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Was The Moore County Utility Attack A Terrorist Trial Run?

(Reuters) - The orchestrator of gunfire attacks on power stations in North Carolina that left nearly an entire county without electricity for a second straight day knew "exactly" how to disable the stations, sheriff Ronnie Fields said on Monday.

Fields' comments came as North Carolina Governor Roy Cooper warned of a "new level of threat" posed by the incident and called for hardening of critical infrastructure including the power grid.

"Protecting critical infrastructure like our power system must be a top priority," said Cooper, a Democrat, in a press briefing on Monday.

"These kinds of things cannot happen."

Asked if the attack was being investigated as an act of domestic terrorism, Cooper said only that "investigators are leaving no stone unturned."

Schools in Moore County will be closed for a second day on Tuesday and 38,000 households were still without power amid freezing nighttime temperatures after the Saturday shootings.

Utility workers investigating the outages found gates broken and evidence of gunfire damage to equipment at two substations in Moore County, an area popular with tourists and known for golf resorts including Pinehurst, which has hosted the U.S. Open and Ryder Cup tournaments.

Authorities are keeping details of the investigation close to the vest, saying only that the damage was done by firearms. However, Fields on Monday indicated that whoever orchestrated the attacks knew how to take out the substations.



The saboteur "knew exactly what they were doing to cause the damage and cause the outage that they did," Fields said.

Federal agencies including the FBI and the U.S. Department of Energy are investigating the shootings, along with local and state law enforcement. So far, none have suggested a motive and no arrests

have been announced.

President Joe Biden was briefed on the incidents, the White House said on Monday.

"Early evidence suggests that it was deliberate and the investigation is under way," Department of Homeland Security Secretary Alejandro Mayorkas said in a briefing.

On Sunday, Fields said law

enforcement had not found evidence to support online speculation that the attacks were a protest against a planned drag show set for Saturday. Organizers of the show at the Sunrise Theater in Southern Pines said that far-right activists had been trying to shut down the show for weeks, the Fayetteville Observer reported, citing the theater's executive director, Kevin Dietzel.

The newspaper reported that the show was held on Saturday despite the power outages.

Duke Energy, which provides power to the area, said it had restored electricity to about 7,000 customers by Monday afternoon, from a total of 45,000 who had lost power after the shootings. That is nearly everyone who the company serves in Moore County, spokesperson Jeff Brooks said at a press briefing on Monday.

Brooks said that for most customers, power would likely be out through Wednesday or Thursday, because the damage to the two substations was extensive, and requires complicated parts and repairs.

He said the difference between the needed repairs and a simple blackout repair was like comparing the need to change a lightbulb to the need to replace the entire heating and air conditioning system of a house.

"We are restoring customers where possible, but the damage is beyond repair in some areas," Jason Hollifield, Duke Energy's general manager of emergency preparedness, said in a statement on Monday. "That leaves us with no option but to replace large pieces of equipment - which is not an easy or quick task."



San Fran Police Can't Use Its Deadly Robots For Now

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — San Francisco supervisors voted Tuesday to put the brakes on a controversial policy that would let police use robots for deadly force.

The Board of Supervisors voted unanimously to explicitly ban the use of robots in such fashion for now. But they sent the issue back to a committee for further discussion and could allow it in limited cases at another time.

It's a reversal from last week's vote allowing the use of robots in limited cases. The police said they had no plans to arm the robots with guns but wanted the ability to put explosives on them in extraordinary circumstances.

Last week's approval generated pushback and criticism about the potential to deploy robots that can kill people. Several supervisors joined dozens of protestors outside City Hall on Monday to urge the board to change course.

Some supervisors said they felt the public did not have enough time to engage in the discussion about whether robots could be used to kill people before the board first voted last week.

The vote was the result of a new state law that requires police departments to inventory military-grade equipment and seek approval for its use.

Supervisor Dean Preston, who voted against the policy last week, said the spirit of the law is to make sure "strong feelings people hold" can be heard by public officials. He argued the board failed to allow enough time for that.

But others said nothing substantive had changed since the board made its vote and the policy should hold.

The policy approved Tuesday would allow police to use robots to check out potentially dangerous scenes so that police can stay back.

"Having robots that have eyes and ears and can remove bombs, which happens from time to time, is something that we want the police department to do while we continue to have this very controversial discussion," said Supervisor Aaron Peskin, who brought forward last week's motion around the use of robots.

The new policy needs another vote to take effect.

2 NC Dem Attorneys Meet At Appeals Court Over AG's Ad

RALEIGH, N.C. (AP) — Representatives for two elected North Carolina Democratic government lawyers argued on Tuesday before an appeals court deciding whether potential prosecution of Attorney General Josh Stein or others over a 2020 campaign commercial should be blocked further while his lawsuit continues.

In a 2-1 decision in August, the 4th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals granted a temporary injunction to Stein's campaign, which was worried a grand jury could soon indict Stein and advisers by attempting to enforce a state law making certain political speech a crime. Lawyers representing Stein and others have said the probe by Wake County District Attorney Lorrin Freeman should be stopped because the 1931 law should be struck down as unconstitutional.

On Tuesday, the same three-

judge panel from August meeting in Richmond, Virginia, heard 45 minutes of oral arguments from private attorneys for Stein and Freeman about whether the injunction should be extended while Stein's lawsuit challenging the law is resolved. The judges didn't say when they would rule, but the two judges who voted for the temporary directive three months ago expressed skepticism about the law.

Any criminal action against Stein, a potential 2024 candidate for governor, could harm his political future.

Stein defended the 2020 commercial as a "corrective" to false accusations made by then-Republican AG challenger Jim O'Neill that Stein had failed to act on more than 15,000 untested rape kits since becoming attorney general in 2017. Stein's ad accused O'Neill, the Forsyth County

district attorney, of letting more than a thousand rape kits go untested.

While Stein never issued a complaint about O'Neill's claims, O'Neill complained to State Board of Elections at the time, citing the 1931 law.

The case ultimately was sent to Freeman, who recused herself from the investigation, leaving it to a senior assistant prosecutor. Stein's campaign sued in July after learning the DA's office planned to soon send the case to grand jurors.

Tuesday's arguments centered on the law's language, which makes it a misdemeanor for someone to help circulate "derogatory reports" about a candidate designed to harm their election chances while "knowing such report to be false or in reckless disregard of its truth or falsity."

U.S. District Judge Catherine

Eagles already previously refused to order Freeman to stop using the law to prosecute anyone over the disputed 2020 commercial. She wrote Aug. 9 that the law appeared to meet the standard for exceptions to the First Amendment that allows the criminalization of "false defamatory speech about public officials made with actual malice."

Attorney Michael Dreeben, representing Stein and others, told the appeals panel that Eagles erred when she decided "derogatory reports" only addressed false statements. He said the law's construction also means true statements against a candidate that also are derogatory could be subject to criminal prosecution.

"This statute is one-sided in the kinds of speech that it affects in the electorate," Dreeben said. "It says nothing about the candidate that chooses falsely to inflate the

candidate's credentials, to pollute the electoral process with false claims against himself."

But Joe Zeszotarski, Freeman's attorney, said a fair reading of the law makes it clear that only false derogatory reports related to political speech are criminalized.

"The statute has to be narrowly tailored to the compelling state interest of preventing fraud and libel in elections," Zeszotarski said, adding that it requires a high bar to strike down a state law that the people have received through their elected representatives.

No More Free Rides

By Tyria McCray

Staff Writer

Every day in Raleigh, hundreds of people hop onto GoRaleigh buses for free. That decision came about in 2020 at the height of COVID-19, which provided people a little peace of mind knowing transportation was available.

However, last week, the Raleigh Transit Authority voted 6-2, asking the City Council to bring fares back which were set to expire next year. The City Council decided to extend that timeframe, leaving residents wondering how to get from point A to B.

While a typical ride costs about \$1.25 now, in the past, average transit fares for GoTriangle have been around \$2, and GoTriangle has handled affordability issues surrounding bus fares on a case-by-case basis.

To get a better understanding, we spoke with Nathan Spencer, Vice Chairperson for the Raleigh Transit Authority who voted against bringing fares back.

"As one of two lone voices that voted to keep GoRaleigh fare free, I was disappointed. Fares are a tax on the people who use the system that provides a very, very small amount of revenue. My issue with this argument is that we would be using the wrong tool to solve the wrong problem."

"The 1 percent of folks that are going through an economic or mental health crisis should not penalize the 99 percent that are using the system correctly. Further, Pushing them off the bus won't help stop folks from having these crises, but funding for emergency mental health from folks who are trained and aren't going to respond in a potentially lethal way would help," said Spencer.

Unbeknownst to many people, GoRaleigh ridership is actually higher after the pandemic than many other systems because many of our riders have no other option. That alone should tell us that raising fares should not be an easy or budgetary issue.

After speaking with GoRaleigh passengers, they see this as an issue of priorities. Spencer went on to share that the city spends millions more on roads that are lightly used and folks are not charged every time they drive over them. "If transit truly is a priority of ours, we need to begin spending money on the modes and the people that use it the way we have spent on roads. And, maybe we spend a little less on streets."

Why in particular is Spencer against ending free fares? "Let me be clear, I am not against fares. I am against charging fares when folks are paying with their time," he said. "We have cut frequency in service, we don't have the routes to get people where they need to go quickly, and we have no rapid transit to fulfill the major promises we set—yet."

"When our system is reliable, affordable, and frequent, I think fares are very reasonable. But when someone has to choose between a better paying job that requires an hour+ bus ride and transfers or less pay but more time with their families, we cannot ask folks to spend more of what they don't have."

In terms of money, it's surprising that GoRaleigh has not lost

Maryland Bans TikTok In State Agencies

ANNAPOLIS, Maryland (AP) — Maryland is banning the use of TikTok and certain China and Russia-based platforms in the state's executive branch of government, Gov. Larry Hogan said Tuesday, the latest state to address cybersecurity risks presented by the platforms.

The Republican governor announced an emergency cybersecurity directive to prohibit the platforms' use, saying they could be involved in cyberespionage, government surveillance and inappropriate collection of sensitive personal information.

"There may be no greater threat to our personal safety and our national security than the cyber vulnerabilities that support our daily lives," Hogan said in a statement, adding: "To further protect our systems, we are issuing this emergency directive against foreign actors and organizations that seek to weaken and divide us."

The Maryland directive comes a week after South Dakota Gov. Kristi Noem, also a Republican, banned state employees and contractors from accessing TikTok on state-owned devices, citing its ties to China. South Carolina Gov. Henry Mc-



Master, also a Republican, on Monday asked the state's Department of Administration to ban TikTok from all state government devices it manages. Nebraska Gov. Pete Ricketts blocked TikTok on state electronic devices in August 2020.

The U.S. armed forces also have prohibited the app on military devices.

"It is a risk that most governments are starting to realize it's not worth taking," said Trenchcoat Advisors co-founder Holden Triplett, a former FBI government official who worked

in Beijing and counterintelligence.

While there has been much debate about whether the Chinese government is actively collecting TikTok data, Triplett said the app poses a clear vulnerability. Because TikTok's owner, ByteDance, is a Chinese company, it would have to comply with any potential requests from Chinese security and intelligence requests to hand over data, which could include employee's location and contacts, he said.

ByteDance moved its head-

quarters to Singapore in 2020.

TikTok has struggled to detect ads that contain blatant misinformation about U.S. elections, according to a recent report from nonprofit Global Witness and the Cybersecurity for Democracy team at New York University.

But TikTok spokesperson Jamal Brown said the concerns driving bans "are largely fueled by misinformation about our company."

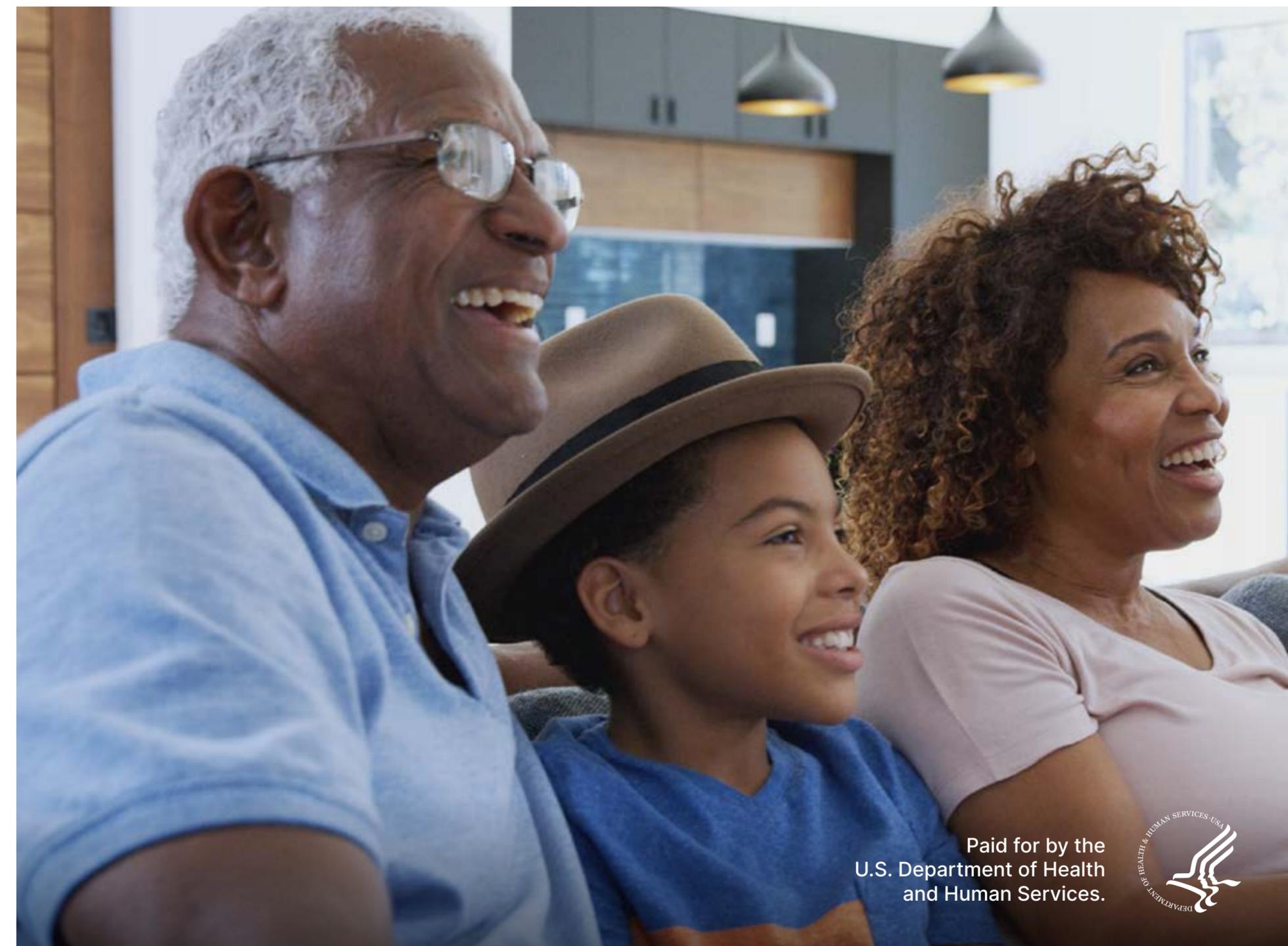
"We are always happy to meet with state policymakers to discuss our privacy and security practices," Brown said. "We are disappointed that the many state agencies, offices, and universities that have been using TikTok to build communities and connect with constituents will no longer have access to our platform."

TikTok Chief Operating Officer Vanessa Pappas, based in Los Angeles, has said the company protects all American users' data and that Chinese government officials have no access to it.

Also Tuesday, Wisconsin's Republican representatives in

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If You're Over 72 With An IRA, Make Sure You Do This Before The Year Ends

MarketWatch—By year-end, owners of individual retirement accounts (IRAs) who are 72 or older must take their required minimum distribution (RMD) before the Dec. 31 deadline, or face a possible IRS penalty of 50% of the amount not withdrawn in time.

The penalty for ignoring an RMD is 50% of what was supposed to be withdrawn – for example, someone whose RMD was \$1,000 would face a \$500 penalty on top of their RMD. Someone who takes a partial distribution would still pay the fine, so in the previous example, if the taxpayer took only \$500 of the \$1,000 he was supposed to take, he'd face a \$250 penalty.

Apparently, there's a large number of older adults waiting until the last minute.

As of Nov. 11, Fidelity Investments, estimated it has 1.5 million customers who fell into this category, representing a total of \$21.5 billion in retirement funds, with \$1.8 billion in retirement funds for individuals taking an RMD for the first time.

Of that total amount, about 31% of Fidelity's RMD-eligible IRA customers had not taken any amount from their Fidelity IRA(s) toward satisfying their RMD for 2022. In addition, another 27% had only taken a portion of their RMD for 2022, Fidelity said.

Fidelity said the trends are not unusual as people often wait to see how the stock market performs throughout the year, while others forget or don't have pressing needs for the money, said Sham Ganglani, Fidelity's director of retirement.

"Most investors defer as long as they can," agreed Rob Williams, managing director of financial planning at Charles Schwab.

Why do people wait?
"People wait because they hope the stock market might go up and they want to keep their money in longer to grow. This year, the market went down so waiting didn't help," said Kelly Webber, Vice President and Director of

Trust Administration for Spinnaker Trust. "It's so hard to time the market. It makes sense to spread the distributions throughout the year."

"Waiting also can cause delays because financial institutions can get really busy in November and December with year-end planning and gifting needs. That, combined with the holidays can make it really busy. You want to make sure you don't miss the deadline, so don't wait until the winter months," Webber said.

The Internal Revenue Service requires people over age 72 to take an RMD each year from traditional IRAs (including rollovers and SEPs), as well as from Simple IRAs. You pay taxes on the RMD amounts.

RMDs are based on the account balance as of Dec. 31 of the prior year. For example if you have a traditional IRA account, your balance as of Dec. 31, 2021 was used in calculating your 2022 RMD. The overall RMD is calculated based on account balance and life expectancy.

The exception is if this is your first RMD. You are allowed to defer taking your first RMD until April 1 of the following year. For those turning age 72 in 2022, they can defer their first RMD until April 1, 2023.

However, that means you'd be taking two RMDs in one year, potentially bumping you up to a higher tax bracket and forcing you to pay more in taxes, Webber said.

While the rules can seem confusing, there are RMD calculators connected to various brokerage firms and your own financial firm should alert you about your expected RMD. Many customers choose to set up automatic withdrawals in order to avoid missing the IRS deadline.

Fidelity said it reminds clients to sign up for a free automatic RMD withdrawal service, allowing people to choose a schedule and automatically calculating the RMD amount, and then making

the withdrawal and distributing funds where and when desired. This year, Fidelity said it has seen nearly 45% of eligible customers utilize this free service.

For investors looking for ways to lower their taxable income, or simply be charitable, consider a qualified charitable distribution (QCD). For investors age 70½ or older, up to an aggregate amount of \$100,000 can be donated to a favorite qualified charity.

That amount would count toward the RMD for the year once you reach the age of 72 and are eligible. It can also be excluded from taxable income and investors don't need to itemize deductions to do so.

But keep in mind, in order for a QCD to count toward the current year's RMD, the funds must come out of the IRA by the RMD deadline.

"A qualified charitable distribution is a powerful way to combine tax advantages with giving you

would do anyway. It's an attractive strategy," said Schwab's Williams, who cautioned that the QCD must go directly to the charity and not pass through the investor's hands.

RMDs are subject to federal income taxes at ordinary income-tax rates. RMDs from Roth 401(k)s are not taxed as long as they meet the requirements for a qualified distribution including having met the five-year rule for Roth contributions.

For inherited IRAs, the RMD rules are complicated and can vary based on when you inherited the plan, when the original owner died, and your relationship to the original owner of the account. The rules governing inherited IRAs may change with the SECURE 2.0 provision in Congress, which would affect future year RMDs.

"Get help even if you don't think you need it," Williams said. "Inherited IRA rules are very complex. Get help and do it before year-end."

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any money since providing free fares. In fact, the city has used the CARES Act and ARPA funds to cover the difference. Having a shortage of drivers, there was concern about making sure the funding had a place to be programmed. Fares are based upon ridership, so while federal money has been filling that hole, it has been "over-filling" it for a while as ridership has waned from 2019 levels.

By ending free fares, is this a motive to stop homeless people from riding? "That is the idea some have. However, even before GoRaleigh suspended fares, it gave out almost 50 percent of passes for free or reduced costs. That was with a complicated income-based approach. If we made it easier for folks to prove they are qualified, which I would certainly support, I would estimate that it would increase to close to 60-70 percent of riders. The same folks would be riding, just others would be paying to experience our nation's failure to manage mental health for folks."

Lastly, a very important factor that passengers are trying to figure out is what will be implemented to help homeless and others with transportation.

Spencer stated that the Raleigh Transit Authority could just implement passes that would allow them to either remove someone's pass and ban them from the system for bad behavior, or better serve the riders by knowing a little more about who they are and what they need.

"We could try using data and current methods, then resorting to old ways to solve problems that were broken before too."

The free fares are set to expire in June 2023.



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Congress called on Democratic Gov. Tony Evers to delete the video platform TikTok from all state government devices, calling it a national security threat.

"Wisconsinites expect their governor to be aware of the dangerous national security threats TikTok poses and to protect them from this avenue for CCP intelligence operations," U.S. Sen. Ron Johnson and U.S. Reps. Mike Gallagher, Tom Tiffany, Glenn Grothman, Bryan Steil and Scott Fitzgerald said in a letter.

Gallagher last month joined with U.S. Sen. Marco Rubio, of Florida, in writing an opinion piece calling for governments to ban TikTok.

Evers' spokesperson Britt Cudaback said the administration takes cybersecurity threats "very seriously" and regularly consults with the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, the FBI, and counterintelligence specialists when making decisions about state government devices.

"We will continue to defer to the judgment and advice of law enforcement, cybersecurity, and counterintelligence experts regarding this and other evolving cybersecurity issues," Cudaback said.

Former President Donald Trump issued blanket-style orders against Chinese tech companies, but the White House under President Joe Biden has replaced them with a narrower approach. U.S. officials and the company are now in talks over a possible agreement that would resolve American security concerns.

A researcher with the conservative Heritage Foundation last month called on government officials to ban TikTok from operating entirely in the United States. And last week, FBI Director Chris Wray said China could use the app to collect data on its users that could be used for traditional espionage operations.

Still, some experts say the threat is overstated. In a Nov. 14 commentary for the Strategic Technologies Program, former diplomat and cybersecurity expert James A. Lewis said TikTok's national security risk is "easily exaggerated."

"Intelligence agencies routinely scrape social media to collect biographical information and do not need ownership of TikTok (or any other social media platform) to do this," Lewis wrote. "The question is, how much more does China obtain by having access to TikTok data that is not publicly available? There is probably some benefit, but it is likely small."

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Robinhood Takes On Retirement In Search For More Growth

NEW YORK (AP) — Robinhood, the company that blazed onto Wall Street after turning millions of novices into investors by making trading fun, is now setting its sights on a more staid corner of the industry: saving for retirement.

The company on Tuesday is initiating signups for a retirement program, where customers can sock savings into an Individual Retirement Account, something better known as an IRA.

It's the first such effort for Robinhood, which is trying to recapture some of the high-flying growth that fell off as painful downturns made day-trading of stocks and cryptocurrencies much less fun.

Robinhood has often appealed to younger customers, and many of them are working jobs that don't have access to a traditional 401(k) retirement plan offered by an employer, said Vlad Tenev, Robinhood's chief executive.

Such 401(k) accounts have

been instrumental in getting millions of Americans to save for retirement, with many workers getting enrolled automatically by their employer. But many of Robinhood's customers are in parts of the job market that don't get the luxury of such programs.

"Today, you're seeing an increasing number of people doing contract work, part-time work, gig-economy work," Tenev said in an interview. "They just don't have access. We wanted to bring that to everyone, no employer needed."

Robinhood is promising to match 1% of eligible contributions that customers put into their IRA. That could mean up to \$65 for someone who contributes the maximum allowed \$6,500 to an IRA next year. People aged 50 and over can contribute up to \$7,500 in 2023.

Early signups will get access to Robinhood's IRAs over the coming weeks, with the program becoming fully available in Janu-

ary. A retirement program is something that Robinhood's customers have long been requesting, Tenev said. And it's something that could significantly boost Robinhood's bottom line.

Retirement savers can be less prone to move between different brokerages, and retirement savings offer a huge potential market.

Total U.S. retirement investments totaled \$33.7 trillion this summer, according to the Investment Company Institute. They account for 31% of all household financial assets. IRAs make up the biggest single chunk of that, at \$11.7 trillion.

Growth for Robinhood has slowed sharply since its popularity took off through the pandemic. Its stock has fallen roughly 45% this year and is below \$10 after hitting a peak above \$70 shortly after its stock-market debut in the summer of 2021.

Its growth hit a zenith in the

first half of 2021, when the new generation of investors it helped convert was a major factor in the meme-stock frenzy that sent GameStop and others to market-bending heights.

But the meme-stock craze has since calmed. So, too, has crypto trading, another big source of revenue for Robinhood.

One reason for the GameStop explosion was the number of traders at Robinhood and other brokerages that were using stock options to ride the wave. In some cases, trading options can increase the possible reward if a trader is correct but can also increase the risk.

Tenev said Robinhood's retirement customers won't be able to trade options in their IRAs, as some other providers allow, at least not yet.

"On day one, they won't," he said. "It's only going to be stocks and ETFs. We're going to be looking at feedback and will look to add assets."



Greg Lindberg Announces Sale of His North Carolina Insurers For \$307M

DURHAM—A binding stock purchase agreement for the sale of all of Greg Lindberg's North Carolina insurance companies was signed on Friday, Lindberg reports. The sale of stock by GBIG Capital, LLC to Universal Financial Holdings, LLC will allow all four of Lindberg's North Carolina insurance companies to exit rehabilitation and will allow policyholders to access all of their policy benefits upon closing, Lindberg says.

"The buyer group is backed by reinsurance from an investment firm with over \$1 billion in capital under management and includes a well-respected former insurance regulator," Lindberg reports.

Upon completion of this sale

transaction, including assets held in reinsurance trusts, the North Carolina insurers formerly owned by Lindberg will have \$337 million of capital and surplus and will have \$3.22 billion in total assets. Total cash and liquid assets, including assets held in reinsurance trusts, shall be \$2.1 billion which is equivalent to approximately 95% of the current annuity account value — an extraordinarily high liquidity number in relation to annuity account value.

"With \$337 million in capital and surplus and \$2.1 billion in liquidity the insurance companies will be in a position of excellent financial strength to meet all policyholder obligations," Lindberg reports.

Global-Growth related assets that are backing policyholder liabilities (other than assets in the surplus account) shall be no more than \$462 million and shall consist of assets that are fully underwritten and approved by the buyer group, Lindberg says. All of these assets are in existing change of control or change of ownership trusts with independent trustees that have been approved by numerous regulatory bodies, lenders, and banks as being not affiliated or controlled by Greg Lindberg.

Lindberg says that the sale is contingent on approval of the new ownership group from the North Carolina Department of Insurance.

"I've done my part to protect policyholders. Now it's up to NC Insurance Commissioner Mike Causey to do his part and approve this sale so policyholders can access their funds," Lindberg says.

Once this sale transaction closes policyholders will be able to access their full policy benefits, Lindberg says.

"Mr. Lindberg has endured numerous federal and state claims regarding his insurance operations over the last four years. This sale indicates that these claims have been demonstrably false," says Susan Estrich, spokesperson and attorney for Lindberg. "It's time to stop dog piling claims on Lindberg and allow this sale to

proceed so policyholders can access their funds," says Estrich.

Lindberg reports that Global Growth has over \$1.2 billion in pending transactions to facilitate Global Growth's exit from the insurance business. "The constant stream of false accusations about me and my companies only serves to harm our access to capital markets. None of this helps policyholders," Lindberg says.

About Greg Lindberg. Greg Lindberg is an entrepreneur, a leadership coach, an author, and a father. His latest book describing his time at Federal Prison Camp Montgomery can be downloaded at www.greg-lindberg.com or purchased on

Amazon. Over the course of his career, he has acquired and transformed more than 100 companies that were either failing or underperforming, each time finding and empowering great talent—people with the same commitment to hard

work, learning, entrepreneurship, and a roll-up-your-sleeves attitude. Today, these companies are worth billions of dollars and employ 7,500 people. In 2020, he founded Interrogating Justice, a non-profit organization whose mission is to bring awareness and help advance solutions that hold corrupt government actors accountable, ensure fairness in sentencing, support reentry, and provide access to justice for all.

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Children's Tylenol, Motrin Disappearing As Tripledemic Rages

By Dr. Joy Martinez

Staff Writer

People trying to find over-the-counter medication for their sick children are finding empty shelves, as a spike in respiratory illnesses pushes pediatricians and emergency rooms to the max. "We're facing an onslaught of three viruses — COVID, RSV and influenza. All simultaneously," says Dr. William Schaffner, an infectious disease specialist at Vanderbilt University. "We're calling this a tripledemic."

Because of this tripledemic, as you're walking past the cold and flu medicine aisle, you might notice the shelves are bare or very close to it. Children's Tylenol, Motrin, or Advil are particularly difficult to find.

Unlike our current status, our neighbor to the north - Canada - has issued emergency orders to address a shortage of acetaminophen and ibuprofen, known by the name brands Tylenol and Advil, and similar products. Meanwhile, U.S. manufacturers and retailers emphasized that supplies should rebound within weeks. On the prescription side, increased demand for the antibiotic amoxicillin has caused shortages in the United States, Canada and parts of Europe.

Currently, the FDA is not reporting any shortages of Children's Tylenol or its generic name of acetaminophen, and there are also no reports of shortages of Children's Motrin or its generic name ibuprofen.

Johnson & Johnson makes Children's Tylenol and Children's Motrin. The company says there is no nationwide shortage — just rapidly increasing demand.

"Consumer demand for pediatric pain relievers in the U.S. is high, but there are no supply chain issues and we do not have an overall shortage in the U.S.," company spokesperson Melissa Witt said in an email. The company says it is "experiencing high consumer demand and are doing everything we can to make sure people have access to the products they need."

Not everyone agrees. On social media, families say they've hunted for hours for oseltamivir, the generic version of Tamiflu, and the first-line antibiotic amoxicillin and Augmentin. Inhalers of the drug albuterol,

which is used to open airways in the lungs, are also in short supply, according to the American Society of Health-System Pharmacists, which maintains a list of drug shortages (ASHP).

"ASHP tends to be slightly ahead of the FDA reporting on shortages," says Stephanie Field, M.B.A., director of pharmacy business operations at Corewell Health West. "If ASHP shares it, then it will soon be on the FDA list."

Nationally, sales of children's internal analgesics — including acetaminophen and ibuprofen — were up more than almost 30 percent over the prior year according to data from the Consumer Healthcare Products Association (CHPA), a trade group that represents manufacturers of over-the-counter drugs.

"In my 25 years of being a pediatrician, I've never seen anything like this," said pediatric infectious disease specialist Dr. Stacene Maroushek of Hennepin Healthcare in Minnesota. "I have seen families who just aren't getting a break. They have one viral illness after another. And now there's the secondary effect of ear infections and pneumonia that are prompting amoxicillin shortages."

According to the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), more than half of the nation has "high" or "very high" respiratory virus (RSV) activity. Most of that is due to influenza, which hit early and hard this year. Respiratory syncytial virus, or RSV, is also playing a role. Nationwide, about 1 out of 5 tests for RSV was positive over the last week, a rate much higher than any point over the past two years.

There have been almost 8 flu hospitalizations for every 100,000 people this season, the cumulative hospitalization rate hasn't been this high at this point in the season in more than a decade. Demand for medicine is high.

The companies that make generic drugs don't usually keep stocks of their medications on shelves. Instead, they manufacture them based on orders placed earlier in the year. This year's orders didn't anticipate the enormity of the season for respiratory illnesses. In response, they are ramping up production, but it takes time to get more product in stock.



There is also the issues of stocking up at home. People may also be buying more of these medications to be prepared in case their child becomes sick, says Danelle Fisher, M.D., a pediatrician and chair of pediatrics at Providence Saint John's Health Center in Santa Monica, CA. "People are buying it because they're nervous and seeing more respiratory illness in

other kids," she says. "When there are times when you know things could get bad, people tend to stock up."

So what to do if you have a fevered child, and are struggling to find Children's Tylenol or a similar product?

Dr. Fisher says, "But if your child is happy, eating well, and drinking well, I don't care what

the number is on the thermometer—you don't have to treat it."

Some doctors agree - like Dr. Sean O'Leary, a professor of pediatrics at the University of Colorado School of Medicine and Children's Hospital Colorado, who explains the demand or shortage isn't the issue, as you don't even need to use medicine. The chair of the Committee on Infectious Dis-

eases for the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) supports this assessment.

"These medicines are not curative. They don't alter the duration of the illness or anything like that. They are essentially purely for comfort," he says. "Fever from common respiratory viruses in and of themselves are not harmful."

He offers a scenario. "If [a child's] temp is 103, but he's running around the room having a good time playing, you don't need to do anything with that. That's not going to hurt him. Fever is representing our body's immune response to an infection. On the other hand, if he doesn't have a fever, but his throat is hurting, something is bothering him, he's pretty fussy — then that's where things like ibuprofen or Tylenol, acetaminophen can be helpful."

It's important to note that not all doctors share this outlook, and not every child's health is the same. Be sure to consult your physician before making treatment decisions or changing treatment plans.

State Lawmakers Get An Earful During Town Hall

NC Policy Watch—"Folks, we have a huge problem with mental health," state Senator Jim Burgin (R-Harnett) told a room full of people at a town hall in Kannapolis last week.

Sharing the stage with North Carolina Health and Human Services Secretary Kody Kinsley and three other Republican legislators, Sen. Burgin said lawmakers wanted to hear directly from the public about mental health and substance abuse challenges in advance of the upcoming legislative session.

The percentage of American adults with symptoms of anxiety or depression nearly quadrupled during the pandemic.

"Usually in a given week, one in nine people would say 'I feel lonely, low or I feel a bit anxious.' During that period of time, that number went to one in three, disproportionately among younger individuals," Kinsley told the audience.

The 2022 Mental Health America report ranked the state 21st in adult mental health, but 42nd in youth mental health and 38th in access to care.

Over half (51.6%) of North Carolina adults with a mental illness receive no treatment.

Trauma as a common denominator

Gwen Bartley, executive director of Amazing Grace Advocacy, said the county's mental health task force has recently been focused on the threat of mass-shootings.

"We recognize that trauma has been a common denominator in many of the national tragedies. So, we're wondering is North Carolina conducting any research or providing any information for communities to do preventative work in regard to mass shootings that focuses on the trauma and behavioral health aspects?"

Sec. Kinsley agreed gun violence has been more frequent. Five North Carolinians per day die from a firearm-related death, more than 1,700 in 2020.

He recounted the October 13th mass shooting in Raleigh's Hedingham neighborhood that left five people dead. The Chief Medical Examiner's Office worked through the weekend performing autopsies on the victims.

"And then two days later, a two-year-old crawled into the back seat of their Dad's truck and shot a gun and killed himself, and we had to take that body as well."

Kinsley said in addition to discussing the trauma, the state must focus on safe gun storage.

"Everyone wants to protect their families, if you need quicker access to a firearm, then there's a firearm safe. 4-H staff, they are talking about safe shooting training — it is just as much about how to respect a firearm as it is about leadership and civic duty."

Kinsley believes a layered, public health approach can improve community safety.

"Thinking [of it] akin to how we think about traffic accidents. There isn't a one answer solution for trying to reduce injuries from traffic accidents. Over 30 years we were able to really reduce the number of people who got in accidents and people who were injured from it because we had a layered approach. We didn't say one size fits all, we met people where they were, and we tried to change behavior over time. There were seat belts and speed limit signs and air bags for folks that don't wear seat belts, an array of different things. And I believe we can do the same thing around violence."

NCDHHS just released a ten-page white paper on approaches for reducing gun misuse and mitigating violence. It's estimated 32% of youth firearm suicides and unintentional firearm deaths could be prevented through safe storage.

"Who's coming to work for us and do this kind of work?"

Up next, a veteran health care provider from Winston-Salem raised concerns that residential facilities that care for those with be-

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Even The Land Priorities Rest This Time Of The Year

By Jason Lindsay

Staff Writer

December marks the end of fall and the beginning of winter. By this time, the last of the leaves are falling off the trees, usually only the colorful rich hardwood leaves are still dangling from the branches. The chilling days are becoming more consistent and cold nights are almost a guaranteed. By this time most years, we have witnessed a morning frost or two and it is officially too late to plant any outdoor winter crops.

One of the greatest roles nature plays with us is the role of a teacher and this time of the year she displays to us the important of rest, dormancy, a rebud, and a chance for a fresh start. Even the trees find their way to slumber. In northern America, maple trees drop their leaves and increase the amount of sap produced serving as a blanket of sorts insulating the tree through the coldest months. This sap production is why maple syrup is produced in the coldest winter months.

The trees are far from alone in their preparation of the winter. Perennials like grasses and flowers kill back their top foliage during the months. The unexposed root system however remains alive and even mature through the winter. Here is the kicker: The roots use a naturally produced sugars within its body to serve an organic antifreeze when temperatures drop below freezing (32 degrees).

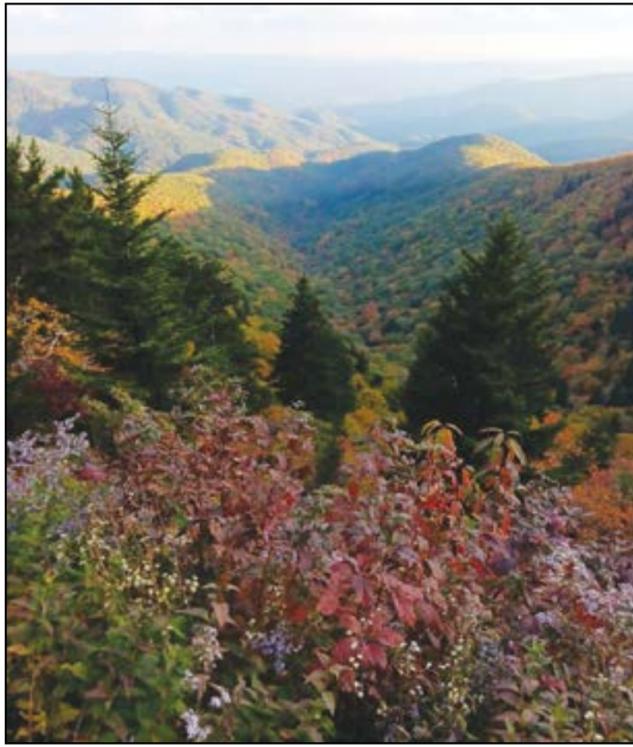
So what is nature saying here? Let's recap. In the winter

(coldest months of the year) nature first dies back releasing any and everything that will not serve it for the coming season. With more domesticated species like hostas or daylilies, pruning is needed in late fall or early winter. Then using natural sugars already stored in the body of the plant, nature insulates itself from the brittleness of winter with sugar. Yes, nature puts on a coat.

I believe this is a direct reflection of what we (people of the earth) need to do in our lives. The long days of the summer months allow us to take on lots of things and/ or people. Let's call them foliage. These circumstances or individuals come into your life to serve a purpose or deliver a message, yet it is just for a season.

As the days grow shorter and the nights grow colder they began to die off. The pest are killed off during the frigid nights, like people that mean you no good or that were only meant to be in a part of your life. All but the evergreens die back, this is the inward reflection. Looking at our lives and who we have become. Taking from ourselves things (habits) that no longer serve our greatest good. Somethings are easy, we no longer have a taste for them. Those things fall off like the leaves in the trees. Other things we try to hold on to, but just like the hostas and the daylilies, they need pruning (to be cut back) to protect us from dangers of the coming season.

The winter is nature's designated time of rest. The earth



Transylvania County, NC on November 1st. Image provided by Carolinian subscriber William Norman

itself rest in winter months. Some animals and insects hibernate during this time to build up the energy to thrive in the coming spring and summer.

The soil in our area needs winters, too. For the soil, winter aids in breaking the cycle

of breeding for insects considered pest. The moisture in the ground freezes, allowing mother nature to thrive in a state of dormancy while simultaneously riding itself of nasty pest and rejuvenating itself because the soil itself is in a state of hiber-

nation.

Nature is showing us through taking the time to rest and endure the darker colder month to ready for the longer days that it is necessary to take this time for yourself to rejuvenates the spirit and kills off the pest in your life.

Resting the land is something that was once built into the farmer's regiment. My grandfather and his peers would farm the land for three years and on the fourth year the fields were left to rest. This practice goes back even to ancient times. In both the bible and the torah, followers of the faith were given instructions to rest the land every seven years. It was called "Shmita," meaning: "the sabbath of the land" or "the sabbatical year."

Exodus 28: 10- 11 reads:

"Six years thou shalt sow thy land and gather in the fruits thereof: but, the seventh year thou shalt let it rest and lie still..."

The text goes on to say that any thing that naturally springs up in the fields are to be gleaned by people that don't have food and the wildlife.

Many popular crops require this time of stillness in a cold dark place. This is a process called "vernalization" which is a method that nature stimulates seeds or root systems to ready them for flowering in the early spring. Nature does this by exposing the plant or seed to low temperatures over a period of time (winter). The cold temperatures break down the hard shell that surrounds

the seeds making it easy to sprout once temperatures are permissible. Crops like: tulips, hyacinths, crocus, and daffodils all require vernalization. Vegetables like: beets, brussels sprouts, cabbage, carrots, cauliflower, celery, chard, collards, endives, kale, salsify, kohlrabi, leeks, onions, parsley, parsnips, and rutabagas all require some levels of vernalization. Even fruit trees like: peach and apple trees rely on this process.

In society today many view nature as this competing entity that fights itself to survive. And as the world puts it: "only the strong survive." Yet this is far from the truth. In the winter months nature uses dormancy as a means to thrive and she keeps herself warm with a coat made of sugar.

Nature is exhibiting that it is the sweet things that truly keep us warm in the dark cold times of life. As for the things not needed, let them die off and don't forget the necessary pruning for things that want to go away on their own.

Let us use these coming winter months to cater to ourselves just as nature does. Just as the nights are long, also let the look in the mirror be just as extensive. Use the cold times in your life to kill off the pest and rest the land (your body).

Life is charging us to be better and changing us for the better. Let's foot the bill by paying attention to nature because in her are sacred ways that I believe leads to eternal peace and harmony that starts within.

"Heirs' Property" Exploitation Has Cost Many Farmers Their Land.

By Randi Druzin

American Farmland Trust

Through her work at the Federation of Southern Cooperatives / Land Assistance Fund, Dania Davy meets many people whose lives have been disrupted and livelihoods threatened by an unstable form of land ownership called heirs' property.

But one case sticks out in her mind - an elderly woman who lost her family's farm in a court-ordered sale of the property. The sale was the result of a relative, who was also an heir, selling their interest to a timber company. The woman had been unable to secure enough money to keep the farm, which had been in her family for more than

a century and included the home she had been living in since birth. She was devastated.

Unfortunately, that family's story is not unique. Many others, especially those in lower-income and Black communities, have faced similar challenges.

"The reality is, many families haven't been able to access their land wealth fully because

of heirs' property, and they face serious problems," says Davy, who is the Federation's director of land retention and advocacy. "That includes potential loss of their property."

When the owner of a property dies without a valid will, ownership of the property flows equally to all that person's heirs, and they become tenants in common. They have the right to use the property, but they lack a clear title. Ownership remains in this format unless all heirs settle the estate and title issues. Eventually, there could be dozens or hundreds of co-tenants.

This land ownership format can be the source of many problems. Because the heirs lack the title confirming their status as clear owners, they might struggle to secure disaster assistance in the wake of a major storm or to use the property as collateral for financing. Also, they have difficulty accessing many U.S. Department of Agriculture programs. In the past, they couldn't access these programs at all.

Even worse, when all the heirs can't agree on what to do with the property, it may end up being sold through a forced partition sale. This can happen, for example, when one heir sells their interest to a non-family member. As has happened on many occasions, this legal loophole could allow a real estate speculator to force a public sale of the entire property and then purchase it for a fraction of the market value. This process, which can unfold within weeks or days, severely depletes a family's wealth, while forcing them from the land—and likely housing—that had been in their family for generations.

This scenario is a common one because, according to Davy, there are often family members who don't live anywhere near the property in question and have no emotional connection to it.

Black families disproportionately affected

Heirs' property challenges are experienced by marginalized and low-income communities, particularly Hispanic populations in the southwest, Indigenous families on reservations, and low-income families in Appalachia.

But the problem is most prevalent among Black families in the South, where heirs' property accounts for about one-third of all land owned by Black families. This problem can be partially traced back to 1862, when the Homestead Act was passed. The legislation granted Americans 160-acre plots of public land for the price of a small filing fee. In addition to fostering Western expansion, it also allowed immigrants, women, and former slaves to become landowners.

Black landowners who died in the early 20th century often left their property to heirs without

a will because they couldn't afford the legal services needed to formalize the transaction, or because they were denied access to the legal system altogether. In some cases, these landowners avoided formal wills and titles because they didn't trust local and state governments. After all, these entities had a long history of mistreating Black people. As a result, many properties were passed down from one generation to the next with original landowners still listed on the deeds.

Due in part to pitfalls of the heirs' property framework—along with other systemic injustices such as racism, loan denials, and under-representation in agriculture—Black families now own much less property than they did a hundred years ago. In the last century, Black farmland ownership has declined by about 12 million acres. The federal government has identified heirs' property as the leading cause

of the use of alternative documentation for heirs' property operators to establish a farm number, which is required for many U.S. Department of Agriculture programs, including lending, conservation funding, and disaster relief.

The Farm Bill also authorized the Heirs' Property Relending Program (HPRP), which enables some cooperatives, credit unions, and other entities to lend money to property owners trying to resolve ownership and succession issues on shared farmland. Heirs can apply to those entities for loans. The federal government is earmarking \$67 million for this initiative.

State-level changes are happening, too. Since 2011, twenty-one states have enacted the Uniform Partition of Heirs' Property Act, a draft bill being pitched to state legislatures by the Uniform Law Commission, a non-profit organization. The legisla-



tion changes the procedure for lawsuits involving co-owners of property. Under the UHPA, the defendant in a lawsuit involving heirs can buy out the plaintiff's interest in the property rather than having to purchase the entire property. Other safeguards are put in place, too. In effect, the legislation expands heirs' rights to their property and protects against the most egregious forced sales.

Some organizations also offer help. For example, the Center for Heirs' Property Preservation in South Carolina guides landowners through the process of proving ownership, planning estates, and learning how to manage land to benefit their families. Working in Virginia and North Carolina, the Black Family Land Trust also supports landowners in securing and conserving their property.

The Federation of Southern Cooperatives / Land Assistance Fund provides land retention support and assistance to farmers and landowners throughout the South, most of whom are Black. The organization estimates that most Black-owned heirs' property land will be lost through partition sales, so it is encouraging more states to enact the Uniform Partition of Heirs' Property Act.

Steps are being taken to fix problem

The problem has caught the attention of government agencies and various organizations, some of which are taking steps to fix it.

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NC's First Ever Woman NAACP Leader

By Tyria McCray

Staff Writer



As the first woman elected as president of the North Carolina State Conference of Branches of the National Association of the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), Deborah Dicks Maxwell has made it apparent that she plans to strengthen the NC NAACP.

As a resident of Wilmington, she shared with *The Carolinian* that strengthening the state structure of the NAACP and increasing the number of branches on college and university campuses will also be the main focus areas under her leadership.

Maxwell, a military veteran and a retired public health social worker, unseated the late Rev. T. Anthony Spearman, who had been the president of N.C. NAACP since 2017.

She is the first woman to lead the state chapter, which has been active since 1940. (The NAACP was founded in 1909.) Also within the past decade, Maxwell has led both the New Hanover County NAACP and the Walter B. White District of the North Carolina NAACP, which covers Bladen, Brunswick, Columbus, New Hanover, Onslow, and Pender counties.

In New Hanover County, Maxwell has focused on voter registration, although the NAACP is non-partisan and does not endorse political candidates. She's also spoken out against the suspension of elementary-age school children (suspensions happen much more often for Black children) and pushed for measures to fight pollution and climate change as a way to push back against environmental injustice.

She continues to serve on the board of directors of the North Carolina League of Conservation Voters Foundation, Cape Fear River Watch, and Cape Fear

Community College.

"I initially was inspired because I want to improve the well-being of the state of North Carolina NAACP. As of right now, we are focusing on many vital matters. Such as advocating and addressing environmental climate justice issues, advocating for affordable housing, voting rights, and focusing on the overall health of black people," said President Maxwell.

Furthermore, in regards to addressing health factors among blacks, Maxwell plans to garner the help of health organizations across N.C., to not only implement a solution but make sure black Americans are knowledgeable about health factors; as well as ensure that proper healthcare stays readily available. "It's unfortunate but some African Americans in our community are not knowledgeable about health matters which results in an underlying issue later on. We will bring more awareness to that and work tirelessly with our allies to get better care to our people."

Moving along to affordable housing, the president shared

frank sentiments in regard to that issue. When speaking with the previous NAACP administration, she adamantly stressed to them that every branch needs a housing committee. However, no one saw any results. She shared that the current committee has identified current housing situations within their communities and has implemented a solution on the spot rather than just talking about it. "We still need branches to survey what is going on in their community but we are seeing progress. For instance, where I am located, we've had 150 residents who are displaced due to mold. Even though we have got numbers below 100, that still leaves 50 people displaced. So have made progress but there is more work to be done."

Youth engagement is at the forefront as well. After speaking with teens and college and career students around the community, we learned that they want to be more engaged in the organization but are unsure how to go about it. Some youth see the NAACP as all work and no fun. She shared that the first thing that must be done is to educate them about the work of the

NAACP, having youth focus on areas that would be of interest to them.

The organization also plans to establish college chapters in historically Black colleges across N.C. These chapters will further advance the NAACP as well as allow students to take what they have learned from the organization and apply it to address and advocate for matters at their colleges. Shaw University in Raleigh will be the first to have a NAACP Chapter established.

Looking onto the new year, Maxwell stands by her motto, "Reset and Refocus." Also having a better game plan with neighboring counties to better address issues as a whole and improving the status of counties that are deemed bad by the public eye.

"I mainly want people to know that not only me but we as an organization are here, we truly care about the citizens of North Carolina and of this country. We are here to support everyone. We have made progress but there is more to come," Maxwell said.

Lastly, along with Maxwell, two other women were elected to the three highest offices of the North Carolina Conference of the NAACP.

Carolyn Q. Coleman, secretary to the NAACP National Board of Directors, from Greensboro, was re-elected as 1st Vice President; Carolyn P. McDougal, immediate past president of Harnett County NAACP was re-elected as 2nd vice president.

Applications For Electric Bill Assistance Are Now Available

Older adults and people with disabilities can now apply for the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services' Low Income Energy Assistance Program. The state began accepting applications from this group of residents on Dec. 1.

The federally funded program helps low-income households with a direct, one-time payment directly to their heating vendor to offset the high cost of warming their homes during the cold weather months.

"We recognize the cost of heating a home this coming winter will be higher due to an increase in energy prices," said NCDHHS Senior Director for Human Services, Carla West. "Our goal is to ensure older adults and people with disabilities who may be facing a financial hardship have the funds to help with their heating expenses this year."

Payments will be distributed automatically to heating vendors beginning in December if a

member of the household meets the following three requirements:

- Is age 60 or older or a person with a disability receiving services through the Division of Aging and Adult Services;
- Currently receiving Food and Nutrition Services; and
- Received a LIEAP payment during the 2021-2022 season.

Households meeting the requirements for the automatic payment were notified of their eligibility in November 2022 and do not need to re-apply for LIEAP.

Any household with a person 60 or older or with a disability receiving DAAS services who did not receive notice of an automated payment can apply online at www.epass.nc.gov. Applicants can also call their county department of social services to apply by phone or print a paper application from www.epass.nc.gov to mail, fax or drop off at their county department of

social services. To be eligible for the LIEAP program, a household must:

- Have at least one U.S. citizen or non-citizen who meets the eligibility requirements,
- Have income equal to or less than 130 percent of the federal poverty limit, and
- Be responsible for their heating cost.

Beginning on Jan. 3, 2023, all other eligible households who meet the eligibility requirements may begin applying. Applications will be accepted from Jan. 3, 2023, to March 31, 2023, or until funds are exhausted.

Last year, the program provided approximately \$114 million to help more than 168,000 households pay their heating bills from December 2021 through March 2022.

For more information on the program and eligibility, visit www.ncdhhs.gov/assistance/low-income-services/low-income-energy-assistance.

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havioral needs are increasingly closing because of low wages and burdensome requirements.

"We talk about the kids and how we want to provide for them, but the state is not helping residential level three providers to keep kids and stay open."

Pam Phillips explained how a little-known statute passed by lawmakers in 2015 required her facility to hire workers with at least a year of experience, even for the most entry-level tasks.

"People that have experience, they are not coming to work for us for what we can pay. They are not," Phillips said firmly.

"I got into this because I got tired of seeing these kids that were misdiagnosed sent to the county jail, so this is real to me."

The 65-year-old Phillips said she has been trying to find out where that statute came from for four years in hopes of getting it changed. Until that happens, she's unable to take in more patients at the Triad home that provides care for young men.

"We need help. We are sinking. We are at the bottom of this mental health structure, and we can't hire anybody."

Phillips said when Arby's can offer a starting wage between \$17 and \$22 per hour, her behavioral health facility can't compete.

"Who's coming to work for us and do this kind of work?" Phil-

lips asked. "I've been spat on and everything else. But I just keep praying and keep moving."

Opioids take their toll. Dr. Russell Suda, an obstetrician in Kannapolis, told lawmakers the state must do more to help pregnant women who are also substance users.

The opioid epidemic started in 1990s mainly as a male problem.

"But by 2010 we've got more women showing up for overdoses at ERs. More women are showing up in rehab," Suda explained. "Men are still outdistancing women in being successful at committing suicide, but women are doing it more often."

"What I'm pleading for here is to bring care to pregnant women as a priority."

Too often, Suda said, doctors don't want to treat pregnant patients with an addiction, worried about possible malpractice claims against them.

Programs like the SUN Project at the Cabarrus Health Alliance (CHA) provide prenatal care and clinical services to women suffering from substance use disorders.

Suda said trying to keep mothers and babies together may be one of the best strategies for breaking the cycle of addiction and keeping families together.

"Every dollar you spend, gives seven dollars in savings from criminal justice work, more

health care work, from social service work, from all these other allied services that are costly," Suda reminded the panel.

Do it right, not quick. Addiction was also on the mind of Mary Beth Poplin, the nurse manager over behavioral health services at Atrium Health Cabarrus.

"I have a front row seat to the emergency department, and I can tell you I have ten kids there currently."

With almost forty years in the medical field, Poplin said she has learned what does and doesn't work.

"You're not gonna fix anything in five days. I can't get somebody sober in five days. If you want to get somebody off drugs and alcohol, I need a 30-day in-patient treatment center where they get through steps one, two and three and they get a temporary sponsor, and then they don't come back to my ER," explained Poplin.

She told lawmakers that when it comes to programming, you can't put a band-aid over a hemorrhage.

Patients need time to recover from mental health challenges and substance abuse, not to be turned out after a handful of days expecting that will result in a better outcome.

"Take some time to do it right, not quick."



On Tuesday, 100's of people attended the swearing in ceremony for new Wake County Sheriff Willie Rowe at St. Matthew's Baptist Church in Raleigh.



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Sports

Would America Leave Tom Brady In Russia?

By Austin Boyd

Heavy.

Since February 17, 2022, WNBA superstar Brittney Griner has been detained in Russia as she faces drug charges. There's been a groundswell of support in America to get the Houston, Texas native back to the states but there's been little movement. Many of the NBA's biggest names have come out urging the United States government to figure out how to get Griner home, including Los Angeles Lakers star LeBron James.

Considering players like LeBron and many others have played overseas in the past, this is a situation that hits close to home. There's been a lot of uncertainty regarding Griner's situation and she could face five to 10 years in prison, per Interfax. As the White House tries to find a solution, LeBron is now questioning why Griner isn't back yet.

On a preview for the next episode of "The Shop," the Lakers star suggested that he wouldn't even want to live in America if he were put in Griner's position.

"Now, how can she feel like America has her back? I would be feeling like, 'Do I even want to go back to America?'" LeBron said of Griner.

LeBron Gets Push Back for Comments

Now, it's important to note that LeBron's comments come from a brief preview shared on social media. There could be much more context to the comments and he could've offered more clarification. However, that didn't stop many people on Twitter from coming out against the superstar.

Clay Travis of Outkick referred to LeBron as a "professional idiot" for his comments.

Travis has been critical of LeBron's politics in the past so this attack doesn't come out of nowhere. The future Hall of Famer has been known to cause a stir with his political comments. LeBron is clearly frustrated that a fellow basketball star is facing prison time overseas and it has to be concerning.



Griner's Coach Believes She'd Be Back if She Was LeBron

Griner has been one of the most dominant players in the WNBA for a long time. She's an eight-time All-Star and champion. Her absence has been notable for the WNBA season as she was honored at the recent All-Star game. It's difficult to fathom that such a notable player would be facing these issues.

Frustrations from many who know her are starting to show. Griner's coach on the Phoenix Mercury Vanessa Nygaard is in disbelief that she's been detained this long and thinks she'd already be back if she was LeBron.

"If it was LeBron, he'd be home, right?" Nygaard said. "It's a statement about the value of women. It's a statement about the value of a black person. It's a statement about the value of a gay person."

"All of those things. We know it, and so that's what hurts a little more."

The longer Griner is detained, the more frustration will begin to mount. LeBron is clearly trying to use his platform to help bring attention to the situation but sometimes his words bring more attention to him than the cause.



Enloe vs SouthEast

On December 2, the Enloe Eagles faced Southeast Raleigh at home. The schools met in a non-conference game, but was no less competitive. The boys team came through with a 73-60 victory over Southeast Raleigh. The lady eagles fell to Southeast in their match. Steve Worthy Photos



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Obituaries

EULA SCOTT CLARK
November 14, 1932–November 28
Eula Mae Scott Clark, 90, passed away Monday, November 28.

A public viewing was held on Sunday, December 4 in Hargett Funeral Service, Inc., 905 E. Market Street, Greensboro from 10 a.m.–5 p.m.

A homegoing celebration was held on Monday, December 5 in Jackson United Methodist Church, 7817 Jackson School Road, Browns Summit. Interment followed in the church cemetery.

MOZELLE HARRIS CHALMERS
August 25, 1922–November 27, 2022

Mozelle Annie Harris Chalmers, 100, passed away Sunday, November 27.

A public viewing was held on Thursday, December 1 in Hargett Funeral Service, Inc., 905 E. Market Street, Greensboro.

A homegoing celebration was held on Friday, December 2 in Genesis Baptist Church, 2812 E. Bessemer Avenue, Greensboro. Interment followed in Guilford Memorial Park.

NATHANIEL HOWARD JOHNSON

June 16, 1943–December 1, 2022
Nathaniel Howard Johnson, Jr., 79, passed away Thursday, December 1.

Funeral arrangements are pending.

ALINA DREW TOOLE
Sunrise: 9/14/1990
Sunset: 11/12/2022

Alina is the daughter of Thomas and Carlotta Drew. Alina was united in matrimony to Mark J. Toole.

She leaves to cherish her memories and life, Mark J. Toole, daughters, Mackenzie and Marnita Toole, her brother; Deacon Thomas Drew, Jr., and a host of aunts, uncles, cousins, relatives, and friends.



ALINA DREW TOOLE

SERMON of the WEEK



DO GOOD

People are cutting up and acting up and evil is spreading all over the world and sometimes it seems like we're nearing Revelation 12:12. We hear of wars and rumors of wars. We watch, see and hear of violence seemingly more often than usual. Extremisms, hate speeches, hate rallies, divisiveness, bigotry and acts of terrorism are all becoming too common and acceptable in a dying world that needs more peace.

Peter said, "Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour."

It is said that a lion's roar can be heard from 6 miles away. However, in the world today, a lot of roaring has been heard coming from the White House, the liquor house, and even the outhouse, etc. [Lord have mercy]. Sadly, sometimes the evil one will try to act up in God's house, but I'm glad that the gates of hell shall not prevail against it or overpower it.

So, with all this cutting up, acting up and evil going on throughout the world, what can we do? Where can we go? Well, I suggest we go to one of my favorite Psalms, Psalm 37, 1-5.

"Fret not thyself because of evildoers, neither be thou envious against the workers of iniquity. For they shall soon be cut down like the grass, and wither as the green herb. Trust in the LORD, and do good; so shalt thou dwell in the land, and verily thou shalt be fed. Delight thyself also in the LORD; and he shall give thee the desires of thine heart. Commit thy way unto the LORD; trust also in him; and he shall bring it to pass."



So, I say in this sermon, Trust, Delight, Commit, be Patient, and Wait on the Lord and everything will be all right! I often tell people when they are feeling bad and doing bad, to keep doing good and good will happen.

The Word of God here says, Don't follow after wicked ones or be jealous of their wealth and wicked ways. Don't think a moment they're better off than you. They and their short-lived success will soon shrivel up and quickly fade away like grass clippings in the hot sun. So, I too say, keep trusting the Lord and do good.

Although Jesus told a rich young ruler in Mark 10:18 that there is no one good except God alone, that doesn't mean that we should not give our best effort to do good daily.

I believe that when believers commit their ways unto the Lord, the Holy Spirit will give them strength to do all things, especially good things. Furthermore, we know that what is impossible with man is possible with God, Luke 18:27. So biblically, there's no excuse not to make an effort to do good every day, but that's easier said than done.

Paul said in Romans 7:18-25, "For I know that good itself does not dwell in me, that is, in my sinful nature. For I have the desire to do what is good, but I cannot carry it out. For I do not do the good I want to do, but the evil I do not want to do—this I keep on doing. Now if I do what I do not want to do, it is no longer I who do it, but it is sin living in me that does it. So I find this law at work: Although I want to do good, evil is right there with me. For in my inner being I delight in God's law; but I see another law at work in me, waging war

against the law of my mind and making me a prisoner of the law of sin at work within me. What a wretched man I am! Who will rescue me from this body that is subject to death? Thanks be to God, who delivers me through Jesus Christ our Lord!"

Nevertheless, no matter what we face or what people of this world call us, I encourage you to keep on doing good. Why? Because we have God, a Good Shepherd, and a Holy Spirit that will help us to be good, act good, look good, and stay good. If God be for you, it's more than the whole world against you.

The good shepherd gives His life for the sheep (John 10:11). The Lord Jesus used this title to help people appreciate that He is our loving and caring Savior of the world. Isn't it delightful to know that the good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep?

David said, the Lord is my Shepherd and I shall not want. Sheep that follow the Good Shepherd don't have to worry or want for anything because the Good Shepherd will supply their every need. He gives us food on our tables, clothes on our backs, and He keeps a roof over our heads.

Seek ye first the kingdom of God and His Righteousness and all these and many other things will be added unto you. I believe that if we continue to do good, good things will happen by and to the Glory of God; that's why this morning when I rose, I didn't have no doubt that the Lord would take care of me. What about you?

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Macedonia NL Church Happenings

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HAPPENINGS AT THE MAC...

Macedonia New Life Church (Macedonia NLC) is continuing weekly in-person worship services on Sundays starting at 9:30 a.m. and masks are now optional. The Family Life Center will now be available for overflow. The nursery is now open to children up to four years old.

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Macedonia NLC invites you to join us Sunday morning on zoom at 8 a.m. for Sunday School Meeting ID: 918 5873 2456 Passcode: 461350

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Rev. Marilyn Fonville, M.Div., Macedonia NLC—Sunday School Superintendent/VBS Coordinator

Youth Sunday School

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

Youth Bible Study

Macedonia NLC invites all youth to learn with us on Tuesdays at 7 p.m. \

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Church Community Food Ministry Weekly Food Distribution

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

Tuesdays In The Word

MNLC weekly Bible Study sessions, Tuesdays in the Word with Dr. Joe, will be held virtually via ZOOM. MNLC invites you to join us each Tuesday!

"When Men Pray"

Macedonia invites all the brothers to gather at the church for prayer on December 10th at 9 a.m. We hope to see you there!

Stuff The Trailer Christmas Toy Drive with Beli4ve

Help us in providing deserving children with gifts and toys for Christmas! Macedonia will be collecting toys up until Friday, December 16th and the Toy Drive will take place on Saturday, December 17th at 12 p.m.

Prayer Hours

Calling all Macedonians to join us on Saturday, December 17th, 2022, at 8 a.m. for prayer hour at Macedonia New Life Church. Spend an hour with us giving thanks and glory to the Lord.

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

Individuals may pick up COVID-19 Testing Kits at Macedonia New Life Church on Mondays through Fridays from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. Each person may pick up a maximum of 10 tests per visit.

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

Practical Biblical Principles

WHERE THE GRASS IS GREENER

Genesis 13:1-13

We have heard the phrase, "Where the grass is greener on the other side of the fence." The phrase indicates that someone sees something better and attractive that is not in their possession. To reach the greener grass, one will have to leave where they are presently located and move to the greener location, or in some cases, where the grass appears to be greener. This desire to possess better or greater things can almost be covetous. This could well put one under the eye of the Ten Commandments—Thou shalt not!

How often do we see things that we want and immediately seek to possess it without giving such issues much forethought and analysis. Such things as a car, or piece of clothing, or a house or a relationship. Scripture teaches us to count the cost of building a house or making war before getting involved (Luke 14:28-31).

Many unhappy and lonely married people and singles looking for attention and happiness often make terrible mistakes of seeing such attention as being on the other side of the fence where the grass appears greener or is greener. One thing every rational person should keep in mind when looking at the grass across the fence, that grass will need to be cut and trimmed as well.

When working in plumbing and assigned to check out the stoppage and drainage of a septic tank repair, it was very easy to locate the septic tank field upon arriving on the property. The grass covering the septic tank would always be greener than the surrounding grass. The greener area would be soggy and sometimes a little stinky.

So much for the grass being greener across the other side of the fence. From a distance the grass may well turn out to be

greener, but also may be stinky and soggy, which is how some "seeking" relationships turn out to be.

This seems like what Lot, the nephew of Abraham, got into a "greener-grass" issue. Lot, the son of Abraham's deceased brother, followed Abraham, when God directed him to leave Ur, Babylon and go to a place where God will direct Him.

As Abraham prospered by God, so did Abraham prosper Lot, who now had flocks, herds, and tents. The area was getting too crowded to feed and support the great flocks and herds of Abraham and Lot together. There was strife between the herdsmen of the two tribes.

The Canaanites and the Perizzites also dwelled in the land. The land was crowded. Abraham then offered Lot a suggestion that they would split up and go separate ways for the land to be able to support the flocks/herds and bring peace among the two tribes. Abraham gave Lot the first choice as to where he wished to go with his flock/herd and Abraham said I will take the opposite way from you to make space for all of us (Genesis 13:8).

"And Lot lifted up his eyes and saw all the plain of Jordan, that it was well watered everywhere—this place looked like the 'garden of the Lord'" (Genesis 13:10).

Lot chose for himself all the plain of Jordan, and Lot journeyed east. And they separated from each other. Abram dwelt in the land of Canaan, and Lot dwelt in the cities of the plain and pitched his tent even as far as Sodom, where the men of the city were exceedingly wicked and sinful against the Lord (Genesis 13:13).

After the separation of the two men, God called unto Abram and promised to give him and his descendants all the land his eyes could see. Abram settled in Hebron and built an altar there and

worshipped. Lot did nothing of the kind.

It wasn't long before Lot's trouble started where the grass was greener. Lot suffered great material loss and was taken captive, as he was caught between some Eastern and local kings fighting each other. (Genesis 14:1-2). Abram heard about the incident and formed a small army, left his home seeking to recapture Lot and all that he had lost, as well as to destroy those who had captured Lot and his company in the first place. Abram found the captors and killed them all. He safely rescued Lot and company and brought them back home.

Melchizedek, king of Salem (Jerusalem) heard what Abram had done in rescuing his family, went out to greet him, give Abram and company some bread and wine and blessed Abram. This was Abram's first introduction to priestly behavior, which he was to follow later. Abram in worship response, tithed to king Melchizedek.

It was not too long afterwards that God made a "Cut Covenant" with Abram and changed his name to Abraham. God now prepared to give Abraham a son as promised. God sent three angels to give Abraham and Sarah the promised news (Genesis 18:9-10). In the meanwhile, God saw a need to morally clean up the area before the child is born. These same Angels left Abraham and Sarah and continued on their way toward Sodom down where Lot lived (Genesis 18:16, 22-23). And now you know the rest of the story. Lot's pick of a greener grass location wasn't a good pick. God's children must be careful when they choose "greener grass."

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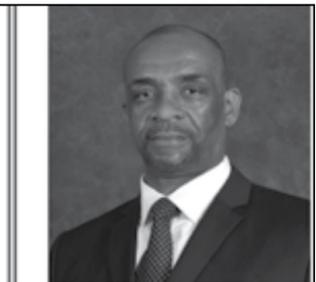
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Is Economics About More Than Jobs and Inflation?

By Mike Walden
Guest Editorial

Every time there is trouble looming for the economy, my schedule of presentations and interviews explodes. It happened during my more than 40 years on the North Carolina State University faculty, and it still happens in my retirement as I continue to interact with groups and the media.

I'm seeing the same reactions today with worries about inflation and recession. Certainly, I understand people being concerned when the economy is gloomy, especially if their livelihoods and incomes are threatened. Some psychologists say humans are naturally wired to focus more on potentially bad outcomes than on good ones.

But for some, I think the focus on negatives like recession and inflation make many think these are the only topics economics focuses on. They couldn't be more wrong.

There are two broad categories of economics—macroeconomics and microeconomics. Macroeconomics is “big picture” economics, concentrating on the economy as a whole rather than on individual pieces. Macroeconomics looks at topics such as economic growth, productivity, interest rates, the stock market and the financial system, as well as inflation and recession.

Macroeconomics captures our attention because its components impact everyone. Anyone who borrows or invests money is influenced by economic growth, interest rates, the stock market and the financial system. So too, are people who run a business or work for a business. They know that even if they are perfect at their job, they can be hurt if the macroeconomy deteriorates.

In contrast, microeconomics is “small picture” economics because it looks at the individual components of the macroeconomy. Why a specific job pays what it does, evaluating opening a new business, deciding whether to go to college and planning for your retirement are all examples of microeconomics.

Since microeconomics often is overshadowed by macroeconomics, let me delve into the “small picture” world by highlighting some of the concepts that make microeconomics valuable.

The first is incentives. One of the elementary principles of microeconomics is that decision-makers—workers, managers, investors, parents and children—respond to incentives. If incentives to do more of something are increased, decision-makers will do more of it. Conversely, if incentives to do something are decreased, decision-makers will do less of it.

We see incentives at work all around us. Lower prices of products and services we like cause us to buy more of them, while when faced with higher prices, we cut back. Businesses will increase wages to fill vacant positions. If the government wants us to do something, they will often cut taxes. A

good example today is the tax cuts for buying an electric vehicle.

Incentives don't have to be all monetary. Actions that are praised by our neighbors, colleagues, friends and society at large will attract more followers, while behaviors that are scorned will have a deterrent effect. Over time, the praised and scorned actions can change as societal values and culture change.

A key concept of microeconomics is the idea we can't have it all. It's the nature of most people to want many things. I know I do. These things can be personal, or they can apply to our community or nation. But the commonality is at any point in time we have limited resources to achieve our goals. This means we have to make choices. A big part of microeconomics is helping people evaluate their choices so they make the selection that gives them the most satisfaction.

One way of expanding what we can have at any point in time is to borrow. Borrowing gives us more resources to use today. For example, what if you wanted to buy a new vehicle, but you don't have the cash to make the purchase? Instead, you can borrow the cash, have the vehicle now and pay off the loan over time. This is a logical process—indeed, most people borrow to buy “big ticket” items like homes and vehicles—but it can create problems. What if you can't make the loan payments and have your home or vehicle repossessed? This is a consideration when attempting to “expand your resources” through borrowing.

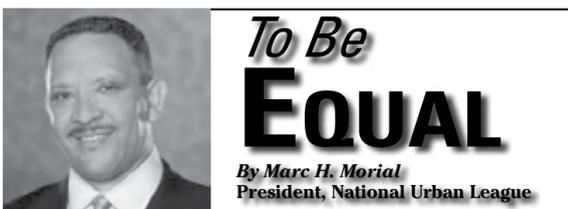
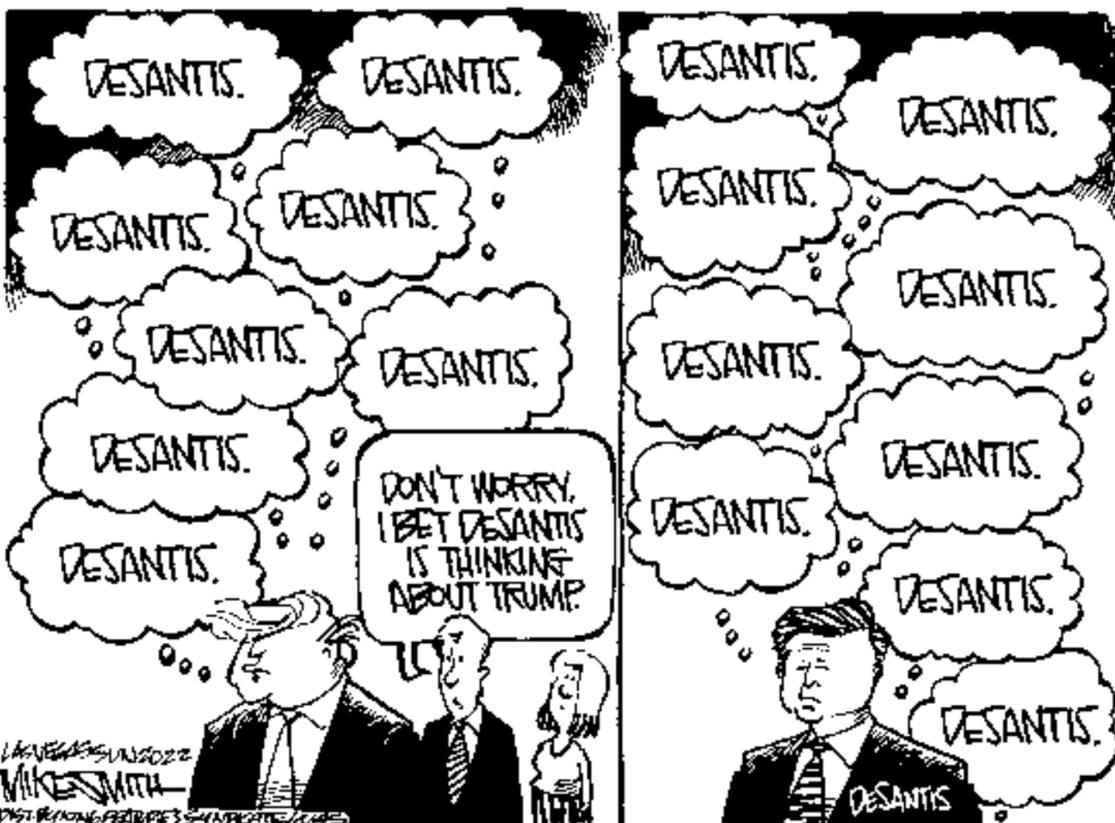
The last microeconomic concept I'll discuss is competition. Competition is important because if several companies are vying for your business, not only will they have to deliver a quality product or service, but they will also need to offer a reasonable price. This keeps profits relatively low. Indeed, companies in highly competitive markets have profit rates—or profits as a percentage of revenues—in the low single digits.

If starting a business is relatively easy and without any legal barriers, then competition is robust, sellers respond to consumers' needs and prices reflect costs plus a modest profit rate.

Yet notice the two qualifiers to my last statement. Sometimes it's difficult to replicate what existing companies are doing, or it is simply too expensive to try. Or, there may be cases where there are legal impediments to competition, often imposed by the government. In these situations, competition is limited, and prices are higher.

I've just skimmed the surface of the three microeconomic principles of incentives, tradeoffs and competition. While macroeconomics often gets the headlines, microeconomics may be just as—or maybe more—important to our everyday lives. But, you decide!

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HISTORIC ELECTION OF LOS ANGELES MAYOR KAREN BASS USHERS IN A NEW ERA OF INCLUSIVE, MORE EQUITABLE CIVIC LEADERSHIP

“Karen Bass has a long history of always being on the side of the people, fighting for the people, fighting for the people whose voices aren't in the room but must be present. That's who Karen Bass has always been. It's who she will always be.”

The National Urban League and the civil rights community have had few champions in Congress as tenacious and effective as Rep. Karen Bass of California.

Earlier this year, the National Urban League worked closely with Chairwoman Bass and the Congressional Black Caucus on negotiations that led to President Biden's Executive Order on Advancing Effective, Accountable Policing and Criminal Justice Practices to Enhance Public Trust and Public Safety. She and I partnered last year to highlight racial equity in COVID vaccines, and she advocated fiercely for the National Urban League's priorities in the federal COVID relief responses. She has been a mainstay of our annual Legislative Policy Conference.

Now, the House of Representatives' loss is the City of Los Angeles' gain. We are proud to congratulate Rep. Bass as she prepares to be sworn in as the first woman to hold the office of Mayor of Los Angeles.

Her inauguration on Dec. 12 also will mark the first time in history that the nation's four largest cities, will be led by Black mayors. She joins Eric Adams of New York, Lori Lightfoot of Chicago, and Sylvester Turner of Houston.

As a former big-city mayor myself, and a past president of the U.S. Conference of Mayors, I am perhaps a little biased but I am convinced that mayors are the most important elected officials in the country. Cities are the economic engines of the nation. They are laboratories of innovation. When a failure of leadership at the federal level crippled the nation's response to the COVID pandemic, our mayors stepped into the breach.

The election of Rep. Bass, a longtime social justice advocate and coalition-builder, can be seen as a rejection of racially-divisive policies such as the “tough-on-crime” agenda advocated by her opponent, and the underhanded scheming revealed by a leaked recording of city council members making crude, racist remarks.

Mayor-Elect Bass is the ideal leader to bring together a city struggling to confront rising crime and a homelessness crisis. Her experience as an emergency room physician assistant treating individuals who were homeless, in the grip of substance abuse, and victims of crime and violence inspired her in 1990 to found the Community Coalition to address the root causes of injustice.

Her breakthrough as the first woman and second Black mayor of L.A. is just the latest in her long history of blazing trails for Black women. In 2004, she entered office as the only Black woman serving in the California state legislature. She was the first to lead a state legislative body when she was sworn in as Speaker of the California State Assembly in 2008. She earned

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A Different Voice

By Dorothy Shaw Thompson



PATERNITY COURT

Okay, so I had never heard of paternity court but I will tell you it is informative. It seems that a number of relationships reach a time when fathers doubt that children are theirs. There are many kinds of cases, all sorts of people, economic statuses, races and ages. Some babies have just been born and news to me is that now they do in-utero testing before a baby is born without harming the fetus. They do that by drawing blood from the mother and separating fetal DNA from maternal DNA... the wonders of science.

Now they are saying that fraternal twins can have two different fathers; though rare, it has happened. Looking at this program causes me to wonder if people are growing more sexually promiscuous or is the fact that these things are so openly discussed uncovering sexual behavior that has always been there? I don't know but we must have more programs to help young women and young men think of themselves differently. Someone asked me why these women have babies and when the guys refuse to step up, do they keep having babies? I think the answer lies in a misunderstanding about what sex means to them. Let's face it, sex is the activity that creates the babies and our society has a confused messaging system for dealing with sex.

We used sex to attract people to the products we sell. We use attractive men and women in our advertising. We also still have attitudes that promote the idea that men have more quality if they have more women. Paradoxically, we continue to judge women more negatively if they have many sexual partners and yet the act requires two people who though participating in the same activity, are judged differently. Just

test it out. Think of the words we use to define the two people differently. Men are called studs, etc. and women are called... not even going to say it. Unfortunately, a lot of the young girls confuse sexual attractiveness with love and self-esteem. Many guys are able to participate without or with very little emotion at all. So you get a girl who thinks she is having a potential love and marriage relationship and a guy who believes he's boosting his ego and prowess through the interaction. Let me hasten to say this is not true of all guys. The hurt that some men have when discovering that a child is not theirs is coupled too many times with a statement that they didn't have a father in their lives. Many of the girls say the same thing. This is complicated but we've got to get a handle on this if for me no other reason than to promote a better society for us to live in.

There are not just individual or family problems but they are also society's problems. I heard yesterday that there are 400,000 children in foster care. Though the paternity court's clients are people trying to discover who a child's or children's fathers are, there are too many abandoned by the people who create them. Often women come into the court when they are as young as 18-24 years old and have as many as six children already. Then when Judge Lake asks the potential father if this is his first child, many answer no, I have 3 to 7 children. This court thing has led me to question if this is another kind of pandemic. I'm disturbed also because the paternity court statistics reveal that very little use of birth control is a part of the equation for either partner. Multiple partners, multiple babies and no attempt to prevent pregnancy opens the door to sexually transmitted diseases and other life-threatening problems.

I believe that education should include sex education and not just mechanics and terminology but also assistance to aid

(See **A DIFFERENT VOICE**, P. 11)

Child Watch

By Marian Wright Edelman



CHOICES AT A TABLE OF PLENTY

When I was a child, my father kept an editorial cartoon pinned up in the vestibule of our church that made a deep impression on me I have never forgotten. It was a black and white drawing by the Pulitzer Prize-winning artist Herblock that was originally published in the *Washington Post* in October 1947. The picture shows well-dressed, happy people sitting at a banquet table overflowing with place settings, goblets, and so much food—a roast, gravy boats, bread and butter, covered dishes, heaping platters of sides—the table cannot hold any more. Hovering behind them and filling the rest of the image is a crowd of gaunt, wide-eyed hungry children dressed in rags. Back at the table, one of the dinner guests is speaking cheerfully to his smiling companions. The caption reads: “Shall we say grace?”

Over Thanksgiving, many Americans were blessed and deeply grateful to gather with family and friends and say grace around a table that looked a little like the one in the cartoon. But many others were outside watching quietly with no place at America's table of plenty.

For families who couldn't gather with loved ones during the pandemic, celebrating around full tables seemed especially joyful in 2022. But there are millions of Americans for whom trying to put a holiday meal on the table—or just making sure everyone has enough to eat every day—became even more difficult this year. The Child Tax Credit (CTC) and Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) expansions enacted during the pandemic in the American Rescue Plan helped millions of working people and families with children afford food and other basics. On November 30, the U.S. Congress Joint Economic Committee released a report showing once again the expanded CTC's dramatic success in helping child poverty fall to its lowest rate on record in 2021. But when Congress let those expansions expire last December just as prices for many essentials were beginning to rise, many adults and parents couldn't fill the gap. Research now shows food insufficiency rates among households with children increased 25 percent in 2022 after the monthly CTC payments ended. Some are hungrier now than when the pandemic began.

The Food Research and Action Center (FRAC) is a leading national nonprofit working to eradicate poverty-related hunger and undernutrition in the United States, and over Thanksgiving week FRAC and a coalition of more than 550 national, state, and community-based organizations also working to end hunger including CDF-California sent a letter to Congressional leadership urging them to reinstate the expanded CTC and EITC in any end of the year tax package. The letter says: “With the expiration of these two programs, organizations like ours know full well how tens of millions of families are experiencing higher levels of food insufficiency, and racial disparities are only deepening.”

Research confirmed buying food was the most common use of the expanded CTC payments across all income levels, and the CTC increased families' ability to afford and eat more fruit, protein, and balanced meals. Research also shows if an expanded CTC was in place for another year it would support more than 500,000 private-sector jobs, and more than 130 economists recently called for restarting the monthly CTC payments to offset the toll of inflation. Moreover, families with children are far from the only Americans struggling to make ends meet right now, making expanding the EITC also critical. As FRAC's letter notes: “Failure to reinstate the extended CTC

(See **CHILD WATCH**, P. 11)

Other Viewpoints



HERSCHEL WALKER: A BLACK MAN IN BLACKFACE

By Dr. Eric W. Lee, Sr.

Senior Pastor, Springfield Baptist Church

There is a convincing argument to be made that Georgia has contributed more to racial reconciliation than any other state in America. Some might also argue that two Black men running for U.S. Senate is an additional sign of that progress. On the contrary, I contend that the arrival of Herschel Walker has widened and damaged the racial divide. To be clear, I am not branding all Walker supporters as racist, but race continues to hover even without a White candidate on the ballot. Why did 81 percent of non-White (Black, Latino, Asian, etc.) Georgians support Senator Raphael Warnock on November 8th? And why did 70 percent of White Georgians support Walker? For those who care about racial reconciliation, these questions cannot be avoided. I observed Walker's emergence as a hero in the 1980s to now see him become persona non grata among people of color. I certainly do NOT speak for all non-White Georgians, but I would like to provide some context and possibly pretext to future conversations.

From 1979-1981, the Black community was traumatized by the 29 targeted deaths of Atlanta's Missing and Murdered Children. Crack cocaine began to ravage Black families in the inner cities. In the 1980 landslide election, President Ronald Reagan pummeled Georgia's native son, President Jimmy Carter. Despite losing the election, Carter won Georgia by 15 percentage points, representing a rare moment when Black and White Georgians voted for the same candidate in large numbers. Against the backdrop of murdered children, an escalating drug epidemic and the sting of political defeat, a superstar emerged between the hallowed hedges of Sanford Stadium at UGA. Herschel Walker gave children like me an escape from all the oppressive headlines. When Walker took flight headfirst over the line of scrimmage, soaring above his blockers and the men assigned to stop him, he unified GA. He was the exemplary Black man, the embodiment of the American work ethic and a model for racial integration. He symbolized that the American dream was accessible to all. So while Muhammed Ali was an aging, ailing former champion who held on too long and MJ was just a high school basketball player with no national profile, Black children in GA wanted to be #34! Walker was our hero. Heroes are sacred, important and impactful especially for Black boys living in GA in 1980. For these reasons, I take no pleasure in witnessing the daily incoherent buffoonery that is masquerading as a viable candidate for U.S. Senate.

Do you wonder why so many Black voters despise Walker's candidacy or why there's such a bitter reaction to those "Run Herschel Run" pins and yard signs? Walker's campaign has undermined three major institutions that have been the building block of African-American advancement since the abolition of slavery: HBCUs, the Black Church and the Black Family.

Academic achievement is synonymous with Black excellence and Black dignity. Walker, a man who fraudulently misrepresented his academic success, was handpicked to challenge Raphael Warnock, a proven scholar with an earned Ph.D. In most cases, professionals lose their jobs for misrepresenting academic credentials, but Walker's infractions were overlooked by 1.9M voters. Warnock's commitment to scholarship is well documented as a graduate of the prestigious Morehouse College. HBCUs teach that intellectual curiosity is a prerequisite for leadership. This is the standard at Georgia's HBCUs: Albany State, Clark Atlanta, Fort Valley State, Interdenominational Theological Center, Morehouse, Morris Brown, Savannah State and Spelman College. Has the Walker campaign worked to obtain the political support of these academic communities as he seeks to lead all the people of GA?

Secondly, Walker's supporters state that his "deep abiding Christian faith" is what qualifies him most for public office. For many Georgians, Walker, not the Rev. Dr. Warnock, is the "Christian" choice. Walker has baselessly attacked the pastoral leadership of Warnock and the congregation he leads. Ironically that congregation is the iconic and historic Ebenezer Baptist Church, where MLK, Sr. and Dr. MLK, Jr. both served with distinction during America's turbulent civil rights era. Dr. King's mother, Mrs. Alberta King, was assassinated while playing the organ inside that very church. When Walker attacks Warnock as a faith leader, he attacks the exhaustive contribution made by Black churches even to this day. Walker has made it acceptable to diminish, devalue and degrade the Black church experience. What Black churches and leaders have the Walker campaign acknowledged or engaged as he seeks to lead all the people of GA?

Finally, Walker speaks most spiritedly about failures within the Black family. More than 70 percent of Black children are born to unwed mothers. There are numerous economic and social consequences from the epidemic of fatherlessness. It is a popular talking point among conservatives to assign blame for the wealth gap, education gap and value gap in Black communities. Yet, when Walker was exposed as a neglectful, abusive husband and absentee father with at least three publicly unacknowledged children, 1.9M Georgians still voted for him despite the deafening hypocrisy. The self-avowed family man has decryed being personally attacked by the media and Democratic Party operatives for the purpose of political gain. The truth is more devastating. Walker's most noxious personal attacks have come from within his own family, the Black residents of his hometown of Wrightsville and his own political party. What is the Walker campaign's policy proposal to address the unique challenges that impoverished families face as he seeks to lead all the people of GA?

Walker's campaign is a cynical and obnoxious attempt to convert celebrity into a 6-year term to represent the complex needs of 10.8M Georgians. His rallies are a minstrel show run amok. Yet, he has come perilously close to the levers of national power. As the campaign comes to a close, the very people that the Walker campaign has intentionally omitted are "hunkering down" in one last goal line stance to help Georgia avert calamity. To be clear, Black Georgians are not rejecting conservative values when they oppose Walker. Georgia's non-White voters in large

King Crossword

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9 Say it's so
10 Elizabeth of Jacob's ladder
11 Highlander
13 Oklahoma city
19 Redact
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numbers are rejecting the pomposity and mockery of a Black man from central casting who performs in Black face.

Dr. Eric W. Lee, Sr. is Senior Pastor of Springfield Baptist Church in Conyers, Ga.

will soon reap a bitter harvest! Maybe it has already started. My name is Linden Beckford Jr. I am a freelance writer based in Southern California. I am involved with Southwest Oral History (SOHA). I have participated in SOHA conferences in California, and I have focused on and written about the southern migration to California post World War II. I have written articles about Abbey Lincoln (Jazz Singer), Rev. Jesse Jackson (Civil Rights Activist), Joe Tex (Soul Singer), and Sidney Poitier (Actor/Activist). I have also written about the Miss Black America Pageant and an Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority documentary called: Twenty Pearls. It has been my mission to correct misinformation regarding the history of African Americans in this country, for I have a deep concern about Afro Americana culture being under attack and disrespected. I attended Grambling State University in Grambling, La. where I was a History Major. I have been invited to speak at Cal Polytechnic University, Po-



"FREE SPEECH" AND "PERMISSIVE PLATFORMS" AREN'T THE SAME THING, BUT THEY'RE BOTH GOOD

By Thomas L. Knapp

William Lloyd Garrison Center

Since his acquisition of Twitter, Elon Musk has styled himself the very avatar of "free speech," descending from on high to defend us against the forces of "censorship." On the whole, I think he's sincere in his approach to the issue. I also think he's in error as to what, precisely, "free speech" means.

To be fair, Musk benefits from a great deal of support in his misunderstanding—even more from his opponents than his supporters.

Take, for example, *Guardian* columnist Nesrine Malike, who tells us that "free speech is not simply about saying whatever you want, unchecked, but about negotiating complicated compromises... for some speech to be free, other speech has to be limited."

Unsurprisingly, Malike wants speech she agrees with to be "free," and speech she disagrees with to be "limited," with law as the instrument of "limitation."

Musk agrees: "By 'free speech,'" he tweeted on April 26, "I simply mean that which matches the law. I am against censorship that goes far beyond the law. If people want less free speech, they will ask government to pass laws to that effect. Therefore, going beyond the law is contrary to the will of the people."

Speech regulated by law—even law that embodies "the will of the people," were there such a thing—isn't free speech.

Free speech is simply an absence: The absence of threats of force (by law or otherwise) to forbid or punish speech.

I'm a big fan of free speech. The moral principle underlying it is that people aren't property, and their thoughts and expressions are thus no one else's to rightfully control. The practical value of it is that freedom to debate makes it possible for us to solve problems instead of just obeying orders.

I'm also a fan of what Musk is actually defending: Twitter as a permissive platform.

Just as your right to keep and bear arms imposes no obligation on my part to provide you with an AR-15 or let you use my back yard as a firing range, your right to free speech imposes no obligation on Elon Musk's part to provide you with a Twitter account or let you use his servers as your soapbox.

He's indicated his intention to let pretty much anyone have a Twitter account, and to let Twitter account holders say as much (or at least almost as much) as the law allows them to say.

That's not free speech, but (assuming he means it) it's about as close as he's allowed to get to free speech, and he deserves our thanks for it. A poke in the timeline with a sharp tweet is better than a poke in the eye with a sharp stick.

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WILLING MOUTHPIECES

By Lindern Beckford, Jr.

Freelance Writer

"Those who do not learn history are doomed to repeat it"

—George Santayana

Words do not begin to describe how appalling it is to see how members of the Black community have become willing mouthpieces of White racists. I am specifically talking about Kanye West and Candace Owens.

Just because I am a Black man, I do not want people to think that I would not push back when there are individuals within race who are out of bounds. Just as those who belong to other communities are expected to check their own when out of line, we are no different. While it is agreed that the remarks by Kanye West regarding Jewish people are false and deplorable.

First of all, Kanye West is exhibiting bigotry toward a group of people who have been Black Americans' greatest allies. If one doubts me, look at the role the Jewish people played throughout the Civil Rights Movement. They helped during the Scottsboro Boys Case of the 1930s; moreover, let us not forget the role that Jewish people played in Hollywood during Post-WWII. Movies such as *Pinky*, *Home of The Brave*, and *No Way Out* are among those that sought to change the perception of the Black American.

For some of you to give Kanye West a pass in disrespecting the African-American culture is nonsensical. He has not only disrespected those of us with roots in America, he also disrespected his own lineage. The fact that Kanye claims that slavery was a choice and threw shade on Harriet Tubman is nothing short of insane!

Candace Owens is another influential individual who is highly disrespectful. She is on record saying that Blacks in America are the most murderous—imagine that! It is without question, that these types of remarks from Candace Owens are pernicious, nefarious and outright dastardly! Time is out for giving her an audience. She is clearly on the wrong side of history.

For Kanye West and Candace Owens to disrespect the family of George Floyd is unconscionable. When one watches the documentary, *The Greatest Lie Ever Told: George Floyd and the Rise of BLM*, one will recognize it to truly be a hit piece.

When you go back to the era of slavery, you had those field slaves and house slaves. Malcolm X gave us his critique of both. With all due respect to Detroit Red, we need to recognize that both represent a mixed bag; all field slaves were not revolutionary and all house slaves were not loyal to the Master. Therefore, I will not refer to Candace Owens or Kanye West as house slaves.

There was another type of slave on the plantation who many historians have overlooked. This was the yard Negro. This was the slave whose role was to be on the horse with a shotgun. The yard Negro kept the other slaves in line. This writer is convinced that Candace Owens, Kanye West, and others of their ilk are descendants of the yard Negroes. They clearly represent what Zora Neale Hurston, an African-American folklorist and author, once said "All my skin folk ain't kinfolk."

It is important to note that when you have people like such individuals and others of that ilk, they help to further embolden these White racists today—and have existed. Candace Owens and Kanye West need to be banished from us. They need to atone for their betrayal. They are a disgrace!

There is no doubt that if Dr. Martin Luther King were alive today, he would abhor the remarks from Candace Owens and Kanye West. Dr. King is on record regarding his position on right vs wrong. While speaking in Chicago in 1966, Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King said "If my Jewish brothers & sisters said to me amid antisemitism anywhere and we don't need your support, we have enough Jewish power to deal with this problem ourselves, I would still take a stand against antisemitism because it is wrong, it's unjust and it's evil."

I, like Dr. King, understood when Edmund Burke said, "The only thing necessary for evil to triumph is that good men say nothing." This writer will attack evil irrespective of who it is. If the Black community does not tow the line with these types, we

TO BE EQUAL

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the 2010 John F. Kennedy Profile in Courage Award for her leadership during the state's budget crisis, which "put an end to years of government inaction and sidestepping of the difficult decisions."

When the election of the most ethnically and culturally diverse Congress in United States history swelled the ranks of the Congressional Black Caucus to a historically large membership in 2018, it was Karen Bass they turned to for leadership. With members serving as five full committee chairs, and 28 subcommittee chairs, the CBC under her watch advanced major racial justice priorities including establishing a record of continued voter suppression efforts around the country, laying the foundation for passage of the John Lewis Voting Advancement Act.

She was the primary sponsor of the George Floyd Justice in Policing Act, the most transformative legislation on policing to ever pass in a chamber of Congress. As a member of the House Judiciary Committee, she was instrumental in includes passing the First Step Act, the most significant criminal justice reform in decades.

While Karen Bass might have won the mayoral election, the real winners are the people of Los Angeles, who have an opportunity to usher in a new era of inclusive, more equitable civic leadership.

A DIFFERENT VOICE

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self-esteem, reality-based statistics educating young people to their limited trajectory when behaving in a way that is irresponsible to the consequences. If we are to live together toward a progressive future, a place to start is in focusing on our most valuable commodity. Our children.

CHILD WATCH

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and EITC will only fuel hunger by increasing the income, educational, health, and racial disparities that are pervasive in our country. It is essential that the CTC and EITC be extended now without further delay."

As this Congress tends to its last few weeks of unfinished business, it has important choices to make. Making sure fewer children, families, and workers go hungry should be an easy one. There is no excuse for ignoring the deep needs all around us in a nation that has more than enough to spare and share for all.

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DURHAM COUNTY

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
DURHAM COUNTY

NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION In The General Court Of Justice Superior Court Division

Before the Clerk

File Number 2022 E 00133

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

Administratrix

6 Whittier Place

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Boston, MA 02114

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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

Administratrix

5 Caspian Court

Durham, NC 27713

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STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

DURHAM COUNTY

NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION In The General Court Of Justice Superior Court Division

Before the Clerk

File Number 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

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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

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STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

DURHAM COUNTY

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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

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DURHAM COUNTY

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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 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.

Gattis Toy Hinton, Jr.

Executrix

1111 Horton Road

Durham, NC 27704

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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

Administratrix

c/o Bagwell Holt Smith P.A.

111 Cloister Court, STE 200

Chapel Hill, NC 27514.

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STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

DURHAM COUNTY

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

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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

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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

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STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

DURHAM COUNTY

NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION In The General Court Of Justice Superior Court Division

Before the Clerk

File Number 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

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DURHAM COUNTY

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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

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STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

COUNTY OF DURHAM

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

FILE NO 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

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STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

DURHAM COUNTY

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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

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STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

DURHAM COUNTY

NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION In The General Court Of Justice Superior Court Division

Before the Clerk

File Number 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

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 21 E 1055

The Undersigned, having qualified as Administratrix of the Estate of Mary Cropper, 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 11th 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.

Tamara Debreaux

Administratrix

Classifieds

WAKE COUNTY

Floyd B. McKissick, III
 McKissick & McKissick
 835 N Mangum Street
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**NOTICE OF SERVICE
 OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION
 In The General Court Of Justice
 Superior Court Division
 Before the Clerk
 File Number 2022 E 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
 Executor
 1624 Cane Creek Drive
 Garner, NC 27529
 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 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 publica-
 tion 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.

To Michael C. Wilson, father
 of male child born to Keyunana
 Reneisha 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 perma-
 nent legal custody of the afore-
 mentioned child to Plaintiffs.

You are required to make defense
 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 publica-
 tion 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 publica-
 tion 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 Seagars, 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

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 004300

The Undersigned, having
 qualified as Executor of the Estate
 of Edna Mae Stroud, 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 11th 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 8th day of December,
 2022.

Chantell Nicole Scriven
 Executor

c/o Gregory R. Williams, Esq
 2232 Page Road
 Suite 203
 Durham, NC 27703
 12/8, 12/15, 12/22 and 12/29/2022

JOHNSTON COUNTY

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
 JOHNSTON COUNTY

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

File Number 2020 E 001157

The Undersigned, having
 qualified as Administrator of
 the Estate of Douglass Wayne

Anderson, late of Johnston
 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.

Phyllis Haywood
 Administrator
 203 Adlett Lane
 Durham, NC 27703
 11/24, 12/1, 12/8 and 12/15/2022

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