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Abortion, Amendments And Data Privacy

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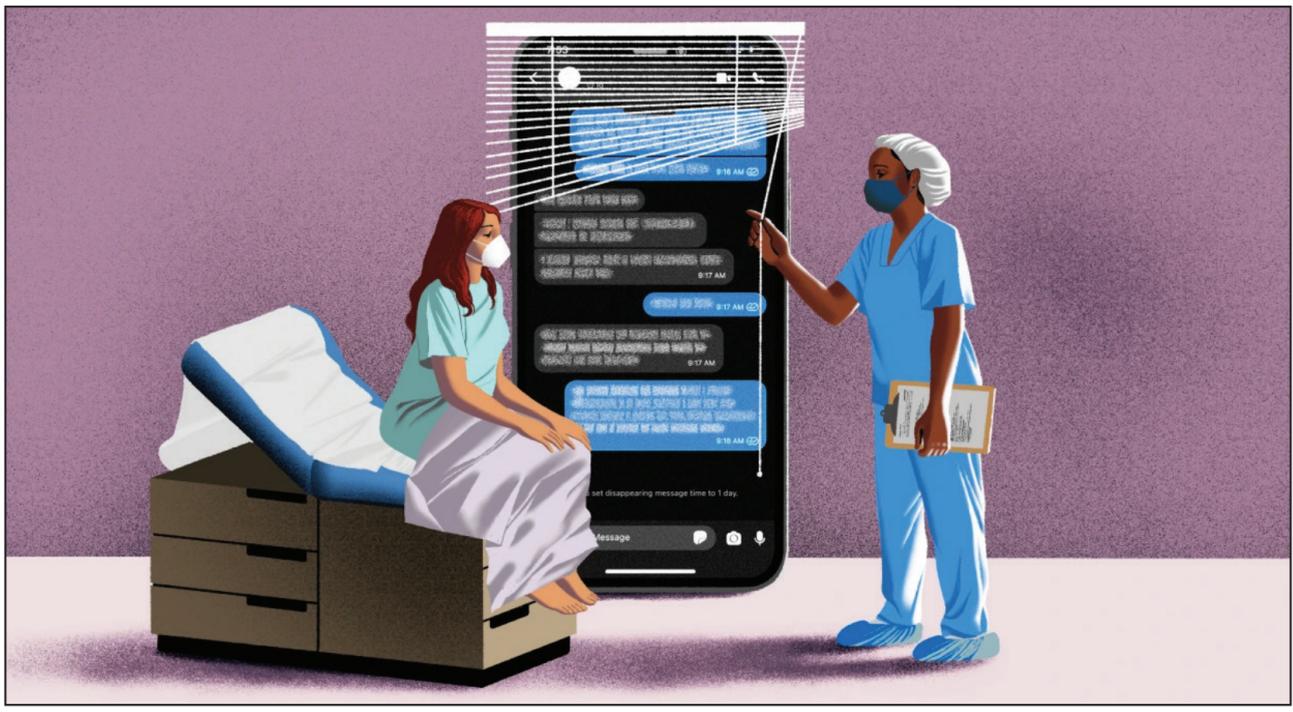
Staff Writer

The 14th Amendment was passed by Congress in 1866 and ratified in 1868. Under the amendment, the right to due process of law and equal protection of the law applied to every citizen.

The Due Process Clause of the Fourteenth Amendment echoes that of the Fifth Amendment. The Fifth Amendment, however, applies only against the federal government.

After the Civil War, Congress adopted a number of measures to protect individual rights from interference by the states, many of which were re-entering the Union. Among them was the Fourteenth Amendment, which prohibits the states from depriving "any person of life, liberty, or property, without due process of law." It extended both civil and legal rights for Black citizens who were formerly enslaved, granting citizenship to "all persons born or naturalized in the United States" and also ensured rights to those in states where discriminatory laws were in place.

The Fourteenth Amendment promises that all persons in the United States shall enjoy the "equal protection of the laws." This means that they cannot be discriminated against without good reason. All laws discriminate, because governments run



by elected human officials must make choices about what is lawful. For example, laws prohibiting burglary discriminates against burglars. The Equal Protection Clause requires a state to have a good reason or a "rational basis" for its choices.

When there has been a history of past wrongful action—such as discrimination based on race or gender—the state must meet a much higher burden to justify their "wrongness."

The Supreme Court ultimately used the amendment to endorse

other rights and prevent states from implementing laws that restrict those not directly stated in the Constitution, including the right to privacy. The personal right to privacy isn't explicitly mentioned in the Constitution, but has nonetheless been protect-

ed by the federal government.

So what does privacy have to do with abortion? How did we get here?

Although the Fourteenth Amendment does not contain the word "privacy" itself, nor does it appear in the entire Constitution, the nation's courts have acknowledged an individual's right to privacy in home and family life. The Supreme Court first recognized a constitutional right to privacy in *Griswold v. Connecticut* (1965), a landmark decision that centered around the freedom of individuals to use contraception without interference from the government. The *Griswold* decision acknowledged that the Bill of Rights contained "zones of privacy" from the gov-

ernment within the First, Third, Fourth, and Fifth Amendments. Combined with the Ninth Amendment, which acknowledges the existence of some constitutional rights (not explicitly mentioned in the Bill of Rights), and the Fourteenth Amendment, the Supreme Court declared that there is a constitutional right to privacy within the "penumbra," or shadow, of these protections. *Griswold* set a precedent for numerous privacy-related cases over the past six decades, including *Roe v. Wade* (1973) and *Planned Parenthood v. Casey* (1992).

Roe v. Wade was built on earlier cases in which the Court held that the constitutional right to privacy protected an individual's rights to reproductive choice.

In the 1965 *Griswold v. Connecticut* case, the Court struck down a ban on the use or sale of contraceptives to married couples because it violated the constitutional right to privacy. In 1972 through *Eisenstadt v. Baird*, the Court extended this fundamental right to contraception to unmarried people. *Eisenstadt* elaborated on the right to privacy as "the right of the individual, married or single, to be free from unwarranted governmental intrusion into matters so fundamentally affecting a person as the decision whether to bear or beget a child."

Free from unwarranted government intrusion...

When history is considered, the Fourteenth Amendment seems simple. When it was adopted, the Clause was understood to mean that the government could deprive a person of rights only according to law applied by a court. This is the reasoning behind the good riddance given to Jim Crow laws in 1896. Yet since then, the Supreme Court has elaborated significantly on this

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Embalming Fluid, Fentanyl And Opioids Are Killing Our Children, Communities

By Sarah Jones

Staff Writer

There's a magic in telling a story that much of society often neglects. I recently had the opportunity to sit in a room with six people who each had a heart-breaking story to tell. Stories of family, pain and loss. As they were telling a story of the past, they were also writing a new one. Not just for themselves but for others as well.

Rakim Shackelford was 31 years old when he died of overdose from embalming fluid.

Al Douglas Langston III was

a navy officer who passed away due to overdose on April 3, 2021.

Darius Sessoms took the life of a young child due to hallucinations from opioid use.

These are titles for unwritten stories of the sons of MOM's. MOM's is an organization created to fight the opioid epidemic. The pain that these mothers have experienced is being shared to educate others in hopes that children's lives can be saved.

Alicia Winstead Melvin, the President of MOM's created the organization with just a simple conversation. Her journey started with her deep concerns trig-

gered by overdoses and fentanyl poisonings that had been seeping into Wilson county. As the situation worsened, she met with her sister Carolyn Sessoms to figure out what they could do to help.

"As things continued to progress, we kept asking ourselves what can we do? We were on the same wavelength of knowing something needed to be done but were unsure of what and how to go about solving the issue." The two started making phone calls, reaching out to moms in the area who had similar concerns and issues with the opioid epidemic. One of these calls, was to the Mayor of Wilson, Carlton Stevens who is now the Vice Presi-

dent of the organization.

From a simple conversation, and a gathering of concerned mothers, MOMs on a Mission was created in February 2022. When asked how the organization name came to be, Melvin said, "MOMs on a Mission just came to me. Sitting in that room around that table with all those different mothers and dads sharing their story-it just came to me." The name of the organization was both suiting and prophetic for the change this organization was going to make.

Patricia Atkinson, the Outreach Coordinator of the orga-

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Hamilton: "Archaic Mindsets" Must Change

PARIS (AP) — Formula One great Lewis Hamilton said "archaic mindsets" have to change after retired champion Nelson Piquet reportedly used a racial slur against him.

Hamilton's comments came after F1 and FIA condemned racist language.

"It's more than language. These archaic mindsets need to change and have no place in our sport. I've been surrounded by these attitudes and targeted my whole life," Hamilton tweeted on Tuesday. "There has been plenty of time to learn. Time has come for action."

The only Black driver in F1, Hamilton is a seven-time world champion.

He also wrote in Portuguese, "Vamos focar em mudar a mentalidade" (Let's focus on changing the mindset), and responded to another tweet which used an expletive about Piquet, a 69-year-old Brazilian who won three F1 titles.

Piquet was discussing a crash between Hamilton and Max Verstappen during last year's British Grand Prix when Piquet used the



word "neguinho" — which means "little Black guy" — in November on a YouTube podcast named Enerto.

The word is not necessarily a racist slur in Brazil, but it is an expression that has been increasingly seen as distasteful, and its phrasing can also emphasize that.

Piquet's comment didn't go viral at the time, but suddenly did on Monday, although it is unclear

why it was so long after the interview.

Piquet is a staunch supporter of Brazil President Jair Bolsonaro, the far-right politician running for re-election in 100 days. Piquet previously drove Bolsonaro around Brasilia, which went viral.

"Discriminatory or racist language is unacceptable in any form and has no part in society. Lewis is an incredible ambas-

sador for our sport and deserves respect," F1 said in a statement. "His tireless efforts to increase diversity and inclusion are a lesson to many and something we are committed to at F1."

Hamilton has campaigned tirelessly to fight racism and has been outspoken on human rights abuses in countries where F1 goes racing. Motorsport governing body FIA also defended Hamilton.

"The FIA strongly condemns any racist or discriminatory language and behaviour, which have no place in sport or wider society," the FIA said. "We express our solidarity with @LewisHamilton and fully support his commitment to equality, diversity and inclusion in motor sport."

Hamilton's Mercedes team — known as the Silver Arrows — switched from silver to an all-black car in 2020 to support Hamilton's efforts to combat racism. Hamilton and most drivers took a knee before races in 2020 and 2021 as an anti-racism gesture. Hamilton also set up The Hamilton Commission to improve F1's diversity.



BILL FORCING NC SHERIFFS TO AID IMMIGRATION AGENTS REVIVED

RALEIGH, N.C. (AP) — Another effort by Republican lawmakers to force North Carolina's sheriffs to learn the immigration status of their jails' inmates and assist federal agents who want to detain them resurfaced at the General Assembly on Tuesday, more than a year after the legislation passed one chamber.

A House judiciary committee voted along party lines for a Senate measure that is only slightly different from a 2019 measure Democratic Gov. Roy Cooper successfully vetoed. Since the GOP's margins still are not veto-proof, the chances that the latest measure will become law remain low.

Tuesday's measure, which has not changed since it cleared the Senate in March 2021, is a GOP response to Democratic sheriffs in several urban counties who have decided not to work closely with U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement to identify and hold defendants believed to be in the country illegally.

The bill states that sheriffs and other jail administrators must determine whether any person charged with felony drug or violent crimes have ICE detainers seeking their custody. If a detainer is listed, deputies must take the inmate quickly to a local magistrate or judge who will decide whether to issue an order holding them. The additional hold would give ICE agents 48 hours to pick up the inmate. Given the recent increase in crime, the bill would "require local law enforcement to work with federal immigration officials in the interest of public safety and growing public concern," said Sen. Chuck Edwards, a Henderson County Republican, congressional candidate and bill sponsor.

Rep. Vernetta Alston, a Durham County Democrat and committee member, questioned the constitutionality of holding alleged offenders using detainers, which is not an arrest warrant. She also brought up the expenses to local jails to hold these defendants.

Several groups advocating for the poor and minority groups remain opposed to the bill, saying it would lead to more deportations of people who are in the country unlawfully.

"We believe that this bill circumvents the local authority of sheriffs," Stephanie Arteaga with the American Civil Liberties Union of

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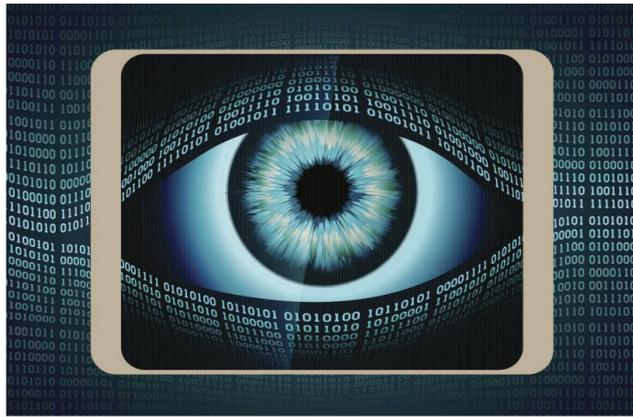
The Fourteenth Amendment was purposed in part to allow states to disenfranchise those convicted of rebellion or other crimes, a clause that was intended to limit the voting rights of former Confederate soldiers. Ironically, during the “war on drugs,” this same legal argument resulted in the vote being denied to thousands of Black Americans who, as a group, have been disproportionately convicted of drug offenses. The very amendment that was written to ensure equal rights for Black Americans provides a mechanism to make them second-class citizens.

The vagueness of the amendment means it can be interpreted differently based on the Court’s understanding and political leaning. The U.S. Constitution, as it emerged from the Constitutional Convention in the summer of 1787, created a new system of government that was uniquely American at the time. It created a federal national government, with specific powers, and state

governments that retained the powers they had not delegated to the central government.

The principle of the Tenth Amendment is specific - if the Constitution does not give the federal government a certain power, that power is kept by the states and the people. The idea that a distant central government knew better than the people of each individual state the kinds of laws that were necessary would have been puzzling to most people at the time.

The wording of the Bill of Rights, the first 10 amendments to the Constitution, prevented those rights from being applied to the states. Only the passage of the Fourteenth Amendment created a formal framework for extending certain aspects of the Bill of Rights to apply to the states, eventually applied in an unfolding legal doctrine known as incorporation. Through incorporation, the Supreme Court decides, on a case-by-case basis, which provisions of the Bill of Rights it wishes to apply to the



states through the due process clause.

Incorporation increased the Supreme Court’s power to define rights, and changed the meaning of the Bill of Rights from a series of limits on government power to a set of rights belonging to the individual and guaranteed by the federal government. With incorporation, the Supreme Court became busier and more influential. The federal government became more intrusive as it sought to protect citizens.

With *Roe v. Wade* overturned, what’s next?

The Court overturned its earlier decision, saying it was an abuse of power. The opinion

states, “It is time to heed the Constitution and return the issue of abortion to the people’s elected representatives. The permissibility of abortion, and the limitations, upon it, are to be resolved like most important questions in our democracy: by citizens trying to persuade one another and then voting. ... That is what the Constitution and the rule of law demand.”

North Carolina is the Southern state least likely to outlaw abortion. The state’s pre-*Roe* ban is blocked by the courts, and there is no trigger law on the books. The governor is unlikely to sign a bill banning abortion, and opponents are not expected to have

the votes to immediately push through any change.

North Carolina does have a 1973 20-week ban on the books that was modified in 2015 but has never been enforced and was blocked by a recent 4th Circuit Court of Appeals ruling.

Some states already are taking steps to enshrine the right to abortion in state law. Democratic governors have signed laws protecting reproductive rights and announced their intention to be able to provide abortion services to people who live in states where the procedure is restricted.

Privacy Law

The reversal brings potential consequences to commercial businesses when considering the absence of a comprehensive federal data privacy law. Because law enforcement officers often access data from the private sector (hello Google), the massive scope and scale of data collection by internet platforms and consumer devices introduce unique questions over the appropriate limitations of government surveillance to enforce state laws, including any current or upcoming abortion restrictions.

Consider how targeted advertisements for pregnancy or baby-related products creep into our devices. This aggregated data could become a digital trail for law enforcement to compile

evidence against individuals who are searching for access to or seeking to have an abortion.

“The tech platforms have a major role to play here,” said Dana Sussman, deputy executive director of the National Advocates for Pregnant Women, a nonprofit that provides legal defense for pregnant people. Sussman said companies should use their vast resources to challenge court orders for information related to abortion or pregnancy loss cases.

“The reality is, prosecutors’ offices have a certain amount of resources,” Sussman said. “And if they think that the best way to use their resources to improve the quality of life in their community is to fight to get the digital footprint of people who are pregnant, then they’re going to have to expend those resources, and they don’t have limitless resources. So if tech companies can make it much, much, much more difficult for them to access this information, that will play a huge role in stymieing their ability to bring these prosecutions.”

There may be a silver lining in this post-*Roe* era. We are in a situation affecting millions of people that could lead to a reset in how people think about data privacy in general. And that can only be a good thing.

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North Carolina told the committee. “This program perpetuates fear and distrust among immigrant communities and local law enforcement.”

The measure would have to clear one more House committee before it could reach the chamber floor. Legislative leaders are seeking to end this year’s chief work session by the end of the week.

NC GOP UNVEILS BUDGET; HOUSE BACKS MEDICAID EXPANSION PATH

RALEIGH, N.C. (AP) — North Carolina Republican legislative leaders on Tuesday unveiled state budget adjustments for the coming year, proposing to spend or set aside billions in expected extra tax collections to raise worker pay, recruit companies, build more infrastructure and combat inflation.

The legislation, which will be voted on later this week before heading to Democratic Gov. Roy Cooper’s desk, spends \$27.9 billion in the second year of a two-year budget that was already enacted last November. The changes reflect expectations that state coffers will take in \$6.2 billion more than anticipated earlier in the current fiscal year and the new year, which begins Friday.

Absent from the legislative agreement are additional tax cuts beyond the income tax reductions already set in motion when the two-year budget was signed by Cooper. Republicans from both chambers had talked publicly for weeks about considering more tax breaks to citizens struggling with inflation and other economic pressures. But they ultimately decided against it.

“This is the budget that we have ... it is the right budget for North Carolina at this time,” Senate leader Phil Berger said at a Legislative Building news conference. “Some things made the cut but some things didn’t.”

Berger and House Speaker Tim Moore portrayed the plan as a bulwark against what they consider a coming recession and inflation that has ratcheted up prices for government projects and eroded buying power. The bill sets aside an additional \$1 billion for a new “Stabilization and Inflation Reserve” and builds the state’s rainy-day reserve to a record \$4.75 billion.

“We’re going to run a government as much like a business as possible,” Moore added. “We’re going to live within our means. We’re not going to overspend. We’re not going to overtax.”

The proposal doesn’t spend as much as the \$29.3 billion that Cooper wanted to spend in his budget that he released in May, but it still places \$7.7 billion in various reserves. The pay raises aren’t as high as Cooper wanted.

The legislative plan would increase next year’s 2.5% raise for rank-and-file state employees already in place to 3.5%, while average pay raises for teachers for the upcoming school year would grow from roughly 2.5% to 4.2%, with first-year teachers seeing base salaries of \$37,000.

Unlike other measures, the adjustments are contained in a bill that can’t be amended before the up-or-down floor votes later this week. Republican leaders negotiated them privately, but did speak with Cooper before their release.

A Cooper spokesperson said the governor would review the full proposal. Berger said GOP leaders have received no commitment from Cooper, but “it is our hope and really expectation that he will either sign it or let it become law.”

Sigma Gamma Rho Covid Vaccine Event

By Tyria McCray

Staff Writer

Raleigh community members gathered at the Dream Center Body of Christ Church in Raleigh for a free health care and vaccine event this past weekend.

To make COVID-19 vaccines more accessible to Raleigh’s Black community, the W. Montague Cobb/NMA Health Institute/Stay Well Community partnered with the Beta Lambda Sigma Chapter of Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc. and The Dream Center to host the pop-up vaccine event.

Health screenings, COVID vaccines for children and adults, booster shots, giveaways, at-home tests and doctors were on site as well.

This event is just one of the many stops on the W. Montague Institute tour of cities across the U.S. to bring more vaccine equity to eligible adults and children, drive higher vaccine rates in hesitant Black communities,



as well as provide valuable information from trusted health-care experts.

So far, the tour has had almost 4,500 attendees with more than 1,700 of them getting vaccinated in its 19 targeted cities. There are more events in the works for this spring and summer.

During the event, pediatric doctors, Wake County Health and Human Services professionals, and the ladies of Sigma

Gamma Rho held a panel discussion to address why getting the vaccine is necessary as well as address any concerns that the community has.

Dr. Karen Smith, who has a family medicine private practice in Raeford, stated that according to the CDC data, only 48 percent of Black residents in Wake County have received at least one dose of a COVID vaccine and just 46 percent have

received a booster shot.

She also stressed that even with mask mandates and restrictions being lifted, a new and even more dangerous variant can emerge at any time and vast numbers of people remain unvaccinated.

Senior Engineer Manager at Red Hat and member of Sigma Gamma Rho Tramaine Darby spoke on why this event is needed.

“At Sigma Gamma Rho, our mission is to help the health of the community. Whereas the financial, mental, and social health is a very important part of our mission so we wanted to make sure that we bring this event to the community because vaccinations are our best way of preventing new variants and making sure our community stays healthy.”

“So far, the event today is going well, we have some folks out here getting vaccinated and I have gotten my COVID-19 booster shot as well. So we are very happy today!”

LGBTQ: In A Constant Battle For Pride

By Sarah Jones

Staff Writer

In our world we are constantly at battle. At battle with society and its unrealistic expectations. At battle with our neighbors who hold different beliefs. At battle with time. But most importantly we are often at battle with ourselves for being or maybe not being who we are supposed to be.

For many of us we are taught we should be seen and not heard and somewhere along those lines, with the pressure of society we end up suppressing or even hiding the most important pieces of ourselves. This way of living holds a secret truth in all our lives but many of these feelings resonate heavily amongst the LGBTQ+ community.

To many PRIDE is more than a collection of parades. It’s a way to celebrate LGBTQ+ culture, a memorial to those of the community who have left too soon, a spin on political expression but most of all it’s a way for the members of LGBTQ+ to share their voice.

During a time where individuality is good until it becomes weird and having a voice is admirable until you’ve said too much and many of us are taught to blend in, the month of Pride can truly be an amazing event.

I took it upon myself to interview two people who identify within the LGBTQ+ community and to share their stories and unlock what PRIDE means to them.

The people of the LGBTQ+ community face many obstacles when coming to terms with their identity and living out their life. In high school, one of my closest friends, “AJ,” identified as a gay male.

As I reflect back on my days in high school, I remember him always being the life of the party and having an unyielding passion for the arts. When I asked AJ about what his life was like before coming out the closest, he compared it to living in a fishbowl.

“I felt like I lived my life swimming in circles. I would wake up each day hoping to be in a different place, but I was always trapped in the same bowl.”



When describing his life now he compared it to finally getting a taste of the “open ocean.” AJ still hasn’t come completely out of the closet but says, “Those who I want to know do, and that just makes it even more special.” AJ went on to explain how he shares the most important part of himself with those most important to him.

Like many members in the community, he’s created his own world, a close circle of friends and family who know who he truly is and for now that’s good enough for him. When asked if his identity in the queer community affected his life as a Black man and his relationships, he had he had this to say.

“I think a lot of times there is a lot of pressure in not just men but Black men in society to be strong. When I first came out to my Dad, I felt stripped of everything that made me a man in his eyes. Now that I’m older I realize I define what strength and manhood means to me. It took a few years, but I think I’m there.”

It took AJ five years to come out to his family and this PRIDE marks the sixth year of him embracing his identity.

For a lot of members in the LGBTQ+ community they find themselves creating their own worlds. They challenge what society has deemed acceptable and find the acceptance in themselves. They surround each other with love, replacing the struggles

they had to endure with compassion.

For Gabbie Gould in particular, the road to acceptance has been something she has had to navigate within herself. Gabbie, now 21, grew up in a conservative Catholic church. She first realized she identified as bisexual when she met her partner at the age of 14. Her coming out unleashed a load of internal battles and ignited a journey of self-discovery. For Gabbie, it was judgement that was the biggest opponent in her coming out story.

“It was a lot more judgement than I had ever received in my life. It was more silent judgement than anything. It was the stares, the broken relationships, and people stepping back or distancing themselves.” These are challenges for anyone at any age but at 14, it forced Gabbie to grow up quickly.

“It was hard but when you are with someone you love and care for you put those things aside.”

Gabbie describes her coming out with mixed emotions. Her inner self was filled with pride for being true to herself, but she was constantly combatted with the negative views from society and the church. When asked if she could put these feelings into words, she said it felt “freeing” and “restricting” at the same time.

She couldn’t be herself around family because she knew their views. She had an inner battle constantly seeking approval that

she knew from some would never come.

She says, “When you finally accept yourself and experience those troublesome moments it’s a whole new journey of amazement.” Gabbie describes her first relationship after coming out as something that can never be matched. When asked to go into further detail she said, “it’s just a love I haven’t felt since.”

Fear of rejection from society, from family and by friends are some of the biggest factors that keep people from coming out, but the most important part of coming out is the self-acceptance.

Gabbie closed our interview with words to her younger self and to someone out there who may be struggling as she did seven years ago.

“People who don’t truly accept you and are too naïve to open up are not your everything. You will be accepted in some way by someone. Accepting yourself opens so many doors for you in the sense of self love and self-help.”

For Gabbie coming out wasn’t a linear journey. It had its moments of confusion and for a short period of time she didn’t give herself a label. To her, PRIDE is the opportunity for people like her to “feel seen and loved.”

She says, “It’s our chance to come together and not hide anymore.”

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M&F Bancorp, Inc. Receives \$80 Million

DURHAM— M&F Bancorp, Inc. (the "Company"), parent company of M&F Bank (the "Bank"), the second-oldest African American-owned bank in the United States, announced that it has successfully closed on an \$80 million investment from the U.S. Treasury as part of the Emergency Capital Investment Program ("ECIP").

In exchange for this investment, the Company issued 80,000 shares of Senior Non-Cumulative Perpetual Preferred Stock, Series E (the "Series E Preferred Stock") to the U.S. Treasury. The Series E Preferred Stock, which qualifies as Tier 1 capital for regulatory purposes, has limited voting rights, no maturity date and ranks senior to the Company's common stock with respect to the payment of dividends and distributions and amounts payable upon liquidation, dissolution

and winding-up of the Company.

No dividends are payable on the Series E Preferred Stock during years 1 and 2. Thereafter, noncumulative dividends are payable at a rate 0.5% to 2.0%, with the actual rate determined during years 3-10 based on the Bank's annual qualified lending amount and thereafter fixed at a rate based on the Bank's average qualified lending amount.

"As a result of this investment, the Company's capital now exceeds \$119.0 million. This investment is a testament to the strength of the M&F Bank franchise, the health and soundness of the Company and its abilities to positively impact disadvantaged communities within its markets," commented James H. Sills, III, M&F Bank's President and CEO. "This investment will allow us to build on our recent successes by

providing even more ways for us to support small businesses in our community."

Established by the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2021, the ECIP was created to encourage low- and moderate-income community financial institutions to enhance their support of small businesses and consumers in their communities.

Through the ECIP, the U.S. Treasury will provide up to \$9 billion in capital directly to depository institutions that are certified Community Development Financial Institutions ("CDFIs") or Minority Depository Institutions ("MDIs") - like the Company. The additional capital will help the Bank make loans to small businesses, minority-owned businesses, and consumers all across North Carolina. These funds will especially support businesses in low-

income and underserved communities that may have been disproportionately impacted by the economic effects of the COVID-19 pandemic.

This investment will be transformational in that it will allow the company to continue to implement technology enhancements, provide more lending capacity in additional communities, build relationships with financial partners to provide additional services, and provide more robust financial literacy platforms for the benefit of the communities it serves.

As an independent community bank, M&F Bank is committed to providing competitive and holistic financial solutions, as well as stellar customer service, to individuals and businesses located in Durham, Raleigh, Greensboro, Winston-Salem, and Charlotte.

FUNDraising Good Times

By Mel & Pearl Shaw
Saad & Shaw



CAN YOU STAY IN YOUR LANE?

For a small nonprofit, is it feasible or practical to "stay in your lane" as a fundraising professional? Should you instead be "wearing many hats?"

We have so many phrases to talk about our work lives, and these seem to multiply when we talk about those who work in fundraising within the nonprofit sector. Here are two phrases we have been exposed to, each used in a sentence. "I'm staying in my lane, and not getting involved in anything that's not all about fundraising." This is usually followed by something like, "If I get involved in everything else that is going on around here there will be nobody focused on raising money." Here's the second phrase: "We're all team players here; we wear many hats." That's usually code for "drop everything and help us deal with this situation."

With this column we will make clear our ambiguous feelings about these phrases and the perspectives they reveal. First, somebody has to be focused on fundraising. In 99.9 percent of cases money does not appear just when it is needed. Rather there is at least one person focused on what work needs to be done by when, and by whom, so that money can come in the door. If you are a frequent reader of this column, you know that we are always promoting the fact that "fundraising is 90 percent preparation and 10 percent solicitation." When the person responsible for fundraising gets pulled into other aspects of an organization's work, they often lose their focus, due-dates slip, time passes, and work towards fundraising goals comes to a standstill.

On the other hand, no one person can take full responsibility for fundraising. Within a nonprofit—especially a small one—we are often faced with the reality that everyone is dependent on everyone else, and we really do all have to work together. For fundraising staff, that means breaking the sacred vow to "stay in my lane." But this is not just for the benefit of those we serve and our co-workers. We gain too. That's due to the law of reciprocity: if you help out others, they will help you out. No matter how great a fundraiser you believe yourself to be, you cannot do it alone. You need board members and your CEO to approve your plans, and often to accompany you on cultivation and solicitation visits or Zoom calls. There are doors you cannot walk through that a volunteer can. And there are people who won't want to talk to you for anyone of a long list of rational or irrational reasons. That means you need to have a team that supports you when you need that extra hand. And believe us, you will need to impose on others to help.

Successful fundraising requires cooperation, flexibility, and a letting go of egos and insecurity. You can't be worried about who is going to get credit for what. You've got to stay focused and, in your lane, while wearing many hats!

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No Water Access Costs U.S. \$8.6B/Year

CHARLESTON, W.Va. (AP) — At least 2 million Americans don't have running water or a working toilet at home, a crisis that costs the U.S. economy \$8.58 billion each year, according to a report released Tuesday by nonprofit DigDeep.

These water access issues disproportionately impact Indigenous tribes, people of color, immigrants, low-income people and those living in rural areas — communities that have been largely excluded from past investments in water infrastructure, according to the report.

"Closing the water access gap will help correct these inequities, and directly benefit underserved communities," the report says.

California-based DigDeep compiled the report, "Draining: The Economic Impact of America's Hidden Water Crisis," using U.S. Census and other data to estimate the price tag of life without a toilet or tap.

The study found households without water and sanitation access spend an average of \$15,800 a year more than other households in healthcare costs, lost productivity at work and at school and other issues. Purchasing bottled drinking water costs a family an average of \$1,350 a year — an estimated \$291 million for all households living without access across the country.

In many cases, those costs amount to more than that household's annual income.

"People are really feeling this at the gas pump and in their home budgets and no one's feeling it more than people who are



already spending a third or half of their monthly income just to get enough water to survive," DigDeep CEO and Founder George McGraw told The Associated Press.

Families living in places like West Virginia and Navajo Nation in the western U.S. spend hours each week hauling water from streams, wells, or grocery stores, McGraw said. They have a higher risk of waterborne disease, diabetes, physical injury and acute mental stress.

The report estimates that the increased risk of disease, physical injuries from hauling water,

and greater overall healthcare bills that come from lack of water and sanitation access across the U.S. cost a total average of \$762 million a year. Each year, the water access gap causes 219,000 cases of waterborne illness and kills an estimated 610 people, according to the report.

In 2019, DigDeep released a report with US Water Alliance revealing that more than 2.2 million Americans live without running water or a flush toilet at home.

"Now we are finally able to measure the true magnitude of those impacts in real dollars.

We must close the water access gap," McGraw said. "As this report shows, we can't afford not to."

The report suggests a number of recommendations to close the water gap, including that Congress appropriate around \$42 billion in new spending to create long-term, sustainable water and sanitation access for all Americans. That includes \$18.4 billion over the next 10 years.

DigDeep estimates that closing the water access gap could create nearly \$200 billion of economic value over the next 50 years.

Investment Ideas For Kids: Starting Them Early

As a parent, you may be looking for ways to help your child learn about managing money and building wealth. Investing is a great way to do this. With time and planning, your kids could be well on their way to financial security and independence.

First, ensure your child understands the meaning of investing in stocks or other securities. Start Early

Investment ideas for kids can be as simple as depositing money into stocks or bonds that pay interest. This type of investment has the potential for higher returns than traditional savings accounts.

Investing is scary, but it doesn't have to be. It's not only a great way to teach young kids about money, but it could also be a brilliant financial move. Just make sure you're explaining the basics at the level they can understand.

1) Stocks: When you invest in stocks, you buy a company's shares. Stocks can be expensive and risky, making them an ideal investment for older children who have had more time to learn about money and investing.

2) Mutual Funds: One of the best ways to invest is through mutual funds. Mutual funds are made up of stocks from different companies, so you don't have to worry about looking for individual stocks or choosing the right ones for your child.

3) A savings account: A savings account for a child isn't just a place to store their money. It's also a way for them to learn about the value of saving and taking care of money. Childhood is a time when kids are more than willing to learn. They are open to trying new things and exploring the world around them. Investing in your kids - by teaching them to invest early on - will save you money in the long run.



The earlier you start investing in your children, the better their chance of doing well in school and getting into a good college or university.

Setting up an account for them with money for their future will teach them about savings, compound interest, and long-term planning skills. They'll be better prepared to buy their first home or car when they get older. Teaching children about saving money now will help them become more financially responsible adults when they grow up. Can Kids Start Investing Early On?

Kids can start investing in the stock market at a young age. They can buy stocks individually or through their parents' brokerage accounts. The most popular stocks for children are Disney, Microsoft, and Amazon.

For kids too young to open a brokerage account, their parents can open one with the help of a financial advisor. It is important to teach kids about money when they are young to know how to manage it when they grow up. Investing at an Early Age Children aged 4-8 are a major target of many financial literacy campaigns. These children have been seen as being crucial for

the future, and so it is essential that they have a firm understanding of money and how to make their investments. When these children grow up, the decisions they will be making will be more difficult and also more critical. Financial Literacy in Children Financial literacy is understanding how to manage money, debt, investments, and other forms of personal finance.

Children need to be financially literate just like adults. Teach them how to understand the value of money, how to make a budget, and what different types of investments are. Kids are naturally curious about so many things and the world around them. They want to enjoy, learn, understand and explore how things work. But many children grow up in households where their parents take care of the finances and don't ever involve them. This leaves kids without any knowledge or understanding about managing their finances as they age, and a growing percentage of children don't understand what it means to have debt or investments.

Parents, grandparents, and teachers need to use everyday situations to teach kids about the

role of money in their lives. They learn the value of making wiser decisions in their day-to-day life that will help them become financially more competent adults.

On Teaching Kids How to Save Saving money is a lifelong lesson that kids of all ages should start learning early on. One way to teach them is to get them involved in creating their investment ideas.

One of the most basic financial lessons for children is that people don't always have access to unlimited money, so saving money early can help them develop a habit of saving early and often. Another important lesson is how much interest can increase over time on saved money. Knowing the value of compound interest will help children better invest some of their savings now to earn more later and when they take on a job or career.

Best Way to Teach Kids About Investing Kids need to be able to save money and invest that money into something that will grow over time. The first step is to show them the basics of investing. This includes understanding what stocks are, how they work, and how they can make money.

Explain that buying stocks means betting the company will do well financially and share profits with investors over time. Explain that bonds are another kind of investment that pays interest to investors periodically until they reach maturity, at which point the investor receives the principal amount invested. The second step is ensuring kids understand the value of saving their money so they can start investing sooner than later. Lastly, giving kids opportunities for hands-on learning is essential to experience all the benefits of financial literacy throughout their lives.

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Social Security Benefits Help Seniors Get Enough Quality Food

THE CONVERSATION—Social Security benefits make it easier for older Americans to afford the food they need to live a healthy, active life, according to our recently published research.

Although this finding may seem obvious, to our knowledge this is the first study to directly examine the link between income from Social Security in old age and food insecurity, whereby a household can't get adequate food because it has insufficient money and other resources.

We used data from a unique national household survey, the Panel Study of Income Dynamics, to examine changes in the ability of a household to purchase food from year to year. We focused on how just under 1,000 households receiving Social Security benefits for the first time or experiencing an increase in Social Security benefits affected their food insecurity.

We found that becoming a Social Security beneficiary for the first time lowers the odds of food insecurity by 54%. After that, an increase in benefits by 10% reduced the probability of someone's being food insecure by over half a percentage point, we found.

Another way to put this: We estimate that if overall benefits



were increased by 10%, about half a million senior citizens would no longer be food insecure.

Unfortunately, in our view, the debate over Security Security isn't whether or how much to increase benefits but how much to cut them.

That's because the Old-Age and Survivors Insurance Trust Fund, which funds benefits, is expected

to be depleted by 2034, at which point Social Security taxes alone will cover just 77% of scheduled benefits.

Social Security was originally

conceived in 1934 as a way to cut poverty among older Americans. Researchers have previously shown that receiving Social Security income indeed reduces

overall levels of poverty among older Americans, but they didn't explicitly look at the impact on food security.

Since aging is often associated with increased medical expenses, these additional costs may offset any income gains seen from Social Security. Older adults with limited incomes may need to make difficult choices about what expenses to cover and may choose to prioritize health care expenses over food expenses.

Currently, 11% of adults age 60 or older are food insecure, which is a little higher than the 10.5% for all U.S. households. Seniors can begin receiving Social Security benefits as soon as age 62.

Our study suggests that cutting Social Security benefits would be likely to cause more retirees to struggle to access the food they need and push more retirees to enroll in government-sponsored programs such as SNAP, which provide funds to purchase food.

The impact of receiving Social

Security benefits varies from group to group.

The small sample size of the data set we used limited our ability to fully explore this. Continuing this research using a larger nationally representative data set such as the Current Population Survey could make it possible to explore this issue in more detail across different groups of people.

In addition, we did not explore exactly how Social Security benefits reduce food insecurity. Social Security benefits may have direct impacts by boosting income overall or by reducing fluctuations in income from month to month, allowing people to consistently acquire more healthy food. Social Security benefits may also affect food insecurity through indirect channels by improving physical or mental health. Future research that captures more detailed information about health and getting Social Security benefits could explore these impacts more closely.




FACT & FITNESS
By Jeneea Jervay-Bush, M.S.

HEALTH INDICATORS: WHAT'S ON YOUR LIST? PART 2 ...continued from last week.

What do you think of the Nutrova's Health Indicators' list? It includes "restful and consistent sleeping patterns, good energy levels, healthy bowel movement, healthy urinary system, healthy skin, healthy hair, good oral health and neutral-smelling breath, regular menstrual cycles (for women), healthy brain function, healthy heart, strong immune system, healthy eyes, and healthy bones" (<https://nutrova.com/blogs/health/13-fundamental-indicators-of-good-health-and-how-to-achieve-them>).

How did your list from last week compare to the Nutrova list? I'm not saying it's the end all and settles the question. What I am saying is that it was a lot better than the health indicators list I started with before researching the topic and revealed some of my bias. We all like to think we're objective and coldly evaluating the facts, but as I said last week there's no such thing as the absence of bias. If you can't name your bias, that bias is unaccounted for and likely skewing your view/opinion without your knowledge. This mini research project revealed one of my bias blind spots as, surprise surprise, slanting heavily towards fitness related topics to the exclusion of other relevant areas.

Let's talk specifics. My original health indicators list was healthy blood pressure, healthy weight according to the CDC BMI charts, a muscle mass percentage higher than or equal to body fat percentage, strength training at least twice a week, and at least 150 minutes of physical activity each week. That I had some of the tactical items that go into good energy levels, healthy heart, healthy bones is the only positive thing I can say about my initial list. Additionally, nutrition as a contributor to overall health was noticeably absent from my original list. I was humbled to say the least.

Growth is simultaneously humbling and wonderfully enabling. This expanded view of what healthy looks like is one that can be more thoughtfully applied across demographics and socio-economic class. The existence of a health indicators list minus our diet culture influences and obsession with weight loss feels like a breath of fresh air to me. How about you?

The Village Theory Still Holds True In Year 2022

THE CONVERSATION—Children growing up in more disadvantaged neighborhoods – meaning those with poor housing quality, more poverty and lower levels of employment and education – show observable increases in brain activity when viewing emotional faces on a screen, according to our team's new study. But importantly, we found that this association was true only when the adults in those neighborhoods also did not have strong shared norms about preventing crime and violence.

Our findings emphasize that where children live and the resources of others in the neighborhood may affect brain development. But neighbors may help protect children from these effects on the brain when they are able to build positive social norms about looking out for one another and preventing violence.

To get at these findings, we recruited families from neighborhoods in southern Michigan with above-average levels of disadvantage. We used functional magnetic resonance imaging, or fMRI, to measure adolescents' brain activity while they looked at facial expressions of different emotions. We focused on observing brain activity in the amygdala, a region of the brain responsible for detecting threats and processing emotions.

We used neighborhood census data on factors such as home ownership rates, percentage of families living below the poverty line and percent unemployed to measure neighborhood disadvantage. We then asked randomly selected neighbors of each family to answer questions about the social norms within their neighborhoods, especially regarding shared beliefs about crime and violence prevention.

We found that youth ages 7 to 19 who lived in neighborhoods with more disadvantage had greater reactivity in the amygdala to fearful and angry faces. But neighbors who shared strong social norms, such as believing that adults should do something if children are fighting, seemed to offset this effect. That is, neighborhood disadvantage was related to amygdala reactivity only when neighbors had more hands-off attitudes about preventing violence.

In 2020, approximately 6.4 million children in the U.S. were living in neighborhoods with poverty rates of 30% or more. Studies show that youths growing up in more impoverished neighborhoods are more likely to perform worse in school and have greater mental health problems.

Disadvantaged neighborhoods introduce higher risks for children that go beyond a family's own resources or environment. This is because these neighborhoods increase children's exposure to violent crime and physical hazards such as pollution, toxicants and street traffic, and they decrease access to healthy food options and high-quality schools.

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Parting Agrarian Ways Ultimately Broke The Black Family

By Jason Lindsay

Staff Writer

Black people in America are an agrarian people. It is in the blood. It was our advanced agriculture technology and methodology that made us the target for the Trans-Atlantic Slave Trade. It was our indigenous pathways that connected us to the land in understanding that we had a role to play in her upkeep and when we took care of her, she in return would always take care of us.

Just two generations ago every Black family in the south had a garden in the yard, or chickens in the back, or a random pig they were fattening for the holidays even if they were not a farming family. This was simply because we are an agrarian people. We did it because it was what we knew. It was what our parents did. It was the adhesive that sustained our family and the thread that wove us together as a community.

There used to be no saying like: "black fork can't work together" because we did, we had too. Tactics were generated to make farming to scale possible. Farmers would come together on another's farms methodically to increase production capacities and rotate from one farm to another until every farm was touched. We would gather on our porches and snap beans or shuck corn, or assemble in their kitchens to stuff sausage.

In early winter, families would congregate for the "hog killing." An annual ritual that would send every participating family in the community home with extra meat to insure their well-being during the harsh winter months.

There were also canning and preserving parties that were



riddled with laughter and strong conversation; all in which confirmed and reinforced the importance of family and families together (community). The family was the farm and families together were the community. Our agrarian roots grounded and fed our families and connected us as a community.

Fourteen percent of America's farm population was Black in the 1920s in a time that Blacks only made-up 9.9 percent of the total United States population. Together we stewarded 16 million acres across the country, not including the sharecropping families. This land hosted over one million Black farmers, again not includ-

ing sharecroppers.

Over 80 percent of African Americans households were dual (with both mother and father in the home), Black women were more likely to be married than white women, and there was more of a tendency for extended family to live together. It was this time that elders and ancestors explained that "you could get away with nothing" as a child, simply because of relationships. The mother from up the road would catch you throwing those rocks when you had no business and if she didn't chastise you herself by the time you made it home your parents already knew and they chastised

you. The community was a well woven patch blanket and agriculture was the backing.

Yet, things changed. Let me paint no fairy tale. During this time living for Black folk in America was made hard by white supremacist and backed by the United States government. The guns that were used to form the Ku Klux Klan were the same weapons used by the confederate army. State and national legislation alongside local authority made it possible for Black folk to be ran off of their land. The new occupants would be their white counterparts, with the land newly deeded to them at the count house.

New Rule Hurts America's Small Farms

By Gabriella Hoffman

RealClearEnergy

As small farming and ranching operations struggle to bounce back from the COVID-19 pandemic and supply-chain disruptions, the federal government is preparing to throw another hurdle their way.

In March, the Security and Exchange Commission (SEC), a governmental outfit purporting to "promote a market environment that is worthy of the public's trust," proposed a new Environmental, Social, and Governance (ESG) rule. Billed as the "Enhanced and Standardization of Climate-Related Disclosures for Investors," it would require registrants who do business with small operators "to include certain climate-related disclosures" called Scope 3 Emissions—indirect (upstream or downstream) emissions occurring in the value chain of the reporting company.

Farmers and ranchers, however, aren't public companies nor "registrants" reporting to the agency. But the aforementioned provision will adversely affect their operations and impose steep costs and liabilities.

First, the agency's new rule is unenforceable as it cannot regulate non-financial goals like ESG—including Scope 3 greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions goals. Why? Political goals fall outside their purview.

As spelled out in Section 13(a) of the Securities Exchange Act

of 1934, the SEC can only create rules deemed "necessary or appropriate for the proper protection of investors and to insure fair dealing in the security." ESG principles, as understood, don't make businesses more secure—just more vulnerable to politicization.

Unelected SEC staff cannot compel registrants to disclose information of their business partners. Only Congress is constitutionally authorized to craft bills relating to climate and environmental regulations—not the SEC. The Mercatus Center notes, "The SEC has therefore concluded that it is generally not authorized to order disclosures relating to environmental, sustainability, or other social goals except in response to 'a specific congressional mandate.'"

Small owners and operators are already subjected to onerous regulations by local, state, and federal laws. Why put more strains on struggling businesses that feed and nourish us? It wouldn't be fair.

Demanding these smaller producers adopt more rigorous reporting regimes in this manner would also invite massive privacy concerns.

Unlike corporations, small and medium-sized agribusinesses typically run their operations out of their personal residences. For instance, disclosing data regarding individual operations and day-to-day activities—if made public—could invite threats by agriculture industry opponents

and make them the target of radical environmentalists and animal rights activists intent on disrupting and stopping their operations altogether.

Unfortunately for the SEC, the courts have previously ruled against governmental agencies that force disclosure of sensitive personal data. The Eight Circuit Court of Appeals ruled in *American Farm Bureau Federation v. EPA* (2016) that the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) disclosing spreadsheets containing personal information of farmers invites "substantial privacy interest of the owners while furthering little in the way of public interest that is cognizable under FOIA" and would "constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy."

If the agency goes down this route, registrants working with small companies won't trust them to handle disclosures containing sensitive information going forward. And they shouldn't.

Given constraints already placed on small agribusinesses, disclosing personal data would place an enormous financial strain on them. To meet new demands, farmers and ranches would have more time dedicated to collecting data and less time on their food products.

Farm management software (FMS), for instance, isn't cheap nor heavily utilized by most farmers and ranchers. It's reported software would cost these small businesses an additional \$1,200 annually. Moreover, a 2018

survey of nearly 1,500 farmers found 69 percent still use non-computerized tools for their day-to-day operations compared to 16.5 percent who chiefly rely on FMS systems.

Ultimately, adopting a rigorous reporting data regime would make it impossible for these small businesses to focus on their bottom line: feeding, fueling, and clothing the U.S. and beyond.

If this rule proceeds, the SEC will betray its mission to "protect investors, facilitate capital formation, and foster fair, orderly, and efficient markets." Worse, the Scope 3 considerations would result in the closure of small businesses and force SEC registrants to seek food products from businesses outside the U.S.—making our nation highly vulnerable to food insecurity.

In response, a bipartisan group of 118 House members, including swing district Democrats Reps. Elaine Luria (D-VA) and Elise Stokin (D-MI), have demanded the agency scrap the rule altogether ahead of its comment period deadline on June 17th, 2022. Trump-appointed SEC Commissioner Hester M. Piece has also voiced her opposition to the proposal because it would undermine the agency's disclosure regime and harm the economy.

Farmers and ranchers are conservationists who are mindful of their environmental footprint. They don't need to heed SEC directives to properly steward their lands.

American institutions such as USDA (United States Department of Agriculture (which was formed to aid and assist the success of American farms) targeted Black farms by writing unfair loans if you could get one, but in most cases Black farmers were denied all together.

The undergirding, as Dr. Martin Luther King put it, the white farmers were given to nurture their farms, whether to farm or not to farm, was overwhelmingly absent in the Black community. In cases where it was present it was unjust. Such contracts were never given to the white farmer.

USDA discrimination reached such an extreme that the largest civil right settlement in human history was a lawsuit where Black farmers sued USDA (*Pigford v. Glickman*) and this case only accounts for injustices rendered from 1981-1996; over ten years after the end of the Great Migration (the movement of over six million African American out of the rural South into the Northwest, West, and Northeast (1910-1970).

Before the great migration the south was home to 90 percent of Black people (1916). By the end of the migration 47 percent of African Americans lived in the North or the West. Black folk were fleeing the condition exploited on them from the south in search of better living. Southern Black families begin teaching their children to leave the farm even if they didn't leave the south because conditions were made so hard for the Black farming family. This among other things literally split the Black collective family. And it was during and after these accounts that the Black family begin to crumble.

In the south, where land was plentiful, family expenses would be subsidized by the farm. Even in farming families there were still subsidy gardens planted for the family and to share with neighbors. But the north and west didn't necessarily accommodate these privileges. This was when papa became the rolling stone.

By the 1940s, 18 percent of Black households were single parent, by the 60s, 24 percent. By the 80s, only 55 percent of the

Black community lived with both parents and by 2015, 67 percent of Black children lived in single family homes, 57.6 percent of those were fatherless. I think it safe to say: so went our agrarian ways so went our family.

It wasn't just the Black family that diminished, but Black-owned land did too. Today, less than two percent of farm land in America is owned by African Americans. We have gone from owning 16 million acres to currently holding only 4.7 million (0.5 percent of the United States), 3.1 million of which has been lost since the year 2000.

On the other hand, white folk account for 96 percent of privately owned land, 97 percent of the land's value in America, and 98 percent of farmland acreage.

We as Black folk of America must take hold of our agrarian lifeline. The land is calling us and many of us are answering.

In many indigenous traditions it is stated that one must be in an area for three generations to truly belong. From 1965-1970 the south lost 280,000 Black people, yet from 1975 to 1980, 100,000 returned. Since the 1990's the population of Black folk in the south is steadily increasing. The population in Atlanta, GA has more than doubled (nearly 2 million), the same with Charlotte, NC and Dallas, TX. Less densely populated areas such as Arkansas and Alabama are seeing significant increase in the Black population that is steadily rising. NYC still has the largest concentration of Black folk in the country, but is now followed by Florida and Texas when once was Illinois (Chicago) and California. It is a fact that 82 percent of African Americans that have moved regions moved to the south.

The land is calling, and we are answering. Even outside of the "New Migration," Black folks are planting in their windows, reclaiming abandoned lots in their neighborhoods, and forming gardening and farming collectives just like their relatives of the south did many years ago.

For Black folk agrarianism is not just a lifeline, but an essential part of our bloodline. And a return to the land is a return to family.



First Baptist On Apple New Farmers Market

BURLINGTON—On Saturday an incredible display of community took hold in a field next to First Baptist on Apple church in Burlington. In the heart of a Black community, this church partnered with the Small Farms division of the NCDCA to bring minority farmers into an underserved community for the betterment of them both.

This event was the launch of the Farmers Market at the church. Twice monthly the community will be able to come purchase fresh produce directly from the hands that grew it.



USDA Announces Bioproduct Pilot Program

WASHINGTON—Tuesday, Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack announced the U.S. Department of Agriculture is accepting applications for a new pilot program created under President Biden's historic Bipartisan Infrastructure Law to support the development of biobased products that have lower carbon

footprints and increase the use of renewable agricultural materials, creating new revenue streams for farmers. This \$10 million investment is part of the Biden-Administration's ongoing work to rebuild our infrastructure and create good-paying jobs and economic opportunity in our rural communities.

Secretary Vilsack visited Dan and Debbie's Creamery, a family-owned operation in Ely, Iowa, and met to discuss what impact this bioproduct pilot program and resulting innovations will have on operations like theirs, as well as the customers they serve. Dan and Debbie's Creamery farm about 500 acres and have a 120 head dairy operation.

"Dan and Debbie represent the many American farmers, families and communities USDA is called to serve," Vilsack said. "This pilot program is a critical part of USDA's commitment to enhancing the circular economy and providing additional revenue streams for farmers. This program will help farmers take field residues and waste products and turn them into value-added products that create wealth and drive economic development in rural areas."

Under this program, the USDA National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA) can award up to \$10 million divided among the highest rated applications that include eligible universities and private-sector

partners.

The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law provided funds for sustainable bioproduct manufacturing for construction and consumer products. The statute directs USDA to partner with "not less than one institution" to study the benefits of using materials derived from a very broad definition of "covered agricultural commodities."

Complete information on this funding opportunity can be found on the NIFA website at: www.nifa.usda.gov/grants/funding-opportunities/bioproduct-pilot-program. An informational webinar for those interested in applying will be held on July 14, 2022, at 2:00 – 3:30 pm Central Time. To register, please visit the Bioproduct Pilot Program Informational Webinar page.

This project will be implemented by a team of USDA experts from NIFA's Institute of Bioenergy, Climate and Environment, USDA Rural Development's BioPreferred Program and the U.S. Forest Service Wood Innovations Team and Forest Products Lab.



Community

MOMs: Embalming Fluid, Fentanyl, Opioids —CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

nization says, "Right now what is keeping me going is Moms on a Mission. I feel like I can help someone else's child. I feel like I could be a counselor, a mentor. I feel like my story will help another family."

Since 2020, Mayor Carlton Stevens had been trying to address the opioid issue. It was a task fueled by passion, having lost his brother to overdose years prior. He says, "I wanted to address the opioid crisis that we have in our city because in my opinion it wasn't being done."

After taking many different approaches to address the issue, he was still hitting roadblocks, "In hindsight, I now realize that wasn't the road God needed me to go down." He says that he saw the path he needed to take the moment he met with the women who compose the MOM's board. He described the group of women as a "powerhouse."

After their first gathering, the ball was rolling, and the creation of MOMs was put into action. A week after the initial meeting the group obtained all their official documentation, "We knew what we needed to do, and we stuck together," said Mayor Stevens.

As he looked around the room at Katina Shackelford, Patricia Atkinson and Carolyn Sessoms, all mothers whose children have been lost or incarcerated, he said "I'm a pretty strong guy but if I lost a child, I don't know how effective I would be at living help someone else. But these women-I don't know-you just have to be around them long enough."

Betessa Ethridge, the treasurer for MOMs has been acting as the "boots on the ground" since the organization started in February of this year. "I'm the type of person who loves to help peo-



ple fight. I like to work around the bend. I always tell them I'm down for whatever and I'm here for everything."

As a collective the group has hosted numerous events locally including a March that took place on Juneteenth weekend. Stevens has said the city council is excited about the direction the organization is taking and they have been met with a surplus of support from the community. The march acted as symbolic way to take back the streets of the community and give motion to the movement of MOM's. Mayor Stevens said it was a way to present the people of Wilson as a united front against the opioid crisis.

"Black families are losing their children. White families are losing their children. Poor communities are losing theirs and rich are losing theirs. This drug has no respective person."

Since the opioid epidemic is a prevalent issue among all class-

es, the group is doing everything it can to educate those in all communities.

Recently, Alicia had been met with praise from a member of the community. He said, "What you are all doing- that's what needs to be done. You're not gonna get everyone off the streets and to stop using, but the more you talk about it they will hear you. Tell them what these drugs are going to do and how it's going to affect them."

MOMs plans to build a house to act as a Rehab facility by the end of the year. Stevens, says that this project has been near and dear to his heart since its beginning days, however, the project is still lacking funds to fulfill the project. "A journey of a thousand miles started with the first step, and we took the first step, said Stevens."

Melvin says that drug abuse and issues with mental health skyrocketed during COVID-19 and are still struggling to come

down, stating that, "100,000 people alone died from fentanyl poisoning during the pandemic. It's being manufactured and put into heroin, cocaine marijuana-everything. The alarm needs to be sounded. We need to get them help, not only for their addiction but for their mental health." She goes on to say mental wellness as well as dealing with the substance addiction needs to be treated closely together.

Melvin continued, stating that a lot of times people fall into addictive behaviors blind. "They think it's the answer not realizing the repercussions of it. They turn to drugs as a way to escape from reality."

As of now, the groups biggest approach has been educating the public. "You have to be abrupt. You have to disrupt and revolutionize. We are focused on awareness and prevention and letting people know the risks associated with the choices they make." Melvin says that all around she

has heard, "Education is key."

Ethridge, the treasurer of the organization noted that the lack of knowledge doesn't belong solely to the public but to those in the healthcare field as well. She says "there's a gap between what happened and what should have happened when dealing with individuals struggling with addiction." For this very reason, board members will be taking training to become substance abuse counselors as their organization continues to grow.

The organization holds confidential meetings every third Wednesday of the month. These meetings are a safe space where people come from all walks to discuss their experiences and concerns. Betessa says, "The whole goal and the mission of MOM's is to be the hub-to be that space where you find your resources and the people you can bond with and share your story." While MOM's continues to grow and gain traction, they know that they have yet to reach all of those who may need help. When asked what advice they would give to those silently struggling, Mayor Stevens had this to say:

"You have to love them enough to make sure they get what they need. You have to hold them accountable but most importantly

you have to know you're not in it alone."

He goes on to discuss how he never knew the hell that members were going through until it came to hearing their stories in meetings. "You don't know-you never know-just like they didn't know the hell we were going through when living our stories." Carolyn, who spoke for her son who is currently incarcerated stated "There's somebody out there that cares. Love yourself. Seek help and know that there is somebody out there that cares." Katina ended by saying that the stigma of silence needs to be broken, voicing that she wished it was something she would have done sooner. She noted that the moment you get past shame you can start sharing your story. She thought that through her silence she was protecting her son but says, "In reality, you need to talk about it."

"The fight is so much bigger than us" says Stevens. "Tyson was beat by an underdog. Right now, we are the underdog, and we are going to win."

When asked where they saw the organization in ten years the group painted an image of MOM's centers nationwide. When closing, Mayor Stevens said "The Sky is the Limit."



Beta Lambda Sigma Philo Affiliate of Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc. Awarded two (2) Mamie S. Haywood Book Scholarships on June 13, 2022 to Tommi Hayley Wilder (L) and Joshua C. Johnson (R). Tommi is the daughter of Jennifer and Tommy Wilder of Raleigh. She graduated from Saint Mary's School with honors. Tommi will attend North Carolina A & T State University in Greensboro in the fall. Joshua is the son of Keith & Johnsie Johnson, of Raleigh, NC. He graduated from South Garner High School with honors. Joshua will attend St. Augustine University in the fall.

Stand In Solidarity With The Incarcerated

By Tyria McCray

Staff Writer

In support of the June 26th UN International Day in Support of Victims of Torture, Emancipate NC, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization focused on mass incarceration and structural racism, along with NC Council of Churches, NC Justice Center, NC Peace Action, Disability Rights of NC, and more gathered Sunday at the John Chavis Memorial Center to observe the malicious links in the mistreatment of disproportionately Black and brown prisoners in the Guantanamo Bay Detention Center.

Thirty-five years ago, the UN Convention's use of torture was ratified by the 20th state party. Prisoners in North Carolina and Guantanamo Bay are still subjected to the cruel practices of solitary confinement which the U.N has confirmed as torture.

The American Psychological Association also stated that as a result of solitary confinement, many inmates experienced panic attacks, depression, paranoia, or some suffering from hallucinations which results in ongoing physical and mental impacts.

A plethora of speakers gathered Sunday to share their own experiences of solitary confinement, as well as what they have witnessed from others.

Emancipate NC's Kerwin Pit-



tman, also the founder of Recidivism Reduction Educational Program Services (a nonprofit geared towards reducing the recidivism rate in North Carolina) shared sentiments of his personal experience in confinement.

"I am honored to be in this space to particularly talk about these issues. This is extremely important to me because I have lived. I did eleven and a half years all over the state of N.C. I have been to over 10 institutions. I have been home for almost five years and once I counted up all the days in solitary confinement, it totaled to almost one thousand."

Pittman also shared that many reasons as to why he was in solitary confinement were not because of his actions. The guards realized that he was sharp-witted

which then led him to be the first inmate they would send to confinement. A normal investigation would last 30 days but in Kerwin's circumstance, unfortunately, guards would extend his investigation. They would then release him with no charge back into the general population or he was shipped to another institution.

Other speakers included James Coleman, Director of Duke Law Center for Criminal Justice and Professional Responsibility, Dr. Jennifer Copeland, Executive Director of NC Council of Churches, and Dr. Maha Hilal, founding Executive Director of the Muslim Counterpublics Lab.

Those gathered at the event were also able to write a letter making demands to N.C. Governor Roy Cooper such as putting

an end to solitary confinement in North Carolina prisons and jails as recommended by the 2020 NC Task Force for Racial Equity in Criminal Justice; Issuing a pardon of innocence to Michael Parker, a North Carolina man imprisoned for 22 years for a crime he didn't commit and waiting for the Governor's pardon since 2014; and lastly, a demand acknowledging North Carolina's vital role in the CIA's post-9/11 rendition and torture program, and end the CIA's use of North Carolina airports for human rights abuses.

One particular aspect that was highlighted was that per capita, more people are incarcerated in the U.S. than in any other country on earth. Whereas, North Carolina is one of 12 states in which more than half the prison population is Black.

More importantly, North Carolina hosts a CIA aviation firm used in kidnapping and torturing at least 49 Black and Brown people, all Muslim, in the so-called "war on terror."

Speaker Halil also touched on the significance of punishment and religion and how oftentimes, Muslim communities can be demonized or even stereotyped.

"Because of these constructions, the state is able to legitimize and justify its perpetual violence against this community," said Dr. Maha Halil.

HS Alumni Celebrate 50 Years Of Support

FREMONT—Norwayne Alumni and Friends, Inc., (NAFI), headquartered at 106 East Norwayne Alumni Way, Fremont, NC 27830, is gearing up for its fiftieth Annual Homecoming Weekend. Themed Celebrating 50 Years; Go Tell Somebody, Luke 8:39, two special events are planned leading up to this historic celebration.

On Sunday, July 10, 2022, 4:00 pm, there will be an Awards and Reception Program at Firehouse Venue, 109 E. Ash Street in Goldsboro, N.C. The 2022 Norwayne Alumni Scholarship recipients will be recognized by alumni members and invited guests. The guest speaker is our own Norwayne alumnus, Jonathan Ward, a 2022 graduate of North Carolina A & T University, Greensboro, NC. He graduated with a B.S. in Computer Engineering and is now an incoming software engineer at Google's second largest office located in New York City. Jonathan graduated from Charles B. Aycocock High School in Pikeville, NC and was the recipient of the Norwayne Alumni Scholarship in 2018 before starting his college career.

Mr. Ward had the privilege of receiving several intern positions. Throughout all of these internships, Jonathan was also in the Honors Program, President of the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers, a member of the National Society of Black Engineers, a member of Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society, and a member of Tau Beta Pi Engineering Honor Society. He is also Spring '22 initiate into the Beta Epsilon, chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Incorporated.

On Saturday, July 16, 2022, 5:00 pm, NAFI will host a Fashion Show at the Paramount Theater, 139 S. Center, Street, Goldsboro. "We are excited about our 50th year celebration and our pre-homecoming events," stated Larry Jones, president of NAFI. "Come join us in as we celebrate."

The Norwayne Alumni and Friends, Inc. was founded in 1972 by graduates of Norwayne High School. We are a non-profit, 501-c3, community focused organization, dedicated to supporting and assisting students primarily in the northern Wayne area in their pursuit of higher education. To date we are proud to have provided scholarships for well over 600 students. Funds raised are also used to support other qualified needs in the surrounding community.

For additional information about NAFI, contact the Alumni Office at 919.242.8844 or email norwaynealumni@mail.com.

AA Golf Hall Of Fame

Thomas Griffis, Sr. of Raleigh, NC was recently inducted into the African American Golfers Hall of Fame (AAGHOF) at West Palm Beach, FL. He co-founded the Raleigh Golf Players Association which had as one its goals: to promote golf with youth in the city of Raleigh. He is trained in making golf clubs and is a USGTF certified golf instructor. After certification, he became a coach/instructor in the First Tee of the Triangle and was instrumental in starting a chapter in Norlina, NC. During the induction, Thomas received the 2022 Pioneer Award.



THOMAS GRIFFIS



NORLINA—DJ Skillz kept the party live on Saturday at the Seven Springs Vineyard. Over a thousand people were in attendance on this rare break from extreme heat. Participants danced to the live performance of Mo Soul, a soul band. This was the second year of the event and it did not disappoint. Delmas Cooper Photos

Church

SERMON of the WEEK



YOU WILL BE STRONGER AFTER THIS

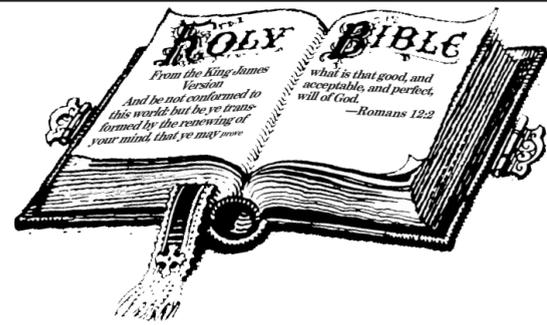
By Elder Demetrius Hunter

There is a saying, "What doesn't kill you makes you stronger." The statement was created to inspire a person to fight through feelings of giving up, accomplishing a goal, or completing a challenge. The notion that going through tough situations will increase your strength can be a little confusing. During the experience, our bodies and spirit seem to be depleted and life is sucked out of us.

What does the Bible say about this issue? I would like to examine this well-known story and see how we can apply the lessons learned from the life of David.

We see the Israelites were in the midst of a conflict with the Philistines. The Philistines had brought out their best soldier, Goliath, and challenged the best Israelite soldier. That's when a young David showed up and accepted the challenge. He was offered all the armor and swords that were available to the best soldiers. David refused and said that all he needed was what he had.

What Do You Have: We see David armed with a slingshot and some stones has stepped into a fight with a giant who was a highly trained soldier? David makes a statement to Goliath that sums up what he really had on his side. David was confident in his weaponry because he had the supreme weapon on his side.



Many times, we try to fight with the blessings of the Lord and we forget to fight with the blesser. For the Bible said in 1 John 4:4, "Greater is he that is in you than he that is in the world." We must take an evaluation of our weapons. If you take a weapons class or ask someone in the armed forces, they will tell you how important it is to check the weapons you use to make sure they are in proper working condition.

Well, have you checked on your prayer life and connection with God to make sure it is in working condition? David had confidence in his weapon because he knew while herding the sheep, he talked with Him, and he used his power against the bear and the lion. He knew his weapon was in good working condition.

Give It Your Best Shot: We see that once David made the statement of his confidence in his weapon, he engaged in the fight. David was not passive. He didn't wait for Goliath to make the first move. He was in the fight.

At times, we end up going through more than we need to because we will not engage in the fight. See, sometimes we are used to others engaging for us. We are used to mother or father praying. We have been riding on the prayers of others so long we won't engage in the fight for ourselves.

But what happens when mother and father are not there?

What happens when the pastor can't answer the phone? Can you engage? As a shepherd, David was by himself a lot. He learned early in life how to fight for himself. So, when the time came, he could engage and give it his all. There is going to come a time when all you have is yourself and the Lord. Give it all you have.

Finish The Job: The Bible says David knocked Goliath down with the stone, took Goliath's sword and cut off his head. The Bible went into detail about how heavy the weapons Goliath had to illuminate how big he was. So now the same David who told Saul that the weapons provided were too heavy, picked up the heavier sword of a giant to finish the job.

After the battle, David was stronger than before. Know that this battle you are in was designed to exercise muscles you were not aware to be used. After this battle, I will be stronger. That is why you need to tell the enemy, if you think I am tough now, wait until I come out of this. That is why we can sing the song "Don't Wait Till The Battle Is Over, Shout Now." I will be stronger after this. If you think I can get a prayer through now, just wait.

To view complete sermons by Pastor William Eli Ratcliff and other guest ministers, please visit our website at lincolnparkchurch.com on our YouTube Channel.

MACEDONIA NEW LIFE CHURCH

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Rev. Dr. Joe L. Stevenson

HAPPENINGS AT THE MAC...

Macedonia New Life Church (Macedonia NLC) is resuming weekly in-person worship services on Sundays starting at 9:30 a.m. Temperature checks, hands properly sanitized, and face masks continue to be a requirement for everyone prior to entering the sanctuary.

The Family Life Center will now be available for overflow with proper social distancing in order to provide safety during worship. The nursery is now open to children up to four years old.

JOIN SUNDAY SCHOOL ON ZOOM.com

Macedonia NLC invites you to join us Sunday morning on zoom at 8 a.m. for Sunday School.

Meeting ID: 918 5873 2456

Passcode: 461350

To Call in Dial: 1-646-558-8656

Rev. Marilyn Fonville, M.Div.

Macedonia NLC Sunday School Superintendent/VBS Coordinator

Youth Sunday School

Macedonia NLC is excited to announce that Youth Sunday School has reconvened. Please join and learn with us on Sundays at 12:30 p.m. on Zoom for Youth Sunday Study.

Meeting ID: 826 5913 7448

Passcode: 558122

To Call in Dial: 1-312-626-6799

Youth Bible Study

Macedonia NLC invites all youth to learn with us on Tuesdays at 7 p.m. on Zoom for Youth Bible Study.

Meeting ID: 875 629 8755

Passcode: youth

To Call in Dial: 1-646-558-8656

All White Worship

All Sunday Worship services during the months of July and August will be full of worship with casual dress. You are welcome to wear casual clothes for the summer months.

Church Community Food Ministry Weekly Food Distribution

Join the Church Community Food Ministry in distributing food to those in need in the community. Volunteers are needed to help set up, sort, assist guests, and break down. Join us every Thursday, first, third, and fifth Sunday in the Macedonia NLC parking lot, when the weather permits, from 12 p.m. to 1 p.m.

Summer Study Series

Join us from Tuesday, July 12, to Tuesday, August 16, for a Summer Study Series (virtual recorded sessions) on the topic of Praying the Psalms. The Summer Study Schedule is listed below.

July 12—Psalm 64, Rev. Mecca Dixon

July 19—Psalm 34, Min. Anthony Lucas

July 26—Psalm 150, Rev. Chanetta Lytello-Farmer

August 2—Psalm 91, Rev. Dr. Towanda Garner

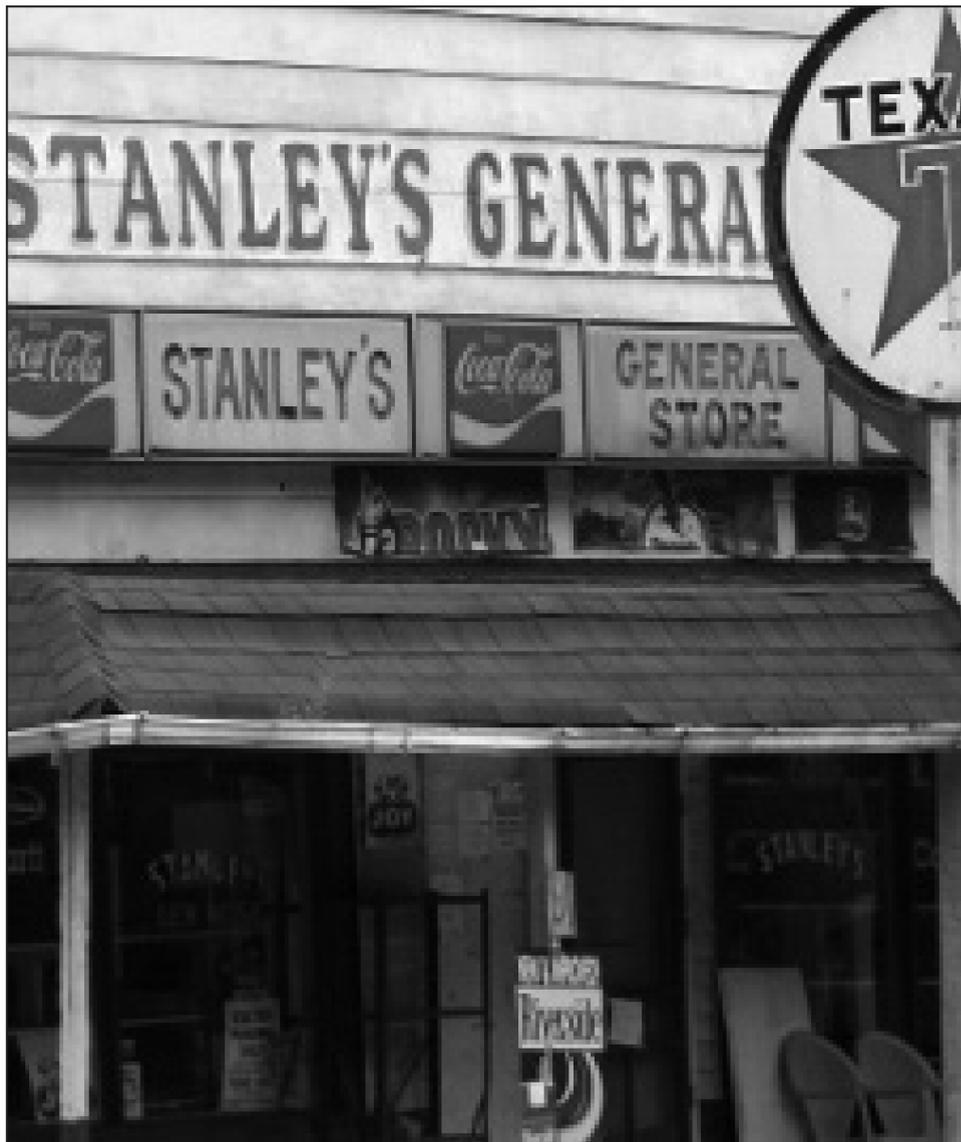
August 9—Psalm 61, Rev. Willie Dunmeyer

August 16—Psalm 27, Min. Marionna Poke-Stewart

Scholarship Fund

Macedonia New Life Church asks each of its disciples to support our scholarship fund with a donation today. This scholarship fund is used to support MNLC youth as they pursue their collegiate goals. Thank you in advance for your support!

Breanna V. Garner—Macedonia NLC Staff Writer for The Carolinian Newspaper.



HARVEST RALEIGH CHURCH JOINED THIRST MISSIONS LAST WEEKEND TO BRING THE WORD OF THE LORD TO THE COAL FIELDS OF APPALACHIA.

Church Missions In Appalachia

Twenty-four members from Harvest Raleigh Church traveled to Appalachia on a short-term mission trip, led by Thirst Missions, from June 18-24. The team is headed up by Erik Burckart.

Harvest Raleigh Church spent the majority of their time in southeastern Kentucky. They partnered with Bethany Mission with Pastor Candi Burnett and The Happy Church with Pastor John Jacobson.

The team served through service projects, door to door prayer ministry, and Kids Country Wide Bible Club. They met people who need the love of Jesus in their lives and are making

memories that they will never forget.

For some fun at the end of their trip they went on a driving tour through the Red River Gorge. It brought them deep into the forests of Kentucky, complete with magnificent natural wonders along the scenic byway. There are amazing vistas, short hikes, and great photo opportunities, the splendor of God's creation was evident throughout the driving tour.

Thirst Missions is based in Forest Lake, Minn., and has been organizing and leading mission trips since 2008.

Thirst Missions, the world's

leader in short-term missions, has led groups on trips to Alaska, Appalachia, Belize, and Puerto Rico.

Whether it is poverty, homelessness, alcoholism, or other struggles, churches in these areas are in need of love and support.

Thirst Missions teams partner with churches on location while taking care of all the logistics and planning, so the group members can lead ministry, while building lasting relationships. Thirst Missions is looking forward to serving with Harvest Raleigh Church in the future.

Practical Biblical Principles

OWING GOD BACK-TAXES IN THANKS AND PRAISE

Read: II Timothy 3:2; Romans 1:21; Psalm 150:1-6, 34:1-9

The tax season is not over. Some of us are waiting to receive a tax refund. Some will not get a refund because they paid what they owed the government. Then some will get a notice that you owe the government back taxes simply because you didn't pay in enough taxes to cover your paid income. Believe it or not, Heaven has a similar tax system that is imposed upon the earth. This is a spiritual tax, which is just as real, as far as Heaven is concerned.

Did not our Lord tell us in Matthew 22:19-22 that we should give to Caesar what belongs to him and give to God what belongs to Him? The tribute of money indirectly spoken of here is talking about taxes to be paid to the Roman government. Jesus, in no way, suggested that one should skimp or refuse to pay government taxes, but pay the government what is due them.

The converse is true when it comes to paying God what is due Him. According to Jesus, we pay God what we owe God as well. We owe not money to God, but thanks and praise. We pay the government taxes to provide human services to us through our taxes.

So, should we pay God for providing daily spiritual services and blessings to us? God requires this paycheck in praise and thanks. The tithes and offerings we pay in church were designed so that we may be reminded that Someone paid a price for us to live. We tithe the value of our soul being redeemed—we have been redeemed from death. This is not praise, this is obedience.

It is the Psalmist that gives us the reasons as to why we owe God thanks and praise. No-

where in the Bible does it tell us that God commands thanks and praise from His subjects. If we love God as we should, then on a free-will basis we ought to give back to God not only in tithes and offering, but most importantly, in thanks and praise. God does not want our money, He wants our love, respect, thanks, and praise. All we have belongs to God anyway. God loves and enjoys thanks and praise from His people. The entire universe praises God. This should include His children.

On the other hand, when praises are not forthcoming there are consequences which may befall those who fail to pay their taxes of thanks and praise. God does not actively send bad consequences upon us when we do not give our praises and thanks to Him. This is how Heaven's tax refund works. When praises and thanks go up blessings from heaven come down. When we praise the Lord for His goodness, this draws Him closer to us. And when we do not pay our praise and thanks taxes, it draws us farther away from God.

When we intentionally do not pay our praise tax, we then come to a point when we are too far away from God. God then allows one to go on his/her own way exposing themselves to the evil tricks of the devil (Romans 1:21).

Not like the government requiring full payment of back taxes all at once, God will allow partial payments over an infinite time span as long as these payments include "real" thanks and praises. One does not have to pay any mailing fees to send praises and thanks to God. You can send praises and thanks to God at any time and from any place, right where you are. Just a verbal praise and thanks will do as long as they are "real and from the heart."

Any praises and thanks that are not real will not be accepted. All praises going up before God are first screened and approved by the Holy Spirit as being worthy (John 6:45). No man comes to the Father except he comes by Me first, Jesus declares.

How should the man of the house react when he has been feeding and boarding a guest for five years and never once received a note or indication of thanks from the unthankful guest. You throw him out. How long do you expect God to continue to give out blessings to a person who takes Him for granted and feels God should always support him, because God has unending riches? Thus, the person feels no need to offer any thanks now because he/she feels entitled to God's blessings.

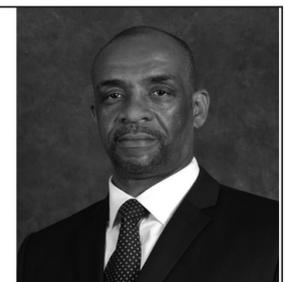
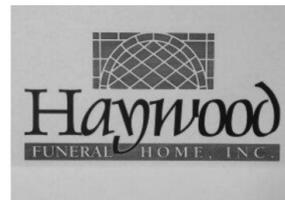
There is nothing in this world which comes free. Not even our salvation. Christ had to pay it all for us because we couldn't pay for it.

Common courtesy and sense tell us that we should always thank people when they do something nice for us. We have been taught this from day one from our parents when we were young and growing up.

King David declares, "I will bless the Lord at all times; His praises shall continually be in my mouth. My soul shall make its boast in the Lord: The humble shall hear of it and be glad. Oh, magnify the Lord with me. And let us exalt His name together. God loves individual worship, but He is thrilled at corporate worship (Psalm 35:18). Praise God from Whom all blessings flow!

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Trump's Lies Destroyed Lives

By Ben Jealous

People for the American Way

"Do you know how it feels to have the president of the United States target you?"

Those are the words of Ruby Freeman, a Black woman and election worker in Georgia during the 2020 election. She and her daughter Wandrea "Shaye" Moss were falsely accused by Rudy Giuliani of rigging the election against Donald Trump. Their lives were virtually destroyed by the Trump team's lies.

Thanks to the public hearings being held by the House committee investigating Trump's effort to overturn the election, Americans got to hear about the racist threats that rained down on the two women after they were falsely accused. Trump supporters drove Freeman out of her home in fear for her life—and invaded the home of Moss's grandmother. They testified that they still avoid even going to the grocery store for fear of being harassed by Trump supporters.

These are just some of the harms done by Donald Trump's endless lying about the election he lost.

In the case of Freeman and Moss, two people performing an essential public service had their privacy shredded and their lives turned upside down. Other election workers were singled out, lied about, and harassed.

The hearing reminded us of the alarm sounded by Gabriel Sterling, an election official in Georgia, against Trump supporters' "Stop the Steal" frenzy. A young computer technician was getting death threats based on false claims circulating among Trump's supporters. "Someone's going to get hurt, someone's going to get shot, someone's going to get killed," he warned.

"It has to stop," Sterling demanded. But it did not stop. Trump has never stopped lying about losing the election.

Others who testified about the consequences of Trump's lies were high-ranking Republican officeholders. By now, most of us knew about the phone call Trump made to demand that Georgia Secretary of State Brad Raffensperger "find" the number of votes needed to throw the election to Trump. At the public hearing, we learned more about the threats and harassment experienced by Raffensperger and his family when he refused to break the law on Trump's behalf. Some Trump supporters broke into his widowed daughter-in-law's house.

Rusty Bowers, Speaker of the Arizona House, testified that Trump and Trump's attorneys urged him to abuse

the power of his office to overthrow the election, while failing to provide him with any evidence of widespread voter fraud. Giuliani appealed to the fact that they were both Republicans. But Bowers refused to violate his oath to the Constitution.

In return for his courage and integrity, Bowers and his neighbors were harassed outside his home by Trump supporters, including at least one carrying a gun, while Bowers' dying daughter was inside.

During his powerful testimony, Bowers cited his faith and read a passage from his personal journal in which he had written, "I do not want to be a winner by cheating." Trump, of course, was desperate to be a "winner" and was trying to bully election officials into cheating on his behalf.

The Jan. 6 committee's public hearings are proving to be an invaluable public service. Getting the truth is the first step in holding people responsible for the attack on our country—including Trump—accountable. Trump was repeatedly told that his claims were false. But he kept lying and inflaming his supporters to anger and violence without any regard for the country or the people he was hurting.

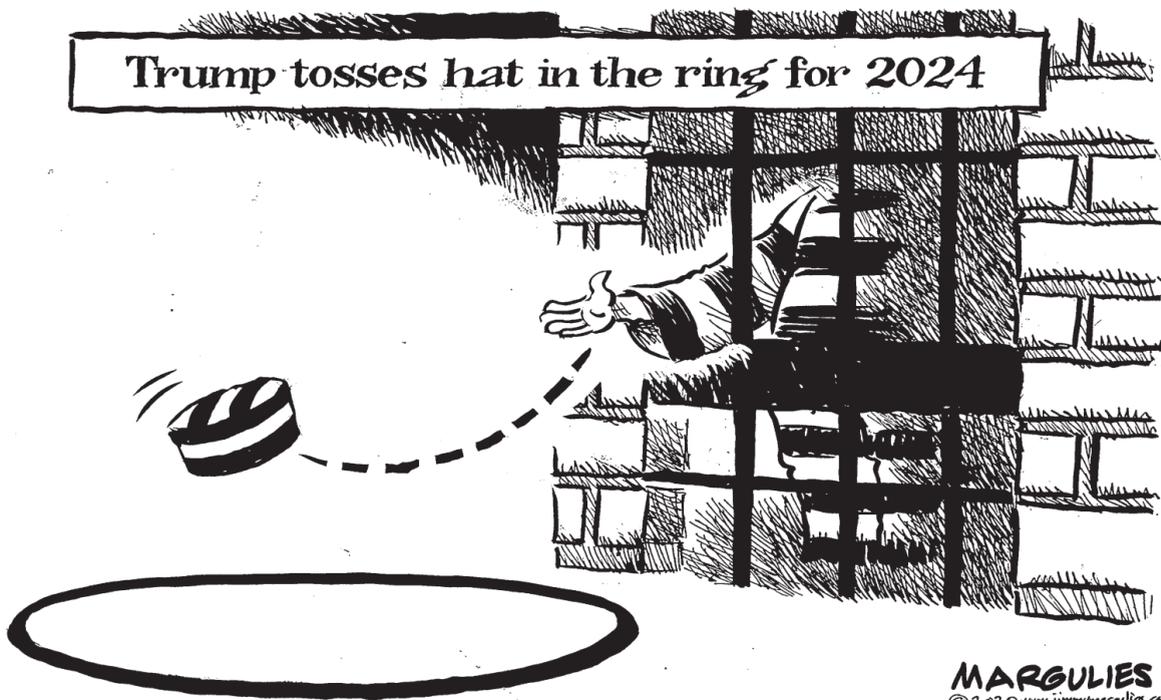
There's another benefit to the hearings. In our partisan and polarized times, I believe it has been a gift to the country to highlight the testimony of so many Republicans. These were people who voted for and worked for Trump, but whose commitment to the country and Constitution were more important to them than their desire to keep Trump in power.

Their example is a reminder to all of us that we can and must find ways to work with our political opponents for the good of the country. I may have very different views on most political issues than Rep. Liz Cheney, the vice chair of the Jan. 6 committee, but I admire her willingness to withstand the intense pressure being brought against her by less courageous and less principled Republican leaders.

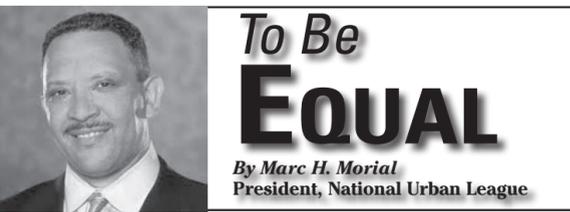
In our deeply polarized country, when common ground seems increasingly difficult to find, a commitment to the peaceful transfer of power to the president elected by the voters is a good place to start.

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.

Trump tosses hat in the ring for 2024



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Editor's Note: The following is from a column we printed a year ago. It's still true.

THE GOALS OF CIVIL RIGHTS MOVEMENT WILL NOT BE REALIZED UNTIL D.C. STATEHOOD ACHIEVED

"Congress has both the moral obligation and the constitutional authority to pass the D.C. statehood bill. This country was founded on the principles of no taxation without representation and consent of the governed, but D.C. residents are taxed without representation and cannot consent to the laws under which they, as American citizens, must live."

—Eleanor Holmes Norton, Delegate to United States House of Representatives representing the District of Columbia

Earlier this week, I had the honor of testifying to the Senate Committee on Homeland Security & Governmental Affairs in support of Statehood for the District of Columbia.

While in law school in Washington, D.C., I grew to love the community and made the city my second home. As a member of the D.C. Statehood Commission from 2006 to 2010, I advocated for D.C. statehood.

As the former Mayor of New Orleans, I have deep experience in running a busy and thriving city with a diverse population. Residents of these cities, like Americans across the country, must have representation in Congress to meet their needs and protect their rights. Yet the citizens of the District of Columbia continue to be denied this representation and are relegated to second-class citizenship.

The international community agrees. The United Nations Human Rights Committee, Organization of American States, and Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe all have recognized the injustice of D.C.'s status.

Nearly 700,000 Americans live in the District of Columbia and suffer under the daily injustice of "Taxation without Representation." They pay the highest per capita federal income taxes in the country, serve on juries, and fight and die in wars, yet they are denied full democratic rights. They are unable to bring grievances to influential federal officials, reap the benefits available to other congressional constituents, or have a say in the important issues of war and peace that confront this nation.

As a civil rights and human services organization, the National Urban League is in a unique position to see how this lack of representation directly impacts the populations we serve—most extremely over the past year. Black and brown communities suffered higher rates of infections, deaths, and unemployment due to Covid-19. Racial inequities in education, housing, employment, health care, and household wealth are worse than they were before the pandemic struck.

Nowhere is this tragedy more evident than in the District of Columbia. D.C. residents, including essential workers and small business owners, were in dire need of the relief afforded under the CARES Act. Unlike other citizens, they did not have congressional input into the CARES Act, and they initially were denied \$755 million in critical direct relief.

Last summer, D.C. residents took to the streets in peaceful protest of racially-motivated police violence. In response to this peaceful uprising, the previous administration ordered both the National Guard and federal law enforcement to carry out a wildly disproportionate and inappropriate response, all in the interest of a photo op.

On January 6—despite the urgent requests of D.C. Mayor Bowser—that same administration refused to call in the National Guard in response to a violent attack on the U.S. Capitol until much of the damage had already been done.

In both of these cases, D.C. officials were unable to respond effectively to urgent emergencies in their city because the District lacks statehood and the critical safety mechanisms it provides.



TRYING TO REPLACE GOD

Most people think that blasphemy is in words, but I have come to believe that blasphemy is not in what you say but in what you do. In that sense I am declaring that those who voted to overturn Roe v. Wade have acted out of blasphemy. They want us to believe that they are following the Constitution but they are not. They want us to believe that they are representing God but they are not. How do I know that? How do I have the nerve to say that? Because I have read the Bible that they swear an oath on and I have read the Constitution that they pretend to be representing and in both are a message that is stated and implied and that message is freedom. Freedom of the individual to live, learn, make mistakes and learn from them. Freedom to embrace the brotherhood of all human beings as equals who should not be dictated to or have their own consciences overruled by authoritarianism.

The other proof I have that they are acting blasphemously is that they each lied to get their positions and the "powers" that were behind them getting on the court, used lies and subterfuge to get them on the court to do their will.

By Alito's own words, his intention is to lead the court toward taking away rights and poor "Brother Thomas" (an apt name) writes of other rights they intend to take away. I'm looking forward to him learning that as he rejoices in the taking away of rights of others that his brothers on the courts will remind him that the "right" of interracial marriage reached

the court dockets, and was upheld. Was that the perspective of the originalist?

I am hoping that the Congress will create a balance of ideology on the court by adding justices while they have a chance. I am praying that citizens will stand up for the majority who were polled on this question and said that freedom of choice should be the law of the land. We must vote for our constitutional right to vote and be heard and get rid of those who would rule us. Democracy is about the will of the majority and if we watched the hearings we have seen that there are Republicans who have the morality to stand against "The Donald" and his lying band of brothers and sisters who would subvert the Constitution for their own personal gain.

In closing, we have a lot to continue to overcome as "soldiers of the cross." We must not think ourselves righteous representatives of God as long as we are using control of others to get our way or see ourselves as having force in the guise of power. I know that this may seem contradictory to those who are churchgoers because in some ways the organized church has morphed right back into the Pharisees and Sadducees that Jesus spoke against and so there are people who believe that Christianity is about controlling what people do through rules and politics in the church. This is not the message I get from the Bible and those who say, "Well, somebody has to be in charge in order to have order." That may be their idea of how things work but it is not what Jesus taught. He didn't follow rules that God did not ordain. He had no fear or respect for Pilate or Caesar. He exposed the hidden belly of the "religious leaders" and made getting the point of leadership coming from the inside out. In that way of truth he was never blasphemous although those who didn't like his message of freedom accused him of such. Why then is God allowing what we see going on today? I think by allowing them to go forth in the way that they are, it gives us a clear sight to their evil and wakes us up.



A FANTASTIC, TERRIFIC, GREAT SUMMER

"Freedom School, Freedom School, how do you feel?" "Fantastic! Terrific! GRRRREAT! All! Day! Long!"

If you heard a call-and-response chant like this, you might be sitting in the middle of Harambee at a Children's Defense Fund (CDF) Freedom Schools® site—and you would know that another Freedom Summer is in full swing!

Rooted in the Mississippi Freedom Summer project of 1964, the CDF Freedom Schools program is a high-quality academic enrichment opportunity that introduces children, many of whom are Black, Latinx, and Indigenous and from families with low incomes, to high-quality, culturally diverse books that reflect their own images. Thanks to a grant from The Boeing Company, select sites have piloted our culturally responsive STEM curriculum, "CDF Freedom to STEM." Since 1995 more than 150,000 children in grades K-12 have had the CDF Freedom Schools experience. Every summer CDF Freedom Schools programs are hosted in schools, places of worship, recreation centers, juvenile detention centers, and other community spaces, and this summer 109 sites will operate in 90 cities and 25 states serving more than 10,000 students across the country.

Harambee means "all pull together" in Swahili, and at CDF Freedom Schools sites Harambee is the opening activity during which students sing, dance, cheer, and get excited for a day of learning. College-aged Servant Leader Interns are trained to lead students (known as "scholars") through an integrated reading curriculum featuring the carefully chosen books. The Servant Leader Interns are intentionally recruited to have backgrounds similar to the children they serve, and more than 90 percent are non-White and more than 1 in 5 attend historically Black colleges and universities (HBCUs). They are role models for the children in their care and many are inspired to continue their careers as teachers, providing a much-needed pipeline of teachers of color into the workforce.

Later in the day, scholars might engage in social action activities or activities that involve family members and other older members of the community. The CDF Freedom Schools program incorporates the totality of CDF's mission by fostering environments that encourage children and young adults to excel and believe in their ability to make a difference in themselves and their families, schools, communities, country, and world with hope, education, and action. The wonderful books instill a love of reading, help scholars avoid summer learning loss, and deepen their understanding of themselves and all they have in common with others in a multiracial, multicultural democratic society.

At a moment when the U.S. Surgeon General has issued an unprecedented advisory on the need to protect youth mental health, and as the everyday threat of gun violence and the renewed fear of mass shootings have assaulted many children's sense of security and safety, the wraparound care and sense of empowerment CDF Freedom Schools programs provide is desperately needed. As Freedom School Partners, which coordinates CDF Freedom Schools sites in Charlotte, NC, put it after the most recent mass shootings: "We long for a country where our children can take comfort in knowing they will be safe when they go to school each day and where we know we should not fear for our lives when we go grocery shopping or when we gather in a house of worship... While our work is centered around literacy and we are acutely aware of how critical this moment in time is because of the extended learning interruptions and disruptions our scholars have faced over the last two years, we also know that our focus on the whole child is more important than ever." They add: "And we lead with love. We want our scholars to feel safe, valued and loved each and every day they are with us, while also caring for their basic physical and mental health needs... We are hopeful when we think about the promise of tomorrow."

The adults and college-aged servant leaders at CDF Freedom Schools sites pass this sense of hope on to the scholars, and it shows. Find out here if the children in your community have access to a CDF Freedom Schools program!

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File Number 18 E 788**

The Undersigned, having qualified as Administrator of the Estate of Lawrence Allen Miller, 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 9th day of September 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 9th day of June 2022.

Lawrence A Miller II
Administrator
906 Cana Street
Durham, NC 27707

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DURHAM COUNTY

**NOTICE OF SERVICE
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File Number 22 E 722**

The Undersigned, having qualified as Executor of the Estate of the late Deborah Ann Stewart, 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 9th day of September 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 9th day of June 2022.

Aaron M Stewart
Executor
2028 Collier Road
Durham, NC 27707

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**NOTICE OF SERVICE
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Before the Clerk
File Number 22-E-625**

In the Matter of The Estate of Evelyn W. McKissick, Durham County File Number 22-E-625
ALL PERSONS, firms, and corporations having claims against Evelyn W. McKissick, deceased, of Durham County, N.C., are notified to exhibit the same to the undersigned on or before September 7, 2022, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of recovery. Debtors of the decedent are asked to make immediate payment.

This 9th day of June 2022

Floyd B. McKissick, III
McKissick & McKissick
835 N Mangum Street
Durham, NC 27701

June 9, 16, 23, and 30, 2022

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
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In The General Court Of Justice
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File Number 22 E 629**

The Undersigned, having qualified as Executrix of the Estate of Lucious Wayne Daye, late of Durham County, North Carolina, hereby wishes to notify all persons having claims against the Estate of said deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned at the below listed address on or before the 8th day of September 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 9th day of June, 2022.

Yasmin Fozard
Executrix
c/o Brazile Law Firm, PLLC
PO Box 12156
Durham, NC 27709

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STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
DURHAM COUNTY

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 September 9, 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 9th day of June, 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
June 9, 16, 23 and 30

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The undersigned, Sharyn J. Burnett, having duly qualified as Executrix of the Estate of Ivy Jean Jones, deceased, late of Wake 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 September 9, 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 9th day of June, 2022.

Sharyn J. Burnett, Executrix
C/O Ronald G. Coulter
Attorney at Law
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June 9, 16, 23 and 30

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File Number 21 E 1607**

The Undersigned, having qualified as Administrator of the Estate of Dorlene Denise Thomas, 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 9th day of September 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 9th day of June 2022.

Randall K Thomas
Administrator
5605 Catskill Ct
Durham, NC 27713

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**NOTICE OF SERVICE
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In The General Court Of Justice
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File Number 12 E 362**

The Undersigned, having qualified as Executor of the Estate of Edward DeJarnette Light, 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 9th day of September 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 9th day of June 2022.

Anne Smyrski Light
Executor
3307 Middlebrook Ct
Durham, NC 27705

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STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
DURHAM COUNTY

**NOTICE OF SERVICE
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Before the Clerk
File Number 22 E 767**

The Undersigned, having qualified as Executor of the Estate of Helen Meirl Ennis, 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 9th day of September 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 9th day of June 2022.

Peggy E House
Executor
276 Ann Dr.

Timberlake, NC 27583

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DURHAM COUNTY

**NOTICE OF SERVICE
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In The General Court Of Justice
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File Number 2022 E 000739**

The Undersigned, having qualified as Executor of the Estate of Carolyn Husketh Foss, 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 16th day of September 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 16th day of June 2022.

Patricia Keith Brinkley
Executor
10225 Boyce Rd
Creedmoor, NC 27522

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STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
DURHAM COUNTY

**NOTICE OF SERVICE
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In The General Court Of Justice
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Before the Clerk
File Number 22 E 349**

The Undersigned, having qualified as Administratrix of the Estate of Alton Royce Elliott, 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 16th day of September 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 16th day of June 2022.

Debra Elliott Putman
Administratrix
4717 Kiger Road
Rougemont, NC 27572

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STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF DURHAM

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Having qualified as Executor of the Estate of Sarah Judd Gilchrist, deceased, this is to notify all persons, firm, and corporations having claims against the Estate of Sarah Judd Gilchrist to present them to the undersigned on or before the 16th day of September, 2022, or thei Notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms, and corporations indebted to said Estate, please make immediate payment.

This the 16th day of June, 2022.

Stephanie L. Judd
Executor
916 Davinci Street
Durham, NC 27702

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DURHAM COUNTY

**NOTICE OF SERVICE
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In The General Court Of Justice
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Before the Clerk
File Number 22 E 798**

The Undersigned, having qualified as Co-Administrator of the Estate of Merrill Patton Knight Jr., 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 26th day of September 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 23th day of June, 2022.

Gary Merrill Cross
Co-Administrator
Walter John Cross III
Co-Administrator
627 E Hammond Street
Durham, NC 27704

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STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
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The Undersigned, having qualified as Executor of the Estate of Margaret Anne Biddle, 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 26th day of September 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 23th day of June, 2022.

John K Biddle III
Executor
3 Kara Place
Durham, NC 27712

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Having qualified as Executor of the Estate of Francisca 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 23rd day of September, 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 23rd day of June, 2022.

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

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File Number 22 E 000811**

The Undersigned, having qualified as Executor of the Estate of Joreen Cates 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 26th day of September 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 23rd day of June 2022.

Lisa Evans Watts
Executor
4321 Hope Valley Dr
Hillsborough, NC 27278

6/23,6/30,7/7 and 7/14/2022

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ALL PERSONS, firms and corporations having claims against William S. Cline AKA William Scherer Cline, deceased, of Rowan County, N.C., are notified to exhibit the same to the undersigned on or before 9-26-2022, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of recovery. Debtors of the decedent are asked to make immediate payment.

This 23rd day of June, 2022.

Cosby Swanson AKA Cosby Swanson, III
Executor of the Estate of William S. Cline AKA William Scherer Cline
c/o Lori M. Bernstein
Attorney at Law
2726 Croasdaile Dr. Suite 202
Durham, North Carolina 27705

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DURHAM COUNTY

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The Undersigned, having qualified as Administrator of the Estate of Sadie Burton, 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 30th day of September 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 30th day of June 2022.

Norris Burton
Administrator
2606 Hitchcock Drive
Durham, NC 27705

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STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
WAKE COUNTY

**NOTICE OF SERVICE
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Before the Clerk
File Number 2022 E 001959**

The Undersigned, having

qualified as Administrator of the Estate of Ajeural Ciara Hands, 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 30th day of September 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 30th day of June 2022.

Arvyette M Patterson
Administrator
8613 Riley Hill Road
Zebulon, NC 27597

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STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
DURHAM COUNTY

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS
File Number 22 E 875
RAVI NAIR ESTATE**

The undersigned, having qualified as Executor of the Estate of Ravi Nair 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 30th day of September 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 30th day of June 2022.

Paul R Nair
Executor of the Estate of Ravi Nair
c/o The Law Office of Anne Page
Watson, PLLC
3400 Croasdaile Drive Suite 205
Durham, NC 27705
6/30,7/7,7/14 and 7/21/2022

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
DURHAM COUNTY

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

THE UNDERSIGNED, having qualified on the 24th day of June, 2022, as Executor of the ESTATE OF WILLIAM PAUL BOYETTE, 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 30th day of September, 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 30th day of June, 2022.

HEATHER BOYETTE JENNINGS
EXECUTOR
ESTATE OF WILLIAM PAUL BOYETTE
c/o Shirley M. Diefenbach, Attorney
Walker Lambe, PLLC
Post Office Box 51549
Durham, North Carolina 27717
6/30,7/7,7/14 and 7/21/2022

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
DURHAM COUNTY

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

THE UNDERSIGNED, having qualified on the 24th day of June, 2022, as Executor of the ESTATE OF CLAUDIA JOYCE GOLLOP, 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 30th day of September, 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 30th day of June, 2022.

CHRISTINA GUNTER
EXECUTOR
ESTATE OF CLAUDIA JOYCE GOLLOP
c/o Rupe S. Gill, Attorney
Walker Lambe, PLLC
Post Office Box 51549
Durham, North Carolina 27717
6/30,7/7,7/14 and 7/21/2022

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
DURHAM COUNTY

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ALL PERSONS, firms and corporations having claims against STEVE MISHUE, deceased, of Durham County, N.C., are notified to exhibit the same to the undersigned on or before September 30, 2022, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of recovery.

Debtors of the decedent are asked to make immediate payment. This 30 day of June, 2022.

Janet C. Mishue
Executrix
1607 Baptist Road
Durham, NC 27704
6/30,7/7,7/14 and 7/21/2022

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
DURHAM COUNTY

**NOTICE OF SERVICE
OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION
In The General Court Of Justice
Superior Court Division
Before the Clerk
File Number 2020 E 001203**

The Undersigned, having qualified as Administrator of the

Before the Clerk

File Number 2022 E 000867

The Undersigned, having qualified as Executor of the Estate of Steven Dean Parker, 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 30th day of September 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 30th day of June, 2022.

Christian Parker
Executor
4832 Swift Creek School Rd
Whitakers, NC 27891

6/30,7/7,7/14 and 7/21/2022

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
DURHAM COUNTY

**NOTICE OF SERVICE
OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION
In The General Court Of Justice
Superior Court Division
Before the Clerk
File Number 22 E 751**

The Undersigned, having qualified as Administrator of the Estate of Elizabeth L. Clanton a/k/a Elizabeth Lewis Clanton, 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 30th day of September 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 30th day of June, 2022.

Marian Clanton Black
Administrator
921 Windcrest Road
Durham, NC 27713

6/30,7/7,7/14 and 7/21/2022

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
DURHAM COUNTY

**NOTICE OF SERVICE
OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION
In The General Court Of Justice
Superior Court Division
Before the Clerk
File Number 22 E 861**

The Undersigned, having qualified as Administrator of the Estate of Delois Ann Johnson, 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 30th day of September 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 30th day of June 2022.

Michele Lee Smith
Administrator
1000 Sparrow Trail Apt B
Chapel Hill, NC 27514

6/30,7/7,7/14 and 7/21/2022

WAKE COUNTY

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1214 Pender Street
Raleigh, NC 27610
6/9,6/16,6/23 and 6/30/2022
NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND DEBTORS OF Betsy J. Bryant

All persons, firms and corporations having claims against Betsy J. Bryant, late of Wake County, North Carolina, are notified to exhibit them to Jewel Elizabeth White Williams at the address shown below on or before September 16, 2022 or be barred from their recovery. Debtors of the decedent are asked to make immediate payment.

This the 16th day of June, 2022. Jewel Elizabeth White Williams Executor Betsy Bryant Estate Ronnie C. Reaves Attorney Post Office Box 587

Weldon, North Carolina 27890
(Tel) 252-536-2503
(Fax) 252-536-5130
6/16,6/23,6/30 and 7/7/2022
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 002306
The Undersigned, having qualified as Administrator of the Estate of Clarence Estes, 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 16th day of September 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 16th day of June 2022. Ann Estes Cooper Administrator 3322 Frairtuck Road Raleigh, NC 27610 6/16,6/23,6/30 and 7/7/2022 NORTH CAROLINA WAKE COUNTY

In the General Court of Justice District Court Division File Number: 22 CVD 07467 NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION
Christopher Winston Davenport, PLAINTIFF vs. Katrina Adell Sanders Davenport, DEFENDANT.
TO: Katrina Adell Sanders Davenport, DEFENDANT.

TAKE NOTICE that a pleading seeking relief against you has been filed in the above action. The nature of the relief being sought is as follows: Plaintiff is seeking judgment for absolute divorce. You are required to make defense to such pleading no later than the 11th day of August, 2022, which is 40 days from the first publication of this notice. Upon

your failure to file a pleading by the above date, the party seeking service against you will apply to the court for the relief sought. This the 30th day of June, 2022. Christopher Winston Davenport Plaintiff PO Box 24951 Raleigh, NC 27611 6/30, 7/7,14/2022

Estate of Sandra A Morgan, 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 9th day of September 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 9th day of June 2022. Freddie Malone Administrator

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS—CDBG PROJECT

Town of Seaboard
P.O. Box 327
Seaboard, NC27876

Separate sealed BIDS for the construction of 2018 CD-BG-NR Drainage Project Contract No. 1—Storm Drainage Improvements will be received by the **ENGINEER** at the **Town Hall, 102 W. Central Street, Seaboard, NC 27876** until **2:00 PM Eastern Daylight Time, August 4, 2022**, and then at said office publicly opened and read aloud.

The CONTRACT DOCUMENTS may be examined at the following locations:

- Seaboard Town Hall, 102 W. Central Street, Seaboard, NC 27876
- McDavid Associates, Inc., 3714 North Main Street, Farmville, NC 27828-0049
- Dodge Data and Analytics, 2860 South State Highway 161, Suite 160, #501, Grand Prairie, TX 75052-7361 (View online at www.construction.com)
- Construct Connect, Attn: DPC, 30 Technology Parkway South, Suite 100, Norcross, GA 30092 (View on line at www.constructconnect.com)
- Construction Journal, 400 SW 7th Street, Stuart, FL 34994 (View online at www.ConstructionJournal.com)
- Builders & Contractors Exchange, Inc., 1118 Azalea Garden Road, Norfolk, VA 23502-5612 (View online at www.bceva.com)

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

This project is being funded in whole or in part by the Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG). All Federa ICDBG requirements will apply to the contract: BIDDERS on this work will be required to comply with Section 109 and E.O. 11246 which prohibits discrimination in employment regarding race, creed, color, sex, or national origin. BIDDERS must comply with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Davis Bacon Act, Anti-Kickback Act, and Contract Work Hours and Safety Standards Act. **The Town of Seaboard** is committed to and supportive of efforts to effectively maintain and/or increase the use of Small and Minority/Women-Owned Business and Historically Underutilized Businesses (HUB) contract participation for Construction Projects, services (including professional and consulting services) and commodities purchases, AND increase contract participation to offer employment, training and contracting opportunities in accordance with Section 3 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968 (24 C.F.R. Part 135).

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

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

Small, minority, women, Historically Underutilized Business (HUB), and Section 3 (low income) businesses and labor surplus area firms are encouraged to submit BIDS.

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

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

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

A pre-Bid conference will be held at **10:00 AM on July 13, 2022** in the **Seaboard Town Hall, 102 W. Central Street, Seaboard, NC 27876**. Prospective BIDDERS are encouraged to attend this pre-bid conference as part of their good faith efforts.

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

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

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

The OWNER is an **EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYER.**



June 30, 2022
Geraldine Langford
Mayor
Town of Seaboard

D/M/WBE

SUBCONTRACTORS/SUPPLIERS WANTED

T.A. Loving Company (NC General Contractor License No. 325) is seeking certified DBE subcontractors and suppliers for the following projects that bid for NCDOT:

Bid Date: 07/07/2022 at 2:00 PM
Project: Replace Bridge #297 Over Mill Creek in Sampson County (Division 3)

Plans and specifications are available for inspection at the following locations: TA Loving Company, NC DOT Division office.

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

Please contact Justin E. Hill at our office as soon as possible if you are interested in submitting a proposal on any portion(s) of this project. Quotes may be emailed to **Justin E. Hill—jehill@taloving.com**. All quotations will be accepted up to bid closing time on bid date. Our address, phone number, and fax number is as follows.

T.A. Loving Company PO Box 919 Goldsboro, NC 27533
919-734-8400 (phone) 919-736-2148 (fax).

TA Loving Company is an Equal Opportunity Employer

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SUBCONTRACTORS/SUPPLIERS WANTED

T.A. Loving Company (NC General Contractor License No. 325) is seeking certified DBE subcontractors and suppliers for the following projects that bid for NCDOT:

Bid Date: 07/06/2022 at 2:00 PM
Project: Replace Bridge #9 Over Connaritsa Swamp in Bertie County (Division 1)

Plans and specifications are available for inspection at the following locations: TA Loving Company, NC DOT Division office.

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

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Bid Date: 07/06/2022 at 2:00 PM
Project: Replace Bridge #23 Over Bonarva Canal in Tyrrell County (Division 1)

Plans and specifications are available for inspection at the following locations: TA Loving Company, NC DOT Division office.

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

Please contact Justin E. Hill at our office as soon as possible if you are interested in submitting a proposal on any portion(s) of this project. Quotes may be emailed to **Justin E. Hill—jehill@taloving.com**. All quotations will be accepted up to bid closing time on bid date. Our address, phone number, and fax number is as follows.

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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 **Hawksbill Drive Embankment Roadway Repairs** project for the **City of Wilmington** which bids **July 7, 2022, at 3:00 PM**. Plans and specifications for this project are available at the following locations: TA Loving Company, 400 Patetown Road, Goldsboro, NC 27530 * Office of the Purchasing Manager; 305 Chestnut Street, 5th Floor; Wilmington, NC 28405; contact: Christine Karem, christine.karem@wilmingtonnc.gov.

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

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

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SUBCONTRACTORS/SUPPLIERS WANTED

T.A. Loving Company (NC General Contractor License No. 325) is seeking certified DBE, MBE, and WBE subcontractors and suppliers for the DE Benton Water Treatment Plant Zone Finished Water Pump Addition project for the City of Raleigh which bids July 5, 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 * Black & Veatch International Company; 11000 Regency Parkway, Suite 410; Cary, NC 27518 * Dodge Data and Analytics website * ConstructConnect website * Construction Journal website * NC Institute of Minority Economic Development (a.k.a. The Institute or NCIMED) website.

Potential subcontracting opportunities include but are not limited to electrical, CIPC, and painting. Please contact **Michael Cox (mcox@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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Answers

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Kari Stoltz
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