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Do Midterm Elections Really Matter?

With less than three weeks to go until the midterm elections, registered voters' preferences are nearly evenly divided: 41% say they favor the Democratic candidates in their districts, while a nearly identical percentage (40%) support Republican candidates; 18% are not sure how they will vote or favor candidates other than Republicans or Democrats. And those supporting GOP candidates are somewhat more engaged this election than their Democratic counterparts: They are more likely to have thought "a lot" about the election and to say the outcome "really matters."

As has been the case all year, the economy is clearly the top issue for voters; fully 79% say it will be very important to their voting decisions - the highest share among 18 issues included on the survey. The public continues to take a dim view of current economic conditions. Just 17% of U.S. adults say the economy is in excellent or good shape, little changed from the 13% who said this in July.

Voters' preferences vary widely depending upon the issues they prioritize. Among the wide majority rating the economy as very important, more support Republican candidates than Democratic candidates by double digits (47% to 34%). The GOP's advantages among the narrower majorities of voters who view violent crime and immigration as very important are even wider (17 points and 29 points, respectively).

By contrast, registered voters who say abortion is very important favor Democrats over Republicans by nearly two-to-one (55% to 29%) and Democrats hold a wide lead among voters who prioritize health care (51% to 27%).

A sizable majority of voters (70%) say the "future of democracy in the country" is very important. Democrats hold a narrow lead among these voters: 46% support Democratic candidates, while 40% back Republican candidates.



There has been little change in voters' priorities in recent months. The share who rate abortion as very important is unchanged since August, after rising sharply following the U.S. Supreme Court's ruling that overturned Roe v. Wade.

The new national survey by Pew Research Center was conducted among 5,098 adults, including 3,993 registered voters, from Oct. 10 to 16, 2022, on the Center's nationally representative American Trends Panel.

The survey finds that inflation remains the dominant economic concern for Americans. In fact, the three top concerns, among seven items included, relate to prices - for food and consumer goods (73% are very concerned about this), gasoline and energy (69%) and the cost of housing (69%).

Far fewer express a high degree of concern about product shortages, employers being unable to find workers, the stock market's performance or a shortage of jobs for people who want to work. The public's economic concerns have shown little movement since the summer.

Concerns over prices are widely shared across demographic groups and income categories. And while Democrats and Democratic-leaning independents are less likely than Republicans and Republican leaners to be highly concerned about prices for food and consumer goods, sizable majorities of both Democrats (66%) and Republicans (81%) say they are very concerned.

With the overall midterm preferences of registered voters closely divided, nearly identical majorities of voters for candidates in both parties say they are "extremely" or "very" motivated to vote in the midterms; 80% of Republican backers say they are highly motivated, as do 79% of Democratic backers.

However, Republican voters are far more likely than Democrats (See **MIDTERMS**, P. 3)

Welcome To Get Sick Season, It's A Dilemma

By Dr. Joy Martinez

Staff Writer

You might remember this relic of pre-pandemic days: the office cold. Perhaps you were once caught in its crosshairs - first, one person shows up with a cough and the sniffles, promising it sounds worse than it feels. Within weeks, the virus jumps from desk to desk until half of the team is down for the count.

There are already hints that this year's cold and flu season could be bad: On Oct. 14, the CDC reported early increases in seasonal flu activity. Hospitals across the country have reported a surge in cases of RSV, or respiratory syncytial virus, a common virus that causes lung infections.

In September, an 8-month-old baby came into Dr. Juanita Mora's Chicago office with an infection the doctor hadn't expected to see for another two months: RSV.

Like her peers across the country, the allergist and immunologist has been treating children with this cold-like virus well before the season typically begins. "We're seeing RSV infections going rampant all throughout the country," Mora said. RSV commonly causes bronchiolitis and pneumonia in children under the age of one.



Labs that are part of the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) National Respiratory and Enteric Virus Surveillance System have reported a 500 percent increase in percent of positive tests for RSV from early September.

Mora, a volunteer medical spokesperson for the American Lung Association, says it's important for parents, caregivers and daycare workers to know what to watch for with RSV. That way, they know whether a sick child can be treated at home or needs to go to a hospital.

"The emergency department is getting completely flooded with all these sick kids, so we want parents to know they can go to their pediatrician and get tested for RSV, influenza and even COVID-19," Mora said. Children's hospitals are under strain in the United States as they care for unusually high numbers of kids infected with RSV and other respiratory viruses.

It's the latest example of how the pandemic has upended the usual seasonal patterns of respiratory illnesses, denying a respite for health-care professionals ahead of a potential hectic winter as the coronavirus, influenza and other viruses collide.

"It's very hard to find a bed in a children's hospital - specifically an intensive care unit bed for a kid with bad pneumonia or bad RSV because they are so full," said Jesse Hackell, a doctor who chairs the committee on practice and ambulatory medicine for the American Academy of Pediatrics. Hospitals in 36 states are seeing an uptick in pediatric hospitalizations for RSV, the flu and other respiratory illnesses.

Dr. Ben Spitalnick with the Pediatric Associates of Savannah said the early emergence of RSV and flu cases could be tied to relaxed restrictions. "Some viruses we have to catch. We've spent the last two years in a bubble. We've been quarantined, we've been masking. That did reduce illness, but at the same time it reduced the general population's immunity to some of these illnesses," Spitalnick said.

In Stafford, Virginia just last week About 1,000 students at Stafford High School fell ill. According to Stafford County

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The 17th Annual North Carolina Minority Farmers & Land Owner Conference will be held December 8-9, 2022. On Thursday, December 8th, registration begins at 10:00 am, educational sessions will start at 12:00 noon. We will follow all CDC guidelines during all conference activities for COVID SAFETY. You are encouraged to always wear your mask other than mealtimes. Temperatures will be checked upon arrival at registration and COVID Waiver forms signed. (there maybe COVID testing also) Everyone is asked to refrain from making bodily contact. Please assist in keeping everyone safe.

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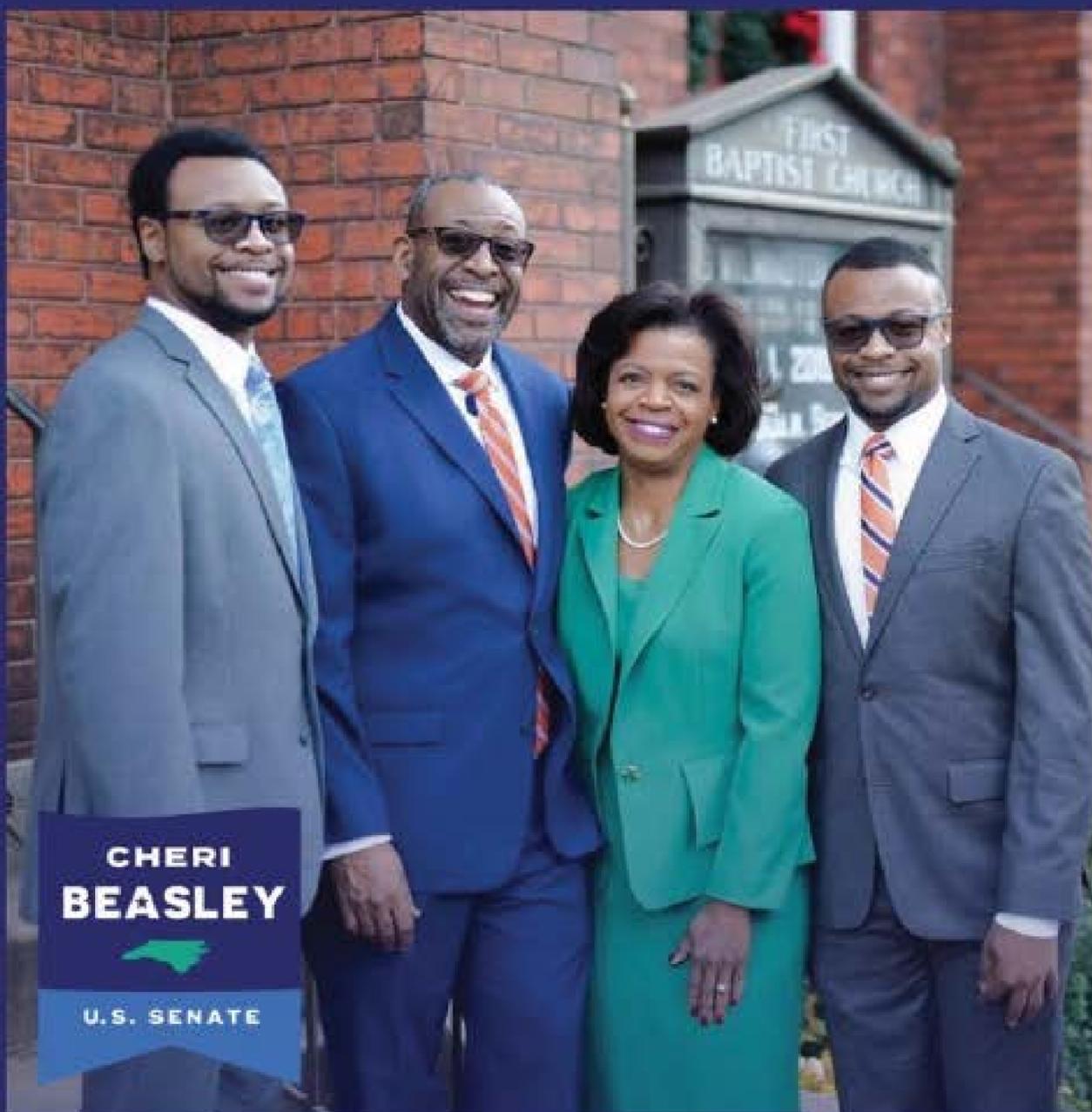
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cratic voters to say they have “given a lot of thought” to the upcoming congressional elections (49% vs. 38%).

Overall, 65% of registered voters say it “really matters” which party wins control of Congress, including 76% of those who support Republican candidates and 72% of those who support Democrats. This is roughly on par with the 2018 midterms, when 66% of voters – including 74% of Republican voters and 75% of Democratic voters – said the out-

come really mattered in a survey conducted about a month before the elections.

Among voters who are uncertain, or support another party's candidates, just 28% say it really matters which party controls Congress. This group of voters is much less likely than Republican and Democratic voters to say they are motivated to vote and to report giving a lot of thought to the election.

Biden job approval in historical context. Currently, 38% of

adults approve of Joe Biden's job performance, while 59% disapprove. Biden's approval rating is identical to Donald Trump's at a comparable point in his presidency and lower than those of other recent presidents.

Which party will control Congress? As was the case during past election campaigns, Republican and Democratic voters expect their parties will be successful after the Nov. 8 election. However, Republicans are more bullish than Democrats: 88% of

those who support Republican candidates say their party will win a majority in the House, while 86% expect the GOP to gain a majority in the Senate. Among voters who favor Democratic candidates, 69% say their party will retain their House majority and somewhat more (74%) expect Democrats to retain control of the Senate.

Information provided by the Pew Research Center in an October 20, 2022 survey of over 5,000 registered & non-registered voters

FUNDraising Good Times



By Mel & Pearl Shaw
Saad & Shaw

I'LL TAKE A PERCENTAGE—FUNDRAISING ETHICS

Imagine this. Your non-profit organization is short on funds. A former co-worker tells you she knows someone looking to give \$25,000 to an organization like yours. She says, “I’ll introduce you and facilitate the process if you give me 10 percent of whatever she gives you. You know, a finder’s fee.” Or what about this example: Your neighbor says your organization is a perfect fit for grants being made by the federal government. He says “I’ll write the grant. If you get it, you pay me 10 percent. If you don’t get it, you don’t have to pay me.” What do you do?

The above scenarios might seem ideal. You don’t have to do anything, and your organization will benefit financially. You don’t have to hire staff, engage board members, or spend a lot of your own time trying to secure a gift that may or may not come through. Do you say yes, or do you try to reposition the offer?

As appealing as it may seem, both of the scenarios violate the Association of Fundraising Professionals Code of Ethical Principles. That’s right. Fundraising is a profession and fundraisers have a professional association that develops ethics and monitors adherence. In fact, there are 25 ethical standards that guide the work of raising funds for nonprofit organizations. They are grouped into four sections: Public Trust, Transparency & Conflicts of Interest; Solicitation and Stewardship of Philanthropic Funds; Treatment of Confidential & Proprietary Information and Compensation, Bonuses & Finder’s Fees. Each year AFP celebrates and promotes fundraising ethics in October—and we hope you will take time to consider one aspect of ethical fundraising.

Ethical standard 24 from AFP’s Code of Ethics states Members shall not pay finder’s fees, commissions or percentage compensation based on contributions, and shall take care to discourage their organizations from making such payments.

Here is the reasoning. Raising funds for a non-profit is about obtaining the resources needed to advance the organization’s charitable or social mission. Importance is placed on retaining the trust of donors and ensuring that funds are used to fulfill the agreed upon social mission. Percentage-based compensation and finder’s fees can give rise to betrayal of philanthropic trust in an attempt to secure a larger gift and related fee.

Also, most people don’t give because of the skill and talent of your fundraiser. They give because they had a positive interaction with someone associated with your organization, or because of a belief in your work. In the above scenarios, ask your coworker if she would volunteer to make the introduction because she believes in the value and impact of your organization. Ask your neighbor if he would write the proposal for a flat fee or hourly rate. Fundraising relies on volunteers and paid staff or contractors. It’s okay to pay fundraisers. Just don’t pay percentages.

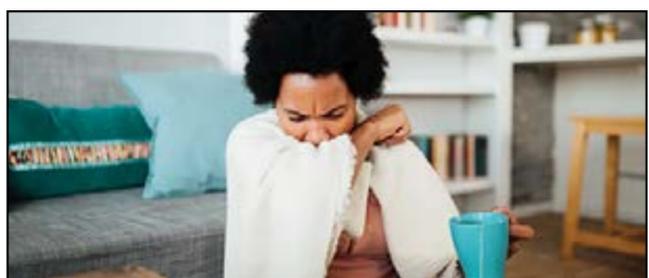
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Welcome To Sick Season—CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

Public Schools spokeswoman Sandra Osborn, the students are out sick, absent with flu-like/gastrointestinal symptoms.

Health data company IQVIA has been analyzing data from insurance claims filed by doctors’ offices, hospitals, and urgent care centers in the country for three decades, and focused on disease trends over the previous year. The team found that diagnoses of flu are already tracking at record highs. Even before flu season began, back in spring 2022, cases of influenza began trending well above average for the past three years, reaching nearly 950,000 cases weekly by mid-October (compared to around 400,000 at the same time in 2019, just before the pandemic began).

These higher rates aren’t completely unexpected. Influenza cases dropped significantly during the pandemic’s first two years, when people had less contact with one another and generally followed measures for controlling COVID-19, such as wearing masks and social distancing. Those behaviors helped to suppress the spread of flu. But, says Murray Aitken, executive director of the IQVIA Institute, the current flu numbers are “trending above every year since 2012 by a significant amount.”



Puerto Rico, Louisiana, and Alabama joined New York, Washington, D.C., Texas, Georgia, Tennessee, and South Carolina in reporting high levels of flu-like illness last week, according to the CDC. At this time last year, Texas, Georgia and D.C were the only states to report similar levels.

We are still grappling with COVID-19 - responsible for about 260,000 infections each week in the U.S. on average. About 40,000 cases of COVID-19 are being reported daily, likely a significant undercount due to the many patients who test at home and don’t report positive results to their physicians or health officials. Nearly 3,300 patients are being admitted to U.S. hospital beds. More than 335 people in the U.S. are dying every day —roughly the same number as

would die in a fatal commercial airline crash.

As the temperatures dip and with few public health mitigation measures in place—no required masking in schools or on public transportation, and no limits on indoor gatherings offering added protection questions and symptoms abound.

Since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic, patients have reported dozens of different symptoms, ranging from cold and flu-like symptoms to more unique ones, including “COVID tongue.”

Like all viruses, the primary symptoms associated with COVID have changed and can vary based on your vaccination status, according to research from researchers at Massachusetts General Hospital, the Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health,

King’s College London, Stanford University School of Medicine and the health app ZOE released last week.

Researchers have found that for participants in all three groups — fully vaccinated, those who received just one dose, and unvaccinated — four of the five most commonly reported symptoms are the same: sore throat, runny nose, persistent cough, and headache.

Earlier this year, when the BA.5 omicron subvariant became dominant in the U.S., younger patients began noting extreme fatigue, according to said Dr. Sergio Segarra, chief medical officer at Baptist Hospital in Miami.

Some medical experts are concerned that COVID’s top symptoms, all very cold and flu-like, closely resemble those of other viruses that are starting to appear as we approach winter.

“Right now, we have other competing viruses,” Dr. Ilan Shapiro, Chief Medical Affairs Officer for Los Angeles-based AltaMed, told Nexstar. “We’re starting to see influenza, we’re starting to see rhinovirus, we’re starting to see a lot of other viruses.” He stressed the importance of testing, because treatment for each virus can vary.

The CDC says it is safe to get a flu shot at the same time as any COVID vaccine because the two viruses will be circulating at the same time. In addition to staying home if you feel sick, we can all protect ourselves from COVID-19 (and the flu) by getting vaccinated, washing our hands and wearing a mask when in places and spaces with high risk and close proximity.

Other automakers have outlined their own ambitious goals for electric vehicle production, with General Motors saying it expects to make only electric passenger vehicles by 2035. Ford wants half of its global production to be electric vehicles by 2030.

Ford, GM, Hyundai-Kia and VinFast have all said they will build electric vehicle assembly plants in the United States or to retool older plants to manufacture EVs. And Tesla expects to build another plant in North America.

In addition, Honda, Ford, GM, Toyota, Hyundai-Kia, Stellantis and VinFast of Vietnam have announced plans for a total of 11 U.S. battery plants.

BMW Investing \$1.7B In SC As Automaker Shifts To EVs

GREER, S.C. (AP) — BMW will invest \$1 billion in its sprawling factory near Spartanburg, South Carolina, to start producing electric vehicles and an additional \$700 million to build a electric-battery plant nearby.

The German automaker's announcement reflects its commitment to transitioning to electric-vehicle production in North America, in line with similarly ambitious plans by other major automakers.

The investment in the 7-million-square-foot vehicle factory in Greer, in the foothills of the Blue Ridge Mountains, would add an unspecified number of jobs to the more than 11,000 workers there.

The battery plant, to be built in nearby Woodruff, will employ 300, the company said, with hiring to begin within a few years.

In addition, BMW said it has assigned a deal with Envision AESC of Japan to supply battery cells for a new class of at least six electric SUVs that will be built at the plant in Greer by 2030.

Envision will build its new factory at an unspecified site in South Carolina. The companies wouldn’t say how many people will be hired. But the number of jobs could be significant: Battery cell plants being built by other companies will employ between 1,100 and 2,200 workers.

Cells from the Envision factory will be shipped to the 1-million-square-foot plant in Woodruff, where they will be assembled into battery packs for the electric SUVs built at the larger plant. Assembling cells into packs takes far less labor than manufacturing the cells.

The company said the new cells will contain a battery chemistry that increases the amount of energy they can store.

Envision has a U.S. factory in Smyrna, Tennessee, near a Nissan assembly plant, and it is building a plant in Kentucky.

The BMW plant already builds lithium-ion battery modules for two plug-in gas-electric hybrid SUVs that are constructed at the site. The plant in Greer, which opened 30 years ago, now builds 11 SUV models. BMW says the plant has made the company the largest automotive exporter in the U.S. based on vehicle value.

“We are anticipating the growing demand for electric vehicles not only in the United States but around the world,” Oliver Zipse, the company chairman, said Wednesday at the Greer plant.

BMW declined to say when the first new EV might be produced. But Zipse said the company wants to increase EV production

at the plant by 10% every two years, with the goal of having EVs amount to half its total auto production by 2030.

But BMW will keep making gas-powered vehicles at the Greer plant, Zipse said: “We offer choice, not limitations.”

Since breaking ground on the plant in 1992, the company has invested \$12 billion in South Carolina. It’s the German automaker’s largest factory, Zipse noted.

BMW’s announcement follows several waves of battery and electric vehicle assembly plant announcements in North America as automakers try to establish a domestic supply chain for the next generation of vehicle propulsion.



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Registration Now Open For SelectUSA Investment Summit

U.S. Secretary of Commerce Gina Raimondo has announced that registration is now open for SelectUSA's annual Investment Summit to be held May 1-4, 2023 at the Gaylord National Resort & Convention Center in National Harbor, Maryland.

The SelectUSA Investment Summit is the highest-profile event dedicated to promoting foreign direct investment (FDI) in the United States. Traditionally drawing more than 3,000 attendees, the Investment Summit has received its reputation for being the top event in the United States for FDI promotion as it serves to facilitate connections between investors, companies, economic developers, and industry experts to seize opportunities available through U.S. investment.

"We are excited to bring SelectUSA back to National Harbor to establish connections, have crucial conversations on foreign direct investment, and create a space for participants to learn why the U.S. remains the most attractive place in the world for businesses to invest and grow," said Secretary Gina Raimondo. "For 10 years and counting, the U.S. has ranked as the top destination for global companies to invest and SelectUSA is critical to this success. I look forward to returning in May to join a cohort of gifted public and private sector leaders to discuss a wide range of opportunities for partnership and investment here in the U.S."

The Investment Summit focuses on the U.S. investment environment, industry trends, and creating business opportunities. Additionally, the Investment Summit features senior government officials, C-Suite business executives, and various industry leaders.

The 2023 SelectUSA Investment Summit will offer exciting opportunities for all attendees with innovation and entrepreneurship at the forefront. The SelectUSA Tech program, which connects early-stage and startup technology companies to prospects for advancement in the U.S. market, will allow participants to exhibit their products and services at branded booths with the opportunity to upload a product and service demo video, apply to pitch in front of a panel of judges, participate in workshops and Investment Academy sessions, and other engagement opportunities.

The Select Global Women in Tech (SGWIT) Mentorship Network, geared towards international women founders, entrepreneurs, and executives in the technology sector, will see its third iteration of programming at the SelectUSA Investment Summit. SGWIT participants will be matched in sessions with an experienced, successful mentor to help them develop a market entry strategy, tailor their product and promotion for success in the U.S. market, gain access to an exclusive networking platform, and hear from successful global women founders.

The Biden Administration has taken ambitious action to tackle climate change and set the U.S. on the path to achieve net-zero emissions by 2050. SelectUSA recognizes the importance of global climate priorities and has organized sessions at the 2023 Investment Summit to bring together stakeholders in key clean energy and sectors such as advanced batteries, energy storage, civil nuclear energy, offshore wind, and semiconductors.

The SelectUSA Investment

Summit draws more than 3,000 attendees and has directly impacted more than \$59 billion in new U.S. investment projects, supporting over 50,000 jobs

across the United States and its territories. Historically, the Investment Summit attracts more than 1,200 business investors from approximately

80 international markets who join economic developers from almost every U.S. state and territory. Information about the 2023

SelectUSA Investment Summit and registration can be found on SelectUSA's Investment Summit website, www.selectusasummit.us.

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Health & Fitness

Newly Available OTC Hearing Aids Offer Benefits, Drawbacks

By Bradley Kesser

Univ. of Virginia

U.S. retailers began selling over-the-counter hearing aids on Oct. 17, 2022, a long-awaited move that some experts predict could be a game-changer in making these devices accessible and affordable. A prescription is no longer needed, nor is a visit to a doctor or even a fitting appointment with a hearing specialist.

Instead, Americans can purchase hearing aids by going online or with a single trip to the nearest pharmacy or big-box store. These aids are only for those with mild to moderate hearing loss. For these consumers, over-the-counter hearing aids clearly offer an appealing alternative.

As an otologist/neurotologist – that’s someone who specializes in the diseases of the ear – I like to say that while vision binds us to the world, hearing binds us to each other. In my practice, I see firsthand how patients with hearing loss often withdraw socially and become isolated. They don’t want to put themselves in situations where they may mishear or seem disengaged, disinterested or unintelligent. This may be why studies show hearing loss is associated with depression and cognitive impairment.

So it seems the over-the-counter hearing aids would be a great solution for patients with hearing loss, right? Less hassle and less cost – in many cases, thousands of dollars less – and more people than ever getting the help they need. But it’s not that simple. Occurring just two months after the U.S. Food and Drug Administration’s final ruling on the matter, over-the-counter sales of hearing aids come with caveats and even some risks.

How hearing loss happens
Hearing specialists divide hearing loss into two main categories: conductive and sensori-

neural hearing loss. Conductive loss is caused by any number of things, including ear wax obstruction, a perforation in the eardrum or fluid in the middle ear. Children are more likely than adults to have conductive hearing loss, and most of the time, many of these problems are relatively easy to correct.

But sensorineural hearing loss is caused by a problem occurring in the inner ear, auditory nerve and brain. Most commonly, there is a loss of the tiny cochlear hair cells that convert sounds into an electrical signal. The brain interprets that signal as a bird singing or a child laughing. Hair cell injury is generally permanent and irreversible; those cells do not regenerate in humans, or for that matter, in any mammal.

Whether conductive or sensorineural, hearing aids have proved to be a tremendous boon for patients with hearing loss. One national survey found that in 2019, 7.1% of adults aged 45 and over used a hearing aid.

Problems with over-the-counter hearing aids

Before over-the-counter hearing aids became available, patients needed a formal hearing test and assessment. This is critical because not all hearing loss is the same; hearing specialists – both otolaryngologists and audiologists – are trained to decipher the type of hearing loss that a patient is experiencing. From that, they make recommendations on hearing treatment. If a patient needs a hearing aid, a health care professional will fit them with one.

But purchasing an over-the-counter hearing aid requires none of those things – not an ear exam, not a hearing test and not a fitting session. There are many reasons why this shortcut approach, while certainly less expensive and offering easier access, may not be ideal for someone experiencing hearing loss.



First, patients may have a chronic infection or condition that requires medical or surgical management, rather than a hearing aid. Second, some patients may be a candidate for surgical correction of their hearing loss. Third, patients with hearing loss

in one ear or a large difference in hearing between the two ears may have a benign growth on the hearing and balance nerve. This often requires surgery or radiation treatment. Again, a hearing aid would not help with this condition.

Additionally, for those who would benefit from an over-the-counter product, not every hearing aid fits every ear – one size most certainly does not fit all. And one more caveat: Over-the-counter hearing aids – and a visit to the doctor or audiologist is still critical.

Finally, some patients may have too much hearing loss for these devices to provide any benefit. Instead, many patients with more advanced hearing loss have the option of a cochlear implant, which is essentially a wire with an electrode array surgically placed into the cochlea, the bony “house” of the hair cells situated deep in the skull. The electrodes stimulate the auditory nerve directly, bypassing the damaged hair cells. For these patients, cochlear implants offer an exceptional opportunity to hear again. As the technology improves, more people will become candidates for this medical miracle.

About 80% of adults aged 55 to 74 who would benefit from a hearing aid do not use them. The new over-the-counter hearing aids hold great promise for the right patients. But buyer beware: They are not panaceas. Not all customers will be satisfied with over-the-counter hearing aids – and a visit to the doctor or audiologist is still critical.

What’s Behind Worrying RSV Surge In US Children

Children’s hospitals in parts of the U.S. are seeing a surge in a common respiratory illness that can cause severe breathing problems for babies.

RSV cases fell dramatically two years ago as the pandemic shut down schools, day cares and businesses. With restrictions easing in the summer of 2021, doctors saw an alarming increase in what is normally a fall and winter virus.

Now, it’s back again. And doctors are bracing for the possibility that RSV, flu and COVID-19 could combine to stress hospitals.

“I’m calling it an emergency,” said Dr. Juan Salazar of Connecticut Children’s Hospital, where RSV has caused a shuffling of patients into playrooms and other spaces not normally used for beds. The institution explored using a National Guard field hospital, but has set aside that option for now.

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Shaw's Elliott Dangerfield, Jr. (11) celebrates with wide receiver Jon Barnes (9) who ran for the touchdown during the first half. Shaw took on Livingstone as part of Homecoming in Durham, N.C. on October 22, 2022. Shaw held on for the 21-14 victory. Steve Worthy Photo

Shaw's Homecoming Victory!

TAKE IT HOME—Andre Brandon Jr. rushed for 306 yards and two touchdowns on 49 carries to guide Shaw to a win on its Homecoming. In the process, Brandon Jr. broke a school record for rushing yards and rushing attempts and became just the second player in the CIAA to rush for over 300 yards this season. The Bears jumped out to a 21-0 lead before Livingstone cut the deficit to 21-14 in the third

quarter. Brandon Jr. accounted for 311 of the Bears' 372 yards and he put the game away with a late fourth quarter score from five yards out. Livingstone's Matthew Henry caught four passes for 82 yards and the Blue Bears' only offensive touchdown. Defensively, the Blue Bears' Kevin Larkins Jr. had three interceptions, along with nine total

tackles and two pass breakups. Larkins Jr. is the first CIAA player since 2019 to record three interceptions in a single game. Livingstone's Ryan Hatter Jr. added a team-high 10 tackles and three stops for a loss, in addition to forcing a fumble that was recovered for a Blue Bears' touchdown. Shaw's Jaleel Scroggins and Jaden Clark each logged six tackles and an interception.



Rites Of Passage Ceremony Held

The Omega C.H.A.M.P.S., which is an affiliate organization of Iota Phi Fraternity, Inc., held its Rites of Passage Ceremony celebration recently at Omega Multipurpose Center in Garner. C.H.A.M.P.S. is an acronym for Committed to Helping American Males Pursue Success. The motto of the Omega C.H.A.M.P.S. is Stand Tall, Walk Proud, Shine Your Brightest! The program seeks to build the next generation of African-

American and other ethnic males into our future leaders. The Mentors of the program plan to accomplish this by establishing a relationship with a young male and cultivating a bond that yields positive experiences. With exposure to a variety of culturally relevant and enriching activities to assist young men in avoiding problems and high-risk behavior. The program celebrated proteges Mekhi Bailey and Jailyn Moore. The Rites of Passage is a ritual/ceremony signifying a

protege's transition from the Omega CHAMPS program. This year two transitioned from the program. The guest speaker for the Rites of Passage was Chief Jason Armstrong of the Town of Apex Police Department. Chief Armstrong gave his speech on the influence of mentors and doing the right thing to the audience. Article submitted by Bro. Quando Gerst, Vice Basileus of the Iota Iota Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc.

A Wake County Sheriff's Office Employee Hall of Fame Induction



The Garner Chamber of Commerce inducted one of Wake County Sheriff's Office very own, Sergeant Donovan Smith, into the Garner Hall of Fame this past weekend for his position as outside linebacker on the only team in Garner Senior High history to have a 15-0 season! When asked why he thought he was being recognized, he said he believes it is because

although he was born with a disability to his left arm, he never let that stop him from excelling in sports or in life. After winning the 1988 State Championship, Donovan received a scholarship to continue his football career and education at Livingstone University. He started with the Department of Corrections shortly after graduating but has been

with Wake County Sheriff's Office for nearly 16 years now, working his way up through the ranks and is currently a Sergeant at Wake County Detention Center. His goal is to continue to grow with the agency and serve the community he cherishes. We are all very proud of all of DK's achievements and are certain he will continue to excel here at WCSO.

NC Legislative Races A Fight

By Gary D. Robertson
Associated Press

With abortion restrictions, looser gun rules and deeper tax reductions likely in the balance, North Carolina Republican lawmakers and Democratic Gov. Roy Cooper are fighting in campaign trenches over whose policy agenda will win out in Cooper's final two years in office. Democrats and their allies led by Cooper are bidding to prevent Republicans next month from holding veto-proof majorities for the first time since late 2018. Cooper was often powerless then to block laws except through litigation.

As in other divided-government states following the Supreme Court decision overturning Roe v. Wade, abortion looms large in several key General Assembly races. With enough Democratic legislators behind the governor, Cooper's vetoes foiled limited abortion changes approved by the GOP-controlled legislature in 2019 and 2021.

Republican leaders are prepared to consider additional abortion restrictions next year but say there's no consensus yet on details. That uncertainty and the slight electoral adjustment Republicans need—three more House seats and two in the Senate to regain veto-proof majorities—feed into Democratic campaign narratives.

"In North Carolina, women still have reproductive freedom," Cooper said at a recent event with Democratic female legislative candidates. "And as governor, I aim to keep it that way. But I cannot do it alone—I have to have a number in the legislature who would be willing to stand with me."

Republican leaders, who have played down the abortion issue during fall campaigning, are optimistic about reaching those thresholds.

They say voters are focused on the national economy and 40-year inflation highs under Joe Biden's presidency. GOP candidates are running ads blaming

Washington for higher prices and talk about what Republicans in Raleigh have done to counter them, such as cutting income taxes.

"This becomes a national election just as much as a state House or state Senate election," said Rep. Jason Saine of Lincoln County, a House Republican Caucus leader, and GOP legislative candidates "end up being the beneficiary of that."

Political consultants and legislators from both parties expect the outcomes of roughly 15 key races to be the difference makers out of the entire 170 General Assembly election slate. Cooper is term-limited from seeking reelection in 2024.

"All of us are fighting out here," said Rep. Linda Cooper-Suggs, a Wilson County Democrat facing a tough challenge from Republican Ken Fontenot.

In 2017 and 2018, Republicans with veto-proof majorities overrode 23 of Cooper's 28 vetoes. None of the governor's 47 vetoes have been overridden since.

Democrats credit Cooper's veto stamp with bringing Republicans to the table to negotiate, contributing to recent successes in economic development and clean energy.

"It is critical that some balance remain in each chamber for that to happen," said House Minority Leader Robert Reives of Chatham County.

Cooper said the GOP's "worst impulses can't be stopped" if it gains too much power. But Senate leader Phil Berger said a supermajority actually protects the state from Cooper's bad decisions. Berger named vetoed bills that would have raised teacher pay and ensured that July 4 fireworks displays and parades could happen in 2020 during the pandemic.

Berger said the GOP agenda under a veto-proof majority wouldn't be much different from the past four years.

"We're going to continue to push to reduce our tax rates. We're going to continue to push to address regulatory problems,"

Berger said. "We're going to continue to push to address the abysmal situation in our education system, where our children are not learning how to read."

Other approved legislation Cooper successfully vetoed could make comeback appearances—like bills demanding county sheriffs assist federal immigration agents who want to detain jail inmates, eliminating pistol purchase permits, and moving up dates when completed mail-in absentee ballots must be received.

North Carolina law prohibits abortions after 20 weeks of pregnancy, with exceptions for a pregnant woman's medical emergency. That makes North Carolina a location for women from more restrictive states nearby seeking the procedure.

The Supreme Court ruling contributed to a surge in abortion-rights political activity. Planned Parenthood's political arm is campaigning in 14 legislative races under a \$5 million spend in North Carolina elections.

In the swing 18th Senate District, which includes part of Wake County and all of Granville County, Democratic attorney Mary Wills Bode and Republican real estate investor E.C. Sykes are running for an open seat.

At the news conference last month with Cooper, Bode accused Sykes of wanting "to ban reproductive health care in our state in every situation, under every circumstance, no exceptions."

Sykes said in an interview he believes in exceptions for rape and incest, but thinks North Carolina's abortion law shouldn't "be more liberal than our neighboring states are."

Sykes added that "the issues and the concerns that I'm hearing about are the economy and jobs, what's happening to their income."

Cooper-Suggs and Fontenot said abortion isn't the predominant issue in their rural 24th House District race—people there are more conservative, and the influence of churches remains strong.

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Ag-Grow-Culture

An True Agrarian Love Story: Part Two

By Jason Lindsay

Staff Writer

...continued from last week.

A flop on the backyard garden, but baby number one was a complete success, and he gave us new levels of reasoning to get it right.

In college, I wrote research papers as a side hustle for the science and sociology departments. They mostly revolved around Mars explorations and the sociology of the African American family. So, with a need to make year two a success, I decided to put my research skills to work.

All fall and winter I researched organic farming (not a reference to the USDA certification) and gardening. Before this my research binges were consumed with nutrition, so that gave me an understanding on just how connected nutrition was to farming practices (how it is grown), but I didn't understand what to use (natural, organic products) and what not to use (synthetic, chemical products).

My research taught me the differences and the gut-wrenching history of synthetic fertilizers, drenched in the blood of warfare. I found new indigenous concepts like agroecology, permaculture, and biodynamics. I found techniques that dealt with the flooding issues and didn't break the bank, because we were working off of teacher's salaries. And by the end of the spring, my wife and I had a plan of engagement for round two of our family garden.

We installed an in-ground no-till garden with a hügelkultur bed lining the west side of the garden to absorb the water coming off the house. We splurged on seeds and planted everything we could in season. Year two was a complete one-eighty. By our son's first birthday, the garden had blossomed out to full bloom and the fruit was abundant.

A teaching friend who attended my son's birthday party saw our garden and invited me

to a community garden network meeting. A few weeks later, I attended the meeting that was a collaboration between community members, the local hospital, university, and the city. In a radius of about a mile and a half this network was made up of 7 community gardens through the city's largest "food-desert," and by the end of the meeting I was a leader over one of them. A position they call "garden guardian."

This was a breakout season for us. After only two years of experience, one being a failure, we were leading our own community gardens in a network of community gardens. It was all making sense. Growing food in communities that needed it in a manner that could teach them to grow their own food.

Within the first few days of being garden guardians we conducted a community survey to see what the surrounding community wanted in their garden. We aimed for the survey to serve as a tool of engagement in order to invite the community into the garden space and make them apart of it. For two days we conducted these surveys and learned that the community was in no way involved in the garden's inception, had never been invited to the garden, and felt as if the gardens were in their neighborhoods, but not in any way for them.

This really threw us for a loop. The first word in community gardening is "community." So, how could an organization place gardens in a community, call them "community gardens," and not invite the community or ask them if this was something they wanted. The community gardening network was my first encounter of "poverty-pimping." Not only did the community not know the gardens were for them, but they didn't even know what a "food-desert" was, let alone that they were living in one, victims of food apartheid.

After receiving these results, we organized a harvest festival to invite the community out to the garden and let them know

it was for them. In less than a week we made this happen with a turnout of over 150 people. It was at this point that, for me, agriculture work and community work was hand in hand. After this event, followed by a few other garden based community engagement gatherings, I was appointed executive director of the organization. And surely big change would follow.

The organization was groomed as "give-away" gardens, where the garden guardian alongside other community participants would grow the food and any one from the community could harvest. The model was problematic to say the least. Just a few folks would work on the garden all early spring, but in the summer the gardens would be harvested by many and in some cases leaving little food for the folks that invested their time and grew it.

The question was: how is this model self-sustainable? A really quick answer was: it wasn't and had to go. Our mission was to "grow food to grow community." So, we empowered the garden guardians to assemble a team made up of active community members. From these collected committees each group would decide how the food from their gardens would be distributed. One group chose to not share with any one who did not put time into the garden. Another was located across from the local soup kitchen and decided to donate all food that didn't go to its' participants directly to the kitchen. Other gardens had after-school and summer camp children in which we created gardening courses and the chil-

dren would take the food home to their families. In less than two years all seven gardens would reach capacity and the initiative was created and led for and by the community.

With such tremendous results from the garden, we wanted to explore expansion. The community gardens were largely led by elders in the community and the ones that weren't, were led by youth programs (elementary grade levels). We saw one age demographic in the community in which we were providing no focused service. So in year two of our new agenda, we registered the first urban farm in our city and it was the first year urban farms were recognized by USDA giving us an advantage that never existed before.

This farm was located in a park and made up only a quarter of an acre. We worked together with other organizations and built a small high tunnel and a barn to store farm equipment. With the partnering organization we also started a youth program for students from 8th to 12th grade. This program would pay students to learn the ins and outs of urban farming and how to grow for themselves. The students grew and sold food to local CSAs (community supported agriculture), a local juicing company and directly to consumers. And anything that didn't make it home with us or out to market went to the soup kitchen. In less than a year we put together a "zero waste" farm that was youth led and operated. And today two of those students are studying agriculture on the collegiate level.

To be continued... for last time



Farm-To-School Grant Application Period Open

USDA—October is more than a time for crisp temperatures and vibrant autumn leaves. It's also Farm to School Month, when USDA joins schools, farms, and community organizations across the country to celebrate the role of farm to school programs in getting healthy, locally grown foods onto children's trays through child nutrition programs, including school breakfast and lunch.

Schools, farmers, and other organizations that help produce or serve meals to kids through USDA's child nutrition programs can apply now for a USDA Farm to School Grant. In 2023, USDA will award approximately \$12 million in grants through a competitive process that provides bonus points to projects operated by and serving communities that are underserved, marginalized, or adversely affected by poverty and inequality. USDA invites all eligible and interested organizations to apply by January 6, 2023.

The upcoming round of grants will build on the \$70 million of investments in farm to school that USDA made this year, which includes the first-ever non-competitive grants for states to assist their child nutrition programs in using more local foods.

Besides providing high-quality local foods, farm to school also empowers kids to make healthy food choices through nutrition education.

Contact your local school or community organizations to find out if they're doing farm to school activities. If they are, there's always room to grow and do more. And if they're not, there's no better time than now to start. Parents, teachers, students, farmers, and community members can all become Farm to School Champions!

Sustainable Forestry, Landowner Conference

By Tyria McCray

Staff Writer

The Sustainable Forestry and Land Retention Project held its annual "Refresh, Refocus, Take Action Towards Your Goals" two-day Landowner's Confer-

ence in Rocky Mount on Tuesday.

N.C. Landowners gathered at the Rocky Mount event center to learn about conserving threatened forestland, increasing forest owners' income, asset values, as well as improving forest and wildlife habitats.

Roanoke Electric Cooperative helped establish the Sustainable Forestry and Land Retention Project in 2013 to help achieve one of the key parts of its mission: enhancing the quality of life in the diverse communities it serves. The SFLRP helps families in Roanoke Electric's service territory increase their income and asset value of family-owned forestland and encourages forest health, land retention, and the opportunity to create intergenerational wealth.

Kicking off the conference was Alton Perry, director of Roanoke Electric Cooperative's Sustainable Forestry and Land Retention Project giving opening remarks with others to fol-

low.

Once the conference was underway, Keynote Speaker Rita Kite, president and CEO of the American Forest Foundation, spoke to the audience on her organization's ambitious conservation agenda.

Her work centers on scaling AFF's efforts to empower family forest owners from all walks of life to address the most pressing conservation challenges facing our nation today. Challenges include increasing carbon storage, mitigating catastrophic wildfires, and improving wildlife habitat. She also added that she felt the call to champion natural resource conservation having grown up on a beef cattle farm in upstate New York. She finds energy in tackling difficult conservation challenges and bringing together diverse teams, coalitions and resources to create market-relevant solutions.

After hearing from Kite, landowners had the opportunity to participate in workshops focus-

ing on technical and financial assistance. One-on-one meetings were held to set goals and develop forest management plans, as well as developing partnerships with natural resource agencies and the forest industry.

The workshops provided a few key takeaways such as looking at the state and federal levels and realizing that there are many forestries, natural resources, and agricultural agencies and programs that can help landowners identify practices that will improve the sustainability and economic strength of their property.

Landowners also learned about soil health and why it is fundamental to the long-term sustainability of farmland and woodland. Owners that have smaller land were able to share how they had to think "outside the box" to maintain a small farm and be open to multi-cropping and niche markets that provide them a better return on their investment of money, time, and labor.

U.S. Nears Record Poultry Deaths

By Tom Polansek

IBT

A near-record number of U.S. chickens and turkeys have died in this year's outbreak of avian flu, as a different form of the virus than farmers battled before has infected more wild birds that then transmit the disease, officials said.

More than 47 million birds have died due to infections and cullings. This has spurred export bans, lowered egg and turkey production, and contributed to record prices of the staples ahead of the U.S. holiday season. The outbreak exacerbates economic pain for consumers grappling with soaring inflation.

In 2015, 50.5 million birds died in the deadliest U.S. outbreak, the nation's worst animal-health event to date.

Farmers are fighting a subtype of the H5N1 strain of the virus that survived over the summer, when rising temperatures typically reduce avian flu, said Rosemary Sifford, chief veterinary officer for the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA).

The same subtype, known as the goose/Guangdong lineage, is spreading in Europe, she said in an interview. Europe is already suffering its worst avian flu crisis, with nearly 50 million poultry culled.

Officials are finding the subtype in a broader range of wild birds, such as ducks, than in the past and it seems to live in the birds longer, Sifford said. An elevated threat for infections may persist until summer 2023 as they migrate, she said.

The United States is monitoring wild birds for avian flu in

four migration paths known as flyways, up from two previously, and plans to do the same next year.

"This virus could be present in wild birds for the foreseeable future," Sifford said. "This one is certainly different."

The outbreak has infected flocks in 42 states since February, twice as many as in 2015, USDA records show. Infections slowed over the summer this year but did not stop as they did in 2015.

The tenacity of the virus surprised some producers, who have boosted cleaning and security in barns since the 2015 outbreak.

"Unfortunately what we've done probably hasn't been enough to protect us from this high load of virus in the wild bird population," Sifford said.

RECORD TURKEY PRICES
Minnesota, the nation's top turkey-producing state, suffered infections in two commercial flocks in late August after going three months without cases, USDA data show. The state then saw more cases in September.

"Seeing a spike in August was not something that was expected," said Ashley Kohls, executive director of the Minnesota Turkey Growers Association.

After infections, it takes about six months to decontaminate farms and resume turkey production, Kohls said.

Minnesota-based Hormel Foods Corp, owner of the Jennie-O Turkey Store brand, said it expects avian flu to reduce its turkey production at least through March 2023.

"We've worked really hard but clearly this is still an issue," Hormel CEO James Snee said on a conference call last month.

Retail prices for fresh boneless, skinless turkey breast reached a record \$6.70 per pound last month, up 112% from a year earlier and 14% above the previous record from 2015, the American Farm Bureau said.

Turkey meat production this year is set to drop 6% from 2021 to 5.2 billion pounds, according to the USDA.

U.S. farmers, who face high costs for feed and labor, were already cutting production before the outbreak due to declining profits. Inventories of turkey breasts in cold storage facilities reached a record low this year, USDA data show.

Indiana turkey farmer Greg Gunthorp said grocers, online retailers and other buyers have called searching for whole turkeys and breasts. Antibiotic-free turkey breasts are selling for \$7-\$9 per pound wholesale, compared to about \$3 before the COVID-19 pandemic, he said.

"The turkey market right now is the craziest I've ever seen it," Gunthorp said.

Infections in flocks have triggered export restrictions on U.S. poultry, further hurting producers. China, a major buyer, has blocked poultry from entire states with confirmed cases and is taking longer than it should to lift the bans, the USA Poultry and Egg Export Council said.

China this month suspended poultry imports from Arkansas, the third-biggest producer of chickens raised for meat, after the state reported its first infection of the year, USDA records show. The state's agriculture secretary, Wes Ward, said he had hoped Arkansas could avoid the disease.



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GWENDOLYN YOLANDE DEBNAM MORGAN

Nov. 30, 1953–Sept. 29, 2022

Mrs. Gwendolyn Yolande Debnam Morgan departed this life on Sept. 29, 2022. She was 68 years old and had devoted her life to the education of African-American students as an Associate Professor for 41 years at Clark College Atlanta University.

Gwen was born in Raleigh on Nov. 30, 1953 to George C. Debnam M.D., and Mrs. Marjorie Boyd Debnam. Dr. George C. Debnam was a prominent family physician in Raleigh and her mother, Marjorie Boyd Debnam was a noted social worker and social activist.

Both her parents were among the first African-Americans inducted into the Raleigh Hall of Fame for their civic contributions.

Gwen was raised by her parents to value education and community uplift. She attended a mix of private and public schools while in Raleigh, having attended Saint Monica's Catholic school until 9th grade and then completing High School at Enloe High School.

Socially, she was active in Jack and Jill, The Y Teens at the YWCA, the Teenage Frolics local dance program and youth activities at Martin Street Baptist Church. In her senior year of high school, Gwen was presented to society at the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Alpha Theta Omega Chapter Debutante Ball and she also participated in the Delta Sigma Theta Jabbawalk program.

In 1971, Gwen entered Fisk University in Nashville, Tenn. While at Fisk, Gwen was inducted into Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc, Pi chapter in 1972. In 1973, Gwen participated in a summer program at Oxford University in England in her major, English.

Gwen graduated with departmental honors from Fisk in 1975. She completed her master's in English in 1977 at Clark Atlanta University and proceeded into a lifetime of teaching English as an Associate Professor at CAU over the next 41 years.

She left Clark briefly for stints in the late 1980s when she lived in Tallahassee, Fla. and Hartford, Conn. after her marriage on June 23, 1986 to Harold Morgan. Gwen taught at Florida A and M and the University of Hartford in those years before returning



MRS. GWENDOLYN YOLANDE DEBNAM MORGAN

back to live and resume teaching in Atlanta, Ga. in 1990.

Gwen resumed teaching at Clark Atlanta University; she also has taught as an adjunct at Morehouse. Gwen helped develop the Composition program for Clark through the years and worked closely with Isabella Jenkins on the Honors program.

Gwen was well known as the Honda Quiz bowl supervisor for Clark for 32 years and her teams had earned \$217,000 in prizes in that time period. She even had one team win the entire Honda Quiz bowl event. The Quiz bowl required considerable time to prepare for tournaments but she always prepared her teams to their best performance.

She gave unstintingly to the education of her students and won many awards based on the students voting including the CAU Vulcan Metals Student award, the Cogman Life Achievement Award and the Student Glass Key Award based on student voting.

She maintained connections with many students after graduation and many of her students still in Atlanta were a blessing

to her during her last illness. She set high standards and her students understood that and fulfilled that. Her students are part of her legacy and her service to them was what she was most proud of in this life.

Gwen will always be remembered for her sense of humor, her love of African-American cultural music and cinema and her dedication to Clark Atlanta University and HBCUs in general.

She is survived by her husband, Harold Lee Morgan of Baltimore Md.; her father, George C. Debnam, M.D. and her twin sisters, Marjorie Lynnette Debnam M.D. and Marie G. Debnam, M.D., all of Raleigh, as well as cousins on the Boyd and Debnam sides of the family and a host of family, friends and her CAU and Morehouse co-workers and students.

The Memorial Service for Gwen Debnam Morgan was Saturday, Oct. 8 at Lea Funeral Home, 2500 Poole Road, Raleigh.

Per Gwen's request, please donate to the UNCF in lieu of flowers.

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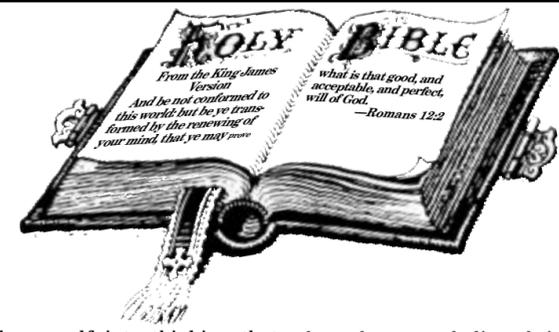
DON'T FOOL YOURSELF
Sermon by Mother Belinda McKoy

Luke 18:9-14 KJV "And he spake this parable unto certain which trusted in themselves that they were righteous, and despised others: Two men went up into the temple to pray; the one a Pharisee, and the other a publican. The Pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself, God, I thank thee, that I am not as other men are, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even as this publican. I fast twice in the week, I give tithes of all that I possess. And the publican, standing afar off, would not lift up so much as his eyes unto heaven, but smote upon his breast, saying, God be merciful to me a sinner. I tell you, this man went down to his house justified rather than the other: for every one that exalteth himself shall be abased; and he that humbleth himself shall be exalted."

It is important that we, as Christians, understand our relationship with God. We need to know who is who in the relationship. Sometimes we are so blessed that we forget who we are. Some say we are so heavenly minded that we are no earthly good. We forget who is the Master and who is the servant. We begin to act as if we can do the things that God does.

We may act as though we wake ourselves up every morning or we know how to find our own way, and may have the ability to move on our own or supply our own needs.

1. Don't Fool Yourself. You might ask what do you mean Don't Fool Myself? First, don't



fool yourself into thinking that you are more than you are. In our scripture, we have two people, the Pharisee and the tax collector, that went up to the temple to pray. The Pharisee in verses 11 and 12 started praying self-righteously. Instead of acknowledging God the Creator, he started praising himself.

He thought so highly of himself that he thought he needed to highlight to God how righteous he was. Look God, I'm not like other men are and called out their sins. Extortioners (swindlers), unjust, adulterers. He couldn't leave it at that. He also got personal by saying he was glad he was not like the publican (tax collector). Don't fool yourself, because putting someone else down does not raise you up. Galatians 6:3 "For if a man think himself to be something when he is nothing, he deceiveth himself."

2. Don't Fool Yourself into thinking what you do for God is Great. Romans 12:1 "I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service."

Whatever you are doing for God can't compare to what God is doing for you. You can't sacrifice enough; you can't pay enough to be equivalent to the things God does for us. We don't have anything to boast about. The servant is not above the Master. Whatever we do is our reasonable service.

It doesn't matter how well you can preach, teach, pray or sing, it can't compare to what God can do or has done for you. John 3:16 "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son,

that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." John 15:13; "Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends."

Last, but not Least **Don't Fool yourself out of Heaven.** Everyone hated the tax collector, rightfully so. They went around charging people whatever they wanted, regardless of the people's ability to pay. But the tax collector in our text today, after listening to the Pharisee, decided to take another direction. I always say he went all in. Some say he "kept it real." The publican said, "God be merciful to me a sinner". He laid it bare, with no frills, and came to Jesus just as he was. This is the attitude we must take to make it to heaven.

John 18:1, "I tell you, this man went down to his house justified rather than the other: for every one that exalteth himself shall be abased; and he that humbleth himself shall be exalted."

We can't talk our way into heaven, nor can we pay our way there. Humble is the way. Self-righteous people equate themselves with God. Constantly referring to I and me; but a humble person understands that God is superior to anything that we may accomplish. There isn't anything that we can do that will ever compare with what God does for us. If we humble ourselves one day, we will be exalted to our ultimate destination, which is heaven! Don't Fool Yourself.

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Happenings At The MAC

Macedonia New Life Church
2004 Rock Quarry Road, Raleigh, NC 27610
Senior Pastor: Rev. Dr. Joe L. Stevenson

Macedonia New Life Church (Macedonia NLC) is resuming weekly in-person worship services on Sundays starting at 9:30 a.m. Temperature checks, hands properly sanitized, and face masks continue to be a requirement for everyone prior to entering the sanctuary. The Family Life Center will now be available for overflow with proper social distancing in order to provide safety during worship. The nursery is now open to children up to four years old.

JOIN SUNDAY SCHOOL ON ZOOM.com

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

Meeting ID: 918 5873 2456

Passcode: 461350

To Call in Dial: 1 646 558 8656

Rev. Marilyn Fonville, M.Div.

Macedonia NLC—Sunday School Superintendent/VBS Coordinator

Youth Sunday School

Youth Sunday School return has been delayed. The new starting date will be announced shortly.

Youth Bible Study

Youth Bible Study will resume on Nov. 1. Macedonia NLC invites all youth to learn with us on Tuesdays at 7 p.m.

Meeting ID: 875 629 8755

Passcode: youth

To Call in Dial: 1 646 558 8656

Church Community Food Ministry Weekly Food Distribution

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

Tuesdays In The Word

MNLC weekly Bible Study sessions, Tuesdays in the Word with Dr. Joe, will be held in person in the Family Life Center and virtually. MNLC invites you to join us each Tuesday.

Mission Sunday

Join the Evangelism Ministry on Nov. 5 at 12 p.m. for MNLC 1st Saturday Food Distribution. We look forward to seeing you there.

"When Men Pray"

Macedonia invites all the brothers to gather at the church for prayer on Nov. 5 and Dec. 10 at 9 a.m. We hope to see you there.

Drive-Thru Thanksgiving Outreach

Macedonia NLC invites you to join us on Saturday, Nov. 19, from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. to provide 40 families with Thanksgiving meals. Submit the names of any families in need of Thanksgiving meals by Nov. 16. Please donate pre-packaged and non-perishable items and deliver them to the church by Wednesday, Nov. 16.

Initial Sermon Service for Sister Martita Williams

MNLC invites you to join us for Sister Martita Williams' initial sermon service on Sunday, Oct. 30. Come and support our Sister in Christ as she gives her initial sermon.

Congratulations Rick Lindsay

Congratulations on 20 years of service to our percussionist, Rick Lindsay! Macedonia thanks you for 20 years of service in the church.

Congratulations Timothy Williamson

Congratulations on 2 years of service to our church accompanist, Timothy Williamson! Macedonia thanks you for your 2 years of service in the church.

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

Practical Biblical Principles

PRIORITIZING IN LIFE AND CHRISTIAN WORK

Read: Luke 5, 6:13, 14:25-3

Before Jesus started His ministerial work upon the Earth, He had other doors to open before He could make the first effort to commence His ministry. He first had to work through His temptation experience with the devil. He had to deal with being rejected in His hometown, Nazareth, when He stood up in the synagogue and stated what His Father told Him to do as he was starting His ministry immediately. He went to Capernaum and cast out an unclean demon in a man and the people were amazed and the report out to every place.

While in Capernaum, Jesus healed Simon Peter's mother. Shortly after the Sabbath sunset was setting, Jesus healed all who came to Him, and He cast out demons in those who had them. As the demons were expelled, they were crying out, "You are the Son of God." Jesus rebuked the demons to be quiet.

Jesus went out and preached in Galilee for the people didn't want Him to leave the city. As He stood by the lake Galilee, He called four disciples, who were fishermen. As the people gathered and pressed around Him, He was forced to launch out in the lake on a boat and preach to them. Jesus performed a miracle for the fishermen who had been fishing all night and caught nothing. Jesus instructed them to put out their nets in the water and they will catch fish. This they did and many fish were caught. This miracle got Peter's attention. Jesus went on and cleansed a leper in another town. While teaching in one town. He stopped and took time to heal a paralytic. Later, He invited Himself into the house of a tax collector for dinner and really got some religious people upset.

Initially, the way our Lord was going, He would not have been able to really get His ministry started in the way that would have an eternal impact upon the

people. Jesus simply responded to the need everywhere He went. I believe Jesus started off His ministry this way to draw attention to His ministry. Jesus knew exactly what He was doing and why He was doing it.

Jesus started prioritizing His moves and ministry. He first called His disciples together. Jesus started favoring certain individuals over others when we read the Gospels. Jesus intentionally started investing more of His time with certain others, namely, His disciples. Even though He ministered to the crowds, out of them He had his disciples—those who made a commitment to follow Him (Luke 14:14:25-26). Out of those disciples Jesus chose 12 (Luke 6:13), whose primary task was to spend time with Him (Mark 3:14) before they were sent out to preach and heal the sick. Think about it, Jesus's main agenda was not ministering to the crowds but investing time training the 12. Out of the 12, Jesus had an inner circle of three: James, John, and Peter, who spent the most time with Him (Matthew 26:36-38). Of the three John, the son of Zebedee was the most intimate with Jesus (John 21:20).

In his book, *The Jesus Principles*, Joseph Mattera examines the life principles which Jesus followed to carry out His Father's will.

Jesus appeared to have created what is known today as the Pareto Principle also known as the 80/20 rule, the law of the vital few. This states that for many events, roughly 80 percent of the effects come from 20 percent of the cause. This rule's name was given after an Italian economist, Vilfredo Pareto, while at the University of Lausanne (1896). Pareto showed that approximately 80 percent of the land in Italy was owned by 20 percent of the population. This is a well-known business axiom and management tool used by the business world today. Many business executives have cited this 80/20 rule as a tool to maximize business effi-

ciency.

This means that about 80 percent of the output of any organization is going to come from only 20 percent of the people. This rule works for the church as well. The Apostle Paul also showed that he followed this principle when he instructed Timothy to pick out of the crowd faithful men who had the ability to teach and entrust the Word unto them (II Timothy 2:2). When pastors focus on the crowds instead of targeting their attention on those most likely to bring back the biggest return on the gospel investment of time, they are being unwise stewards and do not understand how to prioritize the way Jesus and Paul did.

This may come as a shock for those who view the Bible as democratic instead of theocratic. God is not into egalitarianism. God does not treat every person equally. Some have a greater call than others, some will have more divine encounters with God than others. Not every person in Christ will be called to function as fivefold ministry leaders in the church. Not all will have the same gifts of ministry as Christ (Ephesians 4:7, 11).

Jesus prayed for those whom He chose as friends. Jesus chose friends of obedience and friends to be with Him in preparation of evangelism. Jesus chose friends He could share His heart with, and who could receive His hard sayings and stand by Him during His trials. Jesus's priority was to seek the faithful few, who would then be committed to minister to the crowds until he returns. Then Jesus's priority will be to take us home to the Father where we will live forever.

We, as children of God, must examine our life's priorities to bring out the best in us and for us.

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Editorials

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If Inflation Subsides, Will Everything Be OK?

By Mike Walden
Guest Editorial

Most surveys show inflation is one of the top issues in the country. The latest reading for September shows the inflation rate is still over 8 percent when measured on a year-over-year basis. This means the average retail price of what we bought in September 2022 was more than 8 percent higher than the average retail price of those same products and services in September 2021.

But what if the Federal Reserve is successful in reducing the inflation rate? Does this mean we're fine? What if, for example, this time next year, the year-over-year inflation rate has dropped to 2 percent which, by the way, is the Federal Reserve's target? Should we be dancing in the streets because we're now back to where we were prior to the surge in inflation?

The answer is no! If in September 2023 the year-over-year inflation rate is 2 percent, this still means average retail prices would have risen 2 percent between September 2022 and September 2023. The 8 percent inflation rate between September 2021 and September 2022 would not have been wiped out.

Sure, some prices will go down, particularly basic commodities like fuel and food. But for most products and services, success against inflation means prices rising more slowly, not prices falling. So, when you hear that inflation is falling, what's really meant is that the rise in inflation is falling. Inflation is still occurring; it's just not as bad.

But if the pace of inflation is slowing, isn't that good news? It is, but this doesn't mean everything is fine. The major problem with inflation is not that prices are rising, but that our wages and salaries don't increase at the same pace.

The most recent inflation data for September show a year-over-year inflation rate of 8.2 percent. During the same time period, the average hourly wage rate for workers increased only 5 percent. This means workers effectively had a pay cut of 3.2 percent. Or in other words, workers saw their standard of living drop by 3.2 percent. There was also a reduction in inflation-adjusted wage rates for the September 2020 to September 2021 year.

It gets worse. History shows it's taken a significant period of time for workers to recover their standard of living, even while the inflation rate is moderating. The reason is that a recession is usually the policy prescription used to reduce inflation. And during a typical recession, businesses reduce employment and sometimes cut wages for the workers they keep. Both results cause further erosion in the standard of living.

The bottom line is it may take a while for workers' incomes to recover from the combined trauma of rising inflation and a job-killing recession, even if the inflation rate is brought back to normal levels.

Consider these track records of recent inflation and recession combos. It took almost 20 years—yes 20 years—for the purchasing power of workers' weekly earnings to recover from the combined impacts of the "great inflation" of the early 1980s and consequent recessions that ultimately cut the annual inflation rate from 13 percent to 3 percent.

It wasn't as bad with later combinations of inflation and recession. Inflation jumped in the latter part of the 2000's decade and prior to the housing recession in 2007–09. But it took only five years for the purchasing power of wages to get beyond the double pounding of inflation and recession.

Now we're set up for another challenge. Inflation has been eroding worker incomes for two years, and many economists are predicting a recession later this year or in early 2023. Hence, even if there is some good news in coming months that the inflation rate is moderating, many households will experience a struggle to regain their previous living standards.

Unless, of course, like many things, the pandemic has changed the rules. One significant change has been the lingering labor shortage. Many businesses can't find enough workers, and they want to keep the ones they have.

This sets up a possible scenario where job cuts with an upcoming recession will be minor. The reason is firms have many unfilled positions to cut, and they don't want to lose the workers they've tried hard to keep. Also, firms may be more forthcoming with pay raises in order to keep valued workers. The combination of more jobs and better pay may reduce the time needed to recover the peak purchasing power wages in early 2020, prior to the pandemic.

The conclusions are these. First, lowering inflation doesn't mean lowering prices. It means lowering the rate of increase in prices. The prices we had before the take-off in inflation won't return for most products and services.

Second, what matters for your standard of living is the purchasing power of your salary. The purchasing power of your salary can be eroded by both inflation and recession. Unfortunately, we may be entering a time period when we have both.

Third—and some good news—is that this time may be different. Rather than suffering big drops in living standards and years before a full recovery is made, today's pandemic-made economy may short-circuit the pain, thereby resulting in fewer job losses and a quicker rebound in living standards.

My late mother always said, "Plan for the worst but hope for the best." So, plan for a challenging couple of years ahead, but hope they don't occur. Is this a good outlook? You decide.

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CONSERVATIVELY Speaking

By Paris Dennard

WHY YOU MUST VOTE

The midterm elections are finally here with thousands of Americans already voting early casting their votes for the candidates that they feel best represents not only their values but will advocate for their best interests in government.

Voting is one of the most important duties we have as American citizens. It is the sole reason why so many fought in the courts, marched, bled, and died for all of us to have the right to vote for Fannie Lou Hamer, and Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and so many other nameless champions, we should at least entertain listening and learning about the candidates and their positions and then decide if we will vote early or on election day.

That is one reason why it should be of great concern that places like Washington, D.C., and Vermont and New York or pushing to allow non-U.S. citizens to vote in our elections.

There is a great push for early voting, but I am old school and like to stand in line on election day, no matter how long the wait or the weather along with my neighbors and vote at my local precinct. I feel more patriotic when I vote in person and get that sticker. Now, I have, like millions of others, have voted early via absentee ballot where I had to sign it and send mail it in, hoping it got there and was counted via the mail while I was away at school or traveling on election day.

If you go back to the presidential election in 2020, millions had cast ballots before either nominee ever took to the debate stage to stand at the podium, without staff, polls, or consultants or a tele prompter telling them what to say, or them knowing what exactly was going to be asked to defend their records, explain their positions, plans and ideas directly to the voters.

Voting only off a mail piece, TV commercials or digital ad campaign might be enough for some but as voters, and especially Black Americans, we deserve more from those who want our vote.

One can only look at the conditions of millions of Black communities across the country led by Democrat officials for decades to see that we have overall, have had our votes taken for granted by the Democrats. If you give one party over 90 percent of the vote we should expect if not demand to have had at this point, better schools, safe communities, and more economic development. But in many instances, we are at the top of all the wrong lists.

That leads us to today, and the opportunity before every voter in 2022 in this midterm election. The question should not be "are you going to vote?" I hope that is a given. The real question is "when are you going to vote?" I would not cast a ballot until I heard from both sides, each candidate directly at a town hall, a forum, a debate or knocking on your door.

Candidates and their campaigns must go back to retail politics and connect with voters. Early states like New Hampshire and Iowa take voting so seriously, and it is also why candidates bombard those states with attention. They want the vote because they know they will turn out to vote. It is valued but there is an expectation that they have to earn it.

Candidates we will brave negative degree temperatures to knock on doors, eat an ungodly amount of county and state fair food, visit every church and community organization, and personally meet with the voters many times for one vote. That is the standard by which we should demand of candidates, earn the vote.

You can and should vote early if you feel you know exactly where the candidates stand, and you feel they have put in the work to get your vote. However, there is a growing number of people who want more from candidates and are going to wait

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Becoming Sarah

By Sarah Jones

THEY SEE WHAT THEY SEE

Imagine you're staring at a white mask that's desperately waiting to be painted. You break the mask into three sections and then slowly but surely begin painting. The first section is what people see when they look at you. It's the assumptions they make about your life before they even have the chance to get to know you. It's what they see before they know your story, and sometimes it's the part of them you only show even once time has done its course. In the next section of the mask, you begin to paint how you feel. Outside of others' perceptions, outside of the pressure, you paint who you believe yourself to be. In the final section of the mask, you paint who you want to become. For me, this part is my favorite because the possibilities are endless. For thirty minutes I just let my mind wander, discovering all the new things that I wanted to become, that I wanted to experience, without even knowing.

This past week, I accepted an internship at one of the largest psychiatric hospitals in the state. For 14 weeks, I will be working with adolescents dealing with severe mental health issues.

While I am ecstatic and nervous to enter this new season, the opportunity has prompted me to be more self-aware. Above is a facilitation I pitched during my interview, although it was formatted towards a completely different target audience, I found the prompts useful during my time of self-reflection.

A few days after my acceptance, I found myself having some free time. I went to the craft store and bought all the supplies I would need to do this project. Although my college budget was prompting me otherwise, I couldn't resist the urge to see who I was-in all aspects "on paper". When I looked down at my piece, I realized how much I had diversified myself and spread my horizons in just a few short years. But even in the midst of self-discovery I couldn't help but feel divided.

For as long as I could remember I have loved words. I grew up reading poetry by Maya Angelou and Langston Hughes. Crafting lyrical novelties in my head before I had the chance to put them on paper. Words-stories were my secret obsession and my biggest creative outlet. I could spend hours writing poetry for no one other than myself, but somehow when I had a paper and pencil, I always felt complete. As the years went on and I got older, my relationship with literature changed. It was still something that I loved, but amid planning for the future it hit the back burner. So much so that instead obtaining a degree in creative writing I'll be becoming a licensed Recreational Therapist, one of the furthest degrees from being a novelist there is.

The who I wanted to come was blank for the longest time. It wasn't that I had no idea, it's that I seemed to have every idea. This past year, so many people in my life had been telling me "You don't have to be just one thing." It's the best advice I've heard to date but what I haven't been told is how to be more than one thing without feeling like you're doing parts of yourself an injustice. At times, I feel like these two worlds are at battle for my attention. The pursuit of my degree keeps me so

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Child Watch

By Marian Wright Edelman



OLIVE WRIGHT COVINGTON: SISTER, TEACHER

If one word describes me, it would be TEACHER.

—Olive Wright Covington

This summer my big sister Olive Wright Covington passed away. Olive was a beloved daughter, sister, mother, grandmother, aunt, church and community leader, mentor, and friend, and throughout her life she was respected and loved as a gifted and passionate educator. The Children's Defense Fund is especially grateful for her service laying the foundation for the flagship CDF Freedom Schools® program.

Olive left our hometown of Bennettsville, S.C. to attend Fisk University in Nashville, and after graduation returned to South Carolina, where she began her professional life teaching in schools at every level. She then moved to Washington, D.C. with her husband and two daughters, Joy and Maggie, where she taught in the D.C. Public Schools for eight years. Alongside her work in the classroom, she began developing and leading teacher training programs. After she retired she moved back to Bennettsville, and there she began a new phase of "retirement" supporting CDF Freedom Schools' early development.

The CDF Freedom Schools movement has its roots in the Civil Rights Movement and the Freedom Schools founded by Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee (SNCC) volunteers during the 1964 Mississippi Freedom Summer project. Olive helped design the vision for the new generation of Freedom Schools programming that would serve children's needs 30 years later. The church parsonage in Bennettsville where I was born and raised became the incubator and curriculum laboratory for the CDF Freedom Schools pilot program. Marlboro County, S.C., along with Kansas City, Mo. and seven other sponsors, hosted the first official CDF Freedom Schools sites in the summer of 1995.

Olive understood the deep need for opportunities like this in communities like ours. Many local children had nothing to do between May and August when school was not in session. Elementary school students wound up babysitting younger siblings; teenage pregnancy rates were high; and children who were eligible for nutritious breakfasts and lunches from the federal school meals program during the school year were going hungry. Meanwhile, many local students who'd gone on to college were not coming home during the summer because there weren't enough work opportunities, so younger children were missing the chance to get to know those older students from their neighborhood and church communities as mentors or role models. Olive was able to help make the connections between those needs and the potential of the CDF Freedom Schools program, which is staffed by trained college-aged "servant leaders" and in some cases teachers and serves children in communities across the country where quality academic summer and after-school enrichment programming is limited, too expensive, or non-existent. Since 1995, more than 150,000 children in grades K–12 have had the CDF Freedom Schools experience.

Olive's work formed the basis for the Integrated Reading Curriculum, the research-based, multicultural curriculum at the center of the CDF Freedom Schools Experience that supports children and their families through the five key components of high-quality academic enrichment; parent and family

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Other Viewpoints



EUROPE'S FAR-RIGHT LURCH

By Mel Gurtov

PeaceVoice

The struggle to save democracy is proving even more difficult in Europe than here in the U.S. Virtually every European country is bedeviled by rising conflict between traditional political parties on one side and far-right, sometimes neo-fascist parties on the other.

Each such conflict has its own history and evolution, but taken together they reveal a disturbing pattern not all that different from the Trump-fueled assault on democratic institutions and values we are experiencing. In a few words, the pattern is conspiracy mongering, denigration of "the other," appeals to White Christian nationalism, a focus on economic instability, and above all constant outrage over social media—all with violence as an unspoken remedy.

In fact, according to one foreign-policy expert with whom I once worked (Morton Halperin), "murder is the best option" for autocrats. "Passive resistance works unless you have a leader who is willing to shoot people marching in the street."

Take Italy, for example, where a far-right candidate (Giorgia Meloni) is about to become prime minister. Her party, the Fratelli d'Italia (Brothers of Italy), has ties to the Fascists of Mussolini's day. She is the product of years of campaigning by Matteo Salvini's League against a migrant "invasion," the theft of Italians' values, and the capture of Italy's economy by "world elites"—meaning the forces of globalization.

Meloni was able to "ride a populist wave of anger as her political party strategically positioned itself as the opposition to the unfolding Neoliberal disaster that has set the Italian and European economy back decades." Meloni's party comes to power with only 25-percent support, but in combination with other parties, including Salvini's League, it will hold the balance of power in parliament.

Or take Viktor Orbán's Hungary: He has become the darling of the American far right, a bully in the best Trump tradition. Orbán makes no secret of his "illiberal" politics, which translates to undermining the institutions of democratic governance—the press, courts, civil society—in the pursuit of lasting power. Here too, appeals to nativism have greatly helped his cause. And despite efforts by the EU to hold Orbán to account for violating its democratic rules, Orbán has shown no signs of adapting.

In Turkey, where another authoritarian leader, Recep Tayyip Erdogan, has quashed criticism and tightened control over all independent sources of authority. His latest move is a law that will imprison anyone who "disseminates untrue information concerning the internal and external security, public order and public health of the country with the sole intention of creating anxiety, fear or panic among the public..."

Erdogan's game is to keep democratic Europe at bay by demonstrating Turkey's importance as a go-between with Putin. Meantime, Erdogan pursues his longstanding ambition to eradicate the pro-independence Kurdish Workers Party (PKK), which both Turkey and the U.S. consider a terrorist organization. Actually, although the PKK does engage in violence, it has little choice given Erdogan's relentless attacks on Kurdish forces in Syria, to which to U.S. and NATO have turned a blind eye.

Looking around the rest of Europe leaves little ground for optimism. Britain's economic slide has come on the heels of a right-wing supported Brexit that conservative leaders refuse to reverse.

In France, Emmanuel Macron defeated Marine Le Pen for the presidency by a healthy margin—58 percent to 42 percent—but (as one French source put it) "Le Pen's result also marks the closest the far-right has ever come to taking power in France and has revealed a deeply divided nation." That proved true following election of the 577-seat National Assembly, in which Macron's coalition failed to secure a majority and Le Pen's National Rally party secured 89 seats, making it the largest opposition party.

Swedish politics has moved to the right; the Sweden Democrats party, whose roots lie in neo-Naziism, won 20 percent of the vote in parliamentary elections last month. A Swedish writer notes how:

"The Swedish far right has profited from the country's growing inequalities, fostering an obsession with crime and an antipathy to migrants. Its advance marks the end of Swedish exceptionalism, the idea that the country stood out both morally and materially."

Poland, like Hungary, has all the trappings of democratic government, but these have been undermined by right-wing government intent on creating a new Polish narrative. "To be truly Polish meant hating communists, devout Catholicism, and feeling nostalgic about the glories of Polish history," one observes writes. Rewriting history has also meant denying Polish collaboration with the Nazis and ignoring rising anti-Semitism. But here again, Poland has diluted European anguish over its politics because of Poland's acceptance of huge numbers of Ukrainians (roughly 2.5 million) since the war began, and has been a faithful NATO ally in the face of Russian aggression.

Is there a solution to the rise of neo-fascism? The remedy often proposed is to rely on, and strengthen, the institutions of democratic governance: civil society (independent unions, small business, NGOs), the judicial system, traditional political parties, the independent media.

Hoping those institutions will stand up to authoritarianism is a thin reed on which to lean, however. For one thing, far-right rulers typically stack courts and the media with loyal people, eliminate the legal basis for NGOs to operate, and ensure that police and other security forces will crush any anti-regime organizing effort.

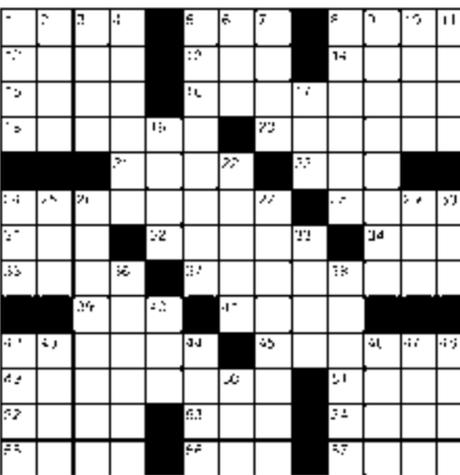
For another, democratic institutions are the primary targets of the far right, constantly under attack as "enemies of the people," the causes of economic insecurity and the "woke culture." It's not easy to defend against such mindless assaults, as we in the U.S. well know.

Third, liberals and progressives have their own criticisms when it comes to democracy. In the face of far-right attacks, the liberal

King Crossword

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- 1 Creche trio
- 5 Shoop's cry
- 8 Espy
- 12 Optimist's credo
- 13 Slea' from
- 14 Texas city
- 15 Lost traction
- 16 "Madam Secretary" memoirist Madeleine
- 18 Dutch exports
- 20 Spanning
- 21 Demolish, in Dover
- 23 Jungfrau, for one
- 24 Tirana resident
- 28 Blathers
- 31 Meadow
- 32 Seafood selection
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left, not to mention the far left, can hardly defend corporate-dominated media, corrupt parties, courts that are blind to social inequities, and do-nothing legislatures.

Finally, the far right has proven far better than the pro-democracy forces at mobilizing capital, social media, and mutual support. Europe's far-right news outlets, for example, seem to be following a pattern that Orbán and his Fidesz party may have originated: He "set out to build himself a loyal media. Fidesz-affiliated oligarchs played a central role, buying out independent newspapers and private broadcasters. Today, Fidesz loyalists dominate the Hungarian media market." Now, "alternative news" outlets are cropping up throughout Europe.

Put all these obstacles together with the near-universal economic upheavals, the war in Ukraine, and the ongoing pandemic and you have a recipe for democracy's collapse and the triumph of neo-fascism.

There is, however, an on-the-other-hand: Latin America, where, "since 2018, leftists have ridden an anti-incumbent wave into office in Mexico, Colombia, Argentina, Chile and Peru."

And now, Brazil (if the polls are right). Ask Lula (former President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva) how it's done and he'll tell you it was the same formula he has always used: firmly address poverty, the yawning rich-poor gap, and unemployment.

And then there's always the possibility, now before us in Italy, that the far right will implode once in power. Silvio Berlusconi, the billionaire former prime minister and third wheel in the far-right triumvirate, seems still to have visions of grandeur and, worse yet, a fondness for Vladimir Putin. In contrast with Meloni, Berlusconi was revealed on tape to believe Putin was correct to attack Ukraine, and was the victim of NATO's rush to help Ukraine. There are no great leaders in Europe or the U.S., he went on; "the only real leader is me."

One may hope such remarks will be the beginning of the end for Italy's new leadership.

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BACK FROM THE BRINK: PREVENTING NUCLEAR WAR IN UKRAINE

By Robert Moore

Coalition for Peace Action

As Russian President Putin faces continuing military losses in Ukraine, he has ratcheted up his nuclear saber rattling. His efforts to call up 300,000 more Russian soldiers are facing major resistance, and he is encountering increasing criticism from Russian elites for his disastrous leadership of a war based on catastrophic miscalculations.

Russia has a policy that if they appear to be on the verge of losing a military conflict—and they have just lost a vast area previously occupied by the Russian army—they are willing to use so-called tactical ("smaller") nuclear weapons to intimidate an opponent to back off and make concessions.

Experts are warning that we may be closer to nuclear weapons use than we've been since the Cuban Missile crisis exactly 60 years ago. In October 1962 the world came terrifyingly close to a full-scale nuclear war that could have killed many millions.

Some 100 tactical nuclear weapons were deployed with Soviet commanders in Cuba, who were pre-authorized to use them if the U.S. launched a land invasion—which the majority of U.S. military leaders at the time urged Kennedy to order. Kennedy rejected that, saying it would be perceived as "a Pearl Harbor in reverse." If he hadn't, it almost certainly would have led to a full-scale nuclear war.

But the Cuban Missile Crisis lasted 13 days, not the seven months-plus of the Ukraine war to date. More importantly, President Kennedy and Soviet leader Khrushchev wisely opened a back channel for private negotiations. Contrary to then-Secretary of State Dean Rusk's assertion at the time that, "We're eyeball to eyeball, and I think the other fellow just blinked," it was actually

intense diplomacy that prevented nuclear war.

Khrushchev had reasonably demanded that if he were to withdraw Soviet nuclear weapons from Cuba, the U.S. needed to withdraw nuclear weapons it had deployed in Turkey, which were equally close to the USSR. Kennedy wisely agreed, but kept the agreement secret to protect himself from political blow-back.

To his credit, in response to Putin's threats, President Biden has refrained from making provocative counter-threats, and recently made clear that the U.S. and Ukraine's allies wouldn't back down if Russia used tactical nuclear weapons. He went on to say that we need to take steps to prevent "nuclear Armageddon," and find ways to offer Putin an off ramp—as Kennedy did with Khrushchev.

But as long as the Ukraine war is allowed to continue, the danger of the use of nuclear weapons remains acute. The only "off ramp" that will certainly prevent the use of nuclear weapons, which could potentially escalate all the way to global nuclear annihilation, is to engage in a diplomatic surge to rapidly end the war.

Rep. Pramila Jayapal, leader of the Congressional Progressive Caucus, is recruiting co-signers on a letter to President Biden urging such a diplomatic surge. I'm proud that my Congresswoman, Rep. Bonnie Watson Coleman, recently co-signed that letter. We need more leadership from our Congress, and all sectors of American society, to press for intensifying diplomacy to end the Ukraine war to de-escalate this terrifying nuclear danger.

The most effective diplomacy is the kind that President Kennedy used to help end the Cuban Missile Crisis. He recognized the USSR's legitimate grievance and consented to their request that the U.S. withdraw its nuclear weapons from Turkey. Russia may have legitimate concerns that could be addressed as part of a diplomatic resolution. Now is the time to exert all possible pressure to end this war before it comes home to all of us.

The Rev. Robert Moore has been Executive Director of the Princeton-based Coalition for Peace Action since September 1981.

CONSERVATIVELY SPEAKING

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until election day to see if the candidates will debate or come to their church, if their teams will knock on their doors and be willing to have a conversation on the issues with them.

Inflation, failing schools and declining test scores, high gas prices, communities feeling unsafe because of an increase in crime and violence, fentanyl killing so many people because of the drug pouring over an open southern border, and the lack of feeling okay, secure, safe, and prosperous. All these issues demand attention from elected leaders and candidates.

Democrats have been in control in the U.S. Senate, the Congress, and the White House for two years. For many local communities, Democrats have been in power for decades. Those politicians should have answers as to why they have failed, and Republicans should provide ideas, examples, and policies about what they will do if given the chance to serve or continue to serve.

This election, and every other election we must demand more from political parties and campaigns. Not debating is a non stater, not showing in our communities should be a non-starter. Earning our vote has to be a priority year-round. We must hold them accountable as our elected leaders or potential elected leaders on their policy positions. We the people do not work for them, they work for us and should have to work for our vote and that includes Democrats who have taken the Black vote for granted and have implemented progressive policies that we all know, see and feel are not working.

Paris Dennard is a prominent communications and political strategist and consultant who has worked at all levels of government and Republican politics.

BECOMING SARAH

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busy I rarely write chapters in the novel I started years ago, or I become so engulfed in writing that my class assignments seem like busy work. Every time I force myself to make a choice, I feel like I'm missing something vital. I think about the lives I can change through my degree and the lives I can touch through my words and living with each full time seems exhausting but complete.

In life, it can be so hard to identify the parts of ourselves and live in them wholly.

I look at the mask I painted on a whim. It's not the most technical thing in the world, the lines aren't straight, and the coloring is off in some areas. But in all my parts, my mask told a story.

There are so many compartments that make us who we are. Our experiences, our history, our hobbies, our passions and so much more make up the vision of our self. There are days where we live and show every piece of our mask fully and days where we only live in section one. But despite that, viewing ourselves as a whole will forever be the greatest tool in self-discovery.

So, the question I leave you with today is, who are you when no one is looking?

CHILD WATCH

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development; civic engagement and social action; intergenerational servant leadership development; and nutrition, health, and mental health. She also helped develop rituals like the program finale that are still a key part of the CDF Freedom Schools experience because she understood how meaningful it would be for families and the larger community to be able to come together to see and celebrate the children's accomplishments.

Olive emphasized parent involvement from the very beginning. She understood that some of the opportunities CDF Freedom Schools programs provided for scholars, like field trips to local museums and landmarks and the wide range of culturally diverse books used in the classrooms, were also new to the children's parents and the college-aged servant leaders. She embraced the chance to share this education with all three generations. In Bennettsville she was well known for encouraging individual parents, complementing them for finding ways to stay involved in their children's education, and telling them that they were doing a good job and she was proud of them. Some of those parents report today that they were inspired to go back to school themselves and even to find jobs in the local school system because of the support and encouragement they received from my sister.

These parents sensed something many people felt about Olive. She loved people, poured every ounce of herself into the people around her, and made every person feel important. She led by example as she taught young servant leaders that if they wanted more out of their students, they needed to give more, and they rose to the challenge. She loved the theologian Howard Thurman and quoted his teachings at many ceremonies, sharing principles such as "If we love a child, and the child senses from our relationship with others that we love them, he will get a concept of love that all the subsequent hatred in the world will never be quite able to destroy."

Olive helped make sure the trainings for the servant leaders went beyond lesson planning. She encouraged them to focus on discerning their calling and purpose and asking themselves what they could do for the students in their care that no one else could do. At exit interviews she asked people to tell her what they had learned from their experience and how they would affect children's lives positively going forward. It was little surprise that many of those she mentored went into education, the ministry, and other ways of serving and caring for others.

After Olive passed away, some of the many people whose lives she had touched remembered how she would not take no for an answer when it came to getting things done, and how she embodied the philosophy of "passing it on," constantly reminding others that it only takes one spark to keep a flame going. Others remembered her gracious elegance, and how she again taught by example that you should always give others your very best. I am so grateful to know how many other people looked up to my sister as I always did, and I hope her example will keep inspiring others to follow in her footsteps too.

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**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 Clerments 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.
Adminitator
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

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STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
DURHAM COUNTY

**NOTICE OF SERVICE
OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION**
In The General Court Of Justice
Superior Court Division
Before the Clerk
File Number 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
**NOTICE TO CREDITORS
File Number 22 E 1251**

The undersigned, Christopher Ray Spivey, having duly qualified as Executor of the Estate of Donna Kay Spivey, deceased, late of Durham County, North Carolina, hereby notifies all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the Estate to present them to the undersigned in care of Ronald G. Coulter, Attorney for the Estate, 3400 Croasdaile Drive, Suite 205, Durham, North Carolina 27705, on or before January 26, 2023 or it will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to the Estate will please make immediate payment.

This the 27th day of October, 2022.

Christopher Ray Spivey
Executor
C/O Ronald G. Coulter
Attorney at Law
3400 Croasdaile Drive, Suite 205
Durham, NC 27705
1-919-246-5775

10/27,11/3, 11/10 and 11/17/2022
**NOTICE OF SERVICE OF
PROCESS BY PUBLICATION**

NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF DURHAM
In The General Court of Justice
Superior Court Division
File No: 22 CVS 3101

BEULAH RUFFIN,
Plaintiff

v.

HILDA E. ALVAREZ ALVARADO, RIGDEBUCKS GROUP LLC, ARIANE ROCIO HERNANDEZ TORRES and ORLANDO ESTEBAN HERNANDEZ PEREZ,

Defendants.

To HILDA E ALVAREZ ALVARADO
Take notice that a pleading seeking relief against you has been filed in the above entitled action. The nature of the relief sought is as follows:

Complaint for Personal Injuries as a result of a Motor Vehicle Accident on April 3, 2022, on S. Alston Avenue at Triangle Drive, Durham, NC.

You are required to make defense to such pleading not later than December 6, 2022 and upon

your failure to do so the party seeking service against you will apply to the Court for the relief sought.

This, the 27th day of October, 2022.

Robert T. Perry
N.C. State Bar #11051
PERRY, PERRY & PERRY, P.A.
Attorneys for Plaintiff

601 Fayetteville Street, Suite 300
Post Office Drawer 2051
Durham, North Carolina 27702
Telephone: (919) 683-8685/10/27, 11/3 and 11/10/2022.
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
DURHAM COUNTY

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS
ESTATE OF ROBERT JACKSON
THORNTON, SR.**

Robert Jackson Thornton, Sr. died on September 9, 2022, in Durham, NC. Norman David Couch, Jr. qualified as his Executor with Durham County, NC Clerk of Superior Court file 22 E 1298.

All persons, firms or corporations indebted to Robert Jackson Thornton, Sr. will please make immediate payment. This is to notify all persons, firms, and corporations having claims against Robert Jackson Thornton to present them before February 3, 2023, or this Notice may be pleaded to bar their claim. Claims and payments may be filed with Deborah H. Shartle, Attorney for the estate at Arges Law Firm, 3200 Croasdaile Drive, Suite 706, Durham, NC 27705.

Norman David Couch, Jr.
Executor
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STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
DURHAM COUNTY

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS
FILE NO 22 E 1272**

All persons having claims against JIMMIE LUNSFORD MCDANIEL, deceased, late of Durham County, North Carolina, are notified to exhibit the same to the undersigned on or before the 27th 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 27th day of October, 2022.

William McDaniel
Administrator
c/o Hemphill Gelder, PC
PO Box 97035
Raleigh, NC 27624
10/27,11/3,11/10 and 11/17/2022
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF DURHAM

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS
File Number 22 E 1309**

Having qualified as Executor of the Estate of FOY LAVERNE BARBEE, deceased, this is to notify all persons, firms, and corporations having claims against the Estate of Foy Laverne Barbee to present them to the undersigned on or before the 27th day of January, 2023, or this Notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery.

All persons indebted to said Estate, please make immediate payment.

This, the 27th day of October, 2022.

H. WOOD VANN
Attorney for the Estate of Foy Laverne Barbee
120 E. Parrish Street, Suite 200
Durham, North Carolina 27701
(919) 682-9273
10/27,11/3,11/10 and 11/17/2022

JOHNSTON COUNTY

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
JOHNSTON COUNTY

**In The General Court of Justice
District Court Division
File No. 22CVD2317**

**NOTICE OF SERVICE OF
PROCESS BY PUBLICATION**
To: HILARIO BENITEZ MEDRANO

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

This, the 13th day of October, 2022.

Yvonne Armendariz, Esq.
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Yvonne@armendarizlaw.com
10/13,10/20 and 10/27



ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

The North Carolina Department of Public Safety has the following contract in Granville County out for bid: C-11446 Fire Suppression Storage Tank. The bid opening is scheduled for: Tuesday, 11/29/2022. To obtain the Notice to Bidders, any Pre-Bid Requirements, and any Addenda visit: <https://www.ips.state.nc.us/ips/AGENCY/PDF/15085900.pdf>

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 Clement Area Water Main Extensions project for Sampson County which bids November 3, 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 * Dewberry Engineers, Inc.; 2610 Wycliff Road, Suite 410; Raleigh, NC 27607.

Potential subcontracting opportunities include but are not limited to surveying, clearing and grubbing, hauling, traffic control, erosion control, seeding, linework, jack & bore, and directional drilling. Please contact Jeff Price (jprice@talov-ing.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.

WANTED WBE, MBE & DBE BIDS

for the following jobs:

NCDOT Division Six Letting		
DF00417	Harnett Co.	Bid Date: Nov. 2 nd
NCDOT Division Five Letting		
DE00349	Wake Co.	Bid Date: Nov. 9 th
DE00350	Granville Co.	Bid Date: Nov. 9 th
NCDOT Central Letting		
C204478	Nash Co.	Bid Date: Nov. 15 th
C204554	Wake Co.	Bid Date: Nov. 15 th
C204791	Lee Co.	Bid Date: Nov. 15 th
C204802	Brunswick Co.	Bid Date: Nov. 15 th

These projects may involve some or all of the following aspects of construction: construction survey, clear and grub, trucking, drainage, milling, paving, incidental concrete, fence and guardrail, signs, structures, traffic control, utilities, signals, pavement marking, erosion control and seeding. Bids can be emailed to stw.quotes@stwcop.com

Please contact S. T. Wooten at 252-291-5165, Fax 252-243-0900 no later than 5:00 p.m. the day before the bid date.

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

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**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
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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
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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 Helen 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_law@hotmail.com
10/13,20,27/2022

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
WAKE COUNTY
**NOTICE OF SERVICE
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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

**NOTICE OF SERVICE OF
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NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF WAKE**

**In the General Court of Justice
District Court Division
File No: 22 CVD 10638**

[CHILD CUSTODY PROCEEDING]
XIOMARA VILLEDA SANCHEZ,
Plaintiff

v.

JUVEN ALEXY PINEDA PAZ,
Defendant.

To Juven Alexy Pineda Paz, father of male child born to Xiomara Villeda Sanchez on 10/26/2011, in Honduras; father of male child born to Xiomara Villeda Sanchez on 6/4/2015, in New Orleans, LA; and father of female child born to Xiomara Villeda Sanchez born on 1/5/2017, in New Orleans, LA.

TAKE NOTICE that a pleading seeking relief against you has been filed in the above-entitled action. The nature of the relief sought against you is an award of permanent custody of the aforementioned children to Xiomara Villeda Sanchez.

You are required to make defense to such pleading with the Wake County Clerk of Court no later than 12/07/22, said date being forty (40) days from the first publication of this notice. Upon your failure to do so, the parties seeking relief against you will apply to the Court for the relief sought on 12/12/2022.

This, the 27th day of October, 2022.

Katherine S. Moye
JusticeMatters, Inc.
Attorney for Plaintiffs
P.O. Box 58058
Raleigh, NC, 27658
919/794-7511, Ext. 9.
10/27, 11/3 and 11/10/2022.

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 2020 E 002974

The Undersigned, having qualified as Administrator of the Estate of George Marshall, 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 27th 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 27th day of October, 2022.

Joanne Turner
Administrator
1905 River Knoll Drive
Raleigh, NC 27610
10/27,11/3, 11/10 and 11/17/2022
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF WAKE

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Having qualified as Administrator of the Estate of Helena Gibson Edwards a/k/a Helena McIver

Edwards, deceased, this is to notify all persons, firms, and corporations having claims against the Estate of Helena Gibson Edwards a/k/a Helena McIver Edwards to present them to the undersigned on or before the 29th of December 2022 or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms, and corporations indebted to said Estate, please make immediate payment.

This the 29th day of September, 2022.

Trina Williams, Administrator
c/o John W. Perry, Attorney for the Estate
Post Office Drawer 2051
Durham, North Carolina 27702
Telephone: (919) 683-8685
10/27,11/3,11/10 and 11/17

**NOTICE OF SERVICE OF
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NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF WAKE**

**In the General Court of Justice
District Court Division
File No: 22 CVD 13237**

[CHILD CUSTODY PROCEEDING]
ROSA ALVARADO MATAMOROS,
Plaintiff

v.

ROSA MENDEZ HERNANDEZ,
Defendants.

To Rosa Mendez Hernandez, mother of male child born on 12/1/2005, in Honduras.

TAKE NOTICE that a pleading seeking relief against you has been filed in the above-entitled action. The nature of the relief sought against you is an award of permanent custody of the aforementioned child to Rosa Mendez Hernandez.

You are required to make defense to such pleading with the Wake County Clerk of Court no later than 12/07/22, said date being forty (40) days from the first publication of this notice. Upon your failure to do so, the party seeking relief against you will apply to the Court for the relief sought on 11/30/2022.

This, the 27th day of October, 2022.

Katherine S. Moye
JusticeMatters, Inc.
Attorney for Plaintiff
P.O. Box 58058
Raleigh, NC, 27658
919/794-7511, Ext. 9.
10/27,11/3 and 11/10/2022
NORTH CAROLINA
WAKE COUNTY

**In the General Court of Justice
District Court Division
File Number: 22 CV 009212
NOTICE OF SERVICE OF
PROCESS BY PUBLICATION**

Andrea Lourdes Magallanes,
PLAINTIFF

vs.

Rod Stephen Jones,
DEFENDANT.

TO: Rod Stephen Jones,
DEFENDANT.

TAKE NOTICE that a pleading seeking relief against you has been filed in the above action. The nature of the relief being sought is as follows: Plaintiff is seeking judgment for absolute divorce.

You are required to make defense to such pleading no later than the 6th day of December, 2022, which is 40 days from the first publication of this notice. Upon your failure to file a pleading by the above date, the party seeking service against you will apply to the court for the relief sought.

This the 27th day of October, 2022.

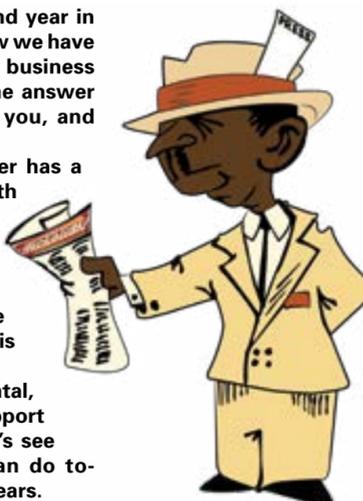
Andrea Lourdes Magallanes
Plaintiff Pro Se
105 Hill Court
Youngsville, NC 27596
10/27, 11/3 and 11/10/2022

YOUR SUPPORT MATTERS

As we close out our 82nd year in business, we reflect on how we have made it eight decades in business when others have not. The answer is simple. The answer is you, and others like you.

A community newspaper has a reciprocal relationship with its readership, its city and its advertisers. We support you all, and in turn you all support us. This is the most simple business principle, and it is time tested.

Thank you for your mental, physical and financial support for all of these years! Let's see what great things we can do together over the next 82 years.



OUR CHANCE.
OUR CHOICE.
OUR VOTE!

Every election is determined by the people who show up!

Voting is **OUR CHANCE** to create the change we want to see in **OUR** country, state, and community. It's **OUR CHOICE** to speak up, show up, and **VOTE** in every election!

Visit [SafeVoterNC.org](https://www.SafeVoterNC.org) for credible election information and learn how YOU can proactively engage in the Midterm election.

KEY ELECTION DATES

OCT. 20
One-stop, in-person Early Voting Period begins. Ends Nov. 5 @ 3.p.m.

NOV. 1
Deadline for absentee ballot request form to be received by county BOE.

NOV. 8
ELECTION DAY!
6:30 am - 7:30 pm
Civilian absentee ballot return deadline

TAKE ACTION + RESOURCES

www.SafeVoterNC.org

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