential subcontracting opportunities include but are not limited to surveying, clearing and grubbing, hauling, asphalt paving, striping, traffic control, erosion control, seeding, linework, jack & bore, flatwork, and fencing. Please contact **Jeff Price** ([jprice@taloving.com](mailto: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 **Eastfield/South Selma Region Pump Station** project for **Eastfield Associates** which bids **May 31, 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 \*

Potential subcontracting opportunities include but are not limited to surveying, clearing and grubbing, hauling, asphalt paving, striping, erosion control, seeding, electrical, SCADA, linework, jack & bore, directional drilling, flatwork, and fencing. Please contact **Jeff Price** ([jprice@taloving.com](mailto: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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Potential subcontracting opportunities include but are not limited to surveying, hauling, asphalt paving, striping, traffic control, erosion control, seeding, linework, bypass pumping, CIPP, manhole rehab, and manhole lining. Please contact **Jeff Price** ([jprice@taloving.com](mailto: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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T.A. Loving Company (NC General Contractor License No. 325) is seeking certified DBE, MBE, and WBE subcontractors and suppliers for the **North Carolina Global Trans Park Terminal Water Line** project for the **City of Kinston** which bids **May 26, 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 \* Kinston Public Services website: [www.kinstonpublicservices.com](http://www.kinstonpublicservices.com).

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### 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 **Pender Commerce Park Water and Sewer Main Extension** project for **Pender County** which bids **June 1, 2022, at 10:00 AM**. Plans and specifications for this project are available at the following locations: TA Loving Company, 400 Patetown Road, Goldsboro, NC 27530 \* Pender County website: <http://www.pendercountync.gov/utl/> \* McKim & Creed, Inc.; 243 North Front Street; Wilmington, NC 28401; contact: Jamie Mabe Fitzsimmons, 910-343-1048 or [jfitzsimmons@mckimcreed.com](mailto:jfitzsimmons@mckimcreed.com) \* Carolinas Plan Room; 2527 South 17th Street; Wilmington, NC 28401 \* Carolinas AGC Website \* Dodge Data and Analytics website.

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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 **June 21, 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.

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

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

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Mr. Ronnie L. Keeter, Jr.  
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