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Price Pushes Affordable Housing Program

By Tyria McCray

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Residents of Durham will soon see a change in their community thanks to a new grant. U.S. Rep. David Price, Chairman of the Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Subcommittee (T-HUD), recently announced that the City of Durham and the Durham Housing Authority are the recipients of a \$40 million Choice Neighborhoods Implementation Grant to redevelop public housing and revitalize the Southeast Central Durham community.

The Choice Neighborhood Initiative is the successor of HUD's HOPE VI program, established in 1992. It provides funding to public housing authorities to renovate and replace distressed public housing and provide supportive services and improved community facilities in the surrounding areas as well.

In addition, this grant comes as part of \$200 million in funds awarded by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The funds will primarily be used on augmenting "Forever Home, Durham," an ongoing partner-centric program to create affordable opportunities for renters and homeowners.

Public and private dollars will be leveraged to support locally driven strategies that address



the needs of neighborhoods with distressed public housing. By implementing those funds that will address the housing needs of both public and HUD-assisted, neighborhoods of poverty will be turned into functioning, sustainable, mixed-income neighborhoods with appropriate services, schools, public assets, transportation, and access to jobs.

Additionally, Durham's housing authority has plans to focus the allocated \$40 million in funding in part toward the revitalization of Durham's existing 519 East Main Street Apartments, along with the development of multiple other

DHA, city, and county-owned properties in the downtown/central and southeast central Durham communities, according to a press release announcing the grant.

The development plan incorporates ground-floor retail, a new community park and other green spaces, as well as a new community center, new roads, and public safety initiatives to reduce crime and violence.

During a grant announcement event last week, Rep. Price shared with attendees how the program will provide funds for historically Black neighborhoods. The \$40

million Choice Neighborhoods implementation grant will be used to revitalize once-prosperous historically Black neighborhoods that became fractured by redlining policies and deliberate underinvestment. This project and associated redevelopment will cover some 60 acres in the area bounded by Liberty and Main Streets."

He added that for many years, the program struggled due to inadequate funding, which he stated then-President Trump actually tried to do away with.

He said that as a T-HUD Ranking Member and now Chairman, he is determined to revitalize

Choice Neighborhoods because it's the only program of its kind which will provide comprehensive support for community development across a wide area.

We sat down with Congressman Price to learn how this grant came about and plans going forward.

"We cannot fully comprehend the nation's affordable housing crisis without looking to our past, particularly regarding federal policies designed to intentionally marginalize communities of color," said Price.

"Programs like the Choice Neighborhood Initiative provide targeted funding for these historically underinvested areas to leverage investments from public, private, and nonprofit partners to comprehensively rectify this harmful legacy and achieve housing justice.

"I can think of no better recipient of this funding than Durham and am pleased they will receive a \$40 million grant to continue their critical work building sustainable and livable communities through the implementation of the Durham Downtown Neighborhood Plan."

So, how soon will this take place? Granted, tackling affordable housing and improving comfortable living is the goal but when will that happen?

We learned that some of the work will begin in months. Revitalization will begin within a 2-3 year time frame. More important-

ly, some dilapidated structures will be torn down as well as renovations to some buildings, along with the construction of low-rises.

The transformation will consist of a conglomerate of homes, retail, clubhouses and community centers.

But what about current families be placed while renovations are taking place? For the most part, people will be moved around within the development: while one particular area is being worked on, families will move into another. After renovations are completed, families do have a guarantee that they can either return back to their homes or be provided other comfortable yet affordable housing.

Durham is home to the second Choice Neighborhood in the state, with Winston-Salem being the first, and the congressman, along with Durham residents are happy to see these funds utilized close to home.

This grant will not take care of the housing crisis in totality in Durham, but Rep. Price pointed out two very important factors that need to take place.

"One is more federal funding for this kind of project so there will be money available and secondly, we need to generate local capacity. Not every community has an Anthony Scott. (Chief Executive Officer of Durham Housing Authority) So we need more of that," said Price.

He added that housing needs to be on the front burner.

"I do not think that housing is any less important than public education and healthcare. But both things will have to work. Either cough up the money federally and have the local capacity to go after the money. As I go out the door, I am happy to see something like that land on our doorstep."

Rep. Price is retiring after this term.

Abrams Looks To Win Black Men In Governor Bid

ATLANTA (AP) — Democrat Stacey Abrams was on stage for an hour with radio and television host Charlemagne the God and rapper 21 Savage when she faced a question from a skeptical audience member.

"A lot of politicians speak about their plan and what they plan to do, but I also notice that I never hear a clear turnaround of when their plan will go into effect," said Soheem Perry, who lives in suburban Atlanta. "If it doesn't happen within the time that's been promised, how should we feel about our vote?"

Perry captured the alienation some Black Americans feel about the political process. Democrats court their votes every election year yet sometimes struggle to deliver on certain promises. But in her bid to become America's first Black woman governor, Abrams needs support even from disillusioned voters.

The concern is especially acute when it comes to Black men, who some analysts suggest have trickled recently to Republicans. A large majority of Black men have still cast votes for

Democrats in recent elections, meaning the bigger fear in a tight race is that they won't vote at all.

Abrams acknowledges the possibility. She built her national profile by insisting Democrats can compete in Georgia, a longtime Republican stronghold, if they attract marginal or disaffected voters, including Black men.

"If Black men turn out in the numbers and support me at the levels they're capable of, I can win this election, because we know Black men some-

times punch below their weight class," Abrams said at the event. "They've got reasons to be distrustful, and they've got reasons to be disconnected. And it is not only disingenuous, it would be bad practice, for me to not do the work to show that I understand."

To maximize Black male support, Abrams has held a series of events targeting them. A recent gathering in an un-air-conditioned warehouse featured free food and T-shirts.

Abrams delivered bits of her standard speech in response to

questions from Charlemagne, 21 Savage and civil rights lawyer Francys Johnson. But the topics were tilted toward the audience, with discussions of how Abrams opposes letting prosecutors use

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Civil Rights Lawyer Confronts Police Narratives

OAKLAND, Calif. (AP) — Before John Burris became the go-to lawyer for Northern California families grieving a loved one killed by police, the civil rights legend was a child suspicious of the Santa Claus narrative.

He didn't understand why Santa was white. He was confused by Santa's modus operandi — landing on rooftops to slide down chimneys to deliver presents? The Burris family had no chimney.

"I could not accept it," he said, "because it didn't make sense to me."

For nearly 50 years, the San Francisco Bay Area native has poked holes into narratives that did not add up, namely those of law enforcement accused of using excessive force. He estimates he has represented more than 1,000 victims of police misconduct, in California and elsewhere.

He helped win a civil jury verdict of \$3.8 million for the late Rodney King, a Black motorist whose 1991 beating by four Los Angeles police officers — captured on grainy camcorder video — shocked a public unaware of the brutality routinely inflicted on Black people. His practice also negotiated nearly \$3 million



for the family of Oscar Grant, a young Black man killed by a Bay Area transit officer in 2009 in one of the first police shootings recorded on cellphone.

But Burris prides himself on the smaller cases that have made up his career, and even at 77, he still travels to stand with clients at news conferences. Video evidence has helped enormously in altering public opinion, legal observers say, but so have attorneys like Burris who refuse to stop pushing, one police department at a time.

"The police were untouchable,"

said retired U.S. Northern California Judge Thelton Henderson. "John was a part of changing all of that, changing and showing what the police department is like."

As Burris prepares to hand the reins of his practice to a younger generation, he sat for interviews with The Associated Press and reflected on a career that started in accounting before landing on police accountability as a way to improve his community.

Burris grew up in the working-class city of Vallejo, the oldest of six.

DeWitt Burris was a tool room mechanic at a naval shipyard with side businesses in landscaping and fruit-picking, which John Burris did not enjoy. Imogene Burris was a psychiatric nurse technician at a state hospital who taught her children that everyone deserved fair treatment.

John Burris was a big reader and as the Civil Rights era progressed, a speech class at Solano Community College showed him that people listened to what he had to say. He later graduated with advanced degrees in business and law from the University of California, Berkeley, yearning to do more.

It bothered him that the proud men he admired, including his father and uncles, had served in the U.S. Navy but in menial roles because of their race. It burned him to learn, as a lawyer, that police beat and belittled Black fathers in front of their children.

"Police didn't have to do certain things," Burris said. "I could see how Black men were treated in the criminal justice system. I understood it was the destruction of the African American family that was taking place."

San Francisco Mayor London

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rap lyrics in gang prosecutions, how she wants to decriminalize — but not legalize — marijuana because she fears federal criminal charges, and how she believes Republican Gov. Brian Kemp has abandoned efforts to make Georgia's criminal justice system less punitive.

"We need leadership that sees us, that serves us and that believes in us," Abrams said. "The current governor has proven on every one of those metrics that he

does not care."

Black voters made up 29% of the general electorate during Abrams' 2018 gubernatorial bid, according to Georgia voting records.

Abrams won 94% of Black votes, according to AP VoteCast data, and still lost to Kemp by about 55,000 votes out of 4 million cast. In 2020, President Joe Biden topped Donald Trump in Georgia by less than 12,000 votes out of 5 million. Strong turnout among

white voters meant Black voters accounted for 27% of that electorate, with VoteCast showing that Biden won 92% of the Black vote.

In Georgia's 2021 runoffs, which elected two Democrats to the U.S. Senate, Black voters cast 28% of ballots.

Yet in these and other elections, a significantly larger share of Black women voted than Black men.

Abrams' team identifies 3.9 million Georgia voters as its universe of potential support, but knows

she won't get them all, said campaign manager Lauren Groh-Wargo. About 2.5 million are Black, Groh-Wargo said. Biden, at almost 2.5 million votes in 2020, won more votes than any Democrat ever before in Georgia. Abrams got 1.92 million votes in 2018.

A subtext in Abrams' effort is that Black men may be overshadowed in the Democratic Party by Black women.

Black women have long been an anchor of Democrats' coalition. They were credited with putting

Alabama Democrat Doug Jones over the top in an upset U.S. Senate victory in 2017. Abrams' 2018 near-miss forced a rethinking by white-dominated donor circles and media about Black women's viability as statewide candidates.

Biden's path to the White House further affirmed Black women's political power. In the Democratic primaries, Biden lost badly in overwhelmingly white Iowa and New Hampshire before surging to the nomination largely by sweeping Southern states with

larger Black populations, driven by strong turnout in particular from Black women.

With that in mind, Biden, as president, has elevated women of color. Kamala Harris, his vice president, is Black and of Jamaican and Indian descent, and the first woman to hold the office. Biden also delivered on a campaign promise to nominate the first Black woman to the Supreme Court, resulting in Ketanji Brown Jackson becoming the court's 116th justice.

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'Uncle Tom II' Documentary Shows How Marxism Decimated Black Communities

Analysis

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It's no secret that, as a group, black Americans are not exactly thriving. Despite the decades of social welfare policies, activist campaigns, and changing public attitudes, the black community suffers the most dysfunction of any racial group in the U.S.

There're two popular explanations for this. Those on the left usually blame this situation on systemic racism and unequal opportunities. Those on the right tend to blame the collapse of the family and decadent culture.

Both these views are explored in the documentary "Uncle Tom" directed by Justin Malone and produced by Larry Elder. But there's a third major factor that has hurt the black community, and it is the focus of the new sequel "Uncle Tom II." Yes, historical setbacks and the proliferation of broken homes have much to do with the current struggles of black Americans, but there's also something else that affected the course of black liberation: Marxism.

As "Uncle Tom II" illustrates, nearly all black liberation movements of the past century have been co-opted by Marxists. It was never a simple matter of giving blacks the same rights as whites while otherwise maintaining the American liberal order. The problem is usually framed as the system itself being inherently exploitative and unfair. This has become so prevalent that racism (i.e., the belief in the superiority of one race over another) and oppression (i.e., restricting the freedoms and limiting the power of another) have become synonymous. Consequently, for most people today, fighting racism means fighting the power structures that hold down people who are not white.

As if to debunk this Marxist narrative from the outset, the film begins with images of black families in the past prospering. They are attending church, fathers are present, and everyone's well dressed. Some of the older com-



mentators of the film, all of them black conservative Christians, recall this time nostalgically.

This is then contrasted in the film with images of chaos and desperation of activists during the George Floyd riots two years ago. Black Lives Matter and Antifa mobs scream at the police, harass bystanders, burn down buildings, loot stores, vandalize public property, and trash city squares. Somehow, by the end of it, Floyd and other famous victims of police violence are sanctified and extolled in a strange cult of black victimhood.

The whole sequence prompts the question: How did the black community go from prosperous and stable to poor and violent? Why are they idolizing these people? For Malone and the other black conservatives commenting on the issue, it is the philosophy of Karl Marx.

Although Marxism began as a class struggle, men like Antonio Gramsci realigned the ideology to suit cultural struggles. From here, it was easy for American Marxists to subvert the path for black prosperity and make it an endless struggle for racial justice.

This can be seen with every new iteration of racial activism. At the head of each campaign is a "trained Marxist," as the BLM founders memorably put it. Many of them have adopted the tac-

Sheriff: "I'm Sick Of These Black Bastards"

COLUMBUS COUNTY, N.C. (WECT) - On one end of the phone was Columbus County Sheriff Jody Greene. On the other was then-Captain Jason Soles, who had just been tapped to lead the Sheriff's Office while elections officials investigated a complaint questioning whether Greene was eligible to serve as sheriff.

Greene wanted to know who in the department had communicated with Lewis Hatcher, the former sheriff whom Greene had narrowly defeated in the election, and Melvin Campbell, a recently-fired sergeant, both of whom are African American. In Greene's words, they had a "snitch" in the office, leaking information to his political opponent who had sued to be reinstated until the election protests were resolved.

"I'm sick of it. I'm sick of these Black bastards," said Greene said to Soles. "I'm going to clean house and be done with it. And we'll start from there."

The call between Greene and Soles took place about two months into what was a tumultuous start to Greene's career as sheriff. Greene beat Hatcher in the 2018 election by just 34 votes, at a time when election fraud in this rural part of North Carolina was making national headlines. The results were protested, in part over concerns Greene did not actually live in Columbus County as required by state law. He'd also been improperly sworn in before the state certified the election results.

Soles' "promotion" to acting sheriff was the result of a court-mediated agreement between Greene and Hatcher, while elections officials worked to determine who was the rightful sheriff. Greene wanted his chief deputy, Aaron Herring, to serve

as interim sheriff. But Herring was not an acceptable alternative to Hatcher and his supporters, in part because of Herring's reputation in Columbus County's African American community. Herring was arrested in 2015, charged with punching a handcuffed Black man in the face while serving as a Whiteville Police officer. He was later found not guilty, but that did little to quell concerns in some parts of the community about his treatment of African Americans.

Soles told WECT that immediately after his appointment as acting sheriff, he began getting late-night phone calls from Greene.

"This one particular phone call that [I] received, he made the comment that he hated Democrats. And then he said, 'I take that back. I hate a Black f***ing Democrat.' And, and I knew right then, I was like, 'Wow, this is coming from the sheriff.' And, I had to start recording those conversations," Soles said of the moments before he hit record on the phone call.

Soles, who is now running for Columbus County Sheriff against Jody Greene, said he was concerned that the most powerful law enforcement officer in Columbus County was racist, and would not treat Black employees or the residents he policed fairly.

"It broke my heart. Because that's not what I believe in. It upset me to the fact that I did have to start recording his phone calls. And I'm not wanting to go around recording people's conversations. But... this was not the leader that we needed leading the Columbus County Sheriff's Office making these racial slurs," Soles explained.

The Recording
The portion of the conversation Soles recorded lasted for six

and a half minutes. He says the call happened late one night in early February 2019. Trying to track down the source of the apparent leak in his office, Greene can be heard saying that he's contacted Verizon to get phone records to see if anyone in his department has made calls to or received calls from Lewis Hatcher or Melvin Campbell in the last two months.

"They're gone. This is as fair as I'm going to be. Just giving you a heads up, that's coming. When me and [attorney] Boyd [Worley] and [wife] Angie [Greene] go through it tomorrow, the first numbers we see, they're gone. They ain't going to make it brother. I'm telling you, they might as well find somewhere else to go. Because if you ain't with me - I ain't referring to you - but if they're not with me, they're against me. And they're gone. And that's just how it's going to be. Clarity - whatever her name is, I don't trust her. Dawn says she's racist... If I have to fire every mother f***er out there, guess what?," Greene can be heard saying at the beginning of the recording.

"I'm tired of them f***ing with me. It ain't happening no more. No god***n more. So you let them know, if I find their numbers in the next day or two, they ain't going to like it. They damn sure ain't going to like it. And that's got to be somebody in the command staff. Clarity. I don't trust her. She's just sitting there staring at me the other day, the whole time. Staring at me the whole f***ing time," Greene continues, apparently referring to Augustine Clarida, who at the time was an African American detention officer.

"Tomorrow's gonna be a new f***ing day. I'm still the motherf***ing sheriff, and I'll

go up and fire every god***n [inaudible]. F**k them Black bastards. They think I'm scared? They're stupid," Greene said. "I don't know what else to do it. So it's just time to clean them out. There's a snitch in there somewhere tellin' what we are doing. And I'm not gonna have it. I'm not going to have it."

In the recording, Greene can be heard saying he's going to start firing people who are "guilty by f***ing association" with Campbell and Hatcher.

"We'll cut the snake's head f***ing off. Period. And Melvin Campbell is as big a snake as Lewis Hatcher ever dared to be. Every Black that I know, you need to fire him to start with, he's a snake," Greene says before ending the phone call.

Looking for Help
In the years that have passed since making this recording, Soles said he or his supporters have gone to every official he could think of, trying to get them to intervene in a situation that reeked of law enforcement bias.

Soles said he also brought the recording and other concerns about the sheriff to the attention of County Commissioners during a recess at a county commission meeting. However, he said Buddy Byrd, who has had his own trouble with the Columbus County Sheriff's Office, was the only commissioner who followed up with him. While he shared Soles' concerns, Byrd told WECT he was not able to affect any change without the support of his fellow commissioners, who are largely Greene supporters.

"Everybody had deaf ears," Byrd said of the reaction of other commissioners when he told them about the recording of the sheriff making disparaging comments about his Black employees.

Church Briefs

Oak City Baptist Church, 726 Method Road, Raleigh, NC, will celebrate its 157th Church Anniversary and Homecoming on Sunday, October 23, 2022, at 10:45 a.m. In addition, they will also have a Mortgage Burning Ceremony on their new Sanctuary constructed in 2015. The guest speaker for the occasion will be Reverend Dr. Ricky L. Banks, of Elizabeth City, NC. Dr. Banks is the Vice President at-Large of the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, Inc. He is also running for election as the President of the Convention. Dr. Banks has an outstanding resume of accomplishments during his over forty years of Pastoral Ministry at Saint Stephen Missionary Baptist Church in Elizabeth City, NC. He is also actively involved with his Alma Mater, Elizabeth City State University, as a Board Member of its Foundation and where he serves as an Adjunct Faculty Member. Dr. Banks was recently presented the "Key to the City" by the Mayor of Elizabeth City and awarded the Order of the Long Leaf Pine, our state's highest honor, by the Governor of North Carolina. Dr. Banks is married to Mrs. Shelva Watson Banks and they have two daughters, Dr. Lucretia Banks, and Leah Banks. Anyone interested in attending must wear a mask, and social distancing will be observed.

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Build-To-Rent Communities And Local Regulations In NC

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On the edge of town there's a new residential development under construction. The neighborhood looks fairly conventional—there are houses and yards, streets and sidewalks. But there is a notable difference that you can't see. The homes are not listed for sale; most or all of the properties are owned by a corporate landlord and the new homes will be rented to residents.

Can the local government use development regulations—like land use zoning and land subdivision—to regulate this development differently because the homes will be renter-occupied rather than owner-occupied? The short answer is no. Under North Carolina law a local government may not use development regulations to regulate the ownership structure of a development. But development regulations still apply. The owner may not use the ownership structure of the development to avoid generally applicable development regulations.

This blog explores the basics of build-to-rent communities and the extent to which local development regulations apply to

those communities.

Basics of Build-To-Rent

It has long been the case that some residences are owner-occupied and some residences are renter-occupied. In recent years, though, there has been an increase in the number of institutional investors purchasing single-family homes to operate as rental homes. Back in 2020 my School of Government colleague, Frank Muraca, with the School's Development Finance Initiative looked at the numbers and impact of buy-to-rent investment. In 2021, Ely Portillo and Justin Lane at the UNC Charlotte Urban Institute analyzed Mecklenburg County property records and found over 11,000 single-family homes owned by institutional investors. In 2022, reporters for The Charlotte Observer and The News & Observer reported on the rise of corporate landlords in North Carolina.

Many of the properties purchased by corporate landlords were existing homes purchased over the last decade. They were not built as rentals but were purchased by corporations and rented out. In more recent years, residential developers have entered the rental market. They are

building new residential subdivisions as rentals from the start. Developers have constructed new build-to-rent communities of single-family homes in Charlotte, Raleigh, Wilmington, and around the Southeast.

The basics of build-to-rent communities are the same as any residential subdivision. There are streets, infrastructure, and homes. The development creates the same impacts as an owner-occupied subdivision: demands for public facilities like water, sewer, and roads; demands for public services like schools, parks, and recreation; and demands for public safety like police, fire, and emergency medical services.

Build-to-rent communities, though, may raise separate concerns. Some communities fear that such development is driving up the cost of housing, limiting the availability of homes for purchase, and changing the nature of neighborhoods. Such communities are exploring options for regulation.

Ownership and Development Regulations

In North Carolina, local governments may use development regulations to regulate the use and division of land, but not to

regulate the ownership of land.

In Graham Court Associates v. Town Council of Chapel Hill, 53 N.C. App. 543, 281 S.E.2d 418 (1981), the North Carolina Court of Appeals ruled that zoning may regulate land use, but not the form of ownership. In that case, the town's ordinance regulated multifamily rental apartments distinctly from multifamily owner-occupied condominiums. After a property owner was denied a permit to convert an apartment to a condominium, they challenged the ordinance. The court ruled that the multifamily development would have the same impacts whether it is occupied by renters or owners. As such, zoning cannot legally distinguish between the two, nor require extra permits to change from renter-occupied to owner-occupied.

The North Carolina Court of Appeals reaffirmed that rule in City of Wilmington v. Hill, 189 N.C. App. 173, 657 S.E.2d 670 (2008). A Wilmington ordinance required that, in order for a residential property to have an accessory apartment (e.g., a garage apartment or in-law suite), the owner of the property must reside on site, either in the principal residence or the accessory residence. The court ruled the requirement for owner-occupancy was an unconstitutional regulation of ownership and beyond the scope of delegated zoning authority.

Given these precedents, under current law a local government could not use zoning or land subdivision regulations to regulate build-to-rent development differently from comparable owner-occupied development.

Zoning and Subdivision Rules Still Apply

While zoning and subdivision may not require a certain ownership structure, neither may the developer avoid zoning and subdivision regulations through the ownership structure. The basic rules of land use and land subdivision still apply to build-to-rent communities.

Zoning regulations commonly regulate the types of activities

permitted, design aspects such as size of buildings, and site considerations such as open space and parking. Those regulations apply whether the home is owner-occupied or renter-occupied. If the zoning ordinance limits the density of residential devel-

opment, that rule will apply to a build-to-rent development just the same as it will apply to build-to-sale development. If a build-to-rent development is a townhome development, the standard zoning rules for townhome development will apply.

FUNdraising Good Times

By Mel & Pearl Shaw
Saad & Shaw



There's no need to feel overwhelmed by the challenges facing our communities. The best antidote to despair is action and that's exactly what is happening with All For 1 Kennels Club. They are bringing together kids, their dogs (otherwise known as "furbabies"), and the adults in their lives. It's all about building community, strengthening relationships, and taking care of each other.

Here's the story of the community dog shows that Ruben Daniels, one of the founders of All For 1 Kennels Club and his friends and family are creating. "We aim to help kids and give them something positive to do. With our last show we aimed towards giving the kids knowledge by having a trainer show them what to do with their dogs in the ring, as well as giving out free hot dogs chips and water to the kids. We also had a barber offer \$5 haircuts and we passed out school supplies to all kids that showed up," Daniels shared. "Our next show is dedicated to having trainers work with the kids and their dogs as well as offer free food and coats for the kids. We have a special part dedicated to the Jr. Handlers, which is a group for kids."

Daniels and his team use their resources to meet a need and create joy. "The furbabies that attend are well behaved and friendly and their humans all seem to have a good time laughing and smiling while meeting new people. One of the best things is seeing the kids and community having fun and being positive." They keep the dog shows safe and fun, attracting mostly children, their fathers and their furbabies. "I believe their experience is good. They get to meet new people and experience something new while getting to see everyone come together with common goals and of all nationalities," Daniels reflects.

"My family and friends are a huge support. They love being a part of the shows and getting to see something so positive transpire," Daniels shared. "Our vision is to be able to have our own facility to train the kids and give them something positive to do. We teach kids to bulldog, not to bully." Here's the text they always include in their promo pieces: "No aggressive dogs or people." They help make sure kids have school supplies and winter coats. Their bigger goal is to obtain a facility of their own so there is a safe space for kids for dog training and shows. If you're close to Toledo, Ohio you can come out and show support: wherever you are you can donate to the cause. Email Daniels and his team at AllFor1KennelsClub@gmail.com or follow them on the All For 1 Kennels Club page on Facebook. Daniels and his team are just like you: they are busy doing something to change the world for the better. They are readers of FUNdraising Good Times who reached out to share their story with us. We look forward to learning about your work. Until next week, have a FUNdraising Good Time!

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U.S. Starts Fiscal Year With Record \$31 Trillion In Debt



WASHINGTON (AP) — The nation's gross national debt has surpassed \$31 trillion, according to a U.S. Treasury report released Tuesday that logs America's daily finances.

Edging closer to the statutory ceiling of roughly \$31.4 trillion — an artificial cap Congress placed on the U.S. government's ability to borrow — the debt numbers hit an already tenuous economy facing high inflation, rising interest rates and a strong U.S. dollar.

And while President Joe Biden has touted his administration's deficit reduction efforts this year and recently signed the so-called Inflation Reduction Act, which attempts to tame 40-year high price increases caused by a variety of economic factors, economists say the latest debt numbers are a cause for concern.

Owen Zidar, a Princeton economist, said rising interest rates will exacerbate the nation's growing debt issues and make the debt itself more costly. The Federal Reserve has raised rates several times this year in an effort to combat inflation.

Zidar said the debt "should encourage us to consider some tax policies that almost passed through the legislative process but didn't get enough support," like imposing higher taxes on the wealthy and closing the carried interest loophole, which allows money managers to treat their income as capital gains.

"I think the point here is if you weren't worried before about the debt before, you should be — and if you were worried before, you should be even more worried," Zidar said.

The Congressional Budget Office earlier this year released a report on America's debt load, warning in its 30-year outlook that, if unaddressed, the debt will soon spiral upward to new highs that could ultimately imperil the U.S. economy.



Nat'l Broadband Rollout Has A Blind Spot

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Imagine purchasing "up to" a gallon of milk for \$4.50, or paying for "up to" a full tank of gas. Most people would view such transactions as absurd. And yet, in the realm of broadband service, the use of "up to" speeds has become standard business practice.

Unlike other advertisements for goods and services—for example, what a car manufacturer tells a customer about expected fuel efficiency—there are no federally set standards for measuring broadband service speeds. This means there is no clear way to tell whether customers are getting what they pay for.

Consumers typically purchase an internet service package that promises a speed up to some level—for example, 10 megabits per second, 25Mbps, 100Mbps, 200Mbps or 1000Mbps/1Gbps. But the speed you actually receive can often be much less than the advertised speed. Unlike the vehicle sector's fuel efficiency standards, there's no government mandate to systematically improve internet service speeds—and no national strategy for ensuring that slow connections are upgraded in a timely fashion.

A home user's quality of service can also shift dramatically over relatively short periods of time and can become especially degraded during times of crisis. For example, during the early months of the COVID-19 pandemic when millions of Americans switched from using their office's business-class internet connection to teleworking from home using their residential internet service, analysis showed widespread slowdowns in service speeds.

Follow-up research found that during this same time frame, the Federal Communications Commission was inundated with consumer complaints from across the country. Complaints about billing, availability and speed increased from February 2020 to April 2020 by 24 percent, 85 percent and 176 percent, respectively. So even though monthly bills did not change, customers experienced worse service, with lower speeds and less reliability.

The discrepancy between advertised and actual speeds also varies by geographic location. Rural areas consistently see larger discrepancies than urban areas. Broadband service descriptions are often confusing because



many plans that consumers think are unlimited actually have data caps. These plans often limit data usage by slowing or "throttling" connections after users hit their caps.

Consumer advocates have long called for a "broadband nutrition label" that would create a federal mandate for internet service providers (ISPs) to disclose speed, latency (for example, the level of delay in videoconferencing calls), reliability and pricing to potential and current consumers. The FCC is seeking comment on proposed broadband nutrition labels, and there is a risk that new labeling will be reduced to an opaque disclosure of "typical" speeds and latency.

In my view, guaranteed minimums should be a part of any residential class service offering, mirroring what is already standard contractual language for business class lines. In essence, instead of promising an "up to" ceiling, ISPs should guarantee a minimum floor for the service customers pay for.

The FCC is taking comments for a proposed 'broadband nutrition label' to help consumers understand what they're paying for, but the devil is in the details. Federal Communications Commission

Also, the FCC and the National Telecommunications and Information Administration can standardize and enforce the use of speed measurements that are "off net" rather than relying so heavily on "on net" metrics. On net refers to the methodology typically used by both the FCC and ISPs to measure internet speed, where the throughput of your connection is measured between your home and your ISP. This ignores off-net connections, meaning your ISP's interconnection with everywhere outside your local provider's network, which is virtually the entire internet.

On-net measurements also don't document the congestion

that often happens when different ISPs have a peering dispute, such as the infamous dispute between Comcast and Level 3, which led to degraded service for millions of Netflix subscribers. For many detrimentally affected customers, on-net speed tests often show no issues with their connections, even though they are experiencing major disruptions to their favorite off-net services, applications or websites.

On-net speed tests have led to claims that the median fixed broadband speed in the U.S. in May 2022 was over 150 Mbps. Meanwhile, off-net speed tests of U.S. broadband show median speeds that are quite a bit lower—median U.S. speeds for May 2022 were under 50 Mbps.

This results in a real disconnect between the way policymakers and ISPs understand connectivity, and the lived consumer experience. ISPs' business decisions can create bottlenecks at the edges of their networks, as when they implement lower-cost, lower-speed interconnections to other ISPs. This means that their broadband speed measurements fail to capture the results of their own decisions, which allows them to claim to deliver broadband speeds that their customers

often do not experience.

Broadband internet access in the U.S. is variable, costly and opaque.

To protect consumers, the FCC will need to invest in building a set of broadband speed measures, maps and public data repositories that enables researchers to access and analyze what the public actually experiences when people purchase broadband connectivity. Prior efforts by the FCC to do this have been heavily criticized as imprecise and inaccurate.

The FCC's latest proposal for the creation of a National Broadband Map—at an estimated cost of \$45 million—is already receiving criticism because its measurement process is a "black box," meaning its methodology and data are not transparent to the public. The FCC also appears to once again rely almost entirely on ISP self-disclosure for its data, which means that it is likely to vastly overstate not only speeds, but where broadband is available as well.

The new National Broadband Map may, in fact, be far worse in terms of data access because of fairly stringent licensing arrangements under which the FCC appears to have granted control over the data—collected with public funding—to a private company to then commercialize. This process is likely to make it extremely difficult to accurately ascertain the true state of U.S. broadband.

Lack of transparency about these new maps and the methodologies undergirding them could lead to major headaches in disbursing the \$42.5 billion in broadband infrastructure grant funding through the Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment Program.



Woman Advocates For Medal Of Honor For Two WWII Heroes

By Cathy Dyson

Free Lance Star

Linda Thomas isn't related to either of the World War II sailors whose stories of heroism move her to the point she wants "to stand on the street corner and say, Listen, you've gotta hear this, this is so amazing."

But the more she learned, the more the Caroline County resident felt connected to the late veterans, both through her own DNA as a Black woman and her interest as a student of all things history, especially related to the military.

A three-time past president of the Virginia conference of the NAACP, Thomas has taken up the cause of seeking the Medal of Honor, the nation's highest military decoration, for two Black service members.

She's reached out to about a dozen members of Senate and Congress, of both political parties, encouraging them to have President Joe Biden issue an executive order. She'd like to see honors go to Doris "Dorie" Miller, who moved the injured to safety and shot down planes at Pearl Harbor, using an anti-aircraft gun he'd never touched before the attack, and Charles French, nicknamed a "human tugboat" for the way he swam through shark-infested waters, pulling a raft loaded with injured crew members.

"It's the type of story that captures your imagination no matter what side of the aisle you are on," Thomas said, explaining that in her pitch, she tells politicians: "If ever you've needed a moment that said, I can look past party and politics and everything else going on in the world and just do the right thing ... this is it."

Virginia Sen. Tim Kaine wrote letters about Miller and French to the president last month, little more than a week after Thomas

first called his office. He said part of his work on the Senate Armed Services Committee involves ensuring "that our veterans receive the recognition they deserve for their valor and sacrifice to our country. That work includes urging President Biden to posthumously award Doris Miller and Charles French with Medals of Honor."

She hopes other legislators will do the same. She's called members of the Senate and Congress in Nebraska, where French lived, as well as Texas, where Miller was born. She's also reached out to several politicians in Virginia, readily admitting the men have no connection to the state other than Miller's service in Norfolk.

"I said they are not Virginians, but I want to treat them as if they are adopted sons of the commonwealth," she said. "That was my inspiration, as if they were my uncles."

Thomas first heard about Miller when she was a fourth-grader in Baltimore schools, then picked up a few more snippets about his service when she was in college. A mess attendant third class on the battleship West Virginia, Miller was gathering laundry the morning of Dec. 7, 1941, when he heard the alarms blare. The Japanese were attacking Pearl Harbor and his ship was being hit from below by torpedoes and from above by enemy fighters.

In the midst of the carnage and chaos, Miller started helping carrying the wounded to safe quarters, including the ship's captain, Mervyn Bennion, who died from his injuries. Even though he'd been ordered to abandon ship, according to the Department of Veterans Affairs website, Miller fired an unmanned .50-caliber Browning machine gun at the swooping planes until he ran out of ammunition. The Navy confirmed he shot down two planes while other re-



ports suggested the number could be as high as six.

He was "one of the most unsung American heroes of World War II," states the VA website. "His actions ... helped save many lives and served as an inspiration to countless others."

Thomas is just as impressed by French, dubbed the "human tugboat" by the Navy after his ship, the USS Gregory, was sunk by Japanese destroyers during the Battle of Guadalcanal. He also was a mess attendant because that was one of few positions available to Black sailors during the days of segregation, according to the Navy story about

French.

"Black men and white men were not permitted to swim together, even during Navy swim calls in the ocean," states the website. Those rules no longer held in the early morning hours of Sept. 5, 1942, when Japanese ships destroyed the Gregory and turned their guns on the crew, including French, floating on makeshift rafts in the water.

French gathered injured shipmates, piled them on a raft and tied a rope around his waist. Navy Ensign Robert Adrian, who had leg injuries and blast fragments in his eyes, said he tried to talk French out of getting into the

shark-infested waters, but French said he was more afraid of the Japanese.

"Just tell me if I'm going the right way," he said, according to the Navy story.

While Navy reports cite that both Miller and French served during segregation, the accounts don't paint the picture as thoroughly as Thomas does when she shares their stories. The men French loaded onto a life raft—just as those Miller moved to safety or defended from more harm while manning a gun he hadn't been allowed to touch—"are people that would not speak to you under regular circumstanc-

es," she said.

"They did not know your name," she continued. "When asked, the survivors said, well, I think his name is French because you were basically called 'Cookie' if you were below deck, cooking and serving and being a steward. You had no identity. It was like the porters on the railroad, who were all 'George.'"

Thomas said that "lack of humanity," especially, is what motivated her to make the medal mission her latest volunteer effort. Both Miller and French have been highly decorated for their service, but Thomas wants to see them awarded the top honor.

Her husband, Floyd, has served on the Caroline Board of Supervisors for 30 years, and she lists "volunteer" as her primary work. In addition to her NAACP service—and she proudly points out she's the organization's only state president elected unanimously, twice—Thomas has helped with various nonprofits involving the library and Caroline's Promise, an organization for youth.

She's also volunteered in the schools and regularly tutored children who had problems with reading. Many of her students were Black males and she reveled in sharing stories she gleaned from her own studies of Black history. She saw their eyes light up after she told them about the Black men in the 54th Massachusetts Infantry Regiment who were featured in the movie, "Glory."

Her account goes beyond what Hollywood depicted. She talks about soldiers who had placed their wounded on trains after the Battle of Olustee, Florida, and how their train broke down with Confederate forces half a day's march behind them. They couldn't fix the train and they couldn't leave the wounded behind for the enemy, so members of the 54th pulled the train 10 miles to help.

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Solving Food Insecurity Is A Step Toward Improving Health

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Milwaukee Journal Sentinel

Shelly Greer, diagnosed with diabetes in late 2017 at the age of 38, was struggling to manage the disease when a physician referred her to a new program at Ascension Wisconsin.

"I really needed it at the time," Greer said.

Her HbA1c, a blood sugar measurement critical for diabetics, was at 10; below 8 is the threshold for diabetes under control.

Ascension Wisconsin started the program — called Under 8 — in 2020, focusing on patients who live in the low-income neighborhoods near its Ascension SE Wisconsin-St. Joseph campus on the city's northside.

The 12-week program provides five prepared healthy meals — designed for people with diabetes — each week from UpStart Kitchen, a restaurant incubator in Milwaukee's Sherman Park neighborhood. The program also provides grocery bags of food healthy for diabetics, and holds weekly meetings that offer counseling on nutrition, lifestyle and medication adherence.

Over the duration of the program, Greer's HbA1c fell from 10 to 6.3.

The program is an example of how to improve health by going outside the four walls of a clinic and meeting people where they live, said Nancy Leahy, a nurse practitioner with Ascension Wisconsin.

"We do it in a community setting, where people are a little more comfortable than meeting

in a hospital or a clinic," she said.

It also is one of hundreds of initiatives — most of them small for now — started by health systems nationwide that move beyond doctor visits in clinical settings and instead address underlying social and economic conditions that affect health, particularly among poor people.

Those conditions — what are known as the social determinants, or drivers, of health — can be more important than access to the best doctors and medicines in influencing a person's overall health. They include food, housing, education, employment, neighborhoods, and the support of family and friends.

Putting more resources toward addressing them not only could improve lives, it could save money.

Adequate and stable housing often is considered the foundation of good health. But access to healthy and appropriate food can be as important, particularly in managing chronic conditions, such as diabetes and heart failure. And those conditions are more common among people who have low incomes.

Some initiatives by health systems and, increasingly, health insurers focus on finding new ways to help people with those conditions to eat healthier. Some center on lessening food insecurity — the uncertain access to adequate, quality food. Some do both.

There are hurdles to overcome.

Healthy food can be more expensive, and the amount of

money someone on a tight budget spends on housing can limit what's left for food.

Lower-income neighborhoods may be so-called food deserts, where corner convenience stores with limited offerings have taken the place of full-fledged supermarkets. For someone without a car, a trip to a supermarket can become a trek that involves several buses, possibly young children in tow, and then hauling back bags of groceries.

"Fundamentally this gets down to insufficient resources that people need to maintain health, and food insecurity is just one manifestation of that," said Seth Berkowitz, a physician and professor of general medicine and clinical epidemiology at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

Education and health literacy — understanding what makes up a healthy diet and how to achieve it — also have a role. People who are skeptical of the prevalence of food insecurity note that many poor people are overweight or



obese. What's lost is that some, without the knowledge or the ability to get good food, may be getting by on calorie-rich processed foods and snacks.

The impact of food insecurity on health is not new.

For adults, it is associated with diabetes, heart disease, high blood pressure, obesity, chronic kidney disease, osteoporosis, depression and other medical

conditions, according to the Food Research & Action Center.

Food insecurity added an estimated \$51.8 billion a year to the health care costs for adults, according to a 2019 study done by Berkowitz and his co-authors.

That included an estimated \$687 million in additional health care costs in Wisconsin.

The study found that health care costs for adults who were

food insecure was \$1,073 to \$2,595 a year higher than costs for adults who had adequate food.

The study did not find a significant increase in costs for children.

But food insecurity is associated with an array of poor health outcomes for children, from more frequent colds and stomach aches to behavioral health conditions, according to the Food Research & Action Center.

"After multiple risk factors are considered, children who live in households that are food insecure, even at the lowest levels, are likely to be sick more often, recover from illness more slowly, and be hospitalized more frequently," the American Academy of Pediatrics said in a policy statement titled Promoting Food Security for All Children. "Lack of adequate, healthy food can impair a child's ability to concentrate and perform well in school and is linked to higher levels of behavioral and emotional problems from preschool through adolescence."

The Idhini Platform Is Changing Clinical Trial Participation



By Stacy M. Brown

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Recent studies have revealed that approximately 5% of Black Americans participate in clinical trials. Unfortunately, that number proves lower in the overall BIPOC community, and an organization called Idhini works to help improve Black, Indigenous, and People of Color participation.

To capture the voice of the BIPOC community and their unique needs, Idhini boasts that it provides access and equitable rewards for participation in health research.

"The main reason is trust," Gerard Charlot, a principal at Idhini, a national database of BIPOC individuals available to participate in clinical trials, told the National Newspaper Publishers Association's Let It Be Known live morning news show.

Officials designed the platform to provide health information and resources and assist in the health and financial outcomes associated with health literacy.

"Our vision is to have medical research reflect the population it serves," Charlot stated.

"If we are successful, increased access to healthcare and equitable rewards for participation will create positive health and social outcomes, a more diverse healthcare workforce, and higher financial rewards for health organizations."

Idhini wants to close the gap in health research within the BIPOC community.

Charlot said the organization reduces the cost of acquiring health-related data and insights from Black and minority communities while increasing the lifetime value of each community member's interaction with medical research.

He said it's 100% virtually.

"Why not make the community successful," Charlot stated.

"The main reason there's a problem is the lack of trust, not just from Black people, but the BIPOC community in general."

Idhini has partnered with There Goes My Hero, a national registry that recently launched the "Color the Registry" initiative to secure more African American donors to help save lives.

Idhini helps recruit and screen individuals to ensure suitable patients participate in trials. In addition, the platform captures attitudes and sentiments toward research and converts sentiments into analysis and reporting.

A Chicago Sun-Times study revealed that patients — particularly Black and Latino Americans — now look for pharmaceutical companies to act as information brokers.

"Across social media channels, podcasts, and other outlets, they want these companies to take three major actions: help distinguish between false and accurate health care information; be realistic and honest about the realities of diseases and treatments and show what goes on behind the scenes at pharma companies," the study authors wrote.

The authors concluded that people are reachable in a new way, and the newfound awareness of and interest in the makers of drugs and vaccines offers a pathway to learning.

"People want to hear from pharma companies," the study authors wrote. "They're listening and learning. They then bring this information with them to their doctors' appointments."

Charlot said that's the point of Idhini.

"Major pharmaceutical companies use our stuff because it works," Charlot stated.

"Our approach is not the Gerard way — it's the right way. You have patient-centered research where it's now all about community research. If you're not engaging the community, there's no value."

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It Is Time For Our Communities To Revert Back To Local

America has fashioned its agriculture system around big agricultural operations. These investments have led America away from physical starvation, while at the same time has led us to a system of obesity and chronic disease.

The USDA lends 70 percent of its rationed subsidies to 10 percent of the nation's farmers, all of which are large commodity crop farmers. It is important to understand that commodity crops make commodity ingredients. These are not the ingredients your grandmother used to season greens or even to fry hushpuppies, but instead are the key ingredients in everything Grandma would call "junk-food."

The intentional attempt to eradicate the black farmer was not long followed by the irrational act to eliminate the small farmer. And for the first time in American history, priority for food was not upheld with the principle of health and nutrition (subsequently lacking quality and taste), more so quantity through preserved shelf life.

The amount of time a product can stay on the shelf, both in the warehouses of processing plants and the consumer linked shelves of grocery stores, became priority number one. And here's another kicker: the same principles that created synthetic chemical-based fertilizer that raped and poisoned our land, created this commodity farming food system. Both were born out of war.

The industries created in war have taken over our food system and their actions show that they mean us harm. America's Monsanto was a contracted company that created the infamous "agent orange" (a chemical herbicide



used by the United States Military during the Vietnam War. It was used to poison the land and the people of Vietnam in an act of chemical warfare.)

Today, Monsanto is more commonly known for its product "Round-Up." Not only is this a harmful chemical herbicide that is currently facing 30,000 lawsuit due to the harm it has inflicted, but also is a leader in GMO's (genetically modified organics).

From this came a new reality in which the farm no longer owns their seeds. Meaning that the farmer can no longer save seed. These genetically altered seeds have been patented by the

company and no longer belong to nature itself.

Currently, 90 percent of soybean and 70 percent of both corn and cotton grown in the United States are "Round-up Ready." And companies like Dow Chemical, creators of "agrochemicals," transitioned from the battle fields of America's military warfare into the ag. lands of America where they still play out act of chemical warfare that is killing the land and her people.

The concerns surrounding GMOs include but are not limited to: allergies, cancer, and environmental issues. The health risk alone is enough to stay away

from GMO's. The Academy of Environmental Medicine's study shows GMO links to gastrointestinal and immune systems damage and disorders, along with organ damage, accelerated aging, and infertility. And remember, 70 percent of farm subsidies go to farms that produce these commodity crops. These commodity ingredients are used in the great majority of America's processed foods. Companies like Kellogg, Doritos, Oreos, and so many more use these commodity ingredients that tremendously lack in nutrition and taste.

If the truth be told, as fat as American's have become since

the Great Depression, with obesity doubling in the US since the 2020 quarantine, we are starving on full stomachs. We have become a people that are stuffed with way too many calories, but up to 50 percent of American's are magnesium deficient, which automatically makes half of the population vitamin D deficient because the body needs magnesium to process vitamin D. This has indeed erected a scenario in which American's are eating more, attempting to intake efficient amounts of minerals and nutrients that are largely absent in our food, so we eat more and more. Now, 42.4 percent of America's adults are obese (the highest in American history), and almost 20 percent of adolescents.

When it comes to America's food system, quantity has slain the importance of quality and America's health lingers in the balance. The importance of small farms in America brings about the possibility for a healthy America. Even the farmers that have found their way through the confines of big ag. have in many ways lost their rights to own and save seed. The soils of these farms almost completely contribute to the overwhelming soil depletion issue the United States is facing right now.

Everything good in America's food system was created outside of government and government assistance. The "Organic Market" was a consumer driven market that rose despite the efforts of the US government. It was in many ways built out of a desire to live justly (with quality and taste).

For the black community, fresh garden raised meat and produce was our reality all the way up to the take over of the fast food industry. This was more so in the late 70s and 80s, a time in which the USDA declared black farmers would soon be no more.

Black southerners once coordinated pilgrimages from the rural farms of the south up to

the bustling cities of the north, and northern Midwest, to supply essentials to southern folk that moved north (the Great Migration). They supplied them with the foods of their heritage. This era also gave birth to the "truck-farmer." The black truck farmer had been denied in the public market space, so in the spirit of determination, the farmer would pull their truck to the corner of a popular intersection and sale directly to consumers.

Then, the late 1970's brought about the return of the farmer's market, going from 600 farmer's markets (1977) to over 8,000 by the year 2021.

In my family just two generations ago there was no great need for grocery stores. My grandmother only brought wheat flour and sugar home from a trip to town. If you would ask her about fast-food she would call it junk and say: "the naughtiest place to eat is out." Groceries were either raised or bought directly from the farmer, just two generations ago. This generation in my family, born in the 1920s and 30s, lived into their early 90s. It is predicted, with the anchoring of a big ag. food system, that children born in the early 2000's will die before their parents: a third of Caucasians and half of African American and Hispanics.

No soviet has ever advanced before there agricultural systems were developed. If this be the case, where does it place the future of America. Americans must place it's priority back on her people and away from the hold of large cooperations.

The fact is America has gone from starving to obese in less than 50 years. The same system that has stolen the farmland of black America, and robbed its people of the fresh healthy foods of the small family farm, have indeed made us sick and is killing us one meal or snack at a time. This must serve as a reminder to the American people that food is our (the people's) responsibility and we must be accountable, again.

USDA: \$500 M Available To Increase Innovative American-Made Fertilizer

U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Secretary Tom Vilsack today announced that the Biden-Harris Administration is making \$500 million in grants available to increase American-made fertilizer production to spur competition and combat price hikes on U.S. farmers caused by the war in Ukraine.

"Under the leadership of President Biden and Vice President Harris, USDA is creating a resilient, secure and sustainable economy, and this support to provide domestic, independent choices for fertilizer supplies is part of that effort," Vilsack said. "USDA believes in the growth of innovative, local businesses owned and shared by people who can best serve their own unique community's needs, fill gaps, and build opportunities.

Recent supply chain disruptions have shown just how critical it is to invest in the agricultural supply chain here at home. The Fertilizer Production Expansion Program is one example of many Biden-Harris Administration initiatives to bring production and jobs back to the United States, promote competition and support American goods and services."

The Biden-Harris Administration's Fertilizer Production Expansion Program is part of a whole-of-government effort to promote competition in agricultural markets. The funds are being made available through the Commodity Credit Corporation.

Grants will be used to support independent, innovative and sustainable American fertilizer production to supply American farmers. Funds also will expand

the manufacturing and processing of fertilizer and nutrient alternatives in the U.S. and its territories.

The program will support fertilizer production that is:

Independent, and outside the orbit of dominant fertilizer suppliers. Because the program's goal is to increase competition, market share restrictions apply. Made in America. Products must be produced by companies operating in the U.S. or its territories, to create good-paying jobs at home, and reduce the reliance on potentially unstable, inconsistent foreign supplies.

Innovative. Techniques will improve fertilizer production methods and efficient-use technologies to jumpstart the next generation of fertilizers and nutrient alternatives.

Sustainable. Ideally, products will reduce the greenhouse gas impact of transportation, production and use through renewable energy sources, feedstocks and formulations, incentivizing greater precision in fertilizer use.

Farmer-focused. Like other Commodity Credit Corporation investments, a driving factor is providing support and opportunities for U.S. agricultural commodity producers.

Eligible entities are for-profit businesses and corporations, nonprofit entities, Tribes and Tribal organizations, producer-owned cooperatives and corporations, certified benefit corporations, and state or local governments. Private entities must be independently owned and operated to apply.

Miller-Travis, An Environmental Warrior

By Stacy M. Brown

NNPA

Vernice Miller-Travis has consistently recognized racism, including how race has played a significant role in environmental policy.

She's the vice chair of Clean Water Action's board of directors, executive vice president for environmental and social justice at Metropolitan Group, and co-founder of We Act for Environmental Justice.

Miller-Travis said it's her job to analyze data from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's list of national priorities.

In that way, she's able to keep abreast of hazardous waste sites in the United States, including the ones that pose an immediate health and environmental threat.

"You get to see the pattern," Miller-Travis told National Newspaper Publishers Association (NNPA) President and CEO Dr. Benjamin F. Chavis Jr.

"The pattern around the racial composition of who lives in a particular place in proximity to a hazardous waste site is not random," she said during a riveting conversation inside NNPA's state-of-the-art television studios in Washington.

The full discussion will air on Chavis' PBS-TV Show, The Chavis Chronicles.

And when there's any push-back, Miller-Travis stands at the ready. "When they ask whether they're being accused of being racist, I tell them that what I'm saying is that your policies you utilize have an unequal impact that people of color are always adversely affected, not white people."



Harlem Hospital, where both her parents worked, Miller-Travis said she spent a lot of time at the famed health center.

She attended Barnard College before earning a political science degree from Columbia University's School of General Studies.

"I started as a researcher working for the civil rights division of a small Protestant Church known as United Church of Christ - the remnants of the church established by the pilgrims," Miller-Travis said.

As she spoke with Chavis, Miller-Travis shared stories about the 40th anniversary the Warren County, North Carolina, protest that officially birthed the movement.

"One of the people leading that struggle was a minister in the United Church of Christ, and he called up to the headquarters in New York City and said, look, we need help. Nobody has talked to us, and the state has not reached out. There have been no briefings, no hearings, no nothing," Miller-Travis recalled.

"And so, the national church did all they could to help and

bring attention to it, but they thought, this is kind of curious."

She continued: "We need to see if what's happening in Warren County is endemic to what's happening in rural North Carolina - is it the southeast? Is it bigger than that? And they hired me as a research assistant to help identify what we would then call environmental injustice and environmental racism, which Dr. Chavis coined the term."

"And we found that race was the most statistically significant indicator of where hazardous waste sites were located across these United States, not just North Carolina."

Miller-Travis said her grandmother encouraged her to use her "practical knowledge" as a scientist to understand the circumstances affecting predominantly Black communities.

"Nobody was researching the lived experience in terms of environmental impacts on communities of color, on low-income communities, on tribal communities," Miller-Travis recalled.

"People were focused on en-

dangered species, endangered water bodies - that was where the environmental community's head was. They were working on hazardous waste issues, but no one was connecting race and environmental threats' location. So, we were the first folks to do this."

She continued: "We published a report in 1987 called Toxic Waste and Race in the United States, published by the United Church of Christ's Commission for Racial Justice, which set the whole conversation aloft in this country."

Miller-Travis later traveled to Washington, where the First National People of Color Environmental Leadership Summit took place.

She said she realized then that environmental racism existed throughout the United States.

Miller-Travis helped to adopt the 17 Principles of Environmental Justice, which remains relevant as the world wrestles with climate change, global warming, and a woeful environment.

However, she said she's optimistic because the Biden-Harris administration has proven aggressive in its approach to these issues.

"This has been the most aggressive White House administration to address environmental injustice and environmental inequities in the history of the United States of America," Miller-Travis asserted.

"They have policies, objectives, staff, executive orders specifically about environmental injustice in the climate space, and an executive order on addressing systemic racism across the breadth of the federal government."

Save Seeds Now For Next Year's Garden

If you love the flowers in your garden but don't love the idea of spending money on new ones, why not save their seeds to plant next year?

To maximize the odds that new plants will grow true to their parent, only collect seeds from those labeled "heirloom" or "heritage." Seeds from hybrid cultivars, which result from breeding two or more varieties, will produce plants that resemble only one of the plant's parents, so you have no way of knowing what you'll end up with.

Still, there are no guarantees. Accidental hybridization can occur in your garden when wind or insects transfer pollen between varieties. To help avoid this, plant only one variety of the plant from which you plan to collect seeds.

But if you don't mind surprises, go ahead and experiment -- you might create a beautiful new plant!

As with much of gardening, timing is everything. It's best to collect seeds on a dry, sunny day. And regardless of the seeds you're harvesting, let them mature and dry completely on the plant. Otherwise, they might not germinate. Wait too long, however, and you could miss out.

After harvesting and separating out non-seed material like petals and husks, spread seeds on a screen or newspaper in a single layer and allow to dry for about a week.

Then place them in a paper envelope or sealed glass jar (I put the envelope in the jar) and store in a cool, dry spot. A refrigerator is ideal, as long as seeds can be kept away from fruit, which exudes ethylene gas that can affect their germination. Adding a silica gel pack for the first day or two of storage will help prevent mold growth.

Label your envelopes or jars because regardless of how sure you are that you'll remember what they are in spring, you probably won't.

Collected seeds can remain viable for several years when stored properly, but their overall germination rate will diminish. For the best results, plant harvested seeds the following year.

Also, be sure to leave some seedheads standing to feed birds over winter. They'll reward you with free pest control in your garden next year.

More on collecting seeds from different kinds of plants:

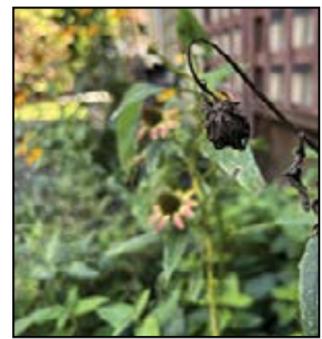
Although many plants naturally drop their dry seeds, some, like California poppies, cleome, impatiens and Texas bluebonnets, produce pods that burst open when mature, spewing seeds as far as 20 feet away. Since it's hard to know exactly when that will happen, you'll have to keep a watchful eye on the pods and harvest when they look like they're about to split. But be careful; many types of pods will burst open with the slightest touch, and good luck finding the scattered seeds if that happens.

Instead, tie a small paper bag or specially made mesh seed-collection bag over the pod when it's nearly mature. If the explosion happens when your back is turned, the bag will contain the seeds.

Other plants, like Mexican sunflowers and coneflowers, produce prickly seed heads. To avoid nipping your fingers, cut the entire mature head off and drop it in a paper bag, then give it a shake to loosen and separate the seeds.

In general, seeds of daisy-like flowers like sunflowers, coneflowers and, well, daisies have relatively low germination rates. Pick the plumpest for planting or sow extra for insurance.

Some flowers, like marigolds, produce seeds attached to rod-like structures on the innermost portion of their tightly clustered petals. To expose them, remove all the dry petals and open the seed head to release the rods within. Then dry, store and plant the entire structure.



Community

The Legendary Hillside High School Celebrate Its Centennial

By Tyria McCray

Staff Writer

For 100 years Hillside High School in Durham has been a pillar of strength for African-American students in this community. It was first established in 1922 and it has continued adding to its rich legacy.

Sitting on Fayetteville Street in Durham, the oldest and last remaining of the 300 historically Black high schools in North Carolina celebrated 100 years this past weekend.

Principal William Logan and staff told sources that Hillside's history and longstanding impact is a testament to the power of the school and staff. More importantly, during the celebration of the school's 100th year, students were able to see how Black history is still pertinent and represented along the halls they walk every day.

Centennial celebrations started in the spring but the festivities are continuing this fall. Logan said a 100-year timeline is in the works and will be unveiled sometime in October. It will be used as an educational tool for students, staff, and the community at large.

In preparation for the anniversary, students, principal Logan, researchers, teachers, creatives, and community members tirelessly worked together to imple-



MLK, Jr.'s visit to Hillside High on Oct. 15, 1956

ment events for the timeline and celebration.

"We've also solicited feedback from alumni who graduated from the school by asking them to upload any documents that they might have to support us in our research and to help curate the actual timeline itself," Logan said. "They've done a really exemplary job of sharing artifacts that they've had in their possession."

The celebration does not stop at developing a timeline. Members of Durham public schools will hold a Hall of Fame induc-



The 1963 Hillside High School Marching Band on a trip to Washington, D.C.

tion ceremony, honoring major accomplishments by Hillside alumni and a special half-time show at homecoming this October. Logan said the goal is for these events to take place this year, but they may spill over to the spring semester.

Hillside English teacher Kiara Thorpe shared that she always wanted to become a teacher. That desire led her to Hillside, where she took a teacher cadet elective that allowed her to be a model student teacher. Now looking back on her 2015 graduation, she says that her former teach-

ers are now her colleagues, and her former principal is now her boss.

"If I'm going to start my career while the world is falling apart, let me do it while I'm at home," Thorpe said. "That felt like a safe place for me to start."

Hillside gave Thorpe the experience she needed as well as prepared her to be the district's first beginning teacher of the year, an award she received in May.

"I think of myself sometimes as an underdog, and Hillside has taught me that. Positive outcomes will come from me if



Hillside High School graduates pose for a picture after receiving their diplomas

I just keep my head right where it needs to be," she said. "I think that humility definitely helped me through that process."

Hillside senior Alysia Davis said the centennial festivities are important, especially after COVID-19, because it shows that Hillside's accomplishments don't just go away because of the pandemic.

"Our school really puts emphasis on uplifting Black culture and underprivileged students that don't get the same opportunities that people have, so I think for our school being around that long, it gives the community hope," she said.

Furthermore, organizations have and are still willing to fundraise projects that contribute to Hillside's legacy. In the spring of 2022, the Triangle Park chapter of The Links unveiled a newly constructed sound room at the school for students, staff, and the

community to use. Proud Hillside High alumni, totaling 100 people, sang the praises of their school during the May 2022 celebration. They gathered at Hillside's latest address on Fayetteville Street in Durham for a legacy walk.

Following the walk, students and alumni, including Mayor Elaine O'Neal and Shirley Caesar, participated in the parade along Fayetteville Street.

As far as the timeline, Principal Logan says it will be unveiled during a community ceremony with the date and time to be announced soon and portraits of two of the school's principals will be added to the wall displaying the institution's lead learners.

Nameplates with the principals' names and dates of tenure will be placed under each portrait. A speaker series and documentary are also being planned to pay homage to the school's history.

Naturopathic Doctor Walks 610 Miles To Promote Health Equity, Medicine

By Maddie Policastro

Daily/Tarheel

Dennis Godby, a naturopathic doctor in Sacramento, Calif., visited Chapel Hill this Wednesday as a part of his 610-mile walk to promote health equity and highlight the use of naturopathic medicine.

Godby's walk began in Myrtle Beach, S.C., on Sept. 12 and will end in Knoxville, Tenn., on Oct. 10, according to a press release. He plans to walk one-fifth of the country each year to highlight health conditions in many American communities of color and promote health equity so everyone has the opportunity to be healthy.

Naturopathic medicine is a healthcare profession combining the "wisdom" of nature with the "rigors" of modern science, according to the Association of Accredited Naturopathic Medical Colleges. Naturopathic doctors usually attend a four-year, graduate-level school rather than medical school.

Godby said he has been doing these walks for the past 44 years, but COVID-19 and the Black Lives Matter movement made him shift his motivations to be focused on equity.

"I started to really realize that I don't think I'm doing enough for African Americans," Godby said. "I'm not doing enough as a Caucasian."

He added that this realization inspired him to get involved in the health equity issue.

"Every person in this country deserves to have an equal opportunity to be healthy, and we need to remove the obstacles to heal," he said.

Pushing himself physically is Godby's way of making a difference and creating a newsworthy



Dr. Godby visits a Starbucks on his way through Charlotte, NC

story that will raise awareness for health equity, he said.

Naturopathic doctor Susan R. DeLaney also said healthcare is a big problem in our country. She emphasized that she thinks many Americans believe the United States has a great healthcare system. However, she noted the country's yearly excess spending and lower world rank regarding health.

DeLaney said she is part of the North Carolina Association of Naturopathic Physicians, which is an organization that offers an accessible alternative to "Big Pharma."

NCANP is a non-profit organization formed in 1987 that works to expand access to naturopathic medicine in North Carolina. It serves as a referral resource for patients looking for naturopathic doctors who are licensed or registered in one of the 23 U.S. states, districts or territories that have laws allowing and overseeing the practice.

The group's website says naturopathic doctors who work with NCANP specialize in the prevention and treatment of diseases through optimal diet, lifestyle habits and the use of natural and non-toxic therapies.

DeLaney said the organization worked with Godby to ensure that a naturopathic doctor would greet him at each of his stops.

She added that she thinks naturopathic medicine should be licensed in North Carolina, an initiative she's been working on for 23 years. DeLaney said she thinks more naturopathic doctors would come to N.C. if naturopathic medicine was

licensed in the state.

Maria Hitt, director of health initiatives at the Orange County Partnership for Young Children, said she hopes people will pay attention to Godby.

"I believe strongly that many health disparities do exist in our country and that because of that, people are not as healthy as they could be," Hitt said. "We see a definite discrepancy between people with more money and people with more influence."

Hitt said she comes from a public health background and worked in Orange and Chatham County health departments for about 15 years before joining the early childhood field. She said her experiences inspired her to advocate for health equity.

"Everyone should have access to it no matter who they are, or where they live, or how much money they make or what color their skin is," she said.

Discount Fair Tickets

Add an extra stop on your errands this week and pick up your 2022 N.C. State Fair tickets at discounted prices. Fairgoers can purchase discount advance admission tickets, ride tickets and unlimited ride wristbands for the N.C. State Fair at three locations in the Raleigh area.

- Gate 9 at the N.C. State Fairgrounds (off Trinity Road) from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
- State Farmers Market ticket booth located between the Farmers Building and Market Shoppes from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- N.C. Museum of History lobby from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on weekdays only

Admission sales including group and military tickets, ride sheets and wristbands, grandstand show tickets, State Fair Flyer and State Fair SkyGazer tickets will be available through Oct. 13.

Advance tickets are \$10 for adults, \$5 for youth ages six to 12 and \$5 for senior adults ages 65 and over. Ride wristbands are \$30 per wristband or a sheet of 18 ride tickets is \$10.

State Fair Flyer tickets, SkyGazer tickets, specialty packages and admission tickets for large groups can also be purchased online at www.ncstatefair.org through Oct. 13.

The 2022 N.C. State Fair runs Oct. 13-23 at the State Fairgrounds in Raleigh.

Johnston Co. To Launch "Operation Green Light"

Smithfield, NC - In preparation for the upcoming Veterans Day holiday, most Johnston County buildings will be illuminated green from October 3 through November 11 as part of Operation Green Light, a new national collaborative initiative of the National Association of Counties (NACo) to support military veterans and raise awareness about the unique challenges faced by many veterans. The event also helps promote the resources available to veterans at the county, state, and federal levels.

The new national collaborative is spearheaded by the National Association of Counties and the National Association of County Veteran Service Officers, building upon the successful efforts of the New York State Association of Counties and the NYS County Veteran Service Officers' Association in 2021.

"I first heard of Operation Green Light at our Commissioners Association annual conference," said Johnston County Commissioner Ted Godwin.

"Displaying a green light is a tangible way to show support for our veterans here in the County. It's a simple gesture that brings everyone together in a common effort. It would be great if we could make Johnston County green during Veteran's Day week."

Commissioner Godwin is one of four veterans on the Johnston County Board of Commissioners.

In addition to lighting County buildings green, residents and businesses are encouraged to participate by simply changing one light bulb in their house to a green bulb. This can be an exterior light that neighbors and passersby see, or an interior light that sparks a conversation with friends.

By shining a green light, we let our veterans know that they are seen, appreciated, and supported. While the national event is focused around the week of Veterans Day, November 7-13, Johnston County residents are encouraged to begin shining their lights tomorrow through the Veterans Day holiday. Residents can share their participation on social media using the hashtag #OperationGreenLight.

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Sports

Favre And Other Sports Figures Named In Welfare Fraud Case

By Erica Hunzinger

AP News

Mississippi's largest public corruption case, in which tens of millions of dollars earmarked for needy families was misspent, involves a number of sports figures with ties to the state — including NFL royalty Brett Favre and a famous former pro wrestler.

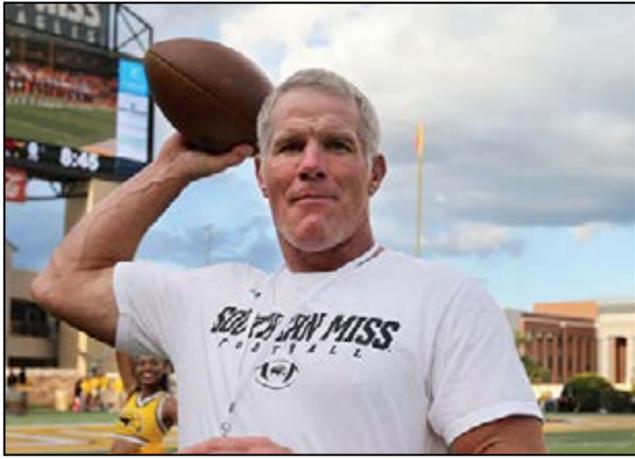
At the center, though, is the former head of the state's Department of Human Services, John Davis, who pleaded guilty on Sept. 22 to federal counts of conspiracy and theft and state counts of conspiracy and fraud against the government. Davis has agreed to testify against others in the case. Other people who have pleaded guilty to state charges include a mother and son who ran a nonprofit and an education company.

Here are the sports figures named in a civil lawsuit, which was filed on May 9, as well as the details from that suit, their responses if available and whether they've been charged.

BRETT FAVRE

The Hall of Famer, legendary Green Bay Packers quarterback, 1997 Super Bowl winner and University of Southern Mississippi alumnus is one of the celebrity centerpieces of the scandal — though Favre is not facing criminal charges.

The state Department of Human Services paid \$1.1 million in welfare money to a nonprofit known as the Mississippi Community Education Center, which then paid Favre Enterprises twice for speaking engagements, "radio and promotional events and business partner development." The idea was that the money would go toward a new \$5 million volleyball facility



at Southern Miss, which Favre was building and where Favre's daughter was playing volleyball.

Favre didn't make appearances and later repaid the money, though \$228,000 in interest is still outstanding.

Texts messages made public in court documents also show that in July 2019, Favre texted with then-Mississippi Gov. Phil Bryant to ask if welfare money could be put toward building an indoor practice facility for the football team at the same school. That never went anywhere, with Bryant texting Favre in September that "we have to follow the law."

Favre also is named in the lawsuit as the "largest individual outside investor" of biotech firm Prevacus (now called Odyssey Health) and suggested that the CEO ask about using Human Services grant money for investing in company stock. It turned into \$2.1 million of state money for Prevacus and "corporate affiliate" PreSolMD.

Favre has not responded to the AP's multiple requests for comment.

TED DIBIASE SR. AND SONS TEDDY AND BRETT

Ted DiBiase Sr. — the Million Dollar Man — was a fixture in pro wrestling in the 1980s and '90s with his gleaming, custom-made belt and "everybody has a price" catchphrase. DiBiase later became a Christian minister. He lives in Mississippi and owns Heart of David Ministries.

His son Teddy, who was a WWE wrestler in the 2000s and 2010s, lives in Mississippi and is connected to Priceless Ventures and Familiae Orientem, two limited liability companies based in the state. Brett DiBiase also lives in the state and owns Restore 2 LLC. Both brothers were pro wrestlers for a time.

The DiBiase ventures and the DiBiase men are all named as defendants in the lawsuit.

Heart of David Ministries received \$1.7 million in welfare

money "under (the) guise of providing 'leadership training.'" The organization was ordered to repay about \$722,000 in welfare money. The eldest DiBiase also received \$250,000 through DiBiase Development Inc. to be a motivational speaker.

In a response to the civil lawsuit, DiBiase denied the state's allegations and requested the suit be dismissed.

Teddy DiBiase received "over \$3 million ... in federal anti-poverty funds" over two years for things like "leadership training" through Priceless Ventures and supporting "the multiple needs of inner-city youth" through Familiae Orientem. None of the services were provided.

He also was given by Davis, who considered Teddy DiBiase a friend, the title of the human services department's director of sustainable change, despite not being employed by the state.

The state told Teddy DiBiase about a year ago he needed to repay \$3.9 million. In his response to the civil suit, DiBiase repeatedly says the allegations are "not directed" toward him and because he lacks "knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth" of the allegations, he denies them.

Brett DiBiase, who also was a pro wrestler for a while, was an employee of the state human services department for about six months, ending in September 2017. After that, DiBiase was given a \$250,000 salary paid in welfare funds from one nonprofit tied to Davis, as well as \$130,000 in a separate payment of welfare funds from a different organization to "perform substance abuse training." DiBiase also created his LLC and received \$48,000 from MDHS for more training.

Davis also had welfare money funneled through a nonprofit to pay \$160,000 for DiBiase to be a full-time resident at a luxury substance-abuse rehab facility in California.

Brett DiBiase pleaded guilty in 2020 to a felony for the \$48,000 payment and agreed to pay it back. The state auditor requested a year ago that he pay back \$225,950.

In a July response to the civil

suit, he said he is "not guilty of any act, fault, or want of care," is "in no way liable" to the state and said he "had no personal knowledge of any false misrepresentations or sham agreements regarding illegal use of TANF funds." TANF is Temporary Assistance for Needy Families.

Marcus Dupree, Paul Lacoste and the Northeast Mississippi Football Coaches Association were also named in the case.

WNBA Player Tiffany Jackson Dies At 37

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Tiffany Jackson, a former standout at the University of Texas who was the No. 5 pick in the WNBA draft in 2007 and played nine years in the league, has died of cancer, the school announced. She was 37.

Jackson, who was first diagnosed with breast cancer in 2015, died Monday. She was hired as head coach at Wiley College in April.

Jackson was a three-time All-Big 12 selection and was voted the national freshman of the year by the U.S. Basketball Writers Association in 2004. She finished her Texas career ranked in the top five in career points, rebounds and steals. She is the only Longhorns player to reach 1,000 points, 1,000 rebounds, 300 steals and 150 blocks in a career.

"Tiffany had a great career and was an impact player," former Texas coach Jody Conradt said. "She was recognized for her all-around game and the fact that she was tremendously mobile and could play multiple positions. She was beloved by teammates, and we share in the sadness of her passing."

Jackson was drafted by the WNBA's New York Liberty. She also played for the Tulsa Shock and the Los Angeles Sparks. Her best pro season came in 2011



with Tulsa when she averaged 12.4 points and 8.4 rebounds.

After her cancer diagnosis, Jackson managed to return to the court to play a final season with Los Angeles in 2017 before retiring at age 32. She was an assistant coach at Texas for two seasons.

"We are deeply saddened to hear the news of the passing of Tiffany Jackson, one of the greatest players in the history of Texas women's basketball," Texas coach Vic Schaefer said. "I know she was so excited to be the head coach at Wiley College for the upcoming season. She will be sorely missed by so many. Our deepest sympathies go out to her family."

UNCG To Host E2Weekend - Esports + Edu

GREENSBORO — UNC Greensboro, will host E2Weekend on October 28 and 29 — a weekend of esports tournaments, as well as educational Unreal Engine and Fortnite Creative toolset training provided in collaboration with Epic Games.

Held in the UNCG Esports Arena and Learning Lab, the E2Weekend (Esports + Education) includes a two-day, hands-on educational opportunity for regional high school educators and UNCG faculty, staff, and students. Participants will learn how to build interactive 3D experiences using Unreal Engine — the world's most open and advanced real-time 3D creation tool. They'll also learn how to jump in and use Fortnite's Creative toolset to build anything they can imagine using assets and devices from the game.

Educators and Gamers Converge at UNCG for Unreal Engine and Fortnite Creative Training, and a Fortnite Tournament

Separate from the training, UNCG will also be hosting the Spartan Clash featuring Fortnite, where students from North Carolina high schools, and two- and four-year colleges will participate in a Solos Fortnite tournament.

UNCG is at the nexus of where esports and academics collide. Currently, there are more than 175 million people



who play video games in the United States, with that number expected to hit 182.6 million by 2024. In 2021, 465.1 million people watched live-streamed gaming content and that number is expected to reach 577.8M by 2024. UNCG's goal is to lead and enhance esports education and develop the esports industry leaders of the future.

"UNCG is committed to collaborating with industry leaders like Epic Games to provide the educational and esports programs that enhance academic and career outcomes for North Carolina students, establish an end-to-end talent development pipeline for the state, and position North Carolina as the nation's leading esports

economy," said UNCG Chancellor Franklin D. Gilliam, Jr. "Events like this one go a long way toward delivering on that commitment."

The two-day Unreal Engine Accelerator Experience, "Bringing Interactive 3D to Your Classroom with Fortnite Creative and Unreal Engine," will help educators gain the skills needed to use the leading 3D creative tools in classrooms. Unreal Engine is the world's most open and advanced real-time 3D tool, used to create Fortnite, and other cutting-edge titles. In addition, it has been transforming a wide variety of other industries based on its powerful features.

The E2Weekend resources

and instruction will prepare participants to support student use of these industry standard tools with ease. Open to high school and college educators, the course does not have prerequisites for participants. Each tool is introduced from the perspective that all participants have little to no experience. The goal is for educators to feel comfortable bringing these tools to the classroom.

Spartan Clash featuring Fortnite is a solo-player Fortnite tournament open to high school and college students, who will compete for a total prize pool between \$1,000 - \$3,000. Competitors will take part in online qualifiers with the top 45 players competing in the UNCG Esports Arena and Learning Lab in the semifinals and finals on Saturday, October 29th. Visit esports.uncg.edu to register to compete or attend the event.

The E2Weekend is the latest initiative that places UNCG as a national leader in the esports space. UNCG also offers a non-credit certificate program in esports and a Bachelor of Science Degree in Hospitality and Tourism Management with a concentration in esports. The next UNCG E2Weekend is January 13-15, 2023, and will include an additional Unreal Engine Accelerator Experience, and a Spartan Clash featuring Rocket League. For more information visit esports.uncg.edu.

NCCU's FCS-Best Win Streak Ends At Campbell



Steve Worthy Photos

BUIES CREEK, N.C. — North Carolina Central University's seven-game win streak, the longest in Division I-FCS, came to an end on Saturday, as the Eagles suffered their first setback since Oct. 30, 2021, in a 48-18 road loss at Campbell University.

NCCU (4-1) posted 390 yards of total offense, including 294 yards passing by junior quarterback Davius Richard, but Campbell (2-2) amassed 563 total yards with 315 yards on the ground.

Richard ran for a team-best 37 yards and a touchdown, while throwing for two touchdowns. On the receiving end of those scores was sophomore receiver Devin Smith, who finished with five catches for 67 yards. Quentin McCall recorded a game-high 98 receiving yards on four grabs, while Joaquin Davis collected four catches for 48 yards.

Sophomore linebacker Isaiah Lawson led the NCCU defense with 12 tackles, including a stop for a loss, with a pass break-up. Freshman cornerback Jason Chambers registered 11 takedowns with a hit for a loss and two pass deflections, while junior safety Khalil Baker totaled 10 tackles.



NASCAR Drivers Concerned About Their Safety

By Jenna Fryer

AP Auto Racing Writer

NASCAR drivers were angry and concerned about their safety in the new Next Gen cars as the playoffs roared into one of the most chaotic and dangerous tracks on the circuit.

Alex Bowman missed Sunday's race at Talladega Superspeedway with a concussion diagnosed four days after he crashed. Bowman hit the wall early at Texas Motor Speedway but finished Sunday's race despite radioing his Hendrick Motorsports crew: "I can't drive the rest of the day."

"I don't understand how (the car) is still rolling. That's the hardest I've crashed anything in my entire life," Bowman added.

Now he is on the sidelines alongside Kurt Busch, who missed his 11th consecutive race because of his own concussion. He crashed in July during a qualifying run when he spun and backed his car into the wall. Busch said his vision and balance are not at 100 percent but he hopes to race again this season.

Complaints about the Next Gen—introduced this season as

a cost-saver and a way to bring some parity to the grid—have reached a critical level following four difficult playoff races and three injured drivers. Cody Shane Ware will race Sunday despite a fractured foot suffered in a hard crash.

Drivers amplified their complaints as soon as they learned of Bowman's concussion. They have been concerned since an exaggerated tale emerged of an ominous NASCAR crash test of the Next Gen at Talladega in 2021. The rumor was that the crash-test dummy had suffered forces in the collision that would have killed a human.

"Completely unacceptable that those in charge have let things get to this point," Kevin Harvick wrote on Twitter. He said he recalled Denny Hamlin insisting "that the car was too stiff. Data didn't agree. TIME TO LISTEN TO THE DRIVERS CRASHING THEM!"

Hamlin, who was heard moaning on his radio after a hard crash last month, also directed his anger at NASCAR.

"Pretty disappointing that our sanctioning body refuses to ac-

knowledge or accept any responsibility for drivers getting hurt," Hamlin wrote. "It's the same THEY said. WE knew better. It's wrong these drivers continue to get taken advantage of by the system."

The Next Gen was an industry-wide collaboration to develop a spec car that would both lower costs and equalize the competition. But part of the cost-cutting came in designing a durable car that can withstand crashes without being destroyed, a step to reduce the fleet sizes needed to compete for a full season.

So the Next Gen is very stiff and the parts and pieces that used to fly off a car during a crash are holding tight, resulting in drivers absorbing more energy from collisions.

NASCAR has been attempting to address issues with the Next Gen as they arise. There has been a rash of problems with the car through the first four playoff races—in the Bristol elimination race, 12 of the 16 playoff drivers had some sort of issue—ranging from unexplained fires to tire and parts failures and now the unyielding nature of the car ac-

tually affecting drivers.

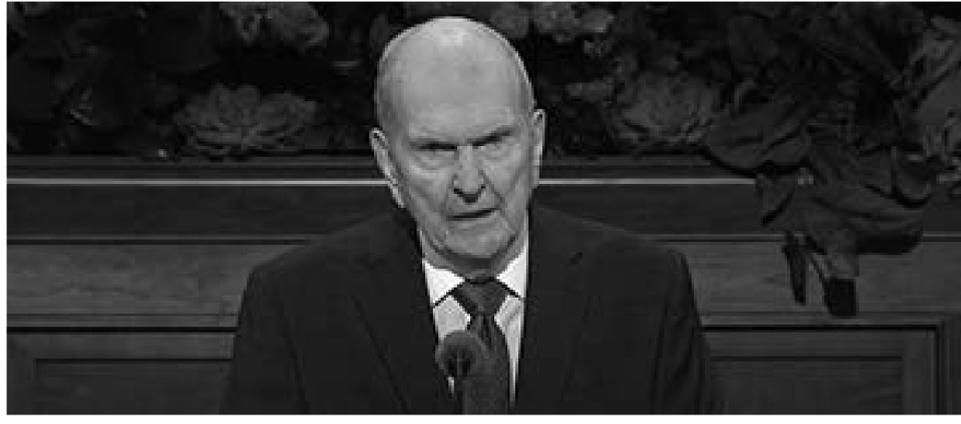
After fires during the playoff opener at Darlington, senior vice president of competition Scott Miller said it was "unacceptable" and NASCAR quickly mandated design changes. The series is also considering monitoring pressure levels to determine if drivers are blowing tires because their teams are too aggressive with the settings.

Andy Petree, vice president of competition at Richard Childress Racing, said NASCAR has been receptive to feedback.

"I think NASCAR is doing a good job of taking input, listening to what we are saying as an industry. I don't know about the drivers, they may not be getting the response that they feel like they need on these things," Petree said. "But NASCAR is working on the car. I've seen some future design changes that address some of the things the drivers say about the impacts."

Harvick said Petree's comment was "very telling as to who has all the say in these processes. NASCAR and the teams." He also urged NASCAR to pick up its pace in investigating the issues.

Church



RUSSELL M. NELSON

Mormon Leader Calls Abuse 'Abomination' In His Address

By Sam Metz

Associated Press

SALT LAKE CITY, Utah (AP)—Russell M. Nelson, the president of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, told members of the faith on Saturday that abuse was “a grievous sin” that shouldn’t be tolerated and would bring down the wrath of God on perpetrators.

The leader of the nearly 17-million-member faith did not mention it directly, the remarks were the first on abuse from a senior church leader since The Associated Press published an investigation into how the church handles reports of sexual abuse when brought to its attention.

“Let me be perfectly clear: Any kind of abuse of women, children or anyone is an abomination to the Lord,” Nelson, who members of the faith believe is a prophet, said in Salt Lake City at a church conference.

The AP’s investigation found the hotline the church uses for abuse reporting can be misused by its leaders to divert accusations away from law enforcement and toward church attorneys. The story, based on sealed records and court cases filed in Arizona and West Virginia, uncovered a host of concerns, including how church officials have cited exemptions to mandatory reporting laws, known as clergy-penitent privilege, as a reason to not report abuse.

Since its publication, the church has said the investigation mischaracterizes its policies, while underlining how its teachings condemn abuse in the strongest terms. Influential

church members have historically fought legislative efforts to close the loophole exempting clergy from mandatory reporting requirement. The church has not said whether it will fight reforms lawmakers plan to propose next year.

The church has historically used its twice-yearly conference to set a tone for its members, reflect on current events and announce changes in doctrine. Nelson’s remarks on Saturday echoed the statements the church has released since the publication of the AP’s investigation — condemning abuse, while also defending the church’s policies.

“For decades now, the Church has taken extensive measures to protect—in particular—children from abuse,” Nelson, the church’s 98-year-old president, said sitting on a stool behind a conference center lectern, imploring listeners to research church policy themselves.

Nelson described abuse as an influence of “the adversary,” employing a term the church frequently uses to describe forces that oppose the gospel and its teachings.

Amid the church’s insistence that reporting mischaracterizes its sexual abuse hotline, Nelson also said “the adversary” worked “to blur the line between what is true and what is not true.”

Anti-racism was also a focal point of the opening day of the conference, which is broadcast to church members around the world.

Todd D. Christofferson, a high-ranking church official and member of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles, acknowledged that for much of the church’s history, it

has been dominated by White North Americans, yet noted its membership had steadily diversified.

It has been “long prophesied,” Christofferson said, that the church would have “members from every nation, kindred, and tongue.”

“We cannot permit any racism, tribal prejudice, or other divisions to exist in the latter-day Church of Christ... As our church population grows ever more diverse, our welcome must grow ever more spontaneous and warm,” he said.

The church has long reckoned with a history of treating people unequally based on their race. It did not grant Black members full access to the church rituals or priesthood rights until 1978—14 years after the Civil Rights Act.

Christofferson’s remarks came after, for the first time in church history, a Black woman spoke at the conference. Tracy Y. Browning, who was appointed to an all-women leadership panel focused on families and children earlier this year, devoted her remarks mostly to spiritual matters, imploring listeners to expand Jesus Christ’s role into their lives.

The church has in recent years expanded its partnerships with U.S.-based groups like the NAACP and focused on growing its ranks on the African continent, where it has 5 temples open and 17 planned or under construction.

Ronald A. Rasband, another high-ranking church official, spoke of “flooding the earth with the Book of Mormon” and recounted meeting and gifting the book to leaders in Lesotho and Mozambique.

Practical Biblical Principles

THE DIFFERENCE GOD'S COVENANT MAKES: ABRAHAM VS SAMPSON

We move some 750 years after Abraham until we get to the period of the Judges. The Judges were leaders God sent to rescue Israel when they had sinned and were in trouble. There were no kings or God appointed leaders of Israel after the death of Joshua for more than 350 years, not until Saul was reluctantly appointed by God to be the first king of Israel. In the meanwhile, God sent Judges every once in awhile to bring relief to Israel as they were being oppressed by their surrounding Canaanite and Philistine enemies.

Israel’s troubles were the result of not obeying God when He directed Israel to drive out and kill all the inhabitants of Canaan as they entered the Promised Land. Without a godly leader, Israel began to worship idol gods and take on other immoral practices.

A total of 13 Judges were sent to lead Israel, only 11 are believed to be recorded in the Old Testament history. The first of the Judges was Ehud. The last of the Judges God sent to Israel was Sampson. God’s everlasting Covenant and laws were with Israel and were still in effect. God had an everlasting Covenant with Abraham, but no laws were given at that time.

As we study Sampson and review Abraham’s records of behavior, how will we view God, as He applied His guidance, mercies, and grace?

The Blood Line of the Messiah was established when Jacob was born. It appears Sampson was called of God from his mother’s womb to protect Israel from self-destruction and destroying and violating the future and coming Blood line of the Messiah. Israel was an “off- and-on” sinner. Every time a Judge whom God sends dies or passes off the

scene, Israel starts back into her sins following the immoral habits of her pagan neighbors. This Israel did more than 11 times when God’s Judges passed off the scenes. When Sampson was born, Israel had been under the oppressive hand of the Philistines for more than 40 years.

God is governed by His own Covenant, as Israel should be, to bring His children through these difficult times to allow the Messiah to be safely born and arrive in Bethlehem as God had planned. Israel was slowly going “down-hill” in sin and would surely destroy the Blood Line of the Messiah, if allowed to continue their way.

God did not wait this time for Israel to repent before He sent The Angel of the Lord down to personally announce the birth of Sampson to the barren wife of Manoah, Sampson’s father. Who knows why God appears to the wife twice instead of the husband? She and her son, Sampson were instructed to not drink any wine or beer and not eat anything that isn’t kosher, nor cut your son’s hair. Your son is to be a Nazirite, he is not to touch anything dead, not eat raisins or grapes a special servant of God. He will begin to rescue Israel from the Philistines (Judges 13:2-5). God did not want Manoah to have any control over Sampson as he grew up. This is to make sure that only The Spirit of God will be guiding Sampson as He, God, sees fit.

Did God have anything to do with Sampson having a deep physical attraction for women? We must keep in mind that regardless of how great Sampson’s taste for women and sex, God’s objective is the same and that is to bring the Messiah on board. God uses man’s evil and disobedience to bring about His ordered plans. The only time Sampson was killing Philistines were when they made him mad

and not under God’s orders.

Sampson was filled with his own pride, ego, and desire which had nothing to do with God but to bring pleasure to himself. God allowed Sampson to do his own thing which was mostly immoral and yet God used Sampson’s immorality for His own good and godly purpose.

Why God allowed Sampson to get into the things he did is not known. God allowed Sampson to lose his wife and then gave him super strength to kill 30 men which were at his wedding (Judges 14:19). How Sampson caught 300 foxes, tied their tails together setting torch fires to them sending them out to burn the Philistine’s grain fields, one will never know (Judges 15:4-5).

God allowed Sampson to sleep with a prostitute all day and still gave him super strength that night to escape death by pulling up the main gates to the city of Gaza and carrying them 40 miles to the top of a mountain across from Hebron. God allowed Sampson to violate his Nazirite vow by him touching dead animals and men and strolling through grapevine fields where he had no business walking.

Sampson obviously could not go without the touch of a woman. He eventually met and fell in love with a woman named Delilah living in the Philistine valley of Sorek. God allowed Sampson to make many visits to Delilah’s house. His visits were well known when he came to the valley. Five heads of the Philistine nation secretly went to Delilah with five thousand dollars to extract the secret from Sampson as to where the power of his strength lies so they would know how to capture him.

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SERMON of the WEEK



BENEFITS OF A SECURE FOUNDATION

Sermon by: Pastor Overseer William Eli Ratcliff

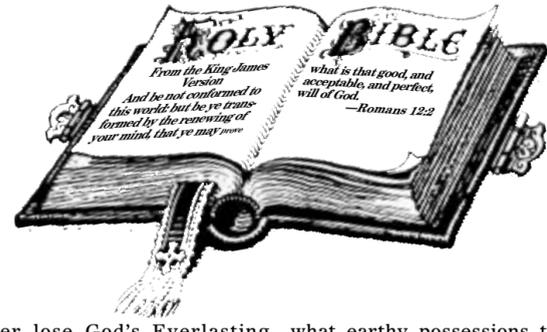
One of the largest and most powerful storms ever slammed into the state of Florida from coast to coast on Wednesday, Sept. 28, as a Category 4 storm with 150 mph winds!

Over 2 million people were left without power. Severe flooding damaged homes and blocked crucial roadways and many people were trapped, some by choice and some because they couldn’t afford or simply had no way to evacuate. Also, houses and businesses were either smashed or completely demolished, leaving only their foundations!

We all must pray for all the people affected by the devastation and tragic loss of lives and homes. I’m sure donations to reputable relief funds would be very helpful. We know that many of those people hit by this storm will have a long recovery. In spite of the latest news, when we look at God’s Word today, there is good news!

Some of the victims of hurricane Ian say they lost everything. But God can do above anything that we can think or ask! Many lost power, including our church on Saturday, for more than an hour. But the good news is that the Church of our Lord Jesus Christ will never lose its Spiritual Power! Some people say they have no insurance, but believers will always have Blood Insurance which covers us forever and gives us the benefit of Blessed Assurances!

Believers may lose all of their worldly possessions, but we will



never lose God’s Everlasting Love! Many can only imagine and never know how stressful and hurtful losing everything can be without experiencing it ourselves. When one hurts, we all hurt, but the victims of the hurricane have much more hurt. We must pray that God gives them strength to make it through.

Jesus says in Luke 6:46-49, “What good does it do for you to say I am your Lord and Master if what I teach you is not put into practice?” He further said, “Let me describe the one who truly follows me and does what I say. He is like a man who chooses the right place to build a house and then lays a deep and secure foundation. When the storms and floods rage against that house, it continues to stand strong and unshaken through the wind, for it has been wisely built on the right foundation.”

The Word of God says, “For we know that if our earthly house of this tabernacle were dissolved, we have a building of God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.”

When men, women, and children listen and obey Jesus and God’s Word, we will always have protection in every storm, even if it brings death. Some people don’t believe God or the scientists that God has given the world evidence to warn us of Global Warming or Climate Change.

If I had the chance to own a million-dollar home on the sands of a beach, I would be grateful to have it and I know my family and friends would enjoy it. However, if I knew it could be in the path of a hurricane, I would have no problem at all leaving

what earthy possessions that I had in it behind and heed the warning and evacuate to safety if I could.

I texted a friend of mine, Elder Bruce Hall, in Tampa, Fla. a day before the hurricane was supposed to make landfall to see what his plan was. He said that he and his wife, Marcia, had furnished their daughter, Alicia, with a 4-story apartment 30 days ago that was 20 miles from Tampa. He said, astonishingly, little did they know it would become their high ground, and that God is good!

When we listen and obey, God will lead us and guide us and the Holy Spirit will keep us rooted and grounded enduring trials, test and storms and that’s a great benefit to have.

Further, in Luke 6, we can see that the foundations, be it of the wise or the foolish builders, were both safe, however, until the flood came.

Sometimes the enemy can come like a flood. Moreover, this parable lets us know that the house that was on the wrong type of foundation immediately collapsed and became a total loss when the storms and floods raged against it.

I close by asking what Jesus asked, “Which of these two builders will you be?” I recommend that if you haven’t yet, please build your house (your life) on a rock and that ROCK is Jesus! Believers in Christ have the greatest benefits of all because their assurance of Salvation will always be Rock Solid!

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Alliance Medical Ministry

By Dr. Edwin Burkett

ALLIANCE MEDICAL MINISTRY

Alliance Medical Ministry (AMM) is a nonprofit medical provider for working, uninsured adults in Wake County. Our patients represent all faiths, backgrounds, and experiences. AMM strives for our patients to achieve optimal health through comprehensive, holistic medical care.

Optimal health is related to how God made us in His image, as complex beings with four components: the physical (bio), the mental (psycho), the social (socio), and the spiritual. Considering the whole person is essential to determine specific factors to guide the best prevention, wellness, and treatment options. The holistic health approach applies to both long-term, chronic illness and to short-term, urgent health challenges. A Primary Care Provider (PCP) seeks to apply this holistic approach in caring for their community of patients in the setting of a Patient Centered Medical Home (PCMH), like AMM.

Anatomy and physiology have helped us understand much about our physical bodies. The most common clue to illness or disease is when our bodies hurt, don’t work right, or have unexpected changes. Many discoveries focused on the physical component of our being have been essential to cure disease, heal people, and avoid disability and death. AMM focuses on preventive, holistic care so our patients can avoid health risks that come from relying on emergency room and urgent visits for their medical care.

The psychological part of a person includes the ability to think, make decisions, and how we behave. Behavior is our actions and reactions to life circumstances; therefore, “mental health” is also called “behavioral health.” Sometimes there are traumatic experiences that make it difficult to think clearly, control behavior, or make sound choices. The function of a person’s body and mind are so connected that both must be addressed to achieve desired positive health outcomes in the face of illness. Holistic care also considers the impact of a person’s relationships on mental and physical health, and advocates for community resources that provide positive support to the patient and family.

Furthermore, spiritual beliefs are often the basis of an individual’s view of the world, including who and what to trust regarding health information. A specific religion or belief system is not the critical aspect; rather, patients are allowed to express the role of their spiritual life in their health. As such, a holistic approach will include assessment of spiritual beliefs and encourage relevant engagement. Often, people find significant emotional, mental, and social support in their spiritual or faith community.

God says that we are fearfully and wonderfully made, and that each of us is a complex creature whose health is tied to total bio-psycho-socio-spiritual well-being. The holistic pursuit requires time, patience, and a multidisciplinary approach. Patients are encouraged to consider their health holistically and engage with their PCP team for optimal individualized care. A physician/PCP at a PCMH will have close partners in nursing, behavioral health, social work, and more to best serve their patients holistically. AMM emphasizes this holistic pursuit with each patient, striving to provide health and hope to uninsured adults within Wake County.

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Black Women Holding Trump Accountable

By Ben Jealous
People for the American Way

Former President Donald Trump has spent a lifetime getting away with things. Rich and willing to use an army of lawyers to defend his abuses and bully people he has wronged into submission, Trump is a prime example of the inequities in our justice system.

But that could all be changing, thanks to two courageous Black women who are not intimidated by his insults and public bullying.

One of them is New York Attorney General Letitia "Tish" James. She has been leading an investigation into a "staggering" amount of financial fraud she charges that Trump has committed over the years.

After trying everything he could to avoid it, Trump appeared in her office in August to answer questions. But the only question he answered was about his name. For every other question—more than 400 other times—he invoked his right under the Constitution's Fifth Amendment to avoid incriminating himself.

In September, after interviewing dozens of people and reviewing millions of pages of documents, James's office filed a lawsuit against Trump and his three adult children who have been in business with him—Ivanka, Don Jr., and Eric. The suit asks them to forfeit \$250 million in ill-gotten gains and seeks to prevent them from doing business in New York for the immediate future. She told a reporter that the lawsuit shows how Trump repeatedly lied about the value of his properties "to unjustly enrich himself and to cheat the system, thereby cheating all of us."

Trump responded in his typical fashion. He called James a "racist." He called her investigation "the greatest witch hunt in the history of the country."

Now, anyone who has followed Trump's interactions with Black women who call him on his... stuff... knows that this is part of a pattern with Black women who see through him and aren't afraid to speak truth.

Trump's disgusting record of insulting and smearing activists like Stacey Abrams, public officials like Vice President Kamala Harris, Rep. Maxine Waters and Washington, D.C. Mayor Muriel Bowser—and journalists like April Ryan, Abby Phillips, and Yamiche Alcindor—was recently reviewed by Kaly Holloway for *The Daily Beast*, which said that James's lawsuit "is bringing the ex-president's racism and sexism back into the spotlight."

James is not the only fearless Black woman seeking to hold Trump accountable. In

Georgia, Fulton County District Attorney Fani Willis is conducting a criminal investigation of Team Trump's efforts to overturn the results of the presidential election in Georgia.

Remember that phone call a few days before the attack on the Capitol? Trump was desperately trying to overturn his defeat by Joe Biden. Trump, his chief of staff Mark Meadows, and a bunch of Trump attorneys got on the phone with Georgia Secretary of State Brad Raffensperger. Trump demanded that Raffensperger "find" him enough votes to flip the election to him.

Unethical? Definitely. Illegal? Very likely.

It's against the law in Georgia to solicit election fraud. And that phone call was just part of the Trump team's efforts, which included the creation of a fake set of pro-Trump electors. Trump's efforts in Georgia included false charges of election fraud against two Black women election workers. When Trump and his allies repeated those smears, the women's lives were disrupted by threats and harassment. According to news reports, Willis's investigation could lead to a multi-defendant racketeering case.

Trump, predictably, has called the Georgia investigation a "witch hunt." But Willis has taken on murderers and drug gangs, and she is not afraid of Trump or his insults.

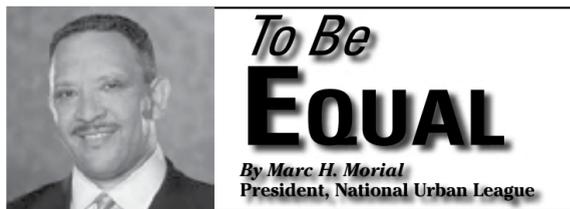
Trump's record in business and politics suggests that the truth means nothing to him. He acts as if he believes the law does not apply to him. He acts as if his wealth and power and lawyers will continue to let him get away with anything.

It is important that we as Americans affirm the principle that no person—even the country's most powerful person—is above the law.

There is good news on that front. There are multiple investigations into Trump's wrongdoing. I am grateful for the work being done by Tish James and Fani Willis, by the House select committee investigating Jan. 6, by staff at the U.S. Department of Justice, and by journalists who are willing to dig for the truth.

Truth is the first step toward accountability, accountability that in Trump's case is long overdue.

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To Be EQUAL

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TEPID PUBLIC REACTION TO BRETT FAVRE'S PLUNDERING OF WELFARE FUNDS REVEALS RACIAL DOUBLE STANDARD FOR ATHLETES' BEHAVIOR
Scandal Shines a Harsh Light on Mississippi's Mistreatment of its Poorest Families

"Apparently the nation's love affair with a White celebrity like Favre is enough to ignore an ugly scandal where money was stolen to build a volleyball stadium. When people try to tell me that race does not play a big role in America, I can now include this scandal from my home state to prove them wrong. Perhaps if Favre is actually charged this may receive more attention. The fact that the known information up to now has not been enough to get the talking heads at ESPN, the National Football League offices, and the NFL Hall of Fame to muster a statement about Favre says a lot."

—Milwaukee Independent Columnist Reggie Jackson

Last year, when Brett Favre partially repaid the state of Mississippi for \$1.1 million in welfare funds he was paid for appearances and speeches at events he did not attend, he posted on Facebook, "I would never knowingly take funds meant to help our neighbors in need."

But text messages filed in court documents revealed Favre was concerned the public would learn the source of the funds. "If you were to pay me is there anyway the media can find out where it came from and how much?" Favre texted to Nancy New, executive director of a nonprofit established to distribute millions of dollars from Temporary Assistance to Needy Families meant to assist the state's poorest residents.

Favre first met in July of 2017 with New and Mississippi Department of Human Services director John Davis to request funds for a volleyball facility at his alma mater, the University of Southern Mississippi, where his daughter played volleyball. In addition to the \$1.1 million paid to Favre, New's nonprofit sent a total of \$5 million directly to the university. Favre also worked to secure \$2.1 million through the nonprofit for a biotech start-up in which he is an investor.

Favre is certainly not the central villain in Mississippi's unfolding \$94 million welfare scandal, but he is far and away the most prominent and the wealthiest. The pillaging of public funds intended for the desperately poor is disgraceful on its face, but even more so when the one who's doing the pillaging is worth an estimated \$100 million.

It's difficult not to compare the public's reaction to Favre's misdeeds with the media backlash against Black athletes and coaches—not only Colin Kaepernick, who lost his career for kneeling during the National Anthem to protest police brutality and racial injustice—but also Michael Vick, who served federal prison time for his involvement in a dog fighting ring, Deshaun Watson, who was suspended for 11 games and fined \$5 million for accusations of sexual misconduct, and Celtics coach Ime Udoka, who has been suspended for the entire 2022-23 season for an improper relationship with a Celtics staff member.

The comparisons are imperfect. As sportswriter Jemele Hill points out, Favre has been retired for a dozen years while Vick, Watson, and Udoka were all active when their scandals occurred.

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By Dorothy Shaw Thompson

MY VOTE CANNOT BE BOUGHT

I have voted in all the elections since I could register. Whether it was the general election, the primaries or the runoff, I show up at the polls. Usually I am met by candidates or organizations that want me to vote for them or the candidates they have endorsed. Though I am interested, I must admit that I don't always know all who are running. Usually I ask Brad if he knows them or I make my best guess. Sometimes I check the endorsements. I often look to the Raleigh-Wake Citizens Association (RWCA) and their slate as they have been at it since 1932. I do not always agree with their decisions. Although I have always voted Democratic because they come closest to what I believe, at least that is what their platform states, they are human beings and are subject to error but I must admit I am not a Trump supporter and I think those who believe in him are delusional. They certainly do not believe as I do. The Republican Party does not even have a platform. How are we to know what they believe? I guess we can ask Trump.

That being said, there are those who would want you to support their candidate because they say so. They may pass out a slate. They may bring candidates to your church. They may state their beliefs on social media posts. They may be paid to be "advisors." Usually they or the people they have gotten to work for them meet you at the polls. It may even be the candidate.

As far as I am concerned, there is only one reason to vote for a candidate. It is not how long the candidate has been a Democrat or a Republican. It is now how long the candidate has been a member of the organization. It does not matter what

experience the candidate has. It does not matter how long they have been in office. It is only, "Can they make things better for Black people?"

Some people vote for people because of their affiliation. Not me. Some people vote for people because they are offended by something they or their opponent did to them or someone they care about. Not me. Some people vote for people for how much money they get or the promise of a job. Not me.

As you cast your vote, realize that it belongs only to you, nobody else. Your interests and concerns should be supported by the candidates for which you vote. Nobody can tell you, no matter how much they are being paid, what matters to you. Nobody should get your vote unless you decide to vote for them.

Your vote should not be bought!



By Sarah Jones

HOW AM I BEING SEEN?

I sat and stared at the blank screen nervously awaiting for the webex meeting to begin. I was about to have my first interview at the biggest hospital in my area and was full with a wavelength of emotions. Even still, they were masked away behind a smile. The interview started in five minutes and I knew I had to be presented as my best self. There was no time for nerves or self doubt—this was the time for confidence. When I was interviewing for this position, I knew my interview would feel different than my peers. I wasn't there to convince them I was competent enough for the position, I had to prove it.

Growing up I had watched as each member in my family dealt with their own turmoil when it came to navigating the professional world. My brother, age 26, attended one of the top colleges in the state and still struggled to find a job after graduation. Now after being in the working force for over five years he told me the words I never wanted to hear.

"When you're Black, it's all about who you know."

I opened my mouth to immediately contradict him. I was a strong student, I had countless volunteer hours, numerous student societies and scholarships under my belt. I was passionate about this position—there wasn't a doubt in my mind that I had a fighting chance. That I wasn't deserving.

Now after reflecting about his words I realize what he was truly trying to say to me. It didn't matter how accredited I was. I could be the perfect candidate and still not be what they were looking for. My package came differently because of my color.

I thought about my brother, entering the professional world he was even more of a catch than I was but even so, he was at

(See **BECOMING SARAH**, P. 11)



By Marian Wright Edelman

PRAYERS AFTER THE STORMS

The Children's Defense Fund's logo comes from a drawing I saw in a gallery window during a walk through Cambridge, Massachusetts nearly fifty years ago, after my family had moved to the Boston area where CDF had its beginning. The artwork was by five-year-old Maria Coté, and shows a bright sun shining on a small boat with a tiny sail adrift on a very wide sea. Above the boat in Maria's handwriting is the ancient fisherman's prayer: "Dear Lord, be good to me. The sea is so wide and my boat is so small."

In 1974, when CDF completed its first report, I asked permission from Maria's mother to use the drawing on the cover. A few years later, when someone suggested CDF ought to have a logo, I looked at Maria's drawing hanging above my desk and realized it reflected CDF's mission more truthfully than any abstract piece prepared by the graphic arts firm we'd consulted ever could. Maria's mother agreed to our trademarking her daughter's piece.

Children's tiny lifeboats are always so small and in need of protection as they navigate their way through our world. But the metaphor of children adrift in dangerous seas feels painfully literal when they are caught in actual storms. Right now children and adults in Puerto Rico, Florida, and other places along the Southeast coast and waterways are struggling to recover from Hurricanes Fiona and Ian. Many will spend the next days and weeks in deep uncertainty, waiting to find out when schools will reopen, whether adults will be able to go to work, and when—if ever—families will be able to go home.

José Andrés is the extraordinary chef and humanitarian who founded the nonprofit World Central Kitchen to provide and serve meals after Haiti was devastated by an earthquake in 2010. World Central Kitchen is already on the ground serving hot meals after these storms, just as they have now done in disaster zones and war zones around the world. Andrés has said his humanitarian work is influenced by something he learned about boats while serving in the Spanish Navy: "I learned the power of bringing a group of people together to

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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:

Have we as Americans become desensitized by all of the political volleying and finger pointing? At what point will we stop focusing on minor differences and start finding common ground to grow on? Let us hear from you!

Other Viewpoints



AFTER THE DELUGE

By Derek Royden

Guest Commentary

In 1988 climatologist James Hansen announced, “Global warming has arrived.”

Now, 34 years later, it is painfully obvious that climate catastrophe has arrived.

Featuring scenes that have become more and more routine in recent years, summer in the northern hemisphere saw extreme heat and wildfires in many places, as well as torrential rains and colossal floods that washed away the products of human settlement in others. The worst hit by the latter, beginning in June, was Pakistan, where an agonizing humanitarian disaster put a third of the country under water and displaced 33 million people out of a population of 230 million.

At least 1,500 people died as a direct result of the flooding, including hundreds of children. [Some 180 healthcare](#) facilities were so damaged that they no longer function, leaving many desperate people without access to basic care for themselves and their families.

It's hard to wrap one's mind around the disaster, one that will continue to cause suffering in the South Asian nation through things like agricultural losses and water-borne diseases after the waters begin to recede. Pakistan is the country with the most glaciers below the arctic circle, which logically will contribute to morphing an annual fresh melt-water blessing into a curse.

Pakistan is eighth in terms of the [climate disaster impacts](#) it has already felt and risks it faces. Showing how unfairly this emergency is likely to play out, the country is estimated to contribute less than one percent of world carbon emissions.

This crisis is not merely happening, it is accelerating.

Many celebrated pundits fill column inches and on-air time with calls for a new cold war with China to go along with ongoing hostilities in Ukraine, where negotiations seem ever less likely as Western and Russian arms manufacturers gleefully count their profits. None seem to connect the ravages of carbon emission-driven climate chaos with the massive carbon footprint of war and even preparing for war.

As always, the fact that the world's largest militaries are the greatest polluters on a warming planet is a missing part of the story; when it comes to climate change the focus is always on individual responsibility rather than on the business interests and large institutions like the U.S. military that are its main drivers.

Failing to face the roots of this planetary emergency—all the roots, not just the fantasies such as electric vehicles for everyone—is why we seem to be circling the drain rather than seriously addressing what is obviously necessary.

The tragedy in Pakistan is a warning; we ignore it at our peril.

Derek Royden is a Canadian journalist.



NUKES, WAR AND MORAL SANITY

By Robert C. Koehler

PeaceVoice

What does surrender look like in the world of geopolitics? To my mind, this gets pretty close:

“President Biden's national security adviser said on Sunday that the United States had warned Russia that there would be ‘catastrophic consequences’ for the country if Moscow used nuclear weapons in its increasing desperation to hold on to territory in Ukraine.”

This is surrender in multiple directions, or so it seemed to me as I read these words the other day in the *New York Times*—surrender to the worst (the stupidest) of who we are, on the part not only of the growling superpowers on both sides of the conflict, who are apparently playing games with Armageddon, but also surrender on the part of the mainstream media, which has failed, yet again, to cover war in the context of a larger sanity.

Oops, darn that mushroom cloud!

Maintaining peace through militarism—us vs. them, good guy wins, bad guy loses—has gotten blown up in the age of nukes. But for some reason any grasp of this remains politically marginal. In a world that has sliced itself into international borders, power remains a matter of dominance, or so the world's leaders (and the media that covers them) continue, apparently, to believe.

Much of Planet Earth is moving beyond this glaringly lethal ignorance, but the most “powerful” nations on the planet remain spiritually underdeveloped. It's the only way they can hold onto their power.

As a journalist, my impulse is to cry out to the media to do its job: to cover geopolitics, to cover war—Russian, American and all the rest—in a context larger than that declared by the national leaders who are caught up in it. The best the *Times* could do, at least in this particular story, was to cast Putin as an international “pariah” because, in threatening to use nuclear weapons in Ukraine if necessary, he “broke the nuclear taboo for the first time in 77 years.”

In other words, it's OK to possess nukes. You're just not supposed to talk about them.

The larger context of this particular story would, it seems to me, include a perspective that transcends the thinking of both American and Russian leadership. Such a perspective would include the fact that most of the world's nations, as well as the United Nations, have declared nuclear weapons... ahem... illegal.

The Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons, which bans their use, development and actual possession, was approved by the U.N. General Assembly in 2017 by a vote of 122-1 (the nine nations that possess nukes, along with most of the members of NATO, boy-

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cotted the vote). It has now been ratified by 68 countries, and signed by a total of 91.

“On the International Day for the Total Elimination of Nuclear Weapons, we reject the claim that nuclear disarmament is some impossible utopian dream.”

So said U.N. Secretary-General António Guterres a few days ago, making a point that is globally crucial and by no means irrelevant to the looming disaster in Ukraine. For God's sake, we have become a transnational planet and the job of everyone—this includes world leaders, media, you, me—is to envision a trans-militarized world and continue evolving toward it.

“Eliminating these devices of death is not only possible, it is necessary,” Guterres said. “... we need a new vision for nuclear disarmament and nonproliferation.”

I repeat: *We need a new vision!* A “new vision for nuclear disarmament and nonproliferation.” A new vision of the meaning of geopolitics, the shortcomings of nationalism and national borders. A new vision of the nature of power. What if—at the highest levels of media and government—we saw “power” as a force that valued life?

Here are some words of Martin Luther King: “In a real sense all life is interrelated. We are all caught in an inescapable network of mutuality, tied into a single garment of destiny.”

Let us consider the possibility that this isn't just blather—that it's actually true. Then what if means, at the deepest core of human existence, is that playing war—endlessly preparing to destroy part of ourselves—is suicidal behavior. National military budgets might as well be called suicide budgets. We have to start learning how to live without defining ourselves by our enemies. What if, at the very least, the media reported on war in this context, rather than in the context of good vs. evil, NATO vs. Putin?

As David Swanson pointed out at World Beyond War, both Russia and the United States “stand as rogue regimes outside the Landmines Treaty, the Convention on Cluster Munitions, the Arms Trade Treaty, and many others.” Neither country is party to the International Criminal Court or supports its rulings. And the U.S. and its allies violated any commitment to Russia, such as the eastward expansion of NATO, when the Cold War ended, making the present moment of nuclear uncertainty inevitable.

As I noted, the wealthiest and most militarily powerful nations on the planet are, in a spiritual—in a moral—sense, the world's most underdeveloped nations, committed to maintaining power over, rather than power with, the rest of the planet. At the very least, the media shouldn't give national leaders trapped in this commitment the final say in how to move forward.

And no matter what the danger, such leaders will not, of their own volition, give up their nations' nuclear weapons. They cannot hear António Guterres, who, speaking in a larger sanity, points out: “Eliminating nuclear weapons would be the greatest gift we could bestow on future generations.”

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GRANDPARENTS AND GRANDCHILDREN UNITE THE WORLD

By Donna Park

Citizens for Global Solutions Education Fund

I am a grandmother, and I have a dream that grandparents will work with their grandchildren to unite the world and build a better future.

But first we need to have a vision of how the world could be improved.

There are many problems facing the world today, including war and the threat of nuclear destruction, climate change, human rights abuses, hunger, extreme poverty, growing income inequality, and global pandemics. One central source of our global problems is that we have put nations above people. People belong first. National sovereignty and security should not be more important than the sovereignty and security of individuals. Governments should be protecting the rights and freedoms of their people, not sacrificing them.

War is one way in which nations sacrifice their people rather than protect them. War kills and injures people. War destroys the environment. War robs us of our financial and natural resources. War does not bring peace, although it does make a lot of money for some while impoverishing many.

Surely it is time to think creatively about eliminating war. Here in the United States, we can look to our own history for a way to accomplish that. When Americans decided to transform the confederation of 13 colonies into a federation of states, they agreed to resolve their differences in a court of law rather than on the battlefield. The original 13 states were able to eliminate or transform their militias. With no need any longer to fight one another, they could rely on the rule of law to settle disputes. Al-

though the rule of law is not perfect, it is the best method we have found. And it is preferable to war.

We need a similar transformation at the global level. Why not transform the confederation of nations known as the United Nations into a United Federation of Nations? Under this strengthened UN system, all nations could agree to resolve their differences using the rule of law rather than weapons of destruction. Nations could be required to disarm and to transform their armed forces into peacekeeping forces that would respond to natural disasters and other domestic crises.

To implement this program, we could start by creating a World Parliament at the United Nations to give a voice to the people of the world, rather than just their governments. We also need a world constitution to define a democratic federation of nations with a universal declaration of human rights and the ability to create and enforce world law that outlaws war and nuclear weapons. Furthermore, we will need international courts (such as the International Criminal Court) and international police to arrest those who break the law. Fortunately, much work has been done defining these components over the past 75 years.

All these components will cost much less than the vast amounts spent on the current war systems. Furthermore, a United Federation of Nations could be employed to deal effectively with other global problems, such as climate change.

This vision is shared by the Young World Federalists. Their tag line is “Unite the World.” As their website explains, they are “a global movement to unite humanity through the creation of a democratic world federation.” They believe that the current system of competitive sovereign countries fails to tackle the global challenges that impact us all. Accordingly, they advocate a new form of global governance, one in which people cooperate to secure their common interest through a democratic world federation. They envision a sustainable, just, and peaceful world through a democratic world federation. It would be a world run by humanity, for humanity, providing equal opportunity to all on a thriving planet.

The Young World Federalists (YWF) are building on the work of well-established organizations such as Citizens for Global Solutions (CGS). CGS was founded 75 years ago, and many of its supporters, like me, are grandparents of the Young World Federalists' generation. We are delighted to be working with these young people and, in fact, have a lot to learn from them in this modern era of social media and technology. We also have a lot to share with them, including our knowledge, experience, and funding. One of their programs that we are co-sponsoring is the Week for World Parliament, which includes an event in New York City on October 22-23.

Working together, young and old, we are committed to building a united world and a better future for all.

TO BE EQUAL

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But Favre was an active player in 2008, when he harassed a Jets sideline reporter with lewd text messages, including a photo of his genitalia, and voicemails. Favre was fined \$50,000 for not cooperating with the NFL's investigation and didn't miss a single game.

“While no one is standing up for Favre, there isn't this loud cry that he should lose everything,” Hill wrote. People almost always want a pound of flesh when it comes to Black athletes, and it's often unrelenting. So sometimes it's not about coverage, but tone.”

About 43 percent of Mississippi's Black children live in poverty, compared with 14 percent of White children. But fewer than one percent of those eligible to receive TANF assistance actually receive it.

“They make it so incredibly difficult for families that need these resources to get it,” Aisha Nyandoro, chief executive of the antipoverty nonprofit Springboard To Opportunities, told the *Washington Post*. “But then others who don't need it can just send a text message and money magically appears in their bank account... There are people that didn't receive the money they needed to get their car fixed, to get a job; moms who couldn't get diapers. What good could have been done in Mississippi with this \$94 million? How many families could've been impacted?”

Perhaps some Americans can't quite muster the same outrage on behalf of impoverished Black children that they can on behalf of a flag.

BECOMING SARAH

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his best job, his most high-paying job not because of his endless resume and accomplishments—he was there because of who he knew.

My mind began to rush over a million things at once. In this field, at this hospital I knew no one. I had never been in the position where I—just as myself—wasn't enough. Not until I found out I didn't get the one internship I had been banking on. I thought back reflecting on the interview over and over in my head. I couldn't realize what had gone wrong. For me, the rejection felt different than it did to my White counterparts. School felt different. Everything felt different because I was constantly in the mindset of proving my worth. To be a minority, I couldn't afford to not prepare. I couldn't afford to coast by on the notion of not being prepared.

Every time I met someone, whether the relationship was professional or personal, I never knew what part of me was being seen. I wondered what it would be like to not worry if your skin was the reason for your rejection.

I never knew if I was being seen for me or for my color. It was a frustrating experience that I realized I might never escape.

Before I knew it, I had placed so much of my worth in the acceptance of this internship that I felt so lost when I wasn't offered the position. I was on the phone with my Uncle who works at a corporate office in California when he told me this. “Being Black nothing is guaranteed, except for the fact that you will never stop working harder than White people. You can work harder than anyone in the office and still never get that promotion. You don't get the luxury of cruising by or dwelling on feeling like you aren't enough when you don't get something, because when you do the only thing missing is another opportunity.”

My interview at a hospital in a neighboring town is next week. From my major, I was one of a few students that was asked to interview but there is still a part of me that wonders if they will be shocked when I show up for my interview. I approach this new season feeling like a small fish in uncharted waters. For as long as I'll live, I'll never be able to control how people see me and in most cases I'll never know. As I ended the phone call with my Uncle he said this, “Being Black in the professional world you have to have the mindset to keep you going. You don't get something, you get up and chase the next thing harder. It's the only way you find your path.”

As I sit here, typing these words I know he's right. I think about the next thing on my path knowing I have no control over how I'll be seen, but knowing I have the power to go after it with all I can.

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try to move a ship against winds and against currents, but always trying to take it to safety of a good port.”

This is what we all must do. I share a few prayers for the adults and caregivers affected by these hurricanes and floods who must continue trying to steer children to safety right now even in the midst of their own uncertainty.

God, straighten our backs
clear our heads
strengthen our voices and judgment
infuse our hearts
with Your mighty and comforting spirit.

O God for whom nothing is too hard
Who makes the impossible possible
Every minute of every day
Kindle within us an unshakable faith
In Your presence, power, and goodness.

God, help us to be like bamboo, which bends and bows and sways in the winds but never breaks.

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**NOTICE OF SERVICE
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In The General Court Of Justice
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Before the Clerk
File Number 22 E 1078**

The Undersigned, having qualified as Executor of the Estate of Louise D. 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 16th day of December 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 15th day of September, 2022.

David A. Miller
Executor
C/O Atty Michael Hudson
105 E. Center St
Suite B-12
Mebane, NC 27302

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STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF DURHAM

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

THE UNDERSIGNED, having qualified on the 1st day of September, 2022, as Executor of the ESTATE OF DOROTHY STEEDMAN SHOAF, Deceased, of Durham County, North Carolina, do hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against said Estate to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the 23rd day of December, 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 22nd day of September, 2022.

ROBERT SAMUEL SHOAF
EXECUTOR
ESTATE OF DOROTHY STEEDMAN SHOAF
c/o E.J. Walker, Jr., Attorney
Walker Lambe, PLLC
Post Office Box 51549
Durham, North Carolina 27717
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The Undersigned, having qualified as Administrator of the Estate of Freda G. Cole a/k/a Freda Garlene Cole, 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 December 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 15th day of September, 2022.

Kevin S. Cole
Administrator CTA
1329 Penny Road
High Point, NC 27265
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STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
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The Undersigned, having qualified as Administrator of the Estate of Louise McDuffie Rhodes, 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 December 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 15th day of September, 2022.

Shaliga M. Rhodes
Co-Administrator
240 Panorama Drive
Oxon Hill, MD 20745
Shirley Dixon-Archibald
Co-Administrator
215 William Pennplaza #708
Durham, NC 27704

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The Undersigned, having qualified as Executor of the Estate of Mary Martin Holben, 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 23rd day of December 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 22nd day of September, 2022.

Kim Strickland
Executor
7 Neptune Court
Durham, NC 27712
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DURHAM COUNTY

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File Number 22 E 001131**

The Undersigned, having qualified as Administrator of the Estate of Annette Selena Alston, 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 23rd day of December 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 22nd day of September, 2022.

Elna A Smith
Administrator
304 Sumac Ct
Sneads Ferry, NC 28460
9/22,9/29,10/6 and 10/13/2022

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ALL PERSONS, firms and corporations having claims against Estate of Herbert L. Carson AKA Herbert Lee Carson, deceased, of Durham County, N.C., are notified to exhibit the same to the undersigned on or before December 27, 2022, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of recovery. Debtors of the decedent are asked to make immediate payment. This 22nd day of September, 2022.

Rosalyn S. Carson, Executrix of the Estate of Herbert L. Carson AKA Herbert Lee Carson
c/o Lori M. Bernstein, Attorney at Law
2726 Croasdaile Dr. Suite 202
Durham, North Carolina 27705
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The undersigned, having qualified as Administrator of the Estate of Lockwood Floyd Chamberlain, late of DURHAM County, NC does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against said estate to present them to the undersigned at the address below on or before the 23 day of December 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 22 day of September, 2022.

Mark Chamberlain
Administrator of the Estate of Lockwood Floyd Chamberlain
c/o The Law Office of Anne Page Watson, PLLC
3400 Croasdaile Drive, Suite 205,
Durham, NC 27705.
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The Undersigned, having qualified as Executor of the Estate of Patricia Cox, late of Durham County, North Carolina, hereby wishes to notify all persons having claims against the Estate of said deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned at the below listed address on or before the 23rd day of December 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 22nd day of September, 2022.

Charlie Cox III
Executor
1517 Rosewood St
Durham, NC 27701
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File Number 22 E 1194**

The Undersigned, having qualified as Executor of the Estate of Joseph Claude Bazemore, 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 23rd day of December 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 22nd day of September, 2022.

Ruth Bazemore Bowman
Executor
7 Birchcrest Court
Durham, NC 27713
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File Number 22 E 1226**

The Undersigned, having qualified as Executor of the Estate of Emmett Felton McGhee, late of Durham County, North Carolina, hereby wishes to notify all persons having claims against the Estate of said deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned at the below listed address on or before the 30th day of January 2023, 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 29nd day of September, 2022.

Matthew Ashton Adams
Executor
1317 Valley Run
Durham, NC 27707
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STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
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Before the Clerk
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The Undersigned, having qualified as Executor of the Estate of Frances Teresa Lewis Morris, late of Durham County, North Carolina, hereby wishes to notify all persons having claims against the Estate of said deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned at the below listed address on or before the 30th day of December 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 29nd day of September, 2022.

Debra M Sheets
Co-Executor
1113 Twain Trail
Durham, NC 27703
Carol E. Morris
Co-Executor
1503 Mountainview Ave
Durham, NC 27705
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File Number 22 E 942**

The Undersigned, having qualified as Administrator of the Estate of Gregory Keith Hammond, late of Durham County, North Carolina, hereby wishes to notify all persons having claims against the Estate of said deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned at the below listed address on or before the 30th day of December 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 29nd day of September, 2022.

Alena Hammond
Administrator
13234 Ashford Park Drive
Raleigh, NC 27613
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The Undersigned, having qualified as Administrator of the Estate of Dorohty Lee McArthur McLaughlin, a/k/a Dorothy L McLaughlin, late of Durham County, North Carolina, hereby wishes to notify all persons having claims against the Estate of said deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned at the below listed address on or before the 30th day of December 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 29nd day of September, 2022.

Jennifer McLaughlin
Administrator
2923 Beechwood Drive
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 22 E 1249**

The Undersigned, having qualified as Executor of the Estate of Helen Elizabeth Daniels, 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 6th day of January 2023, 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 6th day of October, 2022.

Anthony Edward Daniel
Executor
2701 Sundial Circle
Durham, NC 27704
10/6,10/13,10/20 and 10/27/2022
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 1258**

The Undersigned, having qualified as Administratrix of the Estate of Eva May Whalin, 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 6th day of January 2023, 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 6th day of October, 2022.

Liane Whalin Senter
Administratrix
2411 Becketts Ridge Drive
Hillsborough, NC 27278
10/6,10/13,10/20 and 10/27/2022
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 001225**

The Undersigned, having qualified as Executor of the Estate of Robert Armstead Lowder, 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 6th day of January 2023, 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 6th day of October, 2022.

William Danny Ashley

Executor
1347 Cole Mill Road
Durham, NC 27705
10/6,10/13,10/20 and 10/27/2022

WAKE COUNTY

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS
ESTATE OF DANIEL LORENZA
HOOKER SR
FILE NO 15-E-435**

All person, firms and corporations having claims against DANIEL LORENZA HOOKER SR, deceased, of Wake County, NC, are notified to exhibit the same to the undersigned on or before December 21, 2022, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of recovery. Debtors of the decedent are asked to make immediate payment. This the 15th day of September, 2022. Gary Lorenza Hooker, Executor, c/o Blue LLP, 205 Fayetteville St, Suite 300, Raleigh, NC 27601. The Carolinian, September 15, 22, 29, October 6, 2022.

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
WAKE COUNTY

**NOTICE OF SERVICE
OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION
In The General Court Of Justice
Superior Court Division
Before the Clerk
File Number 2022 E 003555**

The Undersigned, having qualified as Administrator of the Estate of Anthony Howard Ward, 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 December 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 15th day of September, 2022.

Phillip K Ward
Administrator
725 Price Road
Selma, NC 27576
9/15,9/22,9/29 and 10/6/2022
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
WAKE COUNTY

**NOTICE OF SERVICE
OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION
In The General Court Of Justice
Superior Court Division
Before the Clerk
File Number 2022 E 003086**

The Undersigned, having qualified as Administrator of the Estate of Rohan Rajeev, 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 23rd day of December 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 22nd day of September, 2022.

Sowmya Rajeev
Co-Administrator
302 Cole Canyon Ct
Cary, NC 27513
Rajeev Thalla

Co-Administrator
302 Cole Canyon Ct
Cary, NC 27513
9/22,9/29,10/6 and 10/13/2022
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
WAKE COUNTY

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS
FILE NO 21 E 851**

Hattie Mae Clark died on 05/30/2022 in Wake County, NC Court file 22 E 2760. All persons, firms or corporations indebted to Hattie Mae Clark will please make immediate payment. Those having claims against Hattie Mae Clark are to present them before 12/30/22 or this Notice may be pleaded to bar the claim.

Claims may be sent to Beverly Graham
c/o Gregory R. Williams Attorney
2232 Page Rd
Suite 203
Durham, NC 27703

9/29,10/6,10/13 and 10/20/22
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
WAKE COUNTY

**NOTICE OF SERVICE
OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION
In The General Court Of Justice
Superior Court Division
Before the Clerk
File Number 2022 E 003233**

The Undersigned, having qualified as Administrator of the Estate of Mary Alice Jervay Thatch a/k/a Mary Alice Thatch, late of Wake County, North Carolina, hereby wishes to notify all persons having claims against the Estate of said deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned at the below listed address on or before the 30th day of December 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 29nd day of September, 2022.

John L Thatch
Administrator
3560 Bonita Grove Dr
Raleigh, NC 27604
9/29,10/6,10/13 and 10/20/2022
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
WAKE COUNTY

**NOTICE OF SERVICE
OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION
In The General Court Of Justice
Superior Court Division
Before the Clerk
File Number 2022 E 003858**

The Undersigned, having qualified as Administrator of the Estate of Ricky Eugene Jones, 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 6th day of January 2023, 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 6th day of October, 2022.

Gerald Jones
Co-Administrator
10613 Pine Thicket Ct
Raleigh, NC 27603
Barbara Richburg
Co-Administrator
3012 Basswood Dr
Raleigh, NC 27610
10/6,10/13,10/20 and 10/27/2022



"The only thing left is a reality show about producing a reality show."

Civil Rights Lawyer Confronts Police—CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

Breed, 48, grew up in public housing and recalled Burris as someone the Black community could go to for help.

"There were certain attorneys that had a solid reputation, and he was one of them," she said. "It was a big deal that he was African American."

Now, prospective clients crowd into the small waiting area of his law firm before they're ushered into a conference room with expansive views of west Oakland.

The walls are studded with news articles chronicling legal achievements, proclamations of honor, and court illustrations of significant trials. One section is dedicated to Rosa Parks, the late U.S. Rep. John Lewis, and other civil rights heroes.

"I cannot be tired, I cannot quit," Burris said, "because they

did not quit."

Rodney King's first pick to represent him in his civil case was Johnnie Cochran, but the assistant who took the call at Cochran's office said the lawyer was tied up for several months. ("Obviously he was furious when he found out about this," Burris said.) The case went to Milton Grimes, who pulled in Burris for his expertise in police brutality.

Burris recalls King as a regular guy unable to handle a media frenzy that relentlessly cast him in a negative light. Close friends called him by his middle name, Glen.

"He never got to the point of being able to handle being Rodney King," Burris said. "He wanted to be Glen."

He represented Tupac Shakur in a lawsuit against the Oakland Police Department after two officers

stopped him for jaywalking and mocked his name, infuriating the late rapper. ("Tupac was a difficult guy to handle because he didn't follow directions well," Burris said.)

His profile grew throughout the 1990s, with regular appearances on television as a commentator during the O.J. Simpson murder trial.

In 1996, Burris received his only disciplinary mark with the State Bar of California when his license was suspended for 30 days over ethical violations. He said he should have maintained closer supervision of a growing staff that sent out misleading mailers to victims of mass disasters. He also admitted to bouncing a check to another lawyer and failing to file lawsuits on time for two clients.

Perhaps his greatest achievement was in reforming the Oakland Police Department, the result of a class-action lawsuit he and attorney Jim Chanin filed in 2000 against a rogue unit that planted drugs and made false arrests. The Oakland "Riders" case resulted in the department coming under federal oversight for nearly two decades as it slowly implemented dozens of reforms.

The reforms included collecting racial data on stops of motorists, and reporting and investigating when officers used force. Burris met with the police department and federal monitor at least once a month, and in recent years without pay — "a testament to his not being in this just for money," said Oakland Police Chief LeRonne Armstrong.

Lawyers trained or mentored

by Burris say he uses a different scale than other attorneys when weighing potential cases.

"He's like, 'What is the principle of this?'" said Oakland attorney Adante Pointer. "There might not be a bunch of money. But you know you're going to make a world of difference in someone's life."

Not everyone appreciates his knack for publicity, even if they admire his legal skills.

"I think it stirs up public sentiment unfairly. If he feels he has a viable civil case, the courtroom is where it should play out," said Michael Rains, a Bay Area attorney who regularly defends police.

But Robert Collins is among clients who say the attorney provides invaluable guidance in a

world where police usually dictate the narrative.

In December 2020, Collins' stepson Angelo Quinto died after Antioch police rolled him on his stomach, pressed a knee to his neck and cuffed him. Police said that Quinto, who was in psychological distress, was combative and on drugs when he was neither, the family said.

At a recent news conference, Burris blasted Contra Costa County District Attorney Diana Beeton's decision not to criminally charge the officers. He comforted family members with hugs.

"Having somebody of John's caliber, with that much experience, is really, really helpful. Because it lets you know that you're not going crazy," Collins said.

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NORTH CAROLINA WAKE COUNTY

NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION
Small Claims Division
File No. 22 CVM 005690

Gurkan's Downtown Auto Repair Plaintiff,

v.

Karshi Demel Swinson-Davis Defendant,

TAKE NOTICE that a pleading seeking relief against you has been filed in the above entitled action. The nature of the relief sought is as follows: Defendant has defaulted in the payment of debt which is secured by property. Defendant has otherwise breached the forms of a security agreement giving the plaintiff the right to claim im-

mediate possession of the property described as a 2010 KIA SUV, VIN#KNDJT2A20A7098852 which has been in plaintiff's possession and remained unclaimed since January 13, 2020.

You are required by law, to enter a defense in writing to the pleading if you so choose, within 40 days from the first date of Publication of this notice but no later than November 1, 2022. Upon your failure to make such defense, the party, in this case the Plaintiff, seeking service against you will apply to the court for the relief sought.

This the 22 day of September, 2022.

Mohammed M. Shyllon
5540 Centerview Drive, Suite 200
Raleigh, NC 27606
Attorney for the Plaintiff
Phone: (919) 424-3804
Fax: (919) 869-1588
9/22,9/29 and 10/6/2022

D/M/WBE SUBCONTRACTORS/SUPPLIERS WANTED

T.A. Loving Company (NC General Contractor License No. 325) is seeking certified DBE, MBE, and WBE subcontractors and suppliers for the **210 Wastewater Treatment Facility Effluent Force Main and Dechlorination Facility project for Johnston County** which bids **October 13, 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 * Johnston County Public Utilities; 309 East Market Street; Smithfield, NC 27577 * Hazen and Sawyer; 4011 West Chase Boulevard; Raleigh, NC 27607 * Dodge Data and Analytics website * ConstructConnect website * Construction Journal website.

Potential subcontracting opportunities include but are not limited to surveying, clearing and grubbing, hauling, erosion control, seeding, electrical, SCADA, linework, jack & bore, bypass pumping, dewatering, masonry, roofing, HVAC, roll up doors, flatwork, concrete forms, CIPC, concrete rebar, and plumbing. 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 of the 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 for 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 the bid date.

D/M/WBE SUBCONTRACTORS/SUPPLIERS WANTED

T.A. Loving Company (NC General Contractor License No. 325) is seeking certified DBE, MBE, and WBE subcontractors and suppliers for the **Sam's Branch Water Reclamation Facility project for the Town of Clayton** which bids **October 4, 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 * Gannett Fleming, Inc.; One Glenwood Avenue, Suite 900; Raleigh, NC 27603 * ConstructConnect website.

Potential subcontracting opportunities include but are not limited to surveying, demolition, asphalt paving, earthwork, erosion control, trenching, curb and gutter, linework, seeding, sodding, landscaping, masonry, roofing, HVAC, thermal insulation, flatwork, CIPC, concrete forms, resteel, grout, structural steel, steel deck, miscellaneous metals, waterproofing, sheet metal flashing, joint sealants, door hardware, metal doors, wood doors, overhead coiling doors, glazing, louvers, gypsum board assemblies, tiling, acoustical ceilings, flooring, painting and coating, signage, plumbing, electrical, communications, fire detection and alarms, process piping, and cranes and hoists. Please contact **Tyler Sutton (tsutton@taloving.com)** if you are interested in submitting a proposal on any portion(s) of this project. Contact via phone 919-734-8400; fax 919-736-2148; or email. All quotations will be accepted up to bid closing time on bid date. TA Loving Company is an Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action Employer.

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Solution time: 25 mins.

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ATTENTION: DBE'S-WBE'S-MBE'S

Barnhill Contracting Company will be bidding on the following project on September 20th, 2022. We are most interested in receiving quotes from your company on these projects:

Southeast Division Contact: Contract ID: C204787
Contact **Todd Hunt, thunt@barnhillcontracting.com**, at 910-488-1319 or fax 910-488-5673 in our Fayetteville Office, located at 1100 Robeson Street, Fayetteville, NC 28305.

Pre-Bid Meeting: Friday October 7th, 2022 at 9:30 AM in the Fayetteville Office.

- For hauling operations, we will need to know how many of your own hauling units will be available for this project. We will need this on your written quote prior to bid time and this will be made a part of any subcontract.
- Plans and specifications are available at:
 - NC DOT: https://connect.ncdot.gov/letting/Pages/Central-Letting-Details.aspx?let_type=Central&let_date=2022-10-18%2000:00:00
 - Plans may also be viewed in our offices. Please call for an appointment.
- This project includes opportunities on, but not limited to hauling, incidental milling, traffic control and pavement markings. All firms or persons interested in bidding on any applicable portions of these projects or supplying materials for any applicable portion of this project are invited to contact us direct or by phone (we accept collect calls). By submitting a quote, it is understood that you have read and understand the specifications.

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

NC General Contractors Lic. # 3194

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Self Executing/Self Agreement in Event of Unauthorized Use: By this Copyright Notice both the juristic person and the agent of said juristic person, hereinafter jointly and severally "User" consent and agree that any use of **DONTEZ LAMONT SIMUEL** other than authorized use as set forth above constitutes unauthorized use, counterfeiting of Secured Party common-law copyright property, contractually binds User, renders this Copyright Notice a Security Agreement wherein User is debtor and Donteze Simuel-EL Trustee is Secured Party and signifies that User 1) grants Secured Party a security interest in all of User's assets, land, and personal property and all of User's interest in assets, lands, and personal property in the sum certain amount 500,000.00 per each and occurrence of use of the common-law copyrighted trade-name/trade-mark **DONTEZ LAMONT SIMUEL**, as well as for each and every occurrence of use of any derivatives of, and variations in the spelling of **DONTEZ LAMONT SIMUEL** plus costs, plus triple damages; 2) authenticates this Security Agreement wherein User is debtor and Donteze Simuel-EL Trustee is Secured Party, and wherein User pledges all of User's assets, land, consumer goods, farm products, inventory, equipment, money, investment property, commercial tort claim, letters of credit, letter of credit rights, chattel paper instruments, deposit accounts, account, documents and general intangibles, and all User's interest in all such foregoing property, now owned and hereinafter acquired, now existing and hereinafter arising, and wherever located, as collateral for securing User's contractual obligation in favor of Secured Party for User's unauthorized use of Secured Party's common-law-copyright property; 3) consents and agrees with Secured Party's filing of a UCC Financial Statement in the UCC filing office as well as in any county recorder's office, wherein User is a debtor and Donteze Simuel-EL Trustee is Secured Party; 4) consent and agrees that said UCC Financial Statement described above in paragraph (3) is a continuing financial statement, and further consents and agrees with Secured Party's filing of any continuation statement necessary for maintaining Secured Party perfected security interest in all of User's property and interest in property pledged as collateral in this Security Agreement and described above in paragraph "(2)", until User's contractual obligation therefore incurred has been fully satisfied (5) consents and agrees with the Secured Party filing of the UCC Financial Statement, as described above and paragraphs "(3)" and "(4)" as well as the filing of any Security Agreement as described above in paragraph "(2)", in the UCC filing office, as well as in any county recorder's office (6) consents and agrees that any and all such filings described in paragraphs "4" and "5" above are not, and may not be considered bogus and that User will not claim that any such filing is bogus; (7) waives all defenses; and (8) appoints Secured Party as Authorized Representatives for user, effective upon User default re User's contractual obligations in favor of Secured Party as set forth below under "Payment Terms" and "Default Terms" granting Secured Party full authorization and power for engaging in any and all actions on behalf of User's including, but not limited by, authentication of a record on behalf of User, as Secured Party, in Secured Party's sole discretion, deems appropriate, and User further consents and agrees that this appointment of Secured Party as Authorized Representative for User's, effective upon User's default, is irrevocable and coupled with a security interest. User further consents and agrees with all of the following additional terms of Self-Executing Contract Security Agreement in Event of Unauthorized Use: Payment Terms: In accordance with fees for unauthorized use of **DONTEZ LAMONT SIMUEL** as set forth above, User hereby consents and agrees that users shall pay Secured Party all unauthorized-use fees in full within ten (10) days of the date User is sent Secured Party "invoice" itemizing said fees. Default Terms: In event of non-payment in full of unauthorized-use fees by User within (10) days of date Invoice is sent, User shall be deemed in default and: (a) all of User's property and property pledged as collateral by User, as set forth in above in paragraph "(2)" immediately becomes, i.e. is property of Secured Party (b) Secured Party is appointed User's Authorized Representative as set forth above in paragraph "(8)" and (c) User consent and agrees that Secured Party may take possession of, as well as otherwise dispose of in any manner that Secured Party, in Secured Party's sole discretion, deems appropriate, including but not limited to by, sale at auction, at any time following User's default, and without further notice, any and all of User's property and interest, described above paragraph "(2)", formerly pledged as collateral by User's, now property of Secured Party in respect of this "Self-Executing Contract/Security Agreement in Event of Unauthorized Use," that Secured Party again in Secured Party's sole discretion deem appropriate. Terms for Curing Default: Upon event of default as set forth above under "Default Terms" irrespective of any and all of User's former property and interest in property, described above in paragraph "(2)", in the possession of, as well as dispose of by Secured Party, as authorized above under "Default Terms": User may cure User's default only re the remainder of User's said former property and interest property, formerly pledged as collateral that is neither in the possession of, nor otherwise dispose of by, Secured Party within (20) days of date of User's Invoice default only by payment in full. Terms of Strict Foreclosure. User's non-payment in full of all unauthorized-use fees itemized in invoice within said twenty (20) day period for curing default as set forth above under "Terms for Curing Default" authorizes Secured Party immediate non-judicial strict foreclosure on any and all remaining former property and interest in property, formerly pledge as collateral by, User, now property of Secured Party which is not a possession of, nor otherwise disposed of by Secured Party upon expiration of said twenty (20) day default curing period. Ownership subject to common-law copyright and UCC Financial Statement and Security Agreement filed with the UCC filing office. Record Owner: Donteze Simuel-EL Trustee Autograph Common-Law Copyright 1975. Unauthorized use of "Donteze Simuel-EL" Trustee incurs same unauthorized-use fees as those associated with **DONTEZ LAMONT**

Yaya Toure: I Joined Man City To Become A Soccer Legend

Yaya Toure boasts quite the footballing CV and yet this doesn't even begin to do justice to a career which spanned 19 years, saw him play for seven clubs in seven countries, and culminated in helping spark a new Premier League dynasty into life in Manchester.

Two years have passed since Toure brought his illustrious playing career to an end and still the scale of his achievements in the game, rising out of the Ivory Coast to international acclaim, remain difficult for him to comprehend.

"My face can tell you; I would be happy. I would be amazed," Toure exclusively told Sky Sports when asked what he would have made of his career as a 10-year-old. "At Barcelona in Messi times, playing against Cristiano Ronaldo at his best, all these things, I have been in a good place.

"In the end I think you could say it was top, that it has been a brilliant career full of success and trophies as an individual and collective. I could not have asked for more.

"When players retire from football, some think they should carry on more but for me I was relieved and happy. The pathway through my career was incredible, the journey was impressive and full of hard work, dedication



and sacrifice. I really enjoyed it."

Toure came to attention rising through the ranks of ASEC Mimosas, a club with a rich history based in the capital of the Ivory Coast, Abidjan, but it was his birthplace, Bouake, where his love affair with football truly began.

"I started to love football in Bouake when I was younger," he explained. "My oldest brother, he loves football, and he was play-

ing for a team on the street close to the community. After that, my other brother Kolo started playing and I followed his path.

"When I was in Ivory Coast, unfortunately we didn't have any choice [to play football] because I was one of nine kids. At that time there were so many boys, seven boys, I started to be dedicated because, for me, the ball was my breathing time."

Belgian club Beveren were the

first in Europe to spot Toure's talent, signing him as an 18-year-old in 2001, before moves to Metalurh Donetsk in Ukraine, Olympiakos in Greece and Monaco in France took the precocious talent across the continent.

And it was during these formative years where the midfielder realised he was in the right environment to make his footballing dreams a reality, and that adaptation was needed to achieve his

goals.

"In the beginning it was tough because of the culture, the food, the acclimatisation - I needed to adapt," Toure added.

"When I was there, I realised Europe was where I would realise my dream, playing with the best players, winning important trophies, being around the best players. Since I arrived there my head just clicked, I knew I needed to adapt. It took me six or seven months, but I do it."

It wasn't long before Barcelona came knocking, with Toure further enhancing his reputation during a trophy-laden three seasons under Pep Guardiola in Catalonia.

After scooping seven major honours, including a La Liga, Copa del Rey and Champions League treble in the 2008/09 season, Toure took on a new challenge, a quest for legendary status at Manchester City and the rest was history.

"I wanted to be something unique," Toure recalled. "I wanted to be a legend. That was the plan, to go to a club, make a big impact and maybe be a legend one day."

The term 'legend' is used far too frequently in football but, in the case of Toure, who made over 300 appearances and won every domestic honour during eight remarkable seasons at the Etihad Stadium, it arguably doesn't go far enough.

His winning goals against Manchester United and Stoke in the 2011 FA Cup semi-final and final brought Manchester City's 34-

year wait for a trophy to an end, changing the course of the club's history and laying the foundations for the success he enjoyed and which continues to this day.

"The goal against United was in a really important derby, but it made a real difference when we won the trophy because after that everything changed," he said.

"If you remember after that, the following years was when the players started to come in easy, like they were joining Barcelona, because they knew something was going on there, something was changing, and the fans and players started believing."

Having given so much on the pitch, now Toure has turned his hand to giving back. After coaching spells at Olimpik Donetsk in Ukraine and Akhmat Grozny in Russia, he took up a coaching role at Tottenham's academy, where he oversees the U16s.

"As a coach I am really proud to work for Spurs because the path they are giving to the African and Asian coaches, they have been doing it for ages, and it's brilliant. I respect that and I am fully grateful for that," Toure said.

"When I was a football player, I was able to play with Asian guys, European, eastern European, South American because in football when it comes to players you can see the diversity is there. If this diversity can happen with coaches, it will be brilliant because football is for everyone, everybody has to be involved."

Rivers Merges Black History Lessons Into Camp

CHARLESTON, S.C. (AP) — Doc Rivers is at ease using his platform as an NBA coach to fight bigotry and racial injustice, campaign for politicians he believes in and advocate for social change on themes ranging from poverty to police brutality.

Sometimes, his speeches sound like they were delivered by someone running for office. Might the 60-year-old Rivers, the son of a Chicago police officer, someday stump for change as an actual politician?

"Oh God, no. I wouldn't win, number one," Rivers said. "And number two, that's not what I want to be."

Rivers is fine with wading into political waters — and the older he gets and the more he learns about modern issues and Black history with deep meaning to him, the more he speaks out. At Donald Trump. At police misconduct. At the horrors of racism that have shadowed him his entire life. At the idea that, even as coach of the Philadelphia 76ers, it can still be hard to find his place as a Black man in America.

"When you hear, 'America first,' that scares me, because I'm a Black man and that's not including me," Rivers said last week in an interview with The Associated Press. "I want us to all be included. I want us all to function with each other."

Rivers has become an agent of change in the NBA and found his voice as an activist, trying to contribute perhaps more to the league than he has already, first as an All-Star guard and then with a coaching career that includes the 2008 championship with Boston and a spot this year on the list of the 15 Greatest Coaches in NBA History. That outreach starts at home —



or perhaps, on this point, on the road — where Rivers used training camp not just as the usual time to rehash X's and O's but as a daily history class. The Sixers practiced at The Citadel, the military college where tanks and jets and plaques dedicated to prisoners of wars dot the campus, an education all part of Rivers' plan to squeeze more out of camp than basketball.

"All of it is good for us," Rivers said.

The Sixers usually hold camp at their New Jersey complex but Rivers wanted to strengthen team bonding with a road trip. The Sixers gathered last week for team dinners, played card and video games, and had serious conversations, the type of day-to-day activities largely shelved the last two seasons because of COVID-19 protocols.

"When you have camp at home, you don't get that," Rivers said. "They go home at the end of practice and they don't spend time with each other."

Rivers was a guard with the Knicks in the early 1990s when the team held camp at the College of Charleston. Back then, coach Pat Riley made the players walk from the team hotel to the arena.

The 76ers stuck to the team bus last week.

Rivers and the Sixers organized field trips to the Old Slave Mart Museum, often staffed by individuals who trace their history to the enslaved people of Charleston, and to the Avery Institute of Afro-American History and Culture. Cit-

adel President Gen. Glenn Walters and retired professor and historian Bernard Powers both spoke to the team.

"My people, my African people coming here, the people that gave up their lives for us to be able to be in this position, it was good to learn about all of that," said center Joel Embiid, who was born in Cameroon and recently became a U.S. citizen.

Powers said by phone that he talked to the Sixers at their team hotel about such topics as the role Charleston played in the trans-Atlantic slave trade, the slave revolt of 1739 and the descendants of enslaved people known as Gullah, who live in small island communities scattered over 425 miles (684 kilometers) of the Southern Atlantic U.S. coast.

"This was the port where a greatly disproportionate number of Africans were brought here," Powers said. "This place, more than any other, might be very likely a source of their ancestry. They could think about perhaps having a personal connection to this place."

Rivers believed the experiences resonated with a team full of 20-somethings all the way up to coaching staff veterans.

NC Manufacturing Week

Governor Roy Cooper has proclaimed October 2-8 North Carolina Manufacturing Week. Boasting the fifth-largest manufacturing economy in the United States, which grew 14% last year, and the largest manufacturing workforce in the southeast, manufacturing remains essential to the success of every sector of North Carolina's economy.

"North Carolina manufacturing is thriving and putting more money in the pockets of every day North Carolinians who make up the most talented and skilled workforce in the world," said Governor Cooper. "With more than 10,700 businesses contributing more than \$122 billion to our economy and still growing, we're making computer chips, electric school buses, farm equipment, life saving medicines and so many more products that are being shipped here and around the world. We can be proud when we see the Made in North Carolina label."

According to the economists at the Labor and Economic Analysis Division of the state's Commerce department, for every \$1.00 spent in manufacturing, \$1.80 is generated for North Carolina's economy. Manufacturers account for nearly one-fifth of the state's economic output.

In 2021, 95% of North Carolina exports consisted of \$31.6 billion worth of manufactured products including pharmaceuticals, chemicals, non-ferrous metals, semiconductors, aerospace components, and textiles.

Of North Carolina's recording breaking year for economic development announcements last year, manufacturing represents 67% of all new, relocation, and expansion projects with more than 14,690 new jobs and investments exceeding \$8.6 billion.

"Our economic success is supported by our manufacturing legacy," said N.C. Commerce Secretary Machel Baker Sanders. "Our business climate, central East Coast location, the talented and diverse workforce of 468,000 North Carolinians, and our dedication to further developing that world-class workforce will continue to attract growing manufacturers from across the globe."

Film On Black Maternal Health Crisis Screened At Black Caucus Conf.

Members of the Congressional Black Caucus gathered Friday during the 51st Congressional Black Caucus Foundation Annual Legislative Conference to view a new Birthing Justice, a new feature length documentary from Women in the Room Productions focuses on the stark reality for Black mothers who are three to four times more likely to die from pregnancy related causes than white women in the United States.

Black infants in the US are two times more likely to die than white infants. Birthing Justice follows the stories of several women and healthcare providers and explores why giving birth is highly dangerous for Black women and their babies. The film highlights bright spots and reasons for celebration as well as the challenges.

"As the new Birthing Justice documentary illustrates, the United States is facing a maternal mortality crisis — one that is tragic and unacceptable, but also one that we can end," said Congresswoman Lauren Underwood (D-IL). "I introduced the Black Maternal Health Omnibus Act to comprehensively address the drivers of adverse maternal health outcomes and save moms' lives. By advancing evidence-based solutions like the Omnibus, we can transform our maternity care system and ensure everyone experiences joy when growing their families."

Previously, researchers believed that mortality rates among this demographic were thought to affect poor, less educated women. Now, one major factor recognized by experts is the impact of systemic racism and stress on Black women, negatively affecting their birth outcomes.

The debut screening was held at Walter E. Washington Convention Center and followed by a vibrant panel discussion, including:

Representative Alma Adams (D-NC)

Chiquita Brooks-LaSure, Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services

Ebony Marcelle, director of midwifery at Community of Hope in DC

Stacey D. Stewart, president and CEO, March of Dimes

Birthing Justice places Black women at the center of the fight to repair our broken maternal healthcare system" said Denise Pines, co-founder, Women in the Room Productions. "Our goal is to see the solutions presented in this documentary replicated nationally."

Birthing Justice is scheduled to be released during winter 2023 and travel across the country making key screening and panel discussion stops in 11 cities.

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