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## Definition of a Computer— (before 1935) A Computer Was A Person Who Performed Arithmetic Calculations

The breakout movie Hidden Figures tells the story of three African American women who worked as mathematicians at NASA. The story sheds light on the significant contributions of the three women—Katherine Johnson, Dorothy Vaughan, and Mary Jackson—but also the broader impact that women had behind the scenes at NASA.



Johnson, Vaughan, and Jackson all began their careers at the National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics (NACA)—which later became NASA—working as “computers.” Computers were not what we think of them today. They were people, primarily women, who reduced or analyzed data using mechanical calculators.

The work of computers was largely invisible. Their names never appeared on reports. Still, there's a lot we can learn about their work through primary sources. In an article for the Annals of the History of Computing, curator Paul Ceruzzi examines an astounding document; a memorandum dated April 27, 1942 that outlines

the computing facility at the Langley Memorial Aeronautical Laboratory (LMAL), the main research facility of the NACA and where Johnson, Vaughan, and Jackson worked. The memorandum, included below, was found in the files of the NASA Langley Research Center in Hampton, Virginia. The memo was written by R. H. Cramer, a representative from the Curtiss Aircraft Company at LMAL, to R. A. Darby, a Curtiss personnel manager. In it, Cramer describes how Curtiss might set up its own computing facility similar to the one he found at Langley.

In the 1930s and 40s Langley researchers primarily concentrated on the analysis of the aerodynamic properties of things like wing sections,

propellers, and even whole airplanes. Engineers would begin their work by selecting a trial shape. They then built a scale model and placed that shape in a wind tunnel. In the tunnel, a battery of instruments measured its performance. The data from the test was then reduced and analyzed. Based on the results one parameter of that design was changed by a small increment and tested again. The steps were repeated until the performance was optimum for any given parameter. This method of repeated empirical testing required an enormous amount of computational work.

Engineers originally conducted this computational work, but it tended to lead to bottlenecks in progress. In the memo, the author wrote, “The engineers admit themselves that the girl computers do their work more rapidly and accurately than they would.” Ceruzzi also noted that the memo makes clear that the work of a computer required skill and judgment. Computers gathered data by reading pressure values from manometers placed in the wind tunnel. Depending on the application, the data were smoothed, plotted, and interpolated. Data reduction and analysis were carried out with the help of calculators, slide rules, planimeters, drafting tools, and other instruments. The women in these roles knew how to organize computational work and how to do so quickly without making mistakes. This knowledge was unique to them.



Kareem Abdul-Jabbar, left, hands the ball to Los Angeles Lakers forward LeBron James after passing Abdul-Jabbar to become the NBA's all-time leading scorer during the second half of an NBA basketball game against the Oklahoma City Thunder Tuesday, Feb. 7, 2023, in Los Angeles. (AP Photo/Ashley Landis)

## Passing The Torch

LOS ANGELES (AP) — LeBron James became the NBA's career scoring leader on a stepback jumper late in the third quarter, passing Kareem Abdul-Jabbar's record during his 38-point performance in the Los Angeles Lakers' 133-130 loss to the Oklahoma City Thunder on Tuesday night.

James surpassed the mark held since April 1984 by Abdul-Jabbar, who watched the game from a baseline seat near the Lakers' bench. Abdul-Jabbar then joined a clearly emotional James and NBA Commissioner Adam Silver on the court after the historic basket.

James' mother, wife and children also watched from courtside amid a celebrity-studded crowd that rose in waves of anticipation nearly every time he touched the ball.

James didn't let them down: He scored 20 points in the first half with a full showcase of the offensive talent that still shines blindingly after two decades in the NBA, and he tore through the record in a 16-point third quarter capped by that pretty jumper.

The game was stopped for about 10 minutes while James hugged his family and participated in a brief ceremony with Silver and Abdul-Jabbar.

“I just want to say thank you to the Laker faithful,” James said. “You guys are one of a kind. To be able to be in the presence of such a legend as great as Kareem, it's very humbling.”

## Calling All Female Film Makers

LOS ANGELES— Statement Films, the women-led, data-driven entertainment startup, has announced that it has secured an initial three quarters of a million dollars of funding from an array of titans across Hollywood, Sports and Business, including Earvin “Magic” Johnson, Samuel L. Jackson, LaTanya Richardson Jackson.

Founded by writer, producer, and political analyst, Areej Noor, Statement Films sources, develops and presents a pipeline of African-women-led IP to international buyers, bridging the gap between African and Diaspora women filmmakers and the global market.

It showcases the growing collaboration and stewardship between Black America and Africa. A Somali-American, Noor was born in Washington D.C. to a prominent global women's rights activist turned political strategist. The stories of powerful women from around the world were abundant in Noor's childhood, inspiring her to build an inclusive global community of influential African women creatives.

Areej Noor comments, “I grew up exposed to incredibly creative and powerful stories of African women, but I felt they were still underserved by Western media and the entertainment elite — that is why I founded Statement Films,” says Noor. “Having the support of Hollywood, sports, and business titans gives us the momentum to establish new and equitable pathways for the explosive female talent coming from the continent.”

For the pre-seed round, Statement Films and Noor raised an initial three quarters of a million, with contributions from NBA Hall of Famer and magnate Earvin “Magic” Johnson; legendary Hollywood actor and producer Samuel L. Jackson; and Tony-nominated actor, director, and producer LaTanya Richardson Jackson; as well as business leaders Robyn & Tony Coles and Vicki & John Palmer.

With the recent investment, Statement Films is scaling the current offering into a media and insights business that increases the visibility of the African Creative Class while its production arm remains focused on building a pipeline for female filmmakers on the continent and in the diaspora. For more information, and to keep up to date with company news, visit Statement Films here: <https://www.statement-films.com>

## Honoring The Historic St. Agnes Hospital

By Tyria McCray  
Staff Writer



On St. Augustine's College campus in Raleigh sits one of the first hospitals for Blacks in America: St. Agnes Hospital. A beautiful yet crumbling stone hospital with hollowed-out walls and empty windows. Trees can be seen growing inside the structure, and ivy curtains drape down the walls and carpet the dirt floor.

More than a century old, its nostalgic scenery may appear in ruins, but it is full of the memories of Raleigh's Black community and history.

Established in 1896, welcoming freed slaves, the hospital served as the best quality medical care available for African-Americans between Washington D.C. and Atlanta. Students of St. Augustine's University built the hospital themselves, even quarrying the stone from the earth themselves.

In 1867, Rev. Aaron Burris Hunter and his wife Sarah Hunter moved to Raleigh to teach at St. Augustine's College, an Episcopal institution created for Black freedmen and women in the aftermath of the American Civil War. As the college grew, the Hunters became increasingly concerned about the lack of medical care for Black patients in the city. Eager to help, Aaron

and Sarah began funding for the creation of a hospital provided by two donors, the Episcopal Church Women and I. L. Collins, who supplied \$1,100 after an appeal from the Hunters.

Within the hospital's first six months, doctors and nurses cared for 17 in-patients, 35 out-patients, and an additional 223 people received care in their homes. Marie Louise Burgess was the first head nurse within

the entire hospital. She was a Black graduate of the New England Hospital for Women and Children. Burgess taught students to clean, cook, and make beds during the six-month trial period.

If they passed and wanted a career in nursing, they entered the hospital as student nurses. They had the opportunity of on-the-job training with the matron, staff nurses, and physicians

onwards, in the operating room and on home visits. Nurses also provided lectures that focused on the diseases and conditions of the current patient population.

On April 21, 1898, St. Agnes graduated its first two nurses after a training program of 18 months.

At the time of St. Agnes' creation, the only other hospital

(See **ST AGNES**, P. 2)

## We Have To Talk About Kids & Suicide: Why Are Rates So High, And So Ignored?

By ReShonda Tate  
Houston Defender

Researchers are sounding the alarm about the number of young Black men who are dying by suicide.

From the 26-year-old son of award-winning actress and director Regina King to the young mayor of Newark, NJ, some in the African American community are speaking out to raise more awareness about suicide and mental health, especially when it comes to Black men.

“Unfortunately, Black men often suffer in silence,” said

therapist Nettie Jones, MS, LPC. “They don't seek the help that sometimes women will reach out to get. We'll call our girlfriends, let them know that things are not okay. But, unfortunately, Black men tend not to do that. They hold things in, they self-medicate, they are workaholics. The kind of do stuff that's not very healthy.”

This year's theme for Black History Month is “Black Health and Wellness,” set by the Association for the Study of African American Life and History. The theme not only commemorates African Americans who made

contributions to medicine but also highlights ongoing issues within the Black community, including mental health. Jones said now, more than ever is the opportunity to have discussions around Black men and suicide.

“I am hopeful that this will raise awareness for African American men that they, too, suffer from depression or times where they really feel low. Hopefully this will start a dialogue, a kitchen conversation that we feel comfortable talking about in our communities,” Jones added.

Hitting Home While rates of suicide and

anxiety have risen sharply during the pandemic, a recent study from the journal JAMA finds that suicide attempts were rising at an alarming rate long before COVID-19.

The study found that Black males had the highest increase in suicide attempts compared to any other race in the group, for example, increasing nearly 80%.

When Cheryl Jackson read the news of Ian Alexander Jr.'s death, her heart sank. Not just because she was a big fan of Regina King, but because she was a

(See **WE HAVE TO TALK**, P. 5)



### RENEWED HOTEL GUEST RULES BILL CLEARS STATE SENATE COMMITTEE

(AP)—Legislation sought by North Carolina's lodging industry that attempts to declare when long-term hotel guests qualify for tenant protections more associated with houses or apartments cleared a Senate committee Tuesday.

The measure, which would start protections after someone stays at a hotel, motel or campground for 90 consecutive days, is very similar to a 2021 bill that Gov. Roy Cooper vetoed.

Bill supporters still argue current law makes it unclear exactly when hotel operators can remove unruly guests quickly without having to take legal action that's usually necessary for evictions. A landlord-tenant relationship also can involve background checks of the applicant and security deposits.

The 90-day threshold “brings clarity to this relationship,” said Sen. Brad Overcash, a Gaston County Republican and bill co-sponsor.

The effort is taking place as increasing numbers of families or low-income people are using hotel rooms or campsites for long-term lodging during an affordable housing shortage. The eviction moratorium during the COVID-19 pandemic also highlighted those challenges.

Sen. Natasha Marcus, a Mecklenburg County Democrat, said the measure still suffers the same problems as the 2021 vetoed bill by failing to protect vulnerable families or students who have nowhere else to stay. She urged an amendment by giving guests a 24-hour notice before being forced out of their rooms so that they can collect what could be their lone belongings.

# Honoring The Historic St. Agnes Hospital —CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

care available for Raleigh's Black residents was a small annex at Rex Hospital and the Leonard Hospital located at Shaw University. Sarah Hunter acted as the hospital's first superintendent, while Dr. Lawson A. Scruggs, a Shaw graduate, served as the first attending physician.

In June 1909, the newly remodeled St. Agnes featured electricity and running water, and housed 75 beds in the nursing school. The nurses' quarters remained in the old building until 1930 when brick housing for them was constructed, and the original building became office space.

Once the new hospital came

online, Rex Hospital ceased treating Black patients. Shaw University closed Leonard Hospital, leaving St. Agnes as the only hospital in Raleigh which would serve Black patients.

Matters took a turn for the worse with the 1918 influenza pandemic, leaving St. Agnes operating as an emergency hospi-

tal. Just eight years later, St. Agnes Hospital building was heavily damaged by a fire, leaving patients to relocate to McCauley Private Hospital while a fundraising campaign was conducted to restore the building. By 1941 St. Agnes hosted 100 beds.

Throughout the hospital's history, it struggled with acquiring funding, especially due to the high frequency of charity patients. Increased traffic from charity patients resulted in the hospital running a \$27,000 deficit in 1947.

By 1949 the city of Raleigh agreed to reimburse the hospital \$4.50 per day for each charity patient it tended to. Staff at St. Agnes was thankful for that, and the hospital also received philanthropic donations from the Duke Endowment, the Episcopal Church, the American Church Institute for Negroes, the Rosenwald Fund, and federal Hill-Burton grants.

What came as a surprise was the most unexpected donors to the rebuilding campaign which were members of the Raleigh Ku Klux Klan. Three members of the Raleigh chapter appeared in full regalia of robes and hoods. KKK members handed a letter and \$500 to Rev. Milton Barker who was chairing the meeting. The letter read:

"Dear Sir, believing in the sincerity of the movement and being in sympathy with the furthering of such a worthy and be-

neficent cause, the Klan hereby declares its interest in the success of St. Agnes for colored people and makes known its desire and willingness to lend support. It gives great pleasure, therefore at this opportunity to tender. Written for the sum of \$100 enclosed herewith (5) \$100 as the first payment of this pledge with the hopes of the Klan for the great success of the campaign."

The donation from the Klan was joined by donations from the Red Cross, Raleigh Kiwanis Club, and individual donations.

By 1954, approximately 80 physicians were trained at the hospital. The institution received accreditation from the American Medical Association and the American College of Surgeons for training residents in medicine, surgery, obstetrics, and gynecology.

Nursing students took required chemistry, sociology, and psychology courses at St. Augustine's in addition to their regular nursing curriculum. By that point, the hospital was struggling to fund itself in the face of advances in medical care and stricter accreditation standards. Donors could not supply the necessary funds to update the facilities, and only half of the patients could reimburse the hospital for their care themselves.

In 1955 Wake County voters approved a bond referendum to fund the creation of the county's first public hospital, which would

have segregated wings to treat both White and Black patients. As a result, St. Agnes Hospital closed on April 27, 1961, as Wake Memorial Hospital opened to full operations, and all remaining patients were transferred.

In 1979 St. Agnes was designated a Raleigh Historic Landmark which prompted University officials pledging to renovate the historic hospital. However, the plan was suspended indefinitely as renovation costs grew and the school dealt with a lawsuit from one of the contractors on the project. In 2022 a feasibility study was funded to determine whether the ruins could be preserved or renovated.

Thankfully, with the help of a \$500,000 federal grant, St. Augustine's University is once again re-imagining the stone walls of St. Agnes. The grant will fund a feasibility study to explore the possibilities. The feasibility study will allow them to understand what kind of potential options they have.

"More than anything, the future holds opportunities," says Veronica Creech, St. Augustine's vice president of economic development and external engagement. This initial investment will pay for that feasibility study to include design, structural engineering, conceptual drawings, architectural renderings, architectural review and historic review. From that, we can learn what we can do with this site."



## NCDOT TO HOLD PUBLIC MEETING REGARDING IMPROVEMENTS TO THE INTERSECTION OF N.C. 55 WITH TECHNOLOGY DRIVE/EAST WILLIAMS STREET APEX, WAKE COUNTY

STIP Project No. HL-0007



**Apex** - The public is invited to attend an in-person public meeting to view mapping and other materials on the proposal to make improvements to the intersection of N.C. 55 with Technology Drive/East Williams Street in Apex. A Reduced Conflict Intersection (RCI) is proposed at this location. The project will maximize the efficiency of the intersection and traffic carrying capacity of the project area. The RCI concept eliminates left turns from side streets and subsequently improves safety.

The public is invited to attend the open-house meeting on **February 16** between 5 and 7 p.m. at **Hope Community Church Apex**, located at **2080 East Williams Street**, to view the project materials and speak with staff of NCDOT and the consulting team.

In conjunction with the in-person public meeting for the project, the department has developed a webpage to provide an overview of the project, graphics, project mapping and other information. The project webpage is located at: <https://publicinput.com/NC55-Technology-Williams>.

Comments may be submitted at the public meeting, on the webpage, by email ([NC55-Technology-Williams@publicinput.com](mailto:NC55-Technology-Williams@publicinput.com)) or phone to (984)205-6615 and entering code 7595. Comments may also be submitted by USPS mail using the pre-addressed comment form attached to the meeting handout or to the project manager by March 2, 2023.

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## First Pair of African-American Sisters Take Tennis By Storm

By Merlisa Lawrence Corbett

*Bleacherreport*

As Serena and Venus Williams play out the end of their careers, debates have risen about their place in tennis and American history.

Some call Serena Williams the greatest female tennis player of all time. Journalist Ian Crouch recently wrote a story for the New Yorker proclaiming Serena as America's greatest athlete. Few dispute that the sisters are one of the most dynamic sibling duos in sports history.

Yet perhaps even fewer know that the Williams sisters weren't the first African-American siblings to take tennis by storm.

That distinction belongs to Margaret and Matilda Roumania Peters, sisters from Washington D.C. who wowed crowds with their spectacular doubles play in the 1930s, '40s and '50s.

Nicknamed "Pete" and "Re-Pete," respectively, the Peters sisters played in the American Tennis Association, a league formed to give African-Americans a chance to play competitive tennis at a national level.

Established in 1916 and still alive today, the ATA is the oldest black sports organization in the U.S. Similar to the Negro Leagues in baseball, the ATA offered top black tennis players—who were denied access to all-white professional leagues—a stage to showcase their talents.

The ATA sponsored tournaments throughout the country. Although top players didn't make a living from these tournaments, they were indeed stars. The Peters sisters were often asked to

(See **TENNIS**, P. 5)

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# New Carbon Negative Material Made Using Processed Grass

By Srishti Mitra

Yanko Design

Based in North Carolina, the firm Plantd Materials has produced a new material 'Plantd'. Built using processed perennial grass, the material is said to be lighter and stronger as compared to traditional timber boards, but will capture more carbon. The firm says that the material is a "blend of fast-growing perennial grasses", that they hope will be used as an alternative to traditional oriented strand board (OSB). OSB is a material similar to plywood that is used to sheath floors and walls.

Plantd Materials developed a collection of machinery that utilizes heat and pressure to press

the shredded grass into panels. They can produce standard four-by-eight-foot (1.2 by 2.4 meter) panels that are created using 50 pounds (22.6 kilograms) of grass.

"During the pandemic, quality was going down, prices were going up, supply was obviously constrained and I really started thinking a lot more about sustainable materials as an opportunity. We had this frame in mind to aspire to gigaton scale carbon capture, to be able to lock something away for 100 years," said Plantd co-founder Josh Dorfman. He believes that the material could "solve some real problems for builders".

Plantd will definitely be a boon for land usage, as perennial grass grows faster than timber.

Medium-sized OSB mills require 140 to 150,000 acres of managed timberland to function, whereas mills that utilize perennial grass need only 15 to 20,000 acres. "So it creates an opportunity to capture more carbon using less land, and because it regrows on the same land year after year to be able to do it much faster. On a per acre for a perennial grass, you will get a yield that can be roughly seven to eight times more per acre than with managed timberland," continued Dorfman.

Besides being stronger and lighter than timber, custom machines used in the process will be energy efficient and will run completely on electricity. "Twenty-five percent of a tree is

burned in the mill along with natural gas to dry out the remainder of the tree. We bypass that process in the way that we produce. And so by moving to 100 percent

electric, it enables us to really get these tremendous gains in terms of carbon efficiency," said Dorfman. The grass panels will be treated with flame retardant

using a process that is quite similar to the one used in standard energy. Plantd Materials hopes to start production of the material sometime next year.

## Student Artist Fueled By Emotion

By Kayla Owens

Reprinted from the Campus Echo Online

Last semester Brandi Lawrence-Schumacher, a senior at N.C. Central University, completed several sculptures in Myong-sin Choi's Sculpture I and Sculpture II courses.

According to Lawrence-Schumacher her sculpture focuses on the themes of rage and fury and acceptance. She wants her sculpture to represent an acceptance of her emotions and making them useful for other—less destructive—tasks.

"I tend to have a very quick temper and it always feels like I'm lighting everything around me on fire until I eventually calm down," she said. "I've worked really hard to take that quick anger and funnel it towards something useful."

Here she's working on a clay torso sculpture created with red clay. She said this about working in clay: "It reminds me of myself, moldable and easy to shape."

Her clay torso sculpture was created by the use of coils, a technique commonly employed in sculpting with clay. The technique includes stacking them up layer by layer and smoothing them out with tools.

For the flower petals Lawrence-Schumacher used wire mesh and used plaster to cover them once she was satisfied with the shape.

She says the flower petals and leaves inside the torso represent acceptance. The texture used in the sculpture resembles a tree as a



way of seeing herself as grounded.

Once she completed the petals and let them dry she painted them. "I don't have a ton of painting experience so I found that part the hardest. I originally had the petals a different color and the leaves just a flat green, but Mrs. Choi suggested adding more color variation," said Lawrence-Schumacher.

Another Lawrence-Schumacher is a wire and yarn torso sculpture. This, she says, represents some difficult aspects that she put out of her childhood memories.

"The wire torso is about filling in holes in myself. So I'm work-

ing to fill the holes with something better," she said. She said she used cool colors to symbolize how she feels today: mellow.

Her instructor, NCCU adjunct Myongsin Choi, was born in Seoul, South Korea. Choi has professional work done in ceramics, sculpture, and drawing. She has taught at Rutgers University, U.N.C. Chapel Hill, and University of International Business and Economics in Beijing, China.

"Brandi has taken her pain into a healing force in her work," said Choi. "The completion of this piece shows resilience to overcome and place her emotions into art."



### NCDOT to Hold Public Meeting Regarding Improvements to Clanton Road from Donald Ross Road to Wilkinson Boulevard in Mecklenburg County

#### STIP Project P-5730



Charlotte – The public is invited to a meeting with the N.C. Department of Transportation this month to discuss the proposed extension of Clanton Road from Donald Ross Road to Wilkinson Boulevard in Charlotte.

The proposed project, State Transportation Improvement Program Project No. P-5730, would construct a grade separation over the Norfolk Southern rail line, and close the existing at-grade crossing on Donald Ross Road. It's intended to address traffic and safety concerns and improve road and multimodal connections throughout the area.

Project details, including maps of the proposal, can be found on the NCDOT project web page at <https://publicinput.com/clantonrd-ext>.

The meeting will be held 5-7 p.m. February 16th at the American Legion at 1940 Donald Ross Road, Charlotte, NC 28208. Interested residents can drop in any time to learn more about the proposal, have questions answered and talk with NCDOT representatives. There will not be a formal presentation.

People may also submit comments by phone, email or mail by March 3rd.

For more information, contact NCDOT Rail Division Project Engineer Greg Blakeney at 919-707-4717; [gmbrokeney@ncdot.gov](mailto:gmbrokeney@ncdot.gov); or 1553 Mail Service Center in Raleigh.

NCDOT will provide auxiliary aids and services under the Americans with Disabilities Act for disabled people who wish to participate in this workshop. Anyone requiring special services should contact Simone Robinson, Environmental Analysis Unit, at 1598 Mail Service Center in Raleigh; 919-707-6062; or [strobenson1@ncdot.gov](mailto:strobenson1@ncdot.gov) as early as possible so that arrangements can be made.

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# New Program To Spur Investment In RM

Rocky Mount, N.C. – Continuing the pace of downtown revitalization, the City Council this week approved an incentive program that will award grants of up to \$500,000 for large-scale building renovations.

The Downtown Major Investment Incentive Program will encourage development of downtown properties for a growing number of new and expanding businesses, including restaurants, retail stores and residential space.

To be eligible, development restoration must be \$1 million or more and include at least 5,000 square feet or create a minimum of 10 units for occupancy. The maximum grant amount under this program is \$500,000 and cannot exceed 20% of the development cost. Other existing downtown incentives may be coupled with the Downtown Major Investment Incentive Program.

Downtown Major Investment Incentive Program grant requests will be subject to public hearings. The City Council will be responsible for final approval.

“This new incentive program is another key step in transforming downtown Rocky Mount into a thriving center of



dining, entertainment, retail business and residential activity,” said Interim City Manager Peter Varney.

The City Council already has created five smaller grant programs to encourage investment in rehabilitating buildings downtown and attracting new business. Those programs include:

- Accelerated Façade Improvement Grant
- Roof replacement/repair
- Downtown Building Assistance Program
- Downtown Rocky Mount Development Incentive Grant
- Downtown Residential Production Grant

The approval of the Downtown Major Investment Incentive Program comes as momentum surges in the city’s ongoing effort to revitalize downtown

Rocky Mount. Last month, city officials learned that they will receive \$3.8 million in federal and state funding for a pedestrian bridge spanning the downtown railroad tracks and

streetscape improvements.

For more information on the Downtown Major Investment Incentive Program, contact the Downtown Development Office by calling 252-972-1101.

## Chemistry Internships for 10th and 11th Grade Students

NC American Chemical Society (ACS) Project SEED (Science Educational Experience for the Disadvantaged) is a cost-free, year-round science enrichment program for academically talented, economically disadvantaged students. The goal of the program is to motivate students who have an interest in science to pursue terminal degrees. NCACS Project SEED offers a paid summer internship to selected students. First year students receive a \$3200 stipend. Students who reside in Wake, Durham, Orange, Harnett and Johnston counties commute to their internship sites at North Carolina State, Duke, UNC-Chapel Hill, North Carolina Central or Campbell University. The Scholarship Coordinator assists students with the college, financial aid, and scholarship application process.

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# Health & Fitness

## Pair Of Sisters Take Tennis By Storm—CONTINUED FROM PAGE 2

pose for publicity shots and sign autographs. Crowds of blacks and whites traveled to watch them play.

Known for their slice serves, powerful backhands and quick chop shots, the Peters sisters became pseudo-celebrities. Margaret (sometimes called "Big Pete") was the oldest by two years and the taller sister. Matilda, (Re-Pete) was the younger, feistier sister.

According to Cecil Harris and Larryette Kyle-DeBose's book *Charging the Net: A History of Blacks in Tennis*, actor and dancer Gene Kelly, stationed at a Navy Base near Washington D.C. during World War II, dropped in to watch the sisters play in 1944. Kelly would also play tennis with the Peters sisters when he was in town.

In a Jan. 10, 1942 edition of the Afro American newspaper, the "famous Peters sisters" made headlines for winning a fourth-consecutive doubles title.

The sisters began playing ten-



**Margaret and Matilda Roumania Peters were doubles champions decades before Serena and Venus Williams were born.**

nis as young girls at a park across from their home in Georgetown. They were recruited to play at Tuskegee University. So close

were they that Margaret waited for her sister to graduate high school so that they could enroll at Tuskegee together.

Segregation and discrimination forced the ATA to hold most of its

tournaments at historically black colleges and universities. These tournaments became social events for affluent blacks. The annual national championships were highly anticipated and included parties, formal dances and fashion shows.

The ATA operated in a parallel existence to the United States Lawn Tennis Association, now the USTA. Before the 1950s, the USTA refused to allow blacks to compete against whites. This included a talented young player named Althea Gibson who was making noise on the ATA Tour.

Gibson, younger than the Peters sisters by nearly a decade, moved quickly up the ranks of the ATA Tour. She won the national championship in 1944 and 1945. She suffered a loss in the finals in 1946 before winning 10 straight titles from 1947 to 1956.

That loss was to Matilda "Re-Pete" Peters, the younger sister. Matilda is the only African-American woman to ever defeat Gibson.

Four years later, pressured by ATA officials and Alice Marble,

Gibson was invited to compete in the U.S. National Championships, now the U.S. Open. Already in her mid-20s, Gibson made her debut at Forest Lawn in 1950. Two years later, George Stewart would become the first black man to play at the U.S. Open.

Meanwhile, the Peters sisters, like so many other talented African-American tennis players, remained on the ATA tour. They dominated the ATA, winning 14 doubles championships, a record that still remains. Matilda also won two ATA singles titles.

By the time color lines began to be broken, the sisters were in their 30s, about the age Venus and Serena Williams are now. One's mid-30s are hardly the years to begin a professional tennis career.

In 2003, the USTA, the same organization that denied African-Americans a chance to compete during most of the sisters' careers, honored the Peters duo with an achievement award during the Fed Cup quarterfinals in their hometown.

The Peters sisters were also inducted into the USTA's Mid-Atlantic Section Hall of Fame in November 2003. They were inducted into the Black Tennis Hall of Fame in 2012.

Matilda died of pneumonia in May 2003. Margaret died in November 2004.

It's hard to say how their games would have stacked up against those of Helen Wills Moody and Alice Marble. It would have been nice to see.

However, desegregation doors didn't swing wide open for African-American athletes. As was the case with Jackie Robinson in Major League Baseball and Nat "Sweetwater" Clifton in the NBA, in the 1950s only a hand-picked, select few were given opportunities.

They lacked an invitation, not talent. Those who watched them compete witnessed two dynamic and athletic tennis superstars. Even as they accumulate posthumous accolades, their unearthed stories shine a light on misplaced tennis gems.

### WE HAVE TO TALK

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mother.

"My son was 25 when he took his life. His father and I had no idea he was struggling mentally. And to this day, we have no idea what led him to do something so drastic. He had a new job. He had a girlfriend. As far as we could tell, everything was fine."

Had it not been for a note he left, she would've believed it was foul play.

"He just asked us not to hate him and that he was just tired of the day-to-day struggle. I must've screamed at that note for days, 'what struggle???' We later learned he had been having bouts of depression but never told anyone except his best friend," Jackson said.

Jones says it's not uncommon for loved ones to miss the signs. "People know how to mask. Everybody knows how to put that mask on. When you walk out, you put it on. When you come home, for some men, you put it on. And everything is fine until it's not," Jones said.

#### Suffering In Silence

The study authors said young Black men face financial hardship, among other stressors, and may have untreated mental health needs.

"It's an awful perfect storm of a number of factors," Alfee M. Breland-Noble, Ph.D. and founder of the AAKOMA project, said about the reasons behind the upward trend.

Breland-Noble pointed to the fact that young Black men are discriminated against in school and can often be perceived as older than they are.

There is also a lack of Black therapists to speak to young Black men about the hardships they face. No matter how well-meaning a non-Black psychologist is, Breland-Noble said, they can't relate to the lived experiences of a young Black man.

"They don't understand the concepts that your family has to deal with, the day-to-day stressors. They don't understand racial trauma, they don't understand racism-induced stress," Breland-Noble said.

#### Silencing The Stigma

According to the National Alliance on Mental Illness, negative attitudes and beliefs toward people who suffer from mental health challenges are prevalent within the U.S. and can be particularly strong within the Black community.

"Other barriers to help seeking have been mistrust of the medical system and gatekeeping by the Black church," said therapist Logan Wilson, who specializes in treatment of Black males. "Many still believe that there's no need to go and sit on a stranger's couch when they can find what they need in the safety and comfort of a pew, or in prayer with the pastor."

Jones said it's imperative that we give Black men the forum to talk.

"The more we talk about it, the more we normalize the conversation," she said.

Dispelling myths is also key.

"Asking someone if they are suicidal will not increase the risk that they will die by suicide," said Wilson. Inquiring about potential self-harm in a compassionate way may instead provide an opportunity for the person to express their feelings and reach out for help.

#### What To Look For?

Though Jones said it's not always easy to see the signs, there are some things to look for.

"Notice habits that change. Noticing hygiene, mood shifts, increased irritability or agitation or decrease in activity. Not wanting to go or do anything, sleeping more, just having a low mood. Sometimes you have to ask the hard questions and just not saying things like, are you okay?"

Experts say you should also point out celebrities, like Wayne Brady and Charlamagne tha God, who openly talk about their mental health problems, inspiring young Black men to open up.

"They're able to see people who look like them who have said 'Yeah, this is something I struggle with too.' That in a tiny way decreases the stigma in terms of the conversation," Breland-Noble said.



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# Ag-Grow-Culture

## Indigenous Road Map Shows The Way To Harmony With Nature

Do you ever wonder why humans and domesticated animals are the only species on the planet that are consistently made homeless by bad weather? Why is wild-life's life never measurably lost to "natural disasters?" It's simply because nature is in sync with itself (circadian rhythms), and somehow we (humanity) have fallen out of alignment.

When a tsunami is coming, wild-life seeks higher ground hours, if not days before it hits because they know it is coming. Mother nature communicates with all that is connected with it.

Yet, when a hurricane hits the shores of the United States, there is devastation. In 2022, 3.3 million Americans lost their homes to natural disasters. In addition, modern society has developed outside of the usual laws of nature, costing us millions of dollars in infrastructure repairs. Last year, over 450 lives were lost to natural disasters.

It has not always been this way. Indigenous societies hosted millions and always succeeded in alignment with nature. There are so "primitive" stone clay homes lining the shores of the Virgin Islands, built by the natives, withstanding tropical storms and hurricanes year after year, and they are never damaged or blown away by the winds. Yet, modern buildings like hotels and restaurants, alongside homes, are ravished by every severe storm.

Storms that hit the United States Gulf Coast last year (2022) left a significant dent in domestically grown specialty crops. Squash, sweet corn, bell peppers, chile peppers, green beans, strawberries, and more were devastated or brutally stunted due to violent weather systems. However, it is necessary to recognize that ancient societies considered nature in every aspect of development and built those considerations into their architecture, landscaping, and field/ crop production.

Due to the violent nature of European conquest, tons of indigenous technologies and ancient techniques have been intentionally erased from history. Modern society has convinced itself that grandma's wisdom is no longer valid in a technologically advanced society. Yet, my grandmother (Mamie Lee Pettway) knew when the rain was coming. She could literally feel it in her bones and joints. My forefathers (Daddy Joe and Uncle Ervin) installed a series of ditches and swells that started on the highlands and ended on the lower parts



of the land, which would perfectly ration the ratio for land/ water intake.

We were a people that were in sync with nature. We lived and viewed ourselves as a part of nature, and with this knowledge, we grew our civilizations and fashioned our cultures long before the western world explored the oceans.

We are not taught to recognize the remnants of our communities aligned with nature, yet they make up some of our most renowned natural phenomena. Take the world's most extensive rainforest, the Amazon. The Amazon is so giant it spans five different countries of S. America. Recent discoveries show that not only was the Amazon home to millions of people in a richly developed society, but it is also man-made.

The Amazon is, in fact, a maze of earthwork (artificial changes in land levels, usually made of precision-placed rock and/ or soil) structures constructed by ancient society thousands of years before European exploration. Native people built a network of earthwork structures that would make the seemingly hazardous rainfall a beneficial factor.

This network of mounds (earthway) is a highly sophisticated

design made up of walls, hills, canals, causeways (roads and tracks on the top of an embankment crossing wetlands, lowlands, or a body of water), elevated residential platforms, and even platforms in which we buried our dead.

As a people aligned with nature, our ancestors knew the rains would bring floods, and Rafiki (the monkey from the Lion King) said, "don't run from it; learn from it." And that's precisely what the ancestors did.

Throughout the rainforest or "the great garden," people lived in towns or villages, some with populations exceeding 2,000, all

connected through manufactured canals and causeways with a total population in the millions, if not tens of millions. Some of these villages are still inhabited by the natives, and conservations protect others as natural habitats.

The ancestors would build lagoons and weirs to persuade fish to desired areas making fishing more straightforward. They would also create mound formations to lure wild game into preferred territories to simplify the hunt.

And as you know, our indigenous ancestors were farmers. Natives elevated the production fields into flatlands with a natu-

rally crafted fertilizer/ soil conditioner/ soil amendment that would condition the poor Amazonian soil. Later we would call this "biochar." The indigenous people created biochar out of the ancient slash-and-burn method.

Because the Amazon was designed for dense vegetation, natives would clear an area with a controlled burning system they mastered. Instead of letting the biomatter (trees, sticks, and brush) burn to ash, the ancestors would pour water on the fires leaving black coals as the remains. These black coals would be crushed into a powder and applied to the raised fields feeding millions. Today they call this activated char-coal or biochar, which is sold as a natural soil amendment used to revitalize damaged soils and a standard health food product.

Through the Amazon, ancient society designed aqueducts and reservoirs to ensure the needs of the people were met. The Amazon was one of many places in which these earthworks designed were crafted. The ancient society built these mounds throughout the world, leaving evidence that our ancestors were indeed aligned with nature in communities that would never place "natural" and "disaster" together.

The natives of N. America also knew of this mound (earthworks) building technology, most famously in Ohio. Ohio is home to thousands of mounds built by the indigenous people. Some earthwork has even been dated back to over 2,000 years before Columbus. Hundreds of sites line the Ohio river alone. And the ancestors were so aligned that some mounds are the perfect viewing plots for celestial events and are referenced as both solar and lunar observatories.

European conquest has destroyed many of N. America's native earthworks, some spanning

over 50 acres. The earthworks of N. America is made up of circles, squares, octagons, and even the shapes of animals across large terrain.

The earthworks in Ohio are even made up of materials not native to Ohio. For instance, shells from the Gulf of Mexico, obsidian from the Rocky Mountains, and even mica found in the Carolinas. Ironically enough, native-constructed mounds have been discovered in all these places in N. America as well.

This makes North Carolina home to the "Mound Builders" as well. Many earthworks were destroyed in America's attempt to rewrite American history erasing native people and their societal achievements. Manteo, North Carolina, is where the first British colony settled (Roanoke Colony). Yet, before they came, it was home to the natives who built complex earthworks designed throughout and around their towns. This tribe would grow to be known as the "lost tribe" that mysteriously disappeared, escaping colonialism's barbaric, violent nature. Most of these mounds were destroyed, but recently towns have been rebuilding the original earthworks as a tourist attraction.

Our ancestors' mound-building societies were aligned with nature so much that storms were a celebration. The ancestors would have "hurricane parties" because they knew that their cities were prepared to receive the gifts of nature, and the rains of a hurricane would fill their canals and line their causeways. They knew that their wells would be filled for the year. They understood the soils in their fields had been enriched and would hold the moisture long after the storm. And we must again understand that the only way you can witness nature as a "natural disaster" is if you are outside of it. So, naturally, we are not.

## 2023 Specialty Crop Block Grant Program

The N.C. Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services is accepting grant applications for the Specialty Crop Block Grant Program. Nonprofits and government agencies wishing to apply have until March 3 at 5 pm.

Applicants can submit a draft application for staff review by Jan. 25 to gain feedback on their grant proposals. A pdf of the draft application should be sent to jenni.keith@ncagr.gov.

The Specialty Crop Block Grant

Program aims to enhance the competitiveness of specialty crops in the marketplace. It is managed by the department, through funding by the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

"In 2022, we awarded \$1.35 million for 10 projects across the state. We anticipate \$1.2 million in funding this year," said Agriculture Commissioner Steve Troxler. "The success and growth of specialty crops are important as North Carolina agriculture contin-

ues to diversify and as the industry inches closer to the \$100 billion mark in economic impact."

The department will accept grant requests up to \$200,000 from nonprofit organizations, academia, commodity associations, state and local government agencies, colleges and universities. Grants are not available for projects that directly benefit or provide a profit to a single organization, institution or individual.

Eligible projects must involve

fruits, vegetables, tree nuts, culinary herbs and spices, medicinal plants, nursery, floriculture or horticulture crops. USDA provides guidance on what is a specialty crop at the following link: <https://www.ams.usda.gov/services/grants/scbgrp/specialty-crop>

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## NAACP Branch Condemns Threats Against Students

"The Goldsboro-Wayne & Duplin County Branches of the NAACP condemn in the strongest terms the recent threats, posted in detail on social media. Threats were reported against Black students at five Wayne County Public Schools on the evening of January 31. Threats were reported against black students at three Duplin County Schools on the morning of February 1. These acts of hate and violence have no place in our community and threaten the safety and well-being of all of our young people.

"We are grateful that the school districts and law enforcement are fully investigating and monitoring the situation, and that the Wayne County Sheriff's Department has taken swift action to arrest one of the individuals responsible. We will continue to work closely with community leaders to ensure that the full extent of the law is brought to bear against those who perpetrate these crimes.

"We stand with the families, teachers and students affected by these threats, and we call on all members of our community to come together in solidarity to reject hate and violence in all its forms and to seek solutions and strategies that are in keeping with our mission to expand human and civil rights, eliminate discrimination, and accelerate the well-being, education, and economic security of Black people and all persons of color.

"In the coming weeks, we will seek to have dialogue with our community leaders around school safety protocols and hope you will join these conversations. Let us all work tirelessly to create safe and inclusive schools for our residents."

The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, founded in 1909, is the nation's oldest and largest nonpartisan civil rights organization. Its members throughout the United States and the world are the premier advocates for civil rights in their communities."

## More Jobs Coming To Durham

Durham, N.C. – North Carolina Governor Roy Cooper's announcement on Tuesday, February 7, 2023 that Kempower, an electric vehicle and machine charging company based in Finland, will create 601 jobs in Durham County over the next five years proves again that Durham continues to be a premier location for new investment. The company will invest approximately \$41.25 million to locate its first United States manufacturing and distribution facility in Durham County.

"Kempower is on the cutting edge of the electric vehicle charging industry, and their investment here in Durham County will help promote new sustainable transportation options around the world," said Durham County Board of Commissioners Chair Brenda Howerton. "This project is a win for Durham County on many levels. It not only aligns so well with our desired partnerships and community values, but brings exactly the types of jobs we are looking to recruit: hundreds of skilled manufacturing jobs paying a great wage but requiring only an associate's degree or high school diploma. We are excited to welcome Kempower to Durham."

# Community

## Single Foster Dad In North Carolina Starts New Foundation

By Tyria McCray

Staff Writer

Originally from Uganda, Peter Mutabazi experienced poverty and abuse at the age of four, and lived as a street kid for nearly five years. Life as he knew it was miserable. Whether it was experiencing poverty, rarely having a meal, and walking three to four miles twice a day just to get water, Peter had a rough life early on.

Knowing he had to get away from home, he went to a bus station near his village and took the one that went the farthest, in hopes that he could completely get away from the life he knew. He ended up being 310 miles away in Kampala, the largest city in Uganda. Once he made it to Kampala, he unfortunately turned to the streets and began stealing to eat. He was 10.

Here is where things took a turn. The very man he was trying to steal from actually wanted to help him. The stranger gave him food for a year and later presented the idea of furthering his



education.

Mutabazi never knew someone would ever think highly of him after years of his father expressing that he would never be anything. At one point, he began to believe the lies that his father told him. However, the stranger saw something different in Mutabazi. He insisted that he go to school and if he did, he would be given food. Mutabazi was motivated to go because of the meal, but once school was underway, he realized his eagerness for learning.

He went on to study at the University of Uganda, then received a scholarship to study in England. He later moved to the United States and while living here he traveled to over 100 countries. Mutabazi saw a need for foster parents through his travels. He realized that within the communities that he visited, not many Black foster parents, especially dads, were present.

In hopes of changing that, he spoke with a lady who shared that the criteria to be a foster parent was to be either married or a single female. He was neither, but that did not deter Mutabazi. But, in America, he learned he was able to foster children, so he made the decision to become a foster dad.

Now residing in North Carolina for the past 20 years, Peter is the founder of Now I Am Known, an organization that supplies resources to support vulnerable children.

“The reason why I wanted to change the lives of children was because someone took a chance on me and helped me. I really

wanted to be their resource and help out whenever. I want to see something different. I have two teenagers, 16 and 17 and I saw how helpless they were. For some reason, everyone in the foster care system wants the babies but no one wants the teens. So I took them in because I believed in them, the same way someone believed in me at age 16.”

As a foster dad, Mutabazi sees a lot of himself in his children. While speaking with us, he became emotional when expressing how he understands their trauma and who they are as a human being.

“That stranger that helped me did not see a damaged or useless kid, he saw a kid with potential. Which helps me understand my children now and I am not fazed with the issues they have, but rather help them know that they are seen and be the best advocate I can be.”

By being an advocate, the children’s morale has been high. They’re really excited to be a part of a family and more importantly, a sense of contentment

and gratefulness has settled in. Looking forward to the new year, Peter plans to help at least 25 more teenagers and 15 families. So far, he has five children and just adopted his 16-year-old.

The Mutabazi family, like many families, needs support. They are taking donations to help Peter foster more children.

Donations will also be used to purchasing a minivan, and purchase beds and mattresses for teens aging out of foster care.

He believes every child deserves to be seen, heard, and known and is still working as a child advocate within the U.S. and globally to promote wellness and child development.



NCCU MUSIC DEPARTMENT-THE EAGLES KEEP ON SOARING!

It was a joyous occasion on Jan. 30, when the members of Raleigh-Wake Alumni Association joined with the NCCU Jazz Ensemble for the Big Check presentation in honor of \$19,320.41 raised from the Dr. Harold L. Jeffreys III, Music Education Memorial Scholarship fundraiser.

The NCCU Jazz Ensemble is under the direction of Robert Trowers, who gracefully welcomed the alumni. Several of the talented members exchanged stories about their student days and their great love of music and the healing properties it embodies to bless people. The members were proud to hear how our donation is helping keep music alive on the campus of NCCU.

We encourage Eagles to continue giving of our resources to uplift the NCCU Music Department. Want to make a donation to the NCCU Music Dept? Please contact Dr. Lenora Hammonds at [lhelm@ncsu.edu](mailto:lhelm@ncsu.edu) or Mr. Robert Trowers at [rtrowers@ncsu.edu](mailto:rtrowers@ncsu.edu).

We are also seeking new NCCU alumni chapter members and extend a warm invitation and welcome for you to join us. We’re seeking new talent and energy! Please check out our website for more information to join: <https://nccuraleighwake.org/join-now> or [nccuraleighwake.org](https://nccuraleighwake.org).

## AKA’s Omega Chapter’s MLK Jr. Day Of Service

RALEIGH—Members of the Alpha Theta Omega Chapter organized and packaged 175 bags consisting of eight different food items, masks, and Covid tests. The day of service was held at The New Bern House, located at 501 New Bern Avenue, Raleigh, North Carolina. Director Sylvia Wiggins and her staff members assisted in getting the word out to the community about the event and preparation for the chapter’s arrival. Individuals in the community enjoyed selecting their favorite color drawstring food bag.

Thirty-seven Alpha Theta Omega Chapter members gladly gave their time and energy for the MLK Jr. Day of Service. Dressed in comfortable outfits of pink and green colors, they sorted and packed the drawstring bags inside the house. The day was beautiful, and the bags



were distributed outside on the walkway.

Food Lion #2226 donated boxes of food containing six items. Hands of Protection to Prevent Child Abuse (HOP), a non-profit

organization, donated the drawstring bags, two additional food items, and masks. Macedonia New Life Church gave covid tests. Members of the HOP Board delivered the items to The

New Bern House at 9:00 am. Distribution was done by members at 11:00am -3:00pm. The collaboration between Alpha Theta Omega, Hands of Protection, Macedonia New Life Church, and Food Lion made a wonderful and fruitful MLK Jr. Service Day.

The committee was delighted and thankful that the Mid-Atlantic Regional Director, Nadine Stewart, Chapter President, Gladys Walker, and many members joined the MLK Jr. Day of Service. The following chapter members served on the Day of Service committee: Sonja Brown, Theresa Grandy, Garlinda Taylor, and co-chairs Elizabeth Chance and Carolyn Penny. Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. is celebrating 115 years of service and, with this project, continues to exemplify that “We Are One In Service to all Mankind.”



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# Cross-Town Rivalry



PICTURED ABOVE: St. Augustine's Dasmine Casey (4) attempts the layup against Shaw's Brittney Seymour (11) during the first half.

Shaw and St. Augustine's played in a regular season CIAA matchup in Raleigh, N.C. on February 1st. St. Augustine's went on to win 74-34

PICTURED ABOVE: St. Augustine's Jaylen Richard (0) attempts the shot between Shaw's Amir Waddell (20) and Dreveon Scott (21) during the first half of their game in Raleigh on February 1st. Shaw fought hard and held on for the 62-60 victory.

Steve Worthy Photos



## Toughness Plus Talent Lands Shaw Alum In CIAA Hall of Fame

Jessica Hawkins let her game do the talking during her glory days as a star basketball player at Shaw University.

It spoke volumes. "Jess made an immediate impact on the court and in our hearts," former Shaw teammate Latasha Shipman-Ganus said.

Affectionately known as "Hawk," the Raleigh native excelled on the high school and collegiate levels. At Southeast Raleigh High School, she led the Lady Bulldogs to the state 4-A title in 1999, earning MVP honors. Southeast Raleigh was only in its second year of existence.

A phenomenal athlete, Hawkins also captured the state discus and

shot put titles in track & field at Southeast.

Hawkins really blossomed as a basketball player at Shaw. She was CIAA Player of the Year and a two-time CIAA Defensive Player of the Year selection during her three-year career with the Lady Bears.

One of the cornerstones of the Shaw dynasty, Hawkins was a key member on the first three CIAA championship teams under current legendary Head Coach Jacques Curtis. The Lady Bears have since captured six more for a total of nine women's titles during the Curtis era. In 2012, the Lady Bears claimed the school's first-ever NCAA Division II national crown.

Overall, Shaw has 11 CIAA women's crowns, the most in conference history.

A quiet and laid-back person, Hawkins seldom talks about her basketball exploits. She doesn't have to.

Even today, her accolades ring loud and clear. On Feb. 24, Hawkins will be inducted in the CIAA Hall of Fame along with three individuals and one team during basketball tournament week in Baltimore.

The CIAA Hall of Fame includes over 300 honorees but the 2023 class is special. The inductees are all women in honor of the 50th anniversary of Title IX, a federal law that prohibits sex-based discrimi-

nation in any school or any other education program that receives funding from the federal government.

"I really can't believe it," Hawkins said. "I was amazed. I look at my teammates like Ship [Latasha Shipman-Ganus], who was so versatile and one of the leading rebounders at Shaw. Then we had Kiarsha Curtis, who was hard to guard, and you had Nastasia Boucicault. They made me look good. I was like are you sure you didn't get me mixed up with one of them? It is truly a great honor to be considered among the greats in the CIAA."

It is fitting that Hawkins is a member of the current Hall of



JESSICA HAWKINS

Fame class. Her accomplishments were second to none in the CIAA. Her fervor and passion for the game sparked Shaw to unlimited heights.

Coach Curtis says Hawkins deserves to be in the Hall of Fame for those reasons and more.

"You have some people who have the skill and numbers to be in the Hall of Fame, but they are not good people," Coach Curtis said. "She is a good person and was a great player. My current team never saw her play but they heard me talk about her before. When they found out she made it, they were elated. Her former teammates are elated because they knew what she stood for when she played."

Hawkins set the bar high for future CIAA women hoopsters. She may be the only person to win three straight CIAA titles (2003, 2004, 2005). In 2004, the former standout guard earned both CIAA Player of the Year and CIAA Defensive Player of the Year. She is among a handful of players who have captured both awards the same season.

Defense was her calling card. In high school, Hawkins averaged nearly 20 points but Coach Curtis

needed her tenacity on a loaded Shaw program featuring players such as Naomi Mobley, Joy Hairston, Curtis, Boucicault, Margiella Mobley and Shipman-Ganus. Most of the players during that era were Division I prospects who eventually landed at Shaw.

"Offense had nothing to do with her game," Coach Curtis said. "She could change the game strictly from a defensive standpoint."

Hawkins transferred to Shaw after a short stint at N.C. State University. Athletically gifted and skilled, Hawkins actually attended N.C. State on a track scholarship with the chance to play basketball under the late great Kay Yow. Things didn't work out there, however, and Hawkins enrolled at Shaw, which turned out to be a blessing for the Lady Bears' program and a curse for their opponents.

Back in the early 2000s, the Shaw women's program was feared like Mike Tyson. Shaw rolled through the CIAA during Hawkins' career, posting a 58-1 conference mark in three years. She is the only women's basketball player under Coach Curtis to be inducted individually in the Shaw Athletic Hall of Fame.

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## Obituaries



returned to the NC A&T faculty in 1956, she actively supported the students participating in the Greensboro Lunch Counter Sit-Ins.

The late 1950s were momentous in her personal life as well. During that time, she met and fell in love with Knella Geoffrey Elijah Francis. They were married in 1960 and moved to his native Antigua, West Indies. After two years of living in beautiful Antigua, the couple returned to North Carolina in 1962. Their two sons, Charles and Garrick, were born in 1963 and 1966, respectively.

In 1963, Florence Irving Francis joined the Saint Augustine's College faculty as a professor of business administration. In the mid-1960s, she earned another master's degree, the M.Ed., from North Carolina State University.

In the late 1960s, she was recruited to join the administration at N.C. State becoming one of the early African-American professionals on the N.C. State

faculty and administration. She worked in the administration at N.C. State assisting and advising countless students over the years until her professional retirement in 1987. Florence Irving Francis was actively engaged in serving others. She served on the Board of Directors for Wake County Habitat for Humanity and with the Wake County Democratic Women. She served as a member of the Association of Retired Faculty of North Carolina State University, the NAACP, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, the Leisurettes, Davie Street Presbyterian Church in her youth, and St. Ambrose Episcopal Church when she returned to Raleigh with her husband, Knella.

She relished competitive bridge in the Capital City Bridge Club, and King and Queens Bridge Club. She enjoyed gardening, travel, poetry, real estate investment and management and, most of all, she cherished her family.

### FLORENCE IRVING FRANCIS

Florence Irving Francis passed on peacefully in her sleep early on the morning of Jan. 13. Born Florence Brown Irving on January 17, 1925, in Raleigh, she was the second of three children born to Charles G. Irving, Sr. and Callie Brown Irving.

She was raised to believe in the transformative power of education in a loving, protective and encouraging home in Raleigh's Fourth Ward neighborhood. When she was only 14 years old, she graduated as the salutatorian of the Washington High School Class of 1939.

Florence Irving enrolled at Spelman College in Atlanta, Georgia and graduated at the age of 18, as salutatorian, with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Economics. She was a member of the timeless Spelman Class of 1943.

Upon graduation, she went to work as an economist in a federal agency in Washington, D.C. in the midst of WWII. Following WWII, she enrolled in graduate school at the University of Chicago where she earned a Master of Business Administration degree in 1948.

In 1949, Florence Irving accepted an appointment as a professor of business administration at North Carolina A&T State University and moved to Greensboro. As a scholar and professor, she was an active participant in the Civil Rights Movement.

In 1955, she was one of the first African-American women admitted to the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill Law School. Rather than attend law school, she took leave from NC A&T to serve as researcher at the Southern Regional Council in Atlanta. During that time, she published research supporting the Movement in *The Journal of Negro Education* and in the periodical *New South*. When she



### REV. DR. WILLIAM EXTON DAYE

Reverend William E. Daye is the founder and Pastor Emeritus of Peace Missionary Baptist Church in Durham, North Carolina where he served as the faithful and radiant leader from 1974 to 2017. He has carried the banner of Christ in tireless offerings of teaching and preaching throughout the state for over fifty five years.

Reverend Daye, a native son of Durham, NC received his early education in the Durham County School System. In 1963 he enrolled in Virginia Seminary College in Lynchburg, VA, later transferring to Southeastern

Theological Seminary in Wake Forest where he earned his Associate of Divinity degree in 1968. He later matriculated to Shaw University where he earned his Bachelor of Arts degree in 1976. He continued his education earning a Master of Divinity from Southeastern in 1981.

Reverend Daye received Christ and was converted in 1949. As a youth he received his earliest religious training from devout parents and the influence of the historic, Mt. Level Baptist Church in Durham. While still a young man, in 1959 he yielded to the irrepressible call from God to the gospel ministry. He was ordained to the Ministry on June 6, 1960. Over the years he served as Pastor to seven churches, including Peace Missionary Baptist.

Reverend Daye's service extends beyond his dedication to Peace. He is a member of the New Hope Baptist Association, the Interdenominational Ministerial Alliance of Durham, former member of the Board of Directors of the John Avery Boys Club of Durham, and currently serves as Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Apex School of Theology.

Reverend Daye is happily married to the former Nora Mitchell of Durham. Together they have nurtured four daughters, three sons-in-law, and six precious grandchildren and two terrific great grandchildren.

## Practical Biblical Principles

### WHERE ARE YOU BUILDING YOUR HOUSE?

Read: Matthew 7:24-28

As Jesus began His ministry among the multitude, they thought they saw a chance to get prosperous and gain material wealth when He spoke of blessings. As Jesus began to teach the principles of the Kingdom of Heaven living He began to clarify in a more moral way the Kingdom's principles for living there.

These Kingdom Principles are called Beatitudes, which many believe is Jesus's first and only sermon. When Jesus started talking "spiritual talk" about "being poor in spirit," "those who mourn," "meek," "those who hunger and thirst," these phrases were like throwing ice-cold water on the hot enthusiasm of the people. The people were certain that the Kingdom would make them free and rich and Jesus turned their expectations upside down. "Beatitudes" means blessed.

Like many today people take the teachings or the Bible to be a way of getting ahead materialistically, the Bible and its teachings are all about getting our sinful soul ahead spiritually and nothing else!

Matthew chapters 5 thru 7 carries the total message of Jesus'

"Sermon on the Mount." The principal subjects themselves which Jesus covered are enough to show one the Way. Believers are the salt of the Earth, Christ fulfills the law, Murder begins in the heart, Adultery is in the heart, Marriage is sacred and binding, Jesus forbids swearing, Go the second mile, Love your enemy, Do good to please God, the model Prayer, Fasting to be seen only by God, Love your enemies, Lay up treasures in Heaven, lamp of the body, You cannot serve God and riches, Do not worry, Do not Judge, Keep asking, seeking, knocking. The narrow way, You will know them by their fruits, I never knew you, And build on the Rock is the last subject covered in the sermon on the mount.

Jesus ended this sermon with the statement and declaration, "Therefore whoever hears these sayings of Mine, and does them, I will liken him to a wise man who built his house on the rock..." Jesus continues, "and the rain descended, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house; and it did not fall, for it was founded on the rock. Not a rock. But anyone who hears these sayings of mine, and does not do them, will be like a foolish man who built his

house on the sand; and the rain descended, the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on the house, and it fell. And great was its fall.

At this point you already have the message. Building your house on the "rock" is building one house on God's words of the Beatitudes. Not only is one to believe but what is one to do in order to show that one is serious about following the teachings from heaven.

The Beatitudes' teachings are in reality the actual code of conduct which governs those who make the grade to live eternally in the Kingdom of God.

Every good deed, every faithful prayer, every time one obeys God's command, every time one repents from wrong, every time one praises the Father, Son or Holy Spirit, you are building your home on high. In short, what you are really doing is asking Jesus to build your house on Him, the Rock. You are asking Jesus to save a place for you. And He will.

Building one's house on the sand is simply a desire to do what you want to in life and follow one's own agenda. Which is basically a one-way ticket which takes one far, far from heaven. Where are you building your house?

J.L. Caldwell, Pastor

## SERMON of the WEEK



### GOD'S WASHING MACHINE Sermon By: Pastor William "Billy" Eli Ratcliff

"All things were made by him; and without him was not anything made that was made." John 1:3 KJV

As I celebrate Black History Month, I'm always amazed at how so many African-Americans were creative and intelligent enough to come up with the things they did. Every year I've learned or heard about something else they invented that I didn't know about before.

However, I must remind you that everything in the universe is a part of God's creation. Discoveries are made almost every day, some by excavation, exploration, and maybe in a science laboratory, but we must remember that God is always working behind the scenes.

Out of all the Creations and Inventions, to whom should we give the glory? To God be the Glory! My Dad would often say from the pulpit, Glory, Glory, Glory!

Let us not forget that the Bible says there is nothing new under the sun, and most inventions allow humankind and animals to do things faster, easier, or a lot safer.

From the separation of cotton seeds to the cotton gin, the Megaphone to microphone, security door to Security System, mail door delivery to Mail Box, Stop Sign to traffic light, clothesline to clothes dryer, straight gear shift to the automatic, straight chair to folding chair, and from nappy hair to straight hair; African-Americans created these inventions!

Our ancestors lived in a world that was more prejudiced, racist, violent, segregated, and indeed more murderous. But neverthe-



less, despite all those negative barriers and obstacles, those gifted men and women could still use their genius, talents, and God-given abilities to make a difference and help make life better, not for themselves but for the world.

I know for those that were Christian believers, it took their Ultimate faith in God as well as in themselves that God would bring their dreams to fruition and He would make a way somehow.

I know it took a lot of PRAYERS, DETERMINATION, RESILIENCE, AMBITION, STEADFASTNESS, DEDICATION, PERSISTENCE, unwavering FAITH, COMMITMENT, and all their TRUST IN GOD for them to make such extraordinary achievements that we still celebrate and talk about them today.

And yet again, let us not forget that God made everything they accomplished possible. Furthermore, often when an athlete breaks or sets a record, some will say, I want to thank God because I couldn't have done it without Him.

However, we believe that mankind's most significant accomplishment in life is to die with a saved soul. What does it profit a man or woman to gain the whole world, break all the records, have all the best life can offer, and then lose their soul?

Once we have gone the last mile of this life and certainly can't take anything with us, all we have left are our souls. So many men and women have gotten filthy rich from inventions or because of their athletic abilities, but sadly, in the end, all they will have left is their soul. Let's pray that their souls and our soul will one day go back to be with the Lord.

We should be glad God made

a way. The Psalmist says, "Have mercy upon me, O God, according to thy lovingkindness: according unto the multitude of thy tender mercies blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from mine iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin." Psalms 51:1

In my spiritual imagination, I'm glad God created a Washing Machine that He can use to wash and cleanse us of our sins.

Some are on a delicate cycle; some are Pre-Soaking, some need a heavy washing, some are rinsing, and some need to dry out while others need to CHILL OUT!

After all of this, when we get to heaven, our robes will still be dirty, but God will dip them in the Blood of the Lamb and make them white as snow. He keeps on making a way. He creates all things!

When I was a little boy, there were several major brands of washing detergent, but none could clean our Heavenly robes like God can. God's Blood is able to cleanse us all from our sins if we just get in His Church's Washing Machine!

When I was a little boy, we had different laundry detergent brands. We had Fab, but our God is FABULOUS! There was a brand called All, but our God is our All and All! We had CHEER, but when nobody else can, My God can CHEER US up and give us a peace that surpasses our own understanding! Later we had a brand called Trend, but we need to Trend to God as He Trends to us. Somebody said He's like Tide because HE gets out the stains that all others leave behind!

Get in the church, stay in the church, get in God's Washing Machine, and you'll find out that can't nobody do you like Jesus, can't nobody do you like the Lord!

## Sleeping For Peak Performance

God does not get tired, and yet He rested on the seventh day. We should take this example to heart because sleep is undervalued as a necessary part of good health. Sleep allows the regeneration that is essential for well-being and healing. Balanced, proportionate nutrition and appropriate exercise are not as effective if someone does not have the recommended eight hours of daily sleep.

Sleep is critical for optimal body-mind function, both to recover from singular stressful events and the accumulated stress of daily physical and mental challenges. Our body and mind carry out lots of internal daily activities that produce fatigue for muscle and brain. Academic performance, cognitive problem-solving, physical capability, and mood are positively enhanced with solid sleep. Fatigue from insufficient rest impairs our ability to execute complex functions. At higher levels of fatigue, even simple actions are affected. The cognitive benefit of sleep also keeps us safe from ourselves and each other. Whether we need fine motor skills in cutting our food or the situational awareness to operate large machinery or drive a vehicle, proper rest can be life preserving. Sleep also burns fat and allows muscles to grow. If we are trying to improve physical fitness, then the right amount of sleep must be part of the plan.

Eight hours of continuous sleep per day is ideal; however, naps are good for short-term regeneration when eight hours is not possible. The most effective naps match



the body's natural sleep cycle and must be timed. The target is between 15 to 30 minutes or precisely at 90 minutes. The reason for this exact timing is because our mind must awaken from light sleep mode to avoid grogginess and become fully alert. Any time we awake outside of these targets, our bodies will be within a deep sleep cycle, and will make the nap less beneficial.

A proper environment is also important for optimal rest. Darkness, suitable type and level of noise, physical comfort, and pre-sleep routines contribute to our overall sleep quality. Our eyes are sensitive even through closed eyelids, where any type of light may disrupt our brain's perception and sleep rhythm. Solid window coverings and eye masks help, especially for night workers who sleep during the daytime. It is best to avoid television, bright screens, or high intensity work or exercise at least one hour prior to bedtime. Instead, calming and relaxing activities like reading

using low lamp light or black-and-white mode electronic books are best. Sleep is also aided by steady, soothing background noise that blocks out disruptive noise. Bed, pillow, and temperature comfort may depend upon individual preference but is also key to a good rest. People who continue to have difficulty sleeping, despite following these basic steps, should speak with their primary care provider to consider causes and solutions. Remember that human beings were not created to run constantly; proper sleep is vital to peak performance, healing, safety, and to manage your overall physical, mental, and emotional stress.

Dr. Edwin Burkett, retired Colonel USAF, is a Family Physician and Medical Director for Alliance Medical Ministry (AMM). AMM is in southeast Raleigh and serves working, uninsured adults living in Wake County with an emphasis on holistic and preventive patient-centered care, in order to reduce health disparities in our community.

## Announcements

Black History Month celebration this Sunday, February 12, 2023, at 11:00 am.

The keynote speaker will be: Gregory M Howard, D.Min., Dean of Shaw University Divinity School, Associate Professor of Practical Ministry & Black Church Studies.

The public is invited to attend this program. Our guests are welcome to wear African attire to celebrate our journey.

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# Editorials

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## Divisions Set in Concrete and Pavement

By Ben Jealous  
Sierra Club

The racial divisions that have split our country for centuries don't just live in people's hearts and heads. Some of them exist in concrete and pavement running right through certain neighborhoods. They are structural racism in the most tangible sense.

In Milwaukee last month, local activists told me about their fight against that kind of division. Wisconsin's transportation department wants to expand a crumbling 3.5-mile stretch of Interstate 94 running through the state's largest city at a cost of \$1.2 billion and about 49 acres of land in the neighborhoods adjoining the roadway.

Like Overton in Miami, East Los Angeles and West Montgomery, Ala., those neighborhoods, home to poor Black and brown residents, were subdivided 60 years ago when I-94 was built. The highway continues to cut them off today.

It's disingenuous to make plans today that don't consider the history of these highways in places like Milwaukee. The cost to locate interstates, built as courts were ordering desegregation of public schools and housing, was borne by communities of color whose residents were barred from home loans that would have let them move to suburbs that got disproportionate benefit from faster commutes. Planners used code words like blight, renewal, and efficiency to confuse that reality.

A highway project like this creates an actual intersection between creating more equitable communities and protecting the planet. Public works projects that encourage more traffic increase air pollution that impacts our climate, increase noise pollution, and add to flooding and contaminated runoff that damage swimmable, fishable rivers. Those who live closest breathe the most exhaust and live with the constant drone of traffic, but the environmental impact unquestionably stretches far wider.

The estimated cost of

expanding I-94 is about \$40 million more than fixing the existing six lanes. That's the same amount that a 50 percent cut in the current state budget cost mass transit systems in Madison and Milwaukee. Most Milwaukee mass transit riders are workers riding to a job or the disabled and seniors who no longer drive. While Black and brown riders make up a disproportionate share of the total, most riders are White.

When we see these fabricated divisions, the question we should ask is who benefits from creating them? We know from troubling experience that the self-interested find ways to separate us even when our interests are the same. Who benefits from a wider interstate? It's clearly not its neighbors. Not the Milwaukee City Council who opposed the plan. Not drivers today or in years to come as updating the current highway without adding lanes will improve safety and reduce congestion. And not millennials that Wisconsin has spent millions to retain and attract who say they want to live in places that don't demand driving.

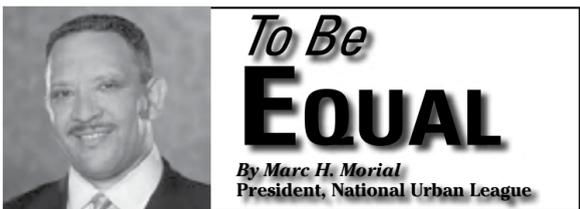
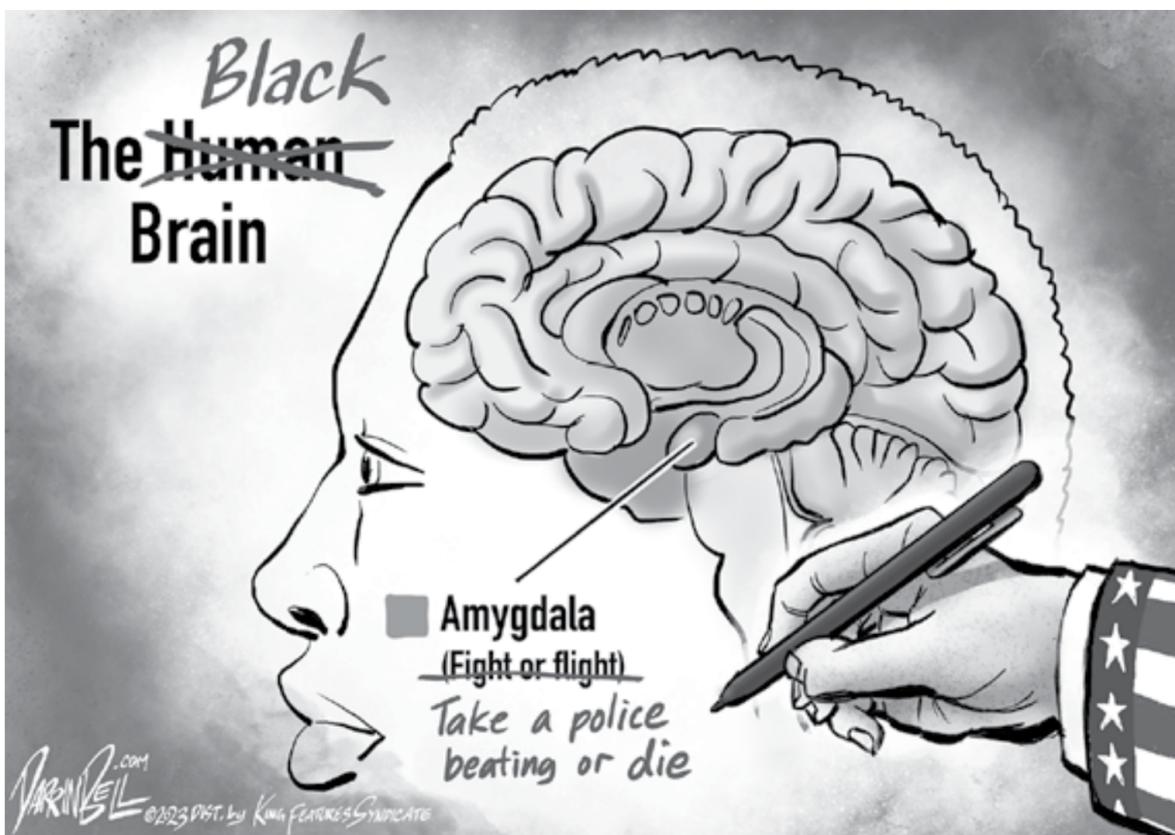
A local issue like this one in Wisconsin matters even if you live three states away because one like it may be coming to where you live soon. We're on the cusp of many more in every state. Historic federal funding in 2021 and 2022 to repair infrastructure and invest in a cleaner economy must be spent place by place. We need to follow the example of the folks I met in Milwaukee—stay vigilant, never assume that decisions will be made in the best interest of everyone or the planet, build the biggest coalitions we can, and hold officials accountable when we vote.

**Ben Jealous is the incoming executive director of the Sierra Club, the oldest and most influential grassroots environmental organization in the country. He is a professor of practice at the University of Pennsylvania and author of Never Forget Our People Were Always Free, published in January.**

## Talk To Us

Stimulating a lively discussion of issues that concern the community is one of our main tasks at The Carolinian. We want to know what you think. This issue's topic:

How come, in 2023, local, state and federal governments have only one way to "improve" neighborhoods—To split Black communities down the middle with concrete and asphalt?



## TO BE EQUAL

By Marc H. Morial  
President, National Urban League

GOV. DESANTIS HAS CHARTED A COURSE TO THE WHITE HOUSE THAT CUTS STRAIGHT THROUGH THE SWAMP OF WHITE SUPREMACY

"Ron DeSantis has clearly demonstrated that he wants to dictate whose story does and doesn't belong. He wants to control what our kids can learn based on politics and not sound policy... He wants to say that I don't belong. He wants to say that you don't belong. Whose story does and doesn't get to count. But we are here to tell him, we are America. Governor, Black history is American history, and you are on the wrong side of history."

—Florida State Rep. Fentrice Driskell

Bayard Rustin, as most students of American history now know, was one of the key organizers of the 1963 March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom. It was Rustin who introduced Martin Luther King, Jr., to the Gandhian tactics of non-violent resistance that guided the Civil Rights Movement through the 1950s and 1960s.

Because Rustin was a gay man at a time when same-sex relationships were criminalized, he often was forced to work from behind the scenes, allowing others to take the credit for his achievements. For decades, his transformational influence was downplayed and devalued. A warped history of the movement was allowed to take shape, one that historians only recently have begun to correct.

Florida Governor Ron DeSantis wants to shove the legacy of Rustin and others like him back into the shadows, perpetuating a warped history of the nation.

DeSantis' reactionary move to ban an AP course on African-American studies is loosely based on his opposition to what he calls Critical Race Theory, a legal concept taught in law schools and little understood by the general public. Right-wing activists and politicians like DeSantis have co-opted and corrupted the term to undermine any effort to confront or even to acknowledge systemic racism.

As CNN political writer Brandon Tensley noted, "Because so many Americans don't know what CRT is, it's the perfect tool for scaring White conservative voters with made-up problems—for mobilizing them against the racial awakening of the past year."

The course itself is organized into four major units: Origins of the African Diaspora, including topics such as "The Strength and Reach of West African Empires" and "Intercultural Forces in African Kingdoms and City States;" Freedom, Slavery, and Resistance, which covers the period from the origins of the transatlantic slave trade to abolition; The Practice of Freedom, focused on African-American experiences since abolition including Reconstruction and the Negro Renaissance, and Movements and Debates, which examines the Civil Rights Movement, Black feminism and intersectionality, and the diversity within Black communities.

DeSantis' feeble efforts to rationalize the ban are so vague they are essentially meaningless. "Intersectionality is foundational to CRT," his Department of Education howled, without even attempting to explain why either concept represents a threat. His "concerns" reflect a profound ignorance—or de-

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By Dorothy Shaw Thompson

## REMARKABLE LIVES

As we continue this month to celebrate the history of people who have sojournd as African-American citizens, we see truth banners displayed as truth tellings. On Facebook, people share postings such as "One Month Can't Hold Our History," "For as long as I am Black, I am historic, I do not need a month, I exist for a lifetime," "Friendly Reminder: Black History starts on January 1st and ends December 31st." This under the backdrop of the presentation of the 1619 Project and pundits continuing to argue about the slogan "Black Lives Matter." Racism is foolish evil and ignorance in a very high form. Never can it be more evident than the month of February, the shortest month of our calendar and yet power-packed truth-telling month, "middled" by February 14th, a day of celebration of love called Valentine's Day.

Raleigh is a power-packed city for the African-American community and the month of January ushered in this fact, if we take time to notice. I frankly am impressed by the increasing number of surprising deaths our community has experienced in the past three years, especially. Recently three remarkable people transitioned from here to what I believe is the greatest "there." Let me hasten to say that because I highlight these three deaths, it does not mean that equally remarkable people known and unknown are not worthy of attention to their remarkable lives but I'm noticing these because of the proximity of their death dates and the closeness they had to the area that is the locale of my home.

I'm thinking in this writing of Dr. George Debnam, Mrs. Florence Francis and Mrs. Margaret Rose Murray. Dr. Debnam made his home on the corner of Davie and Battery Drive, Mrs.

Francis lived most of her adult life on Battery Drive and Mrs. Murray operated a nursery and preschool and community center on the corner of Tarboro and Lenoir in the Battery Heights community where I live. These three people affected different aspects of Black Raleigh and the greater and larger community but there's no evidence that their paths crossed significantly and yet they, all three, lived remarkable lives. Mrs. Francis, the oldest, was born Jan. 17, 1925; Dr. Debnam, November 5, 1927 and Mrs. Murray June 20, 1931, leaving this world Jan. 13, Jan. 19 and Jan. 10, all in 2023. Mrs. Francis graduated Washington High School at age 14 and finished Spelman College at age 18. Dr. Debnam moved to Raleigh on his own as a 15-year-old to attend Shaw University in 1943 and went on to

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



## Glen Mollette Speaks

By Glen Mollette

## TIRED OF HEARING ABOUT CHINA? STOP THE CASH FLOW

Do you get tired of hearing about China? Now we have floating surveillance balloons over our country. We are yet to know for sure what this is about but time will tell. China is probably scouting out the next land or business purchase. They may have come up with an easy way to determine which military bases have available adjacent land. It doesn't matter if it's for sale, they can come up with enough money to buy the property. All they have to do is to keep piling up the money from everything they sell to the United States.

Alarms went off in Washington when the Fufeng Group, a Chinese agricultural company, bought 300 acres of land and set up a milling plant last spring in Grand Forks, N.D. The plant is a 20-minute drive from an Air Force base that, according to North Dakota Sen. John Hoeven, hosts a space mission that "will form the backbone of U.S. military communications across the globe." Source *WSJ*

Ten years ago Smithfield Foods was purchased by China's leading pork producer, Shuanghui International Holdings Ltd. (now called WH Group Ltd.), for \$4.72 billion.

Keep in mind China has 1.5 billion people. This requires a lot of people to feed. China would love to gain as much of our farmland as possible to gain more control of our food production. This is one area where China really needs us. Our agricultural exports to them increased by over 27 percent from 2020 to 2021. They would need us if they can gain control of our farmland. It's also a plus for them if they can have it close to our military bases. This provides a two-fold benefit for them. In the middle of the cornfield, they can watch everything we are doing or even attempt to thwart what we are doing.

(See **GLEN MOLLETTE SPEAKS**, P. 11)

## Child Watch

By Marian Wright Edelman



## HE SHOULD HAVE BEEN SAFE

The first day of Black History Month brought a soul crushing ritual that has been repeated over and over in our nation's history: a funeral for a Black son, father, and brother killed by police. Vice President Kamala Harris was among the White House officials and members of Congress who attended the service for 29-year-old Tyre Nichols at Mississippi Boulevard Christian Church in Memphis, Tenn. His family and friends were also joined by the families of George Floyd, Breonna Taylor, Eric Garner, Botham Jean, and other victims of police violence.

Tyre Nichols was stopped, dragged from his car, and assaulted by Memphis police officers on his way home after taking sunset photos at one of his favorite parks, and some of those pictures were shown in a montage during the service, along with pictures of him performing on his skateboard, a picture of him beaming as he held his infant son, and pictures of him as a young child and with his beloved mother. Nichols was just yards away from his mother's home when he was fatally beaten, and on the traumatic video captured at the scene, he can be heard calling out for her as he repeated that he was just trying to go home. But she could not hear his cries, and the officials who were enjoined to protect and help him did neither.

When Vice President Harris spoke she began by praising Nichols's mother, Mrs. RowVaughn Wells, for her extraordinary strength, courage, and grace. She then said: "Mothers around the world, when their babies are born, pray to God, when they hold that child, that that body and that life will be safe for the rest of his life. Yet we have a mother and a father who mourn the life of a young man who should be here today. They have a grandson who now does not have a father. His brothers and sister will lose the love of growing old with their baby brother. And when we look at this situation, this is a family that lost their son and their brother through an act of violence at the hands and the feet of people who had been

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

# Other Viewpoints



## EPIDEMICS OF RACE-BASED VIOLENCE AND POLICE BRUTALITY

By Wim Laven

PeaceVoice

Have you ever spoken with a parent of Black boys about the struggle and fear of keeping them safe? There are several familiar concerns, but a number that are unique. "He is 12 now and I think I need to tell him he is not allowed to wear hoodies anymore," is such an example.

A great deal of research shows that White people and Black people have different experiences with law enforcement. A friend explained: "when you get pulled over for speeding on your way to work you might call in and let them know you'll be late. I call my wife and tell her that I love her."

Some people think it hyperbolic, but that makes me uncomfortable. The evidence is irrefutable, racial bias in police violence is undeniable, even the prestigious international medical publication *The Lancet* reports: "Mounting evidence shows that deaths at the hands of the police disproportionately impact people of certain races and ethnicities, pointing to systemic racism in policing;" Black men are 2.5 times more likely to be killed by police than White men.

Focusing on numbers, while irrefutable at this point, has not created positive change. It often inspires victim-blaming, as in when the videos show police shooting an unarmed Black man and the response from some is, "but what happened before the recording started?" as though the Black person must have done something to deserve dying and the film is incomplete.

More people have been tracking the use of "copaganda" (coverage of police biased to show law enforcement in a positive light) and there is clear evidence—for better and worse—that people (on the whole) believe law enforcement is doing better job than they actually are.

Writing for *The Nation*, civil rights attorney Scott Hechinger reports: crime reporting is not based on "criminological facts," reportage is marred by "alarmist headlines," and "dehumanizing language," with "overly simplistic stories" that "provoke fear in the public."

Is it any wonder that dominant-culture people are not getting a good picture of the epidemic minority communities are experiencing?

Police departments have openly admitted, or some of their officers have declared, to using racial profiling as a "strategy" and continue to employ prejudicial technologies and practices. Even in liberal blue states like California, despite ongoing efforts demanded by the public and promised by politicians, the data shows the nationwide phenomenon of racial profiling is resistant to improvement. From the *San Francisco Chronicle* just months ago:

*Black people are far more likely to be stopped by police than White people, and that the disparity widened in 11 of the state's 15 biggest law enforcement agencies from 2019 to 2020.*

*The problems of both profiling and subsequent violence by police are regularly referred to by police chiefs as "a few bad apples." But it's possible the failure to improve is related to the nature of some applicants to become police. The FBI has warned of the increasing threat of White nationalist and supremacist groups infiltrating law enforcement.*

Thus the "bad apple" conversation ignores the systematic and structural realities. Policy and procedure have caused, created, and permitted the violence to occur.

For decades we have had bad apples growing on bad trees in polluted orchards. I'm tired of so much focus being on the apples at all. If we started addressing the copious amounts of cultural, institutional, and structural racism the prejudice and hate would not have a home in law enforcement.

We need to stop promoting warrior cops and violent retributive justice. We need to demilitarize our police departments and return to ideas of service. But most importantly we need to finally decide enough is enough; innocent people have been terrorized and killed by police for too long. We cannot continue to let them literally and acutely painfully get away with murder.

Wim Laven, Ph.D., syndicated by PeaceVoice, teaches courses in political science and conflict resolution.



## NOW IS THE TIME TO BE A CRIMINAL JUSTICE REFORM VOTER

By Svante Myrick

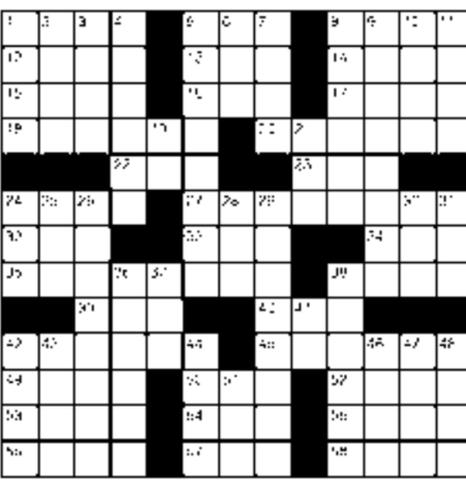
People for the American Way

As I'm writing this, 29-year-old Tyre Nichols has just been laid to rest. The pain and heartbreak we feel over the needless killing of

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- 14 — Christian Anderson
- 15 Modern taxi rival
- 16 Musical funding org
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this beloved and loving young man, son and father are overwhelming.

But while many of the details of his death in police custody are tragically familiar, there is one significant difference. This time, the five officers initially identified as involved with the killing were promptly charged with murder. That action was taken by the progressive Shelby County District Attorney, Steve Mulroy, elected by citizens who firmly rejected the agenda of the right-wing prosecutors who preceded him. And I believe the decision of the voters to elect a person with Mulroy's values made most, if not all, the difference when this latest incident of horrific police brutality took place.

Mulroy was among a cohort of progressive prosecutors who ran—and won—on reform platforms in the last election. These are people who are outspoken against racial bias in the criminal justice system, the school-to-prison pipeline and the egregious institution of cash bail. They are making people's lives better in measurable ways. And they are a relatively new breed, in large and small cities.

One of the best known is in Philadelphia, where Larry Krasner is described as one of the first to run as a "progressive prosecutor." Krasner has been elected twice on a platform of ending mass incarceration. While in office, he has turned away from prosecuting low-level offenses and from cash bail. His office claims that he has imposed over 29,000 fewer years of incarceration than his predecessor.

Meanwhile in the small city of Portsmouth, Va., an outstanding Black progressive prosecutor, Stephanie Morales, is one of very few to win a conviction of a police officer for killing an unarmed Black man. She is also the only prosecutor nationwide to have successfully indicted more than one police officer in an on-duty shooting. She was recently elected to her third term, by voters who deeply appreciate her values and commitment.

This appreciation is not always reflected in media. For example, the recall of District Attorney Chesa Boudin in San Francisco was covered heavily in the last election season, while at the same time Mulroy and fellow progressive DAs were succeeding with openly progressive platforms.

That's a shame, because media apathy unfairly diminishes the importance of being a criminal justice reform voter: in other words, a voter who makes sure a candidate has a strong commitment to making our criminal justice system more equitable, before they cast their vote.

And now more than ever, it's critically important for all of us to be criminal justice reform voters.

It's important because what is happening with the response to police brutality in Memphis is the latest powerful affirmation that democracy really can fix things for people. It's a powerful affirmation that yes, voting is a useful way to address violence against Black people. And it's a slap in the face to the cynicism that makes people throw up their hands and say nothing can be done and that voting doesn't matter.

This is not to oversimplify the case. There are multiple factors in any criminal case, and we don't know everything. As a Black man myself, it hurts me deeply that most of the officers as well as the victim, Tyre Nichols, are Black. But I still believe that the response was unquestionably shaped by the progressive values of the prosecutor that Shelby County voters were wise to choose.

And the lesson here isn't limited to District Attorney races in particular or down-ballot races in general. Becoming a criminal justice reform voter is important at every level. If we want change, we need to know the records of candidates and elected officials on this issue. We need to stop saying "voting won't fix that." We need to believe in our hearts that all the marches mattered, because they did; and that the pain mattered, because it did; and that elections matter too. And then go vote, for the change that we now know is possible.

Svante Myrick is President of People For the American Way. Previously, he served as executive director of People For and led campaigns focused on transforming public safety, racial equity, voting rights, and empowering young elected officials. Myrick garnered national attention as the youngest-ever mayor in New York State history.

## TO BE EQUAL

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liberate misrepresentation—of both the curriculum and the legal theory he claims to oppose, but the ignorance is largely the point. The ban, like the ludicrous Stop WOKE Act that the course allegedly violates, is less about the details of a specific curriculum and almost entirely about weaponizing White grievance and resistance to a multicultural democracy.

DeSantis has charted a course to the White House that cuts straight through the swamp of white supremacy.

After all, if White people experience "guilt, anguish or other forms of psychological distress" as a result of acknowledging systemic racism, they might be inspired to alleviate that distress by dismantling systemic racism. That's a terrifying prospect for people who are so accustomed to the status quo that even the slightest effort to level the playing field feels like an earth-shattering cataclysm.

It's impossible to know whether DeSantis genuinely shares that fear. But it's undeniable he's eager to exploit it for political advantage. His opponent in his first gubernatorial campaign famously remarked, "I'm not calling Mr. DeSantis a racist. I'm simply saying the racists believe he's a racist."

Three Florida students are poised to sue DeSantis if he does not lift the ban and allow the AP African-American studies to be taught in schools. But because the College Board has agreed to revise the course, it's likely that future students will be taught a watered-down curriculum that avoids the harsh realities that cause "distress." This injustice gives DeSantis and his allies the power not only to distort the past, but to shape a future where structural inequalities persist and racism is allowed to flourish.

## A DIFFERENT VOICE

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complete his medical doctorate at Meharry Medical College while also serving our country in the Korean War. Mrs. Murray often told that her inner urging to educate her community about the historic contributions of African and African-American History came as a very little girl as she "knew" that our history didn't begin with slavery and that our contribution to the world never ever stopped. Dr. Debnam integrated our hospitals, delivered the largest number of babies in the state (10,000+) and saved lives through his medical practices with medical treatments and surgeries (over 5,000) for 50 years right here in the Capital City. Mrs. Francis was one of the first African-American women admitted to the UNC Law School at Chapel Hill and was one of the first professionals on the North Carolina State faculty and administration in the late 1960s. This she did as a single parent of two small boys, having been widowed.

Mrs. Margaret Rose Murray was well known in our community as a Muslim woman who started, with her husband, the Vital Link private school, hosted a community talk show "Traces of Faces and Places," while mentoring incarcerated women and raising three children. More details of their lives can be gathered by reading their obituaries and talking to those who knew them best. I am most impressed by what they did in the midst of the Jim Crow South. Are there others? Of course, but these three packed up their bags in proximity to each other. I want their stories told at this time because there was no national day of mourning. These stories may slip into obscurity if more of us don't know and say their names. I'm sad because there are countless children and teenagers who only know our history by the lynchings and slavery and police shootings, etc. They need to know that there are unsung soldiers in our midst. They need to look at their churches differently and realize that there were quiet lives that persisted in their neighborhoods, who stood tall against segregation and racism. Most importantly, so they can know up close and personal that they can do it too. They need to know that there is a protected class of citizens that have passed their way who slipped back and forth into the darkness of discrimination, their way made lighter by a Holy Spirit within them and protected by the necessity of their calling just as Harriet Tubman went back and forth into slavery because she heard the pure freedom's call.

Remarkable lives have remarkable beginnings and remarkable endings if we take time to notice. "True that," that we can't just wait for February to tell these stories. Truth dictates that we must point out the homes they have lived in and the buildings they owned. We must tell the stories and not wait for others to tell them because they will not. One month doesn't hold our history because one month can't. As Marcus Garvey told us... "A people without the knowledge of their past history, origin and culture is like a tree without roots." We know what happens to a tree without roots... right? Need I say more? I think not.

## GLEN MOLLETTE SPEAKS

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The U.S. trade summary reveals the depth of our trade with China.

In 2021, U.S. exports to China were \$151.1 billion, a 21.4 percent (\$26.6 billion) increase from 2020; U.S. imports from China were \$506.4 billion, a 16.5 percent (\$71.6 billion) increase; and the trade deficit with China was \$355.3 billion, a 14.5 percent (\$45.0 billion) increase from \$310.3 billion in 2020.

China was the United States' third-largest trade partner in 2021.

In 2021, 8.6 percent of total U.S. exports of \$1.8 trillion were exported to China and 17.9 percent of total U.S. imports of \$2.8 trillion were imported from China.

Mechanical Appliances, Sound Recorders and TV sets were the most traded commodity sectors. In the last five years, U.S. exports of those commodities show an upward trend from \$25 billion in 2017 to \$36.1 billion in 2021. The percentages of imports of those commodities from China out of total imports from the World are impressive with 37.0 percent in 2017 and 29.3 percent in 2021.

In 2021, U.S. exports of Agricultural Products to China continue to show an upward trend. In 2021, U.S. exports of Agriculture Products were \$31.6 billion, an increase of 27.5 percent (\$6.8 billion) from \$24.8 billion in 2020.

In 2021, China remained the major source of U.S. imports of Textile Products. In 2021, U.S. imports of \$50.3 billion of Textile Products from China constituted 32.6 percent of the total U.S. imports of Textile products.

Additionally, in 2021, China remained the major source of U.S. imports of Furniture, Bedding, Lamps, Toys, Games, Sports Equipment, Paint, and other Miscellaneous Manufactured Items. In 2021, the U.S. imports of \$68.5 billion of Miscellaneous Manufactured Items from China constituted 53.2 percent of total U.S. imports of those commodities. Source: Government info data

What can we do about China? Try to buy products not made in China. You have to shop but it's possible. Shrinking the cash flow to China is crucial to reducing their growing economic and military power. By all means, please do not sell them your land.

Dr. Glenn Mollette is a graduate of numerous schools including Georgetown College, Southern and Lexington Seminaries in Kentucky. He is the author of 13 books including UncommSense, The Spiritual Chocolate series, Grandpa's Store, Minister's Guidebook insights from a fellow minister. His column is published weekly in over 600 publications in all 50 states.

## CHILD WATCH

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charged with keeping them safe. And when I think about the courage and the strength of this family, I think it demands that we speak truth. And with this, I will say: This violent act was not in pursuit of public safety... When we talk about public safety, let us understand what it means in its truest form. Tyre Nichols should have been safe."

Tyre Nichols should have been safe. The call and cry for police reform has been heard again from every corner of our country since his death, including renewed demands for Congress to pass the reforms in the George Floyd Justice in Policing Act, which Vice President Harris co-authored while still a Senator and called for again at the funeral. When Mrs. Wells rose to speak through tears she also mentioned that legislation: "We need it passed, need to take some action, because there should be no other child that suffers the way my son (did), and the way all the other parents have lost their children. We need to get that bill passed, because if we don't—the next child that dies, that blood is going to be on their hands." She has said she hopes reform will be her son's legacy and the reason he was "sent here on assignment from God"—"so when this is all over, it's going to be some good and some positive, because my son was a good and positive person."

Will this be the moment it happens? In 2015, several months after 18-year-old Michael Brown was killed by a police officer in Ferguson, Missouri and 12-year-old Tamir Rice was killed by a police officer in Cleveland, Ohio, the Trinity United Church of Christ in Chicago created a two-minute video titled "Get Home Safely: 10 Rules of Survival If Stopped by the Police" that they encouraged Black parents and all adults to share with children. It reiterated the urgent message, "Remember that your goal is to get home safely. Your goal is to get home safely." Yet we have been reminded once again that no amount of "compliance" can guarantee survival and the ability to get home safely after an encounter with police, especially for Black boys and Black men. Tyre Nichols' death also reinforced the stark reality that diversifying a police force does not guarantee safety for Black citizens either. Studies of disparities in overpolicing and police violence show it is the victim's race that continues to matter most, and African-Americans remain at greatest risk. Systemic and transformative change is desperately needed.

As Vice President Harris concluded her remarks at Tyre Nichols' funeral she said, "One of my favorite verses in Scripture is Luke Chapter 1, Verse 79, which tells us God will help us to shine a light 'upon those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet in the way of peace...' Let our memory of Tyre shine a light on the path toward peace and justice." We urgently need to forge a path toward peace, justice, accountability, and safety.

# Classifieds

## DURHAM COUNTY

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
DURHAM COUNTY

### NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION In The General Court Of Justice Superior Court Division Before the Clerk File Number 22 E 1431

The Undersigned, having qualified as Administratrix of the Estate of Andrew Weldon Beck, late of Durham County, North Carolina, hereby wishes to notify all persons having claims against the Estate of said deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned at the below listed address on or before the 13th day of April 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 12th day of January, 2023.

Elizabeth S. Beck  
Administratrix  
506 Waters Edge Drive  
Durham, NC 27703

1/19, 1/26, 2/2 and 2/9/2023  
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 000819

The Undersigned, having qualified as Administrator of the Estate of Jean Haskins Mebane, late of Durham County, North Carolina, hereby wishes to notify all persons having claims against the Estate of said deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned at the below listed address on or before the 20th day of April 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 19th day of January, 2023.

Larissa M Woods  
Administrator  
1111 Rossford Road  
Richmond, VA 23227

1/19, 1/26, 2/2 and 2/9/2023  
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 23 E 52

The Undersigned, having qualified as Executor of the Estate of Joyce W. Avery a/k/a Joyce Weathers Avery, late of Durham County, North Carolina, hereby wishes to notify all persons having claims against the Estate of said deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned at the below listed address on or before the 20th day of April 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 19th day of January, 2023.

Michael J. Avery  
Executor  
2210 Strebor Street  
Durham, NC 27705

1/19, 1/26, 2/2 and 2/9/2023  
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 23 E 51

The Undersigned, having qualified as Executor of the Estate of Larry Dean Swain, late of Durham County, North Carolina, hereby wishes to notify all persons having claims against the Estate of said deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned at the below listed address on or before the 20th day of April 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 19th day of January, 2023.

Ricky Eugene Swain  
a/k/a Rickie Eugene Swain  
Executor

505 County Line Rd  
Timberlake, NC 27583  
1/19, 1/26, 2/2 and 2/9/2023  
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 23 E 25

The Undersigned, having qualified as Executor of the Estate of Anderson Fox, late of Durham County, North Carolina, hereby wishes to notify all persons having claims against the Estate of said deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned at the below listed address on or before the 20th day of April 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 19th day of January, 2023.

Vickie Fox Goff  
Executor

112 Hocutt Rod  
Durham, NC 27703

1/19, 1/26, 2/2 and 2/9/2023

### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Having qualified before the Clerk of Superior Court of Durham County as Executor of the Estate of Sarah Rebecca Kittner, this is to notify all persons, firms, and corporations having claims against the Estate to send them, duly itemized and verified, to P.O. Box 51429, Durham, NC 27717, on or before the 19th day of April, 2023 (90 days after the date of this Notice)

or this Notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery.

All persons, firms and corporations indebted to the Estate are requested to make prompt settlement with the undersigned.

This the 19th day of January, 2023.

Berta Kittner  
c/o Robert Levin  
P.O. Box 51429  
Durham, NC 27717

Robert E. Levin  
Attorney for the Executor  
P.O. Box 51429  
Durham, NC 27717

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STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
DURHAM COUNTY

### NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION In The General Court Of Justice Superior Court Division Before the Clerk File Number 2022 E 001425

The Undersigned, having qualified as Administrator of the Estate of Stephanie Denise Fullard, late of Durham County, North Carolina, hereby wishes to notify all persons having claims against the Estate of said deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned at the below listed address on or before the 20th day of April 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 19th day of January, 2023.

Latoria Howard  
Administrator

548 Beaver Trail  
Stone Mountain, GA 30087

1/19, 1/26, 2/2 and 2/9/2023  
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
DURHAM COUNTY

### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

ALL PERSONS, firms and corporations having claims against Sarah Huin Lamar, deceased, of Durham County, NC, are notified to exhibit the same to the undersigned on or before April 28, 2023, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of recovery. Debtors of the decedent are asked to make immediate payment.

This the 26th day of January, 2023.

Alexandre Huin  
Administrator  
c/o Bagwell Holt Smith P.A.  
111 Cloister Court  
STE 200  
Chapel Hill, NC 27514

1/26, 2/2, 2/9 and 2/16/2023  
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 1206

The Undersigned, having qualified as Administratrix of the Estate of Tabbatha Renee Harris Deshazo, 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 27th day of April 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 19th day of January, 2023.

Ricky Eugene Swain  
a/k/a Rickie Eugene Swain  
Executor

505 County Line Rd  
Timberlake, NC 27583  
1/19, 1/26, 2/2 and 2/9/2023  
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
DURHAM COUNTY

### NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION

below listed address.

This the 26th day of January, 2022.

Deborah H. Walker  
Administratrix  
357 Barrett Street  
Danville, VA 24541

1/26, 2/2, 2/9 and 2/16/2023

### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Having qualified before the Clerk of Superior Court of Durham County as Public Administrator of the Estate of Emily Taylor Cogwell, this is to notify all persons, firms, and corporations having claims against the Estate to send them, duly itemized and verified, to P.O. Box 51429, Durham, NC 27717, on or before the 26th day of April, 2023 (90 days after the date of this Notice) or this Notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery.

All persons, firms and corporations indebted to the Estate are requested to make prompt settlement with the undersigned.

This the 26th day of January, 2023.

Robert E. Levin  
Public Administrator of the Estate of Emily Taylor Cogwell Deceased  
P.O. Box 51429  
Durham, NC 27717

Robert E. Levin  
Public Administrator of the Estate of Emily Taylor Cogwell, Deceased  
P.O. Box 51429  
Durham, NC 27717

January 26, February 2, 9, 16, 2023.  
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 23 E 78

The Undersigned, having qualified as Executor of the Estate of Mary Williams McCoy, 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 27th day of April 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 26th day of January, 2022.

Tonya Williams  
Executor

2705 Talbot Court W  
Raleigh, NC 27610

1/26, 2/2, 2/9 and 2/16/2023  
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 23 E 81

The Undersigned, having qualified as Executor of the Estate of Mary Anne Weaver, 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 27th day of April 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 26th day of January, 2022.

Mary Caroline Weaver  
Executor

2222 West Club Blvd  
Durham, NC 27705

1/26, 2/2, 2/9 and 2/16/2023  
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 1350

The Undersigned, having qualified as Administratrix of the Estate of Gloria Ann McAllister, 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 27th day of April 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 26th day of January, 2022.

Sherri Morrison  
Administratrix

2290 Merck Drive  
Unit 203  
Winston Salem, NC 27106

1/26, 2/2, 2/9 and 2/16/2023

### NOTICE OF SERVICE OF

### PROCESS BY PUBLICATION STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA DURHAM COUNTY

In The General Court Of Justice  
Superior Court Division  
FILE NO.: 22 CVD 4037

TALISA PIERCE,  
PLAINTIFF

VS.  
ALICE G. ONSERIO, SACORY A.  
ATWATER and DAQUAN L. GATTIS,  
DEFENDANTS

TO: SACORY A. ATWATER

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

Complaint for Personal Injuries as a result of a Motor Vehicle Accident on June 10, 2021 on Fayetteville Road at Crooked Creek Parkway, Durham, NC.

You are required to make defense to such pleading not later than March 7, 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 26th day of January, 2023.

Robert T. Perry  
N.C. State Bar #11051  
PERRY, PERRY & PERRY, P.A.  
Attorneys for Plaintiff  
601 Fayetteville Street, Suite 300  
Post Office Drawer 2051  
Durham, North Carolina 27702  
Telephone: (919) 683-8685  
1/26, 2/2, 2/9 and 2/16/2023  
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 23 E 79

The Undersigned, having qualified as Executrix of the Estate of Floyd Edwin Carden a/k/a Eddie Carden, 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 27th day of April 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 26th day of January, 2023.

Alton T. Copley  
Executrix

733 Quiet Woods Pl  
Durham, NC 27712

1/26, 2/2, 2/9 and 2/16/2023  
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 23 E 41

The Undersigned, having qualified as Executor of the Estate of Russell Alan Holcomb, 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 4th day of May 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 2nd day of February, 2023.

Pamela Ryan  
Executor

12419 Rustic View Court  
Tampa, FL 33635

2/2, 2/9, 2/16 and 2/23/2023

### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Having qualified as Personal Representative of the Estate of Amy K. Martin, deceased, of 6818 Iron Gate Drive, Bahama, Durham County, North Carolina 27503, 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 May 4, 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 2nd day of February, 2023

Jo-Ann Wagner  
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

2/2, 2/9, 2/16 and 2/23/2023

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 1580

The Undersigned, having qualified as Administratrix of the Estate of Larry Lee McCorkle, 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 4th day of May 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 2nd day of February, 2023.

Tracey Harris  
Administratrix

209 Esteban Court  
Mebane, NC 27302

2/2, 2/9, 2/16 and 2/23/2023  
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 1579

The Undersigned, having qualified as Executor of the Estate of Goldie M. McCorkle a/k/a Goldie Marie McCorkle, 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 4th day of May 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 2nd day of February, 2023.

Tracey Harris  
Co-Executor

209 Esteban Court  
Mebane, NC 27302

Robyn D. McCorkle  
Co-Executor

235 Debra Drive  
Durham, NC 27704

2/2, 2/9, 2/16 and 2/23/2023  
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 23 E 115

The Undersigned, having qualified as Executor of the Estate of Francisco M. Nieves a/k/a Francisco Michael Nieves, 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 4th day of May 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 2nd day of February, 2023.

Ronald A. Sisco, Sr.  
Executor

3003 Tolson Dr.  
Durham, NC 27703

2/2, 2/9, 2/16 and 2/23/2023  
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 23 E 54

The Undersigned, having qualified as Administrator of the Estate of Eleanette Maccene Brown-Lyerly a/k/a Eleanette Maccene Lyerly, 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 May 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 2nd day of February, 2023.

Ronald A. Sisco, Sr.  
Administrator

3315 Fayetteville Street  
Durham, NC 27707

2/2, 2/9, 2/16 and 2/23/2023  
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 23 E 59

The Undersigned, having qualified as Administrator of the Estate of Anita Hines, 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 4th day of May 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 2nd day of February, 2023.

Keni Church-Hines  
Administrator

4801 Swann's Mill Dr  
Durham, NC 27703

2/2, 2/9, 2/16 and 2/23/2023

### NOTICE TO CREDITORS 23 E 129

All persons, firms and corporations having claims against Kenneth Harrison Dudley a/k/a Kenneth H. Dudley a/k/a Kenneth Dudley, late of Durham County, North Carolina, are hereby notified to exhibit them to Angela Dudley Jenkins, Executor of the decedent's estate on or before May 15, 2023, c/o Thomas J. Neagle, Attorney at Law, 605 W. Main Street, Suite 104, Carrboro, North Carolina 27510, or this notice will be pled in bar of their recovery.

All persons, firms and corporations indebted to the decedent are asked to make immediate payment to the above-named Executor.

This, the 9th day of February, 2023.

Angela Dudley Jenkins, Executor  
c/o Thomas J. Neagle, Attorney  
605 W. Main Street, Suite 104  
Carrboro, North Carolina 27510  
Attorney for Estate:

Thomas J. Neagle  
Neagle Law Firm, PC  
605 W. Main Street, Suite 104  
Carrboro, North Carolina 27510  
(919) 368-3536

February 9, 16, 23, March 2, 2023  
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 23 E 143

The Undersigned, having qualified as Executor of the Estate of Dennis J. Dejianna, 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 May 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 9th day of February, 2023.

Susan Sattazahn  
Executor

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# Classifieds

## DURHAM COUNTY

qualified as Administrator of the Estate of Gary Merrill Cross, 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 May 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 9th day of February, 2023.

Walter John Cross III  
Administrator  
c/o Ann Marie Vosburg  
Law Offices of Ann Marie Vosburg  
307 Meadowlands Dr  
Suite 102  
Hillsborough, NC 27278  
919-644-1300  
2/9, 2/16, 2/23 and 3/2/2023  
NORTH CAROLINA  
DURHAM COUNTY  
File No. 2022 E 1476

The undersigned, having qualified as Executor of the Estate of STANLEY K. ROSENBERG AKA STANLEY KALMAN ROSENBERG, deceased, late of Durham County, North Carolina, does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against said estate to present them to the undersigned on or before MAY 12, 2023, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms or corporations indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This the 9th day of February, 2023.

Lisa P. Beuerle aka Lisa P. Rosenberg  
Executor of the Estate of Stanley K. Rosenberg aka Stanley Kalman Rosenberg

6094 Royster Road  
Greensboro, NC 27455  
N. BLANE STANALAND  
Teague Rotenstreich Stanaland Fox & Holt, P.L.L.C.  
101 South Elm Street, Suite 350  
Greensboro, NC 27401  
Telephone: (336) 272-4810  
Fax: (336) 272-2448  
2/9/2023, 2/16/2023, 2/23/2023, 3/2/2023

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 23 E 103**

The Undersigned, having qualified as Executrix of the Estate of Barbara A. Ethridge, 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 May 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 9th day of February, 2023.

Billie Jo Mabry aka Billie Mabry  
Wilson  
Executrix  
2714 Sparger Road  
Durham, NC 2770501641  
2/9, 2/16, 2/23 and 3/2/2023  
ADAIR REALTY GROUP, LLC v.  
CHRISTY L. HOWARD, JENNIFER  
H. LEONCE, MICROF and PORT-  
FOLIO RECOVERY ASSOCIATES,  
LLC

**NOTICE OF SERVICE  
OF PROCESS  
BY PUBLICATION  
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
DURHAM COUNTY  
In The General Court Of Justice  
Superior Court Division  
Before the Clerk  
File Number 22SP860**

Adair Realty Group, LLC,  
Petitioner,  
v  
Christy L. Howard, Jennifer H. Leonce, Microf, and  
Portfolio Recovery Associates, LLC,  
Respondents.

To: Christy L. Howard and Jennifer H. Leonce, Respondents  
Take notice that a Petition for Release of Surplus Funds has been filed in the above action. The nature of the relief being sought is as follows: Petitioners are seeking release of surplus funds resulting from foreclosure of that certain property known as 916 Danbury Dr. Durham, NC 27703, Durham County, North Carolina.

You are required to make response to such pleading no later than the 23rd day of March, 2023,

which is 40 days from the first publication of this notice. Upon your failure to file a pleading by the above date, the party seeking service against you will apply to the Court for the relief sought.

This the 9th day of February, 2023.

Ruth M. Allen  
The Walls Law Group  
5511 Capital Center Drive, Suite 180  
Raleigh NC 27606  
Phone: 919.647.9599  
2/9, 2/16 and 2/23/2023  
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 1577**

The Undersigned, having qualified as Administratrix of the Estate of Johnathan Brian Horton, 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 May 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 9th day of February, 2023.

Gwen Manley Ghent  
Administratrix  
c/o Kangur & Porter, LLP  
2150 Country Club Road  
Suite 160  
Winston Salem, NC 27104  
2/9, 2/16, 2/23 and 3/2/2023

## WAKE COUNTY

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
WAKE COUNTY

**NOTICE OF SERVICE  
OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION  
In The General Court Of Justice  
Superior Court Division  
Before the Clerk  
File Number 2022 E 0042898**

The Undersigned, having qualified as Executor of the Estate of Willie Ruth Fuller a/k/a W Ruth Fuller, late of Wake County, North Carolina, hereby wishes to notify all persons having claims against the Estate of said deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned at the below listed address on or before the 27th day of April 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 26th day of January, 2023.

Alice Ruth Fuller  
Executer  
555 East Martin St  
Raleigh, NC 27601  
1/26, 2/2, 2/9 and 2/16/2023  
NORTH CAROLINA  
WAKE COUNTY

**In the General Court of Justice  
Superior Court Division  
File No. 22 CVD 13916  
CONTINUANCE OF TEMPORARY  
HEARING ON CUSTODY/  
VISITATION**

Khaleel Curry Plaintiff  
vs.  
Destinee Lewis Defendant

The action before the court is continued. The new trial will be held on Friday, February 10, 2023, at 9 a.m. in Courtroom 2C of the Wake County Courthouse, 316 Fayetteville Street Mall, Raleigh, NC 27601.

The reason for the continuation: "No service in the court file. Plaintiff appeared and noticed in open court."

1/26, 2/2 and 2/9/2023  
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 004326**

The Undersigned, having qualified as Administrator of the Estate of William Kent Whitlow, 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 4th day of May 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 2nd day of February, 2023.

Susan Beth Whitlow  
Co-Administrator  
9008 Stockfield Lane  
Zebulon, NC 27597  
Richard Kenneth Witlow  
Co-Administrator  
9008 Stockfield Lane  
Zebulon, NC 27597  
2/2, 2/9, 2/16 and 2/23/2023  
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 2023 E 000155**

The Undersigned, having qualified as Administrator of the Estate of Catherine Graves Phillips, 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 4th day of May 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 2nd day of February, 2023.

Barbara Moring Graves  
Administrator  
1908 Southgate Dr  
Raleigh, NC 27610  
2/2, 2/9, 2/16 and 2/23/2023  
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 23 E 154**

The Undersigned, having qualified as Administrator of the Estate of Raymond Graves, 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 4th day of May 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 2nd day of February, 2023.

Barbara Moring Graves  
Administrator  
1908 Southgate Dr  
Raleigh, NC 27610  
2/2, 2/9, 2/16 and 2/23/2023

**NOTICE OF SERVICE OF  
PROCESS BY PUBLICATION  
NORTH CAROLINA  
COUNTY OF WAKE**

**In the General Court of Justice  
District Court Division  
File No: 21 CVD 4476**

**CONTINUANCE OF TEMPORARY  
HEARING ON CUSTODY**

SHEDIAH PALMER, Plaintiff

v.  
JERMAINE PALMER, Defendant

The action before the court is continued. The new trial will be held on Wednesday, March 1, 2023, at 9 a.m. in Courtroom 2B of the Wake County Courthouse, 316 Fayetteville Street Mall, Raleigh, NC 27601.

The reason for the continuation: "Not Heard on 1/4/23."

2/9, 2/16 and 2/23/2023  
NORTH CAROLINA  
COUNTY OF WAKE

**In the General Court of Justice  
District Court Division  
File No. 22- CVD -13243**

**NOTICE OF SERVICE OF  
PROCESS BY PUBLICATION  
To: NICOLAS SARABIA BERI-**

STAIN, Defendant.

Take notice that a pleading seeking relief against you has been filed in the above-entitled action. The nature of the relief being sought is for child custody. You are required to make defense to such pleading no later than March 23, 2023, said date being at least forty (40) days from the first publication of this Notice, and upon your failure to do so, the Plaintiff, MARIA DEL CARMEN PEREZ VARO, will apply to the Wake County courthouse located at 316 Fayetteville St, Raleigh, NC 27601 for the relief sought on April 11, 2023 at 9:00am in courtroom 4D.

This, the 9th day of February.  
Aneta Paval, Esq.  
Paval Law Offices, PLLC  
7404 Chapel Hill Rd  
Suite M  
Raleigh NC 27607  
Telephone: (919) 410-6690  
2/9, 2/16 and 2/23/23

## JOHNSTON COUNTY

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
JOHNSTON COUNTY

**In The General Court Of Justice  
District Court Division  
File Number 22CVD2317**

**NOTICE OF SERVICE  
OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION**

To: HILARIO BENITEZ MEDRANO Take notice that a pleading seeking relief against you has been filed in the above-entitled action. The nature of the relief being sought is for absolute divorce. You are required to make a defense to such pleading no later than March 7, 2023 said date being at least forty (40) days from the first publication of this Notice, and upon your failure to do so, the Plaintiff, MARIA SERRANO ARENAS, will apply to the court for the relief sought

This, the 26th day of January, 2023.

Yvonne Armendariz, Esq.  
Armendariz Law Office, PLLC  
6110 Lake Wheeler Road  
Raleigh, NC 27603  
Telephone: (919) 656-1524  
Yvonne@armendarizlaw.com  
1/26, 2/2 and 2/9/2023

## HARNETT COUNTY

NORTH CAROLINA  
HARNETT COUNTY

**In the General Court of Justice  
District Court Division  
NOTICE OF SERVICE OF  
PROCESS BY PUBLICATION  
File Number: 23 CVD 152**

Tanya Iveth Leiva Flores, Plaintiff

vs.

Luis Hilario Martinez Herrera, Defendant

TO: LUIS HILARIO MARTINEZ HERRERA

Take notice that a pleading seeking relief against you has been filed in the above-entitled action. The nature of the relief being sought is as follows: The Plaintiff has filed a Complaint for Judgment for Absolute Divorce. You are required to make defense to such pleading no later than forty (40) days from the first date of the publication of this Notice, and upon your failure to do so the party seeking service against you will apply to the court for the relief sought.

This, the 9th day of February 2023.

Tanya Iveth Leiva Flores  
Plaintiff  
402 S. 14th St  
Erwin, NC 28339  
T: 616-500-0296  
February 09, 2023, February 15, 2023, and February 23, 2023.



## ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

The North Carolina Department of Public Safety has the following contract in Franklin County out for bid: C-C11520 ACM Abatement and Demolition. The bid opening is scheduled for: Wednesday, 3/01/2023. To obtain the Notice to Bidders, any Pre-Bid Requirements, and any Addenda visit: <https://www.ips.state.nc.us/ips/AGENCY/PDF/15185200.pdf>

## D/M/WBE

### SUBCONTRACTORS/SUPPLIERS WANTED

T.A. Loving Company (NC General Contractor License No. 325) is seeking certified DBE subcontractors and suppliers for the following projects that bid for NCDOT:

**Bid Date: 02/15/2023 at 2:00 PM**

**Project: Replace Bridge #15 Over Pasquotank River in Pasquotank County (Division 1)**

Plans and specifications are available for inspection at the following locations: TA Loving Company, NC DOT Division office.

Potential subcontracting opportunities include but are not limited to surveying, demolition, clearing and grubbing, hauling, asphalt paving, striping, traffic control, earthwork, erosion control, seeding, and sodding.

Please contact Justin E. Hill at our office as soon as possible if you are interested in submitting a proposal on any portion(s) of this project. Quotes may be emailed to Justin E. Hill—[jehill@taloving.com](mailto:jehill@taloving.com). All quotations will be accepted up to bid closing time of the bid date. Our address, phone number, and fax number is as follows.

T.A. Loving Company PO Box 919 Goldsboro, NC 27533 919-734-8400 (phone) 919-736-2148 (fax).

**TA Loving Company is an Equal Opportunity Employer**

## D/M/WBE

### SUBCONTRACTORS/SUPPLIERS WANTED

T.A. Loving Company (NC General Contractor License No. 325) is seeking certified DBE, MBE, and WBE subcontractors and suppliers for the 2020 Sanitary Sewer Replacement - Contract No. 2 project for the Town of Bailey which bids February 16, 2023, at 2:00 PM. Plans and specifications for this project are available at the following locations: TA Loving Company, 400 Patetown Road, Goldsboro, NC 27530 \* Bailey Town Hall; 6217 Main Street; Bailey, NC 27807 \* McDavid Associates, Inc.; 3714 North Main Street; Farmville, NC 27828 \* Dodge Data and Analytics website \* ConstructConnect website \* Construction Journal website \* Builders and Contractors Exchange website.

Potential subcontracting opportunities include but are not limited to surveying, clearing and grubbing, hauling, asphalt paving, striping, traffic control, erosion control, seeding, linework, bypass pumping, CIPP, and flatwork. Please contact Jeff Price ([jprice@taloving.com](mailto:jprice@taloving.com)) if you are interested in submitting a proposal on any portion(s) of this project. Contact via phone 919-734-8400; fax 919-736-2148; or email. All quotations will be accepted up to bid closing time of the bid date. TA Loving Company is an Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action Employer.

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

2/9/23

## D/M/WBE

### SUBCONTRACTORS/SUPPLIERS WANTED

T.A. Loving Company (NC General Contractor License No. 325) is seeking certified DBE, MBE, and WBE subcontractors and suppliers for the Water and Wastewater System Improvements project for Edgecombe County which bids February 16, 2023, at 2:00 PM. Plans and specifications for this project are available at the following locations: TA Loving Company, 400 Patetown Road, Goldsboro, NC 27530 \* Edgecombe County Administrative Building, Room 206; 201 St. Andrew Street; Tarboro, NC 27886 \* The Wooten Company; 301 West 14th Street; Greenville, NC 27834 \* Dodge Data and Analytics website \* ConstructConnect website \* Construction Journal website.

Potential subcontracting opportunities include but are not limited to surveying, clearing and grubbing, hauling, asphalt paving, striping, traffic control, erosion control, seeding, electrical, SCADA, linework, jack & bore, bypass pumping, CIPP, flatwork, manhole rehab, and painting. Please contact Jeff Price ([jprice@taloving.com](mailto:jprice@taloving.com)) if you are interested in submitting a proposal on any portion(s) of this project. Contact via phone 919-734-8400; fax 919-736-2148; or email. All quotations will be accepted up to bid closing time of the bid date. TA Loving Company is an Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action Employer.

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# Classifieds

## DBE/MBE/WBE

BCS needs bids for Asphalt paving of existing dirt streets Lewy Lane and Triple Court and resurfacing of existing paved streets Vans Drive and Fort Street. Project includes paving of approx. 3,200 sy of existing unsurfaced roadway, resurfacing of approx. 4,300 sy of existing paved roadway, minor clearing and grubbing, installation of drainage culverts, mass grading and reconstruction of existing roadside swales. BCS will break down or combine elements of work into economically feasible units to facilitate minority participation. We will try to negotiate joint ventures to help increase minority participation. BCS will also provide quick pay agreements to meet cash flow demands. Need bids by February 20 by fax 252-478-4141 or email [bccontractors@embarqmail.com](mailto:bccontractors@embarqmail.com). Plans/specs may be viewed at our office (call 252-903-4102) or emailed to you.

**eMail Your Classified Ads To Us  
24 Hour A Day At  
[ads@caro.news](mailto:ads@caro.news)**



## ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

The North Carolina Department of Public Safety has the following contract in Davidson County out for bid: C-C11521 ACM Abatement and Demolition. The bid opening is scheduled for: Thursday, 3/02/2023. To obtain the Notice to Bidders, any Pre-Bid Requirements, and any Addenda visit: <https://www.ips.state.nc.us/ips/AGENCY/PDF/15185000.pdf>

## DBE/MBE/WBE

BCS needs bids for paving of approx. 6600 sy of existing unsurfaced roadway, installation of gravity sewer lines with manholes and services, minor clearing and grubbing, installation of drainage culverts, patching existing pavements, mass grading and reconstruction of existing roadside swales. BCS will break down or combine elements of work into economically feasible units to facilitate minority participation. We will try to negotiate joint ventures to help increase minority participation. BCS will also provide quick pay agreements to meet cash flow demands. Need bids by February 20 by fax 252-478-4141 or email [bccontractors@embarqmail.com](mailto:bccontractors@embarqmail.com). Plans/specs may be viewed at our office (call 252-903-4102) or emailed to you.

## D/M/WBE

### SUBCONTRACTORS/SUPPLIERS WANTED

T.A. Loving Company (NC General Contractor License No. 325) is seeking certified DBE, MBE, and WBE subcontractors and suppliers for the Pine Level Pump Station Improvements project for Johnston County Public Utilities which bids March 2, 2023, at 3:00 PM. Plans and specifications for this project are available at the following locations: TA Loving Company, 400 Patetown Road, Goldsboro, NC 27530 \* Johnston County Land Use Center; 309 East Market Street; Smithfield, NC 27577 \* McGill Associates, PA; 5 Regional Circle, Suite A; Pinehurst, NC 28374.

Potential subcontracting opportunities include but are not limited to surveying, demolition, electrical, bypass pumping, flatwork, CIPC, concrete forms, concrete rebar, painting, and plumbing. Please contact Michael Cox ([mcox@taloving.com](mailto:mcox@taloving.com)) if you are interested in submitting a proposal on any portion(s) of this project. Contact via phone 919-734-8400; fax 919-736-2148; or email. All quotations will be accepted up to bid closing time of the bid date. TA Loving Company is an Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action Employer.

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

## D/M/WBE

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Pipeline Utilities, Inc. (NC General Contractor License No. 325) is seeking certified DBE, MBE, and WBE subcontractors and suppliers for the Steam Distribution System Replacement - PHIV-B project for the University of North Carolina at Greensboro which bids February 23, 2023, at 3:30 PM. Plans and specifications for this project are available at the following locations: Pipeline Utilities, Inc.; 2204-F Associate Drive; Raleigh, NC 27603 \* RMF Engineering, Inc., PC; 5520 Research Park Drive, Suite 300; Baltimore, MD 21228; contact: Matthew Boatwright, [matthew.boatwright@rmf.com](mailto:matthew.boatwright@rmf.com) \* Carolinas AGC Website \* Dodge Data and Analytics website \* Reed Construction Data - Eastern Regional office \* Hispanic Contractors Association of the Carolinas website.

Potential subcontracting opportunities include but are not limited to surveying, hauling, asphalt paving, traffic control, erosion control, seeding, electrical, CIPC, and flatwork. Please contact Bryon Brown ([bbrown@pui-nc.com](mailto:bbrown@pui-nc.com)) if you are interested in submitting a proposal on any portion(s) of this project. Contact via phone 919-772-4310, ext.: 112; fax: 919-772-3261; or email. All quotations will be accepted up to bid closing time of the bid date. Pipeline Utilities, Inc. is an Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action Employer.

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T.A. Loving Company (NC General Contractor License No. 325) is seeking certified DBE, MBE, and WBE subcontractors and suppliers for the North Main Street Water Line Improvements project for the Town of Louisburg which bids February 15, 2023, at 2:00 PM. Plans and specifications for this project are available at the following locations: TA Loving Company, 400 Patetown Road, Goldsboro, NC 27530 \* Town of Louisburg; 110 West Nash Street; Louisburg, NC 27549 \* Municipal Engineering, Inc.; 68 Shipwash Drive; Garner, NC 27529 \* Dodge Data and Analytics website \* ConstructConnect website \* Construction Journal website.

Potential subcontracting opportunities include but are not limited to surveying, clearing and grubbing, hauling, asphalt paving, striping, traffic control, erosion control, seeding, line-work, and flatwork. Please contact Jeff Price ([jprice@taloving.com](mailto:jprice@taloving.com)) if you are interested in submitting a proposal on any portion(s) of this project. Contact via phone 919-734-8400; fax 919-736-2148; or email. All quotations will be accepted up to bid closing time of the bid date. TA Loving Company is an Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action Employer.

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