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## Saying Goodbye To The Mutual: A Giant, A Pioneer, A Legend

By Howard Barnett

Special To The Carolinian

They Called it Black Wall Street. Well, not at first. That came much later, in the 1950s. To the Black people of Durham at the turn of the 20th century, it was just Parrish Street. But it contained some of the most vibrant Black businesses not only in North Carolina but in the entire country.

There were a number of Black businesses there, but when people talked about Parrish Street, they were talking mainly about their Black bank, Mechanics and Farmers, and their Black insurance company, North Carolina Mutual Life Insurance.

That era came to an end last week for one of those giants when a Wake County judge declared Mutual officially insolvent and ordered the company to liquidate.

The company had been in trouble for some time as its deposits had dwindled. It stopped writing new policies as early as 2016, and two years later debts forced it into rehabilitation.

The company blamed its troubles on a reinsurance transaction, in which an insurance company buys insurance for itself. But, it said, the man handling that transaction, the "investment manager," misappropriated (stole) the assets entrusted to him.

That forced the company into "rehabilitation," where it was supposed to stay until it got its assets back and its finances stabilized.

That process ended in failure last week in Wake County Superior Court. It will cease doing business and will sell off its assets, including the iconic multi-story building on Parrish Street in Durham.



Black Wall Street in Durham

came about because of segregation and the lack of access to financial wherewithal in the Black community that White citizens had become accustomed to.

That included banking and insurance. The banking was taken care of by M&F Bank. And John Merritt, a local barber, made sure of the insurance.

The original founders, known as the "Triumvirate," included:

John Merrick—the first dreamer and leader. A former slave, who learned to read and write in a Reconstruction School. He later became a brick mason in Raleigh and learned the barber

trade during a lull in construction.

Subsequently, he moved to Durham owning several barber shops, some of which catered to wealthy White men. He was involved in real estate and the Royal Knights of King David, a fraternal benefit society. It was there, Merrick got the notion of life insurance from the very popular mutual benefit societies developing in the south. A seed had been planted. Merrick was born on September 7, 1859 and died August 6, 1919.

Dr. Aaron McDuffie Moore—a humanitarian. Born September 6, 1863 of free parents. He taught high school for several years and attended medical school at Shaw University's Leonard Medical School. He was the first Black person to practice medicine in the city of Durham. Dr. Moore was the company's first treasurer and wielded wide influence in the city. He was instrumental in starting other enterprises such as a drug company, Lincoln Hospital and a library. He became president of the company following Merrick's death in 1919. He devoted full time to working for North Carolina Mutual until his death in 1923.

Charles Clinton "C.C." Spaulding—The builder. Born in Columbus County, August 1, 1874. He came to Durham at age 20 and attended high school graduating in 1898. He began his career as a part-time agent with the company and went on to become general manager in less than a year. Spaulding served in various capacities, as agent, clerk,

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## Black Farmers Sue Biden Administration

By Stacy M. Brown

NNPA

The Biden administration said it has as much concern for the plight of Black and minority farmers as anyone else.

Officials responded after Attorney Ben Crump and the National Black Farmers Association announced a lawsuit claiming the federal government breached its contract with socially disadvantaged farmers under the American Rescue Plan Act.

In August, Congress repealed section 1005 of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, which provided funding and authorization for the federal government to pay up to 120 percent of direct and guaranteed loan outstanding balances as of January 1, 2021, for socially disadvantaged farmers and ranchers, breaking the government's promise and leaving farmers in foreclosure.

In the lawsuit announced on October 12, Black farmers said they relied on the federal government to keep its promise to fund \$5 billion to the farmers when it passed the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA).

"The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) strongly supported the ARPA Section 1005 program and was ready to make payments to direct loan borrowers," USDA officials said in a statement.

"However, the \$5 billion that was intended to help farmers was frozen by three nationwide



JOHN BOYD AND BEN CRUMP

injunctions that prevented USDA from getting payments out the door."

The statement continued:

"The government vigorously defended this program in the courts, but the \$5 billion provided in ARPA remained frozen because of these injunctions. This litigation would likely have not been resolved for years."

Because of the leadership of senators, including Cory Booker (D-N.J.), Raphael Warnock (D-Ga.), Joe Manchin (D-W.V.), Charles Schumer (D-N.Y.), and Debbie Stabenow (D-Michigan), the Inflation Reduction Act moved to repeal those provisions

and to craft something new, officials insisted.

They noted that Congress has provided \$3.1 billion, allowing the USDA to work with distressed borrowers.

The move would help with their farm debts in "new and more effective ways to help keep borrowers as much as possible stay on the land, stay in agriculture, and maintain eligibility for future assistance."

Additionally, officials said for farmers who suffered discrimination by the USDA farm loan programs, and Congress allocated \$2.2 billion to provide additional financial assistance. We

are moving aggressively to implement these provisions.

"I am excited that the Inflation Reduction Act clarifies and reappropriates this funding from the American Rescue Plan," Booker said in an earlier statement.

"By giving USDA the authority to modify debt for distressed borrowers, we will keep family farmers around the country on their farms. For those farmers, particularly Black farmers, who have suffered USDA discrimination, this legislation sets a process to right those wrongs in motion. This was a team effort with Senator Warnock, Senator Stabenow, Secretary Vilsack, and Leader Schumer. I plan to work closely with USDA to ensure farmers quickly get the support they have been waiting for and desperately need."

In a later tweet, Booker said he's proud that the Inflation Reduction Act contained more than \$5 billion to enable thousands of struggling small farmers to stay on their land and provide financial assistance to Black farmers and others who have suffered from USDA discrimination."

"This relief will be a lifeline for our farmers who are most at risk of foreclosure or losing their land, as well as a boost to farmers who have been left behind for decades... [the aid] is significant for economically distressed farmers all across Georgia and the country," added Warnock.

Further, Willard Tillman, ex-

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## Raleigh Mass Shooting

By Tyria McCray

Staff Writer

In what was just a typical Thursday evening after work and one day closer to the weekend, residents witnessed a horrific act of violence literally in their front yard.

Located in Northeast Raleigh sits the Hedingham subdivision near Osprey Cove Drive and Bay Harbor Drive.

A 15-year-old White male (who has not been named) opened fire, killing five people and injuring others.

The shooting started around 5 p.m. with the first victim being his older brother at their home. He then went outside and shot two women in the streets of the neighborhood before running toward the Neuse River Greenway Trail.

Before getting to the trail he shot Officer Gabriel Torres, who was on his way to start his shift with the police department. Next, the teen made his way onto the greenway trail where he opened fire, killing two more people. Later throughout the evening, he remained at large for hours with police calling it an active shooter situation.

Eventually, an RPD K-9 officer tracked the suspect to a shed where he barricaded himself after the shootings. During the standoff, the K-9 officer (handler) was wounded and taken to a hospital where he was treated and released. Shortly after 9:30 p.m., the teen was taken into custody with life-threatening injuries. He was still in critical condition at WakeMed at press time.

The victims ranged in age from 16 to their 50s and have been identified as Nicole Connors, 52; Susan Karnatz, 49; Mary Marshall, 35; Gabriel Torres, 29, an off-duty Raleigh police officer, and James Thompson, 16 (shooter's older brother).

In addition, two people were injured in the attack: Raleigh Police

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janitor and general manager. He was named president in 1923, a post he held until his death in 1952. In addition to his career in life insurance, he was widely respected. Mr. Spaulding served on Howard University's board of trustees from 1936 until his death in 1952.

All of these men were well respected and highly regarded. They each grew the company, and the communities it served.

Merrick used the profits from his barber shops and loans from friends and associates (including White ones) to capitalize his new company. Originally it was called the North Carolina Mutual and Provident Association and it opened for business in 1898. Policyholders paid 10 cents for

a week of coverage. If they died while they were covered, they were given \$100 toward a decent, respectable funeral.

The money didn't seem like much, but as its customers grew, the weekly infusion of cash (or coins) provided operating capital for the new company.

Its capitalization started at almost \$1,000 but by 1910 it was worth some \$250,000. Under the leadership of C.C. Spaulding, it spread to urban centers and lower-income Black enclaves in some 48 states and rapidly became the largest African-American owned company in the United States.

At the time of its demise, NC Mutual Life Insurance Company, as it was renamed early in the

20th century, was still the oldest and largest Black-owned insurance company in the nation.

It also gave back to its community. Over the years, it hosted an NC Insurance Awareness Month, trying to persuade Black citizens of the value of insurance; a Money Management Series, a Home Ownership Seminar, joined in the North Carolina Saves Initiative, sponsored a Legacy Awards Breakfast for seniors, and many other events in the Triangle area and across North Carolina.

Black Enterprise Magazine listed NCM first on its list of Black-owned insurance companies earlier in the 2000s, listing its assets at more than \$150 million.

Its officers have also won acco-

lades, both local and statewide.

In 2005, CEO and President James H. Speed, Jr. was appointed to the Board of Directors of the Federal Reserve Bank in Charlotte.

Speed was also elected to the board of directors of North Carolina Citizens for Business and Industry, a business group, that year. They cited the company's "reputation for financial stability and personalized service."

NCM Chairman Emeritus Nathan T. Garrett was presented the NASBA Center for Public Trust's Being A Difference Award for demonstrating ethical leadership and social responsibility.

The company itself was named to the Diversity 100 by Diversi-

tyBusiness.com that same year.

Those honors listed the company as having \$12 billion (with a "B") in insurance in force, with millions of customers across the country.

NCM joined with Capitol City Bank, another African-American institution, in 2013 to provide greater opportunities for their customers after CCB was denied TARP recovery funds.

The company faced scrutiny for discriminatory activities for charging customers based on their race and inconsistent underwriting.

It turned out not to be NCM's activities, however, that were the problem. The complaint stemmed from the company's acquisition of a block of policies

from North American Life Insurance Co. of Richmond, Va.

Although there was no evidence of malfeasance by NCM, they didn't contest the issue and agreed to pay back all affected policies.

The almost 250,000 policy holders are not out of luck. The insurance industry has a guaranty association which protects premiums. They can still file claims normally and they will still be paid.

But they and many Black residents in North Carolina and the 48 states in which the financial giant did business have lost another part of their history.

NC Mutual may be gone, but it will never, ever be forgotten.

## Black Farmers —CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

ecutive director of the Oklahoma Black Historical Research Project, Inc., said his organization was aware that including the provisions took tremendous energy and commitment to underserved producers.

"We further congratulate and thank Senator Manchin and Senator Chuck Schumer for including this support for farmers and local food systems in West Virginia and beyond, and for their

dedication to getting this historic bill assembled and passed and sent to the House of Representatives," Tillman said in August.

USDA official and retired farmer Lloyd Wright also praised the administration's action.

"This is better than any of the other versions," Wright stated.

"They're going to have to do some paperwork to document the discrimination that occurred, but

we can work through that. So, I think it's really going to help the Black community."

Sara Vogel, former North Dakota Commissioner of Agriculture who led class action lawsuits against USDA in the 1980s, called the bill "comprehensive."

"The bill is comprehensive, and it's going to reach many borrowers in need of services or who had suffered discrimination in the past," Vogel insisted.



## Raleigh Shooting —CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

Officer Casey Clark, 33, who was treated and released from a hospital, and Marcille Gardner, 59, who was still listed in critical condition at press time.

Later that night, Raleigh Mayor Mary Ann Baldwin spoke to residents of Raleigh on the incident.

"There are several families in our community waking up this morning without their loved ones, no one can imagine what they're all going through," the mayor said.

North Carolina Governor Roy Cooper addressed residents as well.

"The swift and coordinated

efforts of local and state law enforcement have the suspect in custody and we are thankful for their efforts. We mourn for the victims of this horrific and infuriating act of violence."

The Hedingham community came together Saturday afternoon for a vigil to remember those killed in the mass shooting in the neighborhood. About 200 community members gathered at the Willow Oak clubhouse.

The event, planned weeks ago, was supposed to be a fall celebration, but instead, it turned into a vigil. The memorial was a chance for residents

to bring flowers, say goodbye, support each other and learn more about the resources available. Counselors from Wake County's Alliance Behavioral Healthcare were on hand as well as several local therapists.

Crisis-trained chaplains with the Billy Graham Rapid Response Team spent the weekend in Hedingham, as was Solomon, a dog who provided a warm body to hug for those who needed it.

Later in the evening, Beacon Baptist Church on nearby Trawick Road held a candlelight vigil at 7 p.m. to remember the tragic loss of life and everyone affected.

On Sunday, the Raleigh police department created a new memorial outside its department honoring fallen officer Gabriel Torres. Torres was reportedly waiting for his wife to come home, so he could see her briefly before reporting for duty with RPD.

The memorial dedicated to Torres is a police SUV with a black tarp draped over it and adorned with black and blue ribbons.

Sunday afternoon members of the nonprofit Back the Blue NC placed flowers on the hood of the patrol car in Torres's honor. The founder of the organization, Lindsay LiCausi, a former police officer said this is her way of showing support for her brothers and sisters in blue.

"It seems like it has happened so soon since deputy Byrd and our hearts are still broken over his loss and now they've just torn apart again. We can't believe that we are here again. We are in our backyard of Raleigh," LiCausi said. "So today is a very, very difficult day coming out and seeing the vehicle in person and laying down the flowers. It's a tough moment."

On Monday, October 17, a portion of the Neuse River Greenway Trail reopened for the first time. The shooter's motives still remain unknown.

Over the weekend, Raleigh District Attorney Lorrin Freeman said that her office had filed petitions to transfer the case to Superior Court and to proceed against the individual as an adult.

Raleigh Police Chief Estella Patterson will file a five-day report to the Raleigh city manager on Oct. 20, which will include a detailed outline of the events during the shooting.

Mayor Mary-Ann Baldwin is working to build an affordable, sustainable, and equitable Raleigh for everyone.

### Mary-Ann's Plan to Build a Better Raleigh:

- Building thousands of new affordable and supportive housing units
- Protecting existing affordable communities and helping seniors stay in and rehabilitate their homes
- Ending exclusionary and discriminatory housing practices
- Keeping our bus system fare-free and expanding efficient and frequent bus service
- Investing in community policing, reducing gun violence, and creating accountability in our public safety services
- Expanding and improving our parks, greenways, and recreation centers in every neighborhood across the city



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# Business & Finance

## Poor, Less White Areas Get Worst Internet Options, Deals

(AP)—A couple of years into the pandemic, Shirley Neville had finally had enough of her shoddy internet service.

"It was just a headache," said Neville, who lives in a middle-class neighborhood in New Orleans whose residents are almost all Black or Latino. "When I was getting ready to use my tablet for a meeting, it was cutting off and not coming on."

Neville said she was willing to pay more to be able to Zoom without interruption, so she called AT&T to upgrade her connection. She said she was told there was nothing the company could do.

In her area, AT&T only offers download speeds of 1 megabit per second or less, trapping her in a digital Stone Age. Her internet is so slow that it doesn't meet Zoom's recommended minimum for group video calls; doesn't come close to the Federal Communications Commission's definition of broadband, currently 25 Mbps; and is worlds below me-

dian home internet speeds in the U.S., which average 167 Mbps.

"In my neighborhood, it's terrible," Neville said.

But that's not the case in other parts of New Orleans. AT&T offers residents of the mostly white, upper-income neighborhood of Lakeview internet speeds almost 400 times faster than Neville's—for the same price: \$55 a month.

The Markup gathered and analyzed more than 800,000 internet service offers from AT&T, Verizon, Earthlink, and CenturyLink in 38 cities across America and found that all four routinely offered fast base speeds at or above 200 Mbps in some neighborhoods for the same price as connections below 25 Mbps in others.

The neighborhoods offered the worst deals had lower median incomes in nine out of 10 cities in the analysis. In two-thirds of the cities where The Markup had enough data to compare, the providers gave the worst offers to

the least white neighborhoods.

These providers also disproportionately gave the worst offers to formerly redlined areas in every one of the 22 cities examined where digitized historical maps were available. These are areas a since-disbanded agency created by the federal government in the 1930s had deemed "hazardous" for financial institutions to invest in, often because the residents were Black or poor. Redlining was outlawed in 1968.

By failing to price according to service speed, these companies are demanding some customers pay dramatically higher unit prices for advertised download speed than others. CenturyLink, which showed the most extreme disparities, offered some customers service of 200 Mbps, amounting to as little as \$0.25 per Mbps, but offered others living in the same city only 0.5 Mbps for the same price—a unit price of \$100 per Mbps, or 400 times as much.

## Admin Launches Student Loan App

By Chante Russell

Special To The Carolinian

Beginning Friday, Oct. 16 borrowers were able to apply for the Biden administration's student loan forgiveness program through a beta version of the application with the official launch coming the following Monday. According to the President, 8 million borrowers were able to fill out the beta version of the application "without a glitch."

"Today, I'm announcing millions of people working and middle-class folks can apply and get this relief. And it's simple and it's now. It's easy," said Biden from the White House Monday. "This is a game changer for millions of Americans... and it took an incredible amount of effort to get this website done in such a short time."

As announced by President Biden in August, the program will cancel \$10,000 in student loan debt for federal student loan borrowers making less than \$125,000 a year or as much as \$20,000 for eligible borrowers who were also Pell Grant recipients.

In order to benefit from the program individuals must submit applications via studentaid.gov by Dec. 31. In order to have the loan forgiveness take effect before federal student loan payments resume

on Jan. 1, 2023, individuals must submit their applications by Nov. 15.

During Biden's announcement he guaranteed the program's initial application process would be simple, noting that no documents would need to be uploaded. Applicants need only provide their full name, Social Security number, date of birth, phone number and an email address. Applicants who are deemed "more likely to exceed the income cutoff" will be required to submit additional information, like a tax transcript.

The Department of Education has said it already has income information for nearly 8 million borrowers who will automatically receive debt relief if they meet the income requirement, unless they choose to opt out. The department also said it will email borrowers who will be considered for debt relief but don't need to apply.

According to the White House, about 40 million people are eligible for some student debt relief, with as many as 20 million people expected to have all loans forgiven. The White House also reported that 45 million borrowers hold about \$1.6 trillion in federal student loan debt. According to data from the Department of Education, roughly two-thirds of bachelor's degree recipients take out federal

student loans.

Last month ahead of the application launch, some Republican lawmakers began attempts to block the program. A lawsuit was filed by the attorneys general of Nebraska, Iowa, Kansas, Missouri, Arkansas and South Carolina arguing that Congress never approved massive student loan cancellation and that the Biden administration and the U.S. Education Department aim to misuse emergency authority.

"Their outrage is wrong and hypocritical," President Biden said. "I don't want to hear from Republican officials who had hundreds of thousands of dollars, even millions of dollars, in pandemic relief loans—PPP loans—who now attack working-class Americans for getting relief."

In addition to the broad student loan forgiveness program, those who have worked in public service for 10 years or more, such as for a non-profit organization or the government, may be eligible to have all of their debt canceled through the Public Service Loan Forgiveness program. Applications are open now for borrowers who have worked in public service since student loan payments were paused in March 2020 to receive credit toward the 10-year benchmark. This application is due Oct. 31.

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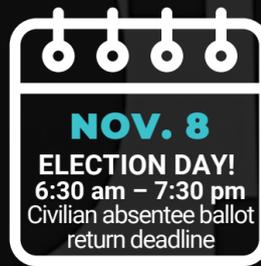
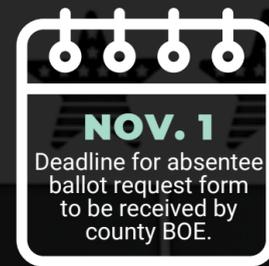
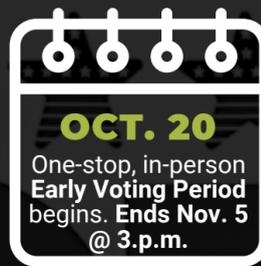
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### KEY ELECTION DATES



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### NCDOT TO HOLD A PUBLIC MEETING REGARDING THE PROPOSAL TO REPLACE OVERPASS BRIDGES AT THREE I-95 INTERCHANGES IN JOHNSTON COUNTY

#### STIP Project No. B-6050



**MICRO** - The public is invited to a meeting hosted by the N.C. Department of Transportation to discuss the proposed project to replace bridges and improve the following I-95 interchanges in Johnston County.

- Exit 101 (Pittman Road)
- Exit 102 (East Main Street)
- Exit 105 (Bagley Road)

Project details, including maps and a video, can be found on the NCDOT project web page: <https://publicinput.com/i-95-interchanges-micro>. The information will be presented at the meeting allowing for one-on-one discussions with engineers but no formal presentation.

The meeting will be held **Oct. 24** at The Farm at I-95, **215 Batten Road**, Selma. The public is invited to attend at any time between **5 - 7 p.m.**

People may also submit comments by phone at 512-580-8850 (project code 3661), email ([i-95-interchanges-micro@PublicInput.com](mailto:i-95-interchanges-micro@PublicInput.com)), or mail at the address shown below by **Nov. 28, 2022**.

**By Mail:** Chad Coggins  
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## D/M/WBE

### SUBCONTRACTORS/SUPPLIERS WANTED

T. A. Loving Company (NC General Contractor License No. 325) is seeking certified DBE, MBE, and WBE subcontractors and suppliers for the **Leachate Membrane Bioreactor Upgrades** project for New Hanover County which bids **November 14, 2022, at 2:00 PM**. Plans and specifications for this project are available at the following locations: TA Loving Company, 400 Patetown Road, Goldsboro, NC 27530 \* New Hanover County Environmental Management Office; 3002 Highway 421 North; Wilmington, NC 28401.

Potential subcontracting opportunities include but are not limited to surveying, clearing and grubbing, hauling, earthwork, erosion control, seeding, sodding, landscaping, electrical, SCADA, roofing, HVAC, insulation, CIPC, concrete forms, concrete rebar, painting, and plumbing. Please contact **Michael Cox (mcox@taloving.com)** if you are interested in submitting a proposal on any portion(s) of this project. Contact via phone 919-734-8400; fax 919-736-2148; or email. All quotations will be accepted up to bid closing time of the bid date. TA Loving Company is an Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action Employer.

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

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### SUBCONTRACTORS/SUPPLIERS WANTED

T.A. Loving Company (NC General Contractor License No. 325) is seeking certified DBE, MBE, and WBE subcontractors and suppliers for the **Mitchell Water Treatment Plant Improvements** project for the City of Greensboro which bids **December 1, 2022, at 2:00 PM**. Plans and specifications for this project are available at the following locations: TA Loving Company, 400 Patetown Road, Goldsboro, NC 27530 \* City of Greensboro, Engineering Division; 300 West Washington Street, Suite 322; Greensboro, NC 27401.

Potential subcontracting opportunities include but are not limited to surveying, demolition, hauling, asphalt paving, striping, earthwork, erosion control, seeding, sodding, electrical, SCADA, linework, masonry, roofing, HVAC, roll up doors, insulation, flatwork, CIPC, concrete forms, concrete rebar, manhole rehab, manhole lining, painting, plumbing, and fencing. Please contact **Michael Cox (mcox@taloving.com)** if you are interested in submitting a proposal on any portion(s) of this project. Contact via phone 919-734-8400; fax 919-736-2148; or email. All quotations will be accepted up to bid closing time of the bid date. TA Loving Company is an Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action Employer.

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## STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

### DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION RALEIGH, N.C.

The Deadline for submitting Electronic Bids on the following projects as well as the public reading will be **November 15, 2022, at 2:00 pm**. The public reading will be held in Contract Standards and Development Unit Conference Room (Room 156 A/B), Building B, North Carolina Department of Transportation, Century Center Complex, 1020 Birch Ridge Dr., Raleigh, NC 27610. Please enter door B-2.

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

These contracts are subject to all appropriate Federal Laws, including Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964.

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

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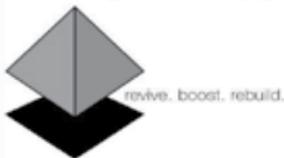
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# Health & Fitness

## Testing Shows High Levels Of BPA In Sports Bras & Shirts

PRNewswire—The Center for Environmental Health (CEH) sent legal notices to 8 brands of sports bras and 6 brands of athletic shirts after testing shows the clothing could expose individuals to up to 22 times the safe limit of the chemical bisphenol A (BPA), according to California law.

The sports bra brands include Athleta, PINK, Asics, The North Face, Brooks, All in Motion, Nike, and FILA. The activewear shirt brands include The North Face, Brooks, Mizuno, Athleta, New Balance, and Reebok.

BPA, a well-studied hormone disrupting chemical, mimics estrogen and can disrupt the normal functioning of the body, including metabolism, growth and development, and reproduction.

“People are exposed to BPA

through ingestion (e.g., from eating food or drinking water from containers that have leached BPA) or by absorption through skin (e.g., from handling receipt paper),” said Kaya Allan Sugerman, Illegal Toxic Threats Program Director at CEH. “Studies have shown that BPA can be absorbed through skin and end up in the bloodstream after handling receipt paper for seconds or a few minutes at a time. Sports bras and athletic shirts are worn for hours at a time, and you are meant to sweat in them, so it is concerning to be finding such high levels of BPA in our clothing.”

To date, CEH’s investigations have found BPA in polyester-based clothing with spandex, including socks made for infants.

Throughout the past year, CEH

has pushed more than 90 companies to reformulate their products to remove all bisphenols including BPA, and some have already agreed to do so.

“The problem with BPA is it can mimic hormones like estrogen and block other hormone receptors, altering the concentration of hormones in our bodies, and resulting in negative health effects,” said Dr. Jimena Díaz Leiva, Science Director at CEH. “Even low levels of exposure during pregnancy have been associated with a variety of health problems in offspring. These problems include abnormal development of the mammary glands and ovaries that can increase the likelihood of developing breast or ovarian cancer later in life. These effects occur even at low levels of exposure like those seen in people today.”

Defendants will have 60 days to work with CEH to remedy the violations before CEH files a complaint to do so.

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## Behind Mental Illness Statistics In America

By Stacy M. Brown

NNPA

The District of Columbia counts among the top 10 states with the best mental health, or the combination of the lowest prevalence of mental illness and greater access to care, according to Mental Health America’s annual State of Mental Health in America report.

Wisconsin, Pennsylvania, Massachusetts, Delaware, Connecticut, New Jersey, New York, Illinois, and Maryland round out the top 10.

The states at the lower end of the ranking have higher prevalence rates and less access to care. Those states include Kansas, Indiana, Texas, Oregon, Arizona, Idaho, and Nevada.

“This year, again, the evidence is clear regarding the urgent crisis we face in American mental health,” Schroeder Stribling, president and CEO of MHA said in a statement.

“From high numbers of our youth who are contemplating suicide to an increase in substance use, to widespread difficulty in accessing the care they seek, Americans are experiencing high rates of distress and frequent challenges in getting help,” Stribling noted.

Stribling pledged that Mental Health America has continued to work to address and reverse the numbers, including advocating for improvements to policy and practice that reach people where they are – at the right time, with the right help.

“Everyone deserves access to the care they need and the opportunity to live a flourishing life of recovery,” Stribling asserted.

MHA found that 55% of the over 50 million Americans experiencing a mental illness received no treatment, with access and cost as the primary reasons.

Most of those who indicated they could not access needed mental health treatment reported that they could not afford care, MHA researchers found.

This reason was followed by not knowing where to get services, thinking they could handle their mental health without treatment, not having time, or health insurance not paying enough for mental health treatments.

Researchers added that eleven percent of adults with a mental illness are uninsured, and 1 in 10 youth with private insurance do not have coverage for mental health treatments.

“Our country has a known shortage of mental health providers – one provider for every 350 individuals – and barriers such as lack of insurance or insurance not covering enough of the cost of mental health care compound the lack of access for those needing help, with clear geographic and racial disparities,” said Maddy Reinert, senior director of population health at MHA.

“We cannot expect mental health to improve in the U.S. if individuals in need are unable to access the kinds of care that they want.”

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# Ag-Grow-Culture

## An True Agrarian Love Story: Part One

By Jason Lindsay

Staff Writer

I did not grow up on the farm and very rarely did we live in the deep country, mostly in and around small towns in the south.

My parents were the generation to leave the farm. They were also the last generation born off the grid. And my mother said that she was fourteen the first time she ate at a fast-food restaurant because throughout her entire childhood real fast-food grew on tree (apples, plums, pears, etc.).

Country Living, or the southern agrarian lifestyle, gave my parents and grandparents another level of work ethic. They knew the importance of consistency and reliability because for these principles to be absent on the farm meant dead livestock, or no reserves for the winter.

My grandfather rose every dawn at 4:30am with the ringing of a three-armed alarm clock that was loud enough to wake up the neighborhood. Grandma would never be far behind. She would make breakfast for the whole house with ingredients sourced from the community.

I was a teenager the first time I saw a box of cereal on their shelf and even then, it was the “flakes” without the frosting. The chicken lady was next door providing eggs and poultry for her family and the neighborhood. A few houses down was the deacon of the church who raised cows and pigs and would do all his own slaughtering. I haven't found bacon cut to such perfection since.

By the time I was old enough to understand the significance of my grandparent's lifestyle they were up in age and retired. But I was the child that would sit and listen to the stories shared on the porch, while sitting in the den, or around the table. On early winter morning, my grandfather would tell us his World War II stories while we all stood warming-up around the wall mounted gas heater.

He was injured at “Pearl

Harbor.” After being rushed to medic, Granddaddy was informed that his leg was in need of amputation. My grandfather, being as hard as he was, wasn't having it and was release with honorable discharge. Once back home in rural North Carolina, he was visited by the local doctor from the nearest town. The doctor responded the same as the military doctors: the leg would need to be amputated.

Granddaddy explained that right at the moment tears begin to swell up in his eyes in walks his Aunt Rhody. She didn't quite enter the room, much due to a long-standing quarrel between her and the doctor. She was a short slim woman, only stood around 4'10” and maybe a hundred pounds soaked and wet with long peppered hair, a deep caramel complexion, and a posture that illuminated an awareness of her own self-worth.

Aunt Rhody stood in the door frame peeping over at my grandfather's leg. She looked him straight in the face and said: “I can fix that leg, Willie.” The doctor, on the other hand, had been in the room for a while during which time he had moved, poked, and squeezed the injured leg leaving it in more pain than it was before his visit. Granddaddy expressed this decision as a “no brainer.” Aunt Rhody was the whole reason he wouldn't let the military doctors operate. He knew if he could get home to Aunt Rhody his leg would be saved.

Aunt Rhody was a root worker. She understood nature and the role it was meant to play in our lives. She also was a midwife and from the 1800's right up into the 1950's when she died, she never lost a child or a mother in a time where up to 30 percent of infants died before their first birthday.

So, with her hand-woven wisteria vine back pack, Aunt Rhody disappeared into the woods to gather the necessary roots, leaves, barks, and flowers needed. After a time out in the forest she returns heading straight into the kitchen and locking the

door behind her.

Today most folk don't have doors to the kitchen, but during this time the main house and the kitchen were detached. Most house-fire started in the kitchen, so in an attempt to save the rest of the home people would build a separate building for the kitchen and Aunt Rhody would lock herself in while she prepared the medicines, and no one was allowed in or out.

My grandfather described: right as the sun had set in the open sky, Aunt Rhody emerged from the kitchen with one big scorching pot in hand, hands protected by the layers she gripped from her dress and apron. She sat it on the table adjacent the bed and pulls from it these steaming rags which she wraps tightly around his foot one at a time. First the hot wet rags from the pot followed by several dry towels fashioned to secure everything in place.

The next morning, Granddaddy now bedridden for days, wakes up to no pain for the first time since the injury. He explained the pressure of the rags, still warm as he began to peel them back. Granddaddy, expounded on the feeling of the wind hitting his leg after the last rag is pulled off, seeing his leg not discolored and swollen twice its original size, and that same day he walked on it. My grandfather would live to see 92 years of life on this planet and died with his leg.

My grandparents wouldn't frequent a doctor until their 80s and during college while contemplating a family of my own and learning about indigenous health rituals, I realized we no longer lived by our indigenous principles or prepared our traditional meals. I realized there was no longer an Aunt Rhody in the family. In fact, I didn't know of any black family with an Aunt Rhody. No longer was there an Aunt Rhody in our communities.

Grandma and Granddaddy stop farming in the early 90s and no one in the family was farming or stewarding land

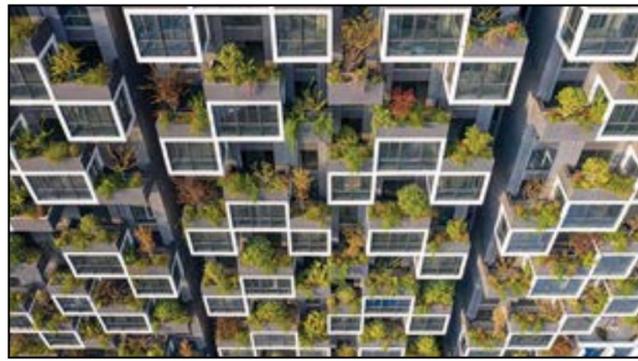
in any capacity. There was no acreage in the family and seemingly no conscious concern. Grandmama's portioned meals with sides and hush puppies had largely been replaced by frozen pizza with sugar induced spaghetti sauce. I realized in just two generation my family had gone from birthing our own babies (at rate still not matched by modern medicine) and holistic healing, to landless and ignorant to the impact of our indigenous agrarian pathways even though many of us were now college educated.

After graduation I married my college-sweetheart and not even a year later we were anticipating baby number one. The stories of Aunt Rhody and other healers in my family run warm through my thoughts and the teaching of healers like Dr. Sebi (third generation herbalist, pathologist, and biochemist who made popular the alkaline diet) gave me the desire to feed my expecting wife the absolute best and I understood that because I didn't know any organic farmers in our area that I would have to grow a large portion of our food.

So, with the fire of my ancestors within in me I broke ground in our backyard. If it was one thing year one of growing food taught me it was just how much knowledge was lost in just two generations. Most of the time we didn't even have a driveway, let alone a yard to grow a garden, so I had no concept of gardening. I was using “Miracle-Gro,” not knowing that it was a synthetic chemical fertilizer.

We use “Miracle-Gro” soil and fed with it as well. The garden was growing though, growing well until the rain came. Grandma did not have to grow under the conditions of global warming. Everyday for the last three weeks leading up to the birth of our first child it rained, either all day or periodically throughout the day. So needless to say, year one was a complete flop.

To be continued...



## Era Of Vertical Forests

By Marthe de Ferrer

EuroNews

China's first ‘Vertical Forest City’ has been completed, providing a home to around 500 people - and over 5,000 shrubs and trees.

Though we may not think of tower blocks as green spaces, Italian architect Stefano Boeri has been disrupting this notion for decades. His latest project, the Easyhome Huanggang Vertical Forest City Complex spans 4.54 hectares and includes two residential and three commercial towers.

Huanggang is home to more than 1.2 million people, and is situated in the Hubei Province, about 70 kilometres east of Wuhan.

Though the new complex is still recognisably the work of Boeri, best-known for the Bosco Verticale in Milan, the residential towers combine open and closed balconies to forge a stair-like effect.

This design is meant to “create a continuous, ever-changing movement”, as the building blends natural and built environments together.

All the foliage included in the project has been selected from native, non-invasive species. There are 404 trees, predominantly Ginkgo biloba - which is a type of Ginkgoales, an ancient order of trees dating back more than 290 million years.

There are also 4,620 shrubs used in the design, and 2,409 square metres of perennial grass, flowers and climbing plants.

Each year it's estimated that the vertical forest will absorb around 20 tonnes of carbon dioxide, while emitting approximately 10 tonnes of oxygen.

“The design allows an excellent view of the tree-lined façades, enhancing the sensorial experience of the greenery and integrating the plant landscape with the architectural dimension,” says architect Stefano Boeri.

“The inhabitants of the residential towers have the opportunity to experience the urban space from a different perspective while fully enjoying the comfort of being surrounded by nature.”

This isn't the only project of Boeri's planned in China, however. Work is underway on the Liuzhou Forest City in the mountainous province of Guangxi in southern China.

Liuzhou is one of the most smog-affected cities in the world, hence why it has been chosen as a host for Boeri's work.

The Liuzhou Forest City will house 30,000 people, along with 40,000 trees and more than a million plants from over 100 different species.

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# Community

## Public School Forum Announces Pipeline

The Public School Forum of North Carolina is working to ensure that all North Carolina students have access to a diverse, highly effective educator workforce.

As part of this commitment, the Forum, in partnership with the N.C. Office of the Governor and The Belk Foundation, has launched the North Carolina Educator Pipeline Collaborative with an inaugural cohort of eight teacher preparation partnerships from across the state including school districts, universities, and community colleges working to strengthen the educator pipeline.

"The Public School Forum is thrilled to be working with the eight Collaborative partnerships. Their dedication to growing and diversifying the educator pipeline to ensure that every child has access to a high-quality and well-prepared educator is inspiring. Their engagement and expertise will fuel efforts to strengthen and expand recruitment and retention efforts across North Carolina," said Dr. Mary Ann Wolf, President and Executive Director of the Public School Forum of NC.

The Collaborative is working together to share, develop, and implement policies and practices that will enhance and extend their efforts to recruit, prepare, support, and retain a diverse, highly effective educator workforce.

"This project is a critical piece of our work and represents ongoing efforts to leverage partnerships to benefit our schools system. Clearly, the need is dire for qualified teachers, this plan will help us build the talent pool

in our county from within our county," said Dr. Don Phipps, Superintendent, Caldwell County Schools.

"The benefits of the pipeline are win-win-win. The student, prospective teacher, the school system and the college/university all win. I would argue, hiring from within our county will ultimately lead to increased retention levels and more."

"ECU and the College of Education are excited to participate in the North Carolina Educator Pipeline Collaborative. We are excited to help develop a framework for effective teacher preparation partnerships that will aid in recruiting and retaining a diverse, high-quality pipeline," said Dr. Art Rouse, Professor and Interim Dean, College of Education, East Carolina University.

"We believe this partnership will help meet the educational needs of communities while promoting best practices and advocating for programs that will have a lasting impact on the teacher pipeline. ECU is committed to this partnership and eager to continue its impact on the teacher pipeline in North Carolina."

The four main goals of the North Carolina Educator Pipeline Collaborative are to (1) Identify and understand the work of successful partnerships and programs; (2) Develop a framework for effective teacher preparation partnerships across K-12, higher education, and workforce development that work to recruit, prepare, support and retain a diverse, high-quality educator pipeline; (3) Support a cohort

of teacher preparation partnerships in their development of programs that meet their context and community needs; and (4) Share findings and recommendations with school districts, higher education, and state leaders to promote best practices and advocate for policies and programs that will have a lasting impact on the teacher pipeline.

"The work of the North Carolina Educator Pipeline Collaborative is essential to increasing the diversity of our educator workforce. As an HBCU, we are invested in equity and improving the human condition and the lives of children and families across the state," said Paula Price, Dean and Professor, College of Education, North Carolina A&T State University.

"Working in close partnership with our community college and district partners to attract, retain, and support diverse and culturally responsive educators is part of our overall mission, so I am excited that engaging in this Collaborative also affords us the opportunity to advocate for policies and practices that are aligned with our vision."

By creating and strengthening connections between school districts, universities, and community colleges The Collaborative aims to address the gaps in our state's educator pipeline and forge long-term partnerships focused on meeting the needs of their communities.

"Durham Tech is committed to building pathways to great jobs and careers—like teaching. We are excited to join DPS and NCCU in this collaborative and to build multiple routes to

becoming an educator," said JB Buxton, President, Durham Tech. "Good things happen when our K-12 schools and institutions of higher learning sit at the same table. Having robust, collaborative relationships are essential to the future of our communities and our state. CCC&TI is extremely excited to partner with Caldwell County Schools and Appalachian State University to find more effective ways to meet the teacher pipeline needs in our region," said Dr. Mark Poarch, President Caldwell Community College and Technical Institute.

### 2022-2023 NC Educator Pipeline Collaborative

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•East Carolina University, Pitt Community College, and Pitt County Schools

•Elon University and Alamance Community College

•North Carolina A&T State University, Guilford Technical Community College, and Guilford County Schools

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## Omegas Donate A Car To Raleigh Family

The men of the Iota Iota Chapter recently donated a 1996 Infiniti G20 to a Wake County family. This was the vision of Basileus Marvin L. Whitaker, Jr. who wanted to do something special for a Wake County family in need.

Mo Johnson, who is the Director of Garner Road Community Center, identified she had a family in need of a vehicle. The chapter was able to find a sponsor in Sara Sider, who donated the vehicle.

Mr. Anthony Hedgepeth of A&H Auto in Rocky Mount also sponsored the endeavor by offering his automotive services. The Triangle Uplift Foundation assisted with making sure documentation was proper.

The family was ecstatic about the donation. The mother explained how this would make her life easier by having transportation to go to and from work and transport her children.



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# Church

## Evangelicals Frequently Feel Misunderstood On Campus

By Matthew J. Mayhew, Christa Winkler, and Musbah Shaheen

The Conversation

Our research team has studied college students' attitudes toward evangelicals, a topic that tends to prompt strong reactions.

Some liberals don't see the topic as worthy of discussion—why study whether Americans appreciate a privileged group with strong influence on society? Meanwhile, many conservatives are adamant that evangelical perspectives are not tolerated, let alone welcome, on U.S. university campuses.

Yet our findings about students' attitudes underscore important lessons about fostering tolerance and appreciation on campus for any group. Views of evangelicals are particularly interesting, since they highlight the complexities of social privilege: how individuals can feel discriminated against, even when their community as a whole is influential.

The Interfaith Diversity Experiences and Attitudes Longitudinal Survey, or IDEALS, surveyed 9,470 college students from 122 institutions across the country at three times: the beginning of their first year, the end of their first year, and the end of their senior year, which wrapped up in spring 2019. As part of this project, conducted by a team of researchers from Ohio State University, North Carolina



University and the nonprofit Interfaith America, we asked students about their attitudes toward religious, spiritual and secular groups, including but not limited to atheists, Jews, Muslims and evangelicals.

We asked students to indicate their responses to four statements on a scale of 1, or "disagree strongly," to 5, or "agree strongly":

1. In general, people in this group make positive contributions to society.

2. In general, individuals in this group are ethical people.

3. I have things in common with people in this group.

4. In general, I have a positive attitude toward people in this group.

Our analysis controlled for other variables—such as the institu-

tion's type, selectivity and size, and students' race, gender, sexual orientation, major and political affiliation—to home in on the specific ways the campus learning environment was related to students' views about different religious groups.

Compared with their attitudes toward other religious groups on campus, students' appreciation for evangelicals grew at a slower pace, but still grew. On average, students' responses showed an increase of over 40 percent in appreciation toward evangelicals by the end of their first year. By the time students graduated, they demonstrated another 30 percent increase between the end of their first year and fourth year of college.

Jesus is the "Period" at the end of the New Covenant. Every Covenant made by God included the sacrificing of an animal. The animal's blood had to be shed during its sacrifice. This started when God had to kill an animal to make coverings for Adam and Eve, who had recently sinned and deemed themselves naked. The painting the door post with the blood of a spotless lamb during the departure from Egypt was the second time. The blood sacrifice is required and plays out in each of God's Covenants made with Israel.

God knew animals which were not made equal to man could ever be a qualified offering to take away the sins of man. It must be a man sacrifice who is equal with man in order for man's sins to be covered and permanently removed. Such a sacrifice must be accepted by God. The only man God would accept in man's place as a sacrifice is His only begotten Son.

One can imagine the number of animals having to be sacrificed over the thousands of years in order to stay God's anger toward man's sins. God reserved His anger toward man's sin until the Last Day. His anger then will be at those who failed to accept His Son's offer of salvation having hung on the cross on man's behalf.

Jesus told His disciples and the New Testament church to help warn the world that the God's Covenant is soon to come to an end. Without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness of sin. This is why Jesus willingly shed His blood during the beatings and crucifixion (Hebrews 10:18). All of the previous animal sacrifices, in a spiritual sense, pointed to the time Jesus will be hanging on the cross—shedding blood.

The crucifixion of Jesus on the cross ended all animal sacrifices as far as God is concerned. Jesus signs the end of the New Covenant with His blood. Being that God, Son and the Spirit is spiritual in nature, Jesus instituted His physical body sacrificed into one of a spiritual nature. He chose bread to represent His body (I am the Bread of Life). He chose wine to represent His physical blood which was shed.

Jesus created the New Testament Church Communion. "This bread is my physical body which is broken for you and by my stripes (beatings) you may be healed. Take and drink this wine which represents my physical blood shed for the remission of your sin. As often as you do this do this in remembrance of Me." God's Covenant with us is our "spiritual" Communion in the New Testament Church.

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## SERMON of the WEEK



WHEN WE TRUST GOD  
By Dr. Derrick L. Sauls

Genesis 40:14—But think on me when it shall be well with thee, and show kindness, I pray the, unto me, and make mention of me unto Pharaoh, and bring me out of this house.

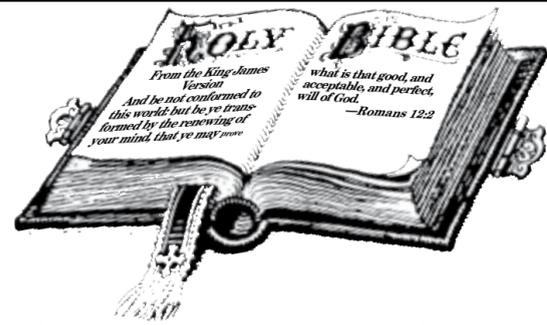
Take a journey with me back in time to visit Potiphar's house. We all know the story of how Joseph was blessed, trusted in God and held on to his faith. Every day, Potiphar's wife kept trying to entice him to lay with her. She eventually lies on the defiant Joseph and he ends up in prison.

Fast forward, God is still in the blessing business where Joseph finds favor in prison. If you read the story, you know that some of Pharaoh's top aides ended up in prison like the butler who was like the armor/cup bearer, highly trusted to serve Pharaoh his wine. If the butler were scandalous, he could poison the Pharaoh. Yes, he was highly trusted by Pharaoh and his family, along with the administration, but the irrational Pharaoh tossed him into prison.

As usual, when you have God's favor, people ask you to keep them in prayer. Sometimes, we act in a moment of secret discipleship and put oil on the situation, or touch the person and ask, are you okay? The most magnificent gesture is raising one's hand in prayer, saying "Lord Bless them." All Joseph asked was for the butler to mention his name to Pharaoh. As usual, folks tend to forget or do not want to remember. However, when you have God's favor, they will make a return trip to be in your presence because you truly know God.

Joseph's time came again to interpret a dream; however, this time in the presence of Pharaoh, the news was good and bad. Yes, seven abundant years, followed by seven years of famine. There is a powerful message in that dream and now the days, weeks, months, and years have come that the dream resonates in our lives.

Joseph believed in devotion. He waited patiently for God to deliver him from prison, even though the butler seemed to have forgotten him. It reminds me of



Jeremiah 9:23-24.

We are in a time that some could say we are living in a prison without walls. Inflation, wars, nuclear bombs, mass killings, hurricanes, excessive cost of gasoline, followed by grocery store prices, and let us not forget housing and high interest rates. Let us not forget, prayer stations running low on spiritual high test, weapons formed against us seem to prosper.

I remember in 1982-1983 when inflation was on the rise, interest rates for mortgages were 18 percent and credit cards were not accepted at the gas pump. You had to pay cash. In my youth, I paid no attention to the cost of life and had not really thought about my spirituality. It was a dollar made, and a dollar spent. Easy come, easy go. Then I rekindled a relationship with someone called Jesus.

It was interesting, because then I counted the costs. I wanted to do more in life. The best part is that I found favor with God. As you look at me, I am looking at you and see God's favor. See, favor is upon everyone through grace. It is up to you how you use your favor. You have seen it in action when the boss on your job picks you over

all those with experience. He knows that at the end of the day, you will not fall to the Potiphar's Wife Syndrome. Out of nowhere, someone walks up to you and says, I just want to be a blessing. Better yet, you watch the hand of God work in your family's life, and you quietly shed a tear, saying, Lord, I thank you. We must stand strong because God trusts us enough that He sacrificed his son Jesus. He first will take you through the test.

When we trust God, he leads us through the valley of the shadow of death. When we trust God, he makes a way out of no way. When we trust God, he removes the bitterness and oh taste and see that the Lord is good. When we trust God, he does not remove the mountains, but gives us the strength to climb. When we trust God, he plants us by the rivers of waters, and we shall not be moved. There is a movement of God in all our lives. Trust him with your anointing of favor. Yes, when you trust God like Joseph, he may not come when you want him, but he is an on-time God.

To view complete sermons by Pastor William Eli Ratcliff and associate ministers, please visit our YouTube Channel. Thank you!

## Faith Missionary Holds Its 22nd Pastor's Anniversary



Faith Missionary Baptist Church at 908 Suffolk Blvd., Raleigh, honored its pastor, the Rev. Dr. George A. Jones, Jr., on his 22nd pastoral anniversary on Sunday, Oct. 16, beginning at 11 a.m.

The speaker for the occasion was Bishop George K. Horton. The spiritual topic was "Celebrating Strong and Courageous Leadership In Unprecedented Times," Jeremiah 3:15.

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## Going Behind the Startling High— and Low—Mental Illness Statistics in America

By Stacy M. Brown  
 NNPA Newswire  
 Senior National Correspondent

The District of Columbia counts among the top 10 states with the best mental health, or the combination of the lowest prevalence of mental illness and greater access to care, according to Mental Health America's annual *State of Mental Health in America* report.

Wisconsin, Pennsylvania, Massachusetts, Delaware, Connecticut, New Jersey, New York, Illinois, and Maryland round out the top 10.

The states at the lower end of the ranking have higher prevalence rates and less access to care. Those states include Kansas, Indiana, Texas, Oregon, Arizona, Idaho, and Nevada.

"This year, again, the evidence is clear regarding the urgent crisis we face in American mental health," Schroeder Stribling, president and CEO of MHA said in a statement.

"From high numbers of our youth who are contemplating suicide to an increase in substance use, to widespread difficulty in accessing the care they seek, Americans are experiencing high rates of distress and frequent challenges in getting help," Stribling noted.

Stribling pledged that Mental Health America has continued to work to address and reverse the numbers, including advocating for improvements to policy and practice that reach people where they are—at the right time, with the right help.

"Everyone deserves access to the care they need and the opportunity to live a flourishing life of recovery," Stribling asserted.

MHA found that 55 percent of the over 50 million Americans experiencing a mental illness received no treatment, with access and cost as the primary reasons.

Most of those who indicated they could not access needed mental health treatment reported that they could not afford care, MHA researchers found.

This reason was followed by not knowing where to get services, thinking they could handle their mental health without treatment, not having time, or health insurance not paying enough for mental health treatments.

Researchers added that

eleven percent of adults with a mental illness are uninsured, and 1 in 10 youth with private insurance do not have coverage for mental health treatments.

"Our country has a known shortage of mental health providers—one provider for every 350 individuals—and barriers such as lack of insurance or insurance not covering enough of the cost of mental health care compound the lack of access for those needing help, with clear geographic and racial disparities," said Maddy Reinert, senior director of population health at MHA.

"We cannot expect mental health to improve in the U.S. if individuals in need are unable to access the kinds of care that they want."

In an effort for more mental health support, D.C. council member Robert White introduced the District's Pathways to Behavioral Health Degrees Act of 2022, which would allow students to pursue a master's degree in social work free of charge at the University of the District of Columbia.

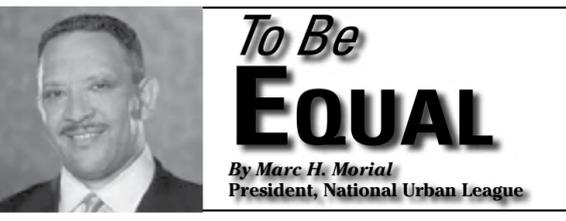
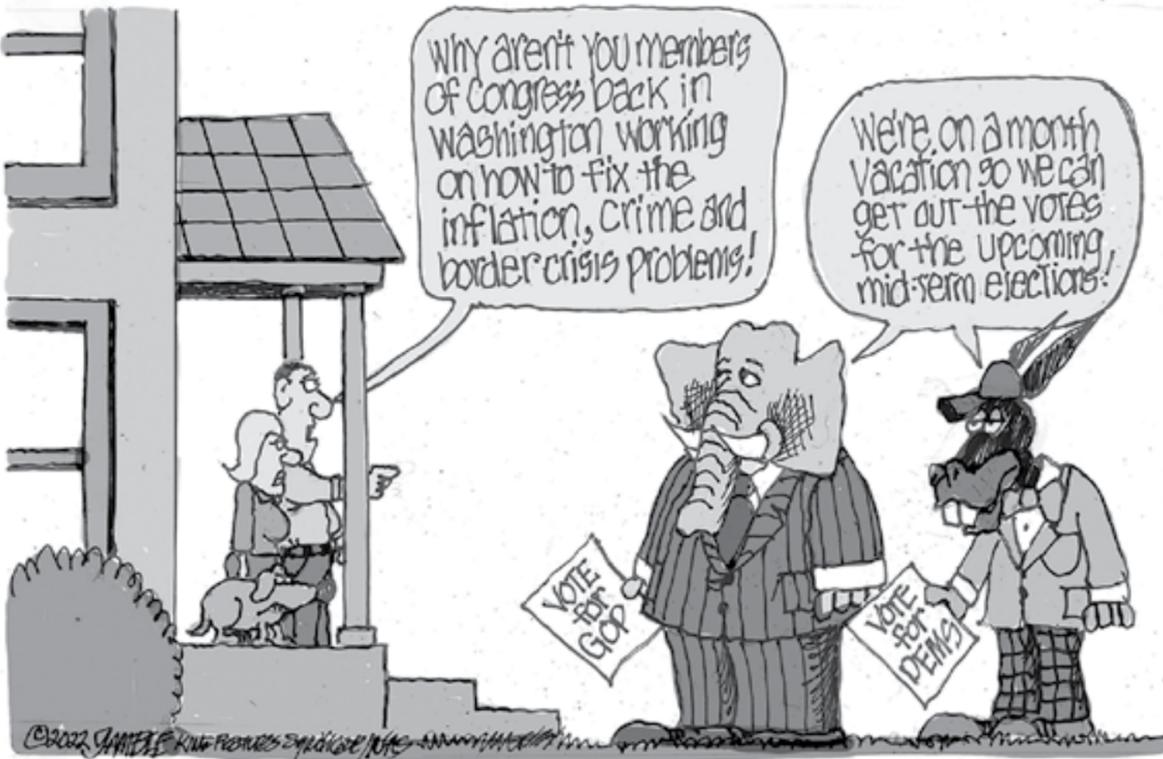
White's bill, which has eight co-sponsors on the 13-member council, would allow eligible applicants with bachelor's degrees to obtain scholarships that cover tuition and books. It also provides students with a monthly stipend to cover living expenses and transportation.

"When the pandemic started, I heard from so many people who felt like they needed mental health professionals, and they couldn't find it, and what we realized is that we have a pipeline problem," White stated.

In releasing its annual report, MHA said it aims to provide a snapshot of mental health among youth and adults for policy and program planning, analysis, and evaluation.

Further, officials want to track changes in the prevalence of mental health issues and access to mental health care, understand how changes in national data reflect the impact of legislation and policies, and increase dialogue with and improve outcomes for individuals and families with mental health needs.

"Everyone deserves access to the care they need and the opportunity to live a flourishing life of recovery," Stribling insisted.



## To Be EQUAL

By Marc H. Morial  
 President, National Urban League

Editor's Note: The following was originally printed in June of this year, but it remains relevant given recent events.  
**PRESIDENT'S CLAIM TO BE ABOVE THE LAW IS "AN AFFRONT TO THE VERY PRINCIPLE ON WHICH OUR SYSTEM IS BUILT"**

"No man is above the law and no man is below it: nor do we ask any man's permission when we ask him to obey it."  
 —Theodore Roosevelt, Third Annual Message, December 7, 1903

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

President Trump, of course, has not been charged with obstruction of justice or any other offense. But his lawyer's claim represents a dangerous and un-American view.

Thomas Paine, in his revolutionary pamphlet *Common Sense*,

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## A Different Voice

By Dorothy Shaw Thompson

### POLITICS ONE OH NONE

Yesterday, I saw a picture of a little boy with a shirt on that said, "I could be president." I thought to myself, "Yes, sweetie, but why would you want to be?" Then I thought, but every president of the United States had been at one time a little boy (no girls yet). Wonder if they thought, "One day I could be president?" Wonder if they knew in their souls? Frankly, I've never wanted to be president of anything and have only thought to run for a political office one time. Then I thought again.

As I have watched the debates and discussions about who the best candidate is... I must say I've been disappointed in the discourses about who should run for president next time. The question comes down to Democrats, do you want Joe Biden to campaign with you? I've been disappointed in many of the answers given. I've heard things like, "I'm focused on my own race" or "Depends on what else I have on my schedule." In other words, no answer and probably no truth. If I were a candidate and skirting the truth was necessary, I'd probably lose because I'd tell the truth. Someone said to me recently, "If you would tell me something, I'd believe you." I said, "and you'd be right to, do you know why?" They said, "Why?" My answer was, "Because I work hard to tell you the truth. Do you know why?" He said, "Why?" I said, "It's simple, I want to go to heaven when I die and I think one of the conditions for a first-class ticket is honesty. There's another reason and that is, I believe God is listening and He knows and I know whether or not what I'm saying is true."

Sometimes I avoid telling the truth if I can and I guess someone might say, "Well, isn't that lying by omission?" Perhaps,

but if something said is going to hurt someone else, or expose someone else and somebody has a motive by asking a question to trap me or another person, I'm not going to fall for the trap. My mouth is closed. So, I welcome a discussion about this so maybe I could learn something different.

I know this is true. If I was asked if I would have Joe Biden on the campaign with me if I were (not a chance) running for something, I would say yes unequivocally. I would base it on what I've seen of him over the years and especially the past two. I would give a list of things that he has done that I think have been good for America. I'd poke holes in the beliefs that because he's old he puts our country at risk! They tried to use that the last time. It was hinted then that he had dementia, that someone else would be running the country, etc. and he's proved them wrong again and again. They said getting out of

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## Becoming Sarah

By Sarah Jones

### THE PAGES KEEP TURNING

There are almost eight billion people in the world we live in. We all live different lives, have different stories and yet in a way we are all connected. Connected by experience. Experience of loss, of joy, of anger of pain. Our emotions propel us through our lives, yet sometimes we find ourselves not living because of them. My mother's 52nd birthday was this weekend, and as my brother was making his way into town, he saw a motorist hit by a careless driver. The motorist was thrown into the air landing flat on the median. He had flown over two lanes of highway traffic. At that moment all the moving cars came to a stop. What should have taken my brother a three-minute drive now took him nearly 40 minutes. In that moment, although he was alone in his car, he was connected with the hundreds of people who were now waiting on the highway. All in their travels, all in a hurry, forced to stop and see that moment.

The next day my brothers had taken my family and I out to brunch. As I took my gaze off my five-year-old nephew sleeping in the back I started listening to my brother's conversation. They were talking about how in the big scope of things none of us really matter. "Think about it," he said, "a man died yesterday and here we are along with a hundred other cars driving on the highway a day later." He was right. To my brother that motorist was a shaky memory he would carry in his head for a few years. To me, it was a story I would remember for a few months but to the family—it was a day that would stay with them for a lifetime. It was an awful event, but the days kept moving. I started reflecting and began to realize I wasn't living the way I needed to. I wasn't living the way I could.

I gave up on the idea long ago that I would make history. In

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## Child Watch

By Marian Wright Edelman

### PUTTING CHILDREN ON THE CRADLE ROLL

This weekend places of worship across the country will take part in the annual multifaith National Observance of Children's Sabbaths® celebration, focusing prayers, worship, education programs, and action on learning more about the urgent problems facing our nation's children. By exploring sacred texts and teachings that call us to love and protect children, Children's Sabbath encourages faith communities to respond with outreach and advocacy and, most importantly, inspire new, year-round action to improve children's lives. Rev. James Forbes, Jr., Senior Minister Emeritus of the Riverside Church in New York City and an emeriti member of the Children's Defense Fund's board, was an early supporter of Children's Sabbath who has long urged us all to reinstate a community-wide "Cradle Roll" for all of our children.

Not everyone knows that old tradition, but Dr. Forbes described how it worked in his childhood congregation: "When I was growing up, in my church they had a Cradle Roll, and any child born to anyone in that religious community immediately got their name placed on the Cradle Roll. And there were people in the congregation whose responsibility it was to follow these children until they reached what they called the 'age of accountability'—the point at which they were able to affirm themselves whom they had become." Adults sent children cards when they were sick and put a star by their name each time they moved on to a new grade. In other congregations the Cradle Roll might have been the roster for Sunday school attendance, or the list used to congratulate and support new parents. No matter what traditions individual congregations had, the Cradle Roll was a way for faith communities to commit to encouraging and nurturing their children as a shared responsibility of adult members. As Dr. Forbes put it, the main point was that "it was the community's way of acknowledging that these children have been entrusted to our care. Their commitment was to follow you from the point of your beginning until God could say, 'Now, that's what I had in mind when I sent this

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# Other Viewpoints



## DICTATORSHIP? RAISE HANDS

By Tom H. Hastings

Portland State University

Show of hands: Who wants the U.S. to be a dictatorship? Ah, no one? Well, almost no one. We see your hand, Mr. Trump. The opposite of a dictatorship is a democracy, of course, but it's really more of a continuum from absolute dictatorship to healthy democracy that guarantees and guards everyone's rights regardless of gender, race, sexual identity, or ancestry.

About our democracy, a few documented facts: •Argentina, Croatia, Greece, Belize, Mongolia, Uruguay, all the Scandinavian countries, Costa Rica, Germany, the Baltic nations, and many other countries (59 in total) rank by Freedom House as more free than the U.S. (and, by the way, none mention any right to bear arms in their constitutions). A primary funder of this annual report is the National Endowment for Democracy, created under the aegis of Ronald Reagan, so this is no pinko lefty group. We are sliding downward on that continuum.

•If we travel back in time to pre-Trump, our freedom ranking was much higher. We were in the top few percentage rankings.

•We are still far above the worst—Syria, Tibet, South Sudan, North Korea—and still far more democratic than places like Russia, Cuba, or China. In other words, we are trending downward but we still have a great deal worth saving.

So why have we continued to slip, even though we elected Biden, clearly a pro-democracy president, and we elected slim majorities in the House and Senate?

•Republicans control more than half the state legislatures. They are voting in radical voting rights restrictions that amount to partisan and racial voter suppression.

•A similar skew toward Republican control over voting (which is governed state by state, unlike many more robust democracies) is that Republicans are well over half the governors, so when the voter suppression legislation is passed it comes to them for signature.

•That pressure away from democracy and toward a dictatorship has continued with a violent minority—MAGATs who are loyal to Trump even when his election denying lies are easily observable—that Trump base literally threatening the lives of regular patriotic Americans who volunteer at the polls in completely nonpartisan capacities.

•While there may be an occasional kerfuffle between Mitch McConnell and Donald Trump, the combination has driven the Supreme Court of the United States into a new blatantly far-right, Christian evangelical make up. From McConnell using unethical dirty tricks to deny Obama a SCOTUS nomination after Scalia died—thus giving us far right Gorsuch instead of moderate Garland—to onboarding misogynist Kavanaugh and whacko rightwing Coney-Barrett—we see this anti-democracy collusion able to prevent the U.S. from regaining its freedom ranking even after two years of Biden and a Democratic Congress. In many ways, the third branch of government is lost as far as protecting democracy.

We also have a set of problems with the idea that Democrats control the Senate.

•Two of them—Manchin (West Virginia) and Sinema (Arizona)—are DINO, Democrats In Name Only. They vote with Republicans fairly often, making “control” of the Senate tougher.

•Of course there is also the filibuster dilemma, exacerbated by the DINO who refuse to fix it. It means that, contrary to what we think about the Senate, it actually lets a minority block good legislation, popular legislation desired by most Americans. Increasing numbers of elected officials are asserting, with evidence, that this filibuster rule is breaking democracy.

Clawing our way back to being one of the most effective and egalitarian democracies will take a great deal of work, getting out the vote, and paying attention. Who is willing to work to save the world's first modern democracy?

Good to see some hands go up. We noticed yours went down, Mr. Trump, we get it.

It really is time to give U.S. democracy a hand, many hands, all hands. On deck. The Brookings Institute has a number of suggestions on their website for us, 76 of them. Find one or two that work for you.

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## PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT: LOOK FOR THE LIBERTARIAN LABEL—BUT LOOK CAREFULLY AT THE CANDIDATES

By Thomas L. Knapp

William Lloyd Garrison Center

During election years, attention tends to turn to “swing state” races that might affect which “major” party ends up with majorities in the U.S. House or U.S. Senate.

Earlier this year, Arizona was widely considered one of those “swing states,” with incumbent U.S. Senator Mark Kelly (D) looking vulnerable for re-election in a state that U.S. President Joe Biden carried by barely 10,000 votes (less than 1/3 of 1 percent) two years ago.

The “swing state” perception dissipated as Republicans descended into civil war over their choice of a nominee to oppose Kelly, then settled on Blake Masters, a Donald Trump “Make America Great Again” flack and protege of right-wing venture capitalist Peter Thiel.

At the moment, Kelly looks safe for re-election, polling 46 percent to Masters's 33 percent among likely voters in an OH Predictive Insights Poll.

The real news from the poll is that the remaining 21 percent of

## King Crossword

### ACROSS

- 1 Summary  
6 Barrel parts  
12 Without exception  
13 Salsa brand  
14 Sweetheart  
15 Try to rip open  
16 Regarding  
17 Chore  
19 OB's stats  
20 Scrooge's ones  
22 Droop  
24 Embassy VIP  
27 Proboscis  
28 AAA jobs  
32 South Dakota monument  
35 Comical possum

- 36 Curved lines  
37 Diphthong  
Easter eggs  
38 Dhahi precedent

- 40 Comestibles  
42 Flow out  
44 Recipe meas.  
46 Golden rule word

- 50 Ray of “Goudellias”  
52 I like some swimming pool's

- 54 Attractive person  
55 Veteran sailor

- 56 Order by classes  
57 Doctrine

### DOWN

- 1 Certain deer  
2 Part of O.E.D.  
3 Ersatz chocolate  
4 “The Greatest”  
5 Overambulance  
6 Lushes  
7 Long journeys  
8 — glance  
9 “Impressive!”  
10 “Zounds!”

- 11 Pre-college exams  
12 Rx overseer  
18 Guarantees  
21 Busy insect  
23 Dispenser  
24 Music booster  
25 Cattle ca  
26 Objects of fear  
28 Daydreamer  
30 Like some humor

- 31 Observe  
33 San Francisco's — H  
34 FDR follower

- 39 Out-and-out neighbor  
41 Egypt's  
42 Jazzy  
43 Fitzgerald  
45 Homer's son  
47 Protuberance  
48 Horn sound  
49 Assoc.

- 51 Ring decision  
53 Born

- 56 Order by classes  
57 Doctrine

voters who responded to the poll aren't “undecided”—nearly three quarters of them, 15 percent, plan to pull the lever for Libertarian candidate Marc Victor and his traditional libertarian platform of “live and let live.” Victor's chunk of the vote more than covers the difference between Kelly and Masters.

And therein lies a story of a political party gone astray.

I've mostly avoided writing about the Libertarian Party for the last few months. Although I've been an ideological libertarian for 30 years and involved with the Libertarian Party since 1996, I changed my Florida voter registration to “No Party Affiliation” earlier this year and ceased my (admittedly not hefty) financial support for the party's national committee in May.

Why? Because at the party's national convention, something called the “Libertarian Party Mises Caucus” (to all appearances actually a Republican “infiltrate and neuter” PAC) took over the party's national apparatus.

The Mises PAC's demonstrated *raison d'être* is to ensure that Libertarian candidates for public office are so toxic that “liberty-leaning Republican” voters recoil in horror from the Libertarian brand and decide that even Trumpism is preferable to voting third party.

Among their successes in that mission are a gubernatorial candidate in New Hampshire who claims that Jews chose to die in the Holocaust and Hitler went to heaven, and a (withdrawn for ineligibility) gubernatorial candidate in Pennsylvania (also running for Congress as a Republican) whose claims to fame are his sex offense conviction and his appearance at a Rudy Giuliani press conference to say that Joe Biden stole the 2020 presidential election.

Non-toxic LP veteran Victor is one of the Mises PAC's failures. He got around the corrupted party apparatus and onto the ballot by petitioning for signatures, prompting comedian/podcaster Dave Smith (a Mises PAC supporter and prospective 2024 Libertarian Party presidential candidate) to publicly whine about the unfairness of it all and proclaim his support for, you guessed it, Blake Masters.

While I strongly encourage those who vote to never, ever vote Republican or Democrat, this year I also urge you to take a close and careful look at Libertarian candidates before voting for them. Support the genuine article, but accept no Mises PAC substitutes.

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## SHAME AND HOPE

By Winslow Myers

War Preventive Initiative

The primitive stupidity of the global “security” system in which we continue to drift 60 years after the Cuban crisis is beyond shameful. We have known all along that the nuclear taboo could be broken and that it would lead nowhere good.

The system has done too little to incentivize Putin to behave sensibly. Just as Hitler lost touch with reality, Putin has also. He dehumanizes his adversaries and operates from the paranoid projection that they will stop at nothing to destroy him. He has ignored essential moral and practical questions: Is the risk of Armageddon worth pursuing obsolete imperialist impulses? How could he feel no pity for the Ukrainian people given the millions of dead that Russia required to resist Hitler's imperialism not so long ago? What would international security look like if everyone behaved like him?

But the shame is precisely that everyone does use, or in truth misuse, power in the international community based on the same cynical principles of force and counterforce which motivate Putin. Nuclear deterrence is an unworkable and self-destructive system that leads only in one horrible direction. We are not trying nearly hard enough to evolve alternatives, as if we were paralyzed by the challenge of killing war before war kills us.

The club, the bow, the gun, the tank, and the nuclear bomb trace an evolution of violence toward this moment when war has lost any association with victory. The U.S. and NATO could stop the Russian military in its tracks, just as the U.S. could annihilate China should it attack Taiwan, but the exercise of such ultimate force bears a serious chance of transforming much of the globe into a radioactive smoking ruin.

Shame on Mr. Putin for his callous violence and Orwellian rationalizations. Shame also on the greed of arms manufacturers and their political lobbyists. Shame on the diplomats who offer peace only in the form of an iron fist of domination. Shame on all leaders, both here and abroad, who misuse religion or nationalism or lying demagoguery to hold on to power. Shame on all of us for our passivity.

Why not try taking five percent of the trillions we spend on the weapons and enormously expanding international student exchange programs? Educate these traveling students to the reality that we're all in this together and that building transnational face-to-face relationships is the most important thing they can do both to prevent war and address the climate emergency. One generation of such a program would reduce international tensions with infinitely more effectiveness and infinitely less cost than nuclear deterrence.

Such exchanges could and should be put in place immediately for

the military leaders of nations, allowing them to become friends, share the truth that the only way to win is to not play, and return home more prepared to restrain the shameless schemes of their civilian masters.

The 1929 Kellogg-Briand Treaty outlawing all war has never been revoked, though it has been honored more in the breach than the observance. It was signed by, among others, the U.S. (the Senate ratified it 85-1!), China, and the Soviet Union. While the Pact abysmally failed to outlaw war, the treaty is a stirring record of aspiration. Responsible leaders understood the futility of war and the reasonableness of doing everything possible to prevent it.

The present equivalent of the Kellogg-Briand Pact is The United Nations Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons, ratified so far by 59 countries, even if none of them are nuclear weapons states. Nuclear weapons are now illegal under international law, and the world is waiting for the nine nuclear powers to come to their senses.

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wrote, “But where, says some, is the King of America? ...In America the law is king.”

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

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

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

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Afghanistan was a debacle and I'd say getting into that war was the problem. Hershel Walker talked about the soldiers who were killed and the allies who were killed and I would have asked him to compare that number with the dead and maimed during the war. When we start talking about the soldiers killed, every life is important, even one. However, numbers are important too and not just in war but in everyday life. Health care is important; people die or live miserably without it. How many did we lose during COVID on the Trumpster's watch and yet Walker said he'd vote again for Trump because, “He's my friend.” Not a good reason, in my opinion.

Joe Biden has had to clean up the mess that trump made. Is it all cleaned up? No, but he's had a pretty good vacuum cleaner and the past two years. All that dirt and dust will be dumped right back out if we don't get out and vote blue in November. They tried to sully his character, couldn't get it done. They try to suggest that he wants to divide America. Were these people alive with working brains the four years that Trump was president? Hershel confessed that he's had mental problem, “dissociative disorder,” and was treated and now is well. I suggest that you look that up and find the common name for that mental illness and then be sure to understand the prognosis and treatment to get it. It's not one of those illnesses that talking to your pastor will eradicate it and it takes a long time. When someone tells you who they are—believe them.

If we lose the House and the Senate, prepare for us to lose whatever safety nets the Biden administration has put in place. Prepare to go backwards, America. Prepare for the next two years to watch nothing get done. Prepare to see more shootings like the one we saw last week. Prepare to see more women die from illegal abortions, prepare to see more laws enacted to keep all citizens from voting. Listen up, hear their promises that they are making to their riled-up base.

Get your Bibles out and read the prophecies of what a time like they are wanting will look like. I'm really not trying to scare you but rather wake you up. Do you really want another Trump presidency or De Santis or these other people who are running against your freedoms? As Warnock said, clearly we are entering a time where instead of a democracy being about expanding rights, it's about restricting them.

Yes, my life has directed me to choose politics one or none. So I only have the strength of my one vote. I hope you are clear when you vote about how you want to see our country prosper and what it's going to take from you to see that happen.

## BECOMING SARAH

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all sense of reality my name along with many others would be forgotten in the next 100 years. We live so much of our lives being sheltered and constructed by social norms we forget to live. In the grand scheme of things, we are so much smaller than we feel in our everyday lives. Our most embarrassing moments are only captured by a few people. Our happiest are only seen by some and sometimes our saddest times are felt only by us. With each day the pages of our story keep turning, but it's up to us to decide what goes down in the novel of our lives.

I sometimes imagine that my life truly is a novel. I pretend I'm a stranger wandering through the library and imagine what someone would see when they read the story of me. What would they see on my pages? Would they see a life of chasing passion and living in the moment or a life of chasing a dream I may not even want? When I think like this, it's a reminder to live my life like I will be remembered. It's my motivation to live a life that constantly inspires.

To be known by a few is a powerful thing. We won't know everyone in the world, nor will we be known by everyone but to have anyone remember us and our stories is a powerful thing. Even when our lives stop the world keeps moving. At any moment it can be cut short. I can confidently say that I haven't been living—at least not in the way I want to. I have days where I feel so overwhelmed with tasks, I forget why I'm even doing them. Which dream I'm chasing and whether it's the one I want. We take for granted that there is beauty in being surrounded by people who don't know our lives. We forget that it's okay to exist, in all our mistakes and all our glory. I've come to terms with the fact that I'll never make history, but I've made the decision to live my story in its boldest font.

## CHILD WATCH

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child into the world.”

How many places of worship are still doing this for all of their children today? How many of us as congregation or community members have found ways to commit to the community's children and to promise them that we'll be concerned when they are sick, cheer when they succeed in school, and help them become what they were divinely created to be?

Rev. Forbes also reminded us that in his own faith tradition God can't stand hearing the cry of oppression, and when God's people cried out in the Bible, God sometimes sent a deliverer who came as a baby. In order for that child to become what God had in mind, the baby first needed to be protected by adults while still in the cradle. Moses was sheltered in a cradle made of reeds. Christians celebrate a Deliverer who was cradled in a manger. Children are being born all around us in circumstances that cry out for protection today. Will we provide them cradles of safety? Will we put them on our Cradle Roll? The Children's Sabbath weekend is another opportunity for people of every faith tradition to respond to the divine mandate to nurture, protect, and advocate for all of our communities' and nation's children.

# Classifieds

## DURHAM COUNTY

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
DURHAM COUNTY  
**NOTICE OF SERVICE  
OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION  
In The General Court Of Justice  
Superior Court Division  
Before the Clerk  
File Number 22 E 1226**

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

Matthew Ashton Adams  
Executor  
1317 Valley Run  
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 1126**

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 29th 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

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 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 29th 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

**NOTICE OF SERVICE  
OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION  
In The General Court Of Justice  
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 L. McLaughlin, late of Durham County, North Carolina, hereby wishes to notify all persons having claims against the Estate of said deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned at the below listed address on or before the 30th day of December 2022, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery.

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

This the 29th 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

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 1285**

The Undersigned, having qualified as Executor of the Estate of Margaret Harris Hall, 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 20th 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 20th day of October, 2022.

Tina Hall Shepherd  
Executor  
409 Greymist Drive  
Durham, NC 27713  
10/20,10/27,11/3 and 11/10/2022

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
DURHAM COUNTY  
**NOTICE TO CREDITORS  
File Number 22 E 1273**

Having qualified as Administrator of the Estate of Calvin Clements of Durham County, North Carolina, the undersigned does hereby notify all persons, firms, and corporations having claims against the estate

of said decedent to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the 20th day of January, 2023, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms, corporations indebted to the said estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This is the 20th day of October, 2022.

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

10-20, 10-27, 11-3 & 11-10, 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 1266**

The Undersigned, having qualified as Executor of the Estate of Charles L. Andrews, 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 20th 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 20th day of October, 2022.

William Cole King, Jr.  
Executor  
4507 Pleasant Green Road  
Durham, NC 27705

10/20,10/27,11/3 and 11/10/2022  
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 1303**

The Undersigned, having qualified as Executor of the Estate of Walter Kendrick Chambliss, 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 20th 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 20th day of October, 2022.

Emily C. Huntley  
Co-Executor  
112 W. Orange Street  
Hillsborough, NC 27278  
William B. Chambliss  
Co-Executor  
206 Watts Street  
Durham, NC 27701

10/20,10/27,11/3 and 11/10/2022  
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 001086**

The Undersigned, having qualified as Administrator of the Estate of Endris Jermal Ashford, 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 20th 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 20th day of October, 2022.

Ashley Lynette Parker  
3012 Sprucewood Dr  
Durham, NC 27707  
10/20,10/27,11/3 and 11/10/2022

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS  
File Number 22 E 1148**

Having qualified as the personal representative of the estate of Michael J. Mulligan, late of Durham County, NC, Gail Mulligan, the undersigned, does hereby notify all persons, firms, and corporations having claims against the estate of decedent to exhibit them to the undersigned at 1007 Vickers Ave., Durham, NC 27707, on or before February 15, 2023, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery.

All persons, firms and corporations indebted to the estate will please make prompt payment to the undersigned.

This the 20th day of October, 2022.

Gail Mulligan  
Executrix  
c/o Wilfred F. Drake, P.C.  
Attorney for the Estate  
1007 Vickers Ave  
Durham, NC 27707  
919-683-8441  
10/20,10/27,11/3 and 11/10/2022

## WAKE COUNTY

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 29th 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: UNKNOWN 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  
Raleigh, NC 27602  
(919) 836-9444  
State Bar No. 18944  
sjbrown\_jaw@hotmail.com

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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 003237**

The Undersigned, having qualified as Executor of the Estate of John Daniel Snipes, Jr., 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 20th 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 20th day of October, 2022.

John Daniel Snipes III  
Executor  
1625 Pinto Creek Ln  
Wake Forest, NC 27587  
10/20,10/27,11/3 and 11/10/2022

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
JOHNSTON 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 20th day of October, 2022.

John Daniel Snipes III  
Executor  
1625 Pinto Creek Ln  
Wake Forest, NC 27587  
10/20,10/27,11/3 and 11/10/2022

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
JOHNSTON COUNTY

**NOTICE OF SERVICE  
OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION  
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.

Yvonne Armendariz, Esq.  
Armendariz Law Office, PLLC  
6110 Lake Wheeler Road  
Raleigh, NC 27603  
Telephone: (919) 656-1524  
Yvonne@armendarizlaw.com  
10/13,10/20 and 10/27

# BOLD LEADERSHIP ON AFFORDABLE HOUSING



**MAYOR  
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STORMIE  
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**COUNCILMAN  
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**COUNCILMAN  
DAVID  
KNIGHT**

Affordable housing is a top issue facing our city. That's why the Raleigh City Council led by Mayor Mary Ann Baldwin and Council members Jonathan Melton, Stormie Forte, Corey Branch and David Knight have taken bold steps to address the issue.

Mayor Baldwin and Council members Melton, Forte, Branch and Knight passed a historic \$80 million bond referendum. These leaders have implemented many bold programs to help our citizens:

- **COVID-19 Rental Assistance Programs**
- **Expanded low-income rental assistance efforts**
- **New investment in Raleigh Housing Authority Properties**
- **First-Time Homebuyers Assistance Program**
- **Community Development Block Grants to help seniors renovate their homes**
- **Public-Private Partnerships to expand inventory of affordable housing options**
- **Key investments in property along transit lines for future affordable housing project**

Mayor Mary Ann Baldwin and Council Members Jonathan Melton, Stormie Forte, Corey Branch and David Knight listened to the voices in the community – ensuring public input at City Hall.

That's leadership working together to build a better Raleigh.

**ON TUESDAY,  
NOVEMBER 8TH  
RE-ELECT:**

- ✓ **MAYOR MARY ANN BALDWIN**
- ✓ **COUNCILMAN JONATHAN MELTON**
- ✓ **COUNCILWOMAN STORMIE FORTE**
- ✓ **COUNCILMAN COREY BRANCH**
- ✓ **COUNCILMAN DAVID KNIGHT**