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## "The US Is Spending \$130 Million A Day On Military Aid For Ukraine Without Meaningful Congressional Oversight"

(reasons.com Reported June 16, 2022)

According to the Census Bureau, as of 2020 there are 41.6 million people in the United States that are classified as African American. The country could easily pay \$1M to each African American who can prove that they are a descendent of slaves.

## 42,000,000 x \$1M

### Would Pay Every African-American In The United States A Million Dollars In Reparations

## The Reasons Reparations Are Needed For Black Americans

By Rashawn Ray

Governance Studies

By Andre M. Perry

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Central to the idea of the American Dream lies an assumption that we all have an equal opportunity to generate the kind of wealth that brings meaning to the words "life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness," boldly penned in the Declaration of Independence. The American Dream portends that with hard work, a person can own a home, start a business, and grow a nest egg for generations to draw upon. This belief, however, has been defied repeatedly by the United States government's own decrees that denied wealth-building opportunities to Black Americans.

Today, the average white family has roughly 10 times the amount of wealth as the average Black family. White college graduates have over seven times more wealth than Black college graduates. Making the American Dream an equitable reality demands the same U.S. government that denied wealth to Blacks restore that deferred wealth through reparations to their descendants in the form of individual cash payments in the amount that will close the Black-white racial wealth divide. Additionally, reparations should come in the form of wealth-building opportunities that address racial disparities in education, housing, and business ownership.

In 1860, over \$3 billion was the value assigned to the physical bodies of enslaved Black Americans to be used as free labor and production. This was more money than was invested in factories and railroads combined. In 1861, the value placed on cotton produced by enslaved Blacks was \$250 million. Slavery enriched white slave owners and their descendants, and it fueled the country's economy while suppressing wealth building for the enslaved. The United States has yet to compensate descendants of enslaved Black Americans for their labor. Nor has the federal government atoned for the lost equity from anti-Black housing, transportation, and business policy. Slavery, Jim Crow segregation, anti-Black practices like redlining, and other discriminatory public policies in criminal justice and education

have robbed Black Americans of the opportunities to build wealth (defined as assets minus debt) afforded to their white peers.

Bootstrapping isn't going to erase racial wealth divides. As economists William "Sandy" Darity and Darrick Hamilton point out in their 2018 report, *What We Get Wrong About Closing the Wealth Gap*, "Blacks cannot close the racial wealth gap by changing their individual behavior - i.e. by assuming more 'personal responsibility' or acquiring the portfolio management insights associated with [financial] literacy." In fact, white high school dropouts have more wealth than Black college graduates. Moreover, the racial wealth gap did not result from a lack of labor. Rather, it came from a lack of financial capital.

Not only do racial wealth disparities reveal fallacies in the American Dream, the financial and social consequences are significant and wide-ranging. Wealth is positively correlated with better health, educational, and economic outcomes. Furthermore, assets from homes, stocks, bonds, and retirement savings provide a financial safety net for the inevitable shocks to the economy and personal finances that happen throughout a person's lifespan.

Recessions impact everyone, but wealth is distributed quite unevenly in the U.S. The woeful inadequacy of a government-sponsored safety net was made apparent in the wake of economic disasters like the 2008 housing crisis and natural ones like Hurricane Katrina in 2005. Those who can draw upon the equity in a home, savings, and securities are able to recover faster after economic downturns than those without wealth. The lack of a social safety net and the racial wealth divide are currently on display amid the COVID-19 crisis. Disparities in access to health care along with inequities in economic policies combine to make Black people more vulnerable to negative consequences than white individuals.

Below, we provide a history of reparations in the United States, missed opportunities to redress the racial wealth gap, and specific details of a viable reparations package for Black Americans.

History of reparations in the United States

Reparations—a system of redress for egregious injustices—

are not foreign to the United States. Native Americans have received land and billions of dollars for various benefits and programs for being forcibly exiled from their native lands. For Japanese Americans, \$1.5 billion was paid to those who were interned during World War II. Additionally, the United States, via the Marshall Plan, helped to ensure that Jews received reparations for the Holocaust, including making various investments over time. In 1952, West Germany agreed to pay 3.45 billion Deutsche Marks to Holocaust survivors.

Black Americans are the only group that has not received reparations for state-sanctioned racial discrimination, while slavery afforded some white families the ability to accrue tremendous wealth. And, we must note that American slavery was particularly brutal. About 15 percent of the enslaved shipped from Western Africa died during transport. The enslaved were regularly beaten and lynched for frivolous infractions. Slavery also disrupted families as one in three marriages were split up and one in five children were separated from their parents. The case for reparations can be made on economic, social, and moral grounds. The United States had multiple opportunities to atone for slavery—each a missed chance to make the American Dream a reality—but has yet to undertake significant action.

Missed policy opportunities to atone for slavery with reparations

40 Acres and a Mule  
The first major opportunity that the United States had and where it should have atoned for slavery was right after the Civil War. Union leaders including General William Sherman concluded that each Black family should receive 40 acres. Sherman signed Field Order 15 and allocated 400,000 acres of confiscated Confederate land to Black families. Additionally, some families were to receive mules left over from the war, hence 40 acres and a mule.

Yet, after President Abraham Lincoln's assassination, President Andrew Johnson reversed Field Order 15 and returned land back to former slave owners. Instead of giving Blacks the means to support themselves, the

(See **REPARATIONS**, P. 2)

# Reparations — CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

federal government empowered former enslavers. For example, in Washington D.C., slave owners were actually paid reparations for lost property—the formally enslaved. This practice was also common in nearby states. Many Black Americans with limited work options returned as sharecroppers to till the same land for the very slave owners to whom they were once enslaved. Slave owners not only made money off the chattel enslavement of Black Americans, but they then made money multiple times over off the land that the formerly enslaved had no choice but to work.

**The New Deal**  
There's never a bad time to do what's morally right, but the United States has had prime opportunities to atone for slavery. In the 1930s, the United States was reeling from the 1929 stock market crash and was firmly engulfed in the Great Depression. The Franklin Roosevelt administration implemented a series of policies as part of his New Deal legislation, estimated to cost roughly \$50 billion then, to catapult the country out of depression. Current estimates price the New Deal at about \$50 trillion.

Two particular policies of the New Deal fell short in redressing American's racial wrongs—the G.I. Bill and Social Security. Though white and Black Americans fought in WWII, Black veterans could not redeem their post-war benefits like their white peers. While the G.I. Bill was mandated federally, it was implemented locally. The presence of racial housing covenants and redlining among local municipalities prohibited Blacks from utilizing federal benefits. White soldiers were afforded the opportunity to build wealth by sending themselves and their children to college and by obtaining housing and small business grants.

Regarding Social Security, two key professions that would have improved equity in America were excluded from the legislation—domestic and farm workers. These omissions effectively excluded 60 percent of Blacks across the U.S. and 75 percent in southern states who worked in these occupations. Roosevelt bargained these exclusionary provisions in the legislation on the backs of Black veterans and workers in order to propel mostly white America out of the Great Depression.

There are other policies and practices that contributed to racial wealth gap. Government-sanctioned discrimination related to the 1862 Homestead Act, redlining, restrictive covenants, and

convict leasing blocked Blacks from the ability to gain wealth at similar rates as whites. Separate from slavery, damages should be awarded to Black people who were harmed by these policies and practices.

Reparations for slavery and anti-Black policies

We know the monetary value that was placed on enslaved Blacks and the productivity of their labor, as well as the amount of the racial wealth gap. We've seen other groups receive restitutions while the federal government pulled back reparations for Black Americans. Accordingly, if we want to close the racial wealth gap and live up to our moral creed to protect "life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness," a federal reparations package for Black Americans is in order. This package should include individual and collective public benefits that simultaneously builds wealth and eliminates debt among Black citizens. We assert that it should be similar to the Harriet Tubman Community Investment Act, which was recently heard before the Maryland General Assembly where Ray testified on its behalf. The Harriet Tubman Community Investment Act aims to atone for slavery and its legacy by addressing education, homeownership, and business ownership barriers.

Individual payments for descendants of enslaved Black Americans

The U.S. government owes lost wages as well as damages to the people it helped enslave. In addition to the lost wages, the accumulative amount of restitution for individuals should eliminate the racial wealth gap that currently exists. According to the Federal Reserve's most recent numbers in 2016, based on the Survey of Consumer Finances, white families had the highest median family wealth at \$171,000, compared to Black and Hispanic families, which had \$17,600 and \$20,700, respectively.

College tuition to 4-year or 2-year colleges and universities for descendants of enslaved Black Americans

People should be able to use the tuition remission to obtain a bachelor's degree or an associate's/vocational or technical degree. Tuition should be available for public or private universities. Considering the racial gap in the ability to obtain degrees at private schools, this part of the package will further help to reduce racial disparities by affording more social network access and opportunity structures.

Down payment grants and housing revitalization grants for descendants of enslaved Black Amer-

icans  
Down payment grants will provide Black Americans with some initial equity in their homes relative to mortgage insurance loans. Housing revitalization grants will help Black Americans to refurbish existing homes in neighborhoods that have been neglected due to a lack of government and corporate investments in predominately Black communities. Given recent settlements for predatory lending, low and fixed interest rates as well as property tax caps in areas in which housing prices are significantly devalued should be part of the package. After accounting for factors such as housing quality, neighborhood quality, education, and crime, owner-occupied homes in Black neighborhoods are undervalued by \$48,000 per home on average, amounting to a whopping \$156 billion that homeowners would have received if their homes were priced at market rates, according to Brookings research.

As gentrification occurs, Blacks are typically priced out of neighborhoods they helped to maintain, while the historical and current remnants of redlining and restrictive covenants inhibited investments. Some Black Americans are being forced from their family home of decades because of tax increases as neighborhoods are gentrified. This is an important point because some 2020 Democratic presidential candidates aimed to redress the racial wealth gap by focusing on historically redlined districts. Perry's research shows that these policies fall short of capturing a large segment of Black Americans.

Who should receive reparations?

One key question after deciding what a reparations package should include is who should qualify. In short, a Black person who can trace their heritage to people enslaved in U.S. states and territories should be eligible for financial compensation for slavery. Meanwhile, Black people who can show how they were excluded from various policies after emancipation should seek separate damages. For instance, a person like Senator Cory Booker whose parents are descendants of slaves would qualify for slavery reparations whereas Senator Kamala Harris (Jamaican immigrant father and Indian immigrant mother) and President Barack Obama (Kenyan immigrant father and white mother) may seek redress for housing and/or education segregation. Sasha and Malia Obama (whose mother is Michelle Robinson Obama, a descendant of enslaved Africans) would qualify.



## IT'S VIRTUAL AGAIN THIS YEAR

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Lea Funeral Home Chapel

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## NC Panel Takes Step Advancing Teacher License, Pay Changes

RALEIGH, N.C. (AP) — A North Carolina state commission agreed on last Thursday to move forward with efforts to change how teachers are licensed and paid.

In a close vote, members of the Professional Educator Preparation and Standards Commission voted to back a summary of licensure and compensation goals to pass along to the State Board of Education.

The commission also wants the state board to give it the go ahead to suggest more detailed changes and to explain what laws and policies would be affected by such a proposal, The News & Observer

of Raleigh reported.

The commission already has been refining a licensure and pay plan that ultimately would need buy-in from the board and funding and law changes from the General Assembly to be carried out.

In that draft plan, the state would switch from a pay system for licensed teachers largely based on experience to one based on different types of licenses. Teachers could move to more advanced licenses -- and commensurate pay increases -- by proving their effectiveness through student test scores, principal reviews or student surveys among

other tools.

The current base salary teacher schedule ranges from \$37,000 to \$54,000. Authors of the multi-tiered license system envision salaries from \$30,000 for apprentice teachers to a minimum of \$56,000 for "expert teachers." The proposal also would seek 1% annual experience raises; annual stipends of \$5,000 or \$10,000 for advanced teachers taking on additional duties; and the full restoration of higher pay for teachers with master's degrees.

Supporters of the changes say they're needed to improve student learning and recruit more teachers.

The North Carolina Association of Educators is among those critical of the proposal, saying it doesn't reflect what teachers do and will actually lead them to quit the profession.

The commission voted 9-7 to support the "Blueprint for Action," which also calls on efforts to secure funding for the new compensation model. The vote was tied until two members previously attending the online meeting returned to cast votes. The State Board of Education next meets on Nov. 30 and Dec. 1.

Scott Elliott, a commission member and superintendent of Watauga County Schools, voted no. "I am concerned about this becoming a model that relies too heavily on standardized tests as an outcome measure of effectiveness," he said during the meeting.

Another member, elected state schools Superintendent Catherine Truitt, discouraged the idea of delaying a vote on the blueprint by another month, saying she didn't want the General Assembly to move ahead on the issue in the 2023 session without the panel.

"It is crucial that we get this right, and I have absolutely no doubt in my mind that we are on the right path to do so," Truitt said.



### NCDOT PROJECT UPDATE REGARDING THE S-LINE TRANSIT-ORIENTED DEVELOPMENT STUDY



**RALEIGH** — The N.C. Department of Transportation's Integrated Mobility Division with local community leadership are preparing for transit in the region. The public is invited to attend community pop-up meetings from the S-Line Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) Study team regarding the proposed vision for each community. The S-Line TOD Study team and local stakeholders will provide a summary of each community's vision that was created through the course of the study. Following this engagement, the vision will be refined and the final S-Line TOD Plan for each community will be delivered in early 2023.

The community pop-up meeting dates for each community are listed:

Community	Address	Date	Time
Norlina	Rachel's Whistlestop Cafe 123 Hyco Street	<b>Dec. 2nd</b>	11-1 p.m.
Raleigh	First Friday at Moore Square 201 South Blount Street	<b>Dec. 2nd</b>	5-9 p.m.
Henderson	Sadie's Coffee Corner at the Henderson Christmas Parade 324 South Garnett Street	<b>Dec. 3rd</b>	3-5 p.m.
Wake Forest	Holiday Artisans Market 405 Brooks Street	<b>Dec. 3rd</b>	10-2 p.m.
Sanford	Downtown Sanford Train & Tree Lighting at Depot Park 106 Charlotte Avenue	<b>Dec. 4th</b>	3-6 p.m.
Apex	Downtown Design Project's Open House Apex Senior Center (63 Hunter Street)	<b>Dec. 6th</b>	5-7 p.m.
Franklinton	Fridays on Front Street South Front Street	<b>Dec. 16th</b>	7-9 p.m.

The NCDOT has developed a S-Line TOD Study website to provide you with the following information:

- An overview of the project
- The proposed project map
- Deliverables and other project materials

For further project information, please visit: <https://www.ncdot.gov/divisions/integrated-mobility/innovation/s-line-study/Pages/default.aspx>

The public can view the project materials by accessing the public webpage shown above. For questions on the S-Line TOD Study, please email [SlintODstudy@kittelson.com](mailto:SlintODstudy@kittelson.com).

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

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

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# Business & Finance

## Tracy K Leads Cummins HBCU Program

Tracy never saw herself as a "career woman." At 18, she joined corporate America working a filing job — the beginning of a 10-year stint working in finance for the manufacturing industry.

However, when her mother opened a restaurant, Tracy packed up her things and moved to Tennessee, where she used her experience in accounting to help her mother set up the restaurant's bookkeeping.

While working alongside her mother to open the restaurant, Tracy knew she needed a temporary job to keep her afloat until she figured out her next move. She landed a two-week assignment at Cummins and fell in love with the company's culture. Tracy quickly realized she wanted to stay longer than two weeks and, for Cummins, the feeling was mutual. Two years into her journey at Cummins, Tracy began working in recruitment where she nurtured a love for recruiting diverse talent and delivering top-notch employee experiences to underrepresented communities. Now, 22 years later, she couldn't be happier to celebrate her career with Cummins.

It's the way Cummins embraces diversity in the fact that they have strong messaging to support the education of and resource groups available to every employee," says Tracy when asked what made the company the right place to start her career. "It's also how you feel daily when you interact with your colleagues. There's this underlying community based on everyone embracing and uplifting that element of diversity and inclusion."

Tracy's work ethic propelled her upward through Cummins' ranks, with new opportunities coming to her naturally. Every time one came along that sounded fun and challenging, she never hesitated to take it on.

When leadership came to Tracy and asked if she would be interested in leading the company's Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCU) Program, she immediately said yes. While she didn't attend an HBCU herself, Tracy's daughter received her master's degree from Tennessee State University, giving her first-hand knowledge of the power and value of partnering with these institutions.

Working with HBCU is nothing new at Cummins. However, the new HBCU initiative helmed by Tracy seeks to transform the company's partnerships and usher in a new way of engaging younger talent.



"One of the most unique things about HBCUs is the family and community element," says Tracy. "There are a lot of companies trying to get in with HBCUs, but we've already been there. We're already partners of theirs, so having this dedicated program allows us to be intentional about those relationships."

Tracy provides students with resources beyond the classroom and scholarships. She does her best to provide a safe space for students to seek guidance, and solutions for things like housing or even receive motherly advice on how to overcome homesickness.

Tracy and her team of volunteers take a multi-faceted approach to expand upon the work the campus recruitment teams are doing. One of their efforts is the Intern Program. Tracy seeks to bolster the intern experience for her cohorts of HBCU students by offering professional opportunities and social activities that allow the students to network with each other and learn about the industry. She wants them to develop personally, not just professionally. To facilitate this, Tracy provides what she calls Safe Space Sessions twice a month. These can range from motivational guest speakers to mental health meditation sessions.

During one all-intern visit to Cummins' Columbus, Indiana, campus, Tracy decided to organize professional headshots for the members of her HBCU cohort. She recalls fondly how one first-generation student told her excitedly about how he bought a suit for the first time ever so he could "look the part" for this photo. "That moment made

me realize that, yes, this program matters to me and matters to Cummins as a whole," says Tracy. "That's the real value of investing in programs like this."

But Tracy's work doesn't end with internships. The HBCU Program also aims to ease the transition for new Cummins employees who are fresh out of college and are still in the early stages of their careers.

"We want to make sure we're providing an environment where they can thrive, not just survive," says Tracy. "By having this program, we can take a more holistic approach to our work by bringing together those elements of community, development and retention."

Tracy puts these ideas into action by pairing new HBCU hires with another HBCU graduate that works at Cummins to help them adjust and settle into their new work environment. These mentors don't just focus on success at work, though — they also help new hires with the more personal aspects of the transition.

"Some new employees come from environments that are entirely different from the corporate world and require a different approach to engagement so that any barriers to success are removed," states Tracy. "So, we're not just showing them how to do their job. We're also helping them figure out how you move from a major city to a small town in some cases."

Tracy's approach has proven successful. Since developing the program, Cummins has seen a 38% increase in the recruitment of HBCU students. Not only that, but Tracy has also grown her team of volunteers to 90 in just one year. She attributes this

growth to intentionality, saying, "I take the time to learn what their goals are so I can identify roles and responsibilities that are connected to their passions. As a result, we have people who are truly engaged because they want to be."

The volunteers, she says, are often as impacted by the experience as the students. One guest speaker who presented to students reached out to Tracy after the session to thank her and say, "You made me feel so special," to which Tracy replied, "You are special. You are a North Star providing representation for these students."

This effort to foster an environment of inclusion where every student, employee and volunteer feels heard sits at the heart of Tracy's approach to work. "You have to listen and work as a team and collaborate," she says. "It's not about Tracy being right. It's about us getting it right."

Tracy's enthusiasm for diverse experiences and tackling new challenges extends outside of Cummins, where she spends her free time cooking and traveling. Her travel bug has taken her to almost all 50 states. She hopes to soon visit the mountains, jungles and seas of Peru. There, she will no doubt make an impact, because even on vacation, Tracy dedicates time to volunteering and outreach. On a recent trip to Jamaica, she organized a community event to provide food and school supplies for the locals.

Professionally, her biggest hope for the HBCU Program is to one day not need an HBCU Program. Instead, her work strives to weave diversity and inclusion even deeper into the Cummins fabric.

## FUNDraising Good Times

By Mel & Pearl Shaw Saad & Shaw



### TEACHABLE MOMENT FOR OUR YOUTH

It's a joyous time to give and receive—and to teach! With our holiday giving we have a moment to teach our children the power and value of our local and national nonprofits.

As we prepare gifts for our friends and family members we reflect on our relationships and how we value the people in our lives. We may not see a family member on a regular basis, but that doesn't mean we don't care about them. A gift, card, text, email or phone call is a way to reach across the miles to let them know we care. We can plan visits together for the end of the year, or the year that's coming. The same can be true for how we reach out to the nonprofits we believe in.

We recently wrote about this being the time to reach out and let the nonprofits we believe in know that we care. It is also the time to think about introducing the younger people in our lives to these nonprofits. It doesn't matter how old you are—there are always people younger than you! And that means there are people we can share our beliefs with. Think about it this way: you can craft a personal invitation to a younger person in your life, inviting them to join you for a few hours (or a day) volunteering with a nonprofit you support. It could also be a nonprofit you would like to get to know better; one that is aligned with your values. This happens all the time during the last months of the year when families volunteer together to serve meals to those who are hungry, or distribute socks, gloves, and sanitary items to those who are living without a place to call home. You can extend this giving by inviting the younger people in your life to join you in volunteering at a nonprofit during the first few months of the year.

As a society we invest in exposing young people to careers in science, technology, arts, engineering, and mathematics. We want them to experience different forms of music; visit neighboring cities; and attend city council meetings. We want them to participate in a team sport. But sometimes we forget to expose the next generation to the power of local and national nonprofits, the role they play in our individual and collective lives, and the job opportunities available in the nonprofit and philanthropic sectors. The gift of an introduction to a nonprofit can propel a young person into a life of service and/or giving.

For nonprofits, now is the time to plan for how to welcome young people as volunteers within your organization. Consider a weekend breakfast or luncheon for girls, boys, teens, and young adults that shares the work of your nonprofit, its impact, and ways that they can become involved. Follow that with workshops, and orientation or training sessions throughout the year. Roll out the carpet for the next generation. They are worth it.

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## SC Food Processor To Build NC Facility

LAURINBURG, N.C. (AP) — A South Carolina-based food processor known for supplying U.S. military combat rations will build a facility in North Carolina, creating 440 jobs in a county with one of the state's highest jobless rates.

SO-PAK-CO Inc. and Gov. Roy Cooper announced on Tuesday the company's \$85 million investment in a new processing and packing operation in Laurinburg.

The new positions, which include managers, operators and administrative personnel, will have an average salary of more than \$45,000, which is above the countywide average in Scotland County of \$40,894, according to a news release from Cooper's office.

Scotland County's 7.7% unemployment rate for August, as reported by the state Commerce Department, was the second highest among the 100 North Carolina counties.

SO-PAK-CO, based in Mullins, South Carolina, could receive \$4.6 million in payments from the state over 12 years if it meets investment and job-creation thresholds. A state economic incentives panel approved the Job Development Investment Grant on Tuesday.

SO-PAK-CO is a leading company in producing shelf-stable, ready-to-eat meals. It provides food-processing services to federal, state and local agencies as well as commercial retail customers, Cooper's news release said.

## Bridgestone Issues Voluntary Recall

Bridgestone Americas and Bridgestone Canada (Bridgestone) are collectively issuing a voluntary recall on 12,615 tires that may have sustained bead damage due to a warehouse depalletizer during the shipping process. Bridgestone estimates less than 1% of recalled tires are affected, but the company is expanding the number of tires in scope as part of its longstanding commitment to quality, safety and customer satisfaction. The impacted tires were shipped from the company's passenger tire plant in Wilson, North Carolina between July 22, 2022, and August 8, 2022, and include the following tire products/brands:

2022 Toyota Tacoma OE Fitment - 5,251 tires  
Firestone Destination LE2 tires in size 265/65R17 110S  
Plant ID: W2  
Size Code: AH  
Optional Code: DE3  
Beginning Date Code: 2522  
Ending Date Code: 2622

2022 Toyota Highlander OE Fitment - 6,505 tires  
Bridgestone ALENZA Sport A/S tires in size 235/55R20 102V  
Plant ID: 1W2  
Size Code: 8A  
Optional Code: ALA1  
Beginning Date Code: 2422  
Ending Date Code: 2722

2022 Acura TLX OE Fitment -

859 tires  
Bridgestone Turanza EL440 tires in size 235/50R18 97V  
Plant ID: 1W2  
Size Code: 1P  
Optional Code: JB21  
Beginning Date Code: 2521  
Ending Date Code: 2621

Bridgestone is not aware of any accidents or injuries involving tires related to this recall.

Bridgestone recently discovered that a small quantity of tires were damaged when a tire handling machine malfunctioned at Bridgestone's Wilson, NC warehouse. Specifically, a protective plastic "shoe," at the base of a robotic arm used to unstack tires, rotated out of position. This exposed a sharp edge on the robotic arm to the inside of the tires. The bead areas of certain tires were cut by this edge during the unstacking process. Should the bead damage go undetected, air and moisture could migrate within the tire and affect the tire belts or bead wires. If left unaddressed, this damage could cause rapid air loss, potentially leading to the loss of vehicular control and an increased risk of a crash.

Tires included in this recall were supplied exclusively to Acura vehicles sold in the U.S., and Toyota vehicles sold in the U.S. and Canada.

## Pancakes & Foster Parenting Make Dreams

By Terrence K. Williams

Living the American Dream for me began the day I was adopted in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. After spending 15 years of my young life in the foster care system, God answered my prayer and sent me a loving, caring, supportive family to adopt me.

Ronald Reagan, the father of an adopted son, Michael Reagan, was the first President of the United States to nationally recognize adoptions by proclaiming November 19-25, 1984 as National Adoption Week. Today, the month of November is recognized as National Adoption Month, to raise awareness and show support for adoptions.

People often ask me how I am always smiling and laughing as an actor and comedian. The best way to articulate that is found in the lyrics of the song entitled "Smile" --- made famous by legendary actor, Charlie Chaplin which says:

"Smile, though your heart is aching  
Smile, even though it's breaking  
When there are clouds in the sky  
You'll get by  
If you smile through your fear and sorrow  
Smile and maybe tomorrow  
You'll see the sun come shining through  
for you  
Light up your face with gladness  
Hide every trace of sadness  
Although a tear may be ever so near  
That's the time you must keep on trying  
Smile what's the use of crying  
You'll find that life is still worthwhile  
If you'll just  
Smile."

While we should applaud the selflessness of foster parents, the foster care system is not always the greatest, and for

me there was a lot of tears, but I also had faith in God, big dreams, and the ability to smile, and help others laugh and smile during those difficult times of feeling abandoned.

Having more than 400,000 children in the foster care system in America, is no laughing matter, each of those children have value, they deserve love, support and deserve the opportunity to be raised in the stability of a home with parents who want to care for them.

Having a family and creating traditions and positive memories are important for children. As a young child, seeing my mom and dad laughing with my siblings and grandma making buttery pancakes with warm syrup on Sunday mornings---singing and telling jokes---sharing stories was just that---a dream.

In 2021, a dream came true for me when I started my own company called Cousin T's, selling pancakes! One of the reasons I wanted my main product to be a line of easy to make pancake mixes is because I would always dream about having big family gatherings around the kitchen table eating pancakes.

I know parents are busy trying to make ends meet, working multiple jobs, getting their children around to extracurricular activities, and helping them with homework, while trying to have moment for themselves, it is hard to prioritize family time, let alone eating meals together. But it is important. My suggestion is to start the day off together, with breakfast at least once a week as a family.

Hopefully more Americans

will be inspired to find ways of supporting and raising awareness about the need for supporting adoptions not just here in Texas where I live, but nationwide.

All November long, a portion of all proceeds from the products purchased online from Cousin T's will go to an adoption charity. I have been blessed and want to give back and continue to be an advocate for adoptions in honor of National Adoption Month 2022.

While I happen to be pro-life, lost in the post-Roe v. Wade political conversation is the fact that we are talking about real people---loving mothers, fathers, and children, all impacted by the choices that are made. Life is a gift from God, and we should protect it in and out of the womb.

Adoptions are one way to support children outside of the womb. Adoption centers, foster parents and organization dedicated to helping children and adults become parents through adoption need all the support you can give.

I was one of those kids in foster care with dreams and aspirations praying for a family to adopt me. My life changed when my adoptive parents took me in setting me on a course that led me to where I am today, as a successful actor, comedian, author, and entrepreneur---I mean I went from the foster house to speaking at the White House!

The next time you sit down for breakfast, think about me, Cousin T, and all the children that would love to have that simple experience of making memories over a pancake breakfast, we often take for granted.

If you have room at your table, in your heart and in your home for one more, consider adoption. This Thanksgiving, I am grateful for the gift of adoption.



TERRENCE K WILLIAMS

# First VinFast EVs Set Sail For US With Facility In NC

MOTORAUTHORITY—The VinFast VF 8 has set sail from Vietnam for U.S. shores, the Vietnamese automaker announced late last week. The first shipment of 999 models of the VF 8 mid-size electric SUV is due to reach a port in California in December and will be delivered to customers before the year is out, VinFast said.

VinFast's inroads to the U.S. market have been remarkably fast. It was only in 2018 that VinFast unveiled its first model, but less than five years later the company has already made the switch to electric vehicles and the VF 8 arrives in the U.S. at a time of surging interest for electric crossover SUVs. More VinFast models will follow.

The 999 VF 8s are the first batch of more than 65,000 orders from customers outside of Vietnam. Exports to other markets, including Canada and Europe, are scheduled to begin in early 2023, VinFast said.

That's also when VinFast will start exports of its full-size VF 9 electric SUV.

The VF 8 is priced from \$42,200 and the VF 9 from \$57,500, when ordered with a battery subscription. In this case, buyers will have to sign up for a monthly subscription lasting the life of the vehicle, which is \$169 for the VF 8 and \$219 for the VF 9. Buyers can also choose to buy the vehicles with the battery cost included, in which case the VF 8 is priced from \$57,000 and the VF 9 from \$76,000.

Both vehicles offer up to 402 hp, all-wheel drive, a range approaching 300 miles or more, and a 10-year/125,000-mile warranty.

Beyond the VF 8 and VF 9, VinFast plans to add smaller VF 5, VF 6, and VF 7 crossovers. All five vehicles were presented together for the first time during the 2022 Consumer Electronics Show in January.

VinFast's main plant is located in Hai Phong, Vietnam, though the company in March announced plans for a plant in Chatham County, North Carolina. The U.S. plant, which is scheduled to come online in 2024 with an initial annual capacity of 150,000 vehicles, will be used for both vehicle and battery production. The first vehicles will be the VF 8 and VF 9, and the local production will garner tax credits.

Unlike other new companies promising to bring EVs to the market, VinFast has deep pockets. It's part of Vietnamese conglomerate Vingroup, which specializes in construction and real estate development but is also involved in agriculture, healthcare, retail, tourism and numerous other sectors. Vingroup founder Pham Nhat Vuong pledged \$2 billion of his own fortune to see VinFast become a globally recognized company.



# The Nonprofit Organization P.O.O.F Is Planning For The Future

By Tyria McCray

Staff Writer

A Durham nonprofit organization called P.O.O.F., a double acronym: Planning Our Own Funeral/Planning Our Own Future is creating a safe space for young people ages 13-18 to become entrepreneurs.

Each Monday through Friday from 4:30 p.m. to 8 p.m., about 15-20 teens are able to learn entrepreneurship trades and event planning skills and pathways.

Pathways such as graphic design, balloon design, cell phone repair, social media marketing, vending machine ownership, website design, tee-shirt design, and photo booth and management are included.

POOF is a place where the general public can donate goods and buy items for a discount price

support teens while they perfect their skills. The center will be fully operated by teens in 2023.

Owner Destiny Alexander sat down with *The Carolinian* on why she opened this business and her plans moving forward.

"I had my son when I was 20 years old, his father was sentenced to prison when I was eight months pregnant," Alexander said. "Right then, I knew at that time my son had two things against him: He was Black and his father was in prison. I knew I had to make some changes and I knew I had to put certain things in front of him so he wouldn't be the stereotypical Black guy."

Just those two things pushed Alexander to open P.O.O.F. She wanted to make sure that teens now had a chance of thriving in life. She shared that she wanted to give back to people within the commu-

nity who had circumstances like hers.

Before opening the center, she worked in housing in low-income areas which led her to see firsthand what families were going through.

Seeing those families ultimately helped her focus and address what the teens were dealing with. Surprisingly, the teens opened up, slowly but surely on what they were dealing with. Once things were underway, teens were able to give some feedback which mainly focused on structure.

"We have learned that structure is important. Instead of saying camp, we call ourselves a lounge because teens do not like to say camp. We made it feel like they were at home, on their couch relaxing until it was time to go out and volunteer. More feedback included opening up more pathways

and programs."

Parents and local residents in the area shared that they have seen more of a greater need now than ever when speaking about making a change for our youth. There is a need because we see it on the news every day and if not on the news, we see it in our everyday life.

"Something is happening without kids every day. When I was coming up, it was more of the middle and high school age, but now it has even trickled down to elementary. So yes, the need is greater now the students need more guidance now than ever."

Throughout the afterschool program, teens follow a specific curriculum. The first hour focuses on tutoring, the second hour is on financial literacy (students are able to choose which two days they want to focus on that), and the last

hour is the pathway.

Overall, Destiny hopes that the teens walk away with an entrepreneurial mindset of understanding that financial literacy is important, obtaining life insurance is a necessity, as well as making sure they are equipped for life.

"I want them to walk away knowing that death is not tragic, we all have to die but I want them to see that if they understand what they want to leave behind, then

as I am living, I'll live that quality life."

The factors Alexander teaches the teens having a savings account, obtaining a passport, financial literacy, and life insurance. P.O.O.F. is open to all children from Durham, not just those labeled at-risk. It is at 1100 N. Miami Blvd in Suite 601 in the Village Shopping Center off Miami Boulevard. To learn more or donate, visit <https://www.poofcenter.com/>.



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# Health & Fitness

## What Is Inflammation, And How Does Our Body Fight It?

By Prakash & Mitzi Nagarkatti  
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When your body fights off an infection, you develop a fever. If you have arthritis, your joints will hurt. If a bee stings your hand, your hand will swell up and become stiff. These are all manifestations of inflammation occurring in the body.

We are two immunologists who study how the immune system reacts during infections, vaccination and autoimmune diseases where the body starts attacking itself.

While inflammation is commonly associated with the pain of an injury or the many diseases it can cause, it is an important part of the normal immune response. The problems arise when this normally helpful function overreacts or overstays its welcome.

### WHAT IS INFLAMMATION?

Generally speaking, the term inflammation refers to all activities of the immune system that occur where the body is trying to fight off potential or real infections, clear toxic molecules or recover from physical injury. There are five classic physical signs of acute inflammation: heat, pain, redness, swelling and loss of function. Low-grade inflammation might not even produce noticeable symptoms, but the underlying cellular process is the same.

Take a bee sting, for example. The immune system is like a

military unit with a wide range of tools in its arsenal. After sensing the toxins, bacteria and physical damage from the sting, the immune system deploys various types of immune cells to the site of the sting. These include T cells, B cells, macrophages and neutrophils, among other cells.

The B cells produce antibodies. Those antibodies can kill any bacteria in the wound and neutralize toxins from the sting. Macrophages and neutrophils engulf bacteria and destroy them. T cells don't produce antibodies, but kill any virus-infected cell to prevent viral spread.

Additionally, these immune cells produce hundreds of types of molecules called cytokines – otherwise known as mediators – that help fight threats and repair harm to the body. But just like in a military attack, inflammation comes with collateral damage.

The mediators that help kill bacteria also kill some healthy cells. Other similar mediating molecules cause blood vessels to leak, leading to accumulation of fluid and influx of more immune cells.

This collateral damage is the reason you develop swelling, redness and pain around a bee sting or after getting a flu shot. Once the immune system clears an infection or foreign invader – whether the toxin in a bee sting or a chemical from the environment – different parts of the inflammatory response take over



and help repair the damaged tissue.

After a few days, your body will neutralize the poison from the sting, eliminate any bacteria that got inside and heal any tissue that was harmed.

### INFLAMMATION AS A CAUSE OF DISEASE

Inflammation is a double-edged sword. It is critical for fighting

infections and repairing damaged tissue, but when inflammation occurs for the wrong reasons or becomes chronic, the damage it causes can be harmful.

Allergies, for example, develop when the immune system mistakenly recognizes innocuous substances – like peanuts or pollen – as dangerous. The harm can be minor, like itchy skin, or dan-

gerous if someone's throat closes up.

Chronic inflammation damages tissues over time and can lead to many noninfectious clinical disorders, including cardiovascular diseases, neurodegenerative disorders, obesity, diabetes and some types of cancers.

The immune system can sometimes mistake one's own organs

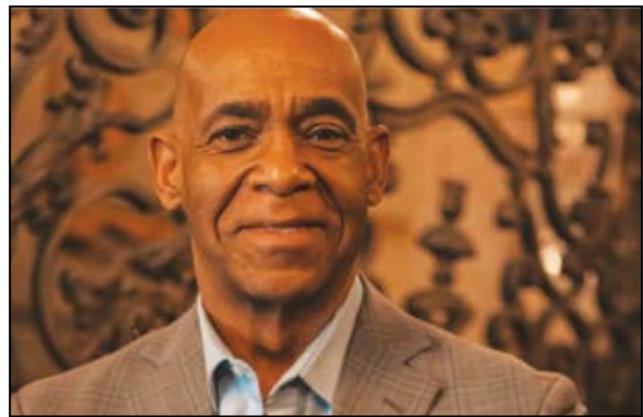
and tissues for invaders, leading to inflammation throughout the body or in specific areas. This self-targeted inflammation is what causes the symptoms of autoimmune diseases such as lupus and arthritis.

Another cause of chronic inflammation that researchers like us are currently studying is defects in the mechanisms that curtail inflammation after the body clears an infection.

While inflammation mostly plays out at a cellular level in the body, it is far from a simple mechanism that happens in isolation. Stress, diet and nutrition, as well as genetic and environmental factors, have all been shown to regulate inflammation in some way.

There is still a lot to be learned about what leads to harmful forms of inflammation, but a healthy diet and avoiding stress can go a long way toward helping maintain the delicate balance between a strong immune response and harmful chronic inflammation.

## Conversations About Cancer Screening Should Be Priority During This Holiday Season



By David Ford  
Two-time cancer survivor, Senior Government Relations Manager at Southern California Edison, and member of the American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network Board of Directors

The holidays are a time to gather with friends and family for food, fun, and great conversations. But imagine those conversations not going as planned and the joy of being with your loved ones overshadowed by someone sharing that they have cancer. You may not have been ready to have that discussion, yet it was happening. And you may not be prepared to talk about screenings with your loved ones, but it's necessary. As someone who has had two different cancers in my life, I cannot stress enough the importance of getting screened.

It was 2015 when I first heard those earth-shattering words, "it's cancer." I thought back to a conversation with my doctor just a few months earlier when they recommended a routine colonoscopy screening. Instead of getting it done right away, I kept putting it off. My life was busy. I had a family and was in the midst of a successful career. It just wasn't a priority for me, and all the while, I was unknowingly putting myself at risk. Then flash-forward to a critical moment with my doctor. It was too late; surgery was needed to treat my cancer.

If I'd gotten my colonoscopy, a screening for colon cancer, when it was recommended, it's possible that I could've avoided surgery, treatment, and the emotional toll I put on my family. Even though the treatments saved me, I had to learn the hard way not to take unnecessary risks with my life. So, three years later, when my doctor recommended screening for prostate cancer, I did not wait. I completed the screening immediately, and we were able to find and treat my second cancer at an early stage. Now, I am once again cancer free and sharing my story to help others understand why they should be getting screened.

According to the American Cancer Society, 1 in 2 men and 1 in 3 women will face a cancer diagnosis in their lifetime, yet the discussion of cancer screening remains taboo in our community. Now is the time to start having conversations about cancer screening and having it often. Be an example for your friends and family. It's okay to say, "Hey, as your buddy, I want us to be together 20 years from now. Make sure you're taking care of yourself. That includes going to the doctor and getting screened for cancer." It may be a tough conversation to have, but you may be the one that could make a lifesaving difference.

Cancer wasn't something I was prepared to factor into my life. But through my experience, I learned some tough lessons. It is important to listen to my doctor. I need to take the time to share with others, so they don't make the same mistake. It's necessary to go to the doctor on a timely basis. It's okay to have scary conversations about health with loved ones. And if a doctor recommends cancer screening, get screened.

Through my work with the American Cancer Society, I have seen that cancer doesn't discriminate. It's not just older people getting cancer, anyone can be at risk. This is the reason why it is so important for you to talk to a doctor about the type of health care and screening you may need. You can't play around with your life. It's more than just a cancer screening, it's a way to help ensure that we will be around for our families. The longer we are around, the more opportunities we have to live our dreams and to see our loved ones achieve their goals.

As we prepare to gather for the holidays, whether it's a large gathering or with immediate family, I encourage you to have a conversation with your loved ones about regular cancer screening. I hope that you take the steps yourself to schedule an appointment to get screened. If you need cancer screening recommendations, resources, as well as tips to start the conversation visit [cancer.org/get-screened](http://cancer.org/get-screened). A small discussion can make a lifesaving difference, so please don't wait.

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# Sports

## Baltimore Basketball Legend Comes Home To Unite The A-A & Jewish Communities

Tamir Goodman, a Baltimore basketball legend, announced that he will be hosting the Unity Basketball Clinic in his hometown on Sunday, December 4th at the Park Heights Jewish Community Center. The Unity Basketball Clinic will bring together members of Baltimore's African-American and Jewish communities. Four local high schools will be participating. In addition to Tamir, local professional athletes will help run the clinic, provide inspirational messages, and sign autographs.

In discussing why he is hosting this Unity Basketball Clinic, Tamir said, "I am deeply concerned about the rise in both racism and antisemitism in America and around the world. I graduated from a predominantly African-American High School where I was warmly welcomed as an observant, and Orthodox Jew. While playing basketball, my teammates and I loved and supported each other regardless of faith or color of our skin. I am a big believer that we can use sports, and in particular basketball, to unite people of different faiths and beliefs."

Tamir, attended Takoma Academy a Seventh-day Adventist high school, which is predominantly African-American, was recruited by the University of Maryland and played at Towson University. At Towson, Tamir roomed with a Muslim basketball player named Mohamed Fofana who is a dear friend to this day and will be assisting at the camp along with Coach Harold Katz of Yeshivat Mevor Chaim who has been coaching and mentoring basketball players in Baltimore for over 40 years.



Tamir added, "now that we are able to host in-person events again, it is extremely important for me to pay forward my blessed upbringing by uniting African-Americans and Jewish youth from my hometown. Hate is something that is taught but so is love and compassion. I am committed to doing everything I can to bring together these communities who unfortunately, experience intolerance and hate. We are stronger together."

Tamir Goodman, dubbed "The Jewish Jordan" by the media, captivated the public's attention with the intriguing combination of devout faith and basketball

prohess on the court. Tamir was a top-ranked high school recruit and went on to make history as the first Jewish athlete to play D-I college and professional basketball while wearing a yarmulke on the court, and without playing on the Jewish Sabbath. The media was there to document every twist and turn of Tamir's career with feature reports in The New York Times, The Washington Post, Sports Illustrated, and on ESPN, CNN, and Fox, among many others. Tamir has successfully brought three products to market including the Aviv Antimicrobial and Moisture Wicking Basketball Net and he currently

provides marketing, branding and product consulting services to leading sports-tech companies.

The camp is being powered by Fabric, a Los Angeles based technology company focused on the geospatial web. Fabric is on a mission to create a world where everyone belongs and focuses on sports because it's the number one industry that brings people together in real life. In addition, the Unity Basketball Clinic is supported by Project Max. Project Max is a joint initiative of Maccabi World Union and Sighteer, which seeks to use sports to combat racism, antisemitism, and intolerance. Project Max aims to build a movement whose goal is to fight racism, antisemitism, and intolerance through sports with advanced technology and the support of professional athletes. Project Max believes sports builds bridges among people and is the perfect vehicle to spread the values of inclusion and diversity.

Eric Rubin, Executive Director of Project Max said, "I can think of no one more qualified to lead the Unity Basketball Clinic than Tamir. Tamir has a tremendous heart and lives his life constantly trying to make the world a better, and more unified, place. For Tamir, this is his life's passion and mission. The African-American and Jewish communities could not ask for a better role model and advocate for mutual respect." He added, "some people talk about the need to repair the world, Tikkun Olam, and making the world a better place. Tamir just does it. We are blessed that Tamir is a leader in the fight against racism, antisemitism, and intolerance."



## Woods Withdraws From His Tourney

NASSAU, Bahamas (AP) — Tiger Woods was out before he was officially back, withdrawing Monday from his Hero World Challenge with plantar fasciitis in his right foot.

The Hero World Challenge was to be the start of a December in golf ruled by Woods, who also has a made-for-television match next weekend, followed by the PNC Championship with his 13-year-old son on Dec. 17-18.

Two of those are still on his schedule. The foot injury was a surprise and is a big setback for those who haven't seen Woods play since July at St. Andrews. The Hero World Challenge has network coverage on NBC for the weekend.

"In preparation and practice for this week's Hero World Challenge, I've developed plantar fasciitis in my right foot, which is making it difficult to walk," Woods said on Twitter. "After consulting with my doctors and trainers, I have decided to withdraw this week and focus on my hosting duties. My plan is still to compete in The Match and the PNC Championship."

The Match is Dec. 10 with Rory McIlroy as his partner competing in a 12-hole match against Jordan Spieth and Justin Thomas.

Woods has played only three tournaments this year because of a right leg weakened by a February 2021 car crash outside Los Angeles that shattered so many bones that Woods said doctors contemplated amputation.

A year ago in the Bahamas, he hit drivers on the back end of the range at Albany Golf Club, sparking speculation he might return. He played the PNC Championship with son Charlie and they finished second by one shot.

Woods then played the Masters, where he finished all four rounds at Augusta National, a tough walk with healthy legs. He made the cut in the PGA Championship at Southern Hills, only to withdraw after the third round.

His last appearance was the British Open at St. Andrews, where he missed the cut.

Woods has said he would have a limited schedule going forward, and this year was an example of what to expect. The World Challenge would have been one of the easier walks on the flat terrain of Albany.

The 20-man field features 15 of the top 20 players in the world. Woods was replaced by Austria-born Sepp Straka, who went to Georgia. Earlier, Hideki Matsuyama withdrew with injury and was replaced by Corey Connors.

Woods is No. 1,277 in the world ranking and is exempt as the tournament host. Being replaced by Straka (No. 29) means the entire 20-man field is among the top 33 in the ranking. The strength of field increases even as TV ratings are sure to take a hit.

## Arbitrator Will Referee Dr. J's Lawsuit

DOVER, Del. (AP) — A Delaware judge on Monday halted a lawsuit filed by basketball legend Julius Erving against a brand-development and marketing company, ruling that the dispute must go to arbitration.

The lawsuit by the Hall of Fame player known as "Dr. J" stems from a 2016 agreement to sell a majority interest in his trademark and other intellectual property to Authentic Brands Group LLC.

According to court records,

ABG and its controlling member and CEO, James Salter, promised to grow Erving's brand through new licensing agreements, promotional appearances, and other marketing opportunities.

The lawsuit, which was filed last year, alleges that ABG and Salter failed to devote adequate resources to grow the "Dr. J" brand and focused instead on more profitable brands.

Among specific allegations, the lawsuit argues that ABG

wrongfully diverted funds to itself to pay an unauthorized 30% management fee, and used the wrong metric to determine distribution amounts.

ABG filed a motion to dismiss the lawsuit, arguing that the operating agreement requires the parties to arbitrate the dispute.

In his ruling Monday, Vice Chancellor Nathan Cook agreed that, under a dispute resolution provision in the operating agreement, the court cannot exercise jurisdiction until the case is first

submitted to an arbitrator.

He also said that, under the Federal Arbitration Act, it was appropriate to halt the lawsuit, rather than dismiss it, pending a decision from the arbitrator.

If the arbitrator determines that the dispute is arbitrable, then the lawsuit will be dismissed for lack of Chancery Court jurisdiction. If the arbitrator determines that the dispute is not arbitrable, the parties may return to the court for further proceedings.

## Ag-Grow-Culture

## America Is Being Forced To Redevelop Localized Food Chains

By Jason Lindsay

Staff Writer

When we think about our food, most don't consider the miles our food has traveled to reach our plates. When staring down at a plate with veggies and a T-bone steak, most don't think about the grain or grass fed to the cow who's short lion (part of the cow which the T-bone is cut from) was sacrificed or the soil or fertilizers that was used to grow the vegetables. Yet, all of these things play a major role in fulling our plates whether we are meat lovers or vegan.

Once upon a time, it was easy for people to not be conscious of our food system and its inhuman nature. We were made comfortable under the spells of convenience. In less than a half a century, Americans went from starving to overweight all thanks to these spells. Not only have our food system delivered us a bill that taxes chronic disease at a rate never seen before, but today it has laid the people it serves in the unfortunate arms of vulnerability.

America's current food system is built on the blood shed of innocent people (as covered in previous articles) and so is the United States of America. The United States seem to be under this strange notion that you don't reap what you sew. Yet many of us know better. So, lets look at what the American current food system has sewn:

Starting with Fast Food and/or junk food: My mother ( who is in her early 60s) would tell us her childhood stories and how they remembered when "McDonalds" first rolled into town. She explained that my grandparents despised it and so did their peers. She told us how my grandmother would say "real food takes time."



And oh, how right she was. My mother expressed that before then the closest thing to fast food grew on trees, fruit trees and everybody had at least one in their yard.

Yet the more fast food restaurants showed up in town, and the more convenient stores featured junk food, the less fruits trees were domestically planted and cared for. These trees would only bloom in season and the fruit they produced carried exactly what our minds and bodies needed when we needed it. This was during the time where Big Mama would place the seed in her mouth just before planting in the dark earth beneath her. Many ancestors swore by this technique and today modern science is just catching up with "Big Mama Science."

Recent studies show that when a seed is place in someone's mouth that seed reads the DNA code of the individual's saliva then recodes its nutrient make up to best heal the person the seed

will be feeding. With food being out of the hands of the people, it is safe to say that the ability for the people to naturally heal themselves is also out of our hands too.

People and food have always been a connected relationship. This has only changed following the great depression. Yet, for the Black American culture, we were not just connected to our food, but food was used for us to connect.

Grandmama knew that her cooking could get all her living adult children under the same roof, the same day. Grandmama's cooking alone was enough to do it. Anytime someone in the family and/or community would die, after the funeral or as we once called it "home going service" we would have "Pass Over." Pass Over was when community and family members would cook at home and a bring a dish or two to the church after the home going serve and everyone came to pay their respects would eat together. This is because we knew

the power of food grown together, prepared in love by the culinary magicians of our community, and consumed in communion with one another.

But our current food system has placed synthetic chemicals and over sized equip in the place of the love, dignity, and respect once sewn in every crop planted by the hands our ancestors. They have turned our plates from platters of healing and rejuvenation to plates of stress both on the mind and body and chronic disease.

The food system's contribution of fast food and junk food also comes with a laundry list of side effects like: obesity, depression, digestive issues, stroke, heart disease, type 2 diabetes, cancer, along side shortening life expectancy rates (just to name a few).

Now countries like Mexico are constructing plans to ban GMO (genetically modified organics) crops for human consumption from their fields. This is a measure that has been taken by the

UN since the beginning of GMO seed. Yet, America and Canada threatens to burden Mexico with economic trouble if they move forward. Fast-food and junk food company use GMO crops the most. GMO corn is not popularly sold in the produce section as corn on the cob, more so like "Corn Flakes" or "Doritos." Even though GMO products are proven carcinogens, the United States not only dominantly funds GMO crop farming, but now won't even give space for other countries to make better decisions.

A fall away from the divinity of nature is a fall away from God's given grace. Now that our food system has almost completely fallen away from nature, we the people are witnessing the fall from grace. The wars of the world is dismantling our food system as we know it. Fertilizer prices have seen an increase in some places over 300 percent. Hurricanes, disease, and drought have swallowed large percentages of yields in both commodity crops ( cotton, corn, soy, etc.) and specialty crops (tomatoes, peppers, squash, mushroom, etc.).

United States GMO commodity crop exports are stalled in the ocean awaiting newly regenerated inspections and are weeks behind schedule, throwing market projections for the calendar year out the window. With trade wars effecting fertilizer prices, hurricanes laying waste to our coastal region, disease and drought seen at levels never witnessed before, wheat harvest is down 92,908 tons (Nov. 17), 192,252 tons lower from November of last year. Corn is down 196,718 tons (Nov. 24), 504,580 tons lighter than last year. Soybean yields are down 402,794 tons (Nov. 24), 236,693 tons lighter than this time last year. Even Sorghum ( crop mostly used in livestock feed and ethanol

production) is down 50,597 as of this week, 187,581 tons short of last year's marker. This drop in yield is not just being felt in the United States, but also in Russia (warfare), Brazil (drought), and Argentina (drought).

Unfortunately, these misfortunes are not just occurring in the GMO commodity crop industry, but in the organic sector as well. Because American organics are so underfunded, a mass amount of organic animal feed is not grown in American, yet comes out of Eastern Europe. With war now in Ukraine, shipments are not making it into American ports.

Recently a letter went out to the House and the Senate Appropriation and Agricultural Committee. This letter (National Disaster Relief Sign-on Letter) was composed by farmers and advocates request emergence assistance which was caused by the Russia Ukraine War.

The fact is that the United States has not invested in the people of America. The U.S. has sold our very capacity to feed ourselves. In the "trying to do better" of organics, the United States has not used the money of the people (tax dollars) to grant the people the ability to secure ourselves when the nation is in trouble. And now the nation is in trouble. And as it has always been, it is our responsibility to feed ourselves.

So, here is a glimmer of hope. No one can grow food more catered to your needs than you and those you hold true relationships with. For us to be delivered from the bondage of chronic disease, the food must be cultivated by the people for the people. The good news is together we are our greatest asset. Know this, as we watch our current failing food system do what it does best, fail.

# Community

## Sheriff Birkhead Is Reelected

Tyria McCray

Staff Writer

On Tuesday, November 8th, Durham County Sheriff Clarence Birkhead won re-election, defeating challenger Maria Jocys. It did not come as a surprise because his tenure speaks for itself. A native of Asheboro, N.C., Sheriff Birkhead received his B.A., in Criminal Justice from Shaw University and then his masters in Organizational Management from Pfeiffer University.

He began his career serving the citizens of Randolph County (NC) as a deputy sheriff. In 1988, he relocated to Durham where he joined the Duke University Public Safety Department, as a police officer. During that same year, appointed Chief of Police leading the Duke University Public Safety Department. During his time there, Birkhead spearheaded the operations responsible for all public safety functions across the east, west & central campuses, and the Duke University Hospital and medical center.

He went on to work at Duke, giving 17 years of service. Once that ended, Birkhead accepted the position as Chief of Police for the Town of Hillsborough, the county seat in neighboring Orange County, (N.C.), from 2005 to 2010. Fast forward to 2018, Birkhead won the primary election by 69% to 31%, in which he began sheriff. By November 6, 2018, Birkhead won the general election receiving 91.84% of the vote.

Since then, Durham County Sheriff's Office has immensely worked to increase transparency, engagement, and accountability in the office by creating a Sheriff's "Community Advisory Board."

The Carolinian had the pleasure of speaking with Sheriff Birkhead on his plans going forward. "Theres more work to do. I was very successful in my first term, we became a triple crown accredited agency that's only the third agency in the state of North Carolina. Our jail is accredited through the American jail association and our law enforcement side is accredited through (CALEA)



The Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies." Henceforth, the sheriff's office has launched MAT, the Medications Assistant program which houses those who need proper treatment and also reduces the recidivism rate.

"We also know that a significant number of our population ends up in jail because they are battling an addiction or mental health so, with all those things still out there, I absolutely had to run again because we have more work to do."

Birkhead's top three priorities to focus on this upcoming term is to first expand the medication and assistant treatment program. To get this program going, he is looking to hire a medical director in which he is seeking approval from the board of county commissioners to fund that position. Therefore once this resource becomes available, individuals who are battling opioid use can be treated and get back on the right path.

Secondly, adamantly addressing gun violence. Granted it's no secret that Durham has a gun violence problem but Birkhead says that more should and will be done. When he was elected in 2018, to tackle crime, he partnered with Orange, Alamance, and Guilford counties to have a regional approach to combating crime.

"There are members of Alamance county that come to Durham and commit crime. Gun violence is up and down the 85/40 corridor which means we need to

strengthen our relationships with all of our local counties to combat crime." He went on to state that from his experiences, he knows that Durham is a midpoint between D.C., New York, and Atlanta where they get drugs and human trafficking. Therefore he plans to work closely with the Durham police department, neighboring sheriffs, as well as the U.S. attorney's office.

By working closely with local entities, he plans to bring back Project Safe Neighborhoods through the U.S. Department of Justice. PSN launched in 2001 and is a nationwide initiative that brings together federal, state, local, and tribal law enforcement officials, prosecutors, community leaders, and other stakeholders to identify pressing violent crime problems in a community and develop comprehensive solutions to address them. "PSN gives us the resources from the federal level, all the way down to the local level to be strategic and laser focus in identifying and apprehending certain individuals."

His last priority is to simply build a professional agency at Durham County Sheriff's Office. "I want qualifying, diverse men and women who work in the detention center, who are patrolling the streets, protecting our judges, etc, to be reflective of Durham." In order to do that, he shared that salaries have to be raised. He plans to work with the county commissioners to attract the best and hire and retain those individuals.

Looking forward to this upcoming term, he wants to make sure that Durham continues to be a place where people can come and enjoy the city. By means of diverse food, shopping, beautiful nature, the launch of RTP Hub, entertainment amenities such as DPAC, and more. "As the sheriff, I want to work with the police chief to make sure visitors and residents can enjoy all of that and not be in fear of their safety." He also plans to find more ways to engage and connect with young people because they are unfortunately the ones dealing with gun violence and also create a safe space where they can speak and trust law enforcement without being in fear.



## Kappa Alpha Psi Gives Back

The Raleigh (NC) Alumni Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc. kicked off the start of the Thanksgiving season by hosting a Senior Kappa Luncheon at the Kappa Center. The chapter brothers and Senior Kappas were joined by some of their silhouettes (significant others) to celebrate this special occasion.

In true brotherly fashion, plates were delivered to the Senior Kappas who were unable to attend. The day continued with the brothers from the Kappa Xi Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity Inc. at North Carolina State University joining the Raleigh (NC) Alumni Chapter in packaging food that was delivered to families throughout Wake County.

They were able to bless 25 families with a turkey and other

times to help them enjoy their Thanksgiving holiday season.

Before school let out for Thanksgiving break the chapter spent some time at Bugg Elementary School their adoptive school. As part of the Real Men Read program, the chapter spends time reading and interacting with the students. It is important to give additional attention to these young students during the holidays.

A few brothers from the chapter volunteer weekly at Macedonia New Life Church where chapter member Brother Joe Stevenson is the pastor. The brothers help support the church's effort to combat food insecurity in Southeast Raleigh. They have been assisting with packing food and carrying boxes to cars for a while but more help needed entering the

holiday season.

Closing out the Thanksgiving holiday weekend the brothers of Raleigh Alumni along with their family members and friends collected clothes, shoes, canned goods and hygiene products for the homeless and those who are at risk of homelessness.

This annual event known as "My Brother's Closet" took place at Oak City Cares in Raleigh which is a hub for connecting individuals and families to coordinated services that create a path to stable housing and renewed hope.

The brothers of the Raleigh (NC) Alumni Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity Inc. want to thank our family and friends who have contributed and volunteered their time in helping them serve our local community.

## NC Board Certifies Election Results

RALEIGH, N.C. (AP) — North Carolina's State Board of Elections certified the results of the November general election on Tuesday after an extensive canvassing process designed to ensure the votes have been tabulated correctly.

The five-member panel tasked with overseeing statewide electoral operations authenticated the count for every ballot item in national, state and local contests, making the results official. Among those were the election of

Republican U.S. Rep. Ted Budd to the U.S. Senate and the state's 14 U.S. House races, which resulted in a 7-7 partisan split.

Just over 3.79 million people, or a little more than 51% of the state's 7.41 million registered voters, cast ballots, according to state board data. Turnout for the last midterm election, in 2018, was 53%.

In the weeks following the Nov. 8 vote, each of the 100 county election boards canvassed their results to confirm all eligible

ballots were counted, including provisional and absentee ballots. Bipartisan teams at each board also performed hand recounts of ballots from randomly selected groups.

Three subsequent state audits assessed voter history data, tabulator accuracy and provisional voter eligibility. The state board compared the number of authorized voters and absentee ballot applications with the number of ballots cast to identify any instances of fraud, such as ballot stuffing.



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# Church

## Georgia Runoff: Last Senate Seat Is Crusade For Warnoff

ATLANTA, Ga. (AP)—In-person early voting for the last U.S. Senate seat is underway statewide in Georgia's runoff, with Democratic Sen. Raphael Warnock working to get the jump on Republican challenger Herschel Walker who is putting less emphasis on advance balloting.

After winning a state lawsuit to allow Saturday voting after Thanksgiving, Warnock spent the weekend urging his supporters not to wait until the Dec. 6 runoff. Trying to leverage his role as pastor of Martin Luther King Jr.'s church and Georgia's first Black U.S. senator, Warnock concentrated his efforts Sunday among Black communities in metro Atlanta. "What we are doing right now is soul work," Warnock said at Liberty International Church southwest of downtown, where he rallied supporters before leading a march to a nearby early voting site where he cast his ballot. "We are engaged in a political exercise," Warnock continued, "but this is moral and spiritual work, and for us that has always been based on the foundation of the church."

Walker, in contrast, did not hold public events over the long Thanksgiving weekend, and in his return to the campaign Monday night in the northern Atlanta suburb of Cumming, he did not mention early voting specifically. "Tell your friends to come with you to vote," he said. "If you don't have any friends, go make some friends."

Separately, the Republican Party and its aligned PACs are trying to drive turnout after Walker underperformed other Georgia Republicans in the general election. Walker finished the first round with about 200,000 fewer votes than Gov. Brian Kemp, who easily won a second term. Walker resumed his campaign Monday with stops in small-town Toccoa and suburban Cumming.

Early in-person voting continues through Friday. Runoff Election Day is Tuesday of next week.

Warnock led Walker by about 37,000 votes out of about 4 million cast in the general election but fell short of the majority required under Georgia law, triggering a four-week runoff blitz. Warnock first won the seat as part of concurrent Senate runoffs on Jan. 5, 2021, when he and Sen. Jon Ossoff prevailed over Republican incumbents to give Democrats narrow control of the Senate for the start of President Joe Biden's tenure. Warnock won

a special election and now is seeking a full six-year term.

This time, Senate control is not in play, with Democrats already having secured 50 seats to go with Vice President Kamala Harris's tiebreaking vote. That puts pressure on both Warnock and Walker to convince Georgia voters that it's worth their time to cast a second ballot, even if the national stakes aren't as high.

As of late Sunday, almost 200,000 ballots had been cast in the relative handful of counties that opted to have weekend voting. The first day of statewide early voting on Monday added at least 250,000 more, the largest in-person early voting day in Georgia history, according to Deputy Secretary of State Gabriel Sterling. That's included long lines in several heavily Democratic counties of metro Atlanta, enough to give Democrats confidence that their core supporters remain excited to vote for Warnock. But the total remains a fraction of the nearly 2.3 million early in-person voters ahead of the Nov. 8 general election.

And Democrats remain cautious given that the early voting window is much shorter than two years ago, when the second round spanned two months between the general election and runoff. Voting on Saturday was allowed only because Warnock and Democrats sued amid a dispute with the Republican secretary of state over whether Saturday voting could occur on a holiday weekend.

The senator followed up with a parade of Black leaders for weekend rallies and a march reminiscent of voting rights demonstrations during the civil rights movement.

"We have one vote here that can change the world," Andrew Young, a former Atlanta mayor and onetime aide to King, implored Black voters on Sunday. Rising from his wheelchair to speak, the 90-year-old former congressman and U.N. ambassador reminded the assembly of the congressional compromise that ended post-Civil War Reconstruction and paved the way for Jim Crow segregation across the South.

"One vote at the end of the Civil War pulled all of the Union troops out of the South and lost us the rights we had fought for in the war and that people had fought for us," he said, starting "a struggle that we have been in ever since."

Warnock praised the week-end turnout as he campaigned Monday with college students on the campus of Morehouse

College, where he graduated. "I don't want us to get too comfortable, or self-congratulatory," he said. "We've had just two days of early voting, today is day three. We cannot take our foot off the gas."

Later Monday, Warnock appeared in suburban Cobb County with musician Dave Matthews, who praised Warnock as a "decent man." The audience of hundreds included many middle-aged White voters, a key target for Warnock as he tries to reach past core Democrats to capture voters who sometimes choose Republicans. "When you go home, please tell all your friends that were like, on the fence, to get on the correct side of the fence," Matthews said.

Walker, for his part, has drawn enthusiastic crowds in the early weeks of the runoff, as well, and his campaign aides remain confident that he has no problem among core Republicans. His challenge comes with the middle of the Georgia electorate, a gap highlighted by his shortfall compared to Kemp.

"I feel Herschel Walker benefited by having Brian Kemp in the original election on Nov. 8, and I think Kemp not being there will hurt the Republicans a little bit," said Alpharetta resident Marcelo Salvatierra, who voted for Republican Kemp and Democrat Warnock and still supports the senator in the runoff.

Salvatierra said he backed Kemp's re-election "because it seems to me Georgia has done well." But Republicans at the federal level, he said, never offered a serious counter to Democratic control of Washington, while Walker also comes with considerable personal baggage.

"Character matters and I sense he doesn't have character," Salvatierra said.

Warnock has encouraged that sentiment among core Democrats, independents and moderate Republicans. For months, he's said Walker, a former football star making his first bid for public office, was "not ready" for the Senate. In recent weeks, he's ratcheted up the attack to say Walker is "not fit," highlighting the challenger's falsehoods about his accomplishments in the private sector, along with allegations of violence against women and accusations by two women that Walker encouraged and paid for their abortions. Walker, who backs a national ban on abortions without exceptions, denies that he ever paid for any abortions.

## SERMON of the WEEK



### FULLY COMMITTED By Dr. Derrick L. Sauls

Galatians 6:9 And let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart.

We find Apostle Paul once again writing so eloquently to the Christians. It is the beginning of the learning process for the word "weary." If one could sum it up, it means not to get weak, followed by "in due season" you will receive your rewards for good deeds. Then the follow up, "do not lose heart." It is one thing to be mentally involved; however, when your heart is not into it, the job will not get done. My people, remember scripture is meant for God's time. In other words, "in its set time."

We find that in today's world, in which many have itchy ears and want to hear things that make them feel good, and are not longing for truth, it creates a problem. If a Christian is not fully committed, they can easily become weak, resulting in a long uphill walk like climbing a high mountain. We must remember that our time here on earth is temporary and we must recognize the importance of being committed.

Colossians 3:2—Set your mind on things above, not on things on the Earth. This helps us to move through this world with hope and prayers. Recognizing daily our beliefs in, Romans 6:23—"For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord." That song by Rufus H. Cornelius, "Oh I Want to See Him," written in 1916, is still monumental when we read the scripture. Jesus says in Matthew 11:28—"Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest." This



scripture not only helps those that are weary, but it also helps us to remain faithful for there is a reward at the end of our journey.

For this season or time that we are in, we are Co-workers with Christ, and we must do our due diligence. As we rise daily, we remind ourselves of the commitment level in our lives. Each day may not be full of saying or doing the right things, but we do not lose hope. In this world today, it is so easy to give up and escape into the wilderness of life and do what everyone else is doing. Watching and waiting, hearing Jesus is on the way, yet, still waiting, then a cool wind comes, and we keep on keeping on because God is faithful.

Pushing past generational curses, boundaries of rejection, castrated dreams, broken promises, mishaps, bad decisions, you are now in God's hand. In God's hand, you feel strength and warmth, and you feel his commitment. Now you understand your promise to someone to do something or willingness to fulfill your obligation with your time, service, and loyalty.

Let us do an inventory of what this means to live daily being fully committed. First, you must maintain a healthy relationship with God and our Lord Jesus Christ. It means, greet God and Jesus every day, tell him all about your dreams and desires, practice confessing your love for his promises, and spend some quality time in prayer and scripture. Interesting how this sounds like our daily lives with loved ones and friends. For some relationships, we are totally committed, some partially committed, and others loosely committed. We know when we are in a fully

committed relationship; we get and give quality time; we share special days; we are introduced to important people; we receive support, and we are involved in consistent real plans. But in our full commitment to God, we must create a ledger of past activities and future activities. Check off the boxes of life, knowing that God is a God of redemption, and he loves us, as we are made in his image.

One could say as I go to the altar, I will ask God to draw me nearer, for the world has been so cruel to me and I have made so many mistakes. Help me to get past the mistakes as I evaluate the right and wrong things that I have done. I truly am here at the altar repenting and please Jesus, help me to turn away from my sins. God, be that change agent in my life, like you have been for so many others. I am letting go of the hurt and all the pain of unforgiveness. Now as I stretch my hands to the God, grant me the grace, serenity, love, and the commitment of your goodness.

We will walk through the remainder of our life, singing the song, "Fully Committed". Yes, I give my life fully committed to you. Reflecting on the lyrics of the song, "Every passing minute, every hour, of the day in every situation, every bit of attention I'll pay, I'm fully committed to your will and to your way, I'll make the sacrifice, to do what you ask of me." Yes, my people as we move through this barren land, stay fully committed to Jesus. Amen.

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## Practical Biblical Principles

### STOP HAULING WATER TO THE DESERT

Read: Psalm 28:1-9

When we picture a person carrying or hauling water into the desert what are we really looking at? Why would anyone want to carry water into the desert? Would it not be a waste of time and resources and above all, wasted energy? Yet this is what many people are doing with their lives—"hauling water to the desert," I will explain this action.

The desert can be a very large, hot, dry place consisting of miles of hot, dry surface of thick sand all around. Such a place becomes unbearable for humans who get lost in such a place, especially when the sun is at its zenith and the sand is being heated, one can easily lose their sense of bearing. And what would be the reason for anyone to carry or haul a bucket or tank load of water into the desert? Some people, in a real spiritual sense, keep hauling water into the desert. It is a waste of time.

Unless one finds an oasis in the desert or a stream of running water there, one cannot survive in such a hot barren place. Not to think of hauling only a bucket of water into such an inferno. Just think of the time and energy it takes to keep oneself supplied with water to drink. Or if one chose to live in the desert. But the thought being put forth here is the action of hauling water into the desert and then pouring it out trying to cool the sand or make a pond or lake. In short, it will be a huge waste of time and effort. This is how certain people live their lives. They are wasting their time and there will be no good account to show for it.

When people do things and

nothing good ever comes from it, they are hauling water to the desert. When Cain slew his brother, Abel, Cain hauled water to the desert. Nothing good came to his life as the result of this historic act. When Nimrod attempted to build a tower which would reach up to Heaven where God resides, which resulted in God confusing the languages of the builders, wherein, they could not understand each other resulting in them being scattered abroad. Nothing came of this grand building effort. Nimrod and his people were just hauling water into the desert.

The fifth Book of Esther, it tells of Haman, the Persian army commander, who secretly had a hangman's galley constructed for the purpose of hanging God's servant, Mordecai, on it only to find himself hanging at the end of his own noose when God caused his plans to destroy the whole of Israel failed. Haman for months was hauling water to the desert. He lost his very own life when he focused his jealousy on Queen Esther, Mordecai, and the nation of Israel.

The devil knew he had Jesus on the cross for good, and hell's congregation labored a full 33 years hauling water to the desert for nothing. Jesus rose on the third day from the grave with all power in His hands. A few years later Jesus told John, the Revelator, to tell us about the 'end' of the devil and company.

For an entire lifetime, some people continue to "haul water to the desert" as they walk over other people's backs to get "on top." Whoever and whenever they hurt people, it doesn't matter. We call this sociopathic behavior.

How long have you been a liar and still have a need to tell lies to protect your ego, or to keep from being found out? How long have you been cheating or unfair in your dating and or marital relationship? How long have you been tired of your marriage and have lost that loving feeling? How long have you been secretly reading phonography? How long have you been dishonest toward others? How long have you been faking church and are "churched out?" How many of you think you are going to heaven and not doing anything to get there? How many of you think lots of money and materialism will solve your life's problems and make you happy? How long have you not valued taking Communion?

If your answer is, "I don't know," to any of the previous questions, then you have been "hauling water to the desert" as long as you have been practicing the above issues. There is not enough water in the world to put out the fires in hell.

There is enough love in God to give each man, woman, boy and girl on this Earth eternity in heaven. Accept Jesus as Lord and Savior and one will never have to "haul water to the desert," or have any reason to do so.

Stop hauling water to the desert! Let Heaven's "cooling water" refresh your body and soul. Spend time bathing in God's water instead of wasting your time "hauling it to the desert" and wasting it. Water represents Salvation!

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## The Time is Now for Increasing Diversity in American Media Ownership

By Dr. Benjamin F. Chavis, Jr.  
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Several months ago, I co-wrote an op-ed with my long-term friend and national media colleague, Jim Winston. Our commentary emphasized why “Diversifying American Media Ownership Must Become a National Priority.”

Now after the results of the high turnout of communities of color and young voters in the recent Mid-Term Elections across the United States, it is time once again to reiterate the relevance and importance of ensuring an increase in the multi-racial diversification of ownership of radio and TV broadcast stations as well as all other media platforms including print and social media.

The multimedia publishing and communications industry is a trillion-dollar business sector in America. Yet the disparities and inequities of ownership of media industry businesses by persons of color remains glaringly inequitable.

I know some of you would ask me why I am speaking up and out about other persons of color to own media businesses in America in addition to African-American ownership of media businesses. There is, I assert, only one clear answer. If you are, as I am, for equality, equity, and believe in the oneness of all humanity, then we must practice what we preach.

This is why I am publicly and forthrightly supporting the efforts and leadership of Soo Kim, founder and managing partner of Standard General. Kim is an effective and outstanding Korean-American business leader, and he is on record supporting greater Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI) in our nation’s media ownership landscape.

As the racial demographics of our nation continue to diversify, American media must intentionally become more representative of that growth. One reason is because diversity is simply good for business. Another reason is because it is right, and it is just to include the very people on which one’s business success depends.

But perhaps the ultimate reason is because the greatest issues of our day—economic inequity, health disparities and systemic racism—pure and simple—will be best impacted when addressed by a multiplicity of people of all races.

Kim has announced an application for a \$8.6 billion major media merger by acquiring TEGNA, a company owning 64 television stations coast to coast. Kim turned many heads with his description of a vision of “new partnership models to get diverse viewpoints and perspectives on the air and to make sure people have the resources to do it.”

One need only to review the leadership of major media networks in America to see that there are far too few that are owned or led by people of color. This makes Soo Kim’s vision and leadership timely, inclusive, and progressive. This is the kind of media ownership

that is exactly what our nation needs at this “transformational” moment.

Current TV broadcast industry ownership stats reveal a pattern that favors incumbent owners who are primarily White males—less than 2 percent of U.S. TV stations are owned by minorities—if the FCC and the DOJ block this deal, it would signal that the broadcast industry continues to be exclusively reserved for White male incumbent players.

I support and join with Congresswoman Marilyn Strickland (D-Wash.) in her letter to the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) that commends and endorses the proposed merger between Standard General and TEGNA. Strickland stated to FCC Chairwoman Jessica Rosenworcel, “I share your longstanding goal of expanding voices and minority ownership in this sector, and the merger would be a critical step in that direction.”

We also note with appreciation that FCC Commissioner Geoffrey Starks, a strong advocate for equity in the communications industry, observed last year, “Majority ownership of full power TV stations significantly worsened for Asian-American owners (from 9 full power TV stations in 2017 to four stations in 2019). The numbers don’t lie—we must ensure that ownership at broadcast stations better reflects the rich diversity of the communities that they serve. We still have work to do, and we have to do better.”

Congresswoman Strickland concluded, “This is why the Standard General-TEGNA acquisition is especially important. If the transaction goes through, Soo Kim, a Korean-American naturalized citizen, would be the first Asian-American to own and operate a major broadcast station group. Additionally, it is my understanding that if this deal is approved, the new entity would be the largest minority-owned broadcast station group in America today. It would also be managed by a leading female broadcast executive with a history of investing in local news and in her employee base. I understand further that... at least half of the proposed board of directors will be of minority composition and a majority will be women.”

Lastly, as has been widely publicized, access to capital also continues to be a big barrier for minority broadcast owners—from getting a mortgage to being able to obtain financing to conduct business deals, like the one with TEGNA. Again, that is why the proposed Soo Kim deal will be a real game-changing move, if approved, that will overcome some of the past significant barriers that minorities have faced to get access to financing in general, but especially for the FCC-regulated broadcast and media space.

The U.S. Justice Department and the FCC should therefore move forward expeditiously to approve the merger, and to reaffirm the importance of serving the greater public good and the issue of equity for all minority-owned media businesses in America. Now is the time.

The election is over... We take you to the losing candidate's concession speech...



MARGULIES



## To Be EQUAL

By Marc H. Morial  
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### RACIST KILLERS ARE ENABLED BY NATION’S SINFULLY LAX GUN POLICIES

*Editor’s Note: The following was originally printed in May of this year, but recent history has kept it relevant.*

“Once again, so-called pro-life pundits and politicians responding by pontificating about all of the possible causes of the shooting tragedy, like mental illness, while willfully ignoring the role of white supremacy and easy access to firearms ... while every peer nation is home to men who have been radicalized, only America allows them to have easy access to arsenals and ammunition again and again.”

—Shannon Watts and Angela Ferrell-Zabala

The 18-year-old gunman who slaughtered 10 people in a Buffalo supermarket was fueled by a frenzy of White supremacist hatred and enabled by an unprecedented national tidal wave of firearms spilling into American hands.

He spent the months before the massacre stockpiling ammunition and compiling a racist screed with references to the “great replacement.”

The “Great Replacement,” a racist conspiracy theory referring to a nefarious plot to undermine and outnumber White Americans, is not new. Its origins are evident in the 1924 Johnson-Reed Act, which limited immigration based on race. The term itself comes from a 2011 book, *Le Grand Remplacement*, by French White nationalist Renaud Camus. It inspired the deadly 2017 “Unite The Right” rally in Charlottesville, W.Va., where marchers chanted “You will not replace us.” It was the motivation for the antisemitic terrorist attack at Tree of Life synagogue in Pittsburgh in 2018 that killed 11 worshippers. It was explicitly referenced by the gunman who killed 23 people in El Paso in 2019 in the deadliest attack on Latinos in modern American history.

As deadly as this toxic conspiracy theory has been in recent years, it is our nation’s sinfully lax gun policies that lend it the power of mass destruction. New York State does have a red-flag law that can bar gun sales to potentially violent people like the Buffalo shooter, who last year declared his intent to commit murder-suicide at his high school. However, the law apparently gave police enough discretion, or they were not sufficiently well-trained, that they did not invoke it in his case. New York Governor Kathy Hochul issued an executive order requiring police to do so going forward.

More Americans died of gun injuries in 2020 than in any other year on record, according to a recent Johns Hopkins analysis of CDC data. Guns were the leading cause of death among children and teens in 2020, killing more young people than COVID-19, car crashes, or cancer.

The year 2020 also saw record gun sales. “Millions of people, including many first-time purchasers, bought guns. Tens of thousands of these new guns turned up at crime scenes across the country—almost twice as many as in 2019,” the researchers wrote. “While it remains to be seen whether this surge in gun purchases contributed to the rise in gun violence over the long term, a strong body of research has identified drivers of gun violence—namely, easy access to guns and weaknesses in our country’s laws that create a patchwork of gun regulations.”

The report confirmed that common-sense policies like red-

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## A Different Voice

By Dorothy Shaw Thompson



### MORE ABOUT DEATH

Last week I wrote about the experience most of us call death. Some people now use the word transition. Some say passing but as I said last week, whatever we call it, it is the occurrence that happens when the body no longer can sustain life as we know it. I had not intended to write more this week concerning death but I thought what kind of hypocrite would I be if this week I didn’t? For you see on this past Saturday I learned that my only sister and the last member of my immediate family of origin left her body here on Earth and went back to the place we call Heaven.

My sister and I were estranged and if she had known that I was going to write about this in the article she would have probably sued me, the paper and all who chose to read what I’m writing. She was very angry with me for things she imagined that I had done to her and even things that she thought I was going to do. The basic thing she thought was that I was going to force her to leave our mother’s home. It didn’t matter that 10 years later I never once thought, suggested or made any attempt to do so, that was her story and she was sticking to it. I share this story not to defend myself but rather to share my experience with others that maybe have had similar things happen to them. I loved my sister. I actually used to enjoy a great relationship with her and sometimes I was tempted to think that after 76 years on this planet she didn’t know me at all. I also share this story because she would tell anybody who she talked to what a terrible person I am. Ironically, this week I had a conversation with a really dear friend who is experiencing the same scenario. He is so angry with his sibling that he said he is tempted to act violently. Note that I said tempted.

I am not, was not angry with my sister because I have learned along the way that the truth needs no defense and sometimes we need do nothing.

Death to me is something we need to learn to expect because it “is” and we all are going to experience it and accepting that can help us live a life with courage versus fear. I probably had this knowledge in my suitcase when I arrived. Once when I was seven, when eating from a box of Cracker Jacks, I accidentally bit one of those plastic magnifying glasses and swallowed a portion of it. I went into the dining room and sat and waited to die. My mother came by and asked me why I was just sitting in the dark and I told her what had happened and that I was waiting to die. My mother shook her head and said, “Dorothy, a little bit of plastic isn’t going to kill you. Get up and go to bed.” That was my practical mother. I probably would have taken my child to the emergency room or a psychiatrist. Point is, somewhere in my soul I wasn’t afraid.

Fast forward to now. I am not distraught that my sister has gone on. I do admit that I miss, in my imagination, the relationship I thought we would have had at this point in our lives but I forgive myself for the lapses I have while being human. When a neighbor called and said that she hadn’t seen my sister in maybe a week and had not received a response when calling her, I called 911 and asked for a well check and they responded. I pretty much knew that after the commotion without a response that she’d left her body, a body that could not sustain her soul any longer. My sister was a good person, a good neighbor, a good friend, a good aunt and sister-in-law and she was well loved, more than she knew, but fear blocked out all of that when it came to me.

As people call and I feel blessed by their calls, I note the words, sorry for your loss, my deepest condolences, if you need anything, etc. Most are surprised that I’m not weeping and wailing, but I’m not and it’s not because I’m in denial or having to go through the stages of death or anything like that. Where I’m at is based on what I believe, why I believe it and the other experiences of death and “loss” that I’ve had this lifetime. I’m here because I absolutely, unapologetically believe the Jesus story. I don’t believe we die, none of us. So when people say “I’m sorry for your loss,” I question how I’ve lost someone when I know where they are. For me, sadness would be a belief that somehow something has gone wrong.

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## Child Watch

By Marian Wright Edelman



### A LITANY OF THANKSGIVING

For many years I always cooked Thanksgiving dinner for our whole family and for friends away from their homes. Before our meal, children read various inspirational passages and this beautiful prayer by great Black theologian Howard Thurman, A Litany of Thanksgiving. After my late sister Olive moved back to our hometown, we continued this tradition as we gathered to celebrate Thanksgiving with her in Bennettsville, South Carolina. She too loved this prayer, found in his book *Meditations of the Heart*.

I share it here once again with its simple and profound sense of gratitude, and the eternal hope that “love and tenderness and all the inner graces of Almighty affection will cover the life of the children of God as the waters cover the sea.” Today, I make my Sacrament of Thanksgiving.

I begin with the simple things of my days:  
Fresh air to breathe,  
Cool water to drink,  
The taste of food,  
The protection of houses and clothes,  
The comforts of home.  
For all these I make an act of Thanksgiving this day!  
I bring to mind all the warmth of humankind that I have known:  
My mother’s arms,  
The strength of my father,  
The playmates of my childhood,  
The wonderful stories brought to me from the lives of many who talked of days gone by when fairies and giants and all kinds of magic held sway;  
The tears I have shed, the tears I have seen;  
The excitement of laughter and the twinkle in the eye with its reminder that life is good.  
For all these I make an act of Thanksgiving this day.  
I finger one by one the messages of hope that awaited me at the crossroads:  
The smile of approval from those who held in their hands the reins of my security;  
The tightening of the grip in a single handshake when I feared the step before me in the darkness;  
The whisper in my heart when the temptation was fiercest and the claims of appetite were not to be denied;  
The crucial word said, the simple sentence from an open page when my decision hung in the balance.  
For all these I make an act of Thanksgiving this day.  
I pass before me the mainsprings of my heritage:  
The fruits of the labors of countless generations who lived before me, without whom my own life would have no meaning;  
The seers who saw visions and dreamed dreams;  
The prophets who sensed a truth greater than the mind could grasp and whose words could only find fulfillment in the years which they would never see;  
The workers whose sweat has watered the trees, the leaves of which are for the healing of the nations;  
The pilgrims who set their sails for lands beyond all horizons,

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# Letters To The Editor

## The Shop Teacher's Sunday Afternoon Class For Parents And Students.

To The Editor:

Good parents are perpetual teachers. A wise man said, "Truth crushed to earth will rise again." Radio Free Europe started on July 4, 1950, broadcasting in 15 languages to bring the truth to the oppressed. Today because of the lies about the so-called "critical race theory," our school children are being taught false history, and books are being banned. This e-mail-free USA is a small step in letting the truth RISE from the ashes. Today we uncover six truncated lessons in less than 15 minutes.

LESSON 2 is in six parts:

(1) Priceless advice from Grandpapa Bellamy: I attended the funeral of a 43-year-old healthy man who died unexpectedly in his sleep. Seeing a surprised look on my face, a 97-year-old frail lady said, "I know what most here are thinking, but it is not always the 'leaning' tree that falls."

(2) WORD OF THE WEEK: ACTUARY—a person who compiles and analyzes statistics and uses them to calculate insurance risks and the price you pay. Insurance, like the lottery, never pays out more than it collects from us. This, and other jobs are found in the *Occupation Outlook Handbook*, which the United States Department of Labor prints.

(3) QUOTE W.E.B. Du Bois "A system can't fail those it was never meant to protect." At one time we were counted as 3/5 of a man.

(4) BLACK LUMINARY: Coach Jerry C. Johnson—June 20, 1918 to January 20, 2021.

(5) SCRIPTURE: Psalms 1:1-3 "Blessed is the man who walks not in the council of the ungodly, nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of the scornful; But his delight is in the law of the Lord, and in his law, he meditates day and night. He shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, whose leaf also shall not wither, and whatever he does shall prosper."

(6-) SALUTE TO Historically Black Colleges and Universities (-HBCUs). They say come as you are, we will educate your mind, teach you relevant hands-on skills, and guide you in the right direction. Now that we are successful, we need to help our schools by sending monthly or yearly donations. Today we salute Fayetteville State University, located in Historic Fayetteville.

You all were highly focused today, so I will not assign you any homework tonight (smile). Your teacher today is an author, raconteur, Army veteran, past local NAACP president, North Carolina A&T State University alumnus and now retired 34-year shop teacher, James Jerome Hankins.

## King Crossword

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46 Or 10 years  
47 Actor  
48 Punk-rock subgenre

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if I feel responsible to pay for what happened 300 years ago." Should he also be judged as a White supremacist for sculpting and arguing intently for the infamous crime bill that disproportionately impacted African-American men? Should all the congressmen and congresswomen who have aligned themselves with the then senator, now president, be viewed under the same lens that suggests Democrats are evil? They only speak on pushing the needle of civil advancement during the political season. Once the ballots are counted their track record shows that a healthy selection of them are delinquent in fulfilling their word and oath to the people who cast ballots for them. If we follow the example of Mr. Biden, then all politicians are the same. This is why term limits in Washington are never voted on, and perhaps there is wisdom in the idea of draining the swamp.

When we measure the president by the words he uses to lecture America, there is a great deal of hypocrisy and he does not live up to his own standards. If Mr. Biden is really serious about removing guns from Americans, why not do what leaders are supposed to do and lead by example? Drop the Secret Service. Annually, how much would that save the taxpayers. Keep in mind that a Secret Service detail is attached to every living president and their immediate family until mortality. Instead of acting like a bully, can he stand on his words and convictions in a crowd of people who have opposing views without armed guards? We know the answer.

This is typically when people chime in that this is not realistic because what happens if something happens. This is the exact common sense retort Second Amendment advocates use. Our president may be viewed as a bully when he exhibits the "I said what I said attitude" while walking off and ignoring questions from the people who he swore on the Bible to represent. Does this show how he either has no fear of God, no connection to his oath, or is it a demonstration on what the personification of arrogance is? This is why people who claim to be staunch advocates of the Democratic Party are looked at as if they are the fictional character, Don Quixote (Key-yo-tay) and this president would definitely be its ass as they chased windmills.

Americans need to ask a serious question. If we give up our AR-15's will police go back to batons so Americans can not get shot to death on routine traffic stops? If we give up our 17-plus round magazines, will the American taxpayers get a refund on the Secret Service? After all, with no guns, there's no reason for armed bodyguards, using his logic. And if having semi automatic weapons is sick, should we then simply lay down our rifles, exit our tanks, put down all our arms because they are tools of mass destruction and mass destruction is sick. Perhaps we should sit in a circle and smoke marijuana, hold hands and chant because that will definitely keep us safer than F-18's lined up on the USS Roosevelt. Because using this president and his provocator's argument the world doesn't need guns and we would be safer without them. So everyone get rid of your piece of mind, pun intended, because the people who threaten our country will simply give us a pass because we're nice and don't believe in guns. Except the Ukrainian people, who didn't have guns to protect themselves from Russia, received shipments of the very guns this president is threatening to ban, because a bad guy showed up and the people needed to arm and protect themselves. The irony cannot be missed.



VIRAL VIOLENCE

By Tom H. Hastings

Portland State University

In my town, Portland, Oregon, we just lost yet another person to gun violence, this time as a result of an argument over a parking spot.

Seriously. That pushed our 2022 murders to a record 93, passing the previous record of 92, set last year, which shattered the 1987 record of 70 murders.

We are not alone, sadly. Beginning in 2020, the coronavirus brought along the violence virus, pushing national homicide rates far higher than they have been in decades. To be fair, the US homicide rate has been increasing

since 2016, so other factors are clearly also in play.

Big cities like St. Louis and Baltimore have horrifying numbers of gun murders.

Luckily, we have our Second Amendment to keep us safe, right?

Yeah, not so much. Out of 193 countries on Earth, the US ranks what in safety?

Raise your hands if you believe the US is the safest country on Earth.

Nope.

Raise your hands if you are sure the US is in the top 25 safest countries in the world.

Nope.

Out of 193 countries we come in 128th in safety.

Gosh, I don't suppose there is anything we can do about it, right?

We could get the most bang for our buck, so to speak, by repealing the Second Amendment. There is no single factor more conducive to our level of unsafe streets than the inability of towns, counties, or states to control the way guns are licensed, sold, traded, possessed, and carried than to eliminate the Second Amendment.

The Second Amendment is cited by its supporters as our guarantor of liberty, of freedom.

So why is New York state not free to set its own preferred restrictions on guns?

Trump complains about Chicago's murder rate and yet, like New York, the Supreme Court struck down Chicago's gun laws.

Based on a handful of SCOTUS rulings reversing gun restrictions, lower courts have followed suit across the country, denying freedom to pass local or state laws by lawmakers elected by the people in those towns and states.

What kind of freedom is protected by the Second Amendment?

Since all research shows that nonviolent insurgency intended to overthrow a tyrannical government is more effective than a violent uprising, perhaps it's time to drop the fig leaf of defense of liberty and simply overturn the Second Amendment instead of the gun laws people in any particular city, county, or state decide they want.

While it would certainly not stop all gun violence, eliminating the Second Amendment would be the most effective inoculant we should have to curb the virus of gun violence.

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flag laws—and Governor Hochul's order to strengthen New York's—are effective in reducing gun violence.

"While the media often focuses on gun violence in cities in states like New York, Pennsylvania, Maryland, and Illinois, all of these states had gun death rates lower than the national average," the researchers found. "New York, for example, had a rate 2.5 times lower than the national rate. Many of the states with the lowest gun death rates have strong gun violence prevention policies."

Specifically, the five states with the lowest gun death rates all had both a firearm purchaser licensing law or a waiting period, and a "red flag" law.

All five of the states with the highest gun death rates had "stand your ground" laws and three of the five had permitless carry laws. Alabama, one of the five, passed permitless carry earlier this year.

The National Urban League is a longtime partner of Everytown for Gun Safety, largest gun violence prevention organization in America, and emphatically supports its evidence-based, common-sense solutions to make communities and save lives.

In May, I joined with other civil rights leaders in a meeting with U.S. Attorney General Merrick Garland to discuss the Department of Justice's role in addressing the spread of White supremacy across social media platforms and hate crimes tearing through Black communities across America.

Our hearts and deepest sympathies are with the families who have lost loved ones to another senseless act of racial violence. Our fury is with the White supremacists who are the perpetrators of this violence. And our anger is with the social media companies and gun merchants who have aided and abetted them and other extremists for profit and with the politicians who have recklessly encouraged them for votes.

Our commitment now is to do something about it, beginning with calling on President Biden to hold a national summit on hate crimes to elevate the national consciousness around the rising danger of white supremacy and online extremism.

We need a whole-of-nation approach to combat and eliminate this threat to our national security and the stability of our democracy. Until we do, innocent people will continue to pay the deadly price.

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I've come to learn that life is a big old classroom or movie script and that after you've fulfilled your purpose you go home, or after the curtains have been drawn you don't stay in the theater, you go home. I am determined to learn my lesson and graduate, so I pay attention to my thoughts and feelings and adjust them toward good faith, good understanding and peace. When I say to others that I have peace but if I don't I'm in deep denial and people think I'm insane—and I laugh. I believe in my heart and soul that my sister is in Heaven and that my mother did the Holy Dance at her coming. You see, I've read the story of the son who went home and how his father acted... Jesus said, "The kingdom of heaven is like this" and I believe it. I also have read so many books on near death experiences and I believe their stories. I believe Paul's story about going up to the third heaven and I believe that the disciples witnessed Jesus talking to Elijah at the Mount of Transfiguration. I believe that death had no power over Lazarus and when he called him forth, he called him back from somewhere. Most important to my story is that as I told my friend last week, with no knowledge of what was to come, that when my sister "hit Heaven" so to speak, she'd know that I had no desire to do her wrong, nor did I do her wrong. So why would I be upset with her and at her transition for her belief in an untrue story? Why when her body was no longer serving her would I want her to still be here struggling to live? The answer is that there is no reason that she or I would want to hold on to what wasn't true? So when I tell you I'm wonderful, I'm or I'm all right if you don't think it's true and that I'm in denial; keep it to yourself because peace is what I bring to this discussion and it sure feels better than anger, hurt or non-acceptance.

Be Blessed. In closing for now, let me say that it's good to be a good neighbor and real good to have good neighbors. We were blessed in this way. I could have peace because along with the angels in Heaven there were at least seven here who had our backs and looked out for us both.

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whose courage made paths into new worlds and far-off places; The saviors whose blood was shed with a recklessness that only a dream could inspire and God could command. For all this I make an act of Thanksgiving this day.

I linger over the meaning of my own life and the commitment to which I give the loyalty of my heart and mind:

The little purposes in which I have shared with my loves, my desires, my gifts;

The restlessness which bottoms all I do with its stark insistence that I have never done my best, I have never reached for the highest;

The big hope that never quite deserts me, that I and my kind will study war no more, that love and tenderness and all the inner graces of Almighty affection will cover the life of the children of God as the waters cover the sea.

All these and more than mind can think and heart can feel, I make as my sacrament of Thanksgiving to Thee, Our Father, in humbleness of mind and simplicity of heart.

## Other Viewpoints



BIDEN'S ERA OF HYPOCRISY REVISED

By Rod Ross

Staff Writer

Joe Biden thinks it is sick that Americans can purchase semi automatic weapons. He almost sounds like the enemies of America who are jealous of our freedom and liberties. The Constitution of the United States is its gospel. Law enforcement, the military and politicians are supposed to swear an oath to uphold, support and protect this constitution from enemies both foreign and domestic. So how are Americans supposed to interpret language aimed to disarm its citizens? Keep in mind that while Mr. Biden is scolding America for exercising their constitutional rights, he himself is armed with secret service agents who possess the same kinds of munitions Mr. Biden wants to ban. His ideology lines up symmetrically with criminals. Criminals often deem the lives of others to be on a lesser tier than theirs. Mr. Biden is strongly suggesting that his life is worth more, has more value and meaning than you and those you love with all of your being because only he has the right to protect himself from imminent danger should the situation arise.

The fact that our president has Secret Service protecting him 24 hours a day is an acknowledgement that there are people who exist with bad intentions. These people do not care about the law, or the consequence of success or failure if they tried to attack the president. You do not have the luxury of using American tax dollars to pay for 24 hour protection. At best we can call 911, and by the time law enforcement arrives, there is a good chance that you will not be amongst the living. Why is it only the elite are allowed to protect what they value most, their lives and that of their families. Americans however, are vilified because they too are interested in making sure they can take another breath if their lives were ever threatened.

When law enforcement breaches public trust and terminates a life by use of excessive force, these same people will say things like "this was an act of a few bad apples" We are encouraged not to lay a blanket bias towards all law enforcement because many of them are good and will put their lives on the line to help us. Why doesn't the president of the United States benchmark Americans with the same esteem. Why does he look down on its citizens to suggest that we should all be lumped into the same box as people who are either mentally ill or simply have no regards for the law or human life?

If we are to use our leader's standard of assessment, then we made a massive mistake in the plight of civil rights in 2020 by electing Mr. Biden to President of the United States. Should Mr. Biden be judged solely on his position in 1975 where he took the lead in Delaware to keep schools segregated? In an interview with a Delaware based paper he is quoted as saying "I do not buy the concept, popular in the '60s, which said, 'We have suppressed the Black man for 300 years and the White man is now far ahead in the race for everything our society offers. In order to even the score, we must now give the Black man a head start, or even hold the White man back, to even the race,' I don't buy that." He later commented to add further context, "And I'll be damned

# Classifieds

## DURHAM COUNTY

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
DURHAM COUNTY  
**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**  
**FILE NO 22 E 1389**

Having qualified as Executrix of the Estate of Dwight Carlyle Beavers of Durham County, North Carolina, the undersigned does hereby notify all persons, firms, and corporations having claims against the estate of said decedent to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the 10th day of February, 2023, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms, corporations indebted to the said estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This is the 10th day of November, 2022.

Tammy Renee Beavers  
Executrix  
c/o Richard F. Prentis, Jr., Stubbs, Cole, Breedlove, Prentis & Biggs  
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Durham, NC 27707

11-10, 11-17, 11-24 & 12-1, 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**  
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The Undersigned, having qualified as Administrator of the Estate of Clifton C. Coles, 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 10th 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 10th day of November, 2022.

Gloria Washington  
Administrator  
12004 Swallow Falls Court  
Silver Springs, MD 20904  
11/10,11/17,11/24 and 12/1/2022  
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
DURHAM COUNTY

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**File Number 22 E 1362**

The Undersigned, having qualified as Administrator of the Estate of Ernestine Cameron Brown, 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 10th 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 10th day of November, 2022.

Tonue Denise Sargent  
Administrator  
425 Sowell Street  
Durham, NC 27701  
11/10,11/17,11/24 and 12/1/2022  
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 1278**

The Undersigned, having qualified as Administrator of the Estate of Cynthia Hopkins, 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 10th 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 10th day of November, 2022.

Richard Brown III  
Administrator  
1406 Holly Grove Way  
Durham, NC 27713  
11/10,11/17,11/24 and 12/1/2022  
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 2021 E 001235**

The Undersigned, having

qualified as Administrator of the Estate of John Gerald Henderson II, 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 10th 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 10th day of November, 2022.

John Gerald Henderson  
Administrator  
3611 Suffolk St  
Durham, NC 27707  
11/10,11/17,11/24 and 12/1/2022  
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 1353**

The Undersigned, having qualified as Executor of the Estate of David Lawrence Ross, 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 10th 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 10th day of November, 2022.

Mary Helen Ross  
Executrix  
7207 Guess Road  
Hillsborough, NC 27278  
11/10,11/17,11/24 and 12/1/2022  
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 001330**

The Undersigned, having qualified as Executor of the Estate of Frances Oakley Penland, 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 10th 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 10th day of November, 2022.

Robert C Penland  
Executrix  
33 Widgeon Pond Road  
Plymouth, MA 02360  
11/10,11/17,11/24 and 12/1/2022  
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 001333**

The Undersigned, having qualified as Administrator of the Estate of Alice J Logan, 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 17th 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 17th day of November, 2022.

Wenda L Ashford  
Administrator  
6 Whittier Place  
9M  
Boston, MA 02114  
11/17, 11/24, 12/1 and 12/08/2022  
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 001419**

Having qualified as Administrator of the Estate of Fannie Mae Gibbs of Durham County, North Carolina, the undersigned does hereby notify all persons, firms, and corporations having claims against the estate of said decedent to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the 17th day of February, 2023, or

this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms, corporations indebted to the said estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This is the 17th day of November, 2022.

Kenneth Demire Gibbs  
Administrator  
5 Caspian Court  
Durham, NC 27713  
11/17, 11/24, 12/1 and 12/08/2022  
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 1407**

Having qualified as Executrix of the Estate of Ronald Leroy Tilley of Durham County, North Carolina, the undersigned does hereby notify all persons, firms, and corporations having claims against the estate of said decedent to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the 17th day of February, 2023, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms, corporations indebted to the said estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This is the 17th day of November, 2022.

Michelle Renee Perry  
Executrix  
c/o Richard F. Prentis, Jr., Stubbs, Cole, Breedlove, Prentis & Biggs  
4 Consultant Place  
Durham, NC 27707  
11/17, 11/24, 12/1 and 12/08/2022  
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
DURHAM COUNTY

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**  
Having qualified as Administrator of the Estate of Carolyn Ellis Peele, late of Durham County, North Carolina, the undersigned does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claim against the estate of said decedent to exhibit them to the undersigned c/o Guido De Maere, P.A. at 100 Europa Drive, Suite 160, P.O. Box 3591, Chapel Hill, NC 27515 on or before the 17th day of February, 2023, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery.

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

This the 17th day of November, 2022.

Walter Peele, Administrator of the Estate of Carolyn Ellis Peele  
Attorney for the Estate: Guido De Maere, P.A.  
P.O. Box 3591  
Chapel Hill, NC 27515-3591  
11/17, 11/24, 12/1 and 12/08/2022  
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 001391**

The Undersigned, having qualified as Administrator of the Estate of Estory Suitt, Jr., late of Durham County, North Carolina, hereby wishes to notify all persons having claims against the Estate of said deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned at the below listed address on or before the 16th day of 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 17th day of November, 2022.

Rachel S Jones  
Co-Administrator  
7718 Massey Chapel Rd  
Durham, NC 27713  
Natasha C Jones  
Co-Administrator  
5818 Koback Dr  
Durham, NC 27712  
11/17, 11/24, 12/1 and 12/08/2022  
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 794**

The Undersigned, having qualified as Executor of the Estate of Rosa Lee Mason, late of Durham County, North Carolina, hereby wishes to notify all persons having claims against the Estate of said decedent to exhibit them to the undersigned at the below listed address on or before the 16th 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 17th day of November, 2022.

Donella Hamrick Colville  
Executrix  
Estate of Carol Stevens Hamrick, a/k/a Carolyn Stevens Hamrick, Deceased  
Robert A. Idol, Esquire  
IDOL LAW, PLLC  
Attorney at Law  
PO Box 51759  
Durham, NC 27717  
(919)401.5151  
11/17,11/24,12/1 and 12/8/2022  
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 1250**

The Undersigned, having qualified as Administrator of the Estate of Kenneth C. Harris, late

This the 17th day of November, 2022.

Gattis Toy Hinton, Jr.  
Executrix  
1111 Horton Road  
Durham, NC 27704  
11/17, 11/24, 12/1 and 12/08/2022  
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
DURHAM COUNTY

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**  
ALL PERSONS, firms and corporations having claims against Richard Albert Lucas, deceased, of Durham County, NC are notified to exhibit the same to the undersigned on or before February 17, 2023, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of recovery. Debtors of the decedent are asked to make immediate payment.

This the 17th day of November, 2022.

Wendy Lucas Riggsbee  
Administrator  
c/o Bagwell Holt Smith P.A.  
111 Cloister Court, STE 200  
Chapel Hill, NC 27514.  
11/17, 11/24, 12/1 and 12/8/2022

**NOTICE OF EXECUTOR**

Having qualified as Executor of the estate of JOE CURTIS REES, late of Durham County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons having claims against the estate of JOE CURTIS REES to present them to the undersigned at 100 North Churton Street, P.O. Box 100, Hillsborough, NC 27278 on or before February 15, 2023, which is 90 days from the date of the first publication of this notice, or the same will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to the estate of JOE CURTIS REES please make immediate payment.

This the 17th day of November, 2022.

D. MICHAEL PARKER  
Executor of the estate of JOE CURTIS REES  
100 North Churton Street  
P.O. Box 100  
Hillsborough, NC 27278  
Cheshire & Parker  
Attorneys at law  
P.O. Box 100  
Hillsborough, NC 27278  
11/17,11/24,12/1 and 12/8/2022  
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
COUNTY OF DURHAM

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**  
Having qualified as Executrix of the Estate of William L. Slade, deceased, this is to notify all persons, firms, and corporations having claims against the Estate of William L. Slade to present them to the undersigned on or before the 17th day of February, 2023, 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 17th day of November, 2022.

Gloria J. Slade  
Executrix  
Attorney for the Estate of William L. Slade  
c/o John W. Perry  
Post Office Drawer 2051  
Durham, North Carolina 27702  
Telephone: (919) 683-8685  
11/17, 11/24, 12/1 and 12/08/2022  
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
DURHAM COUNTY

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**  
**FILE NO 22 E 1347**

The undersigned having qualified as Executor of the Estate of CAROL STEVENS HAMRICK, a/k/a CAROLYN STEVENS HAMRICK, Deceased, late of Durham County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the Estate to Exhibit them to the undersigned at the office of IDOL LAW, PLLC, PO Box 51759, Durham, North Carolina 27717, on or before the 20th day of February, 2023, or this Notice will be in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to the Estate will please make immediate payment.

This is the 17th day of November, 2022.

Donella Hamrick Colville  
Executrix  
Estate of Carol Stevens Hamrick, a/k/a Carolyn Stevens Hamrick, Deceased  
Robert A. Idol, Esquire  
IDOL LAW, PLLC  
Attorney at Law  
PO Box 51759  
Durham, NC 27717  
(919)401.5151  
11/17,11/24,12/1 and 12/8/2022  
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 1250**

The Undersigned, having qualified as Administrator of the Estate of Kenneth C. Harris, 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 24th 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 24th day of November, 2022.

Winfred Harris  
Administrator  
3518 Golden Hill Drive  
Bowie, MD 20721  
11/24, 12/1, 12/8 and 12/15/2022  
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
COUNTY OF DURHAM

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

Having qualified as Executrix of the Estate of Fay Janet Alexander, deceased, this is to notify all persons, firms, and corporations having claims against the Estate of Fay Janet Alexander to present them to the undersigned on or before the 24th day of February, 2023, 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 24th day of November, 2022.

Leslie Alexander Alkins  
Executrix  
Attorney for the Estate of Fay Janet Alexander  
c/o John W. Perry  
Post Office Drawer 2051  
Durham, North Carolina 27702  
Telephone: (919) 683-8685  
11/24, 12/1, 12/8 and 12/15/2022  
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
DURHAMCOUNTY

**NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION In The General Court Of Justice Superior Court Division Before the Clerk**  
**File Number 22 E 1393**

Having qualified as Administrator of the Estate of LaWanda Kaye Ellison, late of Durham County, North Carolina, the undersigned does hereby notify all persons, firms, and corporations having claims against the estate of said decedent to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the 24th day of February, 2023, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms, corporations indebted to the said estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This is the 24th day of November, 2022.

DeSean F. Wilson  
Administrator  
801 S. Plum Street  
Durham, NC 27701  
11/24, 12/1, 12/8 and 12/15/2022  
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
COUNTY OF DURHAM

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**  
**File Number 22 E 1359**

Having qualified as Personal Representative of the Estate of Matthew Stephen Simpson, deceased, of 1303 Virginia Avenue, Durham, Durham County, North Carolina 27705, the undersigned does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate of said decedent to exhibit them to the undersigned at the office of the attorney for the estate on or before March 2, 2023, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery.

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

This the 1st day of December, 2022.

Allison Barnett Simpson  
Personal Representative  
c/o Jeffrey L. Austin,  
Attorney for the Estate  
Law Office of Jeffrey L. Austin  
PLLC  
411 W. Chapel Hill Street  
Suite C-2  
Durham, NC 27701  
12/1, 12/8, 12/15 and 12/22/2022  
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 001331**

The Undersigned, having qualified as Executor of the Estate of Bobby Joe Perry, 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 March 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 1st day of December, 2022.

Ellen Perry  
Executrix  
3750 Swarthmore Rd  
Durham, NC 27707  
12/1, 12/8, 12/15 and 12/22  
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 2021 E 000377**

The Undersigned, having qualified as Administrator of the Estate of Dwight Sims, 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 March 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 1st day of December, 2022.

Dakya Sims  
Administrator  
2067 Holland Creek Court  
Buford, GA 30519  
12/1, 12/8, 12/15 and 12/22

## 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 0042898**

The Undersigned, having qualified as Executor of the Estate of Willie Ruth Fuller a/k/a W Ruth Fuller, late of Wake County, North Carolina, hereby wishes to notify all persons having claims against the Estate of said deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned at the below listed address on or before the 16th day of 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 17th day of November, 2022.

Alice Ruth Fuller  
Executrix  
555 East Martin St  
Raleigh, NC 27601  
11/17, 11/24, 12/1 and 12/08/2022  
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
WAKE COUNTY  
**FILE NO 21 E 4938**

In the Matter of The Estate of Edward Allen Stewart, Wake County File Number 21-E-4938.

ALL PERSONS, firms, and corporations having claims against Edward Allen Stewart, deceased, of Wake County, N.C., are notified to exhibit the same to the undersigned on or before February 20, 2023, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of recovery. Debtors of the decedent are asked to make immediate payment. This 17th day of November 2022

Floyd B. McKissick, III  
McKissick & McKissick  
835 N Mangum Street  
Durham, NC 27701; The Carolinian,  
11/17,11/24,12/1 and 12/8/2022  
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 004583**

The Undersigned, having qualified as Executor of the Estate of Thomas Jefferson Seawell, III, 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 24th 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 24th day of November, 2022.

Valerie Patrice Royal  
Executrix  
1624 Cane Creek Drive  
Garner, NC 27529  
11/24, 12/1, 12/8 and 12/15/2022

# More Minorities Turning To Ag & Farming During Pandemic

By Kirstin Garriss

CMG Washington News Bureau

Farming is still a thriving industry despite setbacks from the pandemic and global supply chain issues.

One national report found the food and agricultural sectors contributed more than \$3 trillion the U.S. economy last year alone.

But USDA data shows a lack of diversity among farmers across the country. It shows there were about 48,697 producers who identified as Black, either alone or along with another race in 2017, which is the most recent federal data available for farmers.

One of those farmers is Matthew Raiford. He and his family own Gilliard Farms in Brunswick, GA.

"We're doing the exact same things on our farm that my grandparents and my great grandparents and great-great grandparent did," said Raiford.

Black farmers only represent about one percent of the farming industry when compared

to white farmers who make up about 95 percent. But Raiford says he's noticing what he calls a return to the land with more minorities jumping into agriculture during the pandemic.

"A lot of them are coming back home to realize you know what land is power. Being able to feed yourself is power. Being able to take care of your community is power, taking care of the health of your community is power," said Raiford.

In Washington D.C. the Dreaming Out Loud nonprofit works with more than a dozen Black Farmers along the East Coast in North Carolina, Pennsylvania, Maryland, Virginia, and D.C.

"We seek produce from other Black farmers, but also other socially disadvantaged farmers and people who share our values to get that produce into healthy, healthy produce into communities that don't have equal access and see the more affluent communities," said Chris Bradshaw, executive director for Dreaming Out Loud.

They have also provided

more than \$140,000 in grants to help minority farmers.

"Because farmers needed that cash flow upfront to be able to pay for seeds and equipment and other things," said Bradshaw. "That's still

a major concern and a major need just the capital to first seasonal startup costs."

Farmers say other barriers are access to land and resources. Raiford wants USDA to engage more with minority

communities.

"One of the things we're talking about right now is proper insurance for small farmers. When a Black farmer goes right off the rift, he's buying

two, five [acres]," said Raiford.

There are some federal resources helping farmers. Under the Inflation Reduction Act, there's more than \$3 billion for USDA to help farmers struggling with loan debt.



## Classifieds

### WAKE COUNTY

#### 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 009481

LEAH NYAMBURA MARARO, Plaintiff

v.

CEDRIC JOHNSON,

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 January 12th, 2023 which is at least 45 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 24th day of November, 2022.

Leah Nyambura Mararo

604 Charleston Rd #2K

Raleigh, NC 27606

11/24, 12/1 and 12/8/2022.

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 004572

Having qualified as Executor

of the Estate of Delores Stewart

Williams, late of Wake County,

North Carolina, the undersigned

does hereby notify all persons,

firms, and corporations having

claims against the estate of said

decedent to exhibit them to the

undersigned on or before the

24th day of February, 2023, or this

notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms, corporations indebted to the said estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This is the 24th day of November, 2022.

Raquel S Rouse

Co-Executor

4905 Goosedown Ct

Raleigh, NC 27604

L'Tonya Stewart

Co-Executor

1000 Transom Ct

Raleigh, NC 27603

11/24, 12/1, 12/8 and 12/15/2022

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 14084

[CHILD CUSTODY PROCEEDING]

NAKITA YOUNG-MCGEE and MI-

CHELLE YOUNG-DUNLAP,

Plaintiffs

v.

MICHAEL C. WILSON,

Defendant.

TTo Michael C. Wilson, father

of male child born to Keyunana

Renisha Dunlap on 5/21/2021, in

Virginia.

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

legal custody of the afore-

mentioned child to Plaintiffs.

You are required to make de-

fense to such pleading with the

Wake County Clerk of Court no

later than 1/4/2023, said date being

forty (40) days from the first pub-

lication of this notice. Upon your

failure to do so, the parties seeking

relief against you will apply to the

Court for the relief sought.

This, the 24th day of November,

2022.

Katherine S. Moyer

JusticeMatters, Inc.

Attorney for Plaintiffs

P.O. Box 58058

Raleigh, NC, 27658

919/794-7511, Ext. 9.

11/24, 12/1, 12/8, 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 12977

[CHILD CUSTODY PROCEEDING]

TAMMIE L. CARTER,

Plaintiff

v.

QWUANISHA N. CARTER and AL-

BERT R. REDD, III,

Defendants.

To Albert R. Redd, III, father of

male child born to Qwuanisha N.

Carter on September 8, 2018, in

Wake County, NC.

TAKE NOTICE that a plead-

ing 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 legal custody of the

aforementioned child to Tammie L.

Carter.

You are required to make de-

fense to such pleading with the

Wake County Clerk of Court no

later than 1/4/2023, said date being

forty (40) days from the first pub-

lication of this notice. Upon your

failure to do so, the party seeking

relief against you will apply to the

Court for the relief sought.

This, the 24th day of November,

2022.

Katherine S. Moyer

JusticeMatters, Inc.

Attorney for Plaintiffs

P.O. Box 58058

Raleigh, NC, 27658

919/794-7511, Ext. 9.

11/24, 12/1, 12/8, 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 004490

Having qualified as Executor of

the Estate of John Arthur Klein,

Jr., late of Wake County, North

Carolina, the undersigned does

hereby notify all persons, firms,

and corporations having claims

against the estate of said decedent

to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the 24th day of February, 2023, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms, corporations indebted to the said estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This is the 24th day of November, 2022.

Katherine Winifred Shaffer

Executor

3532 Friendship Road

Apex, NC 27502

11/24, 12/1, 12/8 and 12/15/2022

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

LUCY MAE C. HOLDING v.

HEIRS OF MATTIE L. CAUDLE,

HEIRS OF JAMES ARTHUR

BULLOCK, GLORIA BULLOCK

LAWSON, HEIRS OF MAY

BULLOCK SEAGERS, SANYA

CAUDLE, RANDY CAUDLE, and

KATHRYN HOCKADAY PURCELL

Amended Petition to Partition

To the unknown heirs of Mattie L.

Caudle, of James Arthur Bullock, of

May Bullock Seagers, and Reginald

Broadnax:

Take notice that a pleading seek-

ing relief involving property you

may have an interest in has been

filed in the above-entitled special

proceeding. The nature of the

relief being sought is as follows:

Partition and sale of the real prop-

erty located at 14929 New Light

Road, Wake Forest, North Carolina

27587, said property described in

Book 1068, Page 107 in the Wake

County Registry. You are required

to make defense to such plead-

ing no later than January 10, 2023,

and upon your failure to do so the

party seeking service against you

will apply to the court for the relief

sought.

This, the 1st day of December,

2022.

Daniel T. Blue, III

Attorney for Lucy Mae Holding

Petitioner

PO Box 1730

Raleigh, NC 27602

(919) 833-1931.

12/1, 12/8 and 12/15/2022

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 004647

The Undersigned, having

qualified as Administrator of the

Estate of Roberta F Mangum, 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 March 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 1st day of December, 2022.

Juanita M Dewberry

Administrator

525 Grantland Dr.

Raleigh, NC 27610

12/1, 12/8, 12/15 and 12/22



### ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

The North Carolina Department of Public Safety has the following contract in Anson County out for bid: C- C11524 SCOID 21-22979-01A Anson CI-Roof Repairs. The bid opening is scheduled for: Thursday, 12/15/2022. To obtain the Notice to Bidders, any Pre-Bid Requirements, and any Addenda visit: <https://www.ips.state.nc.us/ips/AGENCY/PDF/151246000.pdf>

### WANTED WBE, MBE & DBE BIDS

for the following jobs:

DF00420	NCDOT Division Six Letting Robeson Co.	Bid Date: Dec. 7th
DD00403	NCDOT Division Four Letting Wilson Co.	Bid Date: Dec. 13th
DA00557	NCDOT Division One Letting Pasquotank Co.	Bid Date: Dec. 14th
DE00342	NCDOT Division Five Letting Granville Co.	Bid Date: Dec. 14th
DE00350	NCDOT Division Five Letting Granville Co.	Bid Date: Dec. 14th
C204477	NCDOT Central Letting Onslow Co.	Bid Date: Dec. 20th
C204435	NCDOT Central Letting Pender Co.	Bid Date: Dec. 20th
C204807	NCDOT Central Letting Warren Co.	Bid Date: Dec. 20th