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Supreme Court Reconsidering Affirmative Action

By Travis Knoll

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The U.S. military learned a valuable lesson about race during the Vietnam War: Diversity does not happen without affirmative action.

That helps explain why a distinguished group of 35 military officials wrote a brief to the Supreme Court supporting the use of race as a part of college admissions – as the U.S. military has done at its four service academies over the last nearly 50 years.

While the Supreme Court has agreed in the past that racial diversity on college campuses is an important goal, the problem is just how to achieve that goal without using race as a factor.

In two cases that are expected to determine the fate of affirmative action programs across the country, the court heard oral arguments on Oct. 31, 2022, that could bring an end to using race as one of many factors in college admissions decisions.

Questions from the justices reflected the ideological divisions on the court. Conservative justices argued that race-based admissions policies had no defined end point.

"I don't see how you can say that the program will ever end," Chief Justice John Roberts said.

Associate Justice Clarence Thomas cut right to the point in his questions.

"I may be tone-deaf when it comes to all these other things that happen on campus, about feeling good and all that," Thomas said to one of the attorneys defending affirmative action. "I'm really interested in a simple thing: What benefits academically



are there to your definition or the diversity that you're asserting."

In sharp contrast, liberal Justice Sonia Sotomayor reminded the court that diversity was deemed an issue of national importance in previous rulings and that without such programs, the number of historically disadvantaged applicants decreases substantially.

"What we know," Sotomayor said about the nine states who have tried dropping affirma-

tive action programs, "in each of them, white admissions have either remained the same or increased. And clearly, in some institutions, the numbers for underrepresented groups has fallen dramatically, correct?"

The US military experience

In my view as a scholar of the history of affirmative action, the military officers make the case that diversity is a matter of life and death.

The officers argued in their

brief that barring universities from taking race into account in admissions risks sowing "internal resentment, discord, and violence" in an era when "diversity is imperative to our military's dealings with international allies and complex global challenges."

In addition, the military leaders argued that overturning affirmative action would damage the extremely successful talent pipeline that the officer corps has set up directly through military

academies and indirectly through the university-based ROTC programs.

This is not the first time former military officials have weighed in

on affirmative action. They did so in the 2003 case against the affirmative action program at the University of Michigan in Grutter vs. Bollinger.

"The importance of maintaining a diverse, highly qualified officer corps has been beyond legitimate dispute for decades," the military officials wrote.

Indeed, in 1962, when U.S. involvement was starting to grow in Vietnam, Black commissioned officers represented only 1.6% of the officers corps. Military academies remained virtually segregated, with Black people making up less than 1% of enrollees. As a result, the number of Black officers didn't grow much.

Over the next five years, the number of Black soldiers fighting and dying on the front lines grew to about 25%. Racial tensions between white and Black soldiers led to at least 300 fights in a two-year-period that resulted in 71 deaths.

Fueling those fights was the belief among Black soldiers that the largely white officers didn't care about their lives.

The lack of diversity, the military leaders wrote in their brief, "led to a complete breakdown in understanding between minority enlisted service members and the white officers who led them."

In what they described as "a

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Chadwick Boseman College Architectural Firm Named



PRNewswire—Howard University has chosen Washington D.C.-based KGD and national architecture firm Moody Nolan to serve as design partners for the future Center for Fine Arts and Communications, a new state-of-the-art academic facility that will house the Chadwick A. Boseman College of Fine Arts.

"For the first time since 1984, Howard is constructing new academic buildings. These projects represent the University's evolving and innovative academic offerings," said Wayne A. I. Frederick, M.D., MBA, president of Howard University. "The approach to housing more than one discipline under one roof is to encourage greater breadth and depth of exposures, and to create inroads to strengthen the intersections between various fields of study."

In addition to the Chadwick A. Boseman College of Fine Arts, the Center for Fine Arts & Communications will also be home to the Cathy Hughes School of Communications, Howard University's television and radio stations, WHUR/WHUT.

This partnership between the KGD and Moody Nolan teams is an organic collaboration stemming from the firms' shared values for innovation, diversity and inspiring design, as well as a mutual commitment to creating resilient and beautiful places that positively contribute to the community and society.

Both firms are proud to be part of this historic and transformative moment in Howard University's bold vision to expand its facilities for faculty, students and staff. KGD and Moody Nolan's design for the project will further enhance academic excellence, inspire new knowledge and serve the Howard community.

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Why Rationing Insulin Is So Dangerous

HEALTHLINE—Around one in five Americans with diabetes may be rationing their life-saving insulin, a new study from Harvard Medical School in Boston and Hunter College in New York suggests.

That could add up to as many as 1.3 million of the more than 6 million diabetic Americans who require insulin to ration the drug, leading to potentially serious health complications and even death.

"The most obvious danger of rationing is lack of glycemic control," Brandy Lipton, PhD, a visiting associate professor of health, society, and behavior at the University of California, Irvine's program in public health, told Healthline. "The clinical literature suggests that poor glycemic control may contribute to blindness, kidney failure, and even increased mortality."

Insulin prices have been rising for decades, nearly tripling between 2002 and 2013.

In recent years news outlets have reported that some diabetic Americans have died from rationing their unaffordable insulin.

In the meantime, major insulin manufacturers say they have attempted to fill some of these gaps in affordability with coupons, multipack discounts, and voluntary cost caps on the drug for both insured and uninsured Americans.

There have also been several attempts to legislate insulin price caps at the federal level, most recently in the Inflation Reduction Act, which caps insulin co-pays under Medicare to \$35 per vial and allows Medicare to negotiate insulin prices. The Act also contained a provision that would have capped prices for those covered by private insurance, but congressional Republicans blocked that measure.

Those Medicare price caps address a definite need, however, said Ari Parker, JD, Senior Medi-

care Advisor at Chapter, a Medicare advisory firm.

"In some states, such as Connecticut, New Jersey, and Maine, some Medicare beneficiaries without insulin coverage were required to pay more than \$10,000 out of pocket," Parker said. "Even worse, our researchers found that a single insulin drug's price can vary drastically from one zip code to another – sometimes even if these zip codes are across the street from each other."

"Most people ration their insulin because they cannot afford it," Lipton said. "Since the average out-of-pocket costs for insulin were higher than \$35 per month before this policy, the cap should reduce rationing. The question is, by how much? The cap will reduce costs on average, and by a substantial amount for people with the highest costs, but it may still be too expensive for some adults with diabetes."

While new regulatory provi-

sions for Medicare will help partially close a fiscal gap among insulin users, it's likely to fall short without addressing the private market and the uninsured.

For instance, in this new study in the Annals of Internal Medicine, researchers found that only 11.2% of patients over the age of 65 – the age of Medicare eligibility – were rationing insulin, compared to 20.4% of those younger than that.

They also found that insulin rationing was highest among the uninsured and those with private insurance and lowest among those enrolled in Medicaid, the federal and state low-income healthcare program.

"The original proposal for the \$35 per month insulin cap included the privately insured. Data from the Kaiser Family Foundation suggests that one-in-five privately insured insulin users would benefit from such

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Men Exonerated In Killing To Get \$36M

NEW YORK (AP) — The city of New York is settling lawsuits filed on behalf of two men who were exonerated last year for the 1965 assassination of Malcolm X, agreeing to pay \$26 million for the wrongful convictions which led to both men spending decades behind bars.

The state of New York will pay an additional \$10 million. David Shanies, an attorney representing the men, confirmed the settlements on Sunday.

"Muhammad Aziz, Khalil Islam, and their families suffered because of these unjust convictions for more than 50 years," said Shanies said in an email. "The City recognized the grave injustices done here, and I commend the sincerity and speed with which the Comptroller's Office and the Corporation Counsel moved to resolve the lawsuits."

Shanies said the settlements send a message that "police and prosecutorial misconduct cause tremendous damage, and we must remain vigilant to identify and correct injustices."

Last year, a Manhattan judge dismissed the convictions of Aziz, now 84, and Islam, who died in 2009, after prosecutors said new evidence of witness intimidation and suppression of exculpatory evidence had undermined the case against the men. Then-District Attorney Cyrus Vance



Jr. apologized for law enforcement's "serious, unacceptable violations of law and the public trust."

The New York City Law Department, through a spokesperson, said Sunday it "stands by" Vance's opinion that the men were wrongfully convicted and the financial agreement "brings some measure of justice to individuals who spent decades in prison and bore the stigma of being falsely accused of murdering an iconic figure."

Shanies said over the next few weeks the settlement documents will be signed and the New York court that handles probate matters will have to approve the set-

tlement for Islam's estate. The total \$36 million will be divided equally between Aziz and the estate of Islam.

Aziz and Islam, who maintained their innocence from the start in the 1965 killing at Upper Manhattan's Audubon Ballroom, were paroled in the 1980s.

Malcolm X gained national prominence as the voice of the Nation of Islam, exhorting Black people to claim their civil rights "by any means necessary." His autobiography, written with Alex Haley, remains a classic work of modern American literature.

Near the end of Malcolm X's life, he split with the Black Muslim organization and, after a trip

to Mecca, started speaking about the potential for racial unity. It earned him the ire of some in the Nation of Islam, who saw him as a traitor.

He was shot to death while beginning a speech Feb. 21, 1965. He was 39.

Aziz and Islam, then known as Norman 3X Butler and Thomas 15X Johnson, and a third man were convicted of murder in March 1966. They were sentenced to life in prison.

The third man, Mujahid Abdul Halim — also known as Talmadge Hayer and Thomas Hagan — admitted to shooting Malcolm X but said neither Aziz nor Islam was involved. The two offered alibis, and no physical evidence linked them to the crime. The case hinged on eyewitnesses, although there were inconsistencies in their testimony.

Attorneys for Aziz and Islam said in complaints that both Aziz and Islam were at their homes in the Bronx when Malcolm X was killed. They said Aziz spent 20 years in prison and more than 55 years living with the hardship and indignity attendant to being unjustly branded as a convicted murderer of one of the most important civil rights leaders in history.

Islam spent 22 years in prison and died still hoping to clear his name.



NC ELECTION WORKERS GET PUMPED UP WITH SCHWARZENEGGER TALK

(AP)—Election workers in North Carolina's 100 counties got a surprise pep talk on Monday from Arnold Schwarzenegger as their work intensifies with next week's midterm elections approaching.

Appearing on a streamed video call, the film icon, former California governor and election access advocate thanked the workers, calling them "the true democracy action heroes."

"I just want to pump you up and say you are extremely important. You are doing a fantastic job," Schwarzenegger said. "There is no job that is more important right now, this next week, than your job."

Early in-person voting began Oct. 20. Mail-in absentee ballots have been sent to registered voters requesting them since early September.

Schwarzenegger acknowledged increased worries recently about the safety of voting administrators. He acknowledged that some will work daily from early morning until late at night to ensure a well-functioning election.



GET OUT AND VOTE! was the message that the Lea Funeral Home staff is urging everyone to do. They staged a demonstration at the MLK Statue to remind everyone to let their voice be heard.

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Supreme Court Considers —CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

painful chapter," military officials said the Vietnam War "brought home the importance of cultivating diversity across all levels of leadership."
 It also began the military's use of affirmative action, including race-conscious admissions policies at service academies and in ROTC programs.
 Conservative target for decades
 In their lawsuits now in the Supreme Court against Harvard and the University of North Carolina, the anti-affirmative action organization Students for Fair Admissions argued that the schools' race-conscious admissions process was unconstitutional and discriminated against high-achieving Asian American students in favor of traditionally underrepresented Blacks and Hispanics.
 These cases mark the second time the Students for Fair Admissions and its founder, Edward Blum, a conservative activist

who has raised millions of dollars from right-wing donors, have reached the Supreme Court in their efforts to dismantle affirmative action.
 In 2016, they challenged the University of Texas on behalf of white and Asian students, but lost. That didn't stop Blum from filing the latest challenges before the Supreme Court – all in the effort to eliminate the use of race in college admissions.
 In an October 2022 interview, Blum said he believes that diversity on campus is a good thing, but "there is a way to go about doing this without putting a thumb on the scale."
 Given the conservative 6-3 majority on the Supreme Court and its controversial ruling that overturned the landmark 1973 abortion decision in Roe v. Wade, it does not appear likely that affirmative action as it's known will survive, despite decades of rulings that protected the use of race as an admissions criteria.

In 2007, for instance, Chief Justice Roberts wrote in a school busing case that "the way to stop discrimination on the basis of race is to stop discriminating on the basis of race."
 Forms of that argument have been around since the 1970s, when a legal challenge reached the Supreme Court in Regents of the University of California v. Bakke.
 In that 1978 case, Allan Bakke, a white man, had been denied admission to University of California at Davis' medical school. Though ruling that a separate admissions process for minority medical students was unconstitutional, Associate Justice Lewis Powell wrote that race can still be one of several factors in the admissions process.
 Since then, the Supreme Court has issued different rulings on whether race could be used in college admissions.
 In the 2003 Grutter v. Bollinger case, Justice Sandra Day

O'Connor wrote the majority opinion that endorsed the University of Michigan's "highly individualized, holistic review" that included race as a factor and had been legally challenged.
 Most recently, in Fisher v. University of Texas at Austin in 2016, the court reaffirmed its belief in schools that "train students to appreciate diverse viewpoints, to see one another as more than mere stereotypes, and to develop the capacity to live and work together as equal members of a common community."
 If not race, then what?
 Race-neutral admissions policies have had mixed results.
 In the cases before the Supreme Court, the University of California also filed a brief urging the Court to allow the use of race. The school argued that the elimination of its affirmative action program in 1996 has caused its diversity numbers to decline in some cases by more than 50%.

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a policy," Lipton explained. "In lieu of a national policy, state and drug company policies could cap out-of-pocket insulin costs for the privately insured and uninsured. While only about 2 percent of adults with diabetes do not have any insurance, this group is likely to struggle the most with the costs of insulin and also deserves attention in policy discussions."
 Among developed countries, insulin rationing appears to be a

more or less uniquely American problem.
 "Today, Americans pay two to three times what citizens of other countries pay for prescription drugs, and more than a quarter of patients with type 1 diabetes reported rationing insulin at least once in the previous year," said Sara Izadi, PharmD, senior vice president of pharmacy at Capital Rx, a Pharmacy Benefit Manager (PBM). "By comparison, roughly

5 percent of respondents from high-income countries other than the US reported rationing in the past year."
 "Other high-income countries have the ability to negotiate prices, as well as some form of national healthcare system, whereas the United States does not, which may account for the differences," she added.
 Outside of the physical effects of rationing insulin, Lipton said

we might consider expanding access to cheap insulin as having a holistic health benefit.
 "While less studied, not being able to afford a needed medication may also have mental health effects," she said. "We know that gaining health insurance coverage and financial protection from medical costs improves mental health more generally. This could apply to the costs of managing diabetes too."

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"For the KGD | Moody Nolan team, this represents a transcendent design opportunity. The Center for Fine Arts and Communications will endure as a threshold building for the campus and catalyze a new era of innovation and creative expression for future Bison," said Renauld Deandre Mitchell, FAIA, NOMA, NCARB, LEED AP BD+C, Moody Nolan partner and the CAC project's design executive.
 "We are honored to serve the community of Howard University with such a distinguished history and place in our acad-

emic culture," said Manoj Dalaya, FAIA, principal and co-president at KGD. "The KGD | Moody Nolan team is excited to work with a world-leading institution to tell its story, to shape its physical context, and connect with the young scholars and academic community with a next-generation Center for Fine Arts and Communications."
 For 40 years, Moody Nolan, the nation's largest African American-owned architecture firm and the American Institute of Architects' 2021 Firm Award laureate has been a leader in developing Historically Black

Colleges and University (HBCU) campuses. Moody Nolan's commitment to HBCUs extends beyond the 63 projects completed across 33 HBCU campuses; the firm has recruited and hired HBCU graduates who, in turn, give back to their alma maters by spearheading projects such as the future Center for Fine Arts and Communications.
 "I am humbled by the opportunity to give back to a place that has given me so much," added Mitchell, a Howard alumnus. "Here at Howard, I found myself, met my life partner and learned my craft – which I now

have the privilege of applying "With Excellence in Truth and Service" to my alma mater. I've come full circle and can now truly say – I'm HOME."
 The future Center for Fine Arts and Communications will be established on the northern end of the upper quadrangle, behind Childers Hall. This location will better enable event synchronization with other major event venues clustered on the northern end of the campus. Phase One of this project is expected to be completed by July 2025, opening to students in the Fall 2025 semester.

Our Elders Fought & Died For The Right To VOTE

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As Housing Prices Surge, Rent Control Is Back On The Ballot In CA, FL

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Liberty McCoy was out Saturday urging voters to pass a Nov. 8 ballot measure to limit rent increases in Pasadena because she's afraid she'll be priced out of the city where she grew up and where her aging parents live.

The librarian and her husband, a freelance consultant, received notice of a \$100 monthly rent increase last year and another for \$150 this year, bringing the rent on their home outside Los Angeles to \$2,350 a month. They can absorb the increases for now — but not forever.

"A lot of times people are like, 'Well, just try and pick up and move to someplace cheaper,'" the 44-year-old said. "But I have a job locally, my family, my friends. It would be a big challenge to uproot my entire life chasing cheaper rent."

With rental prices skyrocketing and affordable housing in short supply, inflation-weary tenants in cities and counties across the country are turning to the ballot box for relief. Supporters say rent control policies on the Nov. 8 ballot are the best short-term option to dampen rising rents and ensure vulnerable residents remain housed.

Opponents, led by the real-estate industry, say rent control will lead to higher prices for tenants in housing not covered by rent caps, harm mom-and-pop landlords relying on rental income for retirement, and discourage the construction of badly needed affordable housing. They have spent heavily to stop ballot initiatives, even going to court to halt them.

In Orange County, Florida,



home to Disney World and other theme parks, voters will consider a ballot initiative to limit rent increases to the annual increase in the consumer price index. But a court ruling last week means that even if it passes, it could be nullified.

Proponents in Orlando and other Orange County cities point to a population that has increased 25% since 2010 and rents that jumped 25% between 2020 and 2021 — and experienced another double-digit increase this year. The housing shortage was magnified by Hurricane Ian, with an estimated 1,140 rental properties suffering \$44.5 million in damage.

"I've had a lot of constituents reach out to me, and they are fearful of becoming homeless. They don't know what to do," said Orange County Commissioner Emily Bonilla, who authored the ballot initiative ordinance after hearing from tenants facing rent increases upwards of 100%.

Last year, voters in St. Paul,

Minnesota, passed a ballot measure capping rents at 3% a year while residents across the river in Minneapolis backed a measure allowing the city council to enact a rent control ordinance.

This summer, Kingston, New York, became the first upstate city to enact rent control. The measure means around 1,200 units — buildings built before 1974 with six or more units — must limit rents to a percentage set by a rent guidelines board.

Boston's Mayor Michelle Wu was elected last year and made bringing back rent control to the city part of her campaign. The biggest hurdle to that proposal is that Massachusetts voters narrowly approved a 1994 ballot question banning rent control statewide.

"Rent stabilization can provide protections for everyone, but do so in a way that really targets benefits to low-income renters, renters of color, renters who are most desperately impacted by

housing instability," said Tram Hoang, a housing policy expert who was involved in the St. Paul campaign.

The fight over rent control has been most intense out West, where in 2019, lawmakers in California and Oregon approved statewide caps on annual rent increases. California's annual cap cannot exceed 10% and Oregon's is set at 7%, plus the consumer price index.

Both laws exempt new construction for 15 years, a compromise to encourage developers to keep building, and apply only to certain units.

But that hasn't quelled tenant activism in California, where nearly half the state's 40 million residents are renters. Advocates say the statewide law — which expires in 2030 — does not go far enough.

Voters in the San Francisco suburb of Richmond and Southern California beachside city of Santa Monica will consider measures to further tighten existing rent caps to a maximum of 3%.

In the city of Pasadena — home to the annual Rose Parade and Rose Bowl college football game — voters will consider a measure to create a rent oversight board and limit rent increases to 75% of the consumer price index, which supporters say translates to 2% to 3% a year.

Rent stabilization advocates failed to collect enough signatures to qualify for the 2018 ballot, and they thought it would be hard this time around because the state had enacted protections. But campaign field director Bee Rooney said tenants financially wrecked by the

pandemic were eager to back the initiative.

"Any amount when you're not expecting it is a lot," Rooney said. "Some people, their rent doubled or went up by 50%."

Pasadena retiree Paulette Brown received the state-allowed increase of 10% in July, bringing the rent on her two-bedroom apartment to \$1,175 a month. Budgeting will be tighter.

"I really can't afford any mishaps, because I'm not able to save anything," said the 64-year-old Brown, who lives with her daughter and grandson.

Opponents of the measure, which include the national and state realtors associations, say curtailing rent increases to a fraction of inflation will result in property owners taking rentals off the market and doing minimal maintenance.

"What's being proposed here is draconian and for the most part landlords who have good tenants aren't trying to get rid of them," said Paul Little, president and CEO of the Pasadena Chamber of Commerce.

Michael Wilkerson, senior economist at Portland, Oregon-

based ECONorthwest, describes both the California and Oregon state laws as "anti-price gouging" measures aimed at protecting the most vulnerable tenants from exorbitant increases, while encouraging new housing development.

Rent-control policies have been around for decades, put in place after World War II in New York City and elsewhere to combat rising housing prices and again in the 1970s in the Northeast and California. However, the real-estate industry has since succeeded in passing state laws that made it difficult, if not impossible, for many local municipalities to cap rents.

The data on rent control has been mixed. The policy, according to an Urban Institute report, was found to have reduced rent on covered units in Cambridge, Massachusetts, San Francisco and New York but resulted in no significant decreases in New Jersey cities.

Some studies, however, have shown that rent control can reduce the number of housing units available and discourage landlords from maintaining them.

FUNDraising Good Times

By Mel & Pearl Shaw
Saad & Shaw

HOW TO SOLICIT A GIFT FOR A NONPROFIT

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

If you want more details, download our free one page guide to soliciting gifts. <http://bit.ly/SolicitGift> or read our book *The Fundraiser's Guide to Soliciting Gifts*.

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Grants For Tech-Oriented Small Businesses

RALEIGH—Applications are now being accepted for a new round of grantmaking from the One North Carolina Small Business Program, a key source of capital for North Carolina's emerging technology companies.

"The One North Carolina Small Business Program provides critical support to some of our state's most promising new companies," said North Carolina Secretary of Commerce Machel Baker Sanders. "Recent enhancements to the program open the door for even more tech entrepreneurs to grow their companies in North Carolina."

The One NC Small Business Program works in conjunction with two federal technology grants, the Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) and Small Business Technology Transfer (STTR) programs. Following recent changes, the state program can support North Carolina companies as they prepare and submit initial proposals to the federal government, as well as provide grants to match previously awarded federal grants.

The One North Carolina Small Business Program's Incentive

Funds and Matching Funds initiatives are administered by the North Carolina Department of Commerce on behalf of the North Carolina Board of Science, Technology & Innovation (BSTI). Grant awards help small businesses in the state develop and commercialize innovative new technologies, in the process growing jobs and investment in their communities.

The Incentive Funds initiative provides reimbursement to qualified North Carolina businesses for a portion of the costs incurred in preparing and submitting Phase I SBIR or STTR proposals to federal agencies. In the 2022-23 fiscal year, a pool of \$314,000 is available for these preparation grants.

The Matching Funds portion of the program, which has been offered for many years, awards matching funds to North Carolina businesses who have already received a federal Phase I SBIR or STTR award. In the current fiscal year, a pool of \$2 million is available to support this class of grants.

"The One North Carolina Small Business Program has a long, established history of advanc-

ing innovation in the state," said Jason Botts, Chair of the Board's Innovation Programs Committee. "The Board is activating both the Incentive and Matching grants to help fund new technologies, create jobs, and enhance economic development across a variety of industry sectors, including life sciences, military and defense, chemicals, agriculture, computers, communications, pharmaceuticals, energy, materials, and others."

Federal SBIR and STTR grants are the single largest source of early-stage technology development and commercialization funding for small businesses—more than \$3.8 billion annually nationwide. North Carolina is among a handful of forward-thinking states with incentive and matching grant programs that leverage federal technology funding to help homegrown businesses commercialize innovative technologies and create jobs.

The One North Carolina Small Business Program supports early-stage companies at a critical point, shortening the time between their startup and the point where they become large, sus-

tainable companies. Many past recipients say the vital injection of capital from the state put their companies on a successful trajectory. Since 2006, the Program has helped more than 340 companies in 29 counties, resulting in over one-thousand North Carolina jobs, hundreds of high-tech products, and the generation of more than \$2 billion in follow-on capital investments.

Applications to the One North Carolina Small Business Program can be accepted until June 30, 2023, or until funds have been exhausted for the program's 2022-23 fiscal year funding cycle.

The Office of Science, Technology, & Innovation, a division of the North Carolina Department of Commerce, administers the One North Carolina Small Business Program on behalf of the Board.

Details on how to apply for either the Incentive or Matching grant solicitations, as well as additional program information and application instructions, are posted at: commerce.nc.gov/grants-incentives/technology-funds/one-north-carolina-small-business-program.

First Step Act Initiative Funds Come To NC

North Carolina has received a \$9.9 million federal grant to help people transitioning out of federal prison to gain job skills and employment after their release, Governor Roy Cooper announced.

The new funding comes from the "First Step Act Initiative," a first-of-its-kind collaborative effort between the U.S. Department of Justice and the U.S. Department of Labor. This landmark initiative is part of the Department of Justice's implementation of the 2018 First Step Act, and it will be the first time the Department of Labor will bring its job training and reentry expertise to federal prisoners.

"Whenever people who've completed their sentences are prepared to get a job when they get out, we help improve public safety and our economy at the same time," Governor Cooper said. "This innovative, new investment from the Biden administration will bolster North Carolina's efforts to expand opportunity for more people to succeed in the workforce."

The Division of Workforce Solutions (DWS) at the North Carolina Department of Commerce will lead the project, which will serve the Federal Correctional Complex in Butner, operated by the Federal Bureau of Prisons. To administer the grant, DWS will partner with the Commerce department's Labor & Economic Analysis Division (LEAD) and three local Workforce Development Boards (WDBs), which, collectively, serve ten counties in

proximity to Butner:

Capital Area WDB (Chatham, Johnston, Lee and Wake counties),

Durham WDB (Durham County), and

Kerr-Tar WDB (Franklin, Granville, Person, Vance and Warren counties).

"North Carolina's First in Talent Plan calls for improving employment opportunities for job-seekers with criminal records, so they can rebuild their lives while also expanding the talent pipeline that our businesses need," said N.C. Department of Commerce Secretary Machel Baker Sanders. "Alongside our NCWorks partners and federal officials, we look forward to using these new resources to provide training, coaching and connections to employers that will allow participants to make the most of their second chance."

The grant is intended to serve approximately 375 individuals, who will typically be enrolled in services for a period of up to 24 months: the last six months of their incarceration, 6-12 months in a Residential Reentry Center (commonly known as a "halfway house"), and six months after release. In addition, the grant will support upgrades and additions to the state's NCWorks.gov and NCcareers.org information technology systems that will be useful for any justice-involved jobseeker, not only those being released from federal facilities.

DWS has placed a priority on supporting reentry for many years and is a partner in the

State Reentry Council Collaborative. The N.C. Commerce Reentry Initiative, which works with and through NCWorks Career Centers across the state, helps justice-involved jobseekers overcome the barriers to employment created by a criminal record. At the same time, DWS helps administer two federal programs for employers on the state level, Federal Bonding and the Work Opportunity Tax Credit (WOTC), both of which serve as incentives for companies to hire people with significant barriers to employment.

For more information about

both jobseeker and employer services, contact a local NCWorks Career Center through NCWorks.gov.



\$30K Raised For Police

DURHAM, N.C.—Associa Carolinas, a leading provider of community and Homeowners Association (HOA) management services throughout Charleston, Charlotte, and Raleigh-Durham, recently raised \$30,017 to support the Blue Benevolence Fund (BBF), a nonprofit organization created in 2015 to accept public financial donations on behalf of the Durham Police Department. Associa Carolinas hosted the event in partnership with Carolina Arbors, a 1,300-home community managed by Associa Carolinas.

Donations raised at the BBF annual charitable event will help fund a series of community outreach programs. These initiatives include mental health outreach, Police Explorers (career-training for teens and adults aged 14-20), victim assistance, Citizens Police Academy (program offering residents first-hand knowledge of police operations and services), Honor Guard (group of volunteer officers who render ceremonial services at events), motor unit (program in which officers work to minimize speeding and driving while impaired), and K9 teams (program that trains police canines and their handlers to track suspects, locate missing persons, search buildings, and deliver public presentations).

"Our residents are passionate in their support of Durham's law enforcement and first responders," said Associa Carolinas recreation director Amy Grube. "Associa Carolinas is equally proud to support community outreach initiatives that help ensure the safety of our community partners and residents."

Job Openings Hit 10.7M

WASHINGTON (AP) — U.S. job openings rose unexpectedly in September, suggesting that the American labor market is not cooling as fast as the inflation fighters at the Federal Reserve hoped.

Employers posted 10.7 million job vacancies in September, up from 10.3 million in August, the Labor Department said Tuesday. Economists had expected the number of job openings to drop below 10 million for the first time since June 2021.

For the past two years, as the economy rebounded from 2020's COVID-19 recession, employers have complained they can't find enough workers. With so many jobs available, workers can afford to resign and seek employment that pays more or offers better perks or flexibility. So companies have been forced to raise wages to attract and keep staff. Higher pay has contributed to inflation that has hit 40-year highs in 2022.

In another sign the labor market remains tight and employers unwilling to let workers go, layoffs dropped in September to 1.3 million, fewest since April. But the number of people quitting their jobs slipped in September to just below 4.1 million, still high by historical standards.

"By all the key metrics in this report, the labor market is resilient," said Nick Bunker, head of economic research at the Indeed Hiring Lab. "Job openings still vastly outnumber unemployed workers, the quits rate remains elevated and layoffs are still well below pre-pandemic levels."

To combat higher prices, the Federal Reserve has hiked its benchmark interest rate five times this year and is expected to deliver another increase Wednesday and again at its meeting in December. The central bank is aiming for a so-called soft landing — raising rates just enough to slow economic growth and bring inflation down without causing a recession.

Fed Chair Jerome Powell has expressed hope that inflationary pressure can be relieved by employers cutting job openings, not jobs.

There Are Three Vying For The Crown Of The Capital City

By Tyria McCray

Staff Writer

Three candidates vying to be the next mayor of Raleigh have their hands full when it comes to addressing the city's current challenges, such as affordable housing, community engagement, reducing crime, and more.

Incumbent Mary-Ann Baldwin will face DaQuanta Copeland and Terrance Ruth in her bid for re-election in November. This election is unique in its own way because it could reshape Raleigh's City Council and the city itself.

The *Carolinian* had the chance to speak with all three candidates on their plan for Raleigh.

Mary-Ann Baldwin

Incumbent Mayor Mary Ann Baldwin has put her bid in to run for Raleigh mayor again. Baldwin served 10 years on the city council, from 2007-2017 and was elected mayor in 2019.

So far, her time in office has been a bumpy journey. She has received criticism since voting with a majority of the council to disband Raleigh's 18 Citizen Advisory Committees (CACs) and reducing the time allotted for residents to speak at council meetings.

Baldwin defends her decision to disband the CACs and replace them with a Citizen Engagement Board that operates under the new Office of Citizen Engagement. She shared with *The Carolinian* that she's running for another term as mayor because we have so much more work to do.

"I am the only candidate with the experience and knowledge of city government to get the job done. I have a 13-year record of public service with leadership on critical issues such as housing affordability, expansion of public transit, caring for our homeless, and support for small businesses, entrepreneurs, and innovators," she said.



Her priorities are housing affordability and choice, continued expansion of bus rapid transit and a solid plan and timeline for commuter rail, the reduction of gun violence, increasing community engagement, and the expansion of our parks system through the passage of our bond in November.

"My goal is to ensure that our city remains a great place to live and work for our new neighbors as well as our longtime residents," she added.

As far as Community Engagement, the new Office of Community Engagement has some ideas for outreach including a mobile van, the hiring of community organizers, and door-to-door communication.

"I believe we need to go into communities and meet people where they are. The recent Open House on Housing Affordability was a true success in this regard, attracting more than 1,100 residents and giving us the ability to listen to their issues and concerns," said Baldwin.

She emphasized that she strongly believes in robust community engagement. She plans to con-

tinue to lead the efforts to create a new Office of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion, an Office of Community Engagement, and a Commission on Hispanic and Immigrant Affairs.

"My goal is to make sure that there is a place for everyone to live and work, to raise a family, and have a great quality of life," she concluded.

Daquanta Copeland

A native of Southeast Raleigh for 31 years, mother of two who works full-time for The College Foundation of N.C., Ms. Copeland has seen her fair share of Raleigh's ups and downs.

She said that she's running for Mayor because she believes that it is time to truly have a government that works for the people. She feels that our city is in a state of emergency and it's going to require a special team of people to turn the city around.

What matters the most to her as a candidate, she said, is the environment, housing, transportation, police accountability, gentrification, and communication. All of those things tie together equal quality of life but most impor-

tantly, affordable housing.

"We are losing affordable housing units by the thousands while no real replacement is happening. I've worked with families who were sleeping in cars and business owners who were just trying to connect with the community, she said."

As far as addressing the issue, she plans to work with those property owners who are truly providing affordable housing. Also ensuring that some of the grant money and bonds should go into protecting affordable housing and enforcing a requirement that a certain percentage of new construction should be affordable.

True incentives will be given on the back end for property owners who are attempting to take the higher cost of housing or sell their property.

"Current and previous leadership has intentionally gentrified SE Raleigh where the majority of the lower-income families lived, pushing many families out of the city as well as rapidly increasing our homeless population," she said.

As of today, East Raleigh has

the most long-term hotel living of displaced families and individuals and yet now has the highest number self-inflicted drug fatalities in the city. That being said, Copeland made it abundantly clear that Raleigh needs a mayor that values people over buildings, developing houses, not parks, creating programs to rehabilitate, acknowledge, address, and validate the concerns of our residents, and be tangible to the community with open communication.

She plans to have those difficult conversations about racial disparities and economic injustice that are plaguing Raleigh.

"As Mayor, I will fight for a millionaire as though he/she has nothing and I'm the only fighter there is. I will also fight for a homeless person as though he/she is a millionaire paying me to fight," she said.

"My respect and love is for all people, not just one group of people. It's time for a change and I want to be that change."

If elected, Copeland would be Raleigh's first black female mayor.

Terrance Ruth

Ruth announced his candidacy in January 2021. He is running on a platform of restoring public transparency, promoting engagement, and increasing affordability and equity.

While running for mayor, he works with various social justice groups, including the NAACP and Repairers of the Breach, and is currently a professor of public policy at North Carolina State University.

He moved to Raleigh in 2009 and has seen the city through its ups and downs which led to his run for mayor.

"I felt like it was time someone put leadership over politics," Ruth said. "We are facing those same problems of affordability, rapid displacement, and small

business owners feeling the pressures of rising costs and feeling unsupported."

If elected, he plans to focus on community engagement and the housing crisis.

As far as community engagement, the initial election was postponed 13 months which resulted in citizens' input on decisions being drastically reduced. Once Ruth learned of that, he knew he wanted to ensure that residents of this city are considered, heard, and recognized.

He plans to implement accessibility and accountability in leadership, and says residents should be able to hear the comments made by their elected officials. He also plans to make sure organizations will have more reach to impact folks affected by displacement, while also being acknowledged as the stakeholders of the city that they are.

Moving along to affordable housing, Raleigh is currently one of the fastest-growing cities in our nation, but he shared that all of the growth in the world means nothing for this city if it means making it less affordable to live here.

"We've watched as changes presented as solutions to the rising cost of housing resulted in rising rents in low-income areas. We know that once a city becomes unaffordable, it almost never reverses course. With inflation becoming a stark reality for many people's pockets, it is time to reconsider how to ensure that Raleigh is affordable at all," he added.

Above all, it made it very clear that he is running for Mayor because Raleigh needs new leadership. He emphasized the fact that he is not a career politician but more of an experienced problem solver, and passionate leader as well as a father, husband, educator, strategist, and philanthropist.

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Explainer: How To Navigate Affordable Care Act Enrollment

NEW YORK (AP) — The vast majority of Americans will find multiple options for health insurance coverage for 2023 on HealthCare.gov after open enrollment began Tuesday under the Affordable Care Act.

People searching for plans on the government marketplace should consider their budget, health, doctors and a variety of other factors before picking a plan.

Currently, more than 14.5 million people get their health insurance through the ACA, commonly known as “Obamacare.” The number swelled during the coronavirus pandemic after Congress passed generous subsidies to make coverage more affordable.

While most people have three or more options, about 8% of participants will choose from only two insurance carriers, a number that drops to one in rural counties across Alabama, Alaska, Arizona and Texas.

According to the Biden administration, 80% of consumers should be able to find a plan for \$10 or less per month after tax credits.

Here’s a look at navigating the Affordable Care Act marketplace:

HOW DOES THE MARKETPLACE WORK?

The ACA marketplace is geared toward people who don’t have health insurance through their job, Medicare, Medicaid, the Children’s Health Insurance Program

or another source. While most states use the federal marketplace at HealthCare.gov, some have set up their own. These are: California, Colorado, Connecticut, Idaho, Kentucky, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Minnesota, Nevada, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island and Vermont plus the District of Columbia.

Premium tax credits and other savings reducing the cost of insurance are based on income and the number of people in your family. For example, individuals with an annual income between \$13,590 and \$54,360 are eligible for a subsidy. Those who make less than that qualify for Medicaid.

You can use the HealthCare.gov calculator to determine what savings are available to you.

Know the deadlines for coverage in 2023: Dec. 15 for coverage that starts on Jan. 1 and Jan. 15 for coverage that begins Feb. 1.

WHAT TO LOOK FOR IN CHOOSING A PLAN

Shop around, even if you’re currently covered under the ACA.

First, you’ll want to see what the monthly premium — the amount you pay for coverage — will be.

Next, check on the plan’s deductible — that’s what you pay up front for health services before your insurance begins to share some of the remaining costs for the year.

Look into the plan’s copayments or coinsurance. Those are the



fees you pay every time you visit the doctor’s office or go to an urgent care clinic, for example. Plans with coinsurance can be trickier to budget for because you pay a percentage of the service cost, instead of a set fee.

And make sure to know the out-of-pocket maximum. After you hit that number, your insurance will cover 100% of costs. You’ll want to keep that number in mind if you might have big health expenses

— a major surgery, childbirth or ongoing therapy or treatment — in the upcoming year.

“Consider whether you are going to have an expensive year,” said Kelly Rector, an insurance broker and president of Missouri-based Denny and Associates Inc. “If you know you’re going to be hitting that out-of-pocket max no matter what, maybe you look at the lower premiums and higher deductible plan.”

DOES YOUR DOCTOR PARTICIPATE IN THE PLAN?

Do you want to continue seeing a favorite doctor or need a prescription drug covered on your plan?

HealthCare.gov also offers search features and tools for you to check whether your doctor or prescription drugs are covered under specific plans.

Those are “the biggest things” that Rector recommends consumers check when searching the marketplace.

WHAT LEVEL PLAN SHOULD I CHOOSE?

All plans cover basic health services, including preventive services, prescription drugs, mental health services and pregnancy.

There are four levels of plans offered: bronze, silver, gold and platinum. Bronze plans have the lowest premiums but the highest out-of-pocket costs. Premium costs increase as you go up the medal ladder, but deductibles are lower.

The best deal for people who qualify for extra savings is a sil-

ver plan, said Cynthia Cox, the Kaiser Family Foundation’s director for the Affordable Care Act program.

“If you’re just barely making above the poverty level, you really should be buying a silver plan, with the lowest premiums, lowest deductibles,” Cox said.

In some cases, those plans will still be nearly free and will have much lower copays and deductibles, making for the best deal in the long run. Depending on your income, you might have to pay a monthly premium of \$15 to \$20, but the lower costs to the overall plan still make a better deal, Cox said.

For people in higher income brackets, shop around before selecting a plan. Your subsidies won’t be as big — if you qualify at all — and the plans will be pricier.

If you’re young and healthy and don’t anticipate significant health care needs, the bronze plan remains a reasonable choice, according to Rector. High-deductible “catastrophic plans” are also available to people under age 30.

TB Cases On The Rise



GENEVA — The number of people infected with tuberculosis, including the kind resistant to drugs, rose globally for the first time in years, according to a report Thursday by the World Health Organization.

The U.N. health agency said more than 10 million people worldwide were sickened by tuberculosis in 2021, a 4.5% rise from the year before. About 1.6 million people died, it said. WHO said about 450,000 cases involved people infected with drug-resistant TB, 3% more than in 2020.

Dr. Mel Spigelman, president of the non-profit TB Alliance, said more than a decade of progress was lost when COVID-19 emerged in 2020.

“Despite gains in areas like preventative therapy, we are still behind in just about every pledge and goal regarding TB,” Spigelman said.

WHO also blamed COVID-19 for much of the rise in TB, saying the pandemic “continues to have a damaging impact on access to TB diagnosis and treatment.” It said progress made before 2019 has since “slowed, stalled or reversed.”

With fewer people being diagnosed with the highly infectious disease, more patients unknowingly spread tuberculosis to others in outbreaks that may not have been spotted in countries with weak health systems.

WHO reported that the number of people newly identified with TB fell from 7 million in 2019 to 5.8 million in 2020.

WHO also said COVID-19 restrictions, including lockdowns and physical distancing protocols, also hampered TB treatment services and may have prompted some people to skip going to health facilities for fear of catching coronavirus. Officials added that the downturn in the global economy was also a factor, saying that about half of all TB patients and their families face “catastrophic total costs” due to their treatment. WHO called for more countries to cover all TB diagnosis and treatment expenses.

After COVID-19, TB is the world’s deadliest infectious disease. It is caused by bacteria that typically affects the lungs. The germs are mostly spread from person to person in the air, such as when an infected individual coughs or sneezes.

TB mostly affects adults, particularly those who are malnourished or have other conditions like HIV; more than 95% of cases are in developing countries.

According to the WHO report, only one in three people with drug-resistant TB are receiving treatment.

“Drug-resistant TB is curable, but alarmingly, cases are on the rise for the first time in years,” said Dr. Hannah Spencer, who is with Doctors Without Borders in South Africa. “It’s urgent that shorter, safer and more effective treatments are scaled up now.”

Spencer called for lowering the prices of TB treatment so a complete treatment course costs no more than \$500.

WHO also said ongoing conflicts in eastern Europe, Africa and the Middle East have worsened the options for patients seeking TB diagnosis and treatment.

Ukraine had one of the world’s worst TB epidemics even before Russia invaded the country in February. Health experts fear the inability of patients to get treated could fuel the rise of more drug-resistant TB across the region.

While TB patients displaced by the war can seek care in Ukraine, the country has seen a shortage of key medicines and authorities face challenges in keeping track of patients.

City Of Rocky Mount Presents Culture Of Health Fall Festival

Rocky Mount, N.C. — The City of Rocky Mount will present the Culture of Health Fall Festival on Saturday, Nov. 5. This free event will be held from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Boys and Girls Clubs of the Tar River Region, 405 W. Raleigh Blvd.

Dental screenings will be provided at no cost by Opportunities Industrialization Center (OIC). Mental health information also will be available. Personnel from the city’s Fire Department, Police Department and Parks and Recreation Department will be on hand with handouts and giveaways.

The event also will feature multiple food trucks. A limited number of free vouchers for one meal up to \$15 will be available. Residents are encouraged to bring their entire family for a fun event promoting the importance of health.

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A True Agrarian Love Story: Part Three, The Final Chapter

By Jason Lindsay

Staff Writer

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By the middle of the year, the word was out about our adolescent group because our urban farm was sending out top quality product. And the very young men that were producing it were so excited about this project were they grew, delivered, got paid and ate from their efforts.

By the time the program had come to the close of the season, I was working with another set of young men. Meaning: the mentality of this group of boys had transformed them forever for the better. One of them is now a student of agriculture at North Carolina Ag.&Tech. University. Another one has started their own ag. business, installing and maintaining at home gardens for families across his city.

There was also one thing that changed everything. With our organization reaching growth capacity in such a short span of time it made one thing very clear: we had the market, just not enough space to grow it. So I branched out from the organization and begin connecting with local farmers and spending time with them working and learning on the farm.

This was another part of my life where I found a love I never knew I had, but not before much loss. It was early spring and within the organization we were off to the races. Ordering seeds and delivering seeds, equipment tools, fertilizers, you name it. For the first time everything seemed perfect. After a long day of hopping from garden to garden, I arrive home to a street full of fire trucks. With everything going so well, my house was on fire. In the fire we lost our dog and everything we owned, and for the first time my family and I were homeless. For almost a month we lived in a hotel paid for by the Red Cross and some anonymous donors.

During this time I remembered one of the farms I had worked on. The couple was older, around their mid to late eighties.



The land was portioned off into sections where you could tell that it was at one point farmed by both crop cultivation, poultry, and livestock. The farmer gave us a tour upon arrival. The husband grew up on the farm, which was farmed by his father and his father's father. The legacy went back four generations, farmed by three generation, over a span of over a hundred years. This farmer had built his house in the early 80s, but the house his father built, which he grew up in

was still standing, in very good condition, and it was empty.

So I reached out. After a little back and forth, me explaining to him my then current situation, they decided we would live in the house and a part of the agreement was that 15 hours a week I would work on the farm.

The farm was located on a dirt road in the back woods of the northern coast of North Carolina. You could smell the salt in the air from the ocean which was just up the street, literally. And the

soil was jet black and stayed that way for almost 18 inches into the earth. This farmer was old school. His every day one row track was passed down to him from his father. The crank-shaft was manual, located at the front of the tractor, and if you were not careful you could break your arm or pull it out of place (somebody knows what I'm talking about) in an attempt to start it. It was a "Farmall 140," the first tractor I ever operated.

The scales had clearly changed. By this time I was on my fourth growing season and up to this point had little to no need for a tractor because of the scale. The community gardens were made up of abandoned city owned lots through our neighborhood and the farm was only a quarter of an acre in its entirety. Not having any other food growing experience, I did not know how to operate a tractor or any mechanized farm equipment. And my teacher was a 89 year old farmer that was farming land that had been in his family for over a hundred years.

This generation of farmers were not by any stretch of the imagination use to having young people that where serious about farming. So, the farmer wanted to test me. One day he walked me to a field that was right beside the house I was staying in. I lived next to this field and did not know there was a crop in it. It had grown up into a multitude of indigenous plants (weeds). He informed me that there were onions planted and he wanted me to "clean it up." Because I was so excited to be there, despite the circumstances, and trusted the knowledge and heart of the farmer. I said ok and went to work. But, in the back of my head I thought he had lost it and had granted me the mission impossible. Yet, I said ok and went to work anyway.

I had nothing, but a potato fork and two good hands. It was this field that transformed

me, mentally and physically. I thought I knew what possibility was, but when asked to weed out this field, my first thought was "impossible." This field evolved my level of perseverance. Even though I could not see the possibility, I still worked towards it. And when I finished, right before the close of the third day, under all the overgrowth lied these beautiful rows of white and red onions. They were seemingly undisturbed by the neglect. I called the farmer back to the field when I finished and we both stood there in awe. I later found out he did not think I would do it and I didn't think I could do it or that it could be done. That day we both learned something.

After this the farmer and I became very close. He tells me about growing up on the land, the family that they shared the land with, and the level of self sufficiency within the black community as a whole. He explained to me how he saw farming in America (North Carolina in particular) go from family farms feeding America to factory farms feeding America. How southern life was before grocery stores and how tight knit the communities were.

The farmer expressed how he and other independent farmers were forced out of the market spaces with everything from selling lumber off the farm, to selling fish, shrimp or crab from the ocean. And how this not only took opportunities for families to provide for themselves, but it also took his heart for the work in many ways, leading his family to an exclusively produce operation. One day working in the back field alone, I took the time to look around and saw land as far as I could see, yet I was alone. I recognized that in town I had the people and even the market; in the country side the land was abundant, but the people were few and largely aged. It was there I found my life's work. Not only did we have

generational disconnections, but a true disconnect between the people and the land. I made up in my mind that I would use my life to serve as a bridge.

This experience would teach me an abundance of technical skills alongside coaching my mind to see possibility through perseverance. That season the farmer would also invite me to a black agricultural conference, my first, and for the first time I met farmers from across the state who shared in my passion. I met farmers my age who were farming generational land and elder farmers who found new levels of energy just in seeing my family. I made moves to be a part of the black agriculture community.

Over the next half a decade I would teach, manage, train, and farm land all across the state. I worked with and for farm led organizations as a farmer organizer and in 2021 we bought our first farm. After a decade of landless farming and gardening, teaching, and training, my wife and I closed on our 9-acre farm, here in Rocky Mount, NC.

There was no road for us into the agricultural landscape. We were put down and to some extent abandoned by family who called us insane because we strayed away from our careers, and into farming of all things. What we found was a people displaced and disconnected. And these disorders were inflicted intentionally to strip away our power to fight. And then the land called. The land call for people like my family and I to return to it and reconnect.

Today I stand with young farmers and farm families from across America that have also made great sacrifices to farm or grow food in any capacity. Today we are not alone and we have the blessings of our ancestors and elders, alike. Today I am proud to say I am black, young, gifted, and farming. And most importantly, we are not alone. Just look for us.

A Growers Gathering/Planning Session

On Sunday, a hand full of farmers met to share their business challenges with each other as well as with elected officials and candidates.

Black farmers from northern and eastern North Carolina gathered at an OIC building in Rocky Mount to put their heads together and come up with a strategy to increase profitability. Many of the farmers shared common challenges, so finding solutions would benefit the farming community across the state.

As with most things, one of the common hurdles was financing. The multiple federal Acts that are floating around are not straight forward nor are they easily applicable to a small farm. Navigating the government jargon has always been a part of the financial barrier for minority farmers.

Also high up on the priority list was the need for labor. Trying to brainstorm new ways to bring in younger generations, and reverting back to more cooperative farming models were two options that were discussed. With the limited pool of farm laborers, growth and expansion are almost out of the questions if no immediate solution can be found.



Without a workforce it is difficult to increase your profit margin. The cost of everything from fertilizer to fuel has increased exponentially, and keeping up with the surge may require subsidies.

Small, intimate meetings like this are necessary to keep progress going. The ability to bounce ideas off of others in your field makes all the difference. The next significant event will be the NC Minority Farmers & Land Owner Conference in Lumberton on December 8th and 9th. If you have not already registered then email minorityfarmers@gmail.com

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John Deere, Advantage Capital Partner To Support Underrepresented Entrepreneurs

PRNewswire—Deere & Company announced it will be entering a partnership as a limited investor in Advantage Capital's Empower the Change (EPC) growth fund, which provides entrepreneurs of color access to capital in order to grow their businesses and create community wealth.

Deere's commitment to the fund as a lead investor is part of the company's broader objective of allocating \$500 million within the next three years to identify and grow relationships with underrepresented and disadvantaged business enterprises, creating a more diverse and sustainable supplier network within the agriculture industry.

"John Deere is committed to strengthening underrepresented communities and creating equitable wealth within the agriculture industry," said Wallas Wiggins, vice president of global supply management and logistics for Deere. "This announcement supports our company's history of advocating for—and investing in—opportunities that advance social and economic change. We look forward to seeing the positive impact within the lives and



livelihoods of the small suppliers the Empower the Change fund will help scale."

John Deere has placed a robust emphasis in working with partners across the country to create equitable opportunities for communities previously under engaged. In 2020, in partnership with the National Black Growers Council and the Thurgood Marshall Fund, Deere launched the LEAP Coalition focused on improving the livelihoods of Black farmers. LEAP (Legislation, Education, Advocacy and Production Systems) works with organizations such as the Federation of Southern Cooperatives and the Center for Heirs Property to

provide awareness, assistance and legal help and counsel to help Black and minority farmers gain a clear title to their land and ensure the long-term sustainability of their land. John Deere deploys a multi-faceted approach to funding which includes not only monetary investments in programs but resource support. John Deere's investments include funding to support the National Black Growers Council, The Federation of Southern Cooperatives, Minorities in Agriculture, Natural Resources and Related Sciences (MANRRS), Thurgood Marshall College Fund and 1890 land-grant institutions such as North Carolina A&T.

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THE BRONCOS TOP THE BEARS—Shaw linebacker Keshawn Denham (18) tackles Fayetteville State tight end Scott Walker (88) during the second half. Shaw took on Fayetteville State in a regular season CIAA game in Fayetteville NC on October 29, 2022. Fayetteville State wins 28-20. *Steve Worthy Photo*

SC Sheriff Addresses Bus Incident

By Tyria McCray
Staff Writer

On Oct. 5, an incident occurred on a highway in South Carolina when 18 Shaw University student scholars and two staff advisors were traveling from Raleigh to attend the Center for Financial Advancement Conference in Atlanta, Ga.

Shaw University is the first historically Black institution of higher education in the South and among the oldest in the nation.

While traveling by contract bus, at 10 a.m., South Carolina law enforcement stopped the team in Spartanburg County under the pretext of a minor traffic violation. A couple of officers boarded the bus and asked the driver where he was headed.

Multiple sheriff's deputies and drug-sniffing dogs then proceeded to search the suitcases of the students and staff located in the luggage racks beneath the bus. Shaw University President Dr. Paulette Dillard, said the deputies found nothing illegal in their search and issued the driver a warning ticket for "improper lane use," saying the bus was swerving while driving down the road.

The next day, the Spartanburg County Sheriff's Office told sources that 67 improper lane use citations were issued during a law enforcement crackdown.

Dillard released a statement.

"I am outraged. This behavior of targeting Black students is unacceptable and will not be ignored nor tolerated. Had the students been White, I doubt this detention and search would have occurred. It's 2022. However, this scene is reminiscent of the 1950s and 1960s armed police, interrogating innocent Black students, conducting searches without probable cause, and blood-thirsty dogs. It's hard to imagine. Yet, it happened to the Shaw University community, and it is happening throughout this nation in an alarming fashion. It must be stopped. However, I wish to be perfectly clear. The action taken by South

Carolina Law Enforcement in Spartanburg County was unfair and unjust. I firmly believe had the bus been occupied by White students, they would not have been detained."

On Oct. 28, in a press release, The sheriff in Spartanburg County, South Carolina stated: "Sheriff Chuck Wright and Sheriff Steve Mueller will have a joint press conference this Monday morning at 10:00 a.m. to provide information about the traffic stop from several weeks ago involving the bus that was chartered by Shaw University in North Carolina."

"Sheriff Wright has spoken by phone with the president of the university three times this week and offered her an opportunity to view the footage. The first two times, the president stated she had a conflict with the suggested dates and times. A meeting was supposed to occur at 4 p.m. today, but the president just backed out of that meeting."

The statement came after five members of Congress sent a letter to the Attorney General asking his office to look into the search.

During Monday's press conference, Spartanburg County Sheriff Chuck Wright stated that his officers were not racially profiling when they stopped the bus. The sheriff said Monday that his deputies were concerned about a possibly sleepy bus driver who was failing to maintain his lane.

"I wish racism would die the ugly, cruel death it deserves. If anything we are ever doing is racist, I want to know it and I want to fix it and I want to never let it happen again," Wright said. "But this case right here was nothing to do with racism. I have no idea why the president wrote the letter the way she wrote it. I really have no idea why she won't come down here at look at the video."

Wright also added that President Dillard refused to meet with him to review the body camera footage he released. On Friday, when Dillard was scheduled to meet with Wright to view

the video, she called for a U.S. Department of Justice investigation into Spartanburg County's policing tactics.

It's unclear if the video of the incident will be released to the public. Wright said his officers never pointed weapons at students or asked them to get off the bus. One drug dog was asked to sniff around the bus and found donuts, but nothing else. Officers decided to bring the dog on the bus because of the frequency they see drugs being trafficked along Interstate 95 on Greyhound buses. Wright claims that he has seen cases where the bus driver is unaware there are drugs like cocaine stored in the luggage compartment of the bus.

While reading Dillard's statement, Wright said that 39 other buses similar to the one carrying Shaw University students were stopped on Interstate 95 that day, many carrying White people. No one was detained during the Shaw University bus search, Wright said, and the bus driver was cited.

The officers who conducted the traffic stop were also at Monday's press conference. Spartanburg County Sgt. Terrell Allen said that they couldn't see through the tinted windows of the bus.

Wright said that officers were armed, but there was no confrontation or interrogation. Wright said that Dillard made these claims in her letter without following up with his office to see what actually happened.

"The president did not reach out to me to find out if what she's been told was truthful," he said. I am very disappointed that a lady of her education level would make such an uneducated statement to the press to try to get some people stirred up over this," Wright added.

In addition, Wright said he reached out to the president of the West Spartanburg NAACP Rev. Eddie Parks. He and Parks watched the video together of the traffic stop, and Parks agreed that nothing malicious occurred.

Raleigh Top Ladies, Top Teens Serving Their Communities



The month of October was filled with partnership and service for the Raleigh Chapter of Top Ladies of Distinction and Top Teens of America.

For Breast Cancer Awareness, the Ladies and Teens partnered with the NCNW (National Council of Negro Women) to raise funds for the American Red Cross Making Strides Against Breast Cancer Walk.

On October 22, the Ladies and

Teens walked 2-4 miles in honor of all those that are fighting and surviving the disease.

In partnership with Raleigh-Apex NAACP, Top Teens joined the Souls to the Polls event on Oct. 23. Souls to the Polls is a Rally and Early Voting event. Teens marched from the MLK Memorial Gardens to the John Chavis Memorial Park Community Center for those eligible to vote.

On Oct. 29, Teens collected donated school supplies from the local Walmart to distribute in the community. Hundreds of items were collected and distributed including notebooks, binders, paper, pencils, and folders.

Additionally, on the 29th Ladies and Teens participated in the Belk Charity Sale fundraiser to raise money for teen activities at their Area IV Conference in March 2023.

Gov Wants To Change How Boards Are Chosen

By Gary D. Robertson
Associated Press

Gov. Roy Cooper on Tuesday announced a new commission tasked with making recommendations on changing how the boards guiding the University of North Carolina system and its 17 member schools are chosen, bidding to broaden their membership by political leanings, race and gender.

The Democratic governor essentially blamed the Republican-controlled legislature for contributing to problems within the governing structure of one of the country's leading public university systems—with 240,000 students and UNC-Chapel Hill and N.C. State University as its flagship campuses.

"The UNC system is the envy of the nation for what we have built here," Cooper said at an Executive Mansion news conference. "But there are signs of trouble that come when all of the appointed leaders are chosen by too few... we have an appointed university leadership that doesn't come close to reflecting our diversity."

As a reminder of partisanship

he blames the system's stumbling, Cooper stood beside commission co-chairs Tom Ross and Margaret Spellings, two recent UNC system presidents. Both got pushed out in different ways by previous editions of the UNC Board of Governors that were controlled by GOP-approved members.

"Our public universities, especially, must be places where every person feels welcome, heard and represented," said Spellings, system president from 2016 to 2019 and a U.S. education secretary under President George W. Bush. "We must leave our unique self-interests—be they political, geographic or institutional—at the door and we must be what I call organized for success."

For 50 years, the legislature has chosen the voting members of the system Board of Governors—half elected by the House and the other half by the Senate. The board's membership was dropped recently from 32 to 24.

Critics have complained that representation by racial minorities and women on the Board of Governors falls short.

"We know the way university leaders are chosen must expand

to reflect more of who we are," said Cooper, who earned undergraduate and law degrees from UNC-Chapel Hill. "The system needs reform."

Legislative officials were immediately cool to the commission's work, which Cooper wants completed before the General Assembly's chief work session concludes next year. Lawmakers would have to approve significant changes for them to be implemented.

The legislature likely will remain in GOP hands for the next two years after next week's elections.

"Governance of higher education is constitutionally placed with the General Assembly," Neal Inman, chief of staff to House Speaker Tim Moore, wrote in an email. "There is no interest in changing the structure of the UNC system, regardless of whatever report this politically-motivated commission produces."

Republicans exercised their political might in the 2010s after they took control of both the state House and Senate by filling the board with like-minded members.

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Obituaries

HOWARD JAMAL ANTONIO SNIPES

October 26, 2022

Howard Jamal Antonio Snipes, 35, passed away Wednesday, Oct. 26, 2022.

A public viewing will be held on Friday, Nov. 4 in the Goldie Hargett Memorial Chapel, 905 E. Market Street, Greensboro from noon to 5 p.m.

A homegoing celebration will be held on Saturday, Nov. 5 in the Goldie Hargett Memorial Chapel; visitation with the family begins at 1 p.m. followed by the service at 1:30 p.m.

Interment will follow in Lakeview Memorial Park.

AARON TAYLOR

October 13, 2022

Aaron Taylor, affectionately known as "Big A," was born Sept. 13, 1924 in Greensboro, to the late Aaron and Nancy Craig Taylor. During the evening of Thursday, Oct. 13, 2022, our hearts were broken when he

peacefully departed this earthly life surrounded by immediate family at his residence.

At an early age, Aaron became a member of Shiloh Baptist Church, Greensboro, where he worshipped faithfully until his health began to decline.

He was a graduate of James B. Dudley High School and attended North Carolina Agricultural and Technical (College) State University.

He also was a military veteran and served four years in the United States Navy. Aaron was employed by Dillard Paper Company, Greensboro, for 25 years. He enjoyed his work as a warehouse supervisor and always strived to do his best.

Aaron enjoyed traveling, domestic and international, and visited several countries while serving in the U.S. Navy and during his civilian life. He also loved dining at a variety of restaurants experiencing foods from other cultures.

As a sports fan, he enjoyed watching golf, baseball and football. As an avid football fan, he often took bus trips to support and cheer on the North Carolina Agricultural and Technical (A&T) "Aggies" football team.

In addition to his parents, Aaron was preceded in death by three siblings, Annie Castle, Trantham Craig and Joann Johnson.

Left to cherish Aaron's memories are his loving and devoted wife of 10 years, Willie "WM" Carter-Taylor; two step-children, Edward Carter and Barbara Denise Carter; nieces and nephews, Carolyn Alston, Gale Johnson, George Johnson, Judy Johnson, Ronnie Johnson, and Betty Craig Robinson and a host of other relatives and friends.

Visitation and funeral were on Friday, Oct. 21 in The Goldie Hargett Memorial Chapel of Hargett Funeral Service, Inc. The interment followed in Piedmont Memorial Cemetery 2602 McConnell Road Greensboro.

SERMON of the WEEK



THE FAITHFUL VERSES THE FAITHLESS (PART 1) Sermon by Pastor William Eli Ratcliff

Psalms 1:1-3, "Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful. But his delight is in the law of the LORD; and in his law doth he meditate day and night. And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper."

Psalm 1 is called a wisdom psalm because it teaches us that happiness results from our choice to follow God's direction for our lives.

The beginning of this text describes a believer as being in a fortunate position because their belief enables them to receive God's provision. Moreover, God desires that all will receive His Favor, which is an extension of His Grace.

Psalm 1 speaks about two paths; that of the faithful and that of the faithless. Part 1 of this message highlighting verses 1-3, will briefly examine what the Psalmist says about the Godly righteous and faithful ones that have chosen a path of obedience towards God; The Psalmist calls them blessed, which also means to be happy.

Chapter 1 says that the faithful



are blessed, happy and filled with joy because they do not follow the advice of the ungodly, which are evil and wicked people. The ungodly are people that do no reference or respect God or, if they seem to, it's fake reference.

Where are you getting your information from? Who's counselling you and your family about life? I certainly hope that your main instructions come from God's Word.

Secondly, Psalm 1 says the faithful are blessed because they refrain from following the sinner's examples and choose rather to walk with God.

Thirdly, Psalm 1 says that the faithful are blessed because they do not sit around criticizing and making fun of people. A scorner is an arrogant and opinionated person who resents correction, despises authority, or shows contempt for those that will try to teach or warn them.

Proverbs 26:12 says a scorner is worse than a fool, since haughty defiance is worse than stubborn ignorance. A scornful person is a mocker; a mocker defies and renounces truth and good things, not only to their own detriment and destruction, but that of others as well.

Collectively, mockers are people that are disagreeable, not pleasant or agreeable, they taunt, ridicule, heckle and harass others. Jesus was confronted by mockers during His days on Earth and don't be surprised if

you are too, especially if you're a humble child of God.

Verse 2 starts with the conjunction "But," which shows the difference between the faithful and the faithless. Moreover, the faithful are happy and blessed because their pleasure and passion comes from daily and nightly trust in God's Word, which keeps them delightful. Through it all, they've learned to trust in God and depend on His Word!

Lastly, let Jeremiah 17:7-11 help the Psalmist with the Last Word,

"But blessed is the man who trusts in the LORD, whose confidence is in Him. He is like a tree planted by the waters that sends out its roots toward the stream. It does not fear when the heat comes, and its leaves are always green. It does not worry in a year of drought, nor does it cease to produce fruit. The heart is deceitful above all things and beyond cure. Who can understand it? I, the LORD, search the heart; I examine the mind, to reward a man according to his way, by what his deeds deserve. Like a partridge hatching eggs it did not lay is the man who makes a fortune unjustly. In the middle of his days his riches will desert him, and in the end he will be the fool."

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

Alliance Medical Ministry

By Dr. Edwin Burkett

MAKING EXERCISE A PART OF LIFE

Three main life-style elements are needed for holistic, high-quality health: adequate exercise; balanced nutrition, and sufficient sleep. In this article, we will focus on the exercise element. Exercise may include formal programs at a gym or fitness center; however, a consistent plan for movement to maintain heart and lung health and muscle conditioning may be achieved by exercising at home, by yourself, without any equipment, for free. Primary Care Providers (PCP) advocate for incorporating sufficient exercise into daily routines for a long, productive life. You can learn about basic exercises from your PCP or a certified fitness expert or trainer at a local gym or community center.

Heart and lung fitness involve continuous movement that raises the heart rate and improves the body's use of oxygen. Intentional exercise makes the heart and lungs more efficient and effective. Aerobic fitness is progressive, meaning that we can start slow and increase the duration and intensity to reach goals in a safe manner. The American Heart Association recommends that adults get at least 150 minutes of moderate aerobic activity, or 75 minutes per week of intense aerobic activity, or a combination, preferably spread throughout the week. A half hour of moderate activity, 5 days per week will meet that minimum requirement. Moderate activity may include walking, biking slowly, water aerobics, gardening, or ballroom dancing. Intense activity includes running, swimming, exercise dancing such as Zumba, hiking, or fast biking.

Muscle conditioning is needed for fat and sugar burning, injury prevention, maintaining balance, and bone health in aging. Push-ups, sit-ups, and lunges are simple exercises that strengthen large muscle groups and can be done anywhere, without equipment. Yoga, Pilates, and martial arts are forms of exercise, usually taught in groups, that provide muscle conditioning. Once basic movements are learned, exercises in these forms can also be done alone without equipment and become a routine. Training with others can be energizing, motivating, and socially fun. Muscle conditioning should be done for at least two, 30-minute sessions each week.

Most people in our society have jobs that mainly involve sitting. Through the COVID-19 pandemic, many people have worked from home, eliminating even the small bit of movement it takes to walk out of the house and into an office. A daily regimen of exercise can prevent diseases such as diabetes, and their dangerous health outcomes. Even people with relatively active jobs rarely meet the minimum exercise recommendations for both heart/lung and muscle fitness. Regular exercise is not about weight loss or getting an ideal body-type; rather, it is intended to help defend our bodies from future disease or consequences of existing disease, avoid injury, and condition your body to work at its best into your senior years. A Patient Centered Medical Home may have wellness and fitness programs or collaborate with local fitness centers to support appropriate, patient-specific exercise plans to aim for ideal health. It is never too late to establish the life-changing habit of exercise and everyone is able to do something. Get started today.

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Practical Biblical Principles

THE TRUTH THAT TRANSFORMS

Read: Acts 20:32-35

One of the basic tenets of Education of Psychology is it is information which can produce educational growth and changes in a person. In other words, books with good or bad information will lead to one being intelligent and educated or the opposite. Therefore, it is gaining truthful information which will lead to a positive change in a person. A person can grow in knowledge and intelligence or become ignorant or clueless depending upon the quality of information he/she takes into their memory.

If a person is to make a change for better or for worse, it can only be done depending upon the amount and quality of information received. It is the amount and quality of information learned, which causes the increase in the growth of the good or negative behavior and intelligence in us. If we are to change for any reason, it will be the intake of good or bad information which will bring it about. Information brings changes.

The same is true when it comes to the Bible. The Bible is a book of truth and information leading man in living the best life on this Earth. The Bible and its Gospel teachers/preachers always put emphases upon hearing and receiving the "Word." The Bible and the Gospels are written with words of truth, exhortation and hope and are not a source of false information. What you read is what you get! It is expected that the Bible will produce positive results

in a person if one is seeking a change in life for the better. The Bible carries with it a guarantee. The words are true, and one can depend upon its information for it is sealed by the Holy Spirit, which carries the Words directly from God. A God Who cannot lie. All this providing one decides to believe in the words which are given. This is the truth which transforms—transforming one's life for the better (Proverbs 30:5).

Luke, the Physician and Paul's assistant in Greece, recorded the growth and history of the New Testament Church. Luke records Paul's exhortation to the Greek church, "So now, Brethren, I commend you to God and to the word of His grace, which builds you up and give you an inheritance among all those who are sanctified" (Acts 20:23). Jesus even prayed to the Father, "Sanctify them by the truth; Your word is truth" (John 17:17). In so many words these scriptures are telling us that God's Words are powerful. "Through the Word we are put together and shaped up for the task God had for us." (Hebrews 4:12, 1 Peter 1:23).

Without God's word you and I would not be alive. Words formed together gives us meaning, information and guidance. With words God spoke the world and its natural forces and coverings into existence. This includes the sun, moons, stars, and planets. The words understood in the Bible carry power and make life so much better for the one who believes and keeps the words in their hearts.

All of God's words are truths which not only generates life,

creates faith, produces positive changes, scares the devil, causes miracles, heals, hurts, builds character, transforms circumstances, imparts joy, defeats temptation, brings hope, released the power of heaven in our lives, cleanses our minds, and guarantees our future forever. Job said, "I have treasured the words of His mouth more than my daily bread" (Job 23:12, 2 Timothy 3:16).

God's word is the spiritual nourishment we must have to live out our life's purpose in a positive manner. Words of the Bible are our full-course meal. It is our milk, bread, solid-food, and sweet desert. This is our menu for spiritual strength and education (1 Peter 2:2). God's word is Truth.

All of God's children must, as a priority, abide in His word. To be a healthy disciple, one must feed on God's word. Jesus calls this abiding in His word (John 8:31).

It is not enough to just believe the word of God we must fill our minds with it so that the Holy Spirit can transform us with the truth. You can receive it, read it, research it, remember it, and reflect on it (James 1:21).

No other habit can do more to transform our lives and make us more and more like Jesus than daily reflection on the words of the Scriptures (2 Corinthians 3:17-18). God's words are the truth that transforms (our lives).

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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) weekly in-person worship services on Sundays starts 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.

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Macedonia NLC invites you to join us Sunday morning on zoom at 8:00 a.m. for Sunday School

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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 has resumed. 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 Noon 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 November 5, 2022, at Noon for MNLC 1st Saturday Food Distribution. We look forward to seeing you there!

"When Men Pray"

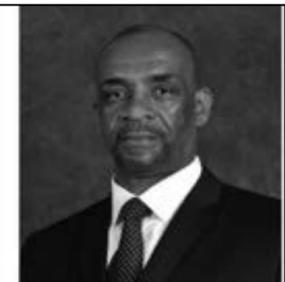
Macedonia invites all the brothers to gather at the church for prayer on Nov. 5 and Dec. 10 at 9 a.m. We hope to see you there!

Drive-Thru Thanksgiving Outreach

Macedonia NLC invites you to join us on Saturday, Nov. 10, from 11 a.m. to Noon 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.

Community Access Point (CAP) Distribution Site for COVID-19 Test Kits

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Artists Help Capture Our Political Chaos

By Ben Jealous
People for the American Way

Art can be a powerful tool for social change. Sometimes that threatens people in power.

Right now, some of America's greatest artists are contributing their time and creative talents to remind voters in Georgia what is at stake in this year's elections. And a couple of national billboard companies are refusing to let People For the American Way share some of those images with voters.

The Georgia billboards are part of a multimedia campaign to remind voters—especially Black men—why Republican candidates Brian Kemp and Herschel Walker are the wrong choices in this election. Georgia is ground zero for attacks on our democracy by MAGA extremists with agendas calculated to stop progress.

The billboard campaign is designed to expose hard truths to voters in a way that makes these attacks real—and motivates people to vote. "As artists, we can create art that addresses the ills of systems that devastate the fabric of our families, our communities, and our nation," says renowned multimedia artist Carrie Mae Weems. "Artistic expression can inspire people to channel their energy into voting for a better future for everyone."

The billboard campaign is also part of a broader long-term project to engage artists in making political and social change. As a longtime civil rights leader, I know that there is a long lineage of artists whose music, poetry, spoken word, and visual arts have helped energize our great social justice movements. Weems and other artists participating in this campaign have taken their place in that honorable history. They include Victoria Cassinova, Shepard Fairey, Alyson Shotz, Deborah Kass, and Cleon Peterson.

Shotz, whose art depicts the attack on the U.S. Capitol by people trying to prevent a peaceful transfer of power after Trump lost the 2020 election, notes that art played a crucial role in the national mobilization to defeat fascism in the 1940s. "Now this task is upon us again, to fight the power of au-

thoritarians and conspiracists, racists and nativists and fear-mongers," she says. "It falls to us, We the People, to save democracy, through our actions, through our art, through our votes."

Art can speak to our hearts. That's part of its power to provoke thought, emotion, and action. And that is why censorship is often a weapon wielded by those who fear art's motivating power.

"The personal and political chaos in our world is a direct result of the violence against human beings in the name of power," says Peterson, whose art installations depicting White supremacist gun violence and attacks on reproductive choice were rejected by billboard owners. "The art for these billboards depicts the rawness and the terror of those struggles and I hope it's enough to move the people of Georgia to action in this midterm election."

Kass contributed an installation that includes the faces of five far-right Supreme Court justices—a clear reminder that the courts and all the rights that depend on a fair and independent judiciary to uphold them—are at stake in this election.

People For the American Way will use billboards and social media to bring the censored artwork to Georgia voters and to people around the country who care about the issues that are at stake in this year's elections.

There is no doubt that art expressing the harsh realities people face in their daily lives can be jarring. But that is no reason to turn away.

"There's a short line between the intense reactions to the art depictions and the urgency that we carry to the ballot box," says my colleague Svante Myrick, executive director of People For the American Way. "If this artwork offends you, wait to see what happens if you don't vote."

Ben Jealous serves as president of People For the American Way and Professor of the Practice at the University of Pennsylvania. A New York Times best-selling author, his next book Never Forget Our People Were Always Free will be published by Harper Collins in January 2023.

Inflation is the biggest problem



To Be EQUAL
By Marc H. Morial
President, National Urban League

TRUMP RIPS OFF TAXPAYERS

"The exorbitant rates charged to the Secret Service and agents' frequent stays at Trump-owned properties raise significant concerns about the former President's self-dealing and may have resulted in a taxpayer-funded windfall for former President Trump's struggling businesses."

—House Oversight Committee Chairwoman Rep. Carolyn B. Maloney

It's not clear whether the opportunity to funnel taxpayer funds into his private business was Donald Trump's primary motivation for seeking the presidency. What is crystal clear, however, is that he took every opportunity to do just that—and lied about it along the way.

The House Oversight Committee this week revealed that the Trump Organization charged the Secret Service up to \$1,185 per night for hotel rooms used by agents protecting Trump family members. That's five times the government rate and nearly 24 times the \$50-a-night rate the Trump Org claimed to be charging.

Trump visited his own properties more than 500 times during his presidency, and the Trump Organization has continued to bill the Secret Service since he left office and began living in his properties full-time.

The records released by the Oversight Committee, which cover more than \$1.4 million in self-dealing, are merely the tip of Trump's iceberg of graft. The cost to the taxpayer of tax dodges, deceit, and self-dealing by Trump's family and companies reaches into the hundreds of millions.

A *Washington Post* investigation found that Trump's company raked in at least \$2.5 million in taxpayer money and \$5.6 million in campaign funds during his presidency—an incomplete accounting, as several federal agencies refused to turn over records to the *Post*. The Trumps' illicit taxpayer-funded windfall included exorbitant overcharges like \$2,600 per night for a house at Mar-a-Lago, \$50 per palm for decorative palm trees, \$7,700 for a catered dinner for 30—more than \$250 a plate—and more than \$1,000 in liquor for a White House staff meeting.

Eric Trump, Executive Vice President of the Trump Organization, falsely claimed the business was required by law to charge the federal government, and that government employees were charged only "like 50 bucks" per night for hotel rooms.

But Trump's fleecing of the American taxpayer did not begin with his presidency. According to *The New York Times*:

"He and his siblings set up a sham corporation to disguise millions of dollars in gifts from their parents, records, and interviews show. Records indicate that Mr. Trump helped his father take improper tax deductions worth millions more. He also helped formulate a strategy to undervalue his parents' real estate holdings by hundreds of millions of dollars on tax returns, sharply reducing the tax bill when those properties were transferred to him and his siblings."

Ironically, the fortune Trump inherited—and largely squandered—was built on taxpayer-funded subsidies and loans of

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A Different Voice

By Dorothy Shaw Thompson



WE'RE MOVING

We are moving very fast these days. I've certainly noticed that one day it's Monday and the next thing I know it's Monday again. My question is, "What are we moving so fast to?" I suggest that we pay attention because even the little children are noticing. We are slipping (seems like) very quickly into winter. Also, we are experiencing more chaos and confusion in political and spiritual thought and behavior. For a brief moment the eyes of the nation were on little old Raleigh, N.C., not because of the way the city is building into the 21st Century but because a 15-year-old took an assault rifle and some knives and took away the lives of people who had not done him nor anyone any harm. Who knew that this could happen in Raleigh? If you were paying attention, you did.

We've got Kanye West getting attention by making shirts that say "White Lives Matter" (of course they do), but because it appears that he wants to be in the face of those who recognized that when so many African-American lives were being lost through police brutality, we needed to say and do something profound to wake others up. They came up with the slogan, "Black Lives Matter," and it took on and off like wildfire.

Then in Georgia we've got Hershel Walker, who seems to have decided that he's going to be the next "Great White Hope" while Black. He seems to have advertised, applied for and accepted the role of "I'll talk about black people in ways that you can't." I'll fight the symbol of civil rights, Warnock, I'll call him out for you so that you can turn back the clock on civil and equal rights and you can point to me and say that's our boy.

Then sadly, I read that "Killer Mike," a budding "Black Lives Matter" superstar, has decided to cast his light

with the governor of Georgia (looks like) against Stacey Abrams. If you didn't know him, he's Michael Render from Atlanta, Ga. and one-half of a group called "Run the Jewels." In the past (after the death of George Floyd) he called for cops to be prosecuted if/when they commit crimes and other insights that might lead to solving problems. Now in the chaos that we are living in now, he is "hanging out" with Brian Kemp suggesting that Stacey Abrams should be following Kemp's "lead" in the Black community. Would somebody in Georgia pull him aside and tell him that "Kemp is blatant in his attempt to keep Blacks from voting?" He is quoted as saying, "Politics and policy don't matter to me as does human decency and principles and he seemed to

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Becoming Sarah

By Sarah Jones

LIFE ON LIFE'S TERMS

Recently, I have been thinking a lot about how the people who come before us influence our stories. Their influence can sometimes come before we are even born. My parents met when they were in college and started a family while my mother pursued a degree in elementary education. By the time my mother was 27 she had four children and by the time she was 30 she only had three. My eldest sister and my mother's first child passed away when she was only nine years old due to complications of a blood disorder.

My whole family's world was flipped upside down as my mother tried to navigate life as a grieving and expectant mother. Nearly nine months after my sister passed, I was born. I always wondered how my mother sailed through the waters of grief and excitement or if she even felt the excitement at all during her pregnancy. Before my sister passed away, she begged my parents to have another child. She would spend her time drawing pictures of princesses and told them that the next baby my mother had would be just like one. That November when I was born my parents named me Sarah Renee, a tribute to my sister and a product of her last wish for them to have another child. Although I wasn't born into royalty nor have I ever worn a crown, my father would always jokingly say because of my spoiled nature you would think I really was a princess.

When I look at my mother, I would have never known the pain she felt over 20 years ago, nor could I ever understand how she survived it. I think about my sister before she passed and imagine such a beautiful little girl begging her parents to have a baby. I think about the love my parents must have had for her to fulfill her wish. For me, my sister, who I never even met was the biggest part of my story. She was the reason I

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Child Watch

By Marian Wright Edelman



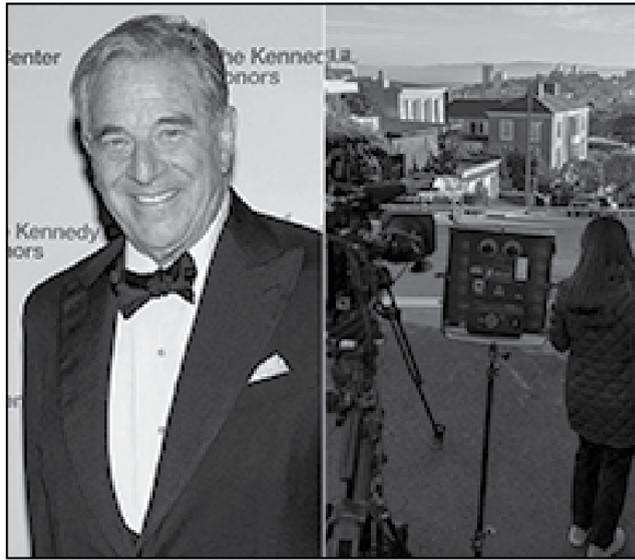
GIVE LIGHT AND PEOPLE WILL FIND THE WAY

Earlier this year, members of the Children's Defense Fund (CDF) Freedom Schools® team and other colleagues had opportunity to attend a training session near the plantation on Maryland's Eastern Shore where Harriet Tubman was enslaved and where she returned again and again after her own escape to lead others to freedom. The retreat's theme was "Give Light and People Will Find the Way," the title indomitable Civil Rights Movement justice warrior Ella Baker used for one of her training workshops at the Highlander Folk School in Tennessee. This message is relevant to the CDF Freedom Schools program's work today teaching young people they can make a difference in themselves, their families, their communities, their country, and their world with hope, education, and action, and the same message could also describe some of the inspiration the team drew from Harriet Tubman's legacy.

During the retreat they visited the Harriet Tubman Underground Railroad National Historical Park in Church Creek, Md. and sites important in her life, including the plantation where her family was enslaved and the dry goods store where she was assaulted and suffered a traumatic brain injury as a child. She was standing inside that store when an enslaved boy ran in being chased by an overseer who ordered Harriet to help grab the boy. When she stood between the boy and the White man and did not move, the overseer hurled a lead weight at her head, leaving her bloody and unconscious. She suffered seizures, sleeping spells, and debilitating headaches the rest of her life, but also began experiencing vivid dreams about God and visions and premonitions about escaping slavery. Seeing these places and the land where she had to travel and hide reinforced how difficult her mission was and how much courage and determination she needed to possess in order to survive. Now, through the National Historical Park, a state park and visitor center, the Harriet Tubman Museum and Educational Center, and the Harriet Tubman Underground Railroad Scenic Byway, a 125-mile trail that includes water-

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Other Viewpoints



HAMMERS ARE FOR BUILDING, NOT HARMING

By Tom H. Hastings

Portland State University

Antifa comes swarming into the street, hurling full soda cans at cops and at windows, believing they alone have the right to “burn it down,” ala Pol Pot, start over, Year Zero.

Trump’s MAGAs—Proud Boys, Oathkeepers, et alia, strut around with big-ass weapons, use gender slurs, religious slurs, racial slurs, shoot a few Nazi salutes, wave a Confederate battle flag, and hoot about Free Speech—and they are doing this at political rallies as well as polling places.

No offense, you guys, but none of you are doing a single bit of good. You are feeding hate, enabling violence, and for every act of bullying or senseless destruction any of you engage in, you turn off more folks by far than you convince.

Some scholars have decreed that what we used to call nonviolence must henceforth be referred to as “civil resistance.” Well, I still like nonviolence, but I use civil resistance to describe resistance that is not merely technically done by unarmed civil society, but by groups who remain civil, both collectively and individually.

Or, as Joe Biden said, “Enough is enough is enough!” When some far-right addled man attacks the 82-year-old husband of House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, and when it turns out that the attacker is a devoted follower of Trump’s election denial lies, we need to sit up and pay a bit of attention to our methods.

We are subjected to an enormous amount of highly individualized advertising because the sophistication of algorithms makes it possible. What we need to know, Facebook, Twitter, and the rest of you social media profiteers, is how much of the disinformation that is delivered to us originated in Russia? After all, the Trump agenda, from at least 2016 forward, has been in virtual lockstep with Vladimir Putin’s. Trump is a tool. His followers are as well.

What is the common thread tying the far right who support the cruelest form of capitalism as practiced by Trump to the legacy of authoritarian communism carried on by Putin?

Violence. That is the commonality.

The intellectual lightweights who rail daily against any threat to the dirtiest, most exploitive forms of “free enterprise,” such as the late Peter Collier and the still-active David Horowitz, were rooted in the most violent ideation of the left decades ago, writing in support of armed opposition to America, supporting the Vietcong, the Black Panthers, the Irish Republican Army, and other far left violent actors. That both the communist origins and legacy of violence should smear across the Putin-influenced MAGA world and its Oathkeeper/Proud Boy spawn is dismaying yet unsurprising.

Because, in the end, the anti-social right and the anti-social left share so much more than they don’t. Trump has dictatorial ideation, fed by his Bossman role, first in business and then Republican politics. No dictator has ever cared whether his rhetoric should be left (Lenin, Stalin, Putin) or right (Mussolini, Franco, Amin) and in the end it is all about populist demagoguery. Hitler, after all, was as far-right as one might get and yet he led the National Socialists, the Nazis.

Do the hammer-wielders who attack moderate leaders come from the left or right? In the end, the real crosscut is between violence and nonviolence, between democracy and dictatorship.

Let us hope democracy prevails. I don’t want to be part of a nation that supports our right to bear hammers to hurt rather than to build.

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IS ARMAGEDDON A CRIME?

By Kary Love

Peace Voice

I have represented nuns, priests, and lay believers, who were arrested, prosecuted (I now say “persecuted”) for pouring their blood on U.S. nuclear ICBMs or other nuclear weapons and praying for peace.

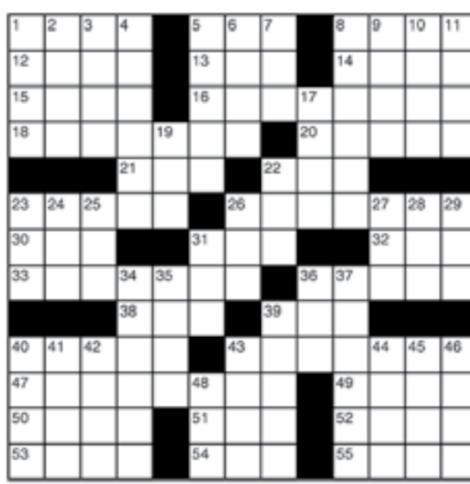
They were convicted (denied trial by jury though same is guaranteed twice expressly in the U.S. Constitution), sentenced, and served involuntary servitude for the U.S. war machine. Apparently, they had a lousy lawyer.

One nun I represented in another nuclear resistance case, the heroic Jackie Hudson, asked me what she should wear to court. Being an atheist myself, I suggested it might help get sympathy if she would wear her habit, as we would be going to the “temple of justice.” So ignorant was I of her order, I did not know they did not wear habits, rather they fed the hungry, clothed the naked, housed the homeless, while wearing “ordinary” clothing.

King Crossword

ACROSS

1 Whispered “Hey!”
5 Cacophony
8 Last write-up
12 Jazz singer James
13 Punk rock offshoot
14 Indy event
15 Meander
16 Has a portion (of)
18 Seeming contradiction
20 Small earrings
21 Allow
22 — Paulo
23 Social worker’s load
26 Talkative birds
30 Half of bi-
31 Levy
32 French article
33 Layered dessert
36 Media barrage
38 Dog tags, e.g.
39 Sheep call
40 Acid in proteins
43 Lets off
47 Sunshades
49 “Phooey!”
50 Earth Day sub.
51 “A mouse!”
52 Outside (Pref.)
53 Painter



Magritte
10 On the rocks
11 Hardy heroine
17 Despot
19 — Moines
22 Swing band instrument
23 Drink holder
24 Santa — winds
25 Knight’s address
26 Bit of butter
27 Gigi’s “yes”
28 Stick with a kick
29 “— who?”
31 Poetic contraction
34 Closing number
35 Big fusses
36 Saloon
37 Firetruck necessity
39 Soaks up the sun
40 Unoriginal one
41 Spiked club
42 Pressing need
43 Entreaty
44 Killer whale
45 D.C. baseball team
46 Halt
48 British ref. work

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Admittedly, my ignorance was boundless, in those naïve days of my innocence and faith in the law.

We went to court to ask the judge to recuse himself from the case because besides being a judge, he was also a U.S. Air Force Reserve Pilot who flew “nuclear capable” aircraft as part of his “duties” from time to time.

Our argument was that he had a conflict of interest from that position. We intended to argue that nuclear war and weapons were criminal under U.S. Armed Forces law, as well as U.S. treaties and the law of nations. Therefore, we contended, since we would accuse the U.S. and its president of planning and preparing for a criminal war (using nukes) in violation of such laws, the judge could not be impartial given his oath to follow orders from the President (even the appearance of partiality is impermissible under the law).

All we wanted was a judge who was not encumbered by possible military orders and oath conflicts. We lost. The judge retained the case (with predictable result). As we left the courtroom, Jackie turned to me, and asked: “What do you think of your ‘temple of justice now?’”

Decades of such cases later, I realize Jackie Hudson with her long experience being jailed by the criminal enterprise existing to protect U.S. nuclear war planning and preparation from any fair trial, not unlike Hitler’s Peoples Court that protected the Reich’s crimes, knew what I did not: nuclear weapons were the U.S. god—that is why it says “in god we trust” on the money, not “in Jesus we trust.”

Jackie walked the walk in the footsteps of Jesus and was not impressed with the god of America. She died serving a prison sentence at the hands of the war state, crucified for her resistance to nuclear Armageddon. I have lately thought much about Jackie, whose wit and wisdom and humanity beggars the imagination, and especially her efforts to forestall Armageddon, much discussed these days including by Joe Biden, another kind of “catholic” and V. Putin, a self-proclaimed follower of the Christian teachings of the Orthodox Russian Church.

Britannica gives a concise explication of what is Armageddon: “in the New Testament, a place where the kings of the Earth under demonic leadership will wage war on the forces of God at the end of history. Armageddon is mentioned in the Bible only once, in the Revelation of John, or the Apocalypse of St. John (16:16).

Only mentioned once in the Bible, Armageddon is the result of demonic leadership waging war on the forces of god. How interesting to an atheist anti-nuke lawyer urging that human law makes nuclear weapons criminal! Perhaps I ought convert? All these years I did not realize I might be part of the “forces of god,” in a divinely inspired resistance to demonic leadership!

Jackie Hudson and I debated her faith and my faithlessness on occasion, but she was unable to persuade me, even though I admit, were Jesus to be the son of God, and return to Earth, as the Prince of Peace, he would be likely to associate with Jackie and her ilk rather than such as I, or U.S. Presidents, congresspersons, or high officers of the U.S. Department of War, all of whom denigrate His teachings by their daily acts.

The film *Conspiracy* tells of a 1942 two-hour meeting where top Nazis worked out Hitler’s “demonic” Final Solution—none objected to the genocide, only to the method to be used, bullets v. gas, and which government bureau received which powers. Based on an actual transcript of the meeting, the bureaucratic arrogance of the Nazis present, mostly lawyers, reminds me of meetings I long ago attended in Washington D.C. of similar bureaucrats working for the Department of War: gray men quietly doing the work of death planning.

The shades of the gallows of Nuremberg, where the victorious U.S., USSR and their allies hanged such “gray men,” are evoked in the film as some of the lawyers struggle with how to make the Final Solution “legal” under Germany’s extant “Nuremberg laws” governing “Jewishness.” It is a sickening film to watch as the magnificent portrayals belie the odious actual characters played. They are odious because they feared their Fuhrer, and the SS, and had not the courage to stand for law and justice but acquiesced before the fearsome reach of their dictator and his thugs.

We have our own Dictator:

“The U.S. President has sole authority to authorize the use of U.S. nuclear weapons. This authority is inherent in his constitutional role as Commander in Chief. The President can seek counsel from his military advisors; those advisors are then required to transmit and implement the orders authorizing nuclear use. But, as General John Hyten, then the Commander of U.S. Strategic Command (STRATCOM), noted, his job is to give advice, while the authority to order a launch lies with the President.”

—Congressional Research Service Updated November 19, 2021. Zero checks, zero balances, zero Congressional war declaration, “just following orders.” Sounds Fuhrer-like or Vladimir Putin-like?

I am hard pressed to find a principled basis for distinguishing our current policy of nuclear Armageddon from Hitler’s Final Solution. Arguably the Final Solution is less obscene—it targeted only a single sector of humanity. Current Nuclear planning if implemented, could kill everyone: omnicide versus “mere” genocide. Certainly, killing six million is a lesser crime than killing seven billion? Or maybe I am wrong and Armageddon is no crime?

I contend we now face Armageddon subject only to the orders of our Nuclear Dictator. The Russian people are similarly imprisoned by their Fuhrer. The sole remaining question is moral. Do we acquiesce in “demonic leadership” proposing to wage war on the “forces of God”? Do we nonviolently resist, like Jackie Hudson? Are we nothing but “gray men” debating the how and when of the “Final Solution” for all rather opposing it? We stand in the shadow of the gallows if we fail to resist.

There is no victory in nuclear Armageddon, only defeat, an end

to law and morality. The many Jackie Hudson-like folks I had the privilege of representing and knowing, were and are still right. We must pour our blood on these demonic weapons, we must unite in support of the “forces of god” or the Creator or humanity itself. We must oppose the crime of Armageddon and demonic leadership. We are the forces of the Creator and defenders of the Creation.

The fires of a demonic nuclear hell await otherwise.

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TO BE EQUAL

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very kind he sought to eliminate as president. Shortly after President Franklin D. Roosevelt created the Federal Housing Administration in 1934, Trump’s father, Fred Trump, used FHA loans to build apartment buildings. During World War II, he built more than 1,000 apartments for the Navy at taxpayer expense. After the war, he sold apartments to returning veterans, funded by the G.I. Bill. The elder Trump’s taxpayer-bolstered wealth backed the major real-estate project that launched Donald Trump’s own career.

As president, Trump proposed the largest retrenchment of federal housing aid since the U.S. Housing Act was enacted in 1937.

Trump has not been accused of breaking any laws with the brazen bilking of the taxpayers revealed this week. But presidents—even ex-presidents—should be held to a higher standard than “technically legal” and the House Oversight Committee’s work should result in safeguards to prevent future presidents from abusing the power of the office for personal gain.

A DIFFERENT VOICE

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be principled to me” (speaking of Kemp). Human decency and principles? Isn’t it indecent to have to stand in line hours to vote and then criminalize giving sandwiches and water to them? This guy went on to say something to the idea of seeing himself and Kemp representing the legacy of the South. This stuff is too crazy. It’s as if H. Rap Brown had joined forces with George Wallace and explained it away as, “Both of us have red blood running through our veins.” The idea of a human identity used to be used to champion democracy and not this foolishness he’s expounding on. We’d better pay attention because if they think they can use what they think if your influence and you let them, the words flowing out of your mouth will be theirs. Killer Mike’s new name will be “Our Microphone.” Remember, they do like to give you a more suitable name.

We are moving toward something and I don’t think we are on the Soul Train, so I’m not getting onboard. There is a difference between paying attention in school and giving your brain over to persuasion. It’s going to be too late for regrets if our opponents win. In a democracy, our votes are free but in an autocracy, your rights can be frozen. So what am I saying? I’m suggesting that if we don’t have an anchor in this fast-moving time, we will find ourselves going with the storm and literally being blown away. When we come upon a situation where people who don’t know you flatter you, maybe even offer to pay you to appear with them in their limelight, it might be helpful if you step back and ask, “Why me?” What do they have to gain? Why do I and my people get to gain from this? In this fast-moving time it behooves us to slow down and pay attention while we can still afford to slow down, get structured and move forward more intentionally and deliberately. Start now by voting.

BECOMING SARAH

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even existed. I’ll never get to meet her but somehow because of her I am here. It’s a sad and beautiful thing that sits in my head every day this time of year.

When things in our life go wrong a million questions run through our heads. We wonder what we did to deserve the pain, the stress, and question if our long-lost friend peace will ever make a reoccurrence. It’s unfair and frustrating, yet seems to be a recurring theme in all our stories. I was listening to a podcast that featured Mike Tyson and on it he talks about living life on Life’s terms. It’s an infuriating concept but in all steadiness completely true. The idea truly emphasizes the lack of control we can have in our lives.

In the podcast he says, “We have to take life on its terms. Life on Life’s terms not life on our terms. We ask ourselves why we can’t be with peace all the time, but that’s not life.”

The more and more I replay this thought in my head the more and more it reminds me of my family. Of my mother and father specifically as they come up on their 30th wedding anniversary. When my sister passed away, my mother experienced a pain in her 20s that most mothers her age couldn’t even imagine. Her life was completely flipped upside down but somehow, she pulled herself together to become what I can only describe as the perfect mother.

Depending on who you ask, our life stories are a compilation of the good and the bad. We experience joy and grief on unequal levels yet keep going. To us our stories are beautiful but sometimes broken. To us, our stories are something we may even struggle to understand.

Each day when we live our lives, we sign up for it all. We wake up each morning and decide to get dressed. We wake up each morning and decide to go to work. We wake up each morning and decide to be present. As we all struggle to live life on life’s terms, we become living proof of what holding on can do.

CHILD WATCH

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ways and safe houses she and others used as they fled toward freedom, these sites are preserved as a piece of American history that can teach and inspire young people today.

The importance and inspiration of teaching history was also central in the message the CDF Freedom Schools team heard when acclaimed author Carole Boston Weatherford joined the retreat for a conversation. Her books for children and young adults often revisit key moments and people in African-American history, and one of her most loved is the lyrical, beautiful Caldecott Honor and Coretta Scott King Award-winning book *Moses: When Harriet Tubman Led Her People to Freedom*, illustrated by Kadir Nelson. During the meeting she asked her listeners to consider how Black history is often taught through a lens of enslavement and oppression. She then challenged them to consider this question: “Who taught us to be free?” She continued, “You can’t teach what you don’t know, and you don’t know what you weren’t taught.” She said as she wrote *Moses*, she was inspired by the parallels between Harriet Tubman and the biblical Moses, who both took it upon themselves to free themselves and their people, and she challenged CDF Freedom Schools leaders with a charge to take up that call—teaching the next generation how to be free.

These are crucial lessons. Teaching all children about our shared history by exposing them to books by excellent authors like Carole Boston Weatherford and others who are part of the CDF Freedom Schools curriculum, and by taking them to visit important historical and cultural sites like the Harriet Tubman Underground Railroad National Historical Park, are ways of giving children the light they will need to be prepared to plot their own futures. But this midterm election season reminds us yet again that many adults are fighting this idea today, and many are on ballots right now from school boards to statewide offices across the country. Educate yourself about the candidates seeking to represent you and make sure you are prepared with a plan to vote. Once again, we can never take any office or any election for granted. Children cannot vote, but they desperately need parents, teachers, and leaders who will be lanterns, not adults who seek to dim the light.

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DURHAM COUNTY

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

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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

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William Cole King, Jr. Executor 4507 Pleasant Green Road Durham, NC 27705 10/20,10/27,11/3 and 11/10/2022 STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA DURHAM COUNTY

NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION In The General Court Of Justice Superior Court Division Before the Clerk File Number 22 E 1303

The Undersigned, having qualified as Executor of the Estate of Walter Kendrick Chambliss, late of Durham County, North Carolina, hereby wishes to notify all persons having claims against the Estate of said deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned at the below listed address on or before the 20th day of January 2023, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery.

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

This the 20th day of October, 2022.

Emily C. Huntley Co-Executor 112 W. Orange Street Hillsborough, NC 27278 William B. Chambliss Co-Executor 206 Watts Street Durham, NC 27701 10/20,10/27,11/3 and 11/10/2022 STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA DURHAM COUNTY

NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION In The General Court Of Justice Superior Court Division Before the Clerk File Number 2022 E 001086

The Undersigned, having qualified as Administrator of the Estate of Endris Jermal Ashford, late of Durham County, North Carolina, hereby wishes to notify all persons having claims against the Estate of said deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned at the below listed address on or before the 20th day of January 2023, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery.

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

This the 20th day of October, 2022.

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

NOTICE TO CREDITORS File Number 22 E 1148

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

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

This the 20th day of October, 2022.

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

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. ALAVAREZ ALVARADO, RIDGEBUCKS 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 10/27,11/3,11/10 and 11/17/2022

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 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 1320

The Undersigned, having qualified as Administrator of the Estate of Bettye C. Johnson, 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 3rd day of February 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 3rd day of November, 2022.

Mark A. Johnson Administrator 110 Bagby Lane Bahama, NC 27503 11/3, 11/10, 11/17 and 11/24/2022

WAKE COUNTY

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA WAKE COUNTY NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION In The General Court Of Justice Superior Court Division Before the Clerk File Number 2022 E 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 NO.: 22-CVD-11645

TRACY H. VINES & EMMANUEL ONUOBA, PLAINTIFFS)

VS.

UNKNOWN FATHER/ FATHERS OF Mariah, Keimiyah, and Keyyahndre Onuoba, DEFENDANT

TO: UNKNOWNNW FATHER/ FATHERS OF MARIAH, KEIMIYAH AND KEIYAHNDRE ONUOBA

NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION

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

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

This the 13th day of October 2022.

LAW OFFICES OF STEPHANIE J. BROWN BY: Stephanie J. Brown Attorney for Plaintiffs P.O. Box 2596 Raleigh, NC 27602 (919) 836-9444 State Bar No. 18944 sjbrown_law@hotmail.com 10/13,20,27/2022

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA WAKE COUNTY NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION In The General Court Of Justice Superior Court Division Before the Clerk File Number 2022 E 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 PROCESS BY PUBLICATION 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 Mclver Edwards, deceased, this is to notify all persons, firms, and corporations having claims against the Estate of Helena Gibson Edwards a/k/a Helena Mclver 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 PROCESS BY PUBLICATION 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 STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA WAKE COUNTY

NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION In The General Court Of Justice Superior Court Division Before the Clerk File Number 2022 E 003797

The Undersigned, having qualified as Administrator of the Estate of Van Calvin Franklin, 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 3rd day of February 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 3rd day of November, 2022.

Linda E Shannon Administrator 33 Corlies Ave Poughkeepsie, NY 12601 11/3, 11/10, 11/17 and 11/24/2022

NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF WAKE In The General Court of Justice District Court Division File No: 22 CV 009265

JESSICA CARNEVALE, Plaintiff

v.

JASON CARNEVALE, Defendant.

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

Plaintiff is seeking a judgment of absolute divorce from the bonds of matrimony based upon one (1) year separation pursuant to the provisions of North Carolina General Statutes Section 50-6.

You are required to make defense to such pleading no later than December 20th, 2022 which is at least 45 days from the first publication of this notice. Upon your failure to file a pleading by the

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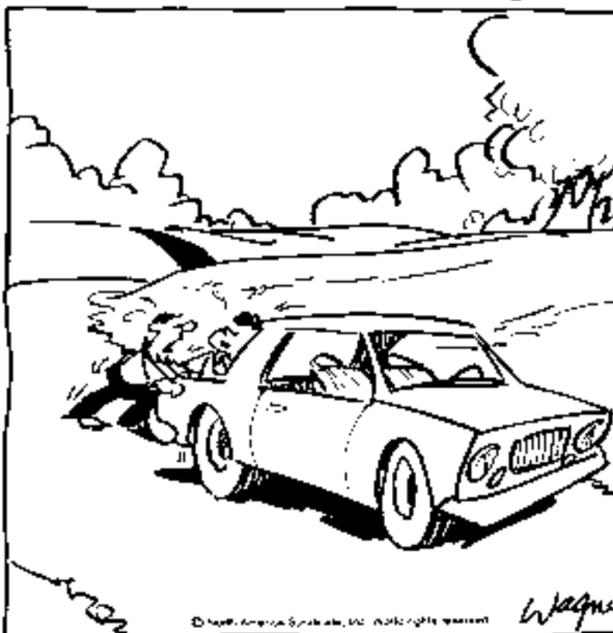
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WAKE COUNTY

above date, the party seeking service against you will apply to the Court for the relief sought.

This, the 3rd day of November, 2022.

Jessica Carnevale
320 Poplar St.
Wendell, North Carolina 27591
11/3, 11/10 and 11/17/2022.

NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION
NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF WAKE
In the General Court of Justice
District Court Division
File No: 22 CVD 13243
[CHILD CUSTODY PROCEEDING]
To: NICOLAS SARABIA BERI-STAIN, Defendant.

Take notice that a pleading seek-

ing 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 December 15th, 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 DEL CARMEN PEREZ VARO, will apply to the court for the relief sought.

This, the 3rd day of November, 2022.
Aneta Paval, Esq.
Paval Law Offices, PLLC
7404 Chapel Hill Rd
Suite M
Raleigh NC 27607
Telephone: (919) 410-6690
11/3, 11/10 and 11/17/2022.

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The North Carolina Department of Public Safety has the following contract in Moore County out for bid: C- C11517 Tufts Grading and Sewer Repair . The bid opening is scheduled for: Wednesday, 11/30/2022 . To obtain the Notice to Bidders, any Pre-Bid Requirements, and any Addenda visit: <https://www.ips.state.nc.us/ips/AGENCY/PDF/15086000.pdf>



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>

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for the following job:

CITY OF GREENVILLE
Street Rehab and Preservation Project

Project: Eng-2023-001 Pitt Co. Bid Date: Nov. 29th

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@stwcorp.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 English proficiency in consideration for an award.

GOCARY PROPOSED TITLE VI PLAN UPDATE

From November 01 through December 01 at 5 p.m. you'll have an opportunity to review and comment on the updated Title VI Plan for GoCary services.

In Accordance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, "No person in the United States shall, on the grounds of race, color, or national origin, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any program or activity receiving federal financial assistance."

Every three years, each recipient of federal funding must submit an updated Title VI Plan that documents compliance with federal Title VI guidance. As a recipient of Federal Transit Administration (FTA) funding, the Town of Cary is required to submit such a program. The Title VI Plan is also required by FTA guidance to be approved by the agency's governing body, the Cary Town Council.

Per FTA's guidance, the Town's Title VI Plan should include the following:

- A signed Title VI assurance and governing body approval of the overall Title VI Program
- A copy of the agency's public notice with a list of where the notice is posted
- Instructions for how to file a complaint with a copy of the complaint form
- A list of any Title VI investigations, complaints or lawsuits and how such complaints were addressed and resolved
- A Public Participation Plan and list of outreach activities conducted since the last submission
- A Language Assistance Plan for providing language assistance
- System-wide standards and policies
- Demographic and service profile maps and charts
- Description of how the primary recipient of FTA funding monitors for compliance

The draft Title VI Plan and Public Comment forms are available for download from the link below, or a copy can be made available upon request at the Transit Section offices at Cary Town Hall, 316 N. Academy St, 3rd floor, Cary, NC 27513.

<https://gocary.org/civil-rights-notice-public>

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

Barnhill Contracting Company will be bidding on the following project on November 15th, 2022. We are most interested in receiving quotes from your company on these projects:

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| Heavy Highway Div. Contact: | Contract ID: C204540
Contact Michael Taylor, mtaylor@barnhillcontraction.com , at 252-823-1021 or fax 252-977-7512 in our Rocky Mount Office, located at 800 Tiffany Blvd, Suite 200, Rocky Mount, NC 27804. |
| Pre-Bid Meeting: | Friday November 4th, 2022 at 9:00 AM in the Rocky Mount Office. |
| Northeast Paving Div. Contact: | Contract ID: C204790, C204801
Contact Jimmy Spivey, jspivey@barnhillcontraction.com , at 252-335-9503 or fax 252-335-7452 in our Elizabeth City office, located at 1304 US 17 South, Elizabeth City, NC 27909. |
| Pre-Bid Meeting: | Friday November 4th, 2022 at 9:30 AM in the Elizabeth City Office. |
| Coastal Paving Div. Contact: | Contract ID: C204802
Contact Michael Griggs, mgriggs@barnhillcontraction.com , at 910-675-2554 or fax 910-675-3709 in our Shallotte office, located at 2284 Ocean Hwy. W., Shallotte, NC 28459. |
| Pre-Bid Meeting: | Friday November 4th, 2022 at 10:00 AM in the Shallotte Office. |
| Southeast Division Contact: | Contract ID: C204803
Contact Todd Hunt, thunt@barnhillcontraction.com , at 910-488-1319 or fax 910-488-5673 in our Fayetteville Office, located at 1100 Robeson Street, Fayetteville, NC 28305. |
| Pre-Bid Meeting: | Friday November 4th, 2022 at 10:30 AM in the Fayetteville Office. |

1. For hauling operations, we will need to know how many of your own hauling units will be available for this project. We will need this on your written quote prior to bid time and this will be made a part of any subcontract.
2. Plans and specifications are available at:
 - a. NC DOT: https://connect.ncdot.gov/letting/Pages/Central-Letting-Details.aspx?let_type=Central&let_date=2022-11-15%2000:00:00
 - b. Plans may also be viewed in our offices. Please call for an appointment.
3. This project includes opportunities on, but not limited to hauling, pipe install, ABC, milling, construction surveying, minor drainage structures, curb and gutter, guardrail install, traffic control, light/heavy tow and recovery, pavement markers/markings, wood pole install, water/sewer line install, temp silt fence, seeding and mulching, traffic signals, and metal pole install. All firms or persons interested in bidding on any applicable portions of these projects or supplying materials for any applicable portions of these projects are invited to contact us direct or by phone (we accept collect calls). By submitting a quote, it is understood that you have read and understand the specifications.

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

NC General Contractors Lic. # 3194
Attn: Tom Shannon AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYER