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Biden's Labor Proposal Could Shake Up The Gig Economy

The US Department of Labor has proposed a rule that would make it more difficult for companies to treat workers as independent contractors, a change that is expected to shake up ride-hailing, delivery and other industries that rely on gig workers.

Gig company stocks were hammered on the news, with Uber, Lyft and DoorDash all falling at least 10 percent.

The proposal, revealed on Tuesday, would require that workers be considered as company's employees, entitled to more benefits and legal protections than contractors, when they are "economically dependent" on the company. It could have wide-ranging impacts on company profits and hiring, and household incomes and worker quality of life.

The Labor Department could restrict independent contracting and said it will consider workers' opportunities for profit or loss, the permanency of their jobs, and the degree of control a company exercises over a worker, among other factors.

The final rule is expected next year.

Most federal and state labor laws, such as those requiring a minimum wage and overtime pay,



only apply to a company's employees. Employees can cost companies up to 30 percent more than independent contractors, studies suggest.

Millions of Americans are work-

ing "gig" jobs and this labor has become vital to some transportation, restaurant, construction, healthcare and other business models.

United States Labor Secretary

Marty Walsh in a statement said businesses often misclassify vulnerable workers as independent contractors.

"Misclassification deprives workers of their federal labor

protections, including their right to be paid their full, legally earned wages," Walsh said.

The rule is the latest move in a politically charged battle that has pitched Republicans and companies against Democrats and worker groups. It would replace a regulation from the administration of former US President Donald Trump that says workers who own their own businesses or have the ability to work for competing companies, such as a driver who works for Uber and Lyft, can be treated as contractors.

Solicitor of Labor Seema Nanda, the department's top legal official, said on Tuesday that the Trump-era rule, which was favored by business groups, was out of step with decades of federal court decisions.

The new proposal mirrors legal guidance issued by the administration of President Barack Obama, which was withdrawn by the Labor Department under Trump.

More than one-third of US workers, or nearly 60 million people, performed some sort of freelance work in the past 12 months, a December 2021 survey by freelancing marketplace Upwork showed.

Groups representing businesses including the US Chamber of Commerce, which is the largest US business lobbying group, the National Association of Home Builders, the National Retail Federation and Associated Builders and Contractors had met with White House officials to lobby for a more business-friendly stan-

dard. Those groups have said that any broad rule would hurt workers who want to remain independent and have flexibility.

Worker advocacy groups have said that companies are increasingly misclassifying employees as independent contractors, depriving workers of fair pay and benefits to pad their profits. Most worker benefits in the US - including health insurance, sick pay, workers' compensation and unemployment insurance - are attached to an employment relationship.

'A clear blow' Wedbush analyst Dan Ives said in a research note that the proposal is "a clear blow to the gig economy and a near-term concern for the likes of Uber and Lyft".

"With ride-sharing and other gig economy players depending on the contractor business model, a classification to employees would essentially throw the business model upside down and cause some major structural changes if this holds," Ives said.

But both Uber and Lyft dismissed the potential impact of the new rule, saying that they could thrive in either scenario.

"Today's proposed rule takes a measured approach, essentially returning us to the Obama era, during which our industry grew exponentially" CR Wooters, head of federal affairs at Uber, said in a statement.

In a blog post, Lyft said the company had expected this change

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Comm. Leads Charge Against Digital Redlining

By Stacy M. Brown

NNPA

The digital divide and digital redlining, zone casting, and overall access to the internet for Black and brown communities top the agenda of Federal Communications Commissioner Geoffrey Starks.

With three Democrats and two Republicans, the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) is an independent government agency overseen by Congress.

The commission's chief responsibility begins with implementing and enforcing the nation's laws and regulations surrounding communications.

The body regulates interstate and international communications by radio, television, wire, satellite, and cable.

Starks, who's coming up on five years at the FCC, said he believes that communications technology has the potential to be one of the most potent forces



on Earth for promoting equality and opportunity.

"To unlock that potential, however, all Americans must have access," Starks said during an appearance on the National Newspaper Publishers Association's live morning news broad-

cast, "Let It Be Known."

"What we regulate is the infrastructure of the internet, the pipeline," the commissioner added, noting further that the FCC protects consumers and promotes universal service.

"We've been talking about the

digital divide for over 30 years," Starks asserted. "It's no longer just the digital divide, and these are issues of equity, fundamental issues of fairness about who's connected and who's not."

Starks said he's focused on the data that shows a disproportionately high number of Black and brown individuals who remain disconnected on the affordability issue.

"The good news is that Congress has heeded that call, and we now have over \$14 billion [to help] those with low income, those on SNAP, WIC, Medicaid, and public housing. So if you are [in those categories], we will help you get connected to the internet free," Starks pronounced.

"We've got to do better and ensure our brothers and sisters are connected. This helps with job opportunities, telemedicine, and telehealth," he continued. "There are so many reasons we have

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Coach Dawn Staley Earns Billie Jean King Award

South Carolina coach Dawn Staley's busy offseason after winning another NCAA basketball title has included savoring the victory, lining up team-wide NIL deals and supporting coaches of color.

Last season, Staley started handing out pieces of the first championship nets won in 2017, and she plans to hand out the 2022 winning nets to Black sports journalists.

On Wednesday night, she was on the receiving end of more accolades. Staley accepted the Billie Jean King Leadership Award at the Women's Sports Foundation's Annual Salute to Women in Sports.

She recently guided the U.S. women's basketball team to its seventh straight gold medal at the Tokyo Olympics. A 5-foot-6 floor general at Virginia and six-time WNBA All-Star, Staley won three Olympic golds during her playing career.

The Philadelphia native turned around struggling programs at Temple and South Carolina, and the latter now boasts some of the highest attendance in the nation. She watched her former South Carolina star A'ja Wilson win the WNBA

title with the Las Vegas Aces and earn MVP honors last month.

Now among the highest-paid coaches in women's basketball, the 52-year-old Staley enters her 15th season at the helm.

The Naismith Hall of Famer talked to The Associated Press about role models, supporting the community and her 5-year-old Havana dog named "Champ." Comments have been edited for brevity.

AP: Why was it important to hand out pieces of the NCAA title net to coaches of color?

STALEY: It started with (1999 NCAA-winning Purdue coach) Carolyn Peck giving me her piece of the net a few years ahead of our 2017 national championship. Someone had done that for her, and she wanted to pay it forward. When we won in 2017, I wanted to keep that tradition alive. I knew what that tangible piece of the net did for me - gave me a constant reminder of what we were working toward, kept me focused. We tried to get everyone, but we definitely got notes from those we missed, and got pieces out to them, too.



Brown, A PhD Student, Sues UNC-Chapel Hill

By Tyria McCray

Staff Writer

The University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill, known for its prestige and excellence in academia, has made headlines once again regarding racial discrimination.

As the first public university founded in the nation; with its beautiful architecture, some say that racial discrimination is there as well. A former student, Rose Brown, 28, claims she was pushed out of the business program after reporting discrimination she received from faculty members.

Brown was accepted into the school's five-year organizational behavioral program in March 2020 and dismissed from the program in July 2021, the lawsuit alleges.

She was applying to The Kenan-Flagler Business School which serves as an innovative program area where students of different cultures and diversity can intertwine in education; it is rated No. 19 in the latest U.S. News & World Report ranking.

Moreover, while some students report an incredible journey gaining their diplomas, others, like Rose Brown, say they have faced discrimination, racism, and sexism.

As a recent graduate of UNC-Charlotte with a Master's degree from the University of Pennsylvania, Rose was accepted into the School of Business Ph.D. program as the only Black woman in 2020.

Brown entered the Kenan-Flagler Business School that year with

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DEMOCRATS SPEND \$4M MORE AIDING BEASLEY IN NC SENATE RACE

(AP)—National Democrats getting outspent by rival Republican groups in North Carolina's U.S. Senate race sought to narrow the gap Tuesday by running a new commercial criticizing GOP nominee Ted Budd on his abortion views.

Senate Majority PAC, aligned with Majority Leader Chuck Schumer, D-N.Y., said it's spending over \$4 million for an ad campaign over the next two weeks, which includes a television commercial running in all major markets.

The commercial features a physician who warns viewers about

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since the start of the administration of current President Joe Biden. “Importantly this rule: Does not reclassify Lyft drivers as employees. Does not force Lyft to change our business model,” the company said.

Gig economy giants have weathered past attempts in the US to require their workers to be classified as employees.

In 2020, California voters overwhelmingly approved a proposition to exempt drivers for app-based companies from a state law requiring them to be designated as employees. Uber, Lyft and other companies had spent \$200M campaigning in favor of the proposition. However, a judge struck down the ballot measure as unconstitutional last year, setting up a legal fight that could end up in the California Supreme Court.

The Biden administration’s proposal will be formally published on Thursday, kicking off a 45-day public comment period.

Article provided by Aljazeera

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to do so, and I’m passionate about this.”

Earlier this year, the FCC launched a task force to target digital discrimination and “digital redlining.”

Commissioners noted that everyone, regardless of where they live and who they are, needs access to complete high-speed broadband services for 21st-century success.

“Where broadband networks get built shouldn’t be determined by the income, race, ethnicity, or religion of the communities they will serve,” officials noted in a release.

The Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act requires the FCC to create rules and policies to address digital discrimination and redlining to promote equal access.

“The task force was part of the Infrastructure Law,” Starks stated. “I’ve seen digital discrimination firsthand in my travels.

So we’re taking a hard look to ensure digital equity throughout the country. That’s the chief goal.”

Starks also addressed ZoneCasting, the FCC rule that allows stations to broadcast geotargeted content for five minutes or less each hour.

“ZoneCasting is a new technology that’s before me as a commissioner. It’s the ability to use boosting to advertise better locally,” Starks said.

“I have been honored to hear from the National Association of Black Owned Broadcasters and so many of their colleagues there who have made clear that this makes sense for small Black and brown radio stations. I’m working with my colleagues to make sure they know and recognize the value of increasing the ability of small Black and brown radio stations to have hyper-local advertising.”

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high hopes: she wanted to do extensive research on code-switching and diversity and inclusion issues, earn her Ph.D., and become a college professor teaching organizational behavior.

However, according to Brown, the advisors at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill told her that she was not smart enough to attain a Ph.D. in the Business program and belittled her for her “incompetence.”

After filing a civil lawsuit against the business school, Brown said she was forced out for a year without any warning; according to UNC Program Director Matthew Pearsall, Brown was “no longer a good fit for the program.”

Afterward, she filed a com-



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Budd’s support for legislation that would restrict abortions.

“The truth is women should be in charge of their own health care decisions, not politicians like Ted Budd,” Dr. Erica Pettigrew says in the ad.

Tuesday’s announcement brings the amount spent by Senate Majority PAC against Budd or for Democratic nominee Cheri Beasley this year to \$10.5 million, PAC spokesperson Veronica Yoo said.

That compares to over \$20 million that the Senate Leadership Fund—which backs Republican Senate candidates and is linked to Minority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky.—already has spent opposing Beasley, according to campaign finance reports.

Spending by the Senate Leadership Fund and other conservative and Republican groups have helped close the fundraising advantage that Beasley’s campaign had over Budd entering the summer.

Beasley, a former state Supreme Court chief justice, announced separately Tuesday that her campaign raised \$13.3 million during the three months ending Sept. 30. Third-quarter campaign finance reports are due this weekend.

Beasley’s campaign already had raised \$16 million since she entered the race in April 2021. Budd, a current U.S. House member, reported raising \$6.4 million through June 30. The election outcome could decide which party takes a majority in the current 50-50 Senate.

Budd co-sponsored a measure last month to ban abortion nationally after 15 weeks of pregnancy, with some exceptions. He previously backed a bill that would ban abortions after cardiac activity is detected, which is usually around six weeks of fertilization.

During a televised debate last week with Beasley, Budd said “I’ve always been pro-life” and criticized Beasley for supporting federal legislation that would codify the Roe v. Wade standard for abortion rights that was struck down in June by the U.S. Supreme Court.

U.S. Sen. John Kennedy, R-La., was expected to appear at a rally for Budd in Concord late Tuesday. Beasley’s campaign said her planned events for Tuesday had been postponed due to scheduling conflicts.

plaint with the University’s Equal Opportunity Compliance Office complaining of discrimination.

Brown briefly spoke with *The Carolinian* on this matter. “In many ways, it was basically torture. In all honestly, I was ostracized from a faculty standpoint. I was continuously berated with various comments. It was disheartening. It broke me down every day. I had panic attacks every time I went to school.

“Initially, I was taken aback when faculty members failed to include a photo of me, the only Black woman in the Ph.D. program at the time, in the program’s portfolio of candidates,” said Brown.

Just to clarify, Rose Brown did not just accuse the university of discrimination, but also excoriated the program for lack of support when she complained of being sexually assaulted on campus, not once but twice.

UNC-Chapel Hill is no stranger to discrimination headlines. In the spring of last year, Nikole Hannah-Jones, covering ra-

cial injustice for *The New York Times Magazine* and creator of the landmark 1619 Project, did not receive tenure. Her tenure as Knight Chair in Race and Investigative Journalism was initially denied by the board of trustees despite a recommendation by the tenure committee. The board later granted Hannah-Jones tenure after facing backlash from faculty and staff. After declining what was called “a pity offer,” she accepted a tenured position at Howard University.

Brown has not given up on her lawsuit. She is seeking damages for her emotional distress, and she wants justice for what she says happened to her.

Brown also said that her forced removal reflects a pattern of systemic racism at the school. She wants the professors named in the lawsuit to be held accountable for their actions and receive more training in diversity and inclusion.

The Carolinian reached out to university officials but has not received any response.

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Quiet Quitting: Dissatisfied Workers Feel They Can't Speak Up In The Office

By James Detert

Univ of Virginia

U.S. workers have been at the forefront of three big trends in recent months.

First there was the "great resignation," in which record numbers of workers were quitting their jobs. That coincided with a flurry of unionizing efforts at major U.S. companies, including Starbucks and Apple. Most recently, you've probably heard about "quiet quitting," an often-misunderstood phrase that can mean either doing your job's bare minimum or just not striving to overachieve.

As a management professor who has studied worker behavior for over two decades, I believe these are all reactions to the same problem: Workers are dissatisfied in their current jobs and feel they can't speak up, whether about organizational problems, unethical behavior or even just to contribute their knowledge and creative ideas. So in response, they generally either leave or decrease their effort while suffering in silence.

It doesn't have to be this way; but it's also not easy to change. Put simply, it will take coura-

three-quarters of all U.S. workers are "at will"

geous action from not only workers but lawmakers and companies as well.

How often do workers speak up when they see a problem or have an improvement or innovation to suggest? In our field, we call the failure to speak up "organizational silence," and my colleagues and I found it everywhere we looked in America's workplaces.

An online survey I've been conducting since 2018 suggests workers stand up to their boss or other higher-ups about illegal, unethical, hurtful or otherwise inappropriate behavior roughly one-third of the time. The frequency isn't much higher when



the questions involve speaking up about less thorny issues, such as operational problems or ways to improve the organization. The numbers are similar even when the other person is a colleague who has no power over them.

Colleagues who study whistleblowing likewise find that only a fraction of people who see serious wrongdoing take sufficient action to get it stopped, while others have documented how rarely workers say anything when they witness microaggressions.

My own small experiment related to this is illustrative. In my "Defining Moments" class, I teach students how to speak up competently in challenging situations. During the course, I record individual simulations in which students pitch suggestions for improving an unidentified organization's diversity and inclusion efforts to two actors playing the role of senior executives. I instruct the male actor to express at least three microaggressions, such as "Sweetie, you take the notes," toward his female peer during their short interaction with each student.

About half the students - who

range in age from about 25 to 50 - never say a peep in response to the offensive comments. As for the rest, they react to only about half the microaggressions they hear, and typically it's in the form of helping the victim - "I'll take the notes" - rather than confronting the remark itself.

These findings, collectively, demonstrate the significant problems that occur - and are likely to fester - when people stay silent. They also contribute to massive employee disengagement and leave a whole lot of people feeling inauthentic and impotent at work - or just regretful over their failures to act.

It's not, for the most part, that people don't recognize the problems they could or should respond to.

On the survey that immediately followed my microaggression simulation, for example, more than three times as many participants noticed the first problematic comment than spoke up about it. Managers I work with in all sorts of consulting engagements readily admit to a gap between what "should" and "would" be done in situations in which something difficult needs to be said to a boss, a peer or even a subordinate. Asked to explain the gap, I hear the same response that research consistently documents:

People are afraid to initiate those conversations.

In part, this is the nature of working in America today. About three-quarters of all U.S. workers are "at will," meaning they can be fired for nearly any reason - or none at all. This is why you hear stories of people being fired for speaking up about issues that seem pretty important or reasonable. And for what it's worth, there is no free speech in the workplace, as the First Amendment does not apply to "private actors."

As I describe in my 2021 book "Choosing Courage," there are four common fears that keep people from speaking up or being completely honest when they do:

Economic or career consequences - push your boss to be more flexible about work hours or where you work from and you might find yourself off the promotion track or even told to find a new job.

Social exclusion - confront your peers about missed deadlines or their comments toward those of another race or gender and you might be eating lunch alone.

Psychological pain - offer a novel improvement idea that gets harshly shot down and you might start doubting yourself.

Physical harm - stand up to a customer or co-worker who is violating a policy or speaking inappropriately and you might get punched or threatened with a weapon.

Even if you haven't recently experienced any of these negative consequences, you probably still have a set of internalized beliefs about the dangers of speaking up that leads toward self-censoring in situations where it might actually be safe to speak up.

While I believe workers bear some responsibility when they don't speak up, companies and other organizations are also at fault for creating cultures and conditions that don't encourage honesty.

FUNDraising Good Times

By Mel & Pearl Shaw
Saad & Shaw



HOW TO SOLICIT A GIFT FOR A NONPROFIT

It's time to ask, but just exactly what do you say?

As fall begins it is time for nonprofits to focus on fundraising. This is when you may be called upon to ask your friends, family members and colleagues to consider making a meaningful gift to an organization you believe in. You may have the internal fortitude to overcome your fear of asking (read, fear of rejection), but what exactly do you say and do?

Make your own gift first. As a volunteer fundraiser you need to make your own gift before you can ask someone else to give. If you're not willing to give, why should anyone respond to your ask? Consider sharing how much you gave and why. If you made a stretch in your giving, talk about what motivated you to do so.

Be prepared. As a solicitor you will need to "make the case" for why others should join you in giving. This means knowing the nonprofit's history, mission, successes, challenge areas and projected growth. Brush up on your facts (check out the website!). You'll want to be able to talk numbers and emotions. Depending on who you are talking with you may be asked to explain allocation of current funds, costs associated with growth, and revenue streams. At the same time you have to talk passionately from a feeling place about what the organization means to you and those served.

Don't hide behind email. If you're asked to solicit a meaningful gift, do it in person. Make an appointment, and make the reason for your meeting clear. For example, "Jane, can you join me for coffee on Friday? It will be my treat. I want to talk with you about the food bank." This allows your friend to begin thinking about how to respond. When its time for the meeting, get dressed up. This is a big deal. The money you raise makes a difference to the organization you represent. Mentally rehearse your conversation. Remember to arrive early and, after initial conversation, make the ask. Do not let too much time lapse before you bring up the subject of giving.

Prepare for objections. Your passion isn't an excuse for not knowing your facts. Make sure you are prepared to answer specific questions your colleagues may have. Put yourself in their shoes: what do you want to know before deciding whether or not to make a donation?

Ask for a specific amount. It's okay to ask. In fact, that's what fundraising is all about. Make sure you ask for a specific amount and then pause. Be quiet. Wait for the response. Don't rush to fill the silence. Your answer will come.

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Largest Black-Controlled Cannabis Producer In Columbia Announces Its Latest Investment

By Stacy M. Brown

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One World Products, Inc. has announced that it has filed its S-1 with the Securities and Exchange Commission as part of the recently announced common stock purchase agreement and registration rights agreement with an institutional investor for up to \$10 million worth of shares issuable over 36 months.

The shares are based upon the current market price of the stock at the time.

Upon filing the S-1, the institutional investor has made its second fixed-price follow-on equity investment of \$150,000, which is also subject to Rule 144 and a 6-month holding period.

Both fixed-price equity investments were priced at \$0.15 per share.

One World Products Inc. (OWP) is Columbia's largest Black-controlled, fully licensed hemp and cannabis producer.

Basketball legend Isiah Thom-



as serves as chairman and CEO of the company.

"We are delighted that our newest institutional investor clearly values the vision and tremendous growth potential that we see for OWP," Thomas stated in a news release.

"Their second equity investment provides additional capital that will be used to continue to scale our operations in Columbia, enhance industrial sales of

hemp products to customers and expand our carbon credits program."

Thomas continued:

"Of tremendous importance to us has been the faith and enthusiasm this institutional investor has demonstrated, evidenced by their \$300,000 investment that is priced approximately 50% higher than our recent share price.

"Even more supportive long

term, they are allowing us control over the timing and amounts of future equity capital, which enables us to take advantage of sudden increases in our stock price.

"Furthermore, one of our original investors in OWP has increased his investment, enabling us to restructure our debt with much more favorable terms. I would also like to highlight that I am personally investing an additional \$500,000 at \$0.15 per share in \$100,000 increments over the next five months.

"As an ascendant international hemp and cannabis company focused on environmental, social, and governance (ESG) standards, we believe that these latest rounds of investment and refinancing position us well to elevate the Company to the next level."

A more detailed description of the Agreements was outlined in One World Products' Current Reports on Form 8-K as filed with the SEC.

Overall Holiday Spending Will Be Down

Highlighting consumer purchasing behaviors during milestone promotional days, Simon-Kucher & Partners revealed the findings of its 2022 US Holiday Shopping Study which details how 89 percent of consumers expect to participate in holiday shopping but are spending less than they did in previous years.

As inflation continues and consumers' budgets shrink, more than two-thirds (71 percent) of shoppers expect to spend less than \$200 on Black Friday, which accounts for a significant drop in spending habits com-

pared to prior years.

According to the study, consumers are more conscious about inflation and budgeting, leading to a demand for a wider range of retail discounts. Shoppers are no longer expecting the deep discounts offered during the height of the pandemic; in fact, their expectations track closer to those in 2019. Additionally, there is an increase in consumers expecting particularly lower discounts, with about four times as many consumers compared to 2021 expecting discounts at 10 percent or less.

Expectations of discounts of 26 percent or greater were comparable with the 2019 shopping season.

The rise of the newest generation of spenders.

The study also details how Gen Z will participate more than previous years as this cohort's budgets increase and its spending habits evolve. In all major promotional holidays, Gen Z has expressed the highest participation intention across generations with 88 percent planning to participate in Black Friday, 80 percent in Amazon Prime

Day and 78 percent in Labor Day and Back-to-School Shopping.

"The data explains how Gen Z tends to spend more on products which will grant them memorable experiences, social status and recognition," explained Shikha Jain, Partner at Simon-Kucher & Partners. "Based on these findings, Gen Z is expected to lead sales in the technology, luxury products, sports and leisure equipment and event tickets sectors during these promotional events compared to other generations."



Know the Signs of a Natural Gas Leak

Natural gas is one of the cleanest and safest energy sources available, but leaks can occur in rare instances.

Signs of an indoor gas leak:

- an odor that smells like rotten eggs
- unusual noises coming from your gas equipment

Signs of an outdoor gas leak:

- dirt or debris being blown into the air
- persistent bubbles from wet areas on the ground
- vegetation over or near a pipeline appears discolored or dead

If you smell natural gas or notice any of these signs, **leave the area immediately. DO NOT** attempt to find the leak yourself. **DO NOT** turn on or off any electrical switches. **DO NOT** use the telephone in your home. **Leave immediately**, go to a nearby phone and call Dominion Energy North Carolina at **1-877-776-2427** and **911**. We'll send someone right away to investigate.



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Black Women Endure Legacy Of Racism In Homeownership

By Robin Bartram

The Conversation

Yolanda, 61, owns a home in the predominantly Black 7th Ward neighborhood in New Orleans.

To fix her leaking roof in 2020, she had to borrow money.

"It's one of them credit card loans," she said. "Like interest of 30 percent and all that, you know. I was kind of backed up against the wall, so I just went on and made the loan, a high-interest loan."

As a sociologist who has spent the past 10 years studying housing conditions in the U.S., I led a research team that conducted interviews with homeowners who are struggling with basic maintenance such as rotting wood siding and floors, mold, crumbling brickwork, outdated plumbing and leaking ceilings. Our first paper from this project is currently under peer review.

Like Yolanda, our interviewees—whom we gave pseudonyms to protect their privacy—were almost all Black women over the

age of 60 who lived in old buildings in neighborhoods that have borne the brunt of discrimination—such as redlining and inequitable land use decisions—and disinvestment.

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Yolanda had already been living there for a decade before the highway was built.

Though brightly painted, Yolanda's home is separated from I-10 only by an empty lot, and the constant noise and higher rates of pollution make it hard to imagine Yolanda would be able to sell her home for a profit or use its declining value as equity.

Did Yolanda take out a high-interest loan for nothing?

Was she throwing good money after bad? These are not easy questions to answer.

Like other Black female homeowners whom we interviewed, Yolanda had to choose between debt and disrepair.

As she explained, she was "backed up against a wall."

According to a 2022 analysis of federal census data by Harvard's Joint Center for Housing Studies, nearly a third of homeowners who earn less than \$32,000—about 4.8 million people—spent nothing on maintenance or improvements.

I have noticed worrying trends in the circumstances of those who live in housing in disrepair.

In my book, *Stacked Decks*, I explore the connections between urban housing, race, gender and income inequality.

Since at least the 1970s, real estate agents and lenders have exploited the precarious financial positions of Black women and sold them mortgages on homes in poor condition.

Today—50 years later—these

homes pose even greater health and safety risks to their owners than when they first bought them.

Studies show that after less than two years of ownership, disrepair makes maintaining a livable home difficult for low-income homeowners.

Unaddressed repairs such as leaky roofs or broken pipes frequently result in code violations and court cases, which prompt liens, foreclosures and the possibility of homelessness.

The situation is worse for Black women, who have much less wealth, on average, than their white or male counterparts.

Without money to pay for repairs, female homeowners face incurring more debt if they make repairs.

Climate change means that these problems are getting worse

as a result of increased rainfall and extreme temperatures.

Doris, a homeowner in Chicago, told us in 2021 about her old and leaking roof and the flooding in her basement. She explained that the flooding was partially due to the overflowing of nearby city-owned drainage pipes.

"Every time it rains, the water comes in," she said. "By the sewer not being clean... so much water came in my basement that my washer and dryer was floating up on the water." An insurance claim covered some of the costs of this repair for Doris, and the city is experimenting with new ways to tackle floodwater, but water still gets in when it rains hard.

The racism pervading the housing industry is now well known. The real estate industry has, at different points in history, excluded Black Americans from homeownership, included them through predatory loans and deals and reinforced racial segregation by denying loans to Black and other minority residents. Known as redlining, the practice became a self-fulfilling prophecy of disinvestment and declining values.

But real estate agents and mortgage brokers were sexist as well.

These real estate agents and mortgage brokers knew Black women had limited options and assumed they would be likely to default on their mortgages.

Black women were consistently sold homes that needed repairs.

A lot can happen to a house in 50 years.

Buildings naturally deteriorate over time, because of the combination of aging construction materials and weather. At some point, all homes need repairs and preventive maintenance.

Chicagoan Kimberly cares for her grandson almost full time and told us about her concerns about the rotted wood that has made her back porch dangerous to stand on.

"We don't go out of the back door at all," Kimberly said. "We have not used that in years. Four years now. Four years we have not used the back porch at all."

Disrepair is an issue of environmental injustice. The government has a responsibility to help with repairs because of its role in the housing discrimination that has created such racial disparities in housing conditions.

But, like disaster relief, assistance to homeowners is uneven and hard to obtain.



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NC Central Gets Grant For Study

DURHAM—The North Carolina Central University (NCCU) Department of Political Science has been awarded a three-year, \$243,709 grant from the National Science Foundation (NSF) to examine the roles of elites, organizations and social movements in the government's policymaking process.

The multi-campus project led by NCCU associate political science professors Jarvis Hall, Ph.D., and Artemesia Stanberry, Ph.D., also includes a team of researchers from Emory University, Georgia State University, Howard University and the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville (U of A-Fayetteville).

According to Hall, the partner institutions play an invaluable role as they are situated in pivotal states and locations that are at the heart of the recent shifts in political behavior, and thus in a prime position to lead efforts in understanding this new direction in American politics.

NCCU officials were first introduced to the grant opportunity by university alumnus Najja Baptist, Ph.D., assistant professor of political science at partner institution U of A-Fayetteville.

"North Carolina Central University has always been at the forefront of civic engagement," says Hall.

"We are grateful to Dr. Najja Baptist, a graduate of NCCU's Political Science Department, for sharing this opportunity and helping us launch a network with our other partner institutions that will facilitate research on how organizations and movements work to drive participation, preferences and policymaking at the state and federal levels."

The project will include the development of a rapid response mobile polling unit that will connect with individuals engaged in protests and elections.

Through survey tools, focus groups and interviews with protesters and organizers, researchers will explore how organizations and low-participatory

groups (i.e. young, racial and ethnic minorities, and disengaged citizens) drive political preferences and participation; the responses of policymakers regarding the collective demands of political organizations to seek out—or prevent—policy change; and interactions among organizations, decision makers and the electorate contribute to promoting and sustaining a more inclusive and resilient multiracial democracy.

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Mid-Atlantic Director Honored

On Sunday, Sept. 18, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated® Alpha Theta Omega Chapter of Raleigh hosted an Inaugural Celebration at the Marriott Hotel Crabtree to congratulate Mrs. Nadine Vargas Stewart as the sorority's 20th Mid-Atlantic Regional Director.

Chapter President Mrs. Gladys R. Walker greeted the more than 300 guests. Mrs. Linda Gill, chairman of the Inaugural Celebration and of the Mid-Atlantic Region Spiritual Care Team, delivered the occasion and blessing.

Ms. L'Tonya Stewart, Mid-Atlantic Region Event Planner, introduced the 18th Mid-Atlantic Regional Director, Lt. Col. Joyce Henderson, who gave congratulatory comments. Both Dr. Gill and Ms. L'Tonya Stewart are members of Alpha Theta Omega Chapter.

Mrs. Stewart was installed July 14, in Orlando, Fla., as the Mid-Atlantic Regional Director at the Na-



tional Convention for Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated®. Her installation had special significance for Alpha Theta Omega Chapter because she is a member.

Many Alpha Theta Omega Chapter members attended the affair along with members from the community, Divine Nine and chapters across the Mid-Atlantic Region and beyond. Past Mid-Atlantic Regional Directors other

than Lt. Col. Henderson in attendance were the 13th Mid-Atlantic Regional Director, Dr. Doris R. Asbury, the 14th Mid-Atlantic Regional Director, Mrs. Clara M. Hines, the 15th Mid-Atlantic Regional Director, Dr. Caroline L. Lattimore, the 17th Mid-Atlantic Regional Director, Dr. Linda H. Gilliam and the 19th Mid-Atlantic Regional Director, Ms. Jennifer King Conleton.

The Mid-Atlantic Region covers an extensive network of more than 130 chapters with more than 13,000 undergraduate, graduate, and general members throughout the state of North Carolina and the Commonwealth of Virginia.

As a life member who has served at the local, regional, and international levels of Alpha Kappa Alpha, Mrs. Stewart hopes to "create opportunities for members to network, nurture and (serve) with excellence, character, and transparency."

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Ag-Grow-Culture

Black Farming Cooperatives Are Not New, But Again Needed

By Jason Lindsay

Staff Writer

The farm has traditionally been a place where the job is too big for one person. Within indigenous culture there are sayings like: "many hands make light work," to express the importance of working together.

Another saying is: "if you want to go fast, go alone, but if you want to go far, go together." We understood that the greatest of works could not be the accomplishment of an individual, but must be fashioned by the vision of the collective.

One indigenous chief exercised the wisdom of his ancestors through his words: "man does not weave this web of life. He is merely a strand of it. Whatever he does to the web, he does to himself." The priority of collective work for the very things we held as necessity was embroidered into the fabrics of our culture and was nourished through an understanding of the importance of nature itself and each other.

Colonialism came with a new blanket though. The Trans-Atlantic Slave Trade was initiated by a strong demand for skilled hands to cultivate a new nation into stardom.

The application of emancipation brought about a rise in sharecropping because the load of operating a farm was a little more than desired. The gentleman's ranch or gentlemen farming roosted on the sweat dampened shoulders of Black American sharecroppers throughout America and tenant farmers/peasant farmers worldwide. The demand for skilled hands on the farm has given space for big agriculture to find refuge in fields once populated with the cores of free labor and the ploy of Hispanic and Caribbean farm workers have made up for the slack of chemical/mechanical large farm systems.

In this race to meet the demands of the farm, America (big agriculture) has depended on exploitation resulting in infringement upon the rights of the peo-



ple and the land, damaging both in the process.

If you were to flip the pages through the saga of Black American agrarianism we would find that the only way Black America has survived the downtrodden action of the United State was through collective work and shared responsibly (third Kwanzaa principle: Ujima (Swahili). This was a concept that we carried in our blood, practiced as a day-to-day ritual with one another, and the hostile environment made it easier to do so.

The 1860's brought the Emancipation Proclamation (1863) via the Lincoln administration. Many enslaved didn't find out until years later (Juneteenth, 1865). By the 1870s the Black population in American had increased by almost a million. Black towns and business had sprung up all over, especially in the south. The Black farmer, for the first time under the United States corporation, found ownership. W.E.B. Du Bois estimated that Black folk had purchased over 3 million farm acres by 1875 and by the 1900's that number had reached over 12 million and the age of "Black Populism" (a movement constructed by Black farmers,

sharecroppers, and agrarian workers across the south) was born.

The Black Populism movement was one of the biggest Black political movement until the Civil Right movement of the 1960's and the name of the game was organizing collectively. The people understood where they were placed in society and that for them to overcome, we needed one another. Organizations were erected all throughout the south, bringing capacity to the movement. The "Colored Farmer National Alliance," (1886) a cooperative union was one of them and by 1891 had orchestrated a membership of 1.12 million throughout 20 states.

This was a clear sign of the desire and demand for justice and opportunity. Our needs were simple. We sought to grow Black agrarian business. We needed aid in buying, selling, and access to capital.

As is still the same today, buying in bulk brings down the cost of individual units. So Black coops would purchase seeds, equipment, including processing machinery as a collective, not individually, giving every participant a better price.



Because hatred and discrimination was so prevalent amongst White Americans, a fair price for our products was almost never seen. Yet, this created space for Black innovation, and Black marketing coops to give space for the Black producer to meet a fair price.

In 1999 the federal government lost the biggest civil rights settlement in human history (Pigford v. Glickman). Black farmers who experienced farm loan and assistance discrimination via USDA (United States Department of Agriculture) from 1981 to 1996 settled for \$1.2 billion. So, think about it. If the discrimination opposed to the Black farmers was bad enough to lead to the largest civil rights settlement in human history with cases only from 1981 to 1996, what were the lending practices of White-owned banks for Black farmers in the late 1800's?

For the very large majority there were no lending practices, they would not lend to us. This brought the upsurge of the Black credit union and organizational lending programs successfully lending over 13 million dollars

over the course of a few decades. Patterns like these were deeply present in the Black community and there was no concept that "black folks can't work together." We did and when we did, we owned it, this concept of poverty was obsolete. We found riches in each other even in the face of deeply rooted hatred from White America.

This hate would amplify leading to the heinous act of lynching (over a hundred on record annually most accruing on Sunday) and assassination of both Black and White union/cooperative leads. White newspapers amongst other media platforms spread propaganda to instigate divides amongst Blacks and Whites and conjure up the White fear of Black retaliation. Yet, this didn't stop us.

From 1900-1920 Black American's landownership had increased by 5 million acres and the Black farmer made-up 14 percent of the farming population in the nation. Over 100 HB-CUs (Historically Black Colleges and Universities) were formed all throughout the south as far north as Pennsylvania. Nineteen

of these institutions were created as land grant institutions for the development of the Black farmer. One of them was Tuskegee University, first known as the Tuskegee Institute, founded by Booker T. (Taliaferro) Washington at age 25 and the one of the greatest Black agrarian minds of all time, George Washington Carver, who led the agriculture department at age 32 for 47 years.

This concept of individual success in the Black community is not of the Black community. I would go as far as to say that individualistic thinking is a calamity to Black progression.

We must not forget these times of collective Black populism and that it was the collective unionized cooperative action that created the movement of Black populism. It is important to understand that many of us (black folk) push these times out of our head because of the trauma inflicted by hatred, but we must not throw the baby out with the bath water. Because the baby of collective work is a girl that will give birth to the truest, most tangible liberation.

Barges Grounded By Low Water Paralyze Mississippi River Traffic



(AP) The unusually low water level in the lower Mississippi River is causing barges to get stuck in mud and sand, disrupting river travel for shippers, recreational boaters and even passengers on a cruise line.

Lack of rainfall in recent weeks has left the Mississippi River approaching record low levels in some areas from Missouri south through Louisiana. The U.S. Coast Guard said at least eight "groundings" of barges have been reported in the past week, despite low-water restrictions on barge loads.

One of the groundings happened Friday between Louisiana and Mississippi, near Lake Providence, Louisiana. It halted river traffic in both directions for days "to clear the grounded barges from the channel and to deepen the channel via dredging to prevent future groundings," U.S. Army Corps of Engineers spokesperson Sabrina Dalton said in an email.

As a result, dozens of tows and barges were lined up in both directions, waiting to get by. The stoppage also brought a halt to a Viking cruise ship with about 350 passengers on board, said R. Thomas Berner, a Penn State professor emeritus of journalism and American studies, and one of the passengers.

The Viking ship was originally supposed to launch from New Orleans on Saturday, but the water there was so low that the launch was moved to Baton Rouge, Louisiana, Berner said.

By Tuesday, the ship was halted near Vicksburg, Mississippi, due to the backup caused by the grounding. It wasn't near a dock

so passengers couldn't leave. The ship's crew kept people entertained as much as possible with music, games and other activities.

"Some of us are taking naps," Berner joked.

The stuck barges were freed midday Tuesday. Berner said the cruise ship restarted Tuesday night, but the restart didn't last long: Viking told passengers in a letter Wednesday that the rest of the scheduled two-week trip was being called off, citing low water problems causing additional closures. Viking made arrangements to get passengers home and the letter said they would get a full refund.

Nearly all of the Mississippi River basin, from Minnesota through Louisiana, has seen below-normal rainfall since late August. The basin from St. Louis south has been largely dry for three months, according to the National Weather Service.

The timing is bad because barges are busy carrying recently harvested corn and soybeans up and down the river.

Lucy Fletcher of the agricultural retailer AGRIServices of Brunswick, who serves on the board for the St. Louis-based trade association Inland Rivers, Ports & Terminals, said navigation woes on the Mississippi, Missouri and other major rivers have some shippers looking at other means of transportation.

"Can they divert to rail?" Fletcher asked. "Well, there's not an abundance of rail availability. And usually people are booking their transportation for fall early in the season. So if they haven't

booked that freight already, you're going to see people in dire straits."

Fletcher said that with the supply chain still snagged following the COVID-19 pandemic, trucks also are largely booked and unavailable.

Mike Steenhoek, executive director of Soy Transportation Coalition, said 29% of the nation's soybean crop is transported by barge. He estimated that barge capacity is down by about one-third this fall because of limits on the tows caused by the low water. That reduced capacity at a time when demand remains high is contributing to a 41% jump in barge shipping prices over the past year.

Matt Ziegler, manager of public policy and regulatory affairs for the National Corn Growers Association, said about 20% of the corn crop is exported, and nearly two-thirds of those exports typically travel down the Mississippi River on barges before being sent out of New Orleans.

"It's certainly the worst time possible for these bad conditions," Ziegler said.

To keep river traffic flowing, the Corps of Engineers has been dredging the Mississippi at several spots and placed limits on the number of barges each tow can move.

The forecast for much of the Mississippi River basin calls for continued dry weather in the near future. Fletcher is hopeful the winter will bring some relief.

"We need a good year for lots of snow melt," she said. "The whole system's just going to need some water."

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Community

Willie Rowe Want To Change The Image Of The Sheriff's

By Tyria McCray

Staff Writer

Amid the highly anticipated Wake County Sheriff's election, candidate Willie Rowe, a former Wake County deputy and a 28-year veteran of the sheriff's office has made it known that he plans to bring change to Wake County.

In the July 26 runoff, current Wake County Sheriff Gerald Baker was defeated by his Democratic challenger Willie Rowe. According to the results, Rowe received more than 75 percent of the vote, making him the Democratic party's nominee.

Rowe, a former Wake County deputy, will now face off against

former Wake County Sheriff Donnie Harrison, the Republican nominee, on the November ballot. As an Army veteran and retired major from the Wake County Sheriff's Office with more than 40 years of service in public safety, Rowe said that he will use his experience and leadership skills to restore public trust in the Sheriff's Office leadership.

His vision is to serve and protect; reduce crime and enhance public safety, improve morale, and increase officers' presence and community engagement by building trusted relationships and open and honest communication with the community.

His experience includes service as a Sergeant, U.S. Army

Military Police; Retired Major, Wake County Sheriff's Office with 28 years of service (21 years as a supervisor); Security Officer, Office of Administrative Hearings; Liaison, Wake County Clerk of Superior Court; Chairman, Wake County ABC Board and Chairman, Raleigh Inter-Church Housing, as well as a graduate of the NCSU Administrative Officers Management Program and Raleigh Police Department Leadership Institute.

In addition, he has assisted in community volunteering, financial support of nonprofit organizations, and continuous engagement to address affordable housing, and ending hunger and homelessness.

The Carolinian interviewed Rowe on his plans for Wake County.

"I initially ran for sheriff in 2014 and lost," said Rowe. "I was planning to run in 2018 but due to personal reasons, I had to forego it. Now, with the current situation, the crime increasing in our community, as well as the low morale are some of the challenges that we are facing now."

"Also, there needs to be someone who I think has the ability to not only manage a department and reduce crime but also build a relationship with the community."

After speaking with a Wake County resident, they shared a common concern which was

community engagement. One young woman said that solutions can be implemented thoroughly if only the sheriff's office would take out the time to hear from the public.

"What is the point of serving and protecting the community when they are not even taking out the time to listen to the community?" asked Natasha Peavy, resident of Washington Terrace.

In order to increase community engagement around town, Rowe said he plans to raise staffing numbers so they can begin to address those prominent problems and ultimately find a solution.

"In regaining trust within the community, with the reputation that I already have within Wake County, I plan to build on rela-

tionships I already have by continuing to be open, transparent, and more engaging with the city of Raleigh," he said.

In regards to more engagement, he plans to initiate a citizens academy which will provide ride-alongs so residents can partake in community input and hopefully tear down that wall of mistrust.

Furthermore, he added that if elected, more town halls will take place, as well as community events, and connecting with residents via social media. One unique aspect is his plan to develop an app where the Wake County Sheriff's Office can alert residents of any news, good or bad, as well as let residents voice their opinion on such matters.

Black NC Republican Powerhouse Dead At 74

DURHAM (AP)—Dr. Ada Fisher, a retired physician who was one of North Carolina's members on the Republican National Committee for more than a decade, has died at age 74, a funeral home said Tuesday.

Fisher, who gained prominence as a Black Republican who pushed for more diversity within the GOP, died last Friday in Salisbury, according to Fisher Memorial Funeral Parlor in Durham. Christopher C. Fisher, a parlor staff member and Ada Fisher's nephew, didn't immediately have information on a cause of death.

Ada Fisher also was known for her no-nonsense conservative views and her early support for former President Donald Trump. Fisher made the 2016 announce-



ment on the Republican National Convention floor that gave 29 delegate votes to Trump.

A Durham native who earned advanced degrees from the University of Wisconsin and John Hopkins University, Fisher en-

tered politics after a career as a practicing physician in both family practice and corporate settings. She settled in Salisbury.

Fisher, who was once a board member for the Rowan-Salis-

bury schools district, ran unsuccessfully for the Republican nomination for U.S. Senate in 2002. She also ran for the U.S. House, losing to Rep. Mel Watt, D-N.C., in the 2004 and 2006 general elections.

State GOP activists elected Fisher as an RNC committeewoman in 2008 and she remained in the position until 2020.

"Dr. Ada Fisher was an incredible woman and an NCGOP institution who fought harder than anyone to support the party and advance conservative principles," U.S. Sen. Thom Tillis, R-N.C., wrote in a tweet Monday.

Many of her views were expressed in letters to the editor which were printed in *The Carolinian*, which continued running up until last month.



Community Impact Day

Alpha Theta Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. @ in conjunction with ATO, Inc. recently visited the campuses of St. Augustine's University and Shaw University, as part of a community service project for the Chapter's Community Impact Day.

The Chapter donated monetary gifts to support the initiative to help fund our Historically Black Colleges and Universities and delivered care packages for students to support them as they enter their current phase of college life.

Shaw University's Student Center and St. Augustine's University Chancellor Dr. Christine McPhail were on hand to receive the donations and care packages.

Members from the Chapter present were Chapter President, Gladys Walker, Vice President, Evelyn Baird, Dr. Sonja Brown, Dr. Linda Gill and Nicole Fitts.

Durham's Walltown Gets Recognition, New Sign

By Tyria McCray

Staff Writer

A historically African-American neighborhood in Durham, located between West Durham Historic District and Trinity Historic District, recently received an official gateway.

George Wall was newly freed from slavery at the turn of the 20th century, becoming the first custodian in what became Duke University. He built the first home in the neighborhood next to Duke's east campus and it quickly became a haven for working class Black Durham residents who called it Walltown.

During his childhood, Wall worked as a farm laborer before obtaining his freedom. Wall and his family settled near Trinity College after its relocation to Durham. They purchased a lot nearby, and built a house in 1906.

Later on, the area expanded and became known as Walltown, now serving as a residential neighborhood for service staff at Duke University. Walltown is such a prominent neighborhood in Durham because of its Black history. In 1910 the first church was built in the neighborhood and it was named Wall Street Baptist Church, in honor of Wall.

In 1937 the Walltown Community Council was formed and two years later had an all-female leadership team. By 1948 two female members of the Durham Negro Youth Federation led a door-to-door voter registration drive in Walltown and Hicktown to encourage African-American citizens to vote in an election for Durham County Commissioner.

In May 1958 the first legal challenge against racial segregation in Durham Public Schools was filed by Rachel Richardson, a resident of Walltown, and Evelyn McKissick, wife of Floyd McKissick. Many of the anti-segregation protesters in Durham were residents of Walltown.

Fast forward to the 1970s, Walltown became an epicenter of crime and poverty and began experiencing high vacancy rates. By the 1980s, Walltown's poverty, unemployment and crime rates exceeded the city average. In 1990, 73 percent of the homes in Walltown were rental properties rather than owner occupied properties.

In 1994, the Center for Community Self-Help commenced a large-scale housing renovation program in the neighborhood. In 1998, 79 percent of residents lived below the poverty line.

By the 21st century, Walltown was facing periods of gentrification due to its close proximity to downtown Durham and Duke University. Walltown is mostly surrounded by blue-collar neighborhoods, such as Watts-Hillandale and Trinity Park are historically White and affluent. In 2006 the crime rate in Walltown reduced to half the percentage

rate it had in 1996.

Self-Help Corporation's efforts in the 1990s led to the brokering of affordable rental housing for Duke employees and students and the creation of Trinity Heights Homesites.

In 2018, leaders of the Walltown Community Association met with Durham City Council officials to propose city regulations and zoning standards to



help reduce property tax increases and raised rent in the neighborhood, which has forced some residents to relocate.

Many descendants of Wall and the Walltown Community Association have been lobbying for more than 20 years to erect a marker to symbolize the cultural significance of the neighborhood. Since the community is continually being gentrified, last Saturday's unveiling was a heartfelt culmination of the hard work that residents and descendants put in.

At the end of July 2020, the Walltown Community Association formed the Northgate Mall Neighborhood Council (NMNC), with residents representing seven neighborhoods: Walltown, Northgate Park, Duke Park, Trinity Park, Trinity Heights, Watts Hospital Hillandale and Old West Durham. Last year, The Wall-

town Community Association (WCA) helped organize a press conference to grapple with the ongoing gentrification.

At the gathering, community leaders discussed their two-year-long fight following the 2018 purchase of the 45-acre Northgate Mall by Northwood Ravin. A resident stated that developers are aggressive, as they approached homes of working-class people

ing the design and construction.

The city of Durham and the Walltown Community Association (WCA), still have plans to work together to not only highlight the town's history but fight for accessible and affordable housing.

"with envelopes full of cash offering to buy your house."

During Saturday's unveiling, a descendant of George Wall shared heartfelt sentiments amongst the crowd.

"Our grandparents, our mothers, and fathers worked hard for so many years to get Walltown where it is today," said Annie Smith-Vample. "And now to be recognized so anyone that comes in the city of Durham sees, this is awesome. I just encourage anybody if you're riding by or driving by, take time to look at this sign, take pictures of the sign. Come to Walltown. We are on the map now. So come to Walltown."

Durham Parks and Rec provided the land where the sign was built at the intersection of West Club Boulevard and Onslow Street. The Amy E. Kelly Education Foundation assisted in fund-

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Raleigh, NC - The Wake County office of the Senior Community Service Employment Program (SCSEP) will hold a mass enrollment event on Tuesday, October 18, 2022, 10:00 AM To 3:00 PM at the NC Works Career Center, located at 1830-B Tillery Place, Raleigh.

This SCSEP enrollment event will give many Wake County residents, who may be seeking a job but need training, an opportunity to get back into the workforce and become more marketable. A training stipend at the minimum wage of \$7.25/per hour for approximately 15-20 hours per week will enable participants to focus on the on-the-job training, with the goal of acquiring higher paying, unsubsidized employment. Training is offered with a variety of non-profit or public offices such as hospitals, health departments, schools, senior centers, government agencies, libraries, thrift stores and more.

Persons interested in attending this event can ask questions and/or reserve a seat by calling the Raleigh SCSEP office at (919) 754-5370 or (919) 754-5371. Those attending will need to bring their Driver's License or other government-issued ID, Social Security card, proof of income (Social Security, SSI, etc.) and a simple resume or list of prior work experiences.

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White Nationalism vs. Church

By Sara Kamali

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In September 2022, President Joe Biden convened a summit called United We Stand to denounce the “venom and violence” of White nationalism ahead of the midterm elections.

His remarks repeated the theme of his prime-time speech in Philadelphia on Sept. 1, 2022, during which he warned that America’s democratic values are at stake.

“We must be honest with each other and with ourselves,” Biden said. “Too much of what’s happening in our country today is not normal. Donald Trump and the MAGA Republicans represent extremism that threatens the very foundations of our republic.”

While that message may resonate among many Democratic voters, it’s unclear whether it will have any impact on any Republicans whom Biden described as “dominated and intimidated” by former President Donald Trump, or on independent voters who have played decisive roles in elections, and will continue to do so, particularly as their numbers increase.

It’s also unclear whether Trump-endorsed candidates can win in general elections, in which they will face opposition not only from members of their own party but also from a broad swath of Democrats and independent voters.

What is clear is that this midterm election cycle has revealed the potency of conspiracy theories that prop up narratives of victimhood and messages of hate across the complex American landscape of White nationalism.

In my book, *Homegrown Hate: Why White Nationalists and Militant Islamists Are Waging War*

on the United States, I detail how the White nationalist narrative of victimhood and particular grievances have gained traction to become ingrained in the present-day Republican Party.

I also examine four key strands of White nationalism that overlap in various configurations: religions, racism, conspiracy theories and anti-government views.

Conspiracy theories allow White nationalists to depict a world in which Black and brown people are endangering the livelihoods, social norms and morals of White people.

In general, conspiracy theories are based on the belief that individual circumstances are the result of powerful enemies actively agitating against the interests of a believing individual or group.

Based on the interviews I conducted while researching my book, these particular conspiracy theories are convenient because they justify the shared White nationalist goal of establishing institutions and territory of White people, for White people and by White people. While conspiracy theories are not new, and certainly not new to politics, they spread with increasing frequency and speed because of social media.

The “great replacement theory” is one such baseless belief that is playing a role in the anti-immigration rhetoric that is central to the 2022 strategies of many Republican candidates who are running for seats at all levels of government.

That theory erroneously warns believers of the threat that immigrants and people of color pose to White identity and institutions.

For months on the 2022 campaign trail, Republican Blake Masters, a venture capitalist who is running for a U.S. Senate seat in Arizona, has portrayed immigration at the U.S.-Mexico border as part of an elaborate plot by Democrats to dilute the political power of voters born in the United States.

ed States.

“What the left really wants to do is change the demographics of this country,” Masters said in a video posted to Twitter last fall.

Georgia Gov. Brian Kemp is another Republican leader who decries what he calls “the invasion of the southern border.”

Aside from the inflammatory anti-immigration rhetoric, the conspiracy theory currently having the biggest impact on local, state and federal political campaigns across the country is Trump’s “Big Lie” that he won the 2020 election.

Of the 159 endorsements Trump has made for proponents of the Big Lie, 127 of them have won their primaries in 2022.

In addition, Republican candidates who align themselves with the Big Lie are also emerging victorious in races for state- and county-level offices whose responsibilities include direct oversight of elections.

On his social media site Truth Social, the former president quotes and spreads conspiracy theories from the quasi-religious QAnon. A major tenet of QAnon is the belief that the Democrats and people regarded as their liberal allies are a nefarious cabal of sexual predators and pedophiles.

Trump is not the only Republican politician who welcomes and spreads such disinformation.

Two of the most prominent politicians who have been linked to supporting QAnon are U.S. Reps. Lauren Boebert of Colorado and Marjorie Taylor Greene of Georgia, both of whom have been resoundingly endorsed by Trump.

The blatant use of conspiracy theories for political gain reflects the open embrace of White nationalism in not only the United States but also throughout Sweden, France, Italy and other parts of the world.

In my view, the conspiracy theories that drive the 2022 midterm campaigns reflect the global threat of hate around the world.

SERMON of the WEEK



RESPONDING THE RIGHT WAY TO YOUR ABILITY

Luke 12:42 TPT, The Lord said, “A trustworthy and thoughtful manager who understands the ways of his master will be given a ministry of responsibility in his master’s house, serving others exactly what they need at just the right time.”

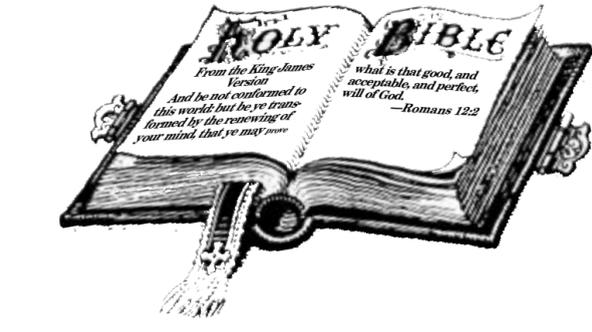
God has given all of us various abilities, but do we ever find out how to master them? After giving them a parable, Jesus explained to Peter and His disciples that they would be blessed and rewarded if they adhered to their responsibilities that are required of them.

Responsibility is the state or fact of having a duty to deal with or of having control over something or someone. Just as loving parents and guardians help out their children, the church also has that same duty out of love and responsibility to rally around its youth.

Sometimes the actions of responsibility can be used negatively. It’s always heartrending when various terrorist groups claim responsibility for violence and murders throughout the world and it’s even sadder when those acts happen in our homeland.

If the Apostle Paul were living today, I believe he would beseech the church leaders to encourage our youth, although there may sometimes be confusion around them at home, school, The White House and even the church house. Nevertheless, we must encourage them and let them know the importance of Christian Education as well as education in general.

Many young people can hardly wait to get grown and have the freedom to live in their own apartment, own their own home or own the kind of automobile that they would like to drive. I pray that they will reach all of those goals, but they must remember that freedom comes with responsibility. Nevertheless, whenever they reach those goals, they will then have the freedom to pay their own



rent, mortgage and car payment, which will be just a few bills amongst many more to come. But yes, they can do it because their parents did it. If our children have the courage to begin, God will give them the courage to be successful, but do it the right way.

My Dad used to tell me he wished that he had taken education more seriously when he was in school. He dodged doing his lessons as much as he could. He didn’t like books, and he didn’t like to read. “P. E.” was his favorite subject and he would only do enough so he could play High School football. However, he said he did like math because he wanted to make sure he could count his own money when he got grown.

He often confessed this to his children and youth in the church and told them he didn’t want them to make the same mistakes he made because it caused him problems academically after he got older.

However, in spite of not having an outstanding studious background, he overcame that hurdle and God granted him with exceptional common sense and spiritual wisdom because he humbly owned up to it. Remember, Paul said, “When I am weak, then I am strong.”

Astonishingly, when my son went to school, he wanted to play and cut the fool like his granddaddy. He would say, “I don’t like books, I don’t like to read, school is not for me.” And I would say, “OMG, he’s got the ‘Papa’ mentality about school and what in the world can I do to get this boy through school?”

It wasn’t easy; it was challenging, but the day he walked across that stage to get his high school diploma from Millbrook High, I just couldn’t help myself. I yelled out as loud as I could, “THANK YOU JESUS!” Everyone in the auditorium heard me; the crowd gave a happy gesture, and some even chuckled. I wasn’t trying to be funny on that day. I felt like “Blind Bartimaeus” and no one could keep me quiet!

As the years passed later in life, my son attended community colleges and got several certifications as he furthered his career.

How did my dad achieve in spite of? How did my son do it? And how did you do it? Let me tell you, it happened when you accepted responsibility, and then God did it!

Let me share something with you I shared with my son. I wrote it on a whiteboard in my office and it’s still there now after over 10 years, along with the response that he made to it.

I accept full RESPONSIBILITY for both the successes and failures in my life.

If I am not what I desire to be at this point, what I am is my compromise.

I choose no longer to compromise with my undeveloped potential. I am the sum total of the choices I have made, and I continue to choose daily.

What I now put under scrutiny is the value of each upcoming choice; therein lies the quality of my future lifestyle.

Will my future belong to the “OLD ME” or the “NEW ME”?

That answer depends on my attitude toward personal growth at this very moment. What time is left is all that counts, and this remaining time is my RESPONSIBILITY. With newfound maturity,

I accept full RESPONSIBILITY for how great I can become at that which is most important to me. I AM SELF RELIANT knowing that I can do ALL THINGS through CHRIST, which strengthens me.

Remember: If any man be in Christ behold, he is a new Creature... Old things have passed away... and all things become new.

Make sure you read God’s Book because it says, “the beginning of wisdom is the fear of the Lord.” Let’s try telling our youth what I wrote on that whiteboard to my son, “Get it right!”

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Practical Biblical Principles

SAMSON VS ABRAHAM: UNDER GOD’S COVENANT-PART 2

Read: Judges 16

Samson’s anger was kindled and grew hot when he found out his father-in-law had given his wife away to his best friend. After marrying his wife and a seven-day celebration, Samson went away for a while to his father’s house to live. It was after the wedding celebration Samson killed his first 30 Philistines for threatening his wife to find out the answer to his wedding riddle. Samson killed these men on his own and not on God’s authority.

We should take note here in these years, the Philistines were killed by Samson, and by Samson alone. Samson did not need the aid of any of Israel’s army, as was needed by the other judges whom God sent throughout the 350 years the Judges were in place. Samson was a one-man wrecking machine! This, in itself, is a miracle. Did God mean for “one” man to eliminate all the Philistines by himself? Can God use a man who lies to his parents and cause them to violate their Nazarite vows, as well as his own? What was the significance of God accepting Samson’s parents’ fire sacrifice? What important part did they play in Samson’s life? Samson was a one-man show all the way.

It was during the Philistine’s harvest that Samson decided to return to his wife’s home for a conjugal visit whom he had married earlier. His wife lived in a town named Timnah in the Philistine country, located on the SW border of Judah. Upon arrival at his father-in-law’s house, it was then Samson discovered that his wife had been given away.

Samson caught 300 foxes, tied two tails together and attached a burning torch to them and set them free to run through the grain fields of harvest and set them all a blaze. The men of the Philistines were very angry when they found out that Samson had done this destructive deed. The Philistines then gathered to war against the people of Judah in revenge.

The men of Judah asked them, “Why have you come to war against us?” The Philistines answered, “Because of what your man, Samson, had done to their fields.”

Three thousand men of Judah went down, found Samson in a rock cave, and inquired what is this thing you have done to bring danger upon us for we are living under the Philistine’s rule. Samson replied, “As they did to me,

I did it back to them.” “We have come to arrest you and to deliver you into the hands of the Philistines,” said the men of Judah. “Okay, said Samson, but swear to me that you will not kill me yourselves.” “No, we will not kill you but will tie you up and deliver you to the Philistines.”

When the men of Judah brought Samson to the Philistine they started shouting at Samson, then the Spirit of the Lord fell upon Samson and ropes on his arms broke like flax that is burned with fire and his hands came loose and he found a fresh jawbone of a donkey, took it into his hands and killed a thousand Philistines with it. When he finished killing the Philistines, he threw the Jawbone away and called that place “Ramath Lehi.”

Samson became very thirsty after that killing episode and then he cried out to God, “You have given me a great deliverance by the hand of Your servant; and now will you let me die of thirst and fall into the hands of those of the uncircumcised? This was the first prayer Samson ever uttered to God to date. After all of what Samson has been through, why should this be his first prayer to God? No one knows why God had “long” patience with Samson.

God performed a miracle on the spot for Samson and God split the hollow place that is in Lehi and water came forth and Samson did drink the water and was revived. Samson called that place “En Hakkore.” From that moment on God blessed Samson to rule Judah for 20 years, thus keeping the Philistines at bay.

Samson still had a heavy appetite for the love and caress of a woman. He slept with a prostitute in Gaza and spent much time with her. When the men of the city found out Samson was in the house of the harlot, the men of the city gathered and surrounded the house, hoping to trap and capture Samson. The men waited until morning when Samson would be finished with his pleasure. Samson slipped out of the house at midnight and escaped by pulling up the doors and door post to the gates of the city and ran away 40 miles up the hill across from the city of Hebron with the gate on his shoulders.

Still in love of a woman, Samson fell in love with a woman named Delilah. The word got round who and where Samson was dating. Five lords of the Philistines offered Delilah 5000 pieces of silver if she would discover the secret of Samson’s strength. One can imagine the

power of a woman with her body to make a man eat out of her hands. Delilah went for the money and did what she needed to do. Delilah kept insisting that Samson tell her the secret of his strength as she held his head on her knees, day in and day out. While Samson teased her, Delilah tried tying him up with seven fresh bow strings that didn’t work. She tried binding him with new rope that didn’t work either. She weaved Samson’s seven locks of very long hair into a weaver’s beam that didn’t work.

Delilah’s faking love for Samson wore him emotionally out and he told her the secret was in his hair. The rest is biblical history. Samson was captured, blinded, imprisoned, and made to grind corn by pushing a huge mill round and around all day long.

When the Philistines gathered in the stadium and started drinking, they called for Samson to come up and entertain them and have sport with them. This they did on their festival day of Dragon.

Samson submitted to God in repentance and prayed for the revenge of losing his eyesight. This was the second time in his 20-year judgeship that Samson prayed (Judges 16:28-30). Sounds like Samson was still into himself.

Does God seek prayer-less and self-filled men to do His will and His work?

Samson asked the lad who was leading him around the stadium for sport to let him rest a little while between the two support pillars which supported the entire stadium structure. This the lad did. No one noticed that Samson’s hair was growing back. However, the super-strength Samson possessed was from God and not his hair (Judges 16:26-27). Samson’s hair was just an outward sign that He was following the Nazarite Code. Samson did God’s will and destroyed the entire Philistine people when he pushed out the two support pillars which held up the entire stadium. The Philistines which Samson killed at his death was more than he had killed in his life. This was the end of the Philistines’ rule over Israel.

Did Abraham go through all of this? If not! Why did God call on Samson to do this, this way all by himself?

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Oak City Anniversary Celebration

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.

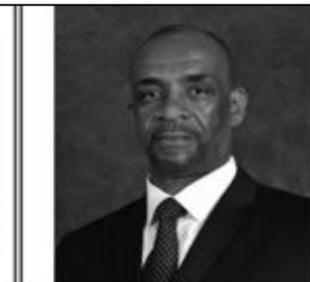
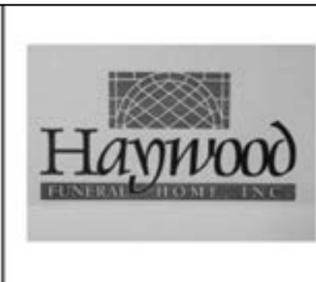
He is also actively involved with his Alma Mater, Elizabeth City State University, as a Board Member of its Foundation and where he serves as an Adjunct Faculty Member. Dr. Banks was recently presented the “Key to the



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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Do We First Need Economic Pain to Have Economic Gain?

By Mike Walden
Guest Editorial

I started lifting weights when I was in graduate school at Cornell University in the early 1970s. I joined a group—appropriately called the “barbell club”—that trained in a small room in the clock tower. Fortunately, the clock wasn’t very loud when it sounded at the hour and half-hour.

After joining and paying my initial dues, the president of the club pulled me aside. Speaking in a friendly, yet firm, voice, he gave me the two rules of the club. First, if I left any plates I had used on a barbell or on the floor, I would immediately be expelled from the club. Second, there would be no complaining about aches and pains after a workout. The club president believed if there was “no pain,” there would be “no gain.”

We’re going through a similar experience of “no pain, no gain” in today’s economy. The Federal Reserve, also known as the “Fed,” which is the central bank of the country, is raising interest rates in order to slow the pace of economic growth, “cool” the economy and hopefully reduce the increase in prices. Stated more succinctly, the Fed wants people and businesses to moderate their spending in order to reduce the inflation rate.

So far, so good, you might be thinking. But there’s a catch. The Fed doesn’t have the knowledge to precisely guide the economy. Indeed, we wouldn’t expect any institution to be able to exactly steer an annual \$25 trillion economy. So, there is a risk the Fed will raise interest rates so high that the goal of slower spending will turn into lower spending. And when spending drops, there’s a large chance businesses will reduce their workforce and the unemployment rate will jump. In other words, we’ll face the pain of a recession.

The Fed knows this—it has happened many times before. The most famous recent example was the late 1970s and early 1980s when the annual inflation rate reached 13 percent. Interest rates had to be raised so high—indeed, just shy of 20 percent—that it was almost a foregone conclusion a bad recession would occur. And it did. But the benefit was that within three years, the annual inflation rate was down to 3 percent. It has stayed relatively modest—no higher than 5 percent—until the past two years.

After raising its key interest rate recently, the Fed has signaled it is ready to continue increasing rates until the inflation rate gets near its target of 2 percent. If the Fed sticks to its plan, economists increasingly are predicting a recession in 2023. But perhaps the most important prediction has come from the Fed itself. The Fed’s latest official forecast is now showing the possibility of negative economic growth and higher unemployment in 2023. This is a condition that just about everyone would agree is a recession.

So, just like the head of the barbell club at Cornell, is the Fed saying we have to have some pain before we see some gain? Will we have to endure the economic pain of a recession before we receive the economic gain of lower inflation?

This is a question I’m frequently asked when I speak to community and business groups about the economy. Understandably, people don’t understand why we have to go through something bad—a recession—in order to achieve something good—lower inflation. People are already suffering from high prices. Why compound the suffering with lost jobs and incomes?

There is a famous example of trying to beat inflation without enduring the costs of a recession. It was the “WIN”—standing for “Whip Inflation Now”—campaign during the mid-1970s.

Inflation was surging to double digits and the Ford Administration was looking for another way to curtail price hikes without using the standard policies of higher interest rates, more unemployment and slower growth. They settled on a public relations campaign of encouraging car-pooling to reduce gas consumption, setting thermostats higher in the summer and lower in the winter to decrease energy use, planting vegetable gardens to substitute for high priced food, as well as other initiatives. “WIN” buttons were produced and distributed. I still have mine!

But the WIN campaign was a failure. Relatively few people followed the recommendations. The campaign showed how difficult it is to motivate a majority of people to change their behaviors on their own without strong incentives. It’s easy for any person to say to themselves: “what I do, as one individual, won’t matter.” The more people who think this way, the less that is accomplished.

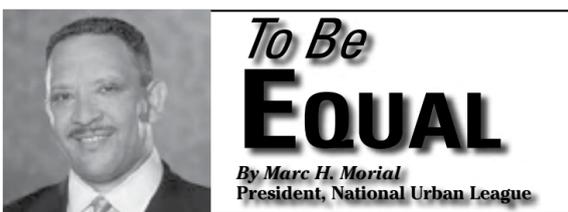
The lesson is that most people need a strong “push” to behave differently. If the objective is to have people buy less, there must be something that prompts them to buy less. Since borrowing is a big source of buying, raising the cost of borrowing through higher interest rates is a good way to moderate spending.

Even if the Fed has to inflict some pain to make gains against inflation, there is still the question of how much pain. Clearly the best result is to slow the pace of economic progress, rather than putting the economy in reverse. Achieving a reduction in the inflation rate without crashing the economy into a recession is called a “soft landing.” We’ve had several successful soft landings, but, unfortunately, few were achieved when the inflation rate was starting at such a high level as today.

Economics is commonly dubbed the “dismal science.” Clearly, a policy designed to reduce inflation by inflicting the pain of a recession is a good example of why economics has earned such a dubious label.

The big question is, does it have to happen? If we could miraculously solve all the supply-chain problems, as well as restore energy supplies to their pre-COVID levels, then we could possibly have gains against inflation without economic pain. But in the meantime, we’ll have to decide if my barbell club colleague was correct—there is no gain without pain!

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ALABAMA'S DEFENSE OF RACIALLY-GERRYMANDERED CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS DEFIES BOTH LOGIC AND DECENCY

In its zeal to defend the racially-discriminatory Congressional districts state legislators created to dilute the political participation of their Black constituents, Alabama is making a mockery of the Constitution.

The Solicitor General of Alabama stood before the U.S. Supreme Court and put forth the argument that drawing congressional districts that give Black Americans fair representation would violate a provision of the Constitution intended to give Black Americans fair representation.

Specifically, Alabama contends that the Voting Rights Act, which prohibits racial discrimination in voting, is in violation of the 14th Amendment, which was adopted to prevent racial discrimination under the law.

It's hard to believe anyone with even a basic understanding of history, much less constitutional law, could voice this fallacy with a straight face. Even worse, some of the Justices appear willing to accept it, further dismantling the protections of the Voting Rights Act in the process.

In a pointed series of responses to Alabama Solicitor General Edmund LaCour, newly-invested Justice Ketanji Brown Jackson demolished his absurd claim “that it is unconstitutional to consider race when addressing racial discrimination” as legal commentator Peter Shamshiri wrote, and provided a sorely-needed history lesson.

“The entire point of the [14th] Amendment was to secure rights of the freed former slaves,” she said. “The legislator who introduced that amendment said that ‘unless the Constitution should restrain them, those states will all, I fear, keep up this discrimination and crush to death the hated freedmen.’ That’s that’s not a race-neutral or race-blind idea in terms of the remedy.”

“When there was a concern that the Civil Rights Act [of 1866] wouldn’t have a constitutional foundation, that’s when the 14th Amendment came into play. It was drafted to give a foundational, a constitutional foundation for a piece of legislation that was designed to make people who had less opportunity and less rights equal to White citizens. With that as the framing in the background, I’m trying to understand your position, that Section 2, which by its plain text is doing that same thing, is saying you need to identify people in this community who have less opportunity and less ability to participate and ensure that’s remedied—it’s a race-conscious effort, as you have indicated. I’m trying to understand why that violates the 14th Amendment, given the history and background of the 14th Amendment.”

As states are required to do following each decennial Census, Alabama last year redrew its congressional districts in blatant violation of Section 2 of the Voting Rights Act, which prohibits any standard, practice or procedure that results in a “denial or abridgment of the right of any citizen of the United States to vote on account of race or color.”

Alabama’s map both splits Black communities among two

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

A Different Voice

By Dorothy Shaw Thompson



THE CHURCH I'M A MEMBER OF

Last week this time, I was in Houston, Texas. A member of my Sunday School class gifted me with the trip. I guess I should say a former member. It had been about 13 years since I had traveled by plane. During the predominant season of COVID, I have social distanced and to some extent I still do. Just an aside, yesterday a friend told me that she had contracted COVID, so it's not over yet. I wore my mask, though it wasn't a requirement and it was impossible to social distance. I would say that for the most part on the planes, in the airlines and in Houston in general people behave as though they had never heard of COVID.

One of the highlights of my trip was that I attended a Sunday service at Lakewood which is the church pastored by Joel Osteen. I was more than impressed. The spirit in that church (maybe I should say energy) was so good that I walked in and immediately my eyes started “leaking.” My friend said, “why are you crying?” I paradoxically said, “I’m not.” I later explained it’s something that often happens when I feel that I’m in the presence of “The Holy;” it can be a prayer, words, a book, etc. Some of you know what I’m talking about. I like this man and the concept of churching at Lakewood. He of course has been often criticized by members of the organized churches. He was once criticized by what was described as “feel good sermons.” They say he doesn't say “Jesus” enough (he does). I've heard that he doesn't use scripture (he does) or doesn't warn people about the “hates of hell.” He was really criticized when there was flooding in Houston and he didn't use his huge facility to house and feed displaced people. I liked his response, he told the truth. As I remember it, he said they didn't

think of it at the time but if it happened again they would have a crisis team in place. I liked their answer because it was unapologetically honest.

I guess it depends on how you “Christian” and how you “church.” It fits for me. I like that when they invite people to church with them it's not about pushing a place but inviting people to a lifestyle. I liked that they didn't pass a collection plate but that they have what looks like mail slots in various places in the walls where people who are so led can leave a donation. Somebody asked me how they maintain the church I don't know but I would say it appears to me to be based on faith. Which I believe is demonstrated in the Bible.

They have Sunday School classes while they have the regu-

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Becoming Sarah

By Sarah Jones

UNEXPECTED

I sat and watched as a thousand-pound horse gave a 14-year-old girl the courage to speak. For the past two months, I had been volunteering at a non-profit therapeutic horse ranch. The hours were long for my student schedule, the horses were way out of my comfort zone, but I still couldn't bring myself to walk away. With each shift I became more and more engulfed, watching as these therapeutic sessions changed lives.

Traumatic Brain Injuries. Veterans with PTSD. Major Depression. Intense Stress. Anxiety. Grief Management. Autism. I watched each day as patient after patient came in and interacted with a horse and for a reason I still can't fathom, they each came out different. I had worked my way from being a side walker, practicing therapeutic patient holds for younger riders to being a horse leader. For once, I wasn't worried about a patient falling off a horse, instead my worries had transpired into hoping my feet wouldn't be crushed under a giant hoof.

My relationship with these giant beasts was changing. There was still a very rational fear. I had been bitten twice and probably still more in counting but nothing compared to the moments I had alone with these amazing animals. I was learning to care for a creature five times my size and witnessing these feisty characters learn to trust me as I slowly learned to appreciate them.

Because of the hurricane, our lessons had changed from being outdoor riding to barn school. I had picked up a shift and was working with a completely different client base. I met with an eight-year-old who had just lost her mother, a 13-year-old who had also lost her mother and the last case was a 12-year-old girl who had been maced at school after being caught in the crossfires of a school brawl. She came into her

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Child Watch

By Marian Wright Edelman



NEW STEPS TOWARD ENDING HUNGER

“In every country in the world and in every state in this country, no matter what else divides us, if a parent cannot feed a child, there's nothing else that matters for that parent. If you look at your child and you can't feed your child, what the hell else matters?”

In his remarks at the September 28 White House Conference on Hunger, Nutrition, and Health, President Biden summed up the heart of the matter for any family that has ever struggled to put food on the table. This event was the first time the White House had convened a conference on hunger in more than 50 years. The first one, held in December 1969, led to the beginning of a series of expansions of the federal food safety net programs that so many tens of millions depend on today. But there is a critical need to do more right now. The 2022 conference emphasized once again that hunger, along with disparities in access to healthy food and in health outcomes linked to nutrition, is preventable—and we have the ability to do something about it.

The Children's Defense Fund joined other organizations urging the White House to hold this conference, signing a letter earlier this year that read in part: “We can end hunger in America, and a public commitment to a White House Conference, with ending hunger as a key priority, is an essential step in accomplishing this goal... The 1969 Conference led to an expansion of the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) and the National School Lunch Program, as well as the establishment of the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC). The Conference created the meaningful and necessary conversations to address hunger and food insecurity in America at the time. Now, more than half a century later, conversations on how we will finally put an end to hunger in America are long overdue.”

The White House responded, and in this new conference reinforced its goal of ending hunger and increasing healthy eating and physical activity by 2030. As they put it: “Millions

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Other Viewpoints



SURVIVING THE KILLING FIELDS, A WORLDWIDE CHALLENGE
By Kathy Kelly and Nick Mottern

Ban Killer Drones

Awaiting discharge from a hospital in Cairo, Adel Al Manthari, a Yemeni civilian, faces months of physical therapy and mounting medical bills following three surgeries since 2018, when a U.S. weaponized drone killed four of his cousins and left him mangled, burnt and barely alive, bedridden to this day.

On October 7th, President Biden announced, through Administration officials briefing the press, a new policy regulating U.S. drone attacks, purportedly intended to reduce the numbers of civilian casualties from the attacks.

Absent from the briefings was any mention of regret or compensation for the thousands of civilians like Adel and his family whose lives have been forever altered by a U.S. drone attack. Human rights organizations like the UK-based Reprieve have sent numerous requests to the U.S. Department of Defense and the State Department, seeking compensation to assist with Adel's medical care, but no action has been taken. Instead, Adel and his family rely on a Go Fund Me campaign which has raised sufficient funds to cover the most recent surgery and hospitalization. But Adel's supporters are now begging for more assistance to pay for crucial physical therapy plus household expenses for Adel and two of his sons, his primary caregivers during the extended stay in Egypt. The family struggles with precarious finances, yet the Pentagon budget seemingly can't spare a dime to help them.

Writing for the *New York Review of Books*, (September 22, 2022), Wyatt Mason described the Lockheed Martin Hellfire 114 R9X, nicknamed the "ninja bomb," as an air-to-surface, drone-launched missile with a top speed of 995 miles per hour. Carrying no explosives, the R9X purportedly avoids collateral damage. As *The Guardian* reported in September 2020, "The weapon uses a combination of the force of 100 lb. of dense material flying at high speed and six attached blades which deploy before impact to crush and slice its victims."

Adel was attacked before the "ninja bomb" was in more common use. Indeed it is unlikely that he would have survived had his attackers hit the car he and his cousins were traveling in with the barbaric weapon designed to slice up their broken bodies. But this would be small comfort to a man who recalls the day when he and his cousins were attacked. The five of them were traveling by car to examine a real estate proposition for the family. One of the cousins worked for the Yemeni military. Adel worked for the Yemeni government. None of them were ever linked to non-governmental terrorism. But somehow they were targeted. The impact of the missile which hit them instantly killed three of the men. Adel saw, with horror, the strewn body parts of his cousins, one of whom was decapitated. One cousin, still alive, was rushed to a hospital where he died days later.

The Biden administration seems keen to depict a kinder, gentler form of drone attacks, avoiding collateral damage by using more precise weapons like the "ninja bomb" and assuring that President Biden himself orders any attacks waged in countries where the United States is not at war. The "new" rules actually continue policies set up by former President Obama.

Annie Shiel, of the Center for Civilians in Conflict (CIVIC) says the new lethal force policy entrenches the previous policies. "The new lethal force policy is also secret," she writes, "preventing public oversight and democratic accountability."

President Biden can confer upon himself the power to kill other human beings anywhere in the world because he has determined, as he said after he ordered the drone assassination of Ayman al-Zawahiri, "if you are a threat to our people, the United States will find you and take you out."

Martin Sheen, noted for his portrayal of U.S. President Josiah Bartlet on the 1999-2006 TV series "The West Wing," has provided the voice-over for two 15-second cable spots critical of U.S. drone warfare. The spots began running this past weekend on CNN and MSNBC channels showing in Wilmington, Del., the hometown of President Joe Biden.

In both spots, Sheen, who has a long history of opposing war and human rights violations, notes the tragedy of civilians killed overseas by U.S. drones. As images of press reports about drone operator suicides roll, he asks: "Can you imagine the unseen effects on the men and women who operate them?"

Humanity faces rising perils of climate catastrophe and nuclear weapon proliferation. We need fictive voices like that of Sheen's West Wing president and the very real, albeit sidelined leadership of people like Jeremy Corbyn in the UK:

"Some say to discuss peace at a time of war is a sign of some kind of weakness," Corbyn writes, noting:

"(T)he opposite is true. It is the bravery of peace protesters around the world that stopped some governments from being involved in Afghanistan, Iraq, Libya, Syria, Yemen, or any of the dozens of other conflicts going on. Peace is not just the absence of war; it is real security. The security of knowing you will be able to eat, your children will be educated and cared for, and a health service will be there when you need it. For millions, that is not a reality now; the after effects of the war in Ukraine will take that away from millions more. Meanwhile, many countries are now increasing arms spending and investing resources in more and more dangerous weapons. The United States has just approved its biggest-ever defense budget. These resources used for weapons are all resources not used for health, education, housing, or environmental protection. This is a perilous and dangerous time. Watching the horror play out and then preparing for more conflicts in the future will not ensure that the climate crisis, poverty crisis, or food supply is addressed. It's up to all of us to build and support movements that can chart another course for peace, security, and justice for all."

Well said.

The current lineup of world leaders seem incapable of leveling with their people about the consequences of pouring money into military budgets which then allow "defense" corporations to profit from weapon sales, worldwide, fueling forever wars and enabling them to unleash legions of lobbyists to assure that government officials continue feeding the greedy, barbaric corporate missions of outfits like Raytheon, Lockheed Martin, Boeing and General Atomics.

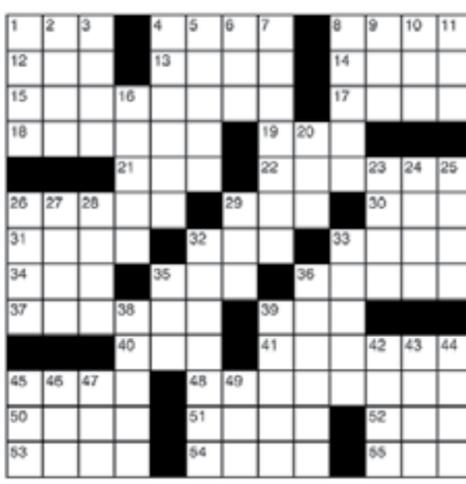
We must follow the bright lights arrayed across the world as grass roots movements campaign for environmental sanity and seek to abolish war. And we must engage in the gentle personalism which endeavors to tell Adel Al Manthari we're sorry, we're so very sorry for what our countries have done to him, and we earnestly wish to help.

Kathy Kelly and Nick Mottern co-coordinate the BanKillerDrones campaign. Mottern serves on the Board of Directors for Veterans for Peace and Kathy Kelly is Board President of World BEYOND War.

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MAKE TODAY A GOOD DAY

By Dr. Glenn Mollette

Guest Columnist

Life is one day at a time. You don't have tomorrow. You hope for tomorrow but it's not guaranteed. We plan for tomorrow. We save for tomorrow and look forward to tomorrow.

Today is what we have. If today is the last day of your life, how is it going? If you knew for sure, how would you want to spend your last precious 24 hours? You wouldn't be planning next year's vacation. No, you would want to get in all that you could possibly do. Only you know for sure how you would want to spend your day and everyone is different. Maybe you would spend your day with loved ones or maybe you would want to be strolling in the mountains or by the oceanside. Maybe you would want to spend your day eating ice cream, hamburgers and pizza. If it's your last day then why not?

I like ice cream, hamburgers and pizza but my doctor doesn't recommend them as a daily diet because of the hopes of tomorrow. There are ways that we can shorten our days and too much of what we enjoy is not always very good for us.

Since life is one day at a time, we can't go back and repeat yesterday. All the good you did is in the past. All the mistakes you made are in the past. You can spend the rest of your life wishing you could repeat high school, college or an old relationship. Actually, you are better off if you don't sit around and think about it all the time. It's good to remember the good memories of family, friends, life's successes and joys but they are in the past. This often makes us sad because we know we can't relive some of those great moments of life. It's best to give thanks for them and move forward.

Today is a good day to make some more memories—good ones. Living your life today regardless of what you are doing is the life you have. Make the best of it by enjoying your life. Do what you enjoy. Be good to yourself. Don't beat up on yourself. Don't live your life fighting with others. Do your work. Find joy in your work or move on to a work that you do enjoy. Find ways to reduce stress and to be happy.

Keep in mind that you can't make everyone else happy and don't take on everyone else's problems. You probably have enough of your own.

Be patient. All good things take time if they are worthwhile.

Finally, just in case you do live a bunch more years, live today in such a way, that you can look back to today and remember it as a good day.

Hear Dr. Mollette each weekday at 8:56, 11:30 EST on XM radio 131. Contact him at GMollette@aol.com. Learn more at www.glenmollette.com/.

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TO BE EQUAL

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or more districts so they don't constitute a majority in any of them—a process known as "cracking"—and crams Black voters into one district so they can't influence the outcome in other districts—a process known as "packing."

Black Alabamians, who make up 27 percent of the state's population, wound up with a majority in a single district out of seven, whittling their representation to about 14 percent. A federal court ordered the state in January to redraw the map "to include two districts in which Black voters either comprise a voting-age majority or something quite close to it."

The Supreme Court in February put the order on hold, allowing elections to proceed according to the gerrymandered districts, and postponing arguments until this week.

NAACP Legal Defense Fund attorney Duell Ross, who defended the lower court's ruling before the Supreme Court, said, "There is nothing race-neutral about Alabama's map. The district court's unanimous and thorough intensely local analysis did not err in finding that the Black Belt is a historic and extremely poor community of substantial significance. Yet, Alabama's map cracks that community and allows White block voting to deny Black vot-

ers the opportunity to elect representation responsive to their needs."

The Supreme Court's conservative majority includes three of the five justices who struck down Section 5 of the Voting Rights Act in 2013 via *Shelby County v. Holder*, plus three nominated in the following presidential term. They may not be swayed by Justice Jackson's eloquent refutation of Alabama's argument to uphold the lower court's ruling—although decency and the law dictate that they should—but they may be more likely to overturn it with a narrow ruling that does not completely gut Section 2 of the Voting Rights Act.

A DIFFERENT VOICE

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lar worship services so that people can choose to interact with each other or attend the worship services that are offered at the same time. That suits me because I have always been more attracted to Bible study and Sunday School than the regular worship service that some people prioritize when "going to church." I also like it that they have a variety of Sunday School classes. They have classes based on marital status, life necessities such as classes based on bereavement, divorce, classes for children, church for children. Actually I can't name them all.

I also liked that the altar call did not necessitate going to the altar, though many did. You could stand or sit where you were and accept the pledge. I know why I like this way of being that his church offers, it's in me not to enjoy that conforming is the way to be spiritual or to follow the teachings of Christ. Too much of the world's way has gotten into the church and dictatorship seems to make people comfortable. Not for me; I take seriously the scripture about not being conformed but being transformed by the renewing of your mind.

In closing I wish to share that though most believe that people tend to be more easily annoyed and complaining today. My experience was different. On the flight back home I had to change planes. Though we were supposed to leave Chicago at 5:26, we didn't leave until after 8 because of a problem with the fully booked plane. We had been seated and had to get off, bags and all, and wait until we reboarded hours later. Nobody complained or appeared annoyed. I was impressed.

I was also impressed that the Lakewood Church looked like the 144,000 during the last days. There were people of every race, ethnicity, dress style, sexual orientation, economic professional or not, represented. I kept thinking, "This is what heaven will look like. This is what 'Christian Nationalism' is so afraid of... this is the church one body in Christ that I am a member of."

BECOMING SARAH

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lesson quiet and reserved. I had never met her before, so I had assumed this was her usual demeanor. I had her horse Happy tacked up and he was ready to be groomed. Because of my position, my focus was solely on the horse in front of me. I saw through my peripheral as the 12-year-old girl began to brush the horse. This would have been Happy's third time standing to be groomed and he was a bit antsy. I rubbed his nose as the girl walked around the horse with the round brush.

Our instructor had come by and whispered in my ear for me to switch places with one of the other members on staff. As she took me away, she told me what had happened to the girl at school two days before. According to her, her grandmother had reported that she had barely spoken in two days. As we finished our conversation, she looked at me and said, "This lesson is going to be a bit different." I listened as our instructor began talking about trust. She painted this 25-year-old, thousand-pound pony as a powerful but scared creature. The horses in the stable were just like him and relied on us to care for him. She talked about how some horses at the ranch were rescued from ranches where they were bullied and abused and how gentleness is always the way to develop a secure relationship with them.

The girl still wasn't speaking. I watched as the instructor grabbed the girl's arms and wrapped them around the horse's wide neck. She said, I want you to just sit here and hug this horse. Let go of everything that has taken up space in your mind and just listen to his heartbeat." I stared as the girl hugged the horse. Three minutes went by and by the time she lifted her head, I realized she had started crying. I looked at my horse feeling closed. With each lesson of being a horse leader I was always stuck in my own head focused on the behavior and mood of my horses that on many days the objectives of the lesson felt hazy. The girl looked at me, gave me the instructor a hug and said, "I really needed this."

Sometimes in life the things we take away from situations are unexpected. I never knew what I was going to get out of this volunteering position, and I couldn't have imagined the relief that one horse could have provided a 12-year-old girl. To many of the patients walking in for lessons, these horses were one of the few things in the world that would meet them where they were. A horse didn't care that their mind worked differently because of an autism diagnosis. A horse didn't understand that two girls had lost the most important female role model in their life. But, at the end of the day, it was a horse that put them together and helped their world stand still.

Of course, in life, we don't all have horses, but we have something that's hidden in our everyday lives that helps us feel whole. Sometimes that thing is our family, or our friends or maybe even an outlet like writing. For some of us, maybe we haven't encountered it yet, but when we do it could be the most beautiful, unexpected thing that continues to change our lives.

CHILD WATCH

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of Americans are afflicted with food insecurity and diet-related diseases—including heart disease, obesity, and type 2 diabetes—which are some of the leading causes of death and disability in the U.S. The toll of hunger and these diseases is not distributed equally, disproportionately impacting underserved communities, including communities of color, people living in rural areas, people who are differently-abled, older adults, LGBTQI+ people, military families, and military veterans. Lack of access to healthy, safe, and affordable food, and to safe outdoor spaces, contributes to hunger, diet-related diseases, and health disparities. The COVID-19 pandemic has exacerbated these challenges further. We cannot wait to act. And we aren't."

The action plan is a National Strategy centered on five pillars: improving food access and affordability, including by advancing economic security, increasing access to free and nourishing school meals, and expanding SNAP eligibility; integrating nutrition and health, which involves prioritizing the role of nutrition and food security in overall health, including disease prevention and management; empowering all consumers to make and have access to healthy choices; supporting physical activity for all, in part by ensuring that everyone has access to safe spaces to be active; and enhancing nutrition and food security research, especially to learn more about equity, access, and disparities. For each of the five pillars there are roles for local and federal governments, the private sector, researchers and academia, and nonprofit and community groups to play to help our nation meet these goals.

President Biden singled out the Child Tax Credit expansion enacted during the pandemic as just one key example of an effective anti-hunger policy that is critically needed. Congress must make the Child Tax Credit expansion permanent immediately. As President Biden also emphasized, just as fighting hunger was a bipartisan effort during the last conference convened by the Nixon administration, it should be a bipartisan effort today: "This should be an organizing element of how we start to talk to one another again... In America, no child should go to bed hungry. No parent should die of a disease that can be prevented. This has always been a country, when we're at our best, we think big... There is nothing—nothing, nothing—I really mean it—there's nothing beyond our capacity when we work together, so let's work together." Amen!

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STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
DURHAM COUNTY
**NOTICE OF SERVICE
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In The General Court Of Justice
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Before the Clerk
File Number 22 E 1202**

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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STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
DURHAM COUNTY

**NOTICE OF SERVICE
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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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STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
DURHAM COUNTY

NOTICE TO CREDITORS:
File No. 22-E-1208

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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DURHAM COUNTY

**NOTICE OF SERVICE
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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
9/22,9/29,10/6 and 10/13/2022
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
DURHAM COUNTY

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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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DURHAM COUNTY

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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 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.

Matthew Ashton Adams
Executor
1317 Valley Run
Durham, NC 27707

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STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
DURHAM COUNTY

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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
9/29,10/6,10/13 and 10/20/2022
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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
9/29,10/6,10/13 and 10/20/2022
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
DURHAM COUNTY

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Superior Court Division
Before the Clerk
File Number 2022 E 001203**

The Undersigned, having qualified as Administrator of the Estate of Dorothy Lee McArthur McLaughlin, a/k/a Dorothy 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

9/29,10/6,10/13 and 10/20/2022
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 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
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
DURHAM COUNTY

**In the General Court of Justice
District Court Division
File No. 22-CVD-1093
NOTICE OF SERVICE OF
PROCESS BY PUBLICATION**

To: NUVIA AZUCENA LEIVA
SAGASTUME, Defendant.

Take notice that a pleading seeking relief against you has been filed in the above-entitled action. The nature of the relief being sought is for child custody. You are required to make defense to such pleading no later than November 24, 2022 said date being at least forty (40) days from the first publication of this Notice, and upon your failure to do so, the Plaintiff, ERICK FELIPE LOPEZ FONSECA, will apply to the court for the relief sought.

This, the 13th day of October, 2022.

Aneta Paval
Paval Law Offices, PLLC
7404 Chapel Hill Rd
Suite M
Raleigh NC 27607

Telephone: (919) 410-6690
10/13,10/20 and 10/27

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
DURHAM COUNTY

**NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PRO-
CESS BY PUBLICATION
District Court
Breach of Contract:
Donald Serate**

Take notice that a pleading seeking relief against you has been filed in the above-entitled action. The nature of the relief being sought is as follows:

On August 1, 2021 you entered into a Partnership Agreement with Shante Webster for an initial financial investment for The BadGuy Cigar. Since that date, no such business has been established. Ms. Webster requested to dissolve the partnership and a refund of her initial investment due to inactivity on your part as the majority owner, which seems to constitute a breach. For this case, 22 CVD 3400 Webster v. Serate, action was filed on August 30, 2022 in the Civil District Court of Durham County, located at 510 South Dillard Street, Durham, NC 27701.

Defendant is required to make defense to such pleading not later than forty (40) days from the first date of publication, October 13, 2022 and upon your failure to do so the Plaintiff seeking Service by Publication against you will apply to the court for the relief sought.

This, the 13th day of October, 2022

Shadari Douglas, NC State Bar #55631

2530 Meridian Parkway Suite 300
Durham, NC 27713

Attorney for Plaintiff
10/13,10/20 and 10/27

NORTH CAROLINA
DURHAM COUNTY

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS
22-E-1210**

All persons having claims against GENE M. LEWIS, deceased, late of Durham County, North Carolina, are notified to exhibit the same to the undersigned on or before the 13th day of January, 2023, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of recovery.

Debtors of the decedent are asked to make immediate payment.

This the 13th day October, 2022.

Ronald Alan Lewis, Executor
c/o Hemphill Gelder, PC
PO Box 97035
Raleigh, NC 27624

10/13,10/20,10/27 and 11/03/2022
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 1229**

The Undersigned, having qualified as Administrator of the Estate of Johnny I. McQuaig, Sr., 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 13th 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 13th day of October, 2022.

Johnetta McQuaig
Administrator

6205 Farrington Rd Apt. D9
Chapel Hill, NC 27517
10/13,10/20,10/27 and 11/03/2022

WAKE COUNTY

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
WAKE COUNTY

**NOTICE OF SERVICE
OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION
In The General Court Of Justice
Superior Court Division
Before the Clerk
File Number 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
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 002879**

The Undersigned, having qualified as Executor of the Estate of Glenda J Stilwell, 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 13th 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 13th day of October, 2022.

Elizabeth G Perlaki
Executor
5931 S Sharon Drive
Raleigh, NC 27603

10/13,10/20,10/27 and 11/03/2022
NORTH CAROLINA
WAKE COUNTY

**IN THE GENERAL COURT OF
JUSTICE
DISTRICT COURT DIVISION FILE
NO.: 22-CVD-11645**

TRACY H. VINES &
EMMANUEL ONUOBA,

PLAINTIFFS)

VS.
UNKNOWN FATHER/ FATHERS Of
Mariah, Keimiyah, and
Keiyahndre Onuoba,

DEFENDANT

TO: UNKNOWNW FATHER/
FATHERS OF MARIAH, KEIMIYAH
AND

KEIYAHNDRE ONUOBA

**NOTICE OF SERVICE
OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION**

TAKE NOTICE that a pleading seeking relief against you has been filed in the above-entitled action. The nature of the relief being sought is for Custody of the minor children Mariah K. Onuoba, born 2 December 2008, Keiyahndre C. Onuoha, born 13 March 2007 and Keimiyah C. Onuoha, born 13 March 2007 to the Plaintiff's daughter Heleen E. Onuoha II in Wake County, North Carolina.

You are required to make defense to such pleadings no later than the 23rd day of November 2022, said date being at least forty days from the first publication of this notice; and upon your failure to do so the party seeking relief against you will apply to the Court for the relief sought.

This the 13th day of October 2022.

LAW OFFICES OF
STEPHANIE J. BROWN
BY: Stephanie J. Brown
Attorney for Plaintiffs
P.O. Box 2596

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10/13,20,27/2022

JOHNSTON COUNTY

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
JOHNSTON COUNTY

**In the General Court of Justice
District Court Division
File No. 22CVD2317
NOTICE OF SERVICE OF
PROCESS BY PUBLICATION**

To: HILARIO BENITEZ MEDRANO

Take notice that a pleading seeking relief against you has been filed in the above-entitled action. The nature of the relief being sought is for absolute divorce. You are required to make a defense to such pleading no later than November 24, 2022, said date being at least forty (40) days from the first publication of this Notice, and upon your failure to do so, the Plaintiff, MARIA SERRANO ARENAS, will apply to the court for the relief sought.

This, the 13th day of October, 2022.

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Sports



FSU Cruises To Homecoming Victory

FAYETTEVILLE—Five different players reached the end zone, led by three scores from Barry Elliott, as Fayetteville State rolled past Saint Augustine's 54-0 on Saturday afternoon inside Luther "Nick" Jeralds Stadium on homecoming weekend.

FSU improved to 4-2 on the year and 3-1 in Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association play, while the SAU fell to 0-6 and 0-4.

True Freshman Demari Daniels led Fayetteville State's passing attack in his first career start with 194 yards through the air, tossing three touchdowns without throwing an interception. The signal caller also added 42 yards and one touchdown on the ground. "It feels good, we did a great job executing, Daniels said. "The line did great blocking and the receivers did good on the perimeter blocking as well."

FSU won the turnover battle in Saturday's game, forcing two turnovers while avoiding any giveaways, with Fayetteville State turning those takeaways into six points. Fayetteville State also had an outstanding day offensively, racking up 543 total yards, 314 on the ground, and 229 through the air, while averaging 9.5 yards per play and out-gaining Saint Augustine's. Fayetteville State converted on 45.5 percent of third-down at-

tempts on the day. The FSU also went 2-for-2 on fourth down.

Fayetteville State's defense limited Saint Augustine's offense, allowing just 146 total yards. The FSU kept Saint Augustine's under 100 yards on both the ground and through the air, allowing only 81 passing and 65 rushing yards. The FSU defense disrupted Saint Augustine's backfield all game, piling up four sacks and eight total tackles for loss.



32 Teams, Open Application, \$1,000,000, Winner-Take-All

TBT Enterprises, known for its revolutionary event The Basketball Tournament (TBT), announced the addition of The Soccer Tournament (TST), bringing its high stakes, winner-take-all \$1 million format to the world's most popular game. The inaugural TST event will take place over four days in June 2023 at WakeMed Soccer Park in Cary, N.C.

TST aims to become the defining world championship for 7v7 soccer, attracting the most competitive soccer players in the world to an annual, highly intense format that follows the World Cup structure, pinning 32 teams against each other in group play before moving into the knockout stages. TST's first two teams will be Team Dempsey, entered by National Soccer Hall of Fame inductee Clint Dempsey, and popu-



Chris Paul

lar British football and esports club Hashtag United.

"TST is an opportunity for players to show what they've got," former United States men's national soccer team star Clint Dempsey said. "I came from the pickup culture, and we'll be on the search for unproven talent that may have been overlooked by the American soccer system.



Clint Dempsey

Don't sleep on Team Dempsey, we're coming to win."

"We've experienced a lot in our 7-year history, including FA Cup runs and league championships, but nothing like TST," said Spencer Owen, founder of Hashtag United. "We firmly believe playing in this tournament means being at the front and center of an exciting evolution in football/

soccer that pushes boundaries in an attempt to maximize entertainment for both the player and the viewer. We can't wait for next summer!"

After establishing TBT Enterprises in 2014, the company's founder and CEO Jon Mugar has grown the brand and its trademark basketball event tremendously over the past nine years, all while creating a model that has become replicable across other major sports. Now, Mugar, co-founder Dan Friel, and co-owner Chris Paul will be expanding The Tournament's reach to soccer.

"What drew me to the ownership group is their commitment to creating a great tournament where every minute of every game is meaningful," said Phoenix Suns guard and TBT and TST co-owner Chris Paul. "The model breeds intense competition and is built for success beyond just basketball. That's why I'm so excited to be part of the team as we launch TST, and why I expect it to have as much of an impact on the sport of soccer as TBT has had on basketball."

"We are excited to birth a new event in TST," said TBT and TST founder and CEO Jon Mugar. "Our model has always been

about open access for all, something European soccer embraces through promotion/relegation and events like the FA Cup. We think that model is fantastic for fans. As we have seen with TBT, it attracts dreamers who are passionate about sport. We're lucky to have been approached by a group of soccer dreamers that understand the game, our model, and the opportunity with seven on seven."

In building The Soccer Tournament, Mugar partnered with former soccer stars Michael Volk, Henry Tembon, and Alecko Eskandarian. Volk and Tembon reached out to Mugar in 2020 with the idea of bringing TBT's model to 7v7 soccer. The two met in 2008 on the University of Virginia soccer team, a squad that would later be crowned NCAA Division I Champions in 2009. Tembon went on to finish his collegiate career at Georgetown, and Volk spent one season in the MLS after graduating from Virginia. Eskandarian, regarded as one of the all-time great UVA soccer players, enjoyed a successful eight-year professional career. Following his retirement, Eskandarian returned to his alma mater in 2010 as an assistant

coach, where he met Volk.

Keeping many of the same features that has made TBT one of the most electrifying sporting events of the summer, TST will also present the winning team with a \$1 million prize at the conclusion of the tournament. In addition, TST will showcase modified rules and regulations, all of which are in place to promote and reinforce the importance of team-oriented, high-intensity action.

As seen with TBT's Elam Ending®, the alternative ending to basketball games that has now been adopted by the NBA All-Star Game, the G League, and leagues around the world, The Soccer Tournament will feature Target Score Time, its own unique finish to competitions where all games end on a goal.

"We have been busy testing our rules," said TST co-founder Mike Volk. "Fans can expect an hour of highly skilled, electrifying, attacking football. So far, we are averaging over forty shots on goal per game, though it's impossible to project exactly what will happen once there is a million dollars on the line. One thing is certain: players love seven on seven soccer for its action, flow and skill, and we believe fans will too."

eNASCAR iRacing Is Roaring

The eNASCAR International iRacing Series returns with a five-race schedule, including a virtual race livestreamed at the ADAC SimRacing Expo in Nuremberg, Germany on December 6. D-BOX Technologies and Digital Motorsports continue as series partners with drivers across the NASCAR Whelen Euro Series, NASCAR Mexico Series, NASCAR Pinty's Series and NASCAR Driver for Diversity Driver Development program all scheduled to compete.

After a spring season that saw NASCAR Euro Series driver Alon Day atop the point standings, the DBOX eNASCAR International iRacing Series presented by Digital Motorsports will feature several new tracks in a five-race stand to close out the 2022 season. Drivers will visit virtual tracks in the United States, Canada and Belgium, beginning at Las Vegas Motor Speedway on Tuesday, November 15. Competition will take place through iRacing.com, the official simulation partner of NASCAR, which provides one of the top online racing simulation portals and features officially-sanctioned, laser-scanned replicas of race tracks around the world.

"We continue to grow our international presence through racing series around the globe," said Chad Seigler, Vice President of International Business



Development and Partnerships. "With the support of DBOX and Digital Motorsports, we're able to extend our reach with the eNASCAR International iRacing Series, providing up-and-coming talent with the opportunity to further hone their skills and make a name for themselves as they rise through racing's ranks."

For the first time, the DBOX eNASCAR International iRacing Series presented by Digital Motorsports will livestream a virtual race in-person at the ADAC SimRacing Expo in Germany. The Daytona International Speedway race will close out the expo on Sunday, December 4 at 9 a.m. ET with registrants able to watch live at the event.

The field will once again have a mix of drivers from the NAS-

CAR Whelen Euro Series, NASCAR Mexico Series, NASCAR Pinty's Series, and select drivers from NASCAR's 2022 Drive for Diversity class.

"Competing in the eNASCAR International iRacing Series is good experience to practice driving these tracks that were unfamiliar to me prior to the series," said Treyten Lapceovich, NASCAR Pinty's Series driver. "Circuit Zolder is one in particular that I likely would have never tried had it not been for the series. I do believe it's helped me progress in real life as well. As someone with minimal road racing experience, the level of competition in the series has forced me to continue practicing road courses and improving in the sim, and those improvements translate to real life racing."



NCDOT TO HOLD A PUBLIC MEETING REGARDING IMPROVEMENTS TO BENJAMIN PARKWAY/BRYAN BOULEVARD BETWEEN W. WENDOVER AVENUE AND N. HOLDEN STREET GREENSBORO, GUILFORD COUNTY

STIP Project U-5852



Greensboro - The public is invited to a meeting with the N.C. Department of Transportation on Oct. 19 to discuss the proposal to make improvements to Benjamin Parkway/Bryan Boulevard in Greensboro.

The proposed project, State Transportation Improvement Program Project No. U-5852, would widen Benjamin Parkway/Bryan Boulevard from a five-lane to six-lane roadway, add a southbound lane north of Wendover Avenue to south of Holden Road, and add sidewalks among other improvements.

Project details, including maps of proposals, can be found on the project web page <https://publicinput.com/Benjamin-Bryan-improvements>

The meeting will be held Oct 19 at the New Garden Loyal Order of Moose located at 1800 New Garden Road in Greensboro from 4-7 p.m. Interested residents can drop in any time during this time to learn more about the proposal, have questions answered and talk with NCDOT representatives. There will not be a formal presentation.

People may also submit comments by phone, email or mail by Nov. 18, 2022.

For more information, contact NCDOT Project Manager, Alexander Foster at 1000 Birch Ridge Drive, Raleigh, NC 27610.

NCDOT will provide auxiliary aids and services under the Americans with Disabilities Act for disabled people who wish to participate in this workshop. Anyone requiring special services should contact Diane Wilson, Environmental Analysis Unit, at 1598 Mail Service Center in Raleigh; 919-707-6073; or Pdwilson1@ncdot.gov as early as possible so that arrangements can be made.

Those who do not speak English, or have a limited availability to read, speak or understand English, may receive interpretive services upon request prior to the meeting by calling 1-800-481-6494.

Aquellas personas no hablan inglés, o tienen limitaciones para leer, hablar o entender inglés, podrían recibir servicios de interpretación si los solicitan antes de la reunión llamando al 1-800-481-6494.