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Are We Falling Back Into Poverty After COVID

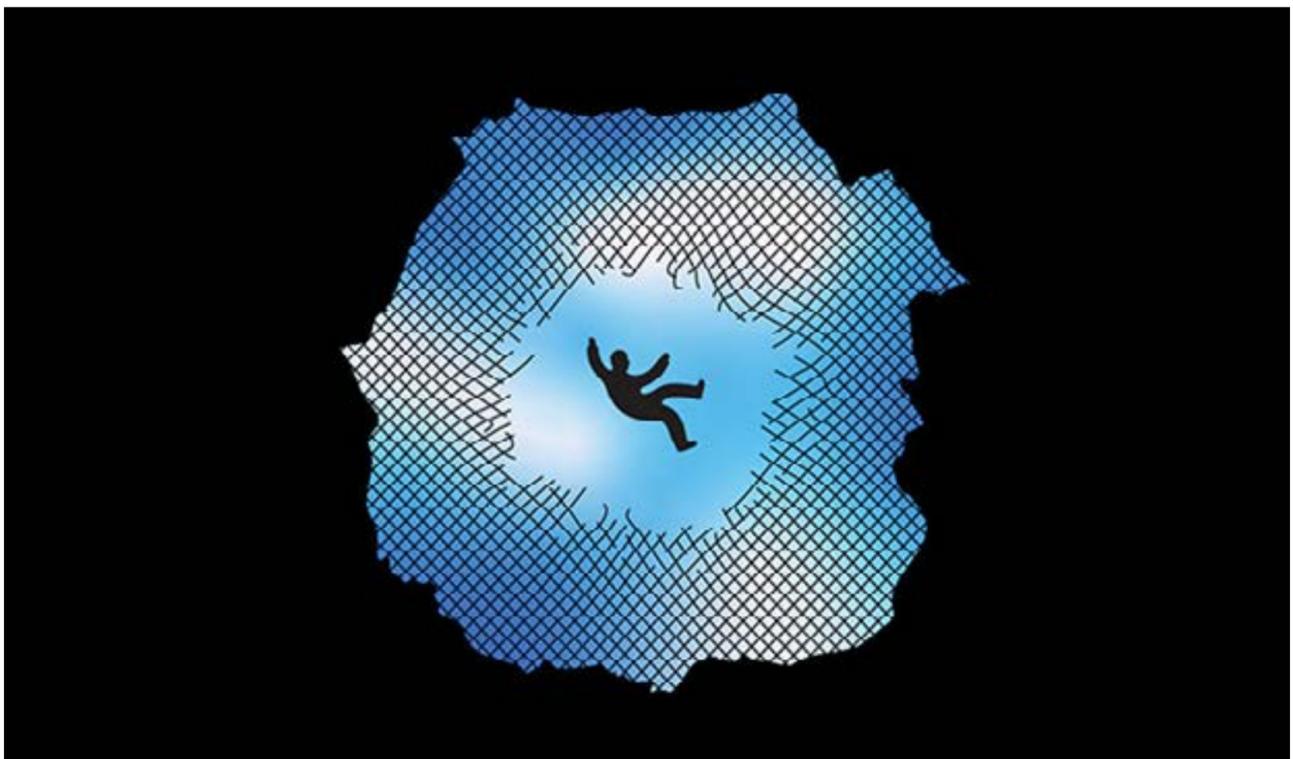
ANALYSIS BY JON BARON

Recent news articles have heralded a long-term decline in the U.S. poverty rate to "the lowest level on record," including a "sharp" "stunning" drop in child poverty. The articles cite progress on the Census Bureau's broadest yardstick of poverty, known as the Supplemental Poverty Measure, as a triumph of public policy — an "example of Washington succeeding at something big."

A close look at the data, however, reveals a more nuanced story. Almost all of the cited progress on poverty stems from an increase in government payments to low-income people through safety net programs such as food stamps, housing and earnings subsidies and the child tax credit. Poverty measures that instead focus on people's earned income from wages, self-employment, and investment paint a bleaker picture.

The Census Bureau's official (as opposed to supplemental) poverty rate — which is based mainly on earned income and excludes many safety net payments — shows no overall progress on poverty since the 1970s. Census data also show that the earned income of a broader group of moderate-income households — the bottom 40 percent — is almost unchanged over that time, after adjusting for inflation, ending a period of major gains between World War II and the 1970s.

The upshot is that government is, on the one hand, providing low-income people with larger payments to prevent severe economic hardship and cushion the impact of national crises like the Great Recession and COVID pandemic, as well as household emergencies like job loss or illness. But on the other hand, it isn't succeeding, as President Lyndon Johnson



had hoped in launching the Great Society programs, in breaking the cycle of poverty — that is, creating greater opportunity through education, training, economic development and other programs for low-income people to earn a decent living and rise into the middle class.

To paraphrase the proverb, we are giving people fish, but not enhancing their capacity to fish for themselves. Furthermore, our expansion of safety net payments carries the risk of damaging work incentives and inadvertently reinforcing the poverty cycle. Indeed, there is evidence from randomized

trials that at least some government payment programs, such as housing vouchers and possibly cash transfers, cause people to work and earn less.

One main reason we haven't succeeded in breaking the poverty cycle is that doing so is harder than just sending people a payment check. Randomized trials of government programs to improve educational and workforce outcomes of low-income people show that many programs simply don't produce the hoped-for results. These include some major federal anti-poverty initiatives such as Head Start (a program providing preschool education and

other services to boost school readiness of low-income children), Job Corps (the nation's largest residential career training program for disadvantaged youth and young adults), and Regular Upward Bound (a program to prepare disadvantaged high school students to enroll in and complete college) — all found to produce small or no lasting improvements in participants' lives.

But amidst the disappointing findings are some exceptional programs that show real success and, in doing so, illuminate a path to true progress on American poverty.

als show that certain "sectoral" job training programs for low-income workers — such as Per Scholas and Year Up — that focus on fast-growing industries and partner closely with

local employers increase long-term earnings by a remarkable \$5,000 to \$8,000 per year. Career Academies in high-poverty schools, providing students with hands-on technical and career training as part of a small learning community, increase long-term earnings by \$3,000 per year. ASAP, a comprehensive community college program that provides academic, personal, and financial support to low-income students, increases college completion rates by 11 percentage points.

Breaking the poverty cycle, then, will require more than simply expanding the safety net or broadly increasing funding for education, training, and similar programs (many of which don't work). It will require smart spending on solutions that — like the above examples — have been tested in the real world and proven to produce important gains in education, earnings and other life outcomes for low-income people. Social spending, in other words, must be based on evidence about "what works."

In 1964, President Johnson pledged that "we are not content to accept the endless growth of relief rolls" and declared that "our American answer to poverty is ... to help [the poor] lift themselves out of poverty." Let us reaffirm this goal today and finally achieve it through an evidence-based war on poverty.



MEET OUR NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

DURHAM—The Pauli Murray Center for History and Social Justice (PMC) Board of Directors is delighted to announce the appointment of Angela Thorpe as the Center's new Executive Director. Thorpe succeeds Founding Executive Director Barbara Lau who has led the non-profit since its inception in 2012.

Thorpe is a public historian with a particular interest in amplifying the histories of marginalized communities through work with cultural institutions. She will use this expertise to advance the mission and vision of PMC as the organization continues to root into the Durham community and uplift Dr. Murray's vision to the world.

"We are thrilled to welcome Angela to this crucial leadership role at the Pauli Murray Center," said PMC board chair Mayme Webb-Bledsoe. "Her experience in public history, storytelling, activism, and organizational development is a great match for the Center as we grow into a visitor-ready site and add more educational and public programming."

Thorpe brings nearly a decade of experience in cultural resource management and organizational development, along with her values of community care and equity. As a military dependent, Thorpe was raised in a number of communities all over the world, but has deep familial ties to Eastern North Carolina. She attended the University of Florida, where she earned a Bachelor of Arts in History and a minor in African American Studies. She earned a Master of Arts in History with a concentration in Museum Studies from the University of North Carolina Greensboro.

Most recently, Thorpe served as the Director of the North Carolina African American Heritage Commission. In this role, she transitioned the Commission from a program of the North Carolina Arts Council to an independent division of the North Carolina Department of Natural & Cultural Resources. Additionally, after establishing the Commission's strategic plan, Thorpe expanded the division's fundraising strategy and internal capacity.

"I am honored to amplify the legacy of Saint Pauli Murray by expanding the reach, programs, and offerings of the Pauli Murray Center," said Thorpe. "I look forward to connecting people to the identities Pauli held, and the various values they centered as I work in solidarity with others to continue to grow the Center into a historic site that fosters education, action, and liberation."

COVID Vaccine Barriers Being Removed

By Rodney Ross

Special to The Carolinian

According to the Bureau of Labor and Statics, the unemployment rate rose 3.9 percent and approximately 201k North Carolinians were unemployed by December or 2022. The BLS also reports there are currently 23k open unemployment claims.

For many people out of work, it is not their lack of drive or ambition that is stalling their efforts for gainful employment. It is the requirement to expose their COVID-19 vaccination status. Some employers require employees to have the vaccine as a condition of employment.

The Medical Freedom Act (HOUSE BILL DRH10045-LM-1A) was submitted to the North Carolina General assembly on February 13, 2023 by Rep. Brian Biggs to address the growing issue of privacy related to vaccination status. The bill is intended to prohibit state agencies, local government and political subdivisions from discriminating against persons based on their



refusal to provide proof of a COVID-19 vaccination or submit to a COVID-19 vaccination. This also applies to public schools, local public health agencies, state and local health officials and governments from requiring any person to provide proof of or to submit to the vaccine.

The bill does leave intact the requirement for all children to

have traditional immunization shots for things like diphtheria, tetanus, whooping cough, poliomyelitis, red measles (rubeola) and rubella.

The reversal of these mandates falls inline with the growing list of lawsuits sparked by military service members who refused the COVID-19 vaccine. Thomas Novelty for Military.

com reported "All of the military services are currently reworking their policies to adjust separation and promotion records for service members who refused to get the COVID-19 vaccine, after the Pentagon ended the inoculation mandate last month. Vaccine refusers often state that the use of fetal cell lines in the creation of the shots conflicts with their views on abortion.

The Pfizer and Moderna COVID-19 vaccines do not need fetal cell lines for development or production but were tested on fetal cell lines replicated from a fetus aborted in the 1970s to ensure their efficacy. Only the Johnson & Johnson vaccine is manufactured using fetal cell lines."

If this precedent does not get ignored or lost in committee, it creates the opportunity to reopen the door for thousands of North Carolinians to return to the working class and provide the much needed tax revenue the state needs for schools, current and future public health crises, natural disasters, and more.

Keisha Lance Bottoms Leaving White House, Returns To Atlanta

COLUMBIA, S.C. (AP) — President Joe Biden has appointed former Columbia, South Carolina, Mayor Steve Benjamin as a top White House adviser, taking over from Keisha Lance Bottoms, the former Atlanta mayor who had assumed the role in June.

Both Georgia and South Carolina have become crucial to the Democratic Party ahead of the 2024 election cycle. South Carolina holds the Democrats' first nominating contest, and Georgia helped solidify the Democrats' Senate majority during the 2022 midterms and in 2020 gave Biden a rare win in a southern state that hasn't backed a Democrat for president in 30 years.

Benjamin will become director of the White House Office of Public Engagement, overseeing efforts "to ensure community leaders, diverse perspectives, and new voices have the opportunity to inform the work of the President in an inclusive, trans-



parent and responsible way," according to the White House. In a release Monday, Biden called Benjamin a "longtime public servant" whose "deep relationships across the country" would well serve the administration.

Benjamin, 53, has long been considered a rising star in Democratic politics, serving three terms as Columbia's mayor, and the first Black mayor in the city's history. Serving as president of the U.S. Conference of Mayors and African Americans Mayors Association, Benjamin spoke at



the 2016 Democratic National Convention and was among the candidates considered for Hillary Clinton's running mate that year. He opted not to run for a fourth term in 2021.

The appointment comes at a time when Benjamin's home

state is becoming even more critical to Democrats as they face the 2024 presidential campaign. Earlier this year, the Democratic National Committee voted to hold their first nominating contest of the next cycle in South Carolina, supplanting Iowa, New

Hampshire and Nevada in an effort to more deeply represent the desires of Black voters.

In South Carolina's 2020 primary, Benjamin met with nearly all of the 2020 Democratic White House hopefuls, offering advice as they wound their way through South Carolina, a state in which support from Black voters is critical to Democratic candidates' success. Benjamin initially gave his endorsement to former New York City Mayor Mike Bloomberg before supporting Biden, who scored a thundering win in the state's primary.

Benjamin also served in the administration of Gov. Jim Hodges, who in 1998 was the most recent Democrat elected to South Carolina's highest office. Earlier this year, his wife, DeAndrea Gist Benjamin, was sworn in as a judge on the 4th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in Richmond, Virginia, appointed to the post by Biden.

New Push For Congressional Term Limits On The Table

On February 21st, Republican Representatives Moore, Lowery, Fontenot, and Chesser submitted an application to Congress to set a limit on the number of terms that a person may be elected as a member of the House of Representatives and to set a limit on the number of terms that a person may be elected as a member of the United States Senate.

To keep the proposal from pork-filled bloat, the article states "this subject but shall not be aggregated with any other applications on any other subject." This will allow the naysayers to be clear as to what they are voting against if they are not for term limits.

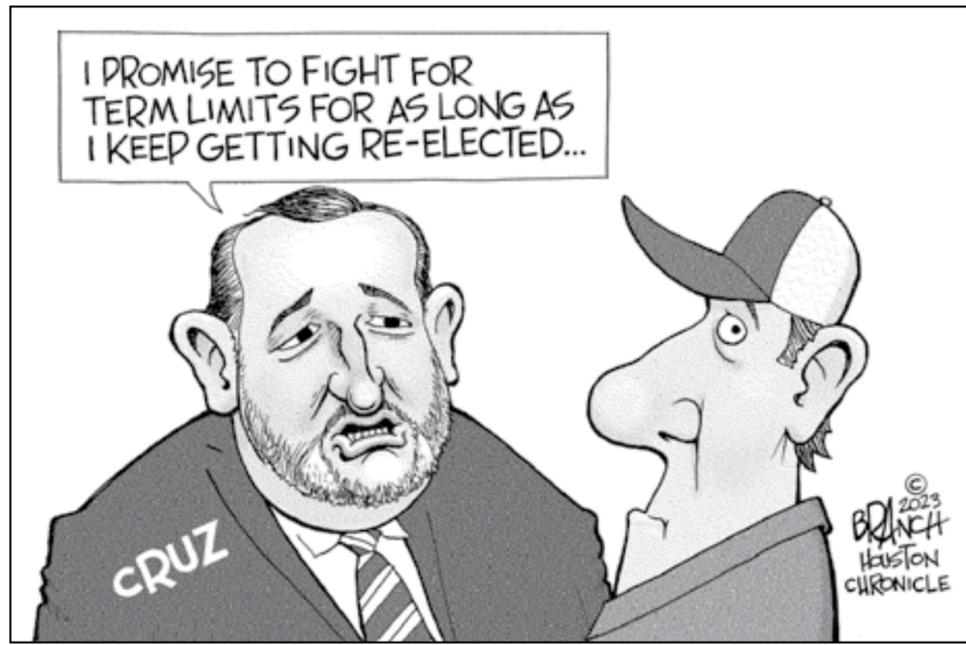
Since there are no limits, a person of Congress may hold their seat indefinitely so long as the person remains democratically elected. The potential problem this has posed is when individuals with rooted seats gain access to financial backers of special interests. Their ability to affect policies

that are introduced, accepted and rejected, often conflicts with the voices outside of Capitol Hill. This can be especially problematic when it appears that the special interests groups financial support dictates the politicians position and helps establish their base during the political season. Money moves mountains, and also keeps them anchored in place. And these days, no one is elected without substantial financial backing.

Claire Miller stated in an article for Quorum "The average age of members of Congress skews older than the average age of most Americans, with the average American being 20 years younger than their representative in Congress. As of 2015, 19 percent of Americans eligible to run for Congress are 65 or older. With Congress meant to reflect the diversity (including age) of the United States population, it's notable that 40 percent of current senators and 26 percent of repre-

sentatives are 65 or older. Less than 5 percent of members of Congress are between the ages of 25 and 40, despite the fact that 33 percent of the over-25 population in the U.S. are under 40 years of age."

The call to term limits stems from marginalized voters who have toed the line to maintain the status quo and not see the changes promised. During former president Barack Obama's campaign, he championed the audacity of hope and promoted the ideals of change. However, his first term was met with an old guard that stymied his petition to progress America forward. Although the extreme right wing tea-party created an obvious wall of obstruction, many of the long term democrats who were involved in congress since segregation offered little support as well. The country was moving in a new direction and the leadership did not reflect that change.



NAR Realtor Celebrates 5-Notable African Americans In BHM

In "5-Notable African Americans in Real Estate," Silicon Valley fine art and real estate broker, and member of the National Association of Realtors, Anna D. Smith, writes about such notable African Americans in real estate, as Bridget "Biddy" Mason, Paul Revere Williams, Igalious "Ike" Mills, Dana White, and Tenisha Williams.

Bridget "Biddy" Mason was born into slavery on August 15, 1818, in Mississippi. Her last owner was a Mississippi Mormon convert, who decided to establish a Mormon community in what would become Salt Lake City, Utah. At the time, Utah was still a part of Mexico.

In 1851, Smith moved his family and slaves to a new Mormon community in San Bernardino, California. However, slavery was illegal in California. Upon urging, Mason contested her slave status in the California courts.

On January 21, 1856, L.A. District Judge Benjamin Hayes approved Mason's petition, the ruling freed her from slavery.

During a smallpox epidemic in Los Angeles, Mason risked her life to care for those affected by the virus. Her knowledge of herbal remedies kept her employed during the epidemic.

Saving carefully, Mason became one of the first African American women to own land in Los Angeles; and as a businesswoman, she amassed a fortune, estimated at \$3 million.

Mason became a real estate magnate. She donated the land to what would become the home to the First African Methodist Episcopal Church of Los Angeles, the city's first African American church.

She also helped to establish the first elementary school for



BRIDGET "BIDDY" MASON

African American children in Los Angeles.

Paul Revere Williams was born on February 18, 1894, in Los Angeles, California. In 1896, his father died from tuberculosis and his mother died two years later from tuberculosis as well.

He was eventually adopted, and was the only African American student in his elementary school. His foster mother ensured he received a proper education. This allowed Williams to follow his dream in becoming an architect.

From 1916 to 1919, Williams attended a program for architectural engineering at the University of Southern California. He took a series of low-paying jobs at several architectural firms to learn as much as he could. During this time in 1917, he married Della Mae Givens at the Bridget "Biddy" Mason built, First AME Church in Los Angeles, and they had three children.

In 1921, Williams received a license to practice architecture in California, and became the

first certified African-American architect west of the Mississippi. A year later, at age 28, Williams founded his own business, Paul R. Williams and Associates.

As Williams's reputation grew, he received commissions to design houses for such Hollywood stars as Lon Chaney, Lucille Ball, Frank Sinatra, Bill ("Bojangles") Robinson, Barbara Stanwyck, Cary Grant, Humphrey Bogart and Lauren Bacall, Anthony Quinn, Julie London, Tyrone Power, Bert Lahr, Charles Correll, Will Hays, Zasu Pitts, and Danny Thomas.

During his career, Williams designed more than 2,000 private homes, and more than 2,000 public buildings, including the flying saucer-shaped Theme Building at the Los Angeles International Airport (LAX).

Born in 1953, Igalious "Ike" Mills grew up working his family's farm in the Piney Woods town of Nacogdoches, Texas. His siblings still keep it running, relying on a lot of the

same equipment used by their father and grandfather.

Mills remembers milking cows and making butter with a churn as a child. His family grew corn and raised cattle, largely for themselves. While the farm was largely self-sustaining, a white-owned feed store allowed his family to buy goods on credit until his dad got the money.

The store essentially served as the family's bank, because access to financial institutions was unheard of. Mills said buyers offered his dad lower prices than they would white farmers, as this was expected during Jim Crow.

Due to biased government and private discriminatory practices, African American farmers lost more than 12 million acres of farmland over the past century; and according to a CNN analysis, 42% of African American farmers were rejected for direct USDA loans in 2021, more than any other demographic group.

Meet The Wrestling Club, The Sensation Representing A New Generation of Fans

By Doric Sam

Bleacher Report

When Jonah Williams first heard about a new wrestling club that was formed by one of his teachers at KIPP AMP Middle School in Brooklyn, he expected to find his classmates in the gym. The now-12-year-old had assumed it was a wrestling team that would compete against other schools.

Williams asked Victor Perry, who teaches sixth-grade English, for clarification on what The Wrestling Club was going to be.

"When I asked Mr. Perry, he told me, 'No, it's just that we're watching wrestling,'" Williams recalled. At the time, he says he didn't have many chances to sit and watch matches on his own, so his interest was piqued when he found out he'd get that opportunity during school. "When I heard that, I was immediately ready to join, because now I know that I have people who like wrestling just as much as me,

and that's like, really cool."

But it wasn't just watching matches. Perry incorporated wrestling into his curriculum by using it to teach his students about the art of storytelling and character building. And through the power of social media, The Wrestling Club became a shining example of the power of the next generation of wrestling fans.

Fast-forward a year later, and Williams was in attendance when WWE Superstars Big E, Shelton Benjamin, Cedric Alexander and Titus O'Neil visited The Wrestling Club on Feb. 13 in recognition of Black History Month and surprised the students with tickets to Monday Night Raw that evening at the Barclays Center.

"Seeing the way that we impact young men, young women of color, and seeing their passion for wrestling, seeing the way they bond over that, is really beautiful," Big E said. "I'm such a big fan of what Mr. Perry's doing, of The Wrestling Club in

As the director of the Texas Agriforestry Small Farmers and Ranchers, Mills has spent much of his energy trying to connect a dwindling number of African American farmers with state and federal programs that can help them keep their operations running.

Dana White, owner of the Detroit-Based Paralee Boyd Salon, is the first African American woman in the U.S. to franchise a salon business.

White began her entrepreneurial journey as a salon owner in 2012, after taking out a \$30,000 personal loan. A chance experience inside of a Dominican hair salon in New Jersey changed her life, as she went to the hair appointment at 10ish, and was done by 11:30, she told the Atlanta Black Star.

This experience led to her vision to reduce the time a client's hair was being serviced without affecting the quality of the outcome.

Tenisha Williams is the CEO and Founder of Elite Realty

Partners, the largest African American owned, and woman-owned real estate brokerage firm in South Florida.

For Williams, her path to managing 150 real estate brokers and generating over \$200 million in revenue, was a path not often traveled. At 15, Williams found herself pregnant; by 16, she was a teenage mom, and a not so common predictor of future success.

After graduating from high school, she went to college at Florida A&M University. As a student and mom, these two worlds often intersected, requiring her daughter to be with her at University.

According to Williams, her success is attributable to her faith. Her nickname as "Your Favored Broker," is a faith based reference to being highly favored. Living through that faith inspired her to form the non-profit organization She Is Me Advancement Group to help mothers and teenage daughters thrive through hard times.



general, it really touches me in so many different ways."

Sporting a blue TWC hoodie that reads "The Future of Wrestling" on the back, Williams overcame nervousness and delivered a presentation detailing Benjamin's influence on him and his own dreams of becoming a wrestler. He received a big hug from Benjamin after he was done, and the veteran wrestler admitted to getting emotional while listening to the report.

It was the type of moment that creates a lifelong wrestling fan, a moment he will never forget. One of the best days of his life?

"The best, honestly," Williams said.

Perry first got the idea for The Wrestling Club in November 2021 when he and a student won tickets to Raw at a meet-and-greet with WWE Superstar Bianca Belair. When the student bragged about the experience to his friends the next day, Perry had multiple kids telling him, "Mr. Perry, you should've taken me!"

What started as a small group of four students grew to seven, then to nine, then to 21 by the end of the 2021-22 school year. Now, The Wrestling Club boasts over 60 members, whom Perry splits between lunchtime and after-school sessions so everyone has an equal chance to attend. There are no requirements to be a part of the club, but Perry ensures that all the students are completing their schoolwork and any who aren't must attend tutoring.

The 29-year-old said he was strategic when picking matches for the club to watch, as he noticed students gravitated toward wrestlers who looked like them such as Bianca Belair, Mer-

cedes Moné a.k.a. Sasha Banks, The New Day, Carmelo Hayes and Ricochet. From there, they eventually fell in love with the high-flyers like Will Ospreay and Seth Rollins, who reminded them of their favorite Marvel superheroes.

Now, Perry says these kids have reached a level of sophistication in their fandom usually reserved for those who have been watching wrestling for decades. Therefore, they focus on the storytelling more than the in-ring action.

"It first started out with representation, then it was showmanship and athletic ability, and now, we have kids who will sit with me and watch a 60-minute wrestling match from start to finish, just purely for the story of the match," Perry said.

The evolution in how The Wrestling Club watches the sport has allowed Perry to expand its horizons beyond WWE, as the students have been able to enjoy matches in All Elite Wrestling, New Japan Pro-Wrestling, Impact Wrestling and more. He has organized outings to WWE house shows as well as local indie events, working well beyond school hours to satisfy the youngsters' growing love for the sport.

sStudents who used to fear public speaking are now delivering live commentary for matches to entertain their classmates and asking Perry to film them cutting promos to post online. Original members like Elyssa McKenzie Mark, 13, and JessicaAnn Torres, 12, describe TWC as "a safe space" where they can let loose with their peers over a common interest, and they credit Perry's initiative as the reason they became wrestling fans.

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Will Crypto Correct The Black Wealth America Has Stolen?

By Emily Stewart

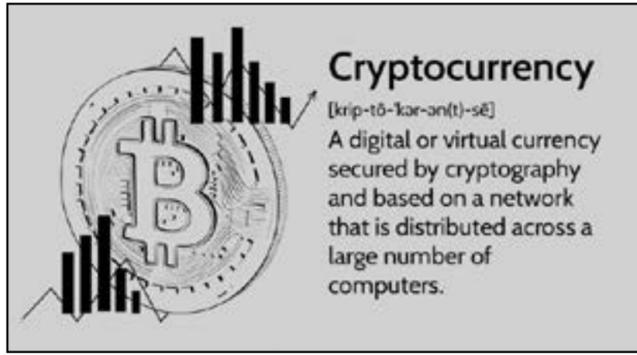
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Crypto was sold as a sort of lifeline to Black communities, as a way to build wealth outside of the mainstream financial system that many people, understandably, mistrust. The crypto complex told the story of a potential for riches, a way for people left out of more traditional financial apparatuses to get in, bombarding the Black population with marketing and ads featuring celebrities such as LeBron James and Spike Lee. The industry made it clear: If you didn't get in, well, you might just be missing out. Many Black investors picked up what marketers were putting down, investing in cryptocurrency at higher rates than their white counterparts — especially Black investors under 40.

Now, cryptocurrencies are trading well below their 2021 highs. Many NFTs have plummeted in value and are essentially worthless. Some high-profile projects and companies in the space have imploded, and it's not clear what, if anything, customers who put their money into those entities will get back. All is not totally lost. Investors who got into cryptocurrencies such as bitcoin and ethereum in the early days are still ahead (assuming they haven't lost the coins or had them scammed away). Crypto often goes through boom and bust cycles, and it's unlikely the ecosystem is dead.

Still, Black investors were not generally among that early group to dive into crypto, as the Atlantic's Annie Lowrey notes. Instead, many of them got in late, and some appear to have bought high and sold low. According to a recent LendingTree survey, Black crypto investors were likelier than white crypto investors to say that they had borrowed money to make their investment and that they had sold their crypto for less than it was worth. In other words, some Black investors have been left holding the bag.

"The idea that crypto is somehow providing an avenue that's easier than other forms doesn't pan out. It's not as democratizing



and welcoming as suggested," said Algernon Austin, director of race and economic justice at the Center for Economic and Policy Research, who has spoken out in the past about the risks of crypto to Black communities. "The crypto industry is concerned about the crypto industry, it's not concerned about Black wealth."

It's a familiar tale throughout America's history, explained Mehrsa Baradaran, a law professor at the University of California Irvine and author of multiple books on financial inequality and the racial wealth gap. She drew parallels to housing contract sales offered to Black communities in the wake of the New Deal in the 1950s and '60s and to subprime home loans prior to the global financial crisis disproportionately made to communities of color. In both instances, Black consumers were targeted with predatory financial products existing somewhat on the margins.

Most notably, she pointed to the Freedman's Savings and Trust Company, more colloquially known as the Freedman's Bank, a private savings bank established by Congress in the wake of the Civil War meant to help formerly enslaved people establish financial stability. The endeavor lasted for nine years and ended in disaster — its funds were mishandled, and eventually, the bank collapsed. Many depositors never saw their money again.

"You have the perfect conditions that led to the Freedman's Bank, that led to the subprime crisis, that led to the contract

sales after the New Deal, which is that capitalism is undergoing some shift and something is wrong and the government needs to handle it, but instead, they leave out certain people and then some terrible, exploitative incentive gets born, and someone is always going to step into that," Baradaran said.

In the 19th century, that took the shape of a bank that squandered Black people's money and sowed skepticism of the financial system that persists today. In the 21st century, it was a pitch to build wealth through a new, largely unregulated technology that would later see the bottom substantially fall out. "It is a looting of people's money," Baradaran said.

To back up a bit — or, rather, a lot, to after the Civil War — the US Congress established the Freedman's Bank in 1865. It was meant to serve as a savings institution for formerly enslaved people and their families, and deposits were supposed to be invested in "stocks, bonds, Treasury notes, or other securities of the United States." Other loans weren't initially intended to be made.

As Baradaran explained in her 2017 book, *The Color of Money: Black Banks and the Racial Wealth Gap*, a bank wasn't exactly an ideal solution — giving formerly enslaved people land would have been better. "Blacks had not asked for the bank, but land grants having been foreclosed on by violence and southern retrenchment, the bank was a stand-in," she wrote. "The

reformers promised the Black community that the bank was the preferred and proper means by which they would achieve land ownership on their own."

The Freedman's Bank opened in New York in April of 1865 and over the course of a few years built up 19 branches. Eventually, the bank hit 37 branches and had tens of thousands of depositors. People were allowed to open accounts with as little as 5 cents, and most deposits were under \$60. The bank struggled financially, and in 1867, its headquarters were moved to Washington, DC, and a new group of bankers, politicians, and businessmen took the wheel. Congress changed the bank's charter to let the people now running the show invest in real estate and railroads, and they started to make risky bets. When financial panic hit in 1873, it took an enormous toll on the Freedman's Bank, and the value of its investments plunged. There was a run on several branches, meaning many depositors tried to get their money out all at once, and by the time Congress sent regulators to take a look under the hood at what was going on, it was largely too late.

In 1874, abolitionist and writer Frederick Douglass was brought in to run the bank, but he quickly realized it was "the black man's cow, but the white man's milk." Less than two months later, he described the situation as being "married to a corpse" and recommended Congress shutter the bank, which it did in June of that year. The bank's assets were not backed by the federal government — a fact many customers had not realized — and many customers' deposits were gone.

In *The Souls of Black Folk*, W.E.B. Du Bois wrote that "not even ten additional years of slavery could have done so much to throttle the thrift of the freedmen as the mismanagement and bankruptcy of the series of savings banks chartered by the Nation for their special aid."

"What should have happened in 1865 is that the treasonous Southerners should have lost their land because they had fought for the right to maintain slavery, and

the people who for hundreds of years had grown the land should have gotten it," Baradaran said in an interview. Instead, they got a poorly run bank, their money was squandered on irresponsible investments, and they were left with nothing.

The incident contributed to an ongoing mistrust of banks among Black communities. And in the modern day, it's also hard not to see the parallels between the Freedman's Bank and the most recent crypto implosion, where once again upstart institutions meant to be a new avenue for people to build wealth have gone bottoms-up or, at the very least, are teetering. "This is what you see with bitcoin, you get the scammers and the hucksters and the fraud, people who come in and say, 'Look, we're going to exploit people's genuine desire to build wealth in a fucked-up system,'" Baradaran said.

When the mainstream system doesn't work — and it really doesn't for many Black Americans — it's natural to look elsewhere for something that does.

That's where the appeal of something like crypto resides. People are told it's a way to establish financial independence and freedom and get away from the institutions that have wronged them in the past. It's a prospect that's easy to want to believe in.

"It's important to recognize that the Black population has more economic hardship and economic insecurity than the white population or the US population overall on average. You have more poverty, higher rates of debt, higher rates of insecurity, unstable work hours, unaffordable housing, there are a number of financial stresses in the lives of many African Americans," Austin said. "So when you're worrying how you're going to pay your bills regularly and how you're going to get ahead and someone shows up and says, 'I have the solution, and this will help you pay all your bills and help you pay your kids' college and the house that you've always dreamed about,' that's pretty enticing."

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US Post Office Buys 9,250 EV's, 14,000 Charging Stations



WASHINGTON (AP) — The U.S. Postal Service is buying 9,250 Ford Motor Co. electric vans and 14,000 charging stations as part of a move to switch its fleet to electric vehicles.

The service also is buying another 9,250 internal combustion vans from Fiat Chrysler in North America, now part of Amsterdam-based Stellantis. The Fiat Chrysler and Ford vehicles together will cost just over \$1 billion.

The gas-powered vehicles fill an urgent need, the Postal Service said in a statement Tuesday.

Dearborn, Michigan-based Ford will start delivering the left-hand-drive E-Transit vans in December of this year, while Fiat Chrysler will start shipping the left-hand-drive gas-powered vehicles in November.

Contracts totaling \$260 million for the charging stations went to Blink Charging Co., Siemens Industry Inc., and Rexel USA Energy Solutions, the Postal Service said.

Charging stations will be installed at several Postal Service facilities including sorting and delivery centers, starting in the third quarter of this year.

In December the Postal Service said it would sharply increase the number of electric-powered delivery trucks — and will go all-electric for new purchases starting in 2026.

The post office said it is spending nearly \$10 billion to electrify its aging fleet, including installing a modern charging infrastructure at hundreds of postal facilities nationwide and purchasing at least 66,000 electric delivery trucks in the next five years. The spending includes \$3 billion in funding approved under a landmark climate and health policy adopted by Congress last year.

Appeals Court Upholds Outer Banks Bridge Plan

RALEIGH, N.C. (AP) — A federal appeals court upheld on Thursday the decision by state and U.S. transportation officials to build a toll bridge connecting North Carolina's mainland and the northern Outer Banks.

A three-judge panel of the 4th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in Richmond, Virginia, agreed with a 2021 trial court ruling that sided with the state Transportation Department, the Federal Highway Administration and agency officials seeking to construct the Mid-Currituck Bridge.

The proposed 7-mile, \$500 million project includes a 4.7-mile toll bridge crossing the Currituck Sound between Aydlett and Corolla. Proponents say it would benefit Outer Banks residents and vacationers, particularly during hurricane evacuation. It also would ease traffic at the only other sound crossing — the Wright Memorial Bridge linking Kitty Hawk and Point Harbor.

Citizens' advocacy and wildlife groups represented by the Southern Environmental Law Center sued in 2019. They argued the agencies didn't follow the rules in making its decision, specifically with the required environmental analysis.

Writing the unanimous opinion, Circuit Judge Albert Diaz agreed with the decision by U.S. District Judge Louise Flanagan. Diaz wrote the agencies didn't need to file a supplemental environmental impact statement to the one originally completed in 2012 after project funding delays. Instead, a statement reevaluation by the agencies found no significant issues.

The plaintiffs argued that sea-level rise and lower traffic forecasts for the bridge in part warranted another deep examination. How the agencies examined a "no-build" alternative to constructing the bridge also didn't violate federal law, Diaz wrote.

The Southern Environmental Law Center diminished Thursday's ruling, saying the 2012 statement is so outdated that federal regulations require additional scrutiny. The group said the project cost, which it tagged at \$602 million, remains unfunded and the project lacks several other permits.

"North Carolina has many unmet transportation needs along its coast, but the Mid-Currituck Bridge is not one of them," said Kym Meyer, a Southern Environmental Law Center attorney who argued the case before the panel in December. "We will continue to work to ensure that North Carolina money is not wasted on this costly, unwise project."

Federal Gov. Sues Chemical Company Over Cancer Risk To Minority Area

WASHINGTON (AP) — Federal officials sued a Louisiana chemical maker on Tuesday, alleging that it presents an unacceptable cancer risk to the nearby majority-Black community and demanding cuts in toxic emissions.

Denka Performance Elastomer LLC makes synthetic rubber, emitting the carcinogen chloroprene and other chemicals in such high concentrations that it poses an unacceptable cancer risk, according to the federal complaint. Children are particularly vulnerable. There is an elementary school a half-mile from the plant.

The former DuPont plant has reduced its emissions over time, but the Justice Department, suing on behalf of the Environmental Protection Agency, said the plant still represents "an imminent and substantial endangerment to public health and welfare, including elevated cancer risks."

"The company has not moved far enough or fast enough to

reduce emissions or ensure the safety of the surrounding community," EPA Administrator Michael Regan said in a statement.

Denka, a Japanese company that bought the rubber-making plant in 2015, did not immediately respond to messages seeking comment. A company spokesperson said in September that advocates described a crisis that "simply does not exist."

Denka's facility makes neoprene, a flexible, synthetic rubber used to produce common goods such as wetsuits, laptop sleeves, orthopedic braces and automotive belts and hoses. Chloroprene is a liquid raw material used to produce neoprene and is emitted into the air from various areas at the facility.

Associate Attorney General Vanita Gupta said every community, no matter its demographics, should be able to breathe clean air and drink clean water. "Our suit aims to stop Denka's dangerous pollution," she said in a state-

ment.

The lawsuit demands that Denka eliminate dangerous emissions of chloroprene. Air monitoring consistently shows long-term chloroprene concentrations in the air near Denka's LaPlace plant as high as 15 times the levels recommended for a 70-year exposure to the chemical, the complaint says.

The complaint is the latest move by the Biden administration that targets pollution in an 85-mile stretch from New Orleans to Baton Rouge officially known as the Mississippi River Chemical Corridor, but more commonly called Cancer Alley. The region contains several hot spots where cancer risks are far above levels deemed acceptable by the EPA. The White House has prioritized environmental enforcement in communities overburdened by long-term pollution.

Regan visited the parish in 2021 during a five-day trip from Mississippi to Texas that high-

lighted low-income, mostly minority communities adversely affected by industrial pollution. A Toxics Release Inventory prepared by EPA shows that minority groups make up 56% of those living near toxic sites such as refineries, landfills and chemical plants. Negative effects include chronic health problems such as asthma, diabetes and hypertension.

Last year, the EPA said it had evidence that Black residents face an increased cancer risk from the chemical plant and that state officials allowed the pollution to remain too high. The agency's letter was part of an investigation under the Civil Rights Act of 1964, which says anyone who receives federal funds cannot discriminate based on race or national origin.

Local activists have long targeted the plant, arguing that nearby air monitoring demonstrates the plant is a danger to St. John the Baptist Parish residents.

Did Stimulus Checks Cause Inflation?

America stayed afloat during the pandemic thanks to a \$5 trillion avalanche of money transferred from the government back to the people during 2020-21. The biggest share, according to The New York Times, was paid directly to households and businesses.

More than \$1 trillion made its way into personal bank accounts through direct stimulus payments and advance Child Tax Credits alone. Trillions more reached them indirectly through enhancements to programs like SNAP.

Prices soon began increasing across the entire economy, and not long after, inflation was rising at its fastest rate in 40 years. It's easy to draw a straight cause-and-effect line between the two events, but the connection between today's high inflation and the largest cash injection in America's economic history is a bit more complicated than that.

Inflation is a normal and natural side effect of economic expansion. As businesses grow, they hire more workers, unemployment falls and households have more money to spend, so demand for goods and services increases,

which causes prices to rise.

The economic impact of the pandemic, however, was neither normal nor natural, and the same could be said for today's 8.3% inflation rate, which is finally trending down a bit after resting for months at a 40-year high, according to the Wall Street Journal.

In times of normal economic expansion, prices rise slowly as money slowly enters the economy, so it stands to reason that a sudden influx of trillions of stimulus dollars would send prices up quickly.

So are the stimulus payments to blame for today's high inflation, as some voices on the politically toxic subject would have you believe?

There's no question that the payments are responsible for at least some of it — but how much? The most reliable approximation comes from the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco, which estimated at the end of March that government stimulus may have added three percentage points to the national inflation rate.

Despite all the controversy, according to Fortune, economists

generally agree on some of the causes behind the high inflation that has defined the economy over the last several months:

The pandemic shifted consumer demand away from services toward goods, which left producers unable to keep up with demand.

Factory closures from early in the pandemic reduced supply just as demand was rising, which sent prices up even further.

Russia's invasion of Ukraine caused a spike in oil prices, which increased the cost of both manufacturing and shipping, while also forcing up the price of wheat and other commodities.

On top of that, the U.S. was dealing with a labor shortage, leaving many businesses that had been shuttered for months unable to meet rising demand — much of which was due to stimulus payments — when they were finally able to open.

What About the Rest of the World?

Other countries that reacted to the virus with comparatively passive monetary policies suffered from similarly high inflation. In

the European Union, for example, inflation hit 7.5% — close to America's rate — despite limited stimulus that never approached the scale of America's payments.

In the End, It Was the Worst of Both Worlds at the Same Time

Can a huge injection of cash into the economy cause prices to rise? You bet.

According to the International Monetary Fund (IMF), "If the money supply grows too big relative to the size of an economy, the unit value of the currency diminishes; in other words, its purchasing power falls and prices rise."

That describes the quantity theory of money, which is among the oldest and most primary economic concepts — but it's not the only game in town.

Post-pandemic America experienced both at the same time — massive stimulus payments increased the quantity of money in the economy, which caused demand to soar just as supply shocks disrupted production and shipping.

Did stimulus checks cause inflation? Not exactly — but they certainly played a role.

Will Crypto Correct The Black Wealth—CONTINUED FROM PAGE 3

Charlotte Principato, financial services analyst at polling firm Morning Consult, said Black Americans “show through their higher ownership of cryptocurrency than adults of other races or ethnicities that they are open to alternative forms of payment and investment outside the sphere of traditional finance” and that it’s “not surprising” that they’re interested in alternative assets given that the mainstream system has not served them well. “It makes sense that they would try to stake their claim and find success,” she said. “It is unfortunate that it is that way with such a speculative asset.”

proponents over the years, I’ve heard time and time again that it is specifically good for communities of color, that it’s solving a problem for the unbanked, meaning people without banking access, and the underbanked, people who have banking accounts but often rely on other financial services, such as payday loans and check-cashing services, in the day to day.

It’s an argument that’s nice to believe. It’s also one that often falls apart: With potential upside risk comes a lot of the downside risk we’re seeing today.

For one thing, it’s rare to hear people who work on financial inclusion more broadly offer

up crypto as a solution. They’re much likelier to push for postal banking and public banking and advocate for more credit unions. It’s hard to see how a hyper-capitalist, unregulated system would avoid the mistakes our already-capitalist, sometimes lightly regulated system already entails. And to state the obvious here, the crypto industry is here to make money. Businesses in the space aren’t generally doing business out of the goodness of their hearts.

“The marketing campaign is not out of generosity or philanthropy, that’s the business model, the business model requires getting as many people as possible

so then prices go up,” Austin said. “It’s not an investment that’s built on providing any goods or service, so once you understand that, you understand you’re really resting on herd mentality, only then you have to go with the herd and then make sure to jump away before it goes off the cliff.”

Many investors — including many Black investors — did not jump away soon enough.

To be sure, the crypto industry has not completely imploded, though many big names in the arena have. There are plenty of people who still say they believe it is an avenue for building wealth. Charlene Fadirepo, a regulator turned bitcoin activ-

ist, told me she thinks the 2022 market crash was an “incredible teachable moment” for crypto investors to become safe, smart, and confident. “To be honest, traditional banking doesn’t have a great track record dealing with Black consumers,” she said, an assertion that is hard to dispute. She still believes bitcoin, specifically, has an appeal in offering “financial autonomy,” though she’s somewhat dubious of other cryptocurrencies. “There are fundamentals that promote bitcoin as a long-term investment ... that is not the case for all cryptocurrencies,” she said.

Fadirepo recalled a recent class

she was teaching on crypto in South Carolina where a Black woman in the class said she had lost \$3,000 when Celsius, a now-bankrupt crypto lender, failed. The woman didn’t want people to feel bad for her, Fadirepo said, but wanted people to realize they need to protect their crypto by storing it in a “cold storage wallet,” meaning not on a third-party platform and not connected to the internet. “I could have talked for hours, but that one anecdote shifted the conversation in the room,” she said. “I see a bright side here, and that bright side is just encouraging a level of investor discipline and a real need to be informed.”

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Health & Wellness

Globetrotting Nutritionist Revolutionized Early Childhood Edu.

(THE CONVERSATION) Nutrition is among the most critical issues of our time. Diet-related illnesses are shortening life spans and the lack of conveniently located and affordable nutritious food makes it hard for many Americans to enjoy good health.

Physicians are also alarmed by nutritional trends they see among the nation's most vulnerable people: children.

I think that this situation would frustrate Black nutritionist Fleming Pansy Kittrell if she were alive today. Throughout a trailblazing career that spanned half a century, she worked to enhance food security and to improve both diets and children's health — under the umbrella of home economics.

While you might view home economics as merely a set of practical skills concerning cooking and budgeting, in the mid-20th century it applied scientific concepts to improve home management, strengthen parenting skills and enhance childhood development.

Kittrell went further, by making the case for healthy and strong families a tool for diplomacy.

While researching Black women's global activism for rights and freedom, I became aware of Kittrell's work on behalf of the U.S. State Department, women's organizations and church groups. I was struck by her pragmatic approach to foreign relations, which emphasized women, children and the home as the keys to good living and national and global peace

and security.

I was also stunned by the Black nutritionist's commitment to shattering traditional assumptions about home economics and improving the health of low-income families around the globe, especially for people of color.

Humble roots

Kittrell, the eighth of nine children born to a sharecropping family, grew up in Henderson, North Carolina. She began working as a nursemaid and cook when she was only 11 years old.

In 1919, Kittrell enrolled at Hampton Institute, a small historically Black Virginia college that later became Hampton University.

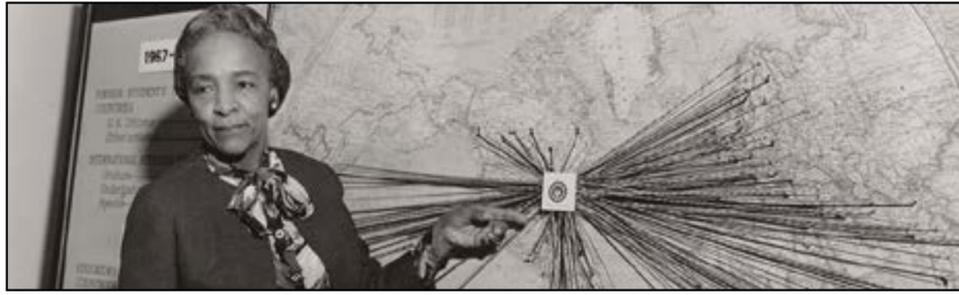
A professor encouraged her to major in home economics. She initially rejected the suggestion, claiming the home was "just so ordinary." Kittrell reconsidered once she learned about Ellen H. Swallow Richards, the first woman to attend Massachusetts Institute of Technology and one of the nation's earliest female professional chemists.

Kittrell realized that the field was about more than cooking and sewing. Furthermore, women who majored in the subject could then pursue sciences that were closed to them because of their gender.

With a growing belief that the home and family were the basis of society, Kittrell chose to major in home economics rather than political science or economics.

Nutrition and Black families

After her 1928 graduation, Kittrell briefly taught at a high



school before becoming the director of home economics and dean of women at Bennett College, a historically Black college in Greensboro, North Carolina. During a 12-year tenure there, she created a nursery center that trained parents and provided child care.

The center also served as a laboratory for experimenting with different teaching techniques.

Kittrell drew on this research when she became the first Black woman to earn a doctorate at Cornell University. In her 1936

doctoral dissertation, she argued that the health of Black families could be improved by focusing on infant feeding practices and parental education. She was the first Black woman to get a doctorate in nutrition at any college or university.

In 1940 she returned to Hampton. During World War II, Kittrell and her students taught local families how to ration and substitute food. The home economics department also joined female students in hosting evening activities, including dances for

Black military trainees and their families.

Four years later, Kittrell became the head of Howard University's home economics department. She remained on that faculty for 28 years.

Taking advantage of Howard's Washington, D.C., location, Kittrell persuaded national leaders that home economics could help transform society at home and around the world. She spent so much time working and traveling for the U.S. government that one biographer called her "a good will

ambassador with a cookbook."

'Hidden hunger' at home and abroad

In 1947, the State Department sent Kittrell to Liberia to conduct a nutrition study. Her efforts supported an American commitment to strengthen diplomatic and military with countries around the world.

In her follow-up report, Kittrell explained that while food shortages and hunger were not significant issues, more than 90% of Liberians suffered from vitamin deficiencies, resulting in "hidden hunger." Though she did not invent the term, she was among the first to draw widespread attention to the issue at home and abroad.

Arguing that what happens in one place often occurs in others, Kittrell implored the U.S. to examine diet issues at home.

In 1949, she published a study comparing the diet and food choices of Black and white Americans. She showed that the illnesses that many Black Americans

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DHHS Continues Fight Against Drug Overdose

With overdose deaths in 2021 increasing 22%, the North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services continues to extend mobile crisis care, treatment programs and other efforts to improve behavioral health services across the state. The 2021 statistics show this is more critical than ever, as 4,041 people in North Carolina lost their lives to overdose. This is the highest number of overdose deaths in a single year on record in the state.

"North Carolina's communities and families are meeting the tragedy of overdose deaths and the opioid crisis head on, every day," said NCDHHS Secretary Kody H. Kinsley. "With the right treatment and support, recovery is possible, and individuals can go on to live full and productive lives. Our goal is to break the costly cycle of addiction and the smartest investment we can make to do that is expanding Medicaid."

Reaching people before they are in crisis is critical to behavioral health. NCDHHS has expanded mobile crisis services, increased peer supports and collegiate recovery programs — all to get people the care they need at the right time and place. NCDHHS also launched the 988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline, which offers 24/7 access to trained crisis counselors who can help people experiencing

139% Increase In Black Overdose Deaths

behavioral health-related distress. Since the launch of the easy-to-remember number in July, the NC Suicide and Crisis Lifeline call center has seen an 85% increase in callers identifying "substance use" as their primary reason for calling 988.

The rise in overdose deaths in recent years is driven by illegally manufactured fentanyl. In 2021, more than 77% of overdose deaths in the state likely involved fentanyl, often in combination with other substances. In response, NCDHHS is expanding access to treatment and prevention. Our efforts include the distribution of more than 719,000 units of naloxone to agencies across the state to assist in overdose response efforts. Additionally, the department is working to increase access to medication assisted treatment by changing regulations so mobile medication units can provide methadone and other FDA-approved medications for the treatment of opioid use disorders in North Carolina. The department will also be working with EMS agencies in eight counties to allow them to offer buprenorphine as a medication to treat people who have an opioid use disorder.

NCDHHS continues to implement the North Carolina Opioid and Substance Use Action Plan to prevent addiction, reduce harm, connect people to care and increase access to supportive services, such as housing and employment support. Progress is monitored on a data dashboard that tracks many local actions and state, regional and county-level metrics. Since launching this plan, the number of people receiving prescribed opioids has decreased by at least 36%. The number of people who don't have insurance or have Medicaid receiving opioid use disorder treatment has increased by 48%. In 2021, there were nearly 17,000 emergency department visits related to drug overdoses.

The impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic exacerbated this crisis. Overdose deaths have increased 72% since 2019, with a 40% jump in 2020 during the first year of the pandemic. The number of people who have died from overdose has also worsened in some historically marginalized communities. The overall number of overdose deaths is still highest among non-Hispanic white people; however, when measured as a portion of population, American Indian/Indigenous people have the highest overdose death rate. The percentage by which overdose death rates increased from 2019 rates to 2021 rates was highest among Black/African American people with a 139% increase in their overdose death rate.

CONTINUE P-EBT FOOD ASSISTANCE BENEFITS

The North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services today announced it has received approval from the U.S. Department of Agriculture to operate the Pandemic Electronic Benefits Transfer (P-EBT) program during the 2022-23 school year. The P-EBT program this school year will continue until the federal COVID-19 public health emergency ends on May 11, 2023. The first rounds of benefits for K-12 students and young children in child care are targeted to be issued in March and will cover benefits accrued from September 2022 through February 2023.

The P-EBT program helps eligible K-12 students and young children who cannot access free or reduced-price meals at school or in child care centers due to COVID-19 related absences or closures. For these children, the P-EBT program provides benefits on a debit-like card that can be used to buy food at authorized retailers, including most major grocery stores. With most students now receiving meals in school, many will no longer get P-EBT or will receive only a small amount when the student experiences a COVID-19 related absence.

Ag-Grow-Culture

When it's Time to Cultivate: Indigenous Origins Of Maize

By Jason Lindsay

Staff Writer

Farming, in more ways than one, anchored people to the land, bracing our societies in ways never supported. This advancement (farming) lent us time. The most prominent civilizations of antiquity were envired by elaborate food cultures.

The story of Maize (Corn) seems to have gifted humanity this transference into advanced societies, and they honored her for it. In ancient Egypt, it was called Misr or Masa, which the Jews also referenced. The Greeks called it Maza (corn-based flatbread). Maize is mentioned in the Torah and the Bible over twenty times and several times in the Quran. Maize is found in ancient Greek pottery, which dates back as far as 1000 BCE. It is found throughout Egyptian scrips, on temple walls, and in tombs throughout Egypt as far back as 4000 BCE.

Historians from "National Geographic" and "Encyclopedia Britannica" share the narrative that corn was introduced to the western hemisphere by Christophers Columbus in 1493 after his voyage from Hispaniola (Modern day Haiti and the Dominican Republic). Yet, evidence shows that just like Columbus didn't discover America, corn had visited and made a home for itself in the "old world," possibly thousands of years before Columbus' westward voyage.

Third-century Rome disclosed evidence of corn in the ruins of grain solos of the Iberian city of Ullastret. Maize was the surplus crop of Spain and Italy 2,000 years before Columbus. The Spaniards called it "panzio" or "panic grass." Ancient maize varieties were grown as a gain throughout Milan, Italy, cultivated by Insubres (Celtic) all the way up to the time of Columbus.

Another narrative places the origins of Maize in Asia referenced as "Turkish Wheat." Yet,

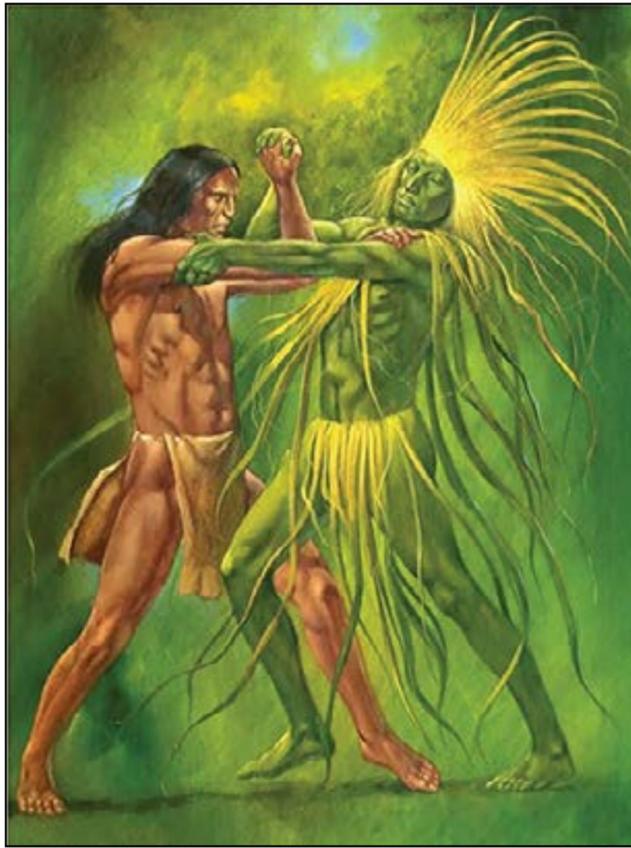
when cross-referenced with Turkish historians, it is said that Turkish Wheat (corn) came into Turkey through the trade routes through China, where corn also has a strong legacy predating even the cultivation of rice. But, when cross-referenced with Chinese historians, it is said that corn came out of Tibet. Once in Tibet, the Tibetan Lamaist stated that maize was the first crop ever grown in Tibet and was a gift from God. The same was the testament of the Greeks and Egyptians.

The Greeks said that Ceres, the Goddess of agriculture, taught them how to grow, preserve and prepare maize. In Egypt, where the oldest corn in the eastern hemisphere is found, the God, Ausar, whom the Greeks called Osiris, is depicted with maize growing as the grass over his grave. And his wife, the Goddess Auset, whom the Greeks called Isis, was revered for teaching women how to grind corn, make clothes, spin flax, and care for their young.

With Egypt having the oldest archaeological found in the east, the Americas host the oldest founding in the world, and they, too, reference the gods in regard to maize's origin. The "Chinchorro mummies" are the oldest mummies found to date, dating back almost 8,000 years ago, predating the Incan civilization. Within most of these graves (modern-day Northern Chile), they found lima beans, peanuts, melon seeds, potatoes, squash seeds, and maize.

With finding as old as these, the Americas are the home of "Mother Maize." But where did it come from? Though maize is believed to have originated in the southern part of the Americas, before traveling west, maize traveled as far north as Canada. The Aztecs acknowledged the deity "Chicomecoatl" as the goddess of maize and all agrarian living. Chicomecoatl is also one of the oldest deities in Meso-American culture.

When searched and re-searched, the origin of Maize



The image above is a rendition of the origin of corn, painted by Richard Hook. The story is a coming of age tale, both for the young man, and for civilization as a whole.

seems to have a mystic beginning. Further north, American Native Folklore holds many stories about maize, yet there's one that stands out to me:

The story tells of a man and his family. They lived in a small village yet never reached a state of abundance though they were caring, loving, and faithful. They were a hunter-gather society that would go without periodically through the seasons.

The time comes for the oldest son to take his fast (a rite

of passage for the boy as they transition into manhood). As was the custom, the father built his son a longue away from his family and other villagers.

On the first day, the boy walks the woods. He decided that he would fill his mind with images of nature, growing things, so that he might see them in dreams. He began to notice familiar plants, ones that were good and others that were dangerous. The boy spotted plants that heal wombs and other cured diseases and thought,

"Surely the Great Spirit could make it easier to get food." He determined that there must be a way. It was from this that he found the focus of his fast.

The boy returned to his longue; all he did on day two was fast and sleep. On day three, he grows weak and faint. Yet, through the struggle of his flesh, he began to have a vision of a young brave descending from the sky. The stranger was dressed in rich yellow and green garments and on his head wore a turf (grass crown) knotted in plumes, and his every movement was graceful.

The sky spirit spoke to the boy explaining that he was sent from Great Spirit, that Great Spirit saw the boy's heart and judged it as good, and found favor with the boy. "Arise and wrestle with me, the stranger instructed the boy, "this is the only way to learn the secret."

The boy was unsure but rose and wrestled the brave, yet quickly became weak from his fasting. The stranger noticed this, stopped, and smiled gently, saying, "I will come again tomorrow."

The next day at the same time, the brave walked from the sky. The boy was weaker than the day before, still fasting, yet he rose to wrestle again. The boy felt himself growing weaker, but he kept wrestling the young brave from the sky. After the match, the sky spirit looked at the boy and said, "you have courage; tomorrow will be your last trial," and he disappeared again.

The next day he came from the sky again, and the struggle was renewed. The boy was weaker than the days before, but found that the weaker his body became, the stronger his mind and will were. In the middle of the fight, the boy feels as if he is losing all strength, yet he decides to win or die trying. The boy exerts all his power during his struggle and overcomes the stranger. The brave stood to his feet and compliments the day. The sky spirit then tells the boy that there

must be one final battle. He proclaimed that the boy would win and, when he did, strip him of his garments and throw them away.

The next day, the father came with food to congratulate his son for completing the holy fast. The boy asked his father to wait until the sun fell the following day, and he did.

Just like every occurrence, the young brave descended from the sky at the same time. The boy arose to wrestle the brave for the final time to find a great power come over him. This was something the boy had never experienced before. With this power, he grabbed the brave and threw him down in fatal defeat. As instructed, he stripped the stranger of his clothes and buried him, discarding his clothes. After completing everything that was asked of him, the boy returned home and ate just a little.

Weeks later, when the summer began to draw to a close, the boy asked his father to walk with him. He walked his father to the meadow where he buried the young brave from the sky, and "there stood, tall and graceful plant with brightly colored soaking hair and crowned knotted green plumes. Its stalk was covered with waving leaves, and from there grew its side clusters, ears of corn golden and sweet, each ear closely wrapped in its husk... It is my friend," shouted the boy, "we need no longer depend on hunting so long as this gift is planted and cared for." And everyone ate and gave thanks to the spirit who gave it.

Stories like this are the husk that houses the mystic origin of maize. Farming is a way of life that we have mastered to levels still not reached by others today. I feel that farming is much like the fasting experience of the boy in the story. At some point, we had to determine that there must be a better way. The legacy of farming is the "better" way of life, and within it lies liberation, even if through the mystic.

Investment In Small Farmers Is Essential To Rural Communities

By The Honorable Eva Clayton

Special To The Carolinian

As the first African-American woman elected to Congress from North Carolina, I served for 10 years in positions on the House Agriculture Committee and as the ranking member of the Operations Oversight, Nutrition, and Forestry Subcommittees. Combined with my subsequent tenure as the Assistant Director General of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the UN, I understand the critical need for investment in small and future farmers, and how connected their growth and ability to thrive is to healthy food, healthy people, and robust rural communities.

There is an old saying that "we are what we eat." Health professionals recommend eating healthy food to prevent and control diseases like diabetes, hypertension, and heart conditions. Additionally, when food is sold locally, it is fresher. Some health professionals have recently promoted food as medicine. However, food insecurity is a fundamental problem in the United States, including North Carolina. Those of us living in rural America know that our health indicators, including food insecurity, are challenging and that our rural economy could be far improved. Food insecurity is both a health and economic condition. Access to healthy and nutritious food, a good environment, and healthy rural communities are tied to the survival and growth of small and future farmers. And investing in small and future farmers can benefit our rural economy.

While small farms contribute greatly to local food production and rural economies, they have historically received less resources, access to appropriate scaled information and technology, and investment from federal and state programs. This is disproportionately even greater among farmers of color.

Our nation is rapidly losing farmland and farmers, who are getting older (average age greater than 58 years old) and going out of business. North Carolina is currently tied for first in farm loss in the US. Farm families are middle-sized or small; the lat-



ter need help to make a profit or break even and must supplement the family income by working outside the farm. Black farmers have suffered the most significant number of lost farms due partly to proven discrimination. We should be attracting and investing in new farmers if we are to have a strong farming system going forward. To grow and sell healthier food locally, we must support and increase the number of small farms, especially minority and female farmers. We must redesign our food systems to be resilient and serve all people in our community, especially the most vulnerable. We can do this through establishing networks and infrastructure linking our public schools, childcare and senior care facilities, local farmers, extension services, hospitals and health professionals, community colleges, and food stores.

The Farm Bill allows for more fundamental changes, however there are improvements we can do now. We should take the following steps to expand existing programs and make them more effective:

Increase federal and state government financial and technical support to small farmers to help them purchase land, buy equipment to grow healthy food, and sell locally. Fulfill legislative commitment to distress and minority farmers for debt relief under the Inflation Act of 2022.

Expand the Farm to School programs to promote the value of nutritious, healthy and local food and create an interest in

farming among our children. Provide incentives and assistance to school systems to develop these programs.

Provide more money per meal for school lunches and include fresh vegetables and fruits and local food when possible. Consider modifying the Farm Bill to provide universal meals to all students as we provide books. Supplemental summer feeding programs need to be expanded that extend beyond the school year.

Revisit, evaluate, and invest in the "Future Farmers of America". Expand agricultural education programs, especially those focused on sustainability, with similar focus, coordination, imagination, and resources as the STEM program in schools.

Provide needed support supply chain infrastructure, and farmer and business training needed to grow local food systems. While recent programs supporting local food procurement we must also focus on the infrastructure and training investments in food hubs, infrastructure and farmer support if these local food systems are to be resilient and sustainable.

I know we have the capacity to make these positive changes in our food system and there are many farmers, community leaders, university partners and rural communities working collectively to do this but they also need the policies and support to be invested.

We must continue to press forward in our rural communities to ensure equitable care and access to nutritious food. We launched the Rural Food Institute with a vision to share knowledge, resources and bring others to the table to ensure a healthier rural NC together.

One of the key takeaways from the recent Rural Food Forum held at Vance-Granville Community College sponsored by the Green Rural Redevelopment Organization and the Eva Clayton Rural Food Institute was how critical small farmers are to the goals of making healthy food accessible to rural communities.

We must ensure our small farmers are receiving adequate resources, have access to information and technology, and begin to seek significant investments from federal and state programs.

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Community

Covid-19 Lead To More Bus Driver Shortage, Higher Wages

By Tyria McCray
Staff Writer

The latest news from the Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools (CHCCS) shared that it had to suspend service on 21 bus routes for the latter part of last week and beginning of this week due to drivers reporting COVID-19 symptoms.

The school district told affected families to provide transportation for their child or call the district's transportation office to arrange for a bus to pick them up after 9 a.m. This acute shortfall in bus personnel came after the positive news last week that the school district was trying to alleviate the chronic school bus driver shortage with a hike in pay. At the school board meeting last week, the Chapel Hill-Carrboro School Department

Board of Education upped driver pay to \$20 an hour, on top of increases they had made previously. The \$20 milestone won't take effect until this July, however.

Like other school districts nationwide, the shortage began before the pandemic as drivers began to age out and turned to higher-paying transit work that offered not only better pay, but more flexible schedules. During the fall of 2021, several North Carolina school districts dealt with a shortage of school bus drivers, one of which was Chapel Hill. By June of 2022, the Chapel Hill-Carrboro school district began the recruitment process for new drivers, hoping to fill an additional 24 seats so that buses are fully operational. The CHCCS Board of Education implemented incentives. First, by offering \$16.50

per hour with an additional \$4,000 sign-on bonus. Moreover, to retain drivers, an additional \$2,000 referral bonus incentive was given.

Being that Chapel Hill-Carrboro bus drivers are up to that \$20 an hour level, N.C. drivers will be among the highest paid in the state. This decision to up the minimum pay was unanimously approved by the board of education members.

During last week's meeting, Superintendent Nyah Hamlett provided a list of issues the school board plans to solve: Eliminating the impact of nationwide driver shortages, eliminating lost instructional time due to uncovered routes, and ameliorating the burden on staff, which includes covering drivers' additional routes and educators staying after school beyond regular work hours.

"Ultimately, we do need to be positioned to provide safe, efficient and economical transportation for our students to access the educa-

tion that they have a right to," said Hamlett.

After Hamlett spoke, André Stewart, chief operations officer of

Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools, gave an in-depth and concise presentation on how the driver shortage impacts instruction.

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experienced were tied to racial discrimination in housing, employment and medical services rather than poor decision-making. In later years, academic, professional and activist organizations similarly applied this intersectional lens to nutrition campaigns.

Nutrition and democracy American foreign policy leaders found Kittrell's pragmatic and balanced approach indispensable in forging alliances during the Cold War.

In 1950, Kittrell persuaded the State Department's Fulbright program to send her to India, which had recently won its independence from the U.K. She returned there in 1953 under a government program that provided technical expertise to newly independent nations as a form of diplomacy.

In the 1950s, Kittrell traveled across Africa to improve relations with African states that had criticized the U.S. for boasting of its freedoms while denying basic civil rights to many of its citizens.

In September 1958, the nutritionist traveled to Ghana, the first West African country to gain independence from a colonizing power. She met with Ghanaian political leaders and members of women's organizations, delivering lectures on home economics and the value of higher education for women.

Ghanaians asked Kittrell about racial incidents, including the 1957 Little Rock crisis, in which a white mob tried to stop nine Black students from integrating a public high school. Kittrell cast this incident, which violated the Brown v. Board 1954 Supreme Court ruling that rendered segre-

gation in public schools unconstitutional, as a Southern dilemma rather than a national one.

She also optimistically emphasized Black Americans' progress since emancipation and contended that the U.S. Constitution would prevail in ensuring equality.

An appetite for justice Though Kittrell's answers sidestepped larger issues of discrimination at home, she claimed to reject U.S. boosterism in her thinking about cross-cultural interactions, family and society.

She argued that newly independent nations had much to teach Americans. Even more, Kittrell claimed to see herself not as a representative of the U.S. but as "a citizen of the world."

A closer look at Kittrell's activities reveals that she maintained a strong appetite for justice. Even as a dedicated bureaucratic infighter, Kittrell was willing to move beyond these bounds.

In 1967, for example, she protested apartheid in South Africa, the system of segregation that oppressed that country's non-white communities and privileged a white minority. Incensed by American inaction, Kittrell became one of five Americans to stage a fly-in — an impromptu trip in which she and her colleagues sought to enter the country without visas to dramatize their protest.

In a 1977 interview with the Black Women's Oral History Interviews Project of the Harvard University Radcliffe Institute, Kittrell hinted that she was engaged in other acts of protest, slyly suggesting that she "was

very fortunate not to have gotten into more trouble."

Three years later in an interview for a faculty profile with Howard University, Kittrell boldly claimed that she had not been "afraid to speak against evil as I see it."

These statements suggest that she was more of a strategist and activist than many people at the time believed.

Head Start Kittrell kept traveling extensively in the 1960s.

She took trips to Russia and several African countries on behalf of the United Nations and professional, women's and religious organizations, such as the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom and the United Methodist Church.

Kittrell also increased her focus on the needs of U.S. children.

In the 1960s, 1 in 5 U.S. children lived in poverty. With the conviction that good living began at a young age, Kittrell expanded Howard University's nursery program with a deeper focus on parents, whom she contended were the key to stronger families.

That center became an early model for the Head Start program, which emerged as part of Lyndon B. Johnson's War on Poverty.

Refusing to "sit still enough to hold hands," Kittrell never married or had children.

Instead, as her archival papers at Howard University's Moorland-Spingarn Research Center show, she dedicated herself to assisting others by cultivating strong families through nutritious habits and healthy children.



The Flood Group held its Second Annual Image Awards on Sunday, February 26th at the John Chavis Community Center in Raleigh. This event commemorated Black History Month and honored exemplary individuals who have made notable contributions in the areas of community service, criminal justice and law, cultural arts, education, entrepreneurship, government service, leadership, medicine, and social advocacy. This year's honorees included Mr. Gerald Baker, Mrs. Carmen Wimberley Cauthen, Dr. Faith Clark, Mr. Dennis Gaddy, Mr. Andre Johnson, Mr. Alfred Mays, Mr. Ishmael Sadiq Montague (ISM), Dr. Terrance Ruth, and Dr. James West. *Mathias Bishop Photo*

More Than \$20 Million In Grants Awarded To Five NC Schools To Expand High-Speed Internet

Five North Carolina colleges were awarded more than \$20 million in total from the Connecting Minority Communities Pilot Program (CMC). The program is run by the Department of Commerce's National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) and is part of the Biden-Harris Administration's Internet for All initiative.

Bennett College, Fayetteville State University, Johnson C. Smith University, North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University, and Shaw University were five of 61 minority-serving colleges and universities receiving grants today totaling \$175 million.

Livingstone Professor To Debut Stage Play At Knight Theater

SALISBURY — Livingstone College's own, Dr. Curtis Dean, will debut a stage play he scripted at the Knight Theater in uptown Charlotte in March featuring some of R&B's iconic voices.

The new stage play, "Background Check," will be presented for one day only, Sunday, March 26, at 3 p.m., starring Tony Terry, dubbed the Prince of R&B; Grammy-award nominated Sunshine Anderson; and BET's Sunday Best winner Y'Anna Crawley.

The play also stars former member of R&B's Blackstreet, J-Stylz, and producers "KQ" and Ryan Davis.

"Background Check," presented by Kenny Quiller and Cole Dean Productions, dives into the popularity of social media and its effect on the dating scene today as high school friends reunite to plan and celebrate their 20-year class reunion. It will explore the questions: Can friends be lovers? And how well do you know your roommate, co-worker, friend, lover, family or partner?

Dean and producer and director Jermaine "J Cole" Coleman Sr. combine comedy, drama, music and pop culture all into one power-packed stage play.

Dean said it took about three months to write the script. The cast has been rehearsing since October of last year.

"We're proud of Dr. Dean, his artistic craft, and his debut production at such an esteemed venue in uptown Charlotte," said Livingstone President Dr. Anthony J. Davis. "Dr. Dean is a reflection of the caliber of talent that we have on our campus among our faculty, staff and students. His success demonstrates our multi-dimensional levels of excellence and relevancy collectively as an institution and individually."

Dean has served at Livingstone College for 20 years. He is currently director of the Evening and Weekend College, which is the program in which he earned his bachelor's degree from Livingstone. He is also coordinator of the U.S. Army and Air Force ROTC Program at the college and serves as an assistant professor in the Division of Business.

He earned his master's degree in business administration from the University of Phoenix, and his doctorate degree from Walden University.

Dean is no stranger to the music and entertainment industry. He is a veteran of the United States Army, where he served in the band and in the 7th Army Soldiers Show, where he traveled extensively abroad to perform for world dignitaries and for politicians including President Ronald Reagan and Queen Elizabeth.

After leaving the Army, he jointed Payton Production and served as one of the producers of "A Good Man is Hard to Find," which became a Paramount motion picture. He later joined SPP Entertainment, where he was vice president, writer and producer of "Just be a Man About it," which premiered on Broadway.

He is known for his talent as a musical director and scoring for many off Broadway gospel stage plays such as "Lord, Why Do I Keep Choosing the Wrong Man," "My Grandmother Prayed for Me," "It's Your Time to Cry" and "Karma" to name a few.

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Sports

Ivey, Lawson Make Rapid Rises To Top Of ACC Tournament



NOTRE DAME HEAD COACH NIELE IVEY

Notre Dame's Niele Ivey and Duke's Kara Lawson became first-time head coaches within months of each other early in the COVID-19 pandemic.

It didn't take them long to build Atlantic Coast Conference winners.

Ivey's 10th-ranked Fighting Irish edged Lawson's 13th-ranked Blue Devils on the final day of the regular season for the No. 1 seed in this week's league tournament in Greensboro, North Carolina. Their programs are the headliners for the five-day event, which features No. 8 Virginia Tech and No. 18 North Carolina, while Ivey was named the league's coach of the year on Tuesday.

The third-year coaches have common steps in their journeys.

Both played under legendary coaches, Ivey as a national championship winner under Notre Dame Hall of Famer Muffet McGraw and Lawson reaching three Final Fours under the late Tennessee great Pat Summitt. Both played in the WNBA and were among the first women to earn NBA assistant coaching positions in 2019, Lawson with the Boston Celtics and Ivey with the Memphis Grizzlies.

Both are among the small group of Black women leading major college programs, coming amid increased equality conversations in the sport from prominent voices like two-time



DUKE HEAD COACH KARA LAWSON

national champion Dawn Staley at South Carolina.

Notre Dame (24-4, 15-3 ACC) went 10-10 in Ivey's first year, reached the NCAA Tournament's Sweet 16 last year and were picked to finish fourth in the ACC this year. The Irish have the top seed for the first time since 2019 after Sunday's win at Louisville, though the status of star guard Olivia Miles is uncertain after she suffered an apparent knee injury.

"This is a huge moment for our program," Ivey said of the win, "and a huge moment for me as their coach."

Duke (24-5, 14-4) failed to secure the top seed in Sunday's home loss to rival UNC, but the

Blue Devils' climb remains swift. Lawson's first season spanned just four games before the team shut down amid the pandemic. Two years later, after significant transfer-portal work, Duke has its best ACC finish since 2014 after being picked to finish seventh.

"I don't really believe in timelines because I think when you set them, you predestine yourself to meet the timeline and never be ahead of it," Lawson said last week.

"Those kids believed in me and they believed in each other, and the other kids that were here," she said. "That's why we're here, because of belief that they had in our program and the belief we

have in each other. That's never wavered and I think that's a big reason why we're here."

Virginia Tech (24-4, 14-4) has hit new heights under Kenny Brooks, including its first trip to the ACC semifinals last year. Now the third-seeded Hokies arrive having won eight straight behind Elizabeth Kitley — who was named ACC player of the year for the second straight season Tuesday.

The 6-foot-6 senior averages 18.8 points and a league-best 10.7 rebounds. Last week she became the program's all-time leading scorer and hit a winning jumper in the same game to beat North Carolina.

Things haven't gone to plan for preseason favorite Louisville. The fourth-seeded Cardinals (21-10, 12-6) opened at No. 7 nationally but have been unranked since December, their first such stint in seven years.

"You're playing during your regular season and the opportunity to play in your conference tournament, for seeding and then the NCAA Tournament," coach Jeff Walz said after Sunday's loss. "And I've got to do something to try to get them excited to do that."

UNC (20-9, 11-7) is a seven seed despite spending five weeks inside the top 10. But the Tar Heels are healthy again after starters Alyssa Ustby (lower body) and Eva Hodgson (illness) returned from multi-game absences in the past week.

North Carolina State (19-10, 9-9) is the three-time reigning champion that spent seven weeks ranked in the top 10. But Wes Moore's squad enters Greensboro just 8-9 since an 11-1 start, and he's also "not real sure" whether leading scorer Diamond Johnson (12.3 points) will play due to a lingering ankle injury.

Biltmore Hills Youth Baseball League Sign-Ups Beginning

Little league sign-up is for ages 9 through 12 at Biltmore Hills Park. We have played baseball in the park since 1964, and we would like to continue providing a place for our kids to play. Please bring your child out to sign up for our little league program.

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LADY BEARS FALL SHORT—The Shaw Lady Bears took on Elizabeth City State Lady Vikings in the 2023 CIAA Women Basketball Finals in Baltimore, MD on February 25th. They lost the game 40-55. The victory by Elizabeth City marks their first CIAA basketball championship.

Shaw's Brittney Seymour led the team with nine points and six rebounds, and Inari Jones had a team high seven rebounds.

Seymour and Tanayia London (six points in the finals) were named as part of the CIAA All-Tournament team. The Bears finished their season with an 18-14 record and concluded the season winning seven of eight games. *Steve Worthy Stock Photo*

Woods, McIlroy Break Ground On High-Tech Golf League Digital Site

PALM BEACH GARDENS, Fla. (AP) — Tiger Woods and Rory McIlroy put the silver-plated shovels into a pile of dirt and left sizable divots.

With that, their high-tech golf league got a bit closer to launch.

The ceremonial groundbreaking for the arena that will house the league that's being called TGL was held Tuesday at Palm Beach State College, with Woods and McIlroy — two of the co-founders of TMRW Sports — there for the first step of actual construction.

TMRW — pronounced "tomorrow" — says TGL play will begin early next year, and the league will be in partnership with the PGA Tour. Woods and McIlroy, so far, have 11 players committed to the league. Besides them, the league will include world No. 1 Jon Rahm, Justin Thomas, Adam Scott, Collin Morikawa, Matt Fitzpatrick, Max Homa, Billy Horschel, Justin Rose and Xander Schauffele.

That list includes six players currently ranked 10th or better in the world, plus the game's biggest draw in Woods.

"In terms of fan experience, it's going to be nothing like golf has offered before," McIlroy said.

The concept is this: six teams of three PGA Tour players, squaring off in match play on a data-driven virtual course that also includes a short-game complex for chipping and putting.

It'll be played on Monday nights, and will take only two hours, with in-arena fans all very close to the action. There will be 15 matches in the regular season, followed by semifinals and a final.

"We're going to have excitement, we're going to have something different, something that is is passionate," Woods said. "We've been involved in teams before whether it's Ryder Cup, President's Cup, Irish national teams, for me high school, college, whatever it is. You're going to get home and away, you're going to get some people that you want to win and not win. We're going to have that type of excitement."

And you can bet on it. Literally, Woods pointed out. "Wagering is part of our sport, part of our culture," Woods said, then turned and looked at McIlroy. "We don't know how to play golf without it."

Access is part of the allure of the concept, along with the technology. Only a handful of fans at typical golf events can get close to the action, and they're often running from hole to hole to stay with a certain group.

TGL players will be mic'd-up, and fans won't have to guess what their thought processes are on certain shots.

"It's going to give the viewer at home and also the people in the arena just more of an in-depth of sort of how we do things and how we sort of think through things in our head," McIlroy said. "It's just a more in-depth look into that."

Mike McCarley, another co-founder and former Golf Channel president, said the arena will be built on a 10-acre (435,600-square feet) parcel of unused land. The partnership includes educational and recreational initiatives that will benefit Palm Beach State students, along with offering paid internships and other opportunities for students in technology, hospitality and administrative services.

"Think about how cool this will be for this land, this campus, to become a launching pad for future leaders in sports and media and technology as they learn here as part of TGL," McCarley said. "We are breaking ground on much more than a dream, much more than a prime-time golf league."



North Carolina Athletes Ink NIL Deals

Crocs has announced its 2023 NIL roster consisting of six top college athletes from around the country. As a brand that celebrates self-expression, Crocs chose six athletes who are not only authentic brand fans but also embody an individualistic sense of self both in and outside

of their sport.

Of these six athletes, four of them have ties to the Raleigh-Durham area:

Jared McCain — Basketball; Committed to Duke University

Armando Bacot — Basketball; University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

Deja Kelly — Basketball; University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

Claire Curzan — Swimming; Stanford University, Raleigh native

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Church

SERMON of the WEEK



WORLD PREMIERE DOCUMENTARY

Our Sunday Service was fascinating this past Sunday because the highlight was unveiling the World Premiere Documentary: "From The Sin Of Slavery To Winning Souls For Christ!" After the service, many people said they felt like they had been to church!

Some early arrivals shared what their expectations of the documentary were before entering the church building by way of a short video clip. Here are some of the comments.

Mr. Clarence Williams said, "I'm really excited about it; the Pastor and I are very good friends, and of course, his videographer, Cash Michaels, is a close friend of mine."

Arleen Foster said she's been a member all her life.

Trustee Marshelle Simmons said he'd been a member 20 plus years, and he came to see and learn more about the history of this wonderful church and the members along the way who are beautiful people.

JoAnn Thomas, a member for over 20 years, said, "Oh yeah, and I'm excited."

Angela Brooks said, "I really am excited about the documentary, and I've been a member for over ten years. I expect to see a lot of things that happened before I came along."

Rev. Dunlap and his son Dunlap Jr. from Sanford, NC, said, "We're excited about coming, and the Ratcliffs are my cousins."

Tonia McIntyre said, "I'm excited about coming. I'm interested and can't wait to see it. I know a lot about Lincoln Park."

Alteen Horton says she's been a member since 1972, and she's waiting to see it.

Leon Foster said he'd been a member all his life, and he's excited and wants to learn about the roots of Lincoln Park, the founders, the builders, and how it all started.

Carolyn Smith said she's excited about the documentary and has been a member for 30-plus years.

Stellar Fowler said, "Oh yeah, I'm excited, and I've been a member since I was 15 years old."

Pastor JoAnn Johnson from Hampton, VA, and her daughter, Monica Curry from Fuquay, said they were excited and gave a thumbs up.

Wake County Sherriff Willie Rowe said it's a blessed day, and he's excited.

Deacon Curtis Boykin, a member for over 30 years, said, "I do you do do do, and his wife Annie said she was very excited."

Deacon Alphonza Cameron and his wife, Mary, said they are ready and able to see it!

Margaret Hinton said, "I expect to get anything good to me."

Raymond Jones and Sandra Pearson said they expect to get a blessing, inspiration, and history about their beloved Pastor and former Bishop, Bishop Ratcliff.

Comments after the Premiere: Michael Gillespie said he loved the documentary. He's been a member since he was a little bidy boy and was once a member of the Lincoln Holiness Church Junior Choir.

Mayor Rico Boyce RPD, "I enjoyed. I felt like I went to church. It was obviously a history class, and I felt like I had a family reunion all at once. It was amazing to see the history of Lincoln Park Holiness Church, and it was very touching and a part of history. And, of course, being Black History Month, it's important that we, as a young generation, know what our ancestors went through, what they built, and what they left for us. That's what Lincoln Park Holiness and the Ratcliffs did back in the day, and look at where we are now. Loving People Helping Community, LPHC."

I'm so proud of Pastor Ratcliff and what he has done here in the community. It's so important to build up our community. You see what's happening around us, and it's so important to have Lincoln Park Holiness and Pastor Ratcliff in the community and building it up."

Mr. Clarence Williams said, "I absolutely enjoyed. It was a fantastic documentary. Pastor Ratcliff and Cash Michaels did an outstanding job chronicling Black History and the church history."

Sandra Pearson said, "Pastor

take a bow. First, thank you for fulfilling your father's dream in legacy. The documentary was a captivating, inspiring historical story of LPHC. Thank you for sharing such a remarkable Saga!"

Jamar McKiver said, "It was so phenomenal. This is the best documentary I have ever seen in my whole entire life. At Lincoln Park Holiness Church, we got it going on. I would love to see this again. I believe others should watch the documentary. I've learned a lot about our Founder, Bishop Eli Ratcliff Sr., Mother Ophelia Burrell, Elizabeth Ratcliff, Trustee Ed Ratcliff, and about the childhood of my Buddy/Pastor Bishop Eli Ratcliff Jr."

My favorite part was when First Lady Emeritus Mot Ratcliff talked about our founder and her husband, Bishop Eli Ratcliff Sr. Also, I like Mother Alston, Lewis Sanders of the Mighty Golden Bells, Sister Judy Turner, and Elder Hunter introducing my Pastor/My Buddy Bishop and all our choirs singing.

The part I liked most was our Pastor William "Billy" Eli Ratcliff telling us about when our founder took Bishop Ratcliff Jr. on a fishing trip and telling about the church and church members. Especially the story about Bishop Eli Ratcliff Sr. telling another preacher, "You will have to deal with me and this shotgun if you or anybody else say you are going to take over Lincoln Park." My most memorable part was how Bishop Ratcliff Jr. carried Pastor and Deacon Horton to Larry's Southern Kitchen Buffet and gave them words of wisdom. Finally, one more thing was how Pastor Shirley Caesar spoke about Bishop Ratcliff, Jr and how she changed the word of one of her songs for the documentary and sang how she remembered Bishop Ratcliff Jr. in a happy way. I can't wait for the next viewing."

Thank you for reading our weekly sermons. To view past sermons by Pastor William (Billy) Eli Ratcliff and associate ministers, please visit our YouTube Channel. You will also find the trailer to the documentary at <https://youtu.be/2JNJ68RLQzo>.

cannot see in the dark without light, thus one cannot know what is in the dark, this produces fear of the unseen and the unknown of what one can't see.

When we read the account of the disciples in the boat, along with Jesus, caught in the heavy storm on the sea of Galilee, we have a perfect example of men taking on the instinct of fear. Even with Jesus on board, the disciples were still frightened of the storm. When Jesus was awakened, He got up and calmed the wind and waves by His spoken words, "Peace Be still." He then turned to His scared disciples and chided them about not having enough faith (Mark 4:39).

Other than the incident of John the Baptist being beheaded earlier for "calling out" the adulterous act of king Herod, the storm incident was the first time Jesus witnessed His disciples struggle in fear. Jesus didn't want His disciples to have fear because this would hinder and destroy their witnessing and preaching of the Good News of the Gospel. Jesus took His disciple through this event in the storm to teach them to have faith and not fear what apparently had threatened them. The feeding of the five and four thousand people respectably was another teachable moment for Jesus with His disciples about faith.

There was the time when Jesus and three of His close disciples had just come down from a high and holy experience from the Mountain of Transfiguration and ran into a frightened father whose son was tormented by the devil throwing the son in the fire and water. Those disciples who were left behind could not heal the father's son as requested. Jesus being disappointment

chided His disciples for not having enough faith to cast out the demon in the boy. Jesus healed the father's son when the father told Him I believe the Lord but help my unbelief. The disciples expressed no faith at all. Jesus spent quality time with His disciples encouraging them to believe in Him. "Let not your heart be troubled; If you Believe in My Father, then you believe also in Me" (John 14:1-2).

Without faith it is impossible to please God (Hebrews 11:6). A test of belief in faith can be seen in the following statement: If you were invited to go fishing out on a lake of ice, which condition would you rather have; A whole lot of faith and standing on two inches of ice, or having just a little bit of faith and standing on two feet of ice? Where would you rather stand and fish on the ice?

The reason it is impossible to please God without faith, for the simple reason who would want somebody to live with them for eternity and the visitor doesn't believe or trust in the One who built the house? Faith is the key to Heaven and God's heart.

God gives every person a "measure" of faith when they come to Him (Romans 12:3). It is up to the Believer to keep the faith. God has not given His children a spirit of fear, but of power, and of love and of a sound mind (2 Timothy 1:7).

Fear on the outside knocks at the door. Faith on the inside opens the door and fear is nowhere to be found. Fear brings the darkness faith turns on the light and fear is nowhere to be found.

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Why God's Pronouns Matter

By Annie Selak

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The Church of England is considering what language and pronouns should be used to refer to God.

The church's General Synod has, however, clarified that it will not abolish or substantially revise any of the currently authorized liturgies. Nonetheless, this news made headlines and brought up questions of how religions refer to God. Is God male? What pronouns should be used to refer to God?

As a Catholic feminist theologian who runs a women's center at a Catholic university, I understand the impact of the pronouns Christians use for God. Historically, Christian tradition has recognized many pronouns for God, including "he/him," "she/her" and "they/them." This is partly because God does not have a gender. Despite the diverse images used for God in Scripture and Christian tradition, male language and images predominate in contemporary Christian worship.

Many images for God. When we speak about God, we do so knowing that what we say is incomplete. All images for God reveal something about God. No image of God is literal or reveals everything about God.

For example, while Christians can refer to God as a king, they must also remember that God is not literally a king. Calling God a king expresses that God is powerful. However, it is not expressing factual accuracy about God's gender or implying that God is human.

Referring to God with many titles, descriptions and images invites many of us to recognize the

mystery of God. God is like all of these things but also more than all of these things.

Thomas Aquinas, an influential 13th-century Catholic theologian, asserted that individuals can talk about God in ways that are true but always inadequate. Aquinas explained that our language about God affirms something about God, yet God is always beyond that which we can express. We express truths about God in human terms and constructs, but since God is mystery, God is always beyond these categories.

Scripture is filled with multiple images of God. In some of these images, God is depicted as a father or male. Jesus teaching his disciples to pray the "Our Father" prayer is perhaps the most well-known example of a male title for God.

In other parts of Scripture, God is female. The prophet Isaiah compares God to a nursing mother in the Book of Isaiah. A mother hen gathering her chicks is an analogy for God in the Gospel of Matthew. The Book of Wisdom, a book in the Catholic Bible, depicts wisdom personified as a woman. Wisdom 10:18-19 states: "She took them across the Red Sea and brought them through deep waters. Their enemies she overwhelmed." This account presents God as female, leading Moses and the Israelites out of Egypt and into the Promised Land.

Depicting God as female in Scripture speaks to God's tenderness as well as strength and power. For example, the prophet Hosea compares God with a bear robbed of her cubs, promising to "attack and rip open" those who break the covenant.

Elsewhere in Scripture, God has no gender. God appears to Moses in the burning bush in Exodus 3, defying all gender categories. The Book of 1 Kings presents a gentle image of a gender-neutral God. God asked the prophet Elijah to go to a mountain. While there, Elijah experienced a strong wind, an earthquake and fire, but God was not present in those. Instead, God was present in a gentle whisper. The creation stories of Genesis refer to God in the plural. These examples emphasize that God has no gender and is beyond any human categories.

The social impact of male pronouns

Pronouns, like "He/Him" in the Christian tradition, can limit one's understanding of God. It can also make many individuals think that God is male.

It is not wrong to refer to God with male pronouns, but it can have negative social and theological consequences to refer to God with only male pronouns.

Feminist theologian Mary Daly famously stated, "If God is male, then the male is God." In other words, referring to God only as the male gender has a significant social impact that can exalt one gender at the expense of others.

Referring to God only as male can also limit one's theological imagination: Using many pronouns for God emphasizes that God is mystery, beyond all human categories.

The Church of England is not only responding to modern questions about gender, but also continuing a long tradition within Christianity of referring to God as male, female and beyond gender constructs.



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ONE MAN'S EXPERIENCE WITH BLACK ON BLACK CRIME

By Rodney Ross

Contributor

By the time I was 15 or 16, I lost my first male cousin. He was not a street thug, nor into drugs. He was coming home from work, robbed and shot dead. His body was thrown in a dumpster. He lived in Baltimore Maryland. Years later the HBO hit sensation "The Wire" graphically explored the reality of inner city life where education is subpar, economic opportunities do not exist, and like starving rats, everyone is fighting for the same crumbs.

When I was 18, I lost my 2nd male cousin. He was only 18 for five months. His girlfriend gave birth to their son only a month after he was murdered. The only two places he visited outside of his home state were Baltimore, Maryland and Tarboro, North Carolina. Unlike the prior cousin, he had a quiet lust for the streets. The angel of death came in the form of kids he literally grew up with. The cemetery where he was laid to rest and the hospital he was born are both walking distances from where he was shot. Graves are on top of each other, and loaded with under 20 year olds.

By the time I turned 21, I was in the military and engaged. I had my orders for my next duty station in California and we were trying to decide if we should get married before I shipped out west or after. We were in love and we knew we wanted to be together. The night of South Carolina State's homecoming, I had a near fatal car accident. I was driving alone. During my second week in the hospital, the phone to my hospital room rang. I picked up and a mutual friend broke the news that my fiancé was dead. She was brutally raped, sodomized and drowned in her tub. She was a victim of brute forced entry of her home and a robbery. I lost my mind because I wasn't there to protect her. My leg was in traction, and I required multiple surgeries, but there was no surgery for my heart and my soul. My fiancé was a business woman and a mother of a young daughter who was 3 at the time. Her mother would never get to see her excell scholastically, join the military, or become a wife.

This same 3 year old girl lost her great grandmother by the time she was 6. A relative was on drugs and murdered the great grandmother while trying to steal money for drugs. He burned the house down to hide his deed. But the fire did not burn DNA. He ultimately confessed.

The cousin I lost when I was 18 had a sister who was a few years younger. She had her first child, a son when she was just 16. She was coping with the violent loss of her brother and perhaps that boy was the gift she needed to find light in so much darkness. And he was. Her son grew up to be a gentleman, honest, and had nothing to do with the streets. For a better life, she left up north and moved to Charlotte, North Carolina to insulate herself and her children from an ecosystem that seemed to beget unfettered crime. In 2022, she lost her son to street violence. Although he had no gang ties, affiliations or "beefs", he was in the wrong place at the wrong time. Bullets that hit him were aimed at someone else. His mother had to walk through that loss with the same footing as when she lost her brother.

The first time I had a gun in my face, I was in preschool. My mother picked me up and we walked home. It was during autumn and I remember how long my shadow was on the ground when we started the walk, and the sky had gone dark by the time we reached the street we lived on. I could see our home. The man demanded for my mother to hand over her pocketbook and pointed the gun in my face and told my mother if she screamed he would shoot her and me.

The second time I had guns in my face, I was in the wrong place at the wrong time. I stopped by to visit some people on the streets that I knew and they turned on me. They took my car at gunpoint. I later learned that someone was killed shortly before I arrived and the people who robbed me were implicated in that murder. They more or less stole my car to get away.

The next time I had a gun pointed at me, it was by law enforcement. At this point, the profiling of black men had gotten out of hand. This predates the terrorist attack that transpired on September 11. In fact I had not been a civilian long after being medically discharged from the military. In short, I went to visit a distant relative on a rough side of town for his birthday. As soon as I picked him up at his home, a law enforcement officer who had been surveilling the neighborhood, hit me with the blue lights and pulled me over. In our exchange, the officer began to verbally assault me. From behind his car door and his pistol drawn he said "shut your punk black ass up". My response was "shut me up". He said "just wait". He called back up and I took my share of a Rodney King size beating. The worst part being handcuffed and having my head held in place while one of the officers stomped in my face and leaving me with a slight fracture that I still feel every time I fly in airplanes. The landings are brutal.

That was the worst physical case of police profiling. All of the other times, I can legitimately say there was something wrong with my tags or insurance, speeding, or no seatbelt that got me pulled over. Ever since then, my seatbelt stays on, I'm close to the speed limit, and I keep insurance. I don't get pulled over anymore.

The last two times I've had issues with my personal property being violated, it was by black men. From the time my hair was as black as midnight, to now, where my hair is mostly grey, I've seldom had issues of overt violence and transgression with people who didn't look like me. The lion share has always been with my own people. When my cousins and fiancé died, there was no march. In fact, we were begging the police to find the people and bring them to justice. In other words, mainstream media is treating black america like a joke, sensationalizing our struggle for tv ratings and for self glorification of those who parade in front of the camera. They're not really activists because the only time they're active in the community is when there's airtime available. The second we call for accountability, somehow we either sold out or lost touch with the struggle of being black. That is such a cop out response and one that should be met with the highest level of scorn and contempt.

I'm putting this on the black men. Call it like it is and not how it might be. We can have peaceful neighborhoods. I've witnessed this too. It starts with reminding people to have pride in themselves. We are too often sloppy in public, profane and vulgar. How many times have you been in a family restaurant and our young men smell like they burned a pound of marijuana just before going to eat pancakes at IHOP. Tactfully offering critique shouldn't end in chalk lines and yellow tape. We men do a huge disservice to our future generations by not educating them on our predecessors. Teach them about Marcus, Medgar, Malcom, and Martin. Educate them on Josiah, Booker T., and Benjamin Banneker. Those that were martyred deserve to have their names remembered just as much as those who have contributed with their genius to innovate and make life as we know it today possible. We have heroes in every war that helped America become the country it is. Do not let the mainstream manipulate you with our choice of entertainment and only spotlight the most destructive qualities from our people. That is full fledged propaganda and it was a tactic employed by the monstrous Aolph Hitler. Educate yourself on how this man used those very tactics to vilify and normalize the persecution of an entire scope of people simply because of their choice of worship. You should never in your natural life feel like you are labeled and casted to be someone unworthy of a good quality of life simply because you are born black.



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NOW GO AND TELL THAT!

Sometimes with new information we are provoked to change our minds. I've not had this experience this month. Let me explain. This month I have taken it upon myself to collect information about the contributions of Africans and African Americans to share with friends and family each morning through text. There is much I knew, there is much I suspected but more than anything, I've learned the facts of how much our race has contributed to this world. The thing I haven't changed my mind about is that I still believe that integration, especially through busing, has set us and our progress back substantially. I thought it in the 1960's, I thought it in the 1970's, and here it is 2023 and I continue to think it now. I think we had the wrong premises for the wrong reasons that lead to wrong conclusions.

There were those who believed that segregation was unconstitutional and that premise I believe is true. They knew that more money was being spent for students in the segregated white schools than the segregated black schools. I believe that was also true; however, the belief that more money being spent on students in a school would cause our children to benefit from the money was a mistaken conclusion. Ever more important was the environment psychologically that met our children when they arrived at those schools. Ever more important was time lost going to and coming back from those schools. Even more important was being able to look around in a classroom and not seeing people (or enough people) who looked like you. Even more important was a continuing reduction of the number of people who taught you, that looked like you. Ever more important was the ability to see yourself represented in the extra-curricular offerings of the school. It was important to see yourself in the band, on the cheerleading squad, in the National Honor society, in the student body representation, in all aspects of school life. It was important to not see yourself over represented in "special education" classes, and to not have to defend your very value from the moment you walked into such a school. These are factors we dismissed.

So now we have to play catch up. We have to teach our children the truth now and we've got a lot of help. In our churches, neighborhoods, school clubs and organizations we must provide our children with the truth. We have a prolific amount of information and a large group of researchers and writers whose purpose it seems is to give us the information we need. I downloaded 750 that gave me pictures and commentary revealing contributions that we have made as Africans and African Americans in this one month alone. Yet the governor of Virginia who roared into his election by promising "their" children no exposure to the 1619 project. Now he is renouncing that he's going to review programs in the school that include African American studies. Please!! I don't think his intention to review them is an affirmation of his desire to learn or teach. So we continue to have those who would like to stay ignorant of that truth.

I was surprised this month to see a quote from Martin Luther King Jr that said "I fear I may have integrated my people into a burning house". Who knew, I sure didn't. I also learned something that I suspected. I learned and have pictures of mahogany hued Asians and Native Americans. I've discovered a tribe of Africans who have naturally blond hair and light eyes. I've learned that Ben Crump now has a college of law named after him. I loved that W.E.B. DuBois said after earning his PHD from Harvard, as a first, "The honor, I assure you, was Harvard's". There are at least 52 inventions attributed to African Americans that we use everyday from air conditioners, to remote controls, call waiting, fountain pens, etc. from 1719 to present. One day my column will just be a list of all I found in 30 days.

I'm not in charge of the order of the world, I submit that fact to God but I believe He allows us to make mistakes and correct them with His help. Despite our uninformed beliefs about what integration would do for our children, His intent for them has been for a positive purpose and it is no surprise to me to see it reported that 3 black kids, Ramarni Wilfred, Anala Beevers, and Alannah George have some of the highest IQ's in the world as children. Higher than Bill Gates and Stephen Hawking. Now go and tell that! I'm continuing this pursuit throughout the year because 365 can't contain our contributions and 28 days does not even begin to scratch the surface of the wealth of information that informs, celebrates and connects our past, present and future.



Glen Mollette Speaks

By Glen Mollette

AMERICA'S WARS, WHO ARE THE WINNERS?

America was involved in Vietnam for 20 years. Our presence started small but by 1965 had significantly escalated. 3.1 million troops saw combat and at least 58,300 were killed. We spent over \$120 billion from 1965 to 1973 which led to an oil crisis and rampant inflation. Are you better off today because America fought in Vietnam? Are you safer?

America spent over \$2 trillion fighting in Iraq and Afghanistan. Then, we hurried and pulled out of Afghanistan leaving hundreds of millions of dollars in vehicles, buildings, bases, and weapons to be used by the Taliban. The country is now in shambles. Girls are not allowed to go to school beyond the sixth grade. Women are treated horribly by the Taliban. What did we do to help Afghanistan? Are they better off now? Are we better off for our 13 years in that country?

We invaded Iraq. We lost over 15,000 active service members and contractors in Iraq and Afghanistan. Take a look at Iraq and Afghanistan today. What did we accomplish?

We approved \$113 billion in aid to Ukraine in 2022 alone. Most Americans do not want Russia to succeed in conquering Ukraine. Efforts to help Ukraine have been supported by most Americans. How far do we go? How much can we afford? How long are we able to keep this up? Does this become another Afghanistan? American troops are not there, yet. When will this happen?

When do we start fighting in Taiwan? China wants to control Taiwan. Taiwan is rich in resources and technology. Like Russia wanting Ukraine because of its proximity and resources, China figures it just makes sense for them to control neighboring Taiwan.

China is reportedly on the verge, if not already sending military arms to Russia. As America depletes our own defense stockpile of missiles, tanks and more, China knows we will have less to send to Taiwan. We have recently sent 200 soldiers to Taiwan and more will be going. It is scary to ponder how many more will be going in the next year or two.

In the middle of all this, who is really profiting from America's forever wars? The Military Industrial Complex will continue to make hundreds of millions of dollars with no end in sight. Manufacturers of mass weapons used in war have no end to their financial gains. Politicians who own stock in these massive companies only stand to get richer and richer. How many thousands of shares of stock in these companies do our long-term Senators and Representatives own? Stopping or slowing our military aggressions around the globe would mean their stock would go down and their massive financial fortunes would be diminished.

Politicians should not be allowed to buy stock while in office. Before running for a political office they should be required to cash their stock out so they are not financially persuaded to promote the success of certain industries.

We don't want Ukraine to fall to Russia or Taiwan to China. However, what will our country have left to fight with after we have spent billions of dollars defending them? If your livelihood comes from investments in the massive military weapon sales industries, then you are probably spending most of your time counting your money.



AN APPEAL FOR HUMAN RIGHTS

As the Children's Defense Fund proudly reinvigorates its Black Student Leadership Network for Children for a new generation, the close of Black History Month provides one more chance to look back at earlier waves of activism that helped bring us this far on the way. When my Spelman College classmate and fellow Merrill Scholar Roslyn Pope passed away earlier this year, it prompted many people to remember her key role while serving as Spelman's student body president at a pivotal moment in 1960: drafting the "Appeal for Human Rights" that became the manifesto for Atlanta students in the Civil Rights Movement.

It is not often in a young person's—or anyone's—life when great leaders and great turning points in history converge and sweep us up in a movement, and my generation was blessed beyond measure to be in the right places at the right times to experience and help bring transforming change to the South and to America. Black students had been galvanized by the February 1, 1960 sit-down demonstration by four Black North Carolina A&T (Agricultural and Technical) State University students at a Woolworth's lunch counter in Greensboro, North Carolina. Many Black students in Atlanta and elsewhere were equally ready to strike our blow for freedom. In March, student leaders and the student body president from each of the Black colleges making up the Atlanta University Center—Morehouse, Spelman, Clark, Morris Brown, Atlanta University, and the Interdenominational Theological Center—came together to sign "An Appeal for Human Rights," which was published in full-page ads March 9, 1960, in the Atlanta Constitution, Atlanta Journal, and Atlanta Daily World, reprinted in The New York Times and elsewhere, and read into the Congressional Record.

The Appeal stated that "every normal human being wants to walk the earth with dignity and abhors any and all proscriptions upon him because of race or color. In essence, this is the meaning of the sit-down protests that are sweeping this nation today. We do not intend to wait placidly for those rights which are ours already legally and morally to be meted out to us one at a time. We want to state clearly and unequivocally that we cannot tolerate, in a nation professing democracy and among people professing Christianity, the discriminatory conditions under which the Negro is living today."

It detailed the gross inequalities and discrimination in education, jobs, housing, voting, hospitals, movies, concerts, restaurants, and law enforcement, and after calling on all the adults in authority of all races and on all leaders in civic life—ministers, teachers, and business people—"and all people of good will to exert themselves and abolish those general injustices," we announced our "plans to use every legal and nonviolent means at our disposal to secure full citizenship rights as members of this great Democracy of ours."

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This, the 9th day of February, 2023.

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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.

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This, the 9th day of February, 2023.

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This the 9th day of February, 2023.

Billie Jo Mabry aka Billie Mabry Wilson
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2/9, 2/16, 2/23 and 3/2/2023

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.

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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

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
ADAI REALTY GROUP, LLC v. CHRISTY L. HOWARD, JENNIFER H. LEONCE, MICROF and PORTFOLIO RECOVERY ASSOCIATES, LLC

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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

Notice to Creditors

Having qualified as Administrator of the Estate of Eugene Richardson, late of 405 E. Pilot St., Apt. E3, Durham, Durham County, North Carolina, the undersigned does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate of said decedent to exhibit them to the undersigned at Law Office of Ken Hirsh, 1821 Hillandale RD, STE 1B-344, Durham, North Carolina 27705, on or before the 19th day of May, 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 16th day of February, 2023.

/s/ Ewanda L. Richardson
Administrator of the Estate of

Eugene Richardson
Kenneth J. Hirsh
Law Office of Ken Hirsh
1821 Hillandale RD STE 1B-344
Durham, NC 27705
2/16, 2/23, 3/2, 3/9/2023
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 164

The Undersigned, having qualified as Administrator of the Estate of Shela Ann Hill, 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 18th 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 16th day of February, 2023.

Quintelia H. Mitchell
Administrator
1413 Ridgeway Avenue
Durham, NC 27701
2/16, 2/23, 3/2 and 3/9/2023
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 163

The Undersigned, having qualified as Executor of the Estate of Vyrtee B. Hight, 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 18th 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 16th day of February, 2023.

Robert E. Hight
Executor
c/o Marion Law Office, PLLC
2741 University Drive
Durham, NC 27707
2/16, 2/23, 3/2 and 3/9/2023
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 134

The Undersigned, having qualified as Executor of the Estate of Carol S. Scott a/k/a Carolyn Ada Scott, 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 18th 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 16th day of February, 2023.

Michael Harley Scott
Executor
250 Wind Shadow Court
Roswell, GA 30075-2830
2/16, 2/23, 3/2 and 3/9/2023
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 178

The Undersigned, having qualified as Administrator of the Estate of Virgie Garrett Bassinov, 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 18th 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 16th day of February, 2023.

Harvey Garrett
Administrator CTA
1238 Surl Mr. Tirzah Road
Timberlake, NC 27583
2/16, 2/23, 3/2 and 3/9/2023

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
The undersigned, Norma L.

Daye, having duly qualified as Executrix of the Estate of Charles Edward Daye, deceased, late of Durham County, North Carolina, hereby notifies all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the Estate to present them to the undersigned in care of Ronald G. Coulter, Attorney for the Estate, 3400 Croasdaile Drive, Suite 205, Durham, North Carolina 27705, on or before May 19, 2023 or it will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to the Estate will please make immediate payment.

This the 16th day of February, 2023.

Norma L. Daye
Executrix
C/O Ronald G. Coulter
Attorney at Law
3400 Croasdaile Drive
Suite 205
Durham, NC 27705
1-919-246-5775

2/16, 2/23, 3/2 and 3/9/2023
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 154

The Undersigned, having qualified as Executor of the Estate of Frances Duke Riley, a/k/a Frances Riley, 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 18th 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 16th day of February, 2023.

Sandra Cole
Executor
25 Walkabout Way
Chapel Hill, 27516
2/16, 2/23, 3/2 and 3/9/2023

NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND DEBTORS OF TARA THOMPSON a/k/a TARA ELIZABETH THOMPSON

All persons, firms, and corporations having claims against Tara Thompson a/k/a Tara Elizabeth Thompson, now deceased, are notified to exhibit them to Richard Lewis Thompson, Executor of the decedent's estate, on or before the 16th day of May, 2023, at Post Office Box 2290, Burlington, North Carolina 27216, or be barred from their recovery.

Debtors of the decedent are asked to make immediate payment to the above-named Executor.

Richard Lewis Thompson
Executor of the Estate of Tara Thompson
a/k/a Tara Elizabeth Thompson
(23 E 65)

C. Thomas Steele, Jr.
Pittman & Steele, PLLC
Post Office Box 2290
Burlington, NC 27216
336-270-4440
February 16 and 23 and March 2 and 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 183

The Undersigned, having qualified as Executor of the Estate of Howard Monroe Fitts, Jr., late of Durham County, North Carolina, hereby wishes to notify all persons having claims against the Estate of said deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned at the below listed address on or before the 26th 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 23rd day of February, 2023.

Howard Arnold Fitts
Executor
7312 Arbron Dr
Durham, NC 27713
2/23, 3/2, 3/9 and 3/16/2023
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 120

The Undersigned, having qualified as Administrator of the Estate of Elaine H. Yarborough, 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 25th 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 23rd day of February, 2023.

Felicia M. Yarborough
Administrator
611 Nash Street
Durham, NC 27707
2/23, 3/2, 3/9 and 3/16/2023
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 93

The Undersigned, having qualified as Administrator of the Estate of Sandra Faye Saunders, 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 26th 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 23rd day of February, 2023.

Bartow Saunders III
Administrator
25 Burgess Lane
Durham, NC 27707
2/23, 3/2, 3/9 and 3/16/2023

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The undersigned having qualified as Executor of the Estate of EARL O. FARLOW a/k/a EARL ODOM FARLOW Deceased, late of Durham County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the Estate to exhibit them to the undersigned at the office of IDOL LAW, PLLC, PO Box 51759, Durham, North Carolina 27712, on or before the 26th day of May, 2023, or this Notice will be in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to the Estate will please make immediate payment.

This is the 23rd day of February, 2023.

Gary F. Farlow
Executor
Estate of Earl O. Farlow a/k/a Earl Odom Farlow, Deceased.
Robert A. Idol, Esquire
IDOL LAW, PLLC
Attorney at Law
PO Box 51759
Durham, NC 27717
(919) 401-5151
2/23, 3/2, 3/9 and 3/16/2023

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The undersigned having qualified as Executor of the Estate of BETSY M. FARLOW a/k/a BETSY MERLE FARLOW Deceased, late of Durham County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the Estate to exhibit them to the undersigned at the office of IDOL LAW, PLLC, PO Box 51759, Durham, North Carolina 27712, on or before the 26th day of May, 2023, or this Notice will be in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to the Estate will please make immediate payment.

This is the 23rd day of February, 2023.

Gary F. Farlow
Executor
Estate of Betsy M. Farlow a/k/a Betsy Merle Farlow, Deceased.
Robert A. Idol, Esquire
IDOL LAW, PLLC
Attorney at Law
PO Box 51759
Durham, NC 27717
(919) 401-5151
2/23, 3/2, 3/9 and 3/16/2023

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The undersigned, having qualified as Executors of the Estate of MEREDITH SLANE PERSON AKA MEREDITH SLANE FINCH MICHEMER of Durham County, North Carolina, do hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against said estate to present them to the undersigned on or before May 24, 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 23rd day of February, 2023.

CIBC National Trust Company
Co-Executor of the Estate of

Classifieds

DURHAM COUNTY

Meredith Slane Person aka
Meredith Slane Finch Michener
3290 Northside Parkway NW
7th Floor
Atlanta, GA 30327
Sumner Slane Finch
Co-Executor of the Estate of
Meredith Slane Person aka
Meredith Slane Finch Michener
1204 Westwood Avenue
High Point, NC 27262
Edgar S. Levy III
Gallimore Levy Chrisawn Gallimore
PLLC 1838 Eastchester Drive
Ste 100
High Point, NC 27265
Telephone: (336) 754-8489
2/23, 3/2, 3/9 and 3/16/2023
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
DURHAM COUNTY

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
THE UNDERSIGNED, having qualified on the 10th day of February, 2023, as Executor of the ESTATE OF PATRICIA HARDING NESTLER A/K/A PATRICIA NESTLER, Deceased, of Durham County, North Carolina, do hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against said Estate to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the 24th day of May, 2023 or this Notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said Estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This, the 23rd day of February, 2023.
KATHRYN NESTLER
EXECUTOR
ESTATE OF PATRICIA HARDING NESTLER
A/K/A PATRICIA NESTLER
c/o Shirley M. Diefenbach, Attorney
Walker Lambe, PLLC
Post Office Box 51549
Durham, North Carolina 27717
2/23, 3/2, 3/9 and 3/16/2023

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
2023 E 204
ALL PERSONS, firms and corporations having claims against Omelia L. Walker, of Durham County, N.C., are notified to exhibit the same to the undersigned on or before the 25th day of May 2023, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of recovery. Debtors of the decedent are asked to make immediate payment.

This the 23rd day of February, 2023.
Tanya Wiley
7718 Abbottsinch Court
Charlotte, NC 28269
2/23, 3/2, 3/9 and 3/16/2023
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 26th 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 23rd day of February, 2023.
Mary Caroline Weaver
Executor
2222 West Club Blvd
Durham, NC 27705
2/23, 3/2, 3/9 and 3/16/23
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 26th 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 23rd day of February, 2023.
Sherri Morrison
Administratrix
2290 Merck Drive
Unit 203
Winston Salem, NC 27106
2/23, 3/2, 3/9 and 3/16/23
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 26th 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 23rd day of February, 2023.
Deborah H. Walker
Administratrix
357 Barrett Street
Danville, VA 24541
2/23, 3/2, 3/9 and 3/16/23
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 233

The Undersigned, having qualified as Executor of the Estate of Henry Jack Wilkerson, 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 26th 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 23rd day of February, 2023.
Jill Wilkerson Smith
Executor
1109 Lynch Cir.
Warminster, PA 18974
2/23, 3/2, 3/9 and 3/16/23

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
File Number 23 E 179

Having qualified as the personal representative of the estate of James W. Faucette, late of Durham County, NC, Jill F. Hofler, the undersigned, does hereby notify all persons, firms, and corporations having claims against the estate of decedent to exhibit them to the undersigned at 1007 Vickers Ave., Durham, NC 27707, on or before June 15, 2023, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to the estate will please make prompt payment to the undersigned.

This the 23rd day of February, 2023.
Jill Faucette Hofler
Executrix
Wilfred F. Drake, P.C.
Attorney for the Estate
1007 Vickers Ave.
Durham, NC 27707
919-683-8441
2/23, 3/2, 3/9 and 3/16/23

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
ESTATE OF DAVID FREDERICK WILLIAM GRANT
DURHAM COUNTY
FILE NO. 2023 E 195

All persons, firms, and corporations having claims against David Frederick William Grant deceased, of Durham County, North Carolina are notified to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the 26th day of May, 2023 or be barred from their recovery. Debtors of the decedent are asked to make immediate payment.

This the 23rd day of February, 2023.
Sharron Grant
Executor
1107 Grangerford Ct.
Durham, NC 27703

Attorney, Walter Brodie Burwell, Jr.
Envisage Law
2601 Oberlin Road, Suite 100
Raleigh, NC 27608
2/23, 3/2, 3/9 and 3/16/23

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
ESTATE OF ROSALIE RANKIN FONDA
File No. 23 E 88

Having qualified as Executor of the Estate of Rosalie Rankin Fonda, the undersigned does hereby notify all persons, firms, and corporations having claims against the estate to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before April 24, 2023, or this notice will be plead in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This the 23rd day of February,

2023
John Rankin Fonda
Executor of the Estate of Rosalie Rankin Fonda
1019 McCarley Blvd.
Wilmington, N.C. 28412
3/2, 3/9, 3/16 and 3/23/23

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Having qualified as Executor of the Estate of Linda Gilliam AKA Linda Harris Gilliam FKA Linda Darrielle Harris, late of Durham County, North Carolina, the undersigned does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate of said decedent to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the 5th day of June, 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 2nd day of March, 2023.
David Harris
Executor of the Estate of Linda Gilliam AKA Linda Harris Gilliam FKA Linda Darrielle Harris
c/o Lori M. Bernstein
Attorney at Law
2726 Croasdaile Dr. Suite 202
Durham, North Carolina 27705
3/2, 3/9, 3/16 and 3/23/23
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 235

The Undersigned, having qualified as Administrator of the Estate of Harriet Holtzman, 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 5th day of June 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 March, 2023.
Jack Holtzman
Administrator
2736 Dogwood Road
Durham, NC 27705
3/2, 3/9, 3/16 and 3/23/23

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
The undersigned having qualified as Executor of the Estate of MARVIN LIONEL HEDGEPEETH, Deceased, late of Durham County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the Estate to Exhibit them to the undersigned at the office of IDOL LAW, PLLC, PO Box 51759, Durham, North Carolina 27717, on or before the 5th day of June, 2023, or this Notice will be in bar of their recovery.

All persons indebted to the Estate will please make immediate payment.

This is the 2nd day of March, 2023.
Lisa A. Hedgepeth, Executor
Estate of Marvin Lionel Hedgepeth, Deceased

Robert A. Idol, Esquire
IDOL LAW, PLLC
Attorney at Law
PO Box 51759
Durham, NC 27717
(919)401.5151

3/2, 3/9, 3/16 and 3/23/23
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 99

The Undersigned, having qualified as Administrator of the Estate of Martha Ann Banfield a/k/a Martha A. Banfield, 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 5th day of June 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 March, 2023.
Steven W. Arrington
Administrator
PO Box 4753
Greensboro, NC 27404
3/2, 3/9, 3/16 and 3/23/23

Notice to Creditors
Having qualified as Administrator of the Estate of Eldridge Lucky Avent Olive, late of 2201 S. Alston St., Durham, Durham County, North Carolina, the undersigned does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate of said decedent

to exhibit them to the undersigned at Law Office of Ken Hirsh, 1821 Hillandale RD, STE 1B-344, Durham, North Carolina 27705, on or before the 5th day of June, 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 23rd day of February, 2023.
/s/ David Olive
Administrator of the Estate of
Eldridge Lucky Avent Olive
Kenneth J. Hirsh
Law Office of Ken Hirsh
1821 Hillandale RD STE 1B-344
Durham, NC 27705
3/2, 3/9, 3/16 and 3/23/23

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
ESTATE OF DAVID FREDERICK WILLIAM GRANT
DURHAM COUNTY
FILE NO. 2023 E 195

All persons, firms, and corporations having claims against David Frederick William Grant deceased, of Durham County, North Carolina are notified to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before June 5, 2023, or be barred from their recovery. Debtors of the decedent are asked to make immediate payment.

This 2nd day of March, 2023.
Sharron Grant, Executor
1107 Grangerford Ct.
Durham, NC 27703

Attorney, Walter Brodie Burwell, Jr.
Envisage Law
2601 Oberlin Road, Suite 100
Raleigh, NC 27608

3/2, 3/9, 3/16 and 3/23/23
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 149

The Undersigned, having qualified as Administrator of the Estate of Cary H. Glass a/k/a Cary Howard Glass, 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 5th day of June 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 March, 2023.
Littleton David Glass
Administrator
617 Preston Andrews Rd.
Bahama, NC 27503
3/2, 3/9, 3/16 and 3/23/23

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
COUNTRY OF DURHAM
23 E 216

All persons, firms and corporations having claims against WILLIE BENNIE HAYES deceased, are notified to exhibit them to Travis Whitt Williams, Executor of the decedent's estate on or before June 2, 2023, c/o James C. Stanford Attorney for the Estate, at P. O. Drawer 1529, Hillsborough, North Carolina 27278, or be forever barred from their recovery. Debtors of the decedent are asked to make immediate payment to the above named Executor.

This the 2nd day of March, 2023.
Travis Whitt Williams
Executor of the Estate of Willie Bennie Hayes
Coleman, Gledhill, Hargrave, Merritt & Rainsford, P.C.
James C. Stanford
Attorney for Estate
P.O. Drawer 1529
Hillsborough, NC 27278
(919) 732-2196

March 2nd, 9th, 16th and 23rd
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 1502

The Undersigned, having qualified as Administrator of the Estate of Michael G. Beamon, 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 5th day of June 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 March, 2023.
Earlene Beamon
Administrator CTA
720 Ferris Road

Durham, NC 27704
3/2, 3/9, 3/16 and 3/23/23
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
DURHAM COUNTY

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
File No. 22 E 1291

All persons, firms and corporations having claims against the Estate of WILLIE ENNIS SMITH, JR., Deceased, of Durham County, N.C., are notified to present the same to the Personal Representative listed below on or before the 5th day of May, 2023, or this Notice will be pleaded in bar of recovery.

All debtors of the said Estate are asked to make immediate payment.

This 2nd day of March, 2023.
Anya Smith Walker
Ltd Personal Representative
4 Andi Ct

Durham, NC 27713-2778
3/2, 3/9, 3/16 and 3/23/23
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF DURHAM

EXECUTOR'S NOTICE TO CREDITORS OF HARRY FRANCIS DAWLEY, JR., DECEASED

The undersigned, GARY LUKE, having duly qualified as Executor of the Estate of HARRY FRANCIS DAWLEY, JR. deceased, late of Durham County, North Carolina, notify all persons, firms, and corporations having claims against the estate of said deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned at the law office of Sharon A. Thompson, Attorney, at 401 W. Knox Street, Durham, NC 27701, on or before 5th day of May, 2023, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery.

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

This 2nd day of March, 2023.
GARY LUKE
Executor of the Estate of HARRY FRANCIS DAWLEY, JR.
3/2, 3/9, 3/16 and 3/23/23

JOHNSTON COUNTY

NORTH CAROLINA
JOHNSTON COUNTY
In The General Court of Justice
Civil District Division
File Number: 22 CV 003948
NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION
Daniel Evans,

vs.
Jena Marie Lewis, DEFENDANT.
TO: Jena Marie Lewis, DEFENDANT.

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

You are required to make defense to such pleading no later than the 6th day of April, 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 23rd day of February, 2023.
Daniel Evans
196 Lee Trace Dr
Smithfield, NC 27577-2757
2/23, 3/2 and 3/9/23

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 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

vs.
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
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 2023E000331

The Undersigned, having qualified as Administrator of the Estate of Betty H. Zimmerman, late of Wake County, North Carolina, hereby wishes to notify all persons having claims against the Estate of

Classifieds

WAKE COUNTY

said deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned at the below listed address on or before the 16th 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 16th day of February, 2023

Carol Bunch
Administrator
3316 Neptune Drive
Raleigh, NC 27604
2/16, 2/23, 3/2 and 3/9/23
NORTH CAROLINA
WAKE COUNTY

NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION Small Claims Division File No. 23 CV 000541

Cross Solutions Towing & Recovery, Inc
Plaintiff,

V.

Unknown Owner

Defendant,

TAKE NOTICE the petitioner has filed with the clerk a petition in proper form indicating that the petitioner has a valid lien against a 1969 Dodge, ID No. WP23F9A194105, and that the petitioner shall have the right to sell to the highest bidder the motor vehicle listed. Court date set for March 14 at 9:30 AM at 316 Fayetteville Street 3rd floor Raleigh NC 27601.

This the 23rd day of February, 2023.

Cross Solutions Towing & Recovery Inc
5414 Cowan Ln
Raleigh, NC 27610
919-909-4040
2/23, 3/2 and 3/9/23
NORTH CAROLINA
WAKE COUNTY

NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION Small Claims Division File No. 23 CV 000542

Cross Solutions Towing & Recovery, Inc
Plaintiff,

V.

Unknown Owner

Defendant,

TAKE NOTICE the petitioner has filed with the clerk a petition in proper form indicating that the petitioner has a valid lien against a 1970 Dodge, ID No. JS23N0B338011, and that the petitioner shall have the right to sell to the highest bidder the motor vehicle listed. Court date set for March 14 at 9:30 AM at 316 Fayetteville Street 3rd floor Raleigh NC 27601.

This the 23rd day of February, 2023.

Cross Solutions Towing & Recovery Inc
5414 Cowan Ln
Raleigh, NC 27610
919-909-4040
2/23, 3/2 and 3/9/23
NORTH CAROLINA
WAKE COUNTY

NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION Small Claims Division File No. 23 CV 000543

Cross Solutions Towing & Recovery, Inc
Plaintiff,

V.

Unknown Owner

Defendant,

TAKE NOTICE the petitioner has filed with the clerk a peti-

tion in proper form indicating that the petitioner has a valid lien against a 1973 Dodge, ID No. WP29M3A249489, and that the petitioner shall have the right to sell to the highest bidder the motor vehicle listed. Court date set for March 14 at 9:30 AM at 316 Fayetteville Street 3rd floor Raleigh NC 27601.

This the 23rd day of February, 2023.

Cross Solutions Towing & Recovery Inc
5414 Cowan Ln
Raleigh, NC 27610
919-909-4040
2/23, 3/2 and 3/9/23
NORTH CAROLINA
WAKE COUNTY

NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION Small Claims Division File No. 23 CV 000544

Cross Solutions Towing & Recovery, Inc
Plaintiff,

V.

Unknown Owner

Defendant,

TAKE NOTICE the petitioner has filed with the clerk a petition in proper form indicating that the petitioner has a valid lien against a 1955 Chrysler, ID No. W5591111, and that the petitioner shall have the right to sell to the highest bidder the motor vehicle listed. Court date set for March 14 at 9:30 AM at 316 Fayetteville Street 3rd floor Raleigh NC 27601.

This the 23rd day of February, 2023.

Cross Solutions Towing & Recovery Inc
5414 Cowan Ln
Raleigh, NC 27610
919-909-4040
2/23, 3/2 and 3/9/23
NORTH CAROLINA
WAKE COUNTY

NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION Small Claims Division File No. 23 CV 000545

Cross Solutions Towing & Recovery, Inc
Plaintiff,

V.

Unknown Owner

Defendant,

TAKE NOTICE the petitioner has filed with the clerk a petition in proper form indicating that the petitioner has a valid lien against a 1964 Dodge, ID No. 1160147717, and that the petitioner shall have the right to sell to the highest bidder the motor vehicle listed. Court date set for March 14 at 9:30 AM at 316 Fayetteville Street 3rd floor Raleigh NC 27601.

This the 23rd day of February, 2023.

Cross Solutions Towing & Recovery Inc
5414 Cowan Ln
Raleigh, NC 27610
919-909-4040
2/23, 3/2 and 3/9/23
NORTH CAROLINA
WAKE COUNTY

In The General Court Of Justice District Court Division Small Claims File No. 23 CV 00986 COMPLAINT TO ENFORCE POSSESSORY LIEN ON MOTOR VEHICLE

Carolina Auto Body
6400 Poole Road
Raleigh, NC 27610
c/o PO Box 46882
Raleigh, NC 27620
vs.

Unknown Owner,

TO: Unknown Owner

TAKE NOTICE the petitioner has filed with the clerk a petition in proper form indicating that the petitioner has a valid lien against a 2019 Kaufman Trailer, ID No. 5VGFC3426KL006029 and that the petitioner shall have the right to sell to the highest bidder the motor vehicle listed on March 15, 2023 at WCCH, 316 Fayetteville Street, Third Floor, at 9:30 a.m. You are required to make a defense to such pleading before such date and time.

This the 23rd day of February, 2023.

c/o PO Box 46882
Raleigh, NC 27620
6400 Poole Road
Raleigh, NC 27610
2/23, 3/2 and 3/9/23

NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF WAKE In the General Court of Justice District Court Division

File No: 22 CV 013998

Carla A. Washington,
Plaintiff

vs.

Jasmine Breona Atkinson and Unknown Father,

Defendant.

Notice of Service of Process by Publication to: Unknown Father:

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: Complaint for Temporary and Permanent Custody for Non-Parents.

You are required to make defense to such pleading within forty (40) days from the date of the first publication of the Notice. If you fail to do so, the plaintiff will seek the relief sought herein.

This, the 2nd day of March, 2023.
Yasmin K. Morton
The Morton Law Offices, PLLC
5510 Six Forks Road, Suite 107
Raleigh, NC 27609
(919) 863-4329.
3/2, 3/9 and 3/16/23

WANTED WBE, MBE & DBE BIDS

for the following jobs:

NCDOT Division Four Letting

C204868 Wake Co. Bid Date: March 21st

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

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

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

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 Wilmington Berth 1-3 On-Dock Rail Replacement project for North Carolina State Ports Authority (NCSPA) which bids March 8, 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 * Moffatt and Nichol; 4700 Falls of Neuse Road, Suite 300; Raleigh, NC 27609.

Potential subcontracting opportunities include but are not limited to surveying, demolition, hauling, and asphalt paving. Please contact Justin E. Hill (jehill@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

SUBCONTRACTORS/SUPPLIERS WANTED

Pipeline Utilities, Inc. (NC General Contractor License No. 325) is seeking certified DBE, MBE, and WBE subcontractors and suppliers for the Hanover Road Water and Sewer Meter Replacement project for the Town of Haw River which bids March 9, 2023, at 2:00 PM. Plans and specifications for this project are available at the following locations: Pipeline Utilities, Inc.; 2204-F Associate Drive; Raleigh, NC 27603 * Haw River Municipal Building; 403 East Main Street; Haw River, NC 27258 * Alley, Williams, Carmen, and King, Inc.; 740 Chapel Hill Road; Burlington, NC 27215.

Potential subcontracting opportunities include but are not limited to hauling, asphalt paving, striping, traffic control, electrical, and bypass pumping. Please contact David Murchison (dmurchison@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.: 117; 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.

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.

SAS/SYSTEMS ADMIN II

The Financial Risk Group, Inc. has multiple openings for SAS/Systems Administrator II in Cary, NC. Duties: Subj mtr exprt for SAS App & pltfm admin covering mtple SAS prodts & install. Rqrs SAS Cert. Platform Admin for SAS 9. May telecommute from anywhere in U.S. Salary: \$121,222 -\$150k Exact comp may vary based on skills, exp & locale. Snd rsme to wendy.cutler@frgrisk.com, ref. code: nvqMultiSAS

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 North Main Street Waterline Extension and US 1 Water Main Extension project for Franklin County which bids March 7, 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 * Franklin County Public Utilities; 1630 US Highway 1; Youngsville, NC 27587 * LLC Engineering, PLLC; 140 Aqua Shed Court; Aberdeen, NC 28315.

Potential subcontracting opportunities include but are not limited to surveying, hauling, asphalt paving, striping, traffic control, erosion control, seeding, linework, jack & bore, bypass pumping, and flatwork. Please contact Jeff Price (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.

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

Barnhill Contracting Company will be bidding on the following project on March 21st, 2023. We are most interested in receiving quotes from your company on these projects:

Raleigh Paving Division Contact: **Contract ID: C204868**
Brian Harrington, bharrington@barnhillcontracting.com, at 919-787-2442 or fax 919-783-5616 in our Raleigh Office, located at 4325 Pleasant Valley Rd., Raleigh, NC 27612.

Pre-Bid Meeting: Friday March 10th, 2023 at 9:00 AM in the Elizabeth City Office.

Coastal Division Contact: **Contract ID: C204869 & C204867**
Michael Griggs, mgriggs@barnhillcontracting.com, at 910-675-2554 in our Wilmington Office located at 3203 Burnt Mill Drive, Ste 3 & 4, Wilmington, NC 28405

Pre-Bid Meeting: Friday March 10th, 2023 at 10:00 AM in the Wilmington Office.

Northeast Paving Division Contact: **Contract ID: C204859**
Jimmy Spivey, jspivey@barnhillcontracting.com, at 252-335-9503 or fax 252-335-7452 in our Elizabeth City Office, located at 841 Sun Gro Dr., Elizabeth City, NC 27909.

Pre-Bid Meeting: Friday March 10th, 2023 at 11:00 AM in the Elizabeth City Office.

- For hauling operations, we will need to know how many of your own hauling units will be available for this project. We will need this on your written quote prior to bid time and this will be made a part of any subcontract.
- Plans and specifications are available at:
 - NC DOT: https://connect.ncdot.gov/letting/Pages/Central-Letting-Details.aspx?let_type=Central&let_date=2023-03-21%2000:00:00
 - Plans may also be viewed in our offices. Please call for an appointment.

- These projects include opportunities on, but not limited to hauling, incidental milling, traffic control, curb and gutter, permanent signing, guardrail install, incidental concrete construction, ABC, shoulder construction, pipe install, minor drainage structures, temporary silt fence, and pavement markings. All firms or persons interested in bidding on any applicable portions of these projects or supplying materials for any applicable portion of this project are invited to contact us direct or by phone (we accept collect calls). By submitting a quote, it is understood that you have read and understand the specifications.

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

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

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