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By Dr. Joy Martinez

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The Emancipation Proclamation, signed in 1863 during the American Civil War, ordered the release of enslaved people. But the timeline and path were slow and brutal for the four million enslaved people to whom freedom was promised. Many enslavers simply ignored the Proclamation. It wouldn't be until June 19, 1865, two and half years after freedom for slaves was announced, that slaves in Galveston, Texas, finally received the news that they had been freed.

Maj. Gen. Gordon Granger issued General Orders, Number 3 declaring, "an absolute equality of personal rights and rights of property between former masters and slaves, and the connection heretofore existing between them becomes that between employer and hired labor." That day is now celebrated as Juneteenth.

In many ways, and for many people the commemoration of Juneteenth represents how freedom and justice in the United

States has always been delayed for Black people.

In the years following the anniversary of General Orders, Number 3, celebration included prayer and family gatherings. Now a federal holiday, these celebrations require meaningful and authentic action and initiative, and cannot be simple boxes companies and banks check off on their calendar. The relationship between "employer and hired labor" hasn't been equitable across racial lines in the history of the nation. And although the Emancipation Proclamation ended chattel slavery, slavery is still legal and continues through a loophole in the 13th Amendment.

The continued denial of access to wealth-building, homeownership and education benefits in the GI Bill, redlining and loan rejections for businesses are several critical components of today's widely discussed racial wealth gap. While there are philanthropy events, community service initiatives and even "volunteer time off" events for employees

to get involved in the community, the best way to celebrate Black freedom is probably the simplest.

Unfortunately, while banks and SBA loans have been charged with making access to capital more equitable for entrepreneurs, a recent study found that this hasn't happened. In fact, the annual number of Small Business Administration loans to Black businesses decreased by 84 percent since its peak before the 2008 financial crisis. On average, Black-owned businesses receive about 3 percent of SBA 7(a) dollars.

Celebrate Juneteenth by supporting Black creators, entrepreneurs and businesses.

The Center for American Progress reported that "while Black Americans make up 13 percent of the U.S. population, they own less than 2 percent of small businesses with employees. By contrast, white Americans make up 60 percent of the U.S. population but own 82 percent of small employer firms.

If financial capital were more

evenly distributed and Black Americans enjoyed the same business ownership and success rates as their white counterparts, there would be approximately 860,000 additional Black-owned firms employing more than 10 million people."

According to the Brookings Institution, if the number of Black-owned businesses matched the revenue of non-Black-owned businesses, the total revenue for Black-owned businesses would increase by \$5.9 trillion.

The power of Black-owned businesses to reshape the U.S. economy and lead the way in health care, high tech and dozens of other growth industries is the power to close the wealth gap and generate true freedom.

A Seed At The Table was founded in 2021. It's a mission-driven capital raising equity crowdfunding platform committed to connecting diverse entrepreneurs with accredited and non-accredited investors to obtain equity in early-stage companies led by Blacks and people of color through modest investment

amounts. Through Seed, individuals can seamlessly discover and invest in owned companies that align with their values.

The civil rights advocacy group Color of Change launched Black Business Green Book to support Black-owned businesses during the COVID-19 pandemic. Black Business Green Book offers ways to browse businesses in many different categories, including home goods, fashion, health and wellness, books, and art. There are different filters for shopping businesses in a selected state or online-only companies.

The U.S. Black Chambers, with support from American Express, developed an extensive directory and certification program for Black business owners to join called ByBlack. Businesses that identify as Black-owned can join

the directory for free by supplying the name of the business and the business owner; the business's website, phone number, and address; and the business category, description, and NAIC/Industry code.

We know large corporations and organizations have announced a commitment of many billions to support Black businesses and communities. In reality, most of them aren't organically connected to Black people or places. The best way for companies to leverage those dollars is to invest in Black-led companies and financial firms with a history of investing in high growth businesses led by Black people.

Companies from all over the country declared that "Black Lives Matter" in 2020. Two years

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March For Our Lives Rally In Raleigh

By Tyria McCray

Staff Writer

Members of the Raleigh community gathered for the March For Our Lives Rally, a youth-led movement to end gun violence. This event was in response to the recent shootings in Buffalo, N.Y. and Uvalde, Texas.

Organizers gathered in hopes to pressure Washington lawmakers to enact new gun legislation. There were more than 400 cities participating in this rally, as well as rallies in Spain, France, Germany and Switzerland.

After countless mass shoot-

ings and instances of gun violence in our communities, March for our Lives made it their goal to take back the streets and march. Groups marched in 2018 after the shooting at Marjory Stoneman Douglas Elementary School in Parkland, Fla. and this past weekend, they went back to Washington D.C. on June 11. Hundreds of local marches took place on the same day across the nation.

The local rally in Raleigh was one of those hundreds nationwide Saturday, including one in Columbia, S.C., that drew some 300 people.

During Saturday's march,

amongst the crowd stood Laura McDow, a March for Our Lives worker and organizer for the event.

"I think it is wonderful. I think it is amazing and I wasn't expecting this many people," said McDow. She and other student organizers spoke at the rally, recounting their experiences with gun violence in their own schools, as well as how shootings at schools across the country have affected them during their education.

Gerald Givens, head of the NAACP of Apex, was one of the keynote speakers. "I lost my grandfather, my uncle, my

brother, and three cousins," said Givens.

He went on to share that he thinks there are steps lawmakers can take, that voters on both sides of the issue might agree with.

"We are in a public safety crisis," said Givens. "Any firearm made for the military should not be sold to the American public."

Other speakers included Durham County Commissioner Nida Allam, state Rep. Marcia Morey and former president of N.C. Association of Educators Mark Jewell.

Another group rallied in Charlotte on Sunday, June 12.



BILLS SIGNED BY NC GOVERNOR ADDRESS ARSON, DRUGS, INSURANCE

(AP)—North Carolina Gov. Roy Cooper signed three bills into law Tuesday, including one that increases arson punishments and another that supporters say will get federally approved medicines that contain marijuana or its active ingredient quicker to those who need them.

The bills are the first the Democratic governor has received—and signed—since the legislature's annual work session began four weeks ago. Debate on all three measures began last year.

The prescription drug bill alters the state's Controlled Substances Act so that a drug containing marijuana and tetrahydrocannabinols, or THC, automatically becomes lawful in North Carolina if the U.S. Food and Drug Administration approves the drug. The Drug Enforcement Administration also would have to act. The process still would allow a state commission to block the drug's use with a formal objection.

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Martha Yates Jones and sister Pinkie Yates in decorated buggy for Juneteenth Celebration in Houston, TX, 1908. Submitted by Joyce A. Russell, Ph.D., Professor of English, St. Augustine's University



Alumni Chapter Awards Scholarship

GOLDSBORO— Myron Poindexter is the recipient of the 2022-2023 Mary B. Chasten Scholarship Award. Myron was presented a \$1000 scholarship by the North Carolina Eastern Alumni Chapter of Johnson C Smith University (JCSU) on Friday, June 10, 2022.

"My parents had heard about the NC Eastern Alumni Chapter of JCSU scholarship and suggested I apply. I knew that I needed it but didn't really think I would get it....I was so surprised

and happy." Myron is transferring to Johnson C Smith University from Wayne Community College in Goldsboro.

"It was my pleasure to award the 2022-2023 scholarship to such a fine young man," said Patricia C. Ford, president of the local JCSU alumni chapter. "He has earned it...we look forward to following him throughout his education at Smith and beyond."

Myron is the son of Mr. Marvin and Mrs. Latesha Poindexter. Both parents are retired from

the air force.

The scholarship is named after Mrs. Mary B. Chasten, member of the NC Eastern Alumni Chapter of JCSU. Mrs. Chasten will be 94 years old on June 28, 2022.

The North Carolina Eastern Chapter of Johnson C Smith University Alumni invites all alumnus in the area to join us. The zoom meetings are canceled for the summer but are held on the second Sunday of each month at 2:00 pm. For further information, contact Pat Ford at 386-569-5558

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later, some of the loudest voices that chanted the declaration have since quieted. According to a study by Creative Investment Research a little over \$250 million has actually been spent or committed to a specific initiative.

Of the \$450 billion given to charities each year, only a tiny fraction goes to Black-led nonprofit organizations. These are

the organizations most likely to be grounded in and aligned with the needs of the Black communities, have missions connected to positive action for Black lives, employ Black people, and empower Black leaders, all while also being systemically underfunded.

You can find a list of organizations to support on the Giving Gap's website, which lists Black-

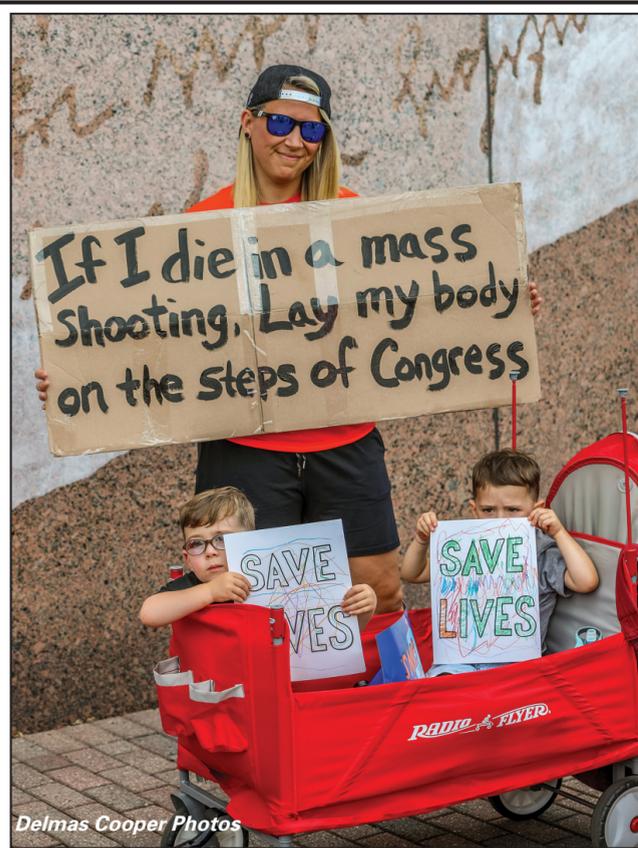
led nonprofits by cause and state.

Small businesses and entrepreneurs have been longtime wealth builders in our society. By supporting more Black-owned businesses, all Americans can create more opportunities for meaningful savings, property ownership, credit building and generational wealth. And this freedom, is cause for celebration.

'Enough Is Enough':

WASHINGTON (AP) — Thousands of people rallied on the National Mall and across the United States on Saturday in a renewed push for gun control measures after recent deadly mass shootings from Uvalde, Texas, to Buffalo, New York, that activists say should compel Congress to act.

"Enough is enough," District of Columbia Mayor Muriel Bowser told the second March for Our Lives rally in her city. "I speak as a mayor, a mom, and I speak for millions of Americans and America's mayors who are demanding that Congress do its job. And its job is to protect us, to protect our children from gun violence."



Delmas Cooper Photos



Middle Tennessee State Is Recording Black Families' Oral History, Stories

MURFREESBORO, Tenn. (AP) — Middle Tennessee State University will be recruiting for an oral history project during Murfreesboro's Juneteenth celebration on Saturday.

MTSU researcher Jason McGowan is collecting the stories of Middle Tennessee African American families for a year-long project that began in February. The project is funded by

a National Endowment for the Humanities grant to MTSU's Albert Gore Research Center.

McGowan will be at the historic Bradley Academy Museum and Cultural Center during the Juneteenth celebration, where he will answer questions and arrange to record the stories of the area's Black families.

McGowan said the project is

not just for MTSU or academia, but also for the people who tell their stories.

"Oral history just provides a medium to preserve family genealogy, record one's relationship with their families, with their communities, and with the era in which they live," he said in a news release. "You're simply allowing us to share your experiences."

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No Charges In Fatal SC Shooting

COLUMBIA, S.C. (AP) — A prosecutor in South Carolina decided Tuesday not to charge two police officers in the fatal shooting of a Black man who lunged at them with a broken piece of wood from a chair after family members warned them the victim was mentally ill.

The Richland County deputies were justified to shoot Irvin Moorer Charley because he was a danger to the officers and family members who called police to their home, initially telling them Charley was armed with a knife, Solicitor Byron Gipson said in a statement.

Gipson called the shooting "reasonably necessary" based on Charley's "unfortunate response" to lunge at the officers with the stick, which they thought was a sharpened stake.

"The use of force was applied in good faith based upon the perceptions of a reasonably trained officer and the objectively reasonable facts the officer had at the time of the incident," Gipson said.

The deputies are white. Gipson, the elected prosecutor for Richland County, is Black.

Lawyers for Charley's family said in a text message Tuesday that the family would hold a news conference later to respond to Gipson's decision.

The family was unhappy because the Richland County Sheriff's Department investigated the shooting by its own deputies. Sheriff Leon Lott said his investigators had the expertise and temperament to fairly investigate their fellow officers and Gipson would review the findings.

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Business & Finance

The Case Of The Incredible Shrinking Car Dealership Model

WIRED—FEW PEOPLE LOVE car dealerships. They're stressful and sprawling, and it's hard to shake the feeling that someone is getting a raw deal. But as the auto industry increasingly goes electric and moves online, companies like Honda are rethinking every aspect of the purchase process—including the spaces in which it happens.

Honda announced today that it's rolling out a new dealership design, one that takes up less square footage and is modular and flexible; what was once showroom space, for example, can be transformed into offices for employees. It'll also have electric vehicle chargers, as the company aims to sell half a million EVs in the US by 2030. "Our dealers are looking at ways to modernize and digitalize their business," Mamadou Diallo, the vice president of auto sales at American Honda, told reporters last week. Recent experiences, he says, have taught the automaker that selling cars "will not require as much space." And they're not the only ones looking to shed square footage.

Like so many recent transformations, the shift is in part a reflection of the pandemic. Automakers have struggled through



a shortage of semiconductor chips, a serious issue for vehicles that need hundreds and sometimes a thousand or more of them to work. The supply chain bottleneck means new car dealers have fewer vehicles on hand to show off to customers. Meanwhile, inspired by a new breed of electrified direct sales companies, like Tesla and Rivian, big automakers started experimenting with letting customers reserve and even buy their cars online. Ford made its first sales for its electrified sports car, the Mustang Mach-E, on the internet and took online reservations for its electric pickup truck. Volvo

said last year that its electric vehicles—which the automaker says will account for 100 percent of sales by 2030—will be sold exclusively online.

That could make buying cars more convenient, but it makes selling them easier, too. Building cars to fulfill customers' online orders takes some guesswork out of vehicle production, meaning fewer unexpectedly unpopular models end up languishing—and eventually selling at a discount—on showroom floors. "We have learned that, yes, operating with fewer vehicles on lots is not only possible, but it's better for customers, dealers, and Ford," Jim

Farley, Ford's CEO, told investors last summer. "But we're also driving a significant increase in the number of customers configuring and ordering their vehicles online, so we have better visibility to real demand."

This pandemic-era adjustment has not always worked out in car buyers' favor. Dealers report that the combination of a tight car market and limited inventory means they can offer fewer discounts to customers hoping to drive their new purchases off the lot. Buyers pay more, and dealers make higher margins per sale. But industry experts are divided over whether those conditions will last beyond the public health emergency and related supply chain struggles.

Still, the era of the rows and rows of makes and models and colors may be over for good. "The dealership doesn't need to be some Taj Mahal on the highway somewhere," says Mike Anderson, the president of the Rikess Group, an automotive consultancy. Dealerships that Anderson advises have started to bring vehicles to potential customers for test drives, and then back to their homes or offices when they close the deal. Automakers like Tesla, Ford,

Mercedes-Benz, and BMW are also experimenting with mobile servicing, or having technicians travel to customers' vehicles. In some places, "many of the guests won't see the dealership at all," Anderson says.

It could take years or even decades for dealerships to change

physically because it takes time and money to retrofit a building. Diallo, the Honda executive, says the automakers' new dealership design "is not a program we are forcing dealers to adopt," but a direction Honda wants its dealers to follow as they renovate and make updates.

FUNdraising Good Times

By Mel & Pearl Shaw
Saad & Shaw



IN CASE OF EMERGENCY

Now is the time to start planning for the next series of unexpected events. We know that doesn't sound like "fun," but it is necessary, like planning for a hurricane and other weather disasters. No one knows when and where the next disaster will happen, but we do know it will. The same is true for the nonprofit sector: "disaster" is often lurking around the corner.

Traditionally, the board of a well-established nonprofit will focus on governance, oversight, and fundraising, and the boards of start-ups are more "hands on." In these times, we suggest that all boards work closely with the executive director and staff to make sure the organization can persist in the most urgent of times. Here's a public secret: You can't leave this solely in the hands of the executive director, because one of the emergency situations could be the abrupt departure of this individual!

We have all learned a lot from COVID-19. The question today is, what will we do with what we have learned, and how are we preparing for more of the unknown such as a natural disaster or a major recession. The next disruption could be something as "simple" as your key fundraising person resigning—whether they be a volunteer or staff; or as mentioned above the abrupt departure of your executive director or CEO. In all cases a "business continuity plan" can help.

Such a plan should include your critical operations: those that are community focused, as well as your critical internal operations that underlie all other operations. Think about data backup systems, internet connectivity, generators, telecommunications, banking and financial operations, and the buildings you operate out of. It should also include updated contact information for all board members, staff, and critical volunteers. Importantly, your continuity plan should outline the types of emergencies your organization may face—things we don't want to think about such as a mass shooting, kidnapping, embezzlement, fire, terrorism, civil unrest...

There are a lot of things that can go wrong: that is part of life. That's why board members and the executive director need to keep their eyes open and understand the importance of planning for the unexpected. This includes making a commitment to what we are each willing to do, beyond providing guidance and oversight. Board members may need to play roles traditionally filled by staff. That could be providing bookkeeping or human resources services, serving as an interim executive director, or getting on the phone and personally calling the individuals and families you serve or advocate for. Emergency preparation should include identifying the skills of those on the board who can step up to back up staff when needed. Your nonprofit may not have the luxury of waiting for a new staff person to be recruited: there may be times when board members are called upon to step up in what was a staff role.

None of us like thinking about the unthinkable, but we may better survive if we do.

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MenToHeal Address Suffering In Silence

By Tyria McCray

Staff Writer

James Harris, an African-American father, veteran, author, entrepreneur and mental health therapist, has created an interactive journal for men and boys titled *Man Just Express Yourself*, a journal that encourages them to express themselves in a healthy way.

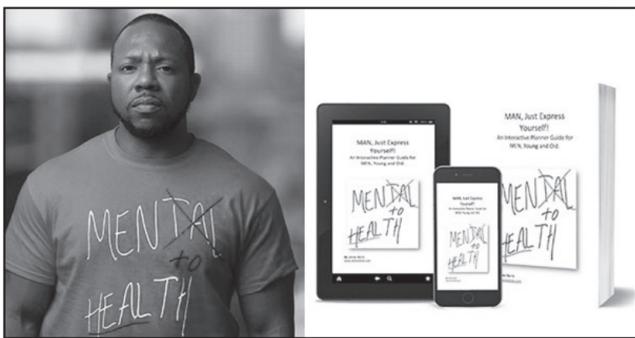
An intricate part of the reason why he wrote the book is that he feels that the lasting effects of the pandemic are going to have a tremendous impact on the mental health of people all over.

James, who holds a Master's degree in Clinical Mental Health Counseling, says that the journal serves as a powerful tool for both men and boys as many of them struggle to see a positive image of themselves because of the vicious attacks on African-Americans in the media.

The journal allows men to express themselves clearly and then share the book with others so that they can be clearly understood.

He told sources, "Just imagine a husband completing this book and giving it to his wife so she can gain insight on him and his mood that he can't find the words to articulate when he is upset."

"Imagine a young man in middle school completing this book and then going to college and do-



ing it over to see how much he's grown mentally. The list goes on and on of who can benefit from this book."

Harris explained why he chose to create this book.

"When I was young, I was a ward of the state. I was in foster care and group homes. However, it was not a pleasant experience. None of the therapists looked like me. Therefore, I couldn't obtain much from therapy at that point."

Once he was out of foster care, he went on to join the army for eight years. He was deployed twice then later on he tried therapy again. During that process, he learned that not many therapists had combat experience or knew how to work with veterans. That led him to go back to college and begin an organization that would

help men express themselves.

During grad school, he was given an assignment that asked if he could work with one population, who would it be and he chose men. He shared that he chose men because they are often left out of the conversation when it comes to health and wellness.

Once he completed the assignment and received great feedback, he knew that he wanted to begin an initiative to help men. MenToHeal began to address mental, physical, and emotional health. The organization brought along advocacy, especially from the wives of men within the organization and mothers.

After receiving positive feedback from wives and mothers, he then went on to hold sessions in an art gallery where men could express themselves fully and

comfortably amongst each other.

Harris decided to open a healing hub in 2019 in Richmond, Va., just before the pandemic. It serves as a 2,200 sq ft building used for outpatient therapy, massages, yoga, mindfulness, event space, restoration of rights, LGBTQ seminars, distribution of meals to feed the less fortunate, financial literacy classes, and more.

A Youtube channel was also created for people to ask questions about mental health and wellness. The channel served as another way for Harris to educate the men and women.

More veterans are participating now because the platform is more interactive and they can ask questions without being judged.

"I hope that this continues to manifest itself and continue to blossom into something that is tangible for the masses. I want people to know that there is someone out there that looks like them who provides these services and to know that it is okay to get the help that they need," said Harris.

"Again, if it is not for you, then do it for the people around you."

For more details about James, his book, his movement, and his apparel line visit MenToHeal.com/.

Small Businesses Are Facing 'Summer Of Uncertainty'

Small businesses that depend on outdoor crowds and free-spending tourists aren't sure what to expect this summer.

Consumers likely have a lot of pent-up demand after more than two years of the pandemic. But they're also facing some significant financial headwinds because of the highest inflation in decades. And COVID-19 remains a looming presence.

The U.S. Travel Association, an industry trade group, expects money spent on travel — excluding business travel — in the U.S. to total \$726 billion in 2022, up 3 percent from 2021 and slightly above pre-pandemic levels. Many Americans appear ready to spend what's left of their pandemic savings.

But inflation might throw a wrench in their plans. Higher prices are making day-to-day living more expensive, which could leave less money for discretionary spending. Gas prices are up more than 60% from a year ago and hotel rooms and airfare are pricier as well, putting pressure on travel budgets.

Memorial Day weekend might offer a snapshot of how the summer will go. According to the Transportation Security Administration, an average of 2.23 million people per day passed through U.S. airport checkpoints during the five-day Thursday through Monday holiday period. That was 9% lower than the same five days in 2019, but up 24% from the same days last year.

Businesses are also struggling with inflation — raw materials are finished goods are more

expensive and workers are demanding higher pay. Owners have been forced to raise prices or cut back on some services.

"It's a summer of uncertainty," said Ray Keating, chief economist with advocacy group the Small Business & Entrepreneurship Council. "Inflation is a major worry and tied to that is increases in costs small businesses are seeing from their own vendors and suppliers. There's a tight labor market. It's a tough mix."

Jack Morey's family has owned and operated Morey's Piers & Beachfront Water Parks, three boardwalk amusement parks along the waterfront in The Wildwoods, New Jersey, for two generations. Morey said the last two years have been devastating for his businesses, due to shutdowns and COVID-19 restrictions and a lack of staff.

This year, restrictions have been dropped and Morey has been able to fully staff up again. But payroll costs and all other expenses are "through the roof," so he's had to raise prices. Morey is unsure whether his base of mostly working-class families will come back to the parks because they're facing higher prices for everything from groceries to gas. But he's hoping for the best.

"Will people come back? I think they will. I know they will be coming for the beaches first," he said. "What's going to happen with inflation and gas, nobody knows. I'm cautiously optimistic — we'll know when we know."

The higher cost for gas and other items means a growing divide between wealthy tourists

and the middle or working class. At Mansion House Inn on Martha's Vineyard, rooms are booking at pre-pandemic prices, with most of the summer sold out. Owner Susan Goldstein said her clientele likes the fact they can drive to the Vineyard instead of flying somewhere, despite higher gas prices.

But Goldstein said people aren't booking as far ahead as they used to.

"There's a lot of last-minute action," she said. "People are waiting to see what the world is offering."

A labor crunch is putting pressure on many small businesses this summer, too. To staff her two Cinnaholic vegan cinnamon bun bakeries in Tennessee, Holly Roe has had to raise wages — and hire a lot more teenagers.

Before the pandemic Roe's staff was 80% people over the age of 18 and 20% under. Now, the ratio has completely switched.

"Most of them it's their first job, but it's been interesting. They're eager to work, excited and want to impress," said Roe, whose stores are in Knoxville and Pigeon Forge, Tennessee, near the Great Smoky Mountains National Park and Dollywood amusement park.

Hiring more teens is a national trend. According to data from Gusto, a payroll, benefits, and human resources provider, teens made up 9.3% of new hires in April 2022, up from 7.7% in April 2021 and 2% in April 2019. Meanwhile, the share of hires 25 to 54 years old fell to 62.9% this April from 75.3% in April 2021.



**NCDOT TO HOLD PUBLIC MEETING
REGARDING IMPROVEMENTS TO N.C. 42
IN THE HILLTOP ROAD AREA
IN WAKE COUNTY**

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FUQUAY-VARINA - The public is invited to a public meeting with the N.C. Department of Transportation this month to discuss the proposed project to make improvements to N.C. 42 and the intersections at Hilltop Road, Panther Lake Road, Walter Rowland Road, and Walter Myatt Road in Wake County.

Project details, including maps and a video can be found on the NCDOT project web page: (ncdot.publicinput.com/NC42-Hilltop-Rd-Area).

The meeting will be held **June 16** at Amplify Church, **2284 N.C. 42, Willow Spring**. The public is invited to attend at any time between **5 and 7 pm**.

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Knowing How Heat Affects Your Body Can Help Save Your Life

By JohnEric Smith

Mississippi State Univ.

Last year, less than a month into North America's official summer, heat waves were blistering much of the West. California and the Southwest were facing excessive heat watches for the second time, after a mid-June heat wave pushed temperatures above 100 F (38 C).

And in late June an intense heat dome settled over the Pacific Northwest for four days, setting all-time temperature records in Oregon, Washington and British Columbia. The effects were most evident in Lytton, British Columbia, which reported a temperature of 121 F (49.5 C) on June 29, far above its average high for the date of 76 F (24.4 C). A day later, the town was engulfed by a wildfire.

As an exercise physiologist, I know that the human body is an amazing machine. But like all machines, it functions effectively and safely only under certain conditions.

People frequently debate whether wet heat in places like Florida or dry heat in desert locations like Nevada is worse. The answer is that either setting can be dangerous. Hot desert climates are stressful due to extreme temperatures, while humid subtropical climates are stressful because the body has trouble removing heat when sweat doesn't evaporate readily. As recent events have shown, hot is hot.

North America has a wide range of climates, but when people talk about heat, they often compare the Southwest and the Southeast. Some communities in the Southwest's hot desert climates, such as Las Vegas, have average summer high temperatures over 100 F (38 C), with relative humidity typically around 20%. This means the air is holding about one-fifth of the

maximum amount of moisture it can hold at that temperature and pressure.

In contrast, Southeast locations like Orlando, Florida, typically have average temperatures around 90 F (32.2 C), with humidity regularly approaching 80%. Looking only at temperature, the desert clearly is hotter on average.

However, it's also important to consider how heat affects the body. Weather reports often do this using the heat index, which calculates how the human body perceives conditions factoring in humidity as well as heat.

Sweating is your body's primary way of cooling you off. When sweat evaporates away from your skin, it takes heat with it. But when humidity is high, the air already holds a lot of moisture, so the sweat remains on your skin. As it saturates clothing and drips from the body, it can remove only a small amount of heat compared with the cooling that comes with the evaporation of sweat.

As a result, when we account for humidity, the heat exposures people experience in Las Vegas and Orlando are very similar.

As people go through their daily lives, their bodies work continuously to maintain a temperature close to a normal level of about 98.6 F (37 C). In regions that regularly experience high heat stress, such as the Southeast and Southwest, most buildings and homes now have air conditioning, which helps people maintain healthy temperatures.

But in areas where heat is unusual, such as the Pacific Northwest, many buildings and residences lack cooling. As a result, people are exposed to higher heat for longer periods of time during events like the region's June 2021 heat wave than they would be in regions where hot weather is the



norm.

Just as buildings and residences in areas chronically exposed to heat are equipped with ceiling fans and air conditioning, bodies that are regularly exposed to heat can acclimatize, or adapt and improve their ability to cool. This starts to occur with the first heat exposure – for example, the beginning of fall sports practices in August – but take weeks of regular exposure to reach maximal levels.

One of the first things our bodies do in adapting to heat is to produce more plasma – the watery portion of blood. This enables our circulatory systems to move heat to the skin more effectively so that sweating can remove it from the body.

We also begin sweating earlier than people who are not acclimatized to heat, and our maximal sweat rate increases. These adaptations improve our bodies' abil-

ity to dissipate heat to the environment.

Behavior changes are another way of adapting to heat stress. Since midday is typically the hottest part of the day, it makes sense to avoid physical work and exercise then. When people are active, their bodies break down nutrients – carbohydrates, fats and protein – into energy. This powers movement and also generates metabolic heat, which adds to the body's heat stress.

Taking advantage of shade is another important strategy. Heat radiating from the Sun adds to the stress produced by warm air temperatures. Staying in the shade can significantly reduce the external heat load on people who have to be outdoors during hot spells.

Many of the hundreds of deaths and hospitalizations that experts have attributed to last year's heat dome in the Northwest probably reflect that buildings there were less equipped to keep people cool than in hotter regions, and residents were less acclimatized to heat.

A healthy adult body can acclimatize to heat, but older people and children are less able to adjust. As people age, their cardiovascular systems change in ways that cause them to pump blood less effectively. This reduces the body's ability to move heat to the skin to be transferred to the environment.

Children and older adults may also have less active sweat responses, which can reduce their potential to cool off through sweating.

Humans can tolerate most areas of the Earth, but extreme heat requires extra steps. If there's a heat wave in your local forecast, seek out shade and begin to acclimatize by increasing your activity gradually when things get too hot. Drink more fluids to account for increased fluid loss from sweat, while also making sure not to overhydrate. And avoid outdoor activity during the hottest hours of the day if possible.

Whether heat waves are humid or dry, they are health threats that everyone should take seriously.



FACT & FITNESS

By Jeneea Jervay-Bush, M.S.

HEALTHIER ON A BUDGET

Moving towards improved health on a consistent basis is a challenge for most of us. I imagine it's substantially harder for those near or below the poverty line. The input from those with the loudest voices in our society seem to be targeted at people who can afford their products, which makes sense from a business perspective. Additional input outlines strategies that reflect the author's experience and privilege without looking, or even thinking about what modifications are feasible for those with less income and less access; this includes me.

My views on what healthier looks like have expanded to consider challenges from the built environment and financial circumstances. Previously, my concession on aspects of food was basically it's okay to buy non-organic fruits and vegetables from the produce department if you can't afford organic. What does healthier look like if a person or family can't afford non-organic fruits and vegetables from the produce department if they're going to have enough food for the month? What does healthier look like if a person or family doesn't have a car to drive to a grocery store, has no traditional grocery store in their neighborhood, or has to take multiple buses to get to a traditional grocery store? Who has that luxury of time if they already take the bus to work?

Personal responsibility is a thing and there will always be people that just don't care about moving toward a healthier lifestyle, across socioeconomic status. However, and in some cases, there are additional factors that merit consideration for those that do care and want to improve physical health for themselves and their families. How do you "pull yourself up by your bootstraps" if you don't have shoes? Health goals like avoiding high blood pressure, reducing hypertension, and getting at least 150 minutes of physical activity weekly take on a whole new challenge when I remove the factors I was previously including by default because it was my environment/experience.

It feels weird and is unnerving to come face to face with one of your own blind spots; this is where I'm living at the moment. Hopefully, I'm just catching up to where you already are; sorry I'm late my friends.

NY Fund Apologizes For Role In Tuskegee Syphilis Study

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. (AP) — For almost 40 years starting in the 1930s, as government researchers purposely let hundreds of Black men die of syphilis in Alabama so they could study the disease, a foundation in New York covered funeral expenses for the deceased. The payments were vital to survivors of the victims in a time and place ravaged by poverty and racism.

Altruistic as they might sound, the checks — \$100 at most — were no simple act of charity: They were part of an almost unimaginable scheme. To get the money, widows or other loved ones had to consent to letting doctors slice open the bodies of the dead men for autopsies that would detail the ravages of a disease the victims were told was "bad blood."

Fifty years after the infamous Tuskegee syphilis study was revealed to the public and halted, the organization that made those funeral payments, the Milbank Memorial Fund, publicly apologized Saturday to descendants of the study's victims. The move is rooted in America's racial reckoning after George Floyd's murder by police in 2020.

"It was wrong. We are ashamed of our role. We are deeply sorry," said the president of the fund, Christopher F. Koller.

The apology and an accompanying monetary donation to a descendants' group, the Voices for Our Fathers Legacy Foundation, were presented during a ceremony in Tuskegee at a gathering of children and other relatives of men who were part of the study.

Endowed in 1905 by Elizabeth Milbank Anderson, part of a wealthy and well-connected New York family, the fund was one of the nation's first private foundations. The nonprofit philanthropy had some \$90 million in assets in 2019, according to tax records, and an office on Madison Avenue in Manhattan. With an early focus on child welfare and public health, today it concentrates on health policy at the state level.

Koller said there's no easy way to explain how its leaders in the 1930s decided to make the payments, or to justify what happened. Generations later, some Black people in the United States still fear government health care because of what's called the "Tuskegee effect."



Community



Middle School Honors Alumni

FREMONT, NC— Norwayne Alumni and Friends, Inc., (NAFI), consistently looks for ways to highlight its members and impact the community. In preparation for the upcoming 50th NAFI Alumni Annual Homecoming, NAFI is spotlighting Dr. Torica Fuller.

Dr. Torica Fuller serves on the board of NAFI. Her role is to serve as the Race Director for the Annual 5k Run/Walk. She has served in this role for three years. "While it has been a new experience for many, I believe that it has generated some excitement from those who embrace a lifestyle that entails walking, health, and fitness while staying committed to the mission and vision of the organization."

When asked what she is most looking forward to for the upcoming 50th NAFI Alumni Annual Homecoming, she replied. "I am most looking forward to the parade, the banquet as well as the opportunity to see many friends and associates that I have not seen in quite a while due to the impact of the pandemic. It is also fun to gather in the park for a few moments of laughter on Saturday mornings."

Dr. Fuller attended Norwayne Middle School before graduating from Charles B Aycock High School. Since graduating from high school, Torica has excelled in academics. She graduated from East Carolina University, Greenville, North Carolina with a Doctor of Nursing Practice (DPN); holds a Post Masters Family Nurse Practitioner Certification from Indiana Wesleyan University, Marion, Indiana; a Master of Science in Nursing (MSN) from Indiana Wesleyan University, Marion, Indiana; and a Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN), East Carolina University, Greenville, North Carolina.

*Only a dad with a tired face,
Coming home from the daily race,
Bringing little of gold or fame
To show how well he has played the game;
But glad in his heart that his own rejoice
To see him come and to hear his voice.*

*Only a dad with a brood of four,
One of ten million men or more
Plodding along in the daily strife,
Bearing the whips and the scorns of life,
With never a whimper of pain or hate,
For the sake of those who at home await.*

*Only a dad, neither rich nor proud,
Merely one of the surging crowd
Toiling, striving from day to day,
Facing whatever may come his way,
Silent whenever the harsh condemn,
And bearing it all for the love of them.*

*Only a dad but he gives his all
To smooth the way for his children small,
Doing with courage stern and grim,
The deeds that his father did for him.
This is the line that for him I pen:
Only a dad, but the best of men.*

Edgar Guest

Flood Center Reimagines Teacher's Program

Last week, the Dudley Flood Center ("Flood Center") announced its "reimagining" of the historic Jeanes Teachers program with the creation of the new Jeanes Fellows Program.

Dr. Deanna Townsend-Smith, Senior Director of the Flood Center said, "When reimagining education, we must provide proven solutions of success with students and educators grounded in research and data to effectively contribute to the constitutional mandate of a sound basic education.

"Research shows a diverse teaching workforce benefits every student and contributes to maintaining the dignity, respect, and well-being of students and the school communities supporting them each day."

As one of the Flood Center's first formal responses contributing directly to diversifying the teacher workforce, they will use a cohort model approach to intentionally respond to systemic issues of recruiting and retaining teachers of color, which will lead to better

educational outcomes for each and every public school student.

In 1907, Philadelphia Quaker woman Anna Jeanes created a \$1 million endowment—worth approximately \$30 million in today's currency—to be devoted solely to bringing talented Black educators, primarily women, into black schools in the Jim Crow South.

The Anna Jeanes Foundation (also known as the Negro Rural School Fund) funded positions from 1908 through early years of integration in White-controlled

school systems for teacher leaders to do the "next needed thing" to improve schools and communities, affording them the opportunity to be entrepreneurial and flexible.

The Jeanes Teachers made the schools the hubs of activity in rural communities, making sure that learning was relevant to the needs of the community. Jeanes Teachers also promoted the professionalism of teaching, providing curriculum development, teacher training, and school and district leadership.

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The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has proposed banning menthol cigarettes. This rule would remove all menthol cigarettes, like Newport, from the store shelves if the rule goes into effect.

BANNING MENTHOL IS BAD PUBLIC POLICY AND WOULD CREATE UNINTENDED CONSEQUENCES

Great progress has been made reducing smoking rates in this country. Adult and youth smoking are at historic lows; menthol smoking by youth is rare (0.6% smoked even a puff in past 30 days) per recent government data.

We do not believe the science justifies regulating menthol and non-menthol cigarettes differently. A ban would cause widespread negative unintended consequences including increases in illicit cigarette trade, crime, smuggling, lost tax revenues, strain on law enforcement and the risk of making it easier for youth to access cigarettes through illicit channels.

THE PATH FORWARD: TOBACCO HARM REDUCTION

There is a larger public health issue at stake: reducing the harm from smoking cigarettes (menthol and non-menthol) and how to accomplish that. Public health policy should encourage innovative and acceptable alternatives to cigarettes – and provide accurate information about them – for those adult smokers who choose not to quit. The pathway to real progress is reducing the harms from smoking in this country by ensuring access for adults to consumer-acceptable alternatives to the cigarette that may present less risk.

YOUTH PREVALENCE

99.4% of youth have not even taken a puff of a menthol cigarette in the last 30 days.

National Youth Tobacco Survey, United States, 2021, MMWR 71(5):1-29 (Mar. 11, 2022), at Table 5

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Ag-Grow-Culture

Diversified Farming, Carbon Sequestration And Sustainability

By Jason Lindsay

Staff Writer

A short walk through the woods would make plain that nature does not naturally grow in monocultures (the cultivation of a single crop in a given area). Instead, you would witness a diversified array of various varieties, species ranging from canopy trees to small tree saplings, from climbing and draping vines to full-toned bushes. You would also witness that the forest floor is not exposed, but instead mulched over by the same vegetation it hosts and underneath lies this rich soil laced with earthworms and other forms of life. This is a prime example of how we are meant to grow as farmers and gardeners. Diversified Farming is growing with tactics that mimic nature on scales that nature is built to handle.

Diversified farming is in many ways the way our ancestors farmed. It takes the land and people into consideration. Today, people are calling it many things like Agroecology. Agroecology is ecological principles implemented into agricultural systems. In other words: it is farming with a dominant emphasis on the ecosystem (environment) you are farming in. Agroecology is undergirded with a politic that is aimed to obtain agrarian self-sustainability.

Another expression for diversified farming is Organic Farming. Popularly known due to the certification and regulation of USDA, organic farming is the practice of farming without synthetic chemicals. Organic farming does not necessarily take into account the importance of carbon inputs and in most cases has been monetized to the highest bidder.

Diversified farming is also known as Carbon Farming. Carbon farming is a sequence of agricultural methods aimed at sequestering atmospheric carbon in the soil (storing carbon dioxide in the ground). Carbon Farming employs methods that ensure carbon is released within the soil and not into the atmosphere. High numbers of

atmospheric carbon results in long-term shifts in temperature and weather patterns (Global Warming). But when carbon is stored in the soil it not only slows and eventually reverses the effects of global warming, but it also strengthens the integrity of the soil.

Our food is already as one writer puts it: "dripping in oil." On average grocery store produce travels 1500 miles. Even foods that are labeled "Local" can travel up to 400 miles. So, by the time your groceries make it to the kitchen table its carbon footprint is significant and that's just distribution.

The earth's atmosphere contains 750 billion tons of carbon, yet the soil is built to hold twice as much hosting 1,500 billion tons of carbon. Industrialized agricultural practices such as big machinery tillage, the implementation of synthetic inputs like synthetic fertilizer, pesticide, herbicide, and all the other "cides," and the absence of carbon-base organic inputs such as compost and green manure, contribute to the release of carbon from the soil (where it does the most justice) back in the air (Global Warming).

Clear cutting (the practice of cutting down and removing every tree from an area) and conventional agriculture constitutes 24% of the world's carbon emissions. Over the years deforestation and industrialized cultivation have released 500 billion tons of carbon from the soil into our atmosphere.

Plant life absorbs CO₂ (carbon dioxide) from the air. Some of the carbon is used to support the plant's growth and the rest is transformed into a variety of carbon sugars that are released into the soil via the root system. These sugars serve as food to the micro-organisms within the soil. In return the micro-organisms process nutrients and minerals in a form that is plant soluble and releases it back to the plant. This all occurs through the process of photosynthesis. So, as we exhale CO₂ the plant life inhales it and sows it into the earth.

But it does stop there. The soil



An example of diversified, organic crop production at Cedar Circle Farm, Vermont

vitality and diversity is measured through the plants ability to sow CO₂ into the soil as well. The trade-off shared between the plants and the micro-organisms within the soil secretes along with the aid of the earthworm (fecal-matter and natures tillers) works as a glue of some sort, holding the soil together in a manner that allows an increased amount of air and water to penetrate deeper in the soil. This reduces and/or eventually eliminates run-off and erosion and can reduce the need for irrigation.

Diversified Farming i.e. Carbon Farming (DFCF) superimposes principles and practices that result in carbon being taken from the atmosphere and trapping it in the soil in order to further support the life of the soil. Conventional agriculture (CA) usually burns or removes left over biomass (plant-based material), while in DFCF works it back into to soil as a mulch thus returning the CO₂ within the plant back to the soil and not the air. CA tillage has released tons of carbon into the atmosphere over the years. DFCF uses conservation tillage (minimal tillage) or no-till as a strategy, as well as mulching, as a way to conserve water and damping weed growth. Green manures (cover-crops) are mandatory in DFCF systems. Remember the richness of the forest floor? Nature, soil does not like to be naked. It covers itself in one or two ways: One, it grows native vegetation suited to address present ailments, hence the name "cover-crops," or two, it blankets itself with the leaves from towering trees, vines, and bushes, hence "mulch." DFCF allows no time for the soil to lie naked, even in the off season green manure are planted to protect the soil and engage in the practice of photosynthesis, still sequestering carbon.

Some green manure are Leguminosae or legumes that sequester nitrogen which makes up 70% of our atmosphere as the leading agent in the greening and growth of plants. Integrated farming and diversified crop rotation takes the place of monoculture in mimic of nature.

Every plant has a particular demand from the soil. Monoculture teamed with the absence of crop rotation deletes the soil making it hard and more expensive to grow. DFCF affords the reduction and elimination of chemical-based fertilizers and other chemical inputs. Trees and livestock are desegregated from the production fields allowing native biomass to collect via fallen leaves, branches, and manure. If and when any of these practices are implemented soil integrity and soil diversity increase.

We must remember to take that walk through the woods. Witness nature in its splendor. She is teaching us. Socially, she demonstrates the importance of a diversified environment so don't surround yourself be a bunch of folk that all think alike, the plants welcome each other's differences. Grab hold of how symbiotic relationships bring ease, possibility, and abundance.

Agriculturally, the same really. Take-in how the earth (soil) likes to dress herself, to be kept cool in the summer and insulated in the winter, and that earth tones are every color under the sun.

Researchers tell that when DFCF is implemented on a significant enough scale it could reduce and eventually eliminate climate change as it stands today. The "Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (the IPCC is panel of scientists and experts created to provide governments with scientific information regarding climate change) stated the soil carbon sequestration measures on a yearly scales could increase by more than 56% by the year 2050. The problem is in the air, wondering around like a lost child, wreaking havoc in places it does not belong. Our solution is under our foot.

CO₂ is a seed needing to be planted and its fruit are plants that bear fruits. Its fruit is a reduction in runoff and erosion pollution. Its fruit is the restoration of soil degradation. Its fruits is increased life within the soil and balance in our ecosystem.

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Kingdom Tour Hits Raleigh

By Tyria McCray

Staff Writer

Gospel music superstar Kirk Franklin and American contemporary worship group Maverick City Music sold out Coastal Credit Union this past weekend with their anticipated summer 37-date Kingdom Tour.

Kicking off the tour in Miami, Orlando, Tampa, and Atlanta, the group broke the record for the highest gate gross amount. More than 50,000 fans, including more than 15,000 in Atlanta, came out to experience live the music from their forthcoming album, *Kingdom Book 1*. This sets the highest attendance record for any other Christian music/Gospel tour to date.

Fans from all over North Carolina gathered for a night of worship and fellowship. Kicking off Saturday's concert was Housefires, a worship band from Atlanta, Ga.

While performing one of their hit singles, "Good Good Father," it was an amazing sight to see people from all walks of life, in one accord, having focused prayer and worship.

Following Housefires, Grammy award-winning gospel artist,

Jonathan McReynolds performed a plethora of his hit singles such as "I'm not lucky I'm loved," "Movin' On" and "Cycles."

The Carolinian had the chance to speak with a few concertgoers during the event.

"When you come with the expectancy to have an encounter with God, He never disappoints. His presence was thick!" said Denonica Stanley.

Following McReynolds' performance, as far back as the eye could see, everyone in the park was on their feet patiently waiting for Maverick City and Kirk Franklin to grace the stage.

Upon walking out on stage, Kirk Franklin began with one of his hit songs, "Revolution," to get the crowd going with "Love Theory" following. From the stage, all the way to the entrance of the park grounds, it was standing room only.

The crew then changed the stage setup to a church setting. Church pews were brought out and the lights dimmed. Throughout the venue, a calming presence graced the crowd as Franklin played a medley of his hits from the late 1990s.

The crowd joined in with him to sing "Now Behold The Lamb,"

"Silver and Gold" and "Lean On Me."

During the latter part of the show, Chandler Moore of Maverick City Music sang their hit song, "Jireh" with Naomi Raine signing "Promises" and "Reckless Love" afterward.

Closing out the show, Kirk Franklin had the crowd singing "Melodies From Heaven" at the top of their lungs. He closed out the show with "Smile" from his 12th studio album, *Hello Fear*.

"In anticipating a concert, I was blessed with an extraordinary worship experience. Hearing thousands of voices, from all walks of life, sing praises to the King in unison blessed me with a glimpse of what Heaven will be like," said Celeta Smith.

The tour also stopped in Charlotte on Sunday, June 12 before heading up the East Coast to Newark, D.C., and more.

The final four shows on the tour include Kansas City, Cleveland, St. Paul and Chicago and will be called Kingdom Nights. They will feature We The Kingdom, Tamela Mann, Kari Jobe and Cody Carnes. Maverick City Musica will also be on select dates throughout the tour.

SERMON of the WEEK



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Matt 26:10-13 (NKJV)—THE SWEET SMELL OF VICTORY—VERSE 26:10

There are three main characters that stand out in these few verses of our sermonic text: The Woman who is identified in John 12 as Mary the sister of Martha and Lazarus, The Disciples, and Jesus.

Let's start with the woman: Love can make you do things you wouldn't normally do—like sacrifice your own desires for someone else's. How many times have we sacrificed our own needs for our children's needs, or for our spouses, or for a loved one or friend? How many of us have gone out of our way ALL IN THE NAME OF LOVE.

I propose that the woman in our Scripture text (Mary) is in love and Oh How Sweet It Is. The kind of love that makes you blind to everything else that is going on around you, love that acts out of purpose, THAT ALL CONSUMING LOVE.

The Scripture text invites us to take a journey with Jesus, His Disciples, a notable woman, and an unforgettable day in the life of Jesus. As we take a quick peek into Matthew 26, we know: The chapter opens 2 days before the Passover Feast.

We know that Jesus goes to Bethany and is in the House of Simon the leper. We know that He encounters a woman with an alabaster box of precious ointment that is poured on Jesus.

We know that His Disciples are appalled or indignant and call it a wasteful act. We know that in this chapter Judas bargains for payment to give up Jesus. In this chapter we see Jesus and His Disciples having communion. We know a discussion takes place about Peter denying Jesus.

We see Jesus praying. In this chapter we see Jesus asking God to remove the cup that is before Him signifying His crucifixion, death, and resurrection, but STILL declares not my will but Thy will be done.

In this chapter we witness Judas' kiss of death or what I call the kiss of life. We see Jesus' Disciples abandon Him, the interrogation, and the sentencing of death for Jesus. And, we see Peter's denial of Jesus, and His weeping.

But, in the midst of all these events we see a woman who is in love with Jesus and whose actions might appear somewhat strange or ludicrous to some. Why has she wasted this oil? The Disciples could not understand, and that troubled the woman's heart.

You know when you go out of your way to help someone and instead of the person being thankful and grateful, all you get is negativity, they have nothing positive to say. The Disciples couldn't understand why, and that troubled the



woman. Jesus says in verse 10 "...why are you troubling this woman she has done a good thing; she is preparing me for my burial."

Jesus to the Rescue—and Oh the Sweet Smell of Victory. Jesus was playing back up, just leave her alone—

LET'S TALK ABOUT JESUS! He became the woman's advocate, much like He does for us today! HOW SWEET and WONDERFUL is THE FRAGRANCE OF HIS SALVATION. Jesus came to the woman's defense and rescued her. (Have you ever been rescued by Jesus?)

Not only did He step in to protect the woman, but He exalted her, lifted her up and gave her honor.

God is saying I will lift you up out of your trouble, out of that place of despair and disappointment, I will be your defense—and Oh How Sweet It Is.

When you can't seem to find your way and life's trials seem too hard to bear—you can declare in the Name of Jesus that I am an overcomer, I am victorious. When you are stuck between a rock and hard place, and you don't know which way to go—Jesus will come to your rescue. He will fight your battles.

Jeremiah 32 says "...is there anything too hard for God?" I declare that there is absolutely nothing too hard for God. Jesus is the sweet, sweet smell of victory. God bless you.

Sermon by: Evangelist Selena Hunter

Give God Your Best!

As we live in this world dealing with life's issues, pandemic, emotional and all types of feelings, we must take a lesson from Mary in the book of Matthew 26. Here in this life, we can't allow the people to distract us when we have been called for an assignment by the Lord.

The Disciples had so much to say about her using her oil to prepare Jesus for burial. They had malice in their hearts and were angered because of her actions toward Jesus and commenting what she should do with that expensive oil.

Mary gave God her best gift! We must do the same, give God our best no matter what is happening. No matter what is going on. No matter how we might feel. No matter what comes or goes, give it to God. Let it be your best! This woman was freed by giving her best gift to the One that she loved so much. Jesus informed the woman that "Thy faith hath saved thee."

Sermon by: Mother Eldress Belinda McKoy

Sweet Smell of Victory

If the truth be told all of us are looking for a victory. Victory feels good regardless of the situation. But sometimes victory doesn't always feel imminent. There are times when the odds are stacked against us, we are backed in a corner, and we don't see a victorious end. Sometimes we just know

that if God doesn't intervene, we are destined for failure. But when God does intervene, and we prevail against all odds and are victorious, Ahh the Sweet Smell of Victory.

I don't think it's a coincidence that the main character in our text today is a woman. It is well known that "we've come a long way baby" and the actions of women, good or bad have always been scrutinized by others. Let's examine what the text is telling us about this woman:

Had a beautiful alabaster jar

The jar was full of expensive oil. She decided to take her own oil, from her own jar, to anoint the only One who was able to make the greatest sacrifice for humankind and come out victorious.

What a person, who could find fault in that. As always, the enemy is walking "to and fro looking for whom he may devour," but Jesus said He comes that we might have life and have it more abundantly. An abundant life does not always mean money. Psalm 147:3 He healeth the broken hearted and bind up their wounds. Surely Jesus identified with this woman who anointed Him with oil.

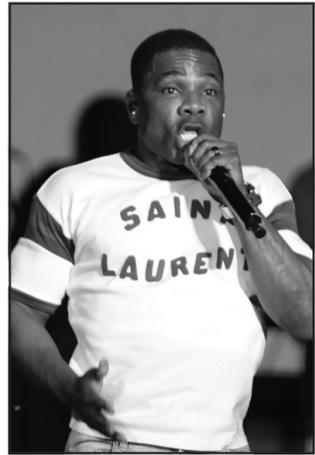
The Disciples thought themselves accomplished enough that they could criticize this woman for the decision she made with her own oil. To make things worse they seemed to begrudge Jesus for being the recipient of the gift; And maybe throwing a little shade at Him by implying that they could have sold the oil and fed the poor.

It is unthinkable that the Disciples would begrudge Him anything. They had walked with Him daily, saw Him perform miracles, saw the love and compassion He had for everyone. They were still unable to understand Jesus and what was going on around them. You would think that they would relish the ideas of someone honoring Jesus this way.

Oh, the Sweet Smell of Victory. Jesus reprimanded the Disciples for criticizing the woman for doing good. They didn't know what type of sacrifice this woman was making by using her oil. This may have been a year's salary or more. If Jesus didn't intervene there would be no victory. If they were here today, they could all testify of the Sweet Smell of Victory. They could echo this song with us:

You don't know my story; All the things that I've been through; You can't feel my pain; What I had to go through to get here; You'll never understand my praise; Don't try to figure it out; Because my worship, my worship is for real The Sweet Smell of Victory!

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Practical Biblical Principles

GOD SMILES

What makes God smile? Making God smile is the goal of our lives. In short, when we make God smile, so to speak, we are pleasing Him with our lives. Making God smile is almost like praising Him. To please God is getting us close to knowing why He created us in the first place.

If our first purpose to God is to praise Him and make Him smile, then our most important task is to discover how to do that. Scriptures encourages us to find out what is acceptable (pleases) to the Lord and do it (Ephesians 5:10).

The first humans God created, Adam and Eve, were pleasing to God. However, the couple did not make God smile on them for they disobeyed His command to not eat of a certain tree in the Garden.

It appears that it was some 1,500 years after Adam and Eve that God found someone who made Him smile. That person was Noah. Job could well be included in this God-smile class. It appears that Job came after Noah in terms of pleasing God. This is in the patriarchal period of the Bible.

We know that Noah was faithful and spent more than 120 years in building the Ark God commanded him to build. God smiled. In Noah's day the world had become so morally bankrupt. God decided to make a total Earth makeover and came to regret having first made man. No smiles here!

Job was faithful in worship and human kindness which also pleased God and made God smile. God was so pleased with

Job that He decided to allow the devil to test Job's resolve toward his God. When the spiritual warfare tests were over, Job came through with flying colors, so to speak, not knowing what God had just sent him through. Job made God smile.

There are many other servants who made God smile and the Bible leaves the records of the spiritual battles these servants went through as they fought unseen spirits that were real and powerful. Yet God's servants came out victorious and made Him smile (Ephesians 6:10-12).

Our Champion, who really taught us how to put a smile on God, the Father's face, is Jesus Christ, our Savior. When Jesus allowed Himself to be nailed to that rugged cross in our place to complete the work His Father sent Him to do, this placed a great, big smile upon the face of the Father. God smiled again when He heard His Son say, "It is finished" and God smiled and then raised Jesus from the dead. Now Jesus is sitting on the right-hand side of God with all power in His hand smiling. We make God smile when we obey and praise Him daily and faithfully.

Can we be named among the faithful who are determined to make God smile on us each day? Adam and Eve were not a good example, nor was Cain who slew his brother Abel. Nor was Nimrod to name a few who kept the smile off God's face.

God smiles when we love Him supremely. God smiles when we trust Him completely. God smiles when we obey Him wholeheartedly. God smiles when we praise and thank Him continu-

ally. God smiles when we use our abilities. When we get on with our daily lives you may feel that the only time God is pleased with you is when you are doing "spiritual" activities—like reading the Bible, attending church, praying, or sharing your faith.

You even may think God is not concerned about other parts of your life. Rick Warren in his book, *The Purpose Driven Life*, mentions the fact that God enjoys watching every detail of our lives, whether we are working, playing, resting, or eating. God doesn't miss a single move we make.

The scriptures say, "The steps of the godly are directed by the Lord. He delights in every detail of our lives" (Psalms 37:23). God has shaped each person in turn, now He watches everything we do (Psalms 33:15).

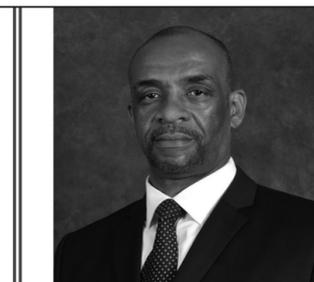
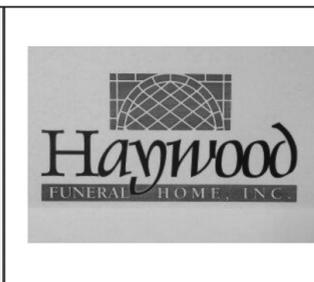
We don't bring glory or pleasure to God by hiding our abilities or trying to be someone else. We only bring Him enjoyment by being ourselves. There are no "unspiritual" abilities, just misused ones. Start using yours for God's pleasure.

As dotting parents, remember when we would get joy and pleasure from just watching our children sleeping. We would just smile. God is the very same way when He watches us in our innocence times. God smiles.

When God sees us enjoying His creation, He smiles.

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Watch the Jan. 6 Hearings: Getting the Truth is the First Step in Holding People Accountable

By Ben Jealous

People for the American Way

Some extremely important truth-telling is happening in Washington, D.C. right now.

I know a lot of people are skeptical about Congress. Sometimes that cynicism is well earned. But the bipartisan House select committee investigating the plot to overturn the 2020 presidential election is doing essential good work. All of us should pay attention to the public hearings the committee is holding this month.

Let's be clear. The violent crimes that took place during the Jan. 6, 2021, attack on the Capitol were not just about an angry crowd getting out of control.

The people attacking the police and hunting for members of Congress and Vice President Mike Pence were part of a bigger criminal conspiracy. They were out to overturn the will of the voters who elected Joe Biden to be our president. It was an attack on our country—on you and me and everyone who turned out to vote.

We believe the record reflects that the criminal conspiracy started at the very top, with former President Donald Trump. It included members of Trump's staff and legal team who pressured Pence to break the law, ignore his constitutional duty, and throw the country into chaos. It included members of Congress and pro-Trump political and religious leaders who continued to spread Trump's lies about a stolen election long after the courts had rejected these false claims.

And it included far-right-wing activists who were told their country was being stolen from them—and who planned for civil war to take it back. They answered Trump's call to come to Washington on the day Congress would affirm Joe Biden's victory. They gathered weapons and body armor and trained in military tactics. And they smashed their way into the Capitol.

They came way too close to pulling it off. And that means some of them will try again if they are not held accountable now.

That is why it is so important that Americans learn everything we can about the scheming and planning that led up to the violent attempt to prevent the peaceful transfer of power. And it is important that we remain watchful about the steps they are taking now to give them a better chance at succeeding next time.

Getting the truth is the first

step in holding people accountable. It will be up to the Justice Department, which has charged hundreds of people for their crimes during the insurrection, to make sure that the powerful individuals who plotted behind the scenes face the same kinds of consequences as those who rioted at the Capitol.

All Americans should be grateful to House Speaker Nancy Pelosi for creating the House Select Committee. We should be grateful for the committee members and staff who have worked so hard to get at the truth in spite of stonewalling and defiance of legal subpoenas from Trump's team.

Defending democracy should not be a partisan project. Republican Reps. Liz Cheney and Adam Kinzinger deserve credit for serving on the committee. They deserve credit for insisting that the truth come out. They deserve praise for standing up to Trump and all the gutless or unprincipled Republicans who are trying to protect Trump by sabotaging the investigation, lying about the committee, and obscuring the truth.

Rep. Jamie Raskin, one of the heroes of the January 6 committee, has called Reps. Cheney and Kinzinger "constitutional patriots" for defending democracy. We know that Trump's Republicans have been plotting to undermine the committee's work.

They are counting on far-right media outlets to carry their propaganda. They want to prevent Trump from being held accountable by confusing and concealing the truth. That is a threat to our future. It could lead us away from a national commitment to transferring power peacefully to election winners.

It could send us further down the road, as Rep. Raskin recently described, to "coups and insurrections and fascist-inspired political instability." It's up to all of us not to let that happen. I encourage everyone reading this to watch as many of the January 6 hearings as you can. Urge your elected officials to defend truth, accountability, democracy, and the right to cast a vote and have it counted.

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IT'S OUR PLAN TO TRANSITION FROM OIL INDEPENDENCE...

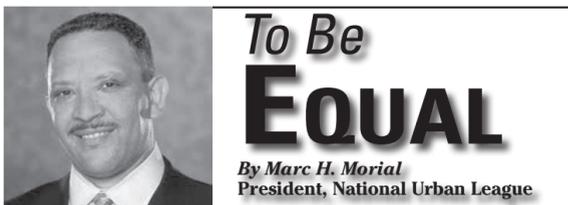
TO RELYING ON VENEZUELA FOR OIL...

BUT ULTIMATELY ON CHINA FOR COBALT AND LITHIUM...

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THAT WE ALL WILL HAVE TO RELY ON...

EVEN DURING BROWN-OUTS!



Editor's Note: The following column originally ran in December of 2017, but its comments resonate with what is going on now.

PRESIDENT'S CLAIM TO BE ABOVE THE LAW IS "AN AFFRONT TO THE VERY PRINCIPLE ON WHICH OUR SYSTEM IS BUILT"

"No man is above the law and no man is below it: nor do we ask any man's permission when we ask him to obey it."

—Theodore Roosevelt, Third Annual Message, Dec. 7, 1903

A claim last week by President Trump's personal lawyer that "president cannot obstruct justice because he is the chief law enforcement officer" sparked immediate comparison to Richard Nixon's notorious 1977 statement, "When the president does it, that means that it is not illegal."

While the Senate Judiciary Committee did approve a charge of obstruction of justice against Nixon in 1972, Nixon's 1977 statement to interviewer David Frost referred to another article, considered but rejected by the committee: the secret bombing of Cambodia. The committee also rejected an article regarding Nixon's personal finances and failure to pay taxes.

Nixon famously resigned before the House of Representatives could vote on the three articles of impeachment—in addition to obstruction, the committee approved articles charging him with abuse of power and contempt of Congress. But it was widely accepted the House would vote to impeach.

In a memo prepared for Watergate Special Prosecutor Leon Jaworski, the legal team argued not only that "no man in this country is so high that he is above the law," but the offense of obstruction was of particular concern.

"Failure to deal evenhandedly with the President would be an affront to the very principle on which our system is built. And this failure would be all the more severe because of the nature of the crime in question, a conspiracy to obstruct justice, the purpose of which was to place certain individuals beyond the rule of law. The result would probably be greater public disrespect for the integrity of the legal process than has already been created by public knowledge of attempts by the nation's highest officials to put themselves beyond the law."

Twenty-three years later, Congress would vote to impeach President Bill Clinton, on charges of perjury and obstruction of justice.

The special prosecutor investigating Clinton, Ken Starr, wrote in his report, "An effort to obstruct justice by withholding the truth from the legal process—whether by lying under oath, concealing documents, or improperly influencing a witness's testimony—is a federal crime. There is substantial and credible information that President Clinton engaged in such efforts to prevent the truth of his relationship with Monica Le

(See **TO BE EQUAL**, P. 11)

A Different Voice

By Dorothy Shaw Thompson



WE ARE IN TROUBLE

I hope that topic sentence doesn't surprise you or tell you something you don't already know. My idea is that if you don't know what I'm talking about you, my friend have bought the Big Lie. If you believe that Donald Trump or any of those black, white, female, male, Republican, Democrat or Independents who think like him should become the next president of the USA, you have bought the Big Lie. If you are angry because of inflation and gas prices and you believe Joe Biden caused either, you, my friend, have bought the biggest lie and you don't understand politics or economics and you are not awake or "woke."

Woke is a word that has largely been derided as a term of the liberal left and should be shunned. "Woke" means to me that you are paying attention. Woke means you are aware that African-American males are more likely to die if stopped by police and do not immediately start genuflecting to save their lives but that's not the only way they can die. They can die if they are a little boy with a BB rifle alone in a park. They can die if they have a hoodie with a pack of Skittles and a soda. They can die in a church or a grocery store or even a school shooting and for that they don't have to be young, Black or Hispanic, they just have to be in the wrong place at the wrong time, confronted by a very sick and angry youth who believes that others are in the way of his superiority or vengeance for being mistreated.

Yesterday (Sunday, 6/12) a friend called and asked if I was looking at TV. I wasn't. She told me that a group of 31 men in Idaho was arrested on their way to a "Gay" Pride march, ostensibly to spray the crowd with their AK-47s and other ammunition in the U-Haul they were driving. It looks to me as though there is an underbelly of America that thinks that America is their playground and theirs is the only game to be played. So these people don't like people who are different from them and believe that they have the right to kill them. We are in trouble. Thank God somebody snitched and saved lives.

As we watched the hearings from the January 6 Committee, another indication that we are in trouble is Fox News' decision not to air them. Even worse is the viewership's decision (if they don't go to another station) choice to not complain. It is clear to me that if you have nothing to hide you hide nothing.

To not air the show is to be afraid that some of their viewers will awaken to the truth. They also do not want their viewers to see their contradictory statements closer to the events compared to what they are saying now. We are in trouble when a "monopoly" of news stations show their viewers that they want to control what they do and do not see: i.e., don't believe what your lying eyes tell you, believe me. You are asleep when you fall for this. It's as bad as being asked to lie to someone and saying, "Oh, yes I will" because you are better off not knowing the truth. It's also the blind leading the blind, not by

(See **A DIFFERENT VOICE**, P. 11)



JUNETEENTH

Juneteenth is the celebration of freedom. It tells the story of America's promise and the power of the Presidency to do good for the people. President Lincoln, a Republican, used his powers as President to do what was right to preserve the union and unite the country. At the heart of the Civil War was this issue of freedom for enslaved Black Americans as our new nation strove to grow into the country we have today.

Liberty and the Republican Party have always gone hand in hand, and they continue to do so today as members of the Republican Party fight to protect our constitutional rights.

On a recent episode of the talk show "The View," progressive liberal co-host Joy Behar had the audacity to tell guest co-host Lindsey Granger, who happens to be a Black American, that the federal government was going to take away guns "once Black people get guns." Black people are American citizens entitled to all of the freedoms and protections guaranteed to us by our God and the United States Constitution. Those rights include being able to bear arms to protect our families and property.

In fact, according to a surveys conducted by the National Shooting Sports Foundation (NSSF), between 2019 and 2020, there was a 56 percent increase in Black Americans buying guns.

Democrats have pushed a dangerously radical defund the police policy that left many predominantly Black cities in America vulnerable to a widespread increase in violence, crime and murders. Thankfully, we have the freedom to protect our families should we so choose by legally owning a firearm.

Because of the Emancipation Proclamation, Black Americans have had the opportunity to fully pursue the American Dream and a lot of our power has come through the power of our vote. We have the freedom to decide which party best represents our values and interests.

In recent decades many have selected the Democrat Party and we can see what that has gotten us: little to nothing of

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Child Watch

By Marian Wright Edelman



TIME TO ACT

"He went there and shot my teacher—and told my teacher good night and shot her in the head. And then he shot some of my classmates... I thought he was going to come back to the room, so I grabbed the blood and put it all over me."

This was from the devastating video testimony 11-year-old Uvalde, Texas fourth grader Miah Cerillo shared with Congress on June 8. Miah was describing how she witnessed her teacher and classmates being murdered at Robb Elementary School in Uvalde on May 24, and how she survived the mass shooting by smearing herself with blood from the friend who had been killed next to her and then staying very quiet. Once again, as a nation we have allowed our children's nightmares to become real. Will this be the time we finally act to protect children, not guns?

Miah was the youngest of a group of survivors, family members, and witnesses who testified at this week's Congressional hearing on the gun violence crisis to explain how gun violence has changed their lives forever. Miah's pediatrician, Dr. Roy Guerrero, opened his own testimony by saying: "I was called here today as a witness. But I showed up because I am a doctor... I swore an oath. An oath to do no harm. After witnessing first hand the carnage in my hometown of Uvalde, to stay silent would have betrayed that oath. Inaction is harm. Passivity is harm. Delay is harm."

Dr. Guerrero explained that he attended Robb Elementary School as a child. He has been Miah's doctor since she was born, including when she survived liver surgery as an infant, and he was grateful to recognize her at Uvalde Memorial Hospital the day of the shooting and see she had survived. But he also attended to two of her murdered classmates, and he described how their bodies had been so badly destroyed by the assault weapon that killed them that the blood-spattered cartoon characters on the clothes they had been wearing when they left home that morning were the only visible clues left to the children's identities. Dr. Guerrero told the committee:

"I chose to be a pediatrician. I chose to take care of children. Keeping them safe from preventable diseases I can do. Keep-

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Talk To Us

Stimulating a lively discussion of issues that concern the community is one of our main tasks at The Carolinian. We want to know what you think. This issue's topic:

What is your biggest stressor in life right now? Is it money, or society? Do you wish that policies would be written that help people at your level, whatever that level is? Let us bear from you!

Other Viewpoints



CAN WE FINALLY START DEALING WITH GUN VIOLENCE?

By Wim Laven

PeaceVoice

It was an ordinary Valentine's Day four years ago when my class was interrupted by incoming news of an active shooter in a Florida high school. On February 14, 2018, a 19-year-old opened fire on students and staff at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Fla., but the impacts were far reaching indeed.

More than a thousand miles away the breaking news just before our class started, "17 Dead in School Shooting," was unavoidable. As a class we pivoted to the current event, we shared stories, and I did my best to make a teachable moment out of the horror.

I shared with students about my experiences with gun violence. In 2017 I watched a live stream as a gunman opened fire onto a Las Vegas concert crowd. Friends at the concert were in harm's way, two of the nicest people I know were hit and luckily survived, and with the sometimes horrifying miracles of modern technology I was watching it in real time.

When I shared, they did as well and collectively it was replete: we had been on hitlists; we had hidden behind furniture and in closets during shooting events; we had known people shot and killed.

The commonality of this persistent epidemic of preventable violence is why March for our Lives featured events in 400 U.S. cities on June 11th.

There are always choices in how we (individually or collectively) proceed. I can repeat the well known science on guns and violence or ugly conclusions like: people in the U.S. are 20 times more likely to die of gun violence than those of other developed nations (Australia, France, the United Kingdom [excluding Northern Ireland], Israel, South Korea, Japan, Norway, Poland and Slovenia).

I have seen guns in my classrooms after Georgia made their version of concealed carry legal on college and university campuses.

Very painful is the apology survivors of the Columbine High School shooting (1999) made to the survivors of Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School (2018): "We're sorry we couldn't stop it."

There are some signs for encouragement. There is broad partisan agreement for some gun policy proposals, like red flag laws enabling removal of guns from people deemed a danger, requiring background checks for purchases made at gun shows, and opposition to concealed carry without a permit.

Unimaginably, however, common sense gun legislation with bipartisan approval continues to fail. At some point the people must be prepared to take the power back into their own hands.

The net result from all these years of mass shootings and gun violence has been ineffective thoughts and prayers. Not one wake-up call has been answered, no matter how innocent the victims were.

It is time that the people recognized the call to collective action. This is a power that can be employed when the state ignores and refuses to act on behalf of its citizens—the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances.

It is time the people used their First Amendment rights to put an end to the deaths enabled by the Second Amendment. Like Jeff Tiedrich wrote with bitter sarcasm, "Well-Regulated Militia Opens Fire In Robb Elementary School in Uvalde TX," the supreme stupidity of the outcomes of our gun policies must change.

Any politician failing to vote for common sense gun laws should not be re-elected. Period. This our responsibility to track and act.

It is time for the bleeding to stop; it is time to apply direct pressure... until bleeding stops.

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BIDEN, TAIWAN, AND STRATEGIC AMBIGUITY

By Mel Gurtov

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At a stopover in Tokyo during his Asia trip, President Biden was asked whether the U.S. would "defend Taiwan" if it were attacked. He said yes, because "that's the commitment we made." Actually, there is no formal "commitment," unlike defense obligations in U.S. security treaties with Japan and South Korea. Biden has made the same incorrect assertion twice before, but this time it was in the context of the war in Ukraine, suggesting—but by no means confirming—what defending Taiwan might actually mean. Biden did, however, provide just enough fuel to raise questions about his adherence to previous policy based on "strategic ambiguity."

Let's keep in mind that U.S. presidents have supported Taiwan's defense for many years, not just by way of substantial military aid and active responses in crisis situations, such as in 1996 when China deployed

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missiles in an attempt to intimidate Taiwan during a presidential election. Presidents are also bound by the 1979 Taiwan Relations Act, which requires provision of defense assistance to Taiwan in the context of defining Taiwan as a U.S. national security interest. The Act:

"Declares that peace and stability in the [Taiwan] area are in the political, security, and economic interests of the United States, and are matters of international concern. States that the United States decision to establish diplomatic relations with the People's Republic of China rests upon the expectation that the future of Taiwan will be determined by peaceful means and that any effort to determine the future of Taiwan by other than peaceful means, including by boycotts or embargoes is considered a threat to the peace and security of the Western Pacific area and of grave concern to the United States."

From that perspective, Biden's comment was less consequential than it might seem. Chinese strategists would have to presume, as in the past, that attacking Taiwan would precipitate direct US intervention.

Those who persist in seeing a Chinese threat everywhere have been encouraged in that belief by Russia's Ukraine war, seeing parallels between Putin's view of Ukraine as a non-country and Xi Jinping's view of Taiwan as inevitably part of China. But aside from the differences in status between Ukraine and Taiwan—Ukraine is an independent country, whereas the U.S. has long recognized Taiwan as being part of "one China"—there are vastly different policy perspectives in Moscow and Beijing.

While Putin is literally out to destroy Ukraine and grab as much of its territory as possible, Xi has every reason to avoid launching an aggressive war on Taiwan. Though Xi would surely want to lay claim to being the Chinese leader who finally recovered Taiwan, he is rational enough to realize how militarily difficult and economically costly that would be—and how contrary to the overwhelming desires of the Taiwanese people. Therein lie the real lessons of Putin's debacle in Ukraine.

The State Department walked back Biden's comment, and Biden himself insisted U.S. policy on Taiwan had not changed. Nevertheless, the Chinese responded as they had on previous occasions, accusing the U.S. of "playing with fire," interfering in China's internal affairs, which includes Taiwan, and violating past U.S. pledges. This comes after Xi had actually complimented Biden in their last video summit for abiding by the one-China principle. All that Biden accomplished was to give the hawks in Xi's inner circle more ammunition for viewing the U.S. as a hostile and untrustworthy rival.

U.S.-China tensions over Taiwan are embedded in their rivalry across the Asia-Pacific map. It is that rivalry that carries the risk of a disastrous miscalculation of each other's intentions, whether over Taiwan or somewhere else.

China has engaged in provocative flights near Taiwan in the past year and has greatly enhanced its air and naval power in East Asia. Beijing has become increasingly assertive militarily and diplomatically in the South China Sea and the South Pacific.

China's support of Russia in the Ukraine war is closely monitored by the U.S. The U.S. has continued Trump-era upgrades of official visits to Taiwan and military assistance, and under Biden has built coalitions dedicated to containing China: the Quad Security Dialogue (U.S., Japan, Australia, India), the AUKUS (Australia, United Kingdom, U.S.) partnership, as a NATO mission, and now in the 13-nation so-called Indo-Pacific Economic Framework that Biden introduced during his recent Asia tour. (Interestingly, Taiwan is not included in that agreement.) All these issues intensify the U.S.-China competition and could lead to a test of strength at sea or in the air—a test that could slide into reliance on nuclear threats.

"Strategic ambiguity" is not an ideal basis for policy on either side, for the simple reason that ambiguity can lead to miscalculations. But it has kept tense relations across the Strait from leading to a blowup. U.S.-China friction over Taiwan is bound to continue, but so long as the U.S. or Taiwan doesn't cross the red line on independence, and so long as Chinese leaders adhere to the policy of peaceful unification, friction will not lead to war.

The U.S. needs to recalibrate its military and political relationship with Taiwan to avoid the appearance of supporting Taiwan's separation—in short, maintaining what some observers call a 1.5 China policy—and China needs to refrain from provocative military maneuvers near Taiwan.

Both countries' leaders are sane enough to understand the costs of war, and for China especially, Ukraine demonstrates not an alluring precedent but a terrible price attacking Taiwan would likely exact.

Mel Gurtov is Professor Emeritus of Political Science at Portland State University and blogs at *In the Human Interest*.

TO BE EQUAL

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winsky from being revealed in the Jones case."

No President is above the law. Nixon and Clinton were not, and Trump is not. Nor is the President the chief law enforcement officer in the nation; the Attorney General holds that distinction.

President Trump, of course, has not been charged with obstruction of justice or any other offense. But his lawyer's claim repre-

sents a dangerous and un-American view.

Thomas Paine, in his revolutionary pamphlet *Common Sense*, wrote, "But where, says some, is the King of America? ... In America the law is king."

John Adams enshrined the concept in the Massachusetts Constitution with the often-quoted phrase, "a government of laws, not of men."

It has been a common rhetorical device in modern American politics for rivals to accuse one another of placing themselves above the law, particularly when protesting some executive action or another. But with the notable exceptions of Nixon and Trump, it's unheard of for a U.S. President to claim that privilege for himself. It's disputed whether King Louis XIV of France really said "L'etat, c'est moi"—"I am the state"—on his deathbed in 1715, but it's certain that the expression has consistently been held up as the antithesis of American rule of law.

There are nine current members of the Senate who voted to convict President Clinton of obstruction of justice in 1999. They would be hard pressed, now, to agree with Trump's legal team that the offense does not exist.

A DIFFERENT VOICE

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necessity but by permission.

Though so far this looks like 1/3 of our population is willing to fall for this, but some of the other 2/3 are willing to vote for the "people of the lie" because of what is described as kitchen table issues. This is the "perfect storm" of the devil and the deep blue sea. The devil wants your very soul and you can't swim. This does not have to be. We can wake up. We can choose to be "woke." Yes, there are problems but problems can be solved and we should vote for people who have solutions to our problems and are not afraid to say what they are rather than listen to people who motivate our anger and rage. If not, we are in trouble.

CONSERVATIVELY SPEAKING

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substance. Just look at predominantly Black cities where Democrat politicians and liberal policies have been the standard. You almost invariably see high crime, poorly performing public schools, little access to capital, food deserts, and a lack of economic development.

Fortunately, there is a political shift happening with more Black Americans coming over to the Republican Party. President Trump more than doubled his support from Black women in his second run for the presidency. Virginia Governor Glenn Youngkin received 13 percent of the Black vote in his recent election. And across the country we have seen record numbers of Black Republicans running for office like Wesley Hunt, Herschel Walker, John James, Jennifer-Ruth Green, and Anthony Thornton.

Black Republicans are also winning elections. North Carolina has seen that in Lt. Governor Mark Robinson. It's also happening nationally with Winsome Sears, Tim Scott, Byron Donalds, Burgess Owens, Daniel Cameron, Michael Reichenbach and Jane Powdrell-Culbert just to name a few.

Ultimately, we have this power to vote because we have the freedom to select who will represent us well by voting for policies that empower and uplift. When we look at the recent failed leadership of Democrats in control of the White House, the Senate and House of Representatives, we have seen high crime, more illegal drugs, intense racial tensions, discriminatory mandates, and an economy working against us.

The May jobs report is not a sign of building back better for Black America, with the Black overall unemployment rate increasing to 6.2 percent, the Black female unemployment rate increasing to 5.9 percent, and the Black youth unemployment rate increasing to 18.3 percent.

When you look at the actions, the works, the policies, and the lack of positive impact on the future of Black Americans, it becomes abundantly clear that President Biden is no President Lincoln. He is not using his position to make the lives better, unite the country and empower the Black community.

This Juneteenth, under the leadership of Chairwoman Ronna McDaniel, the Republican National Committee is hosting dozens of events nationwide, many at our community centers in North Carolina, Ohio, Nevada, Pennsylvania, Connecticut, and Wisconsin.

As we honor the legacy of freedom reaching enslaved Black Americans in Galveston, Texas so many years ago, let us work today to live, work and use our freedoms as Americans so the blessings of liberty will be there for all of us now and those to come.

Paris Dennard is the National Spokesperson and Director of Black Media Affairs for the Republican National Committee. Follow him on Twitter: @PARISDENNARD.

CHILD WATCH

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ing them safe from bacteria and brittle bones I can do. But making sure our children are safe from guns, that's the job of our politicians and leaders. In this case, you are the doctors and our country is the patient. We are lying on the operating table, riddled with bullets like the children of Robb Elementary and so many other schools. We are bleeding out and you are not there. My oath as a doctor means that I signed up to save lives. I do my job. I guess it turns out that I am here to plead. To beg. To please, please do yours."

The House responded later the same day by passing the "Protecting Our Kids Act," a gun violence legislation package that includes raising the age to buy some automatic rifles from 18 to 21, establishing new federal offenses for gun trafficking and selling large-capacity magazines, incentivizing and regulating safe gun storage, and strengthening regulations on bump stocks and ghost guns. This package passed with bipartisan votes in the House, but is unlikely to be able to make any progress in the Senate. But there is still hope the Senate will make progress on some form of gun violence prevention in the days ahead. Any first step is a desperately needed step away from inaction and passivity and towards doing something to protect children instead of guns.

Uvalde fourth grader Lexi Rubio's parents Kimberly and Felix also appeared before Congress on June 8. Kimberly Rubio described how they last saw Lexi on the morning of the shooting when they attended the school's awards ceremony, where Lexi was recognized for earning all A's and winning the "Good Citizen" award. As Lexi headed back to class, they promised they would celebrate that night by going out for ice cream, told her they loved her, and told her they would pick her up after school. Instead, less than a half hour later, the 18-year-old gunman armed with an AR-15-style rifle and hundreds of rounds of ammunition entered the school and headed for Lexi's classroom. Kimberly Rubio told the committee:

"We do not want you to think of Lexi as just a number. She was intelligent, compassionate, and athletic. She was quiet. She was shy, unless she had a point to make. When she knew she was right, as she so often was, she stood her ground. She was firm, direct, voice unwavering. So, today, we stand for Lexi, and, as her voice, we demand action. We seek a ban on assault rifles and high-capacity magazines. We understand that for some reason, to some people, to people with money, to people who fund political campaigns, that guns are more important than children, so at this moment we ask for progress. We seek to raise the age to purchase these weapons from 18 to 21 years of age. We seek red flag laws, stronger background checks. We also want to repeal gun manufacturers' liability immunity. You have all seen glimpses of who Lexi was, but I also want to tell you a little about who she would have been. If given the opportunity, Lexi would have made a positive change in this world. She wanted to attend St. Mary's University in San Antonio, Texas, on a softball scholarship. She wanted to major in math and go on to attend law school. That opportunity was taken from her. She was taken from us. . ."

Lexi's mother concluded: "Somewhere out there, a mom is hearing our testimony and thinking to herself, 'I can't even imagine their pain,' not knowing that our reality will one day be hers—unless we act now."

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STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
DURHAM COUNTY
**NOTICE OF SERVICE
OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION
In The General Court Of Justice
Superior Court Division
Before the Clerk
File Number 22-E-546**

The Undersigned, having qualified as Executrix of the Estate of Phyllis J. Smith a/k/a Phyllis Jean Smith, late of Durham County, North Carolina, hereby wishes to notify all persons having claims against the Estate of said deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned at the below listed address on or before the 25th day of August 2022, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery.

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

This the 26th day of May 2022.

Maxine Smith
Executrix
216 Overlook Avenue
Durham, NC 27712

5/26,6/2, 6/9 and 6/16/2022

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

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

This is the 26th day of May, 2022.
Michelle Johnson
Administrator

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

5-26, 6-2, 6-9 & 6-16, 2022

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

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

This is the 26th day of May, 2022.
Gail R. Truax
Administrator

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

5-26, 6-2, 6-9 & 6-16, 2022

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

DURHAM COUNTY

**NOTICE OF SERVICE
OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION
In The General Court Of Justice
Superior Court Division
Before the Clerk
File Number 22 E 711**

The Undersigned, having qualified as Executor of the Estate of John Buddy Horn, late of Durham County, North Carolina, hereby wishes to notify all persons having claims against the Estate of said deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned at the below listed address on or before the 25th day of August 2022, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery.

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

This the 26th day of May 2022.

Melody H. Seyffert a/k/a Melody Horn Seyffert
Executrix

106 Elkton Green Court
Cary, NC 27519

5/26,6/2,6/9 and 6/16/2022

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

DURHAM COUNTY

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

The Undersigned, having qualified as Administrator of the Estate of Kent Eugene Cooper, late of Durham County, North Carolina, hereby wishes to notify all persons having claims against the Estate of said deceased to exhibit them to

the undersigned at the below listed address on or before the 25th day of August 2022, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery.

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

This the 26th day of May 2022.

Lindsay Mckenzie
Administrator

791 Prospect Ave B
Oakland, CA 94610

5/26,6/2,6/9 and 6/16/2022

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

DURHAM COUNTY

**NOTICE OF SERVICE
OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION
In The General Court Of Justice
Superior Court Division
Before the Clerk
File Number 22 E 572**

The Undersigned, having qualified as Administrator of the Estate of Kenneth Williams, late of Durham County, North Carolina, hereby wishes to notify all persons having claims against the Estate of said deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned at the below listed address on or before the 25th day of August 2022, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery.

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

This the 26th day of May, 2022.

Charles Williams
Administrator

6664 Blythdale Dr
Charlotte, NC 28213

5/26,6/2,6/9 and 6/16/2022

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

DURHAM COUNTY

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
THE UNDERSIGNED, having qualified on the 26th day of May, 2022, as Executor of the ESTATE OF ANTHONY J. WARAKSA, 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 4th 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 2nd day of June, 2022.
JERRY M. SANDER
EXECUTOR
ESTATE OF ANTHONY J. WARAKSA
c/o Shirley M. Diefenbach, Attorney
Walker Lambe, PLLC
Post Office Box 51549
Durham, North Carolina 27717
6/2,6/9,6/16 and 6/23/2022
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 464**

The Undersigned, having qualified as Executor of the Estate of Sofus E Simonsen, 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 2nd 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 2nd day of June 2022.

Mark W Simonsen
Executrix

7407 Abron Drive
Durham, NC 27713

6/2,6/9,6/16 and 6/23/2022

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 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 2nd day of June 2022.

Lawrence A Miller II
Administrator

906 Cana Street
Durham, NC 27707

6/9,6/16,6/23 and 6/30/2022

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

DURHAM COUNTY

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File Number 22 E 722**

The Undersigned, having qualified as Administrator 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 2nd day of June 2022.

Mark W Simonsen
Executrix

7407 Abron Drive
Durham, NC 27713

6/2,6/9,6/16 and 6/23/2022

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 465**

The Undersigned, having qualified as Executor of the Estate of Ingeborg Koopmann Simonsen, 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 2nd 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 2nd day of June 2022.

Mark W Simonsen
Executrix

7407 Abron Drive
Durham, NC 27713

6/2,6/9,6/16 and 6/23/2022

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

DURHAM COUNTY

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

THE UNDERSIGNED, having qualified as Executor of the estate of Catherine Dixon Page, 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 9th 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 2nd day of June, 2022.
Angela Kaye Herndon
Executrix

c/o William Harriss, Attorney
Arges Law Firm
3200 Croasdaile Dr
Ste 706
Durham, North Carolina 27705
6/2,6/9,6/16 and 6/23/2022

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND
DEBTORS
OF DAVID MCNAIR**

All persons, firms and corporations having claims against David McNair, late of Durham County, North Carolina, are notified to exhibit them to George David McNair as Executor of the decedent's estate on or before September 1, 2022, c/o Gregory Herman-Giddens, Attorney at Law, 1340 Environ Way, Chapel Hill, NC 27517, or be barred from their recovery. Debtors of the decedent are asked to make immediate payment to the above named Executor.

This the 2nd day of June, 2022
George David McNair, Executrix
c/o Gregory Herman-Giddens, Atty.
Galbraith, PLLC
1340 Environ Way
Chapel Hill, NC 27517
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STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
DURHAM COUNTY

**NOTICE OF SERVICE
OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION
In The General Court Of Justice
Superior Court Division
Before the Clerk
File Number 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 to the undersigned at the below listed address.

This the 9th day of June, 2022.
Gary Dale Riggsbee, Executrix
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 to the undersigned at the below listed address.

This the 9th day of June, 2022.
Sharyn J. Burnett, Executrix
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, 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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STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
DURHAM COUNTY

**NOTICE OF SERVICE
OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION
In The General Court Of Justice
Superior Court Division
Before the Clerk
File Number 21 E 1607**

The Undersigned, having qualified as Administrator of the Estate of Dornene 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 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 9th day of June 2022.
Sharyn J. Burnett, Executrix
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
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
DURHAM COUNTY

**NOTICE OF SERVICE
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In The General Court Of Justice
Superior Court Division
Before the Clerk
File Number 21 E 1607**

The Undersigned, having qualified as Administrator of the Estate of Dornene Denise Thomas, late of Durham County, North Carolina, hereby wishes to notify all

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
Executrix

2028 Collier Road
Durham, NC 27707

6/9,6/16,6/23 and 6/30/2022

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

DURHAM COUNTY

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS
FILE NO. 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

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 629**

The Undersigned, having qualified as Executrix 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.

Anne Smyrski Light
Executrix

3307 Middlebrook Ct
Durham, NC 27705

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STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

DURHAM COUNTY

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

This the 9th day of June 2022.
Peggy E House
Executrix

276 Ann Dr.
Timberlake, NC 27583

6/9,6/16,6/23 and 6/30/2022

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

DURHAM COUNTY

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

10225 Boyce Rd
Creedmoor, NC 27522
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STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
DURHAM COUNTY

**NOTICE OF SERVICE
OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION
In The General Court Of Justice
Superior Court Division
Before the Clerk
File Number 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 9th day of June 2022.
Freddie Malone
Administrator

1214 Pender Street
Raleigh, NC 27610
6/9,6/16,6/23 and 6/30/2022

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In The General Court Of Justice
Superior Court Division
Before the Clerk
File Number 21 E 1607**

The Undersigned, having qualified as Administrator of the Estate of Dornene 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

6/9,6/16,6/23 and 6/30/2022

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 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
Executrix

3307 Middlebrook Ct
Durham, NC 27705

6/9,6/16,6/23 and 6/30/2022

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

Classifieds

WAKE COUNTY

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
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

FOR SALE

NORTH CAROLINA WAKE COUNTY In The General Court Of Justice District Court Division—Small Claims

File No. 22CV06266 COMPLAINT TO ENFORCE POSSESSORY LIEN ON MOTOR VEHICLE

Wildman Enterprise's LLC
107 Forest Landing Road
Garner, NC 27529
PO Box 46882
Raleigh, NC 27620
vs.

Unknown Owner,
TO: Unknown Owner
TAKE NOTICE the petitioner has filed with the clerk a petition in proper form indicating that the petitioner has a valid lien against a 1953 Buick, ID No. 57176633, and that the petitioner shall have the right to sell to the highest bidder the motor vehicle listed on July 7, 2022 at WCCH, 316 Fayetteville Street, Third Floor, at 1:30 p.m. You are required to make a defense to such pleading before such date and time.

This the 2nd day of June, 2022.
Warren Wildman

Powerhouse Auto LLC
107 Forest Landing Road
Garner, NC 27529
6/2,9,16/22

NORTH CAROLINA WAKE COUNTY In The General Court Of Justice District Court Division—Small Claims

File No. 22CV06268 COMPLAINT TO ENFORCE POSSESSORY LIEN ON MOTOR VEHICLE

Brother's Auto Repair
2105 Poole Road
Raleigh, NC 27610
PO Box 46882
Raleigh, NC 27620
vs.

Unknown Owner,
TO: Unknown Owner
TAKE NOTICE the petitioner has filed with the clerk a petition in proper form indicating that the petitioner has a valid lien against a 2002 Chevrolet, ID No. 1G1YY32G625124263 and that the petitioner shall have the right to sell to the highest bidder the motor vehicle listed on July 7, 2022 at WCCH, 316 Fayetteville Street, Third Floor, at 1:30 p.m. You are required to make a defense to such pleading before such date and time.

This the 2nd day of June, 2022.
2105 Poole Road
Raleigh, NC 27610
6/2,9,16/22
NORTH CAROLINA
WAKE COUNTY

In The General Court Of Justice District Court Division—Small Claims

File No. 22CV06265 COMPLAINT TO ENFORCE POSSESSORY LIEN ON MOTOR VEHICLE

Jackson Auto Salvage, Inc.
7120 Poole Road
Raleigh, NC 27610
PO Box 46882
Raleigh, NC 27620
vs.

Unknown Owner,
TO: Unknown Owner
TAKE NOTICE the petitioner has filed with the clerk a petition in proper form indicating that the petitioner has a valid lien against a 1968 Chevrolet, ID No. 1243781320136 and that the petitioner shall have the right to sell to the highest bidder the motor vehicle listed on July 7, 2022 at WCCH, 316 Fayetteville Street, Third Floor, at 1:30 p.m. You are required to make a defense to such pleading before such date and time.

This the 2nd day of June, 2022.
Tom Jackson
7120 Poole Road
Raleigh, NC 27610
6/2,9,16/22
NORTH CAROLINA
WAKE COUNTY

In The General Court Of Justice District Court Division—Small Claims

File No. 21CV010805 COMPLAINT TO ENFORCE POSSESSORY LIEN ON MOTOR VEHICLE

Angels Paint & Body
1704 N. Arendell Avenue
Zebulon, NC 27597
vs.

Unknown Owner,
TO: Unknown Owner
TAKE NOTICE the petitioner has filed with the clerk a petition in proper form indicating that the petitioner has

a valid lien against a 2017 Acura, ID No. 19UUB1F39HA007328 and that the petitioner shall have the right to sell to the highest bidder the motor vehicle listed on July 7, 2022 at WCCH, 316 Fayetteville Street, Third Floor, at 1:30 p.m. You are required to make a defense to such pleading

before such date and time.
This the 2nd day of June, 2022.
Gabriel Rivera
Angels Paint & Body
1704 N. Arendell Avenue
Zebulon, NC 27597
6/2,9,16/22



ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

The North Carolina Department of Public Safety has the following contract in Greene County out for bid: C-11488 Greene CI Roofing Repairs. The bid opening is scheduled for: Thursday, 08/04/2022. To obtain the Notice to Bidders, any Pre-Bid Requirements, and any Addenda visit: <https://www.ips.state.nc.us/ips/AGENCY/PDF/14886800.pdf>

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: 06/21/2022 at 2:00 PM
Project: Replace Bridge #51 Over White Oak Canal in Bladen County (Division 6)

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).

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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 NC Wildlife Commission:

Bid Date: 06/21/2022 at 2:00 PM
Project: Dam Reconstruction & Remediation at Gum Swamp Lake Dam on Gum Swamp Lake Road in Scotland County (Division 8)

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, 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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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 **Water System Improvements 12" Water Main** project for Pasquotank County which bids **June 16, 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 * Pasquotank County, Elizabeth City, NC website * Green Engineering, PLLC; 303 Goldsboro Street, East; Wilson, NC 27893 * ConstructConnect website.

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

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

TRANSPORTATION ENGINEER 2

Transportation Engineer 2 with Arcadis U.S., Inc. (Raleigh, NC) - Utilz engg knwldg & exp to cndct & doc traffic stds usng natl acctpd modlmg practcs. Remote work avail. Req ed & exp. Arcadis is EO & AA employer. For full job details, reqs & to apply online, visit: bit.ly/TranspoEng2NC



ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

The North Carolina Department of Public Safety has the following contract in Halifax County out for bid: C-11457 Roanoke River Waste Pump Panel Replacement. The bid opening is scheduled for: Thursday, 06/30/2022. To obtain the Notice to Bidders, any Pre-Bid Requirements, and any Addenda visit: <https://www.ips.state.nc.us/ips/AGENCY/PDF/14861100.pdf>

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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: 06/22/2022 at 2:00 PM
Project: Replace Bridge #15 On State Road 1565 in Pitt County (Division 2)

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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ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Town of Bailey
P.O. Box 40
Bailey, NC 27807

Separate sealed BIDS for the construction of 2019 CWS-RF Sanitary Sewer Project Contract No. 1—Sanitary Sewer Replacement will be received by the ENGINEER at the Bailey Town Hall, 6217 Main Street, Bailey, NC 27807 until 2:00 PM Eastern Daylight Time, July 19, 2022, and then at said office publicly opened and read aloud.

The CONTRACT DOCUMENTS may be examined at the following locations:

Bailey Town Hall, 6217 Main Street, Bailey, NC 27807
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 online at www.constructconnect.com)

Construction Journal, 400 SW 7th Street, Stuart, FL 34994
(View online at www.ConstructionJournal.com)

Builders & Contractors Exchange, Inc., 1118 Azalea Garden Road, Norfolk, VA 23502-5612
(View online at www.bceva.com)

Copies of the CONTRACT DOCUMENTS may be obtained at the office of McDavid Associates, Inc. located at 3714 North Main Street, Farmville, NC 27828-0049 upon a non-refundable payment of \$125.00 for each set.

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

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

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

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

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

A pre-Bid conference will be held at 10:00 AM on June 28, 2022 in the Bailey Town Hall, 6217 Main Street, Bailey, NC 27807. Prospective BIDDERS are encouraged to attend this pre-bid conference as part of their good faith efforts.

June 10, 2022

Thomas Richards
Mayor
Town of Bailey

Answers

Solution time: 26 mins.

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Initial availability first half of 2022.