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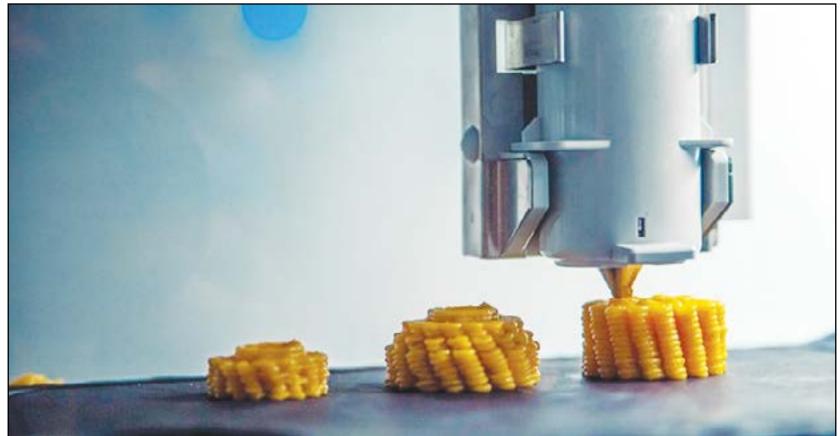
3D Printed Food Is Profitable, But Ethical?

By Vanessa Bates Ramirez SingularityHUB

At the end of last year, Israeli cultured meat company Believer Meats broke ground on a 200,000-square-foot factory outside Raleigh, North Carolina. The facility will be the biggest cultured meat factory in the world (well, unless a bigger one goes up before it's done, which is unlikely).

However, the sale of cultured meat isn't fully legal in the US yet (in fact, the only countries where the meat can be sold right now are Singapore and Israel), so regulations are going to need to keep pace with production capacity to make such facilities worth building. Last week California-based Good Meat took a step in this direction, receiving a crucial FDA approval for sale of its cultured chicken in the US.

Cultured meat is made by taking muscle cells from a live animal (without harming it) and feeding those cells a mixture of nutrients and growth factors to make them multiply, differentiate, and grow to form muscle tissue. The harvested tissue then needs to be refined and shaped into a final product, cooking, molding, or 3D print-



January the company hit an- cells duplicate). other milestone when the Sinthem approval to sell serum-

ean market in 2020. This past serum, which makes animal

Now Good Meat has made which can involve extrusion gapore Food Agency granted headway in what it hopes will be its biggest market, the US. free meat in Singapore ("se- They received an FDA ap-Good Meat was the first rum-free" means they can use proval called a No Questions company in the world to start synthetic ingredients in their letter, which states that after

the agency concluded it's safe protein content, a well-balfor consumers to eat. Besides meeting microbiological and purity standards (the press release notes that cultured chicken's microbiological levels are "significantly cleaner" than conventional chicken),

anced amino acid profile, and is a rich source of minerals."

Good Meat isn't the first company to receive this approval in the US. Its competitor Upside Foods got a No Questions letter for its culselling cultured meat, with its production process, specificonducting a thorough evaluthe evaluation found that Good tured chicken last November. chicken hitting the Singapor-cally eliminating fetal bovine ation of the company's meat, Meat's chicken contains "high Their 53,000-square-foot protured chicken last November.

will eventually be able to produce more than 400,000 pounds of meat, poultry, and seafood per year. Before becoming available in grocery stores, Upside's chicken will be introduced to consumers in restaurants, starting with an upscale restaurant in San Francisco whose chef is Michelin-starred.

Similarly, Good Meat plans to launch its cultured chicken at a Washington DC restaurant owned by celebrity chef José Andrés. Before that can happen, though, the company has to work with the US Department of Agriculture to receive additional approvals for its production facilities and its product.

The company is building a demonstration plant in Singapore, and announced plans last year to build a large-scale facility in the US with an annual production capacity of 30 million pounds of meat (which means it will be bigger than the Believer Meats plant in North Carolina).

Good Meat will have its work cut out for it, as there are more than 80 other companies vying for a slice of the lab-grown meat market, which is projected to reach a value of \$12.7 billion by 2030. Given that all of its competitors will have to go through the FDA and USDA approvals process, though, Good Meat has a leg up.

He Invented A Push-Up Machine While He Was In Prison

By Ramon Antonio Vargas

After spending nearly two decades in prison, a Washington DC man is striving to rebuild his life by marketing and selling a workout machine he invented while serving his sen-

Raashed Hall, 40, is getting his second chance through Georgetown University's Pivot program, which is a ninemonth course aimed at teaching entrepreneurship and building life skills for people who are returning from incar-

program only accepts about them to earn a certificate and news outlet WJLA published on

Pivot program came after he



the program each year since shooting which left an eightit was founded in 2018. The year-old girl named Chelsea Cromartie dead. On the day of 20 fellows annually, allowing the killing, Hall had been out with his pregnant girlfriend, get hands-on training outside and they were drawn into a the classroom, according to a violent confrontation outside a profile of Hall which the DC carryout restaurant in DC that ended with the couple fleeing as someone fired several gun-Hall's participation in the shots at them.

Hall then called his brother

him around in search of those who had attacked him, he admitted, according to a summary of the case in the Washington Post. They eventually spotted one of the attackers sitting on the porch of a home less than a mile away from the restaurant, and Hall fired the gun his brother had brought him at the assailant.

side watching television while she, her mother and her brother visited her aunt. One of the bullets which Hall fired crashed through the home's window, hit Cromartie in the head and killed her. Cromartie's aunt was also wounded, authorities said.

Hall ultimately pleaded guilty to second-degree murder and assault with a dangerous weapon. He also apologized to Cromartie's family before the judge overseeing the case sentenced him in January 2005.

"I did not mean to do this to anyone, especially not that precious little girl of yours," Hall said to Cromartie's loved ones, the Post reported. He said he accepted that "a beautiful child lost her life" because of him and that Chelsea's death haunted his dreams all the time.

Hall told WJLA that he resolved to change his life while inside the walls of the prison where he served his sentence. He designed and patented a No one on the porch was device that uses blocks and

hit. But Cromartie was in- adjustable resistance bands to start the patent process. make push-ups more of an intense exercise.

His first Power Push-Up machine prototype five years ago consisted of pieces of wood as well as a buckle. He said he's since developed three more robust working prototypes, and he added that some of his fellow inmates used their writing and drawing skills to help him

Hall said he was informed of the Pivot program as his release date approached. He began pursuing a spot in the program immediately after hearing the words "entrepreneurship" and "Georgetown", and he said he was thrilled to get accepted last year.

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ANOTHER EFFORT TO MAKE NC SHERIFFS AID ICE APPROVED **BY HOUSE**

RALEIGH, N.C. (AP) — North Carolina's sheriffs would be required to help federal agents who are interested in picking up jail inmates they believe are in the country illegally in legislation approved by the state House on Tuesday.

The 71-44 affirmative vote marks a key step in yet another effort by Republicans at the General Assembly to force sheriffs in several urban counties to work more closely with U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement after they declined to cooperate.

Democratic Gov. Roy Cooper vetoed successfully very similar bills in 2019 and 2022. He said last year that law enforcement can already hold dangerous criminals regardless of immigration status and that

prospects for overriding another potential Cooper veto this year.

Like other bills on topics Cooper previously vetoed, Republicans have tried again to advance this immigration measure this year be-

House, so generally at least some Democratic support is needed for a veto override. The bill now goes to the Senate, where Republicans have a veto-proof advantage.

the GOP was simply trying to win political points. But "yes" votes Tuesday by three Democrats improve Republican

cause they gained seats in the November elections. The GOP is now just one seat short of veto-proof majority in the

Insure Yourself And Your Future Health

By Dr. Joy Martinez

Staff Writer

As healthcare costs continue to rise, individuals and families are increasingly concerned about the financial burden of medical expenses. Fortunately, there are a variety of insurance and savings products available to help cover these costs.

One insurance product that can provide financial protection is long-term care insurance. This type of insurance provides coverage for the cost of long-term care, such as nursing home care. home health care, and assisted living. According to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, almost 70% of individuals over the age of 65 will require some form of long-term care in their lifetime. Long-term care insurance can help cover the high costs of this care and prevent individuals from having to deplete their savings or sell their assets to pay for it.

There are drawbacks, of course. You may never use it (as is the hope and challenge of all insurance products). Your premiums can increase after you buy the policy as well. This is perhaps one of the biggest drawbacks of buying long-term care coverage. With approval from state insurance departments, insurance companies can raise premiums on a block of policies (they can

you bought the policy, you may experience an increase in premium of anywhere from 5 percent to 25 percent. In some cases, insurance companies have been given approval to raise rates by 40 percent. So when you budget for insurance, you should leave enough room for future premium

Another insurance product that can provide financial protection is critical illness insurance. This insurance provides a lump sum payment if you are diagnosed with a critical illness, such as cancer, heart attack, or stroke. The payment can be used to cover medical expenses or other costs related to your illness. According to a study by the American Cancer Society, the average cost of cancer treatment is over \$150,000, which can quickly deplete an individual's savings. Critical illness insurance can help offset some of these costs and provide financial peace of mind.

Disability insurance is another important insurance product to consider. Disability insurance provides income replacement if you become disabled and are unable to work. This can help cover medical expenses and other costs associated with your disability. According to the Social Security Administration, more than 1 in 4 of today's 20-year-olds will become disabled before they retire. Disability insurance can provide never raise just one person's a safety net for individuals who premium). Five or 10 years after are unable to work due to a dis-

Health savings accounts (HSAs) are another option for individuals to save for healthcare expenses. These accounts allow individuals to save money taxfree to pay for healthcare expenses. They are typically paired with high-deductible health insurance plans. According to the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, as of 2021, there were over 30 million HSAs in the United States, with assets totaling over \$82 bil-

Medicare supplemental insurance, also known as Medigap, provides coverage for healthcare expenses that are not covered by Medicare. Medicare only covers a portion of healthcare expenses, leaving individuals with out-ofpocket costs. According to a report by the Kaiser Family Foundation, the average out-of-pocket spending for Medicare beneficiaries was \$5,801 in 2019. Medigap insurance can help cover these costs and provide additional financial protection for seniors.

Employer-funded accounts, such as Health Reimbursement Arrangements (HRA) and Health Flexible Spending Accounts (FSA), are another option for individuals to pay for healthcare expenses. These accounts are funded by the employer and can be used to reimburse employees for eligible medical expenses. According to a survey by the Society for Human Resource Management, over 80 percent of employ-

ers offer some form of HRA or FSA to their employees.

Personal savings accounts can also be used to cover healthcare expenses. However, it's important to note that this method may not provide the same tax benefits or protections as insurance or other savings products. A study by the Employee Benefit Research Institute found that less than half of individuals have saved enough money to cover healthcare expenses in retirement.

In addition to insurance products, some life insurance policies offer a healthcare rider as an optional add-on. A healthcare rider is a type of insurance that provides a lump sum payment to the policyholder in the event of a serious illness or injury. Typically, a healthcare rider on a life insurance policy is designed to cover specific medical conditions, such as cancer, heart attack, or stroke. The policy may also have specific criteria that must be met before the rider is activated, such as a diagnosis from a medical professional.

While a healthcare rider on a life insurance policy can provide additional financial protection in the event of a serious illness or injury, it's important to review the terms and conditions of the policy carefully to ensure that it meets your specific needs and provides adequate coverage for your healthcare expenses.

(See **INSURE YOURSELF,** P. 4)

REVIVED N. CAROLINA SPORTS WAGERING BILL WINS BIG **HOUSE VOTE**

RALEIGH, N.C. (AP) — Sports gambling in North Carolina soared over a major hurdle on Tuesday as the House voted for legislation to permit, regulate and tax wagering activities less than a year after the chamber scuttled a similar effort.

The winning 66-45 vote for pro-gambling forces signals the legislature could be willing to offer residents in the nation's ninth-largest state the chance to bet on professional, college and Olympic-type athletics by computer, mobile app or in person by early next year.

One more House vote is needed Wednesday before the legislation can move to the Senate, which voted for sports betting in 2021. Democratic Gov. Roy Cooper supports sports wagering legislation, as does Republican Senate leader Phil Berger.

Last June, a different version of the House amended a wagering proposal and ultimately defeated a Senate bill in a razor-thin vote. A coalition of Christian conservatives and liberal Democrats turned back the measure on grounds of protecting families and the poor from the results of compulsive gambling.

Some past gambling opponents are no longer in the legislature, while sports leagues and professional franchise executives who would stand to gain monetarily from fan interest in gambling kept lobbying lawmakers.

This year's top supporters of the bipartisan House bill have been deliberate in building support, collecting more than 55 sponsors within the 120-member chamber. They say people are already gambling through underground or offshore bookies and online workarounds, or are crossing the border to play in Tennessee or Virginia, which are among the 24 states that allow mobile or online sports betting, according to the American Gaming Association.

PUSH-UP

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"It was like it all came together," Hall told the Pivot program's website. "It was like a light came on."

On Monday, he was scheduled to pitch his Power Push-Up machine at the Georgetown entrepreneurship challenge and compete against business students from all over the university, WJLA reported. He placed second at a separate Georgetownwide pitch competition in early February, according to Pivot's Instagram account.

Hall said he views his enrollment in the Pivot program as getting another "foot in the door" as he works to establish a new life for himself after serving his time. He also works as a personal fitness trainer with about 100 clients.

"Even though XYZ happened," Hall told the Pivot site, "this is not going to define who I am.'

He added: "Last year, I was in prison. Now, I'm ... [going] to a business school in Georgetown ... It makes me proud.'



Army Quickly Plans New Ads After Majors' Arrest

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Army is working to quickly pull together some new recruiting ads to air during the NCAA's Final Four basketball games this weekend, after being forced to yank commercials that featured actor Jonathan Majors, in the wake of his arrest

Army leaders had been excited to feature Majors in the ads, as a key part of their new campaign aimed at reviving the service's struggling recruiting numbers — which fell far short of their enlistment goal last year. They believed the ads would capitalize on Majors' popularity coming off his recently movies "Creed III" and "Ant-Man and The Wasp: Quantumania" — hoping it would help them reach the youth audience.

Last weekend, however, they pulled the ads off the air when Majors was arrested in New York on charges of strangulation, assault and harassment. New York City police said the actor was involved in a domestic dispute with a 30-year-old woman. But a lawyer for Majors, Priya Chaudhry, has said there is evidence clearing Majors and that the actor "is probably the victim of an altercation with a woman he knows.

Maj. Gen. Alex Fink, head of Army marketing, told The Associated Press Tuesday that in the past week the Army was able to avoid any loss of of the planned \$70 million advertising buy, either by postponing ads or replacing them with other pre-existing commercials that were quickly updated.

The ads were set to appear on television, online on places such as Facebook, Twitter and Instagram, and on digital and physical billboards, including on buses. That ad purchase was the main portion of the campaign, which had a total cost of \$117 million. "We are absolutely able to utilize a majority of what we have invest-

new creative ads in time for the Women's Final Four on Friday.' He said that the Army gathered "an enormous amount" of content and footage for the two commercials — titled "Overcoming Obstacles"

ed," Fink said in an interview. "We think that we'll have some brand

and "Pushing Tomorrow" — that featured Majors as the narrator. "A majority of that content did not contain our main narrator. ... So we have a ton of content to go back to, to create basically new commercials new ads, if we need to," Fink said. "The campaign is full

steam ahead." The Army launched a new ad campaign earlier this month with a big event at the National Press Club as part of the plan to revive the

Army's popular "Be All You Can Be" slogan, which dominated its recruiting ads for two decades starting in 1981. The two new ads highlighted the history of the Army and some of the many professions that recruits can pursue. They ran from March 12 until they were pulled from the air by the Army on the 25th.

Last year was the Army's worst recruiting year in recent history, falling 25% short of its goal to enlist 60,000 recruits.

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Children, 3 Adults Killed In School Shooting

AL JAZEERA—Three children and three adults have been killed after a woman opened fire at a primary school in Nashville, Tennessee, local officials said, in the latest instance of deadly gun violence in the United States.

The shooting happened on Monday morning at The Covenant School, a private Presbyterian school with a student body of about 200 that teaches preschool through sixth grade.

The three children, all nine years old, had gunshot wounds, officials said, and they were pronounced dead upon arrival at the Monroe Carell Jr Children's Hospital at Vanderbilt. The adult victims were all over 60, according to authorities. Their roles at the school were not immediately clear.

The Metropolitan Nashville Police Department said on Monday afternoon that the suspect, a 28-year-old Nashville resident they identified as Audrey Hale, had been fatally shot by officers after they entered the building.

Police said Hale had an assault rifle, handgun, as well as a pistol and entered the building by shooting through a door. Hale also had detailed maps of the schools and left behind a "manifesto", police said.

Police added Hale was believed to be a former student at the school. Police chief John Drake also told reporters that Hale "does identify as transgen-

The attack took place at a "lobby type area" in the school and not in a classroom, a police official said. Students could be seen be-

ing walked to safety after the incident, holding hands as they left school surrounded by police with their parents.

cars. They were brought to a nearby church to be reunited Helicopter footage from the WTVF local news station showed

police officers looking around a

wooded area between the cam-



pus and a nearby road.

Jozen Reodica said she heard police sirens and fire trucks blaring from outside her office building nearby. As the building was placed under lockdown, she took out her phone and recorded the chaos.

"I thought I would just see this on TV," she told The Associated Press news agency. "And right now, it's real.'

Nashville Mayor John Cooper expressed sympathy for the victims, writing on social media that his city "joined the dreaded, long list of communities to experience a school shooting".

Attacks at US schools have become relatively common. A massacre last year at a primary school in Uvalde, Texas, left 19 young students and two teachers dead. And in February, a gunman killed three students and wounded five others in an attack

on the campus of Michigan State University in the city of East

at least 128 mass shootings in the

US so far this year, according to the Gun Violence Archive, a group that defines a mass shooting as an incident involving four or more victims.

mass shootings every year in the US has hovered above 600, with 646 recorded in 2022, according to the Gun Violence Archive database.

Since 2020, the number of

Meanwhile, a Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) report recorded a 61-percent jump in socalled "active shooter" incidents in 2021 compared with the previous year.

The department defines an "active shooter" as someone en-

gaged in killing or attempting to kill people in a public space in a seemingly random fashion. About one in five "active shoot-

er" incidents in 2021 were also mass killings. Reporting from Washington. DC, Al Jazeera's Rosiland Jordan said that, despite the prevalence

of mass shootings in the US, fed-

politically fraught issue.

"Unless and until there is political will from both Republicans and Democrats, it's going to be very difficult to get any sort of comprehensive, Congressional action that could prevent these

sorts of shootings," she said.

Amid the political deadlock, President Joe Biden, a Democrat, has sought to address the high rate of gun violence through a raft of executive orders.

Last year, he also signed the first major federal gun control legislation passed in the US in decades, although advocates said the bill made only incremental

Following Monday's attack in Nashville, the White House again called for greater federal reforms, including an assault weapons ban, an increase to the minimum age necessary to buy guns, and greater standards for background checks.

"It's just sick," Biden told re-

"It's ripping our communities As of Monday, there had been eral gun reform has remained a apart," he continued, "ripping at the very soul of the nation.'

Business & Finance

Black, Hispanic Investors Struggle With Faith In Crypto

developer twice invested his savings in cryptocurrencies, only to lose it all. But he still promotes it to the Black community and would like to get back in himself.

A recent college graduate and a single mom are dabbling hopefully in bitcoin after attending a crypto workshop sponsored by rapper Jay-Z at the public housing complex where the hip-hop star grew up.

But a former executive at a cryptocurrency exchange feels disillusioned by the false promise of crypto helping her family in Ethiopia's war-torn Tigray region.

All were drawn by the idea of crypto as a pathway to wealthbuilding outside of traditional financial systems with a long history of racial discrimination and indifference to the needs of low-income communities. But crypto's meltdown over the past year has dealt a blow to that narrative, fueling a debate between those who continue to believe in its future and skeptics who say misleading advertising and celebrity-fueled hype have drawn vulnerable people to a risky and unproven asset class.

The collapse of two cryptofriendly banks this month, Silvergate Capital Corp. and Signature Bank, complicates the picture. Their failure was a setback for crypto companies that relied on the banks to convert digital currencies to U.S. dollars. Yet the crisis bolstered Bitcoin, the oldest and most popular digital currency, by reinforcing a distrust in the banking system that helped give rise to cryptocurrencies in the first

Mariela Regalado, 33, and Jimmy Bario, 22, neighbors at the Marcy Houses complex in Brooklyn, started putting \$20 or \$30 into bitcoin every two weeks or so after attending "Bitcoin Academy," a workshop sponsored last summer by Jay-Z and Jack Dorsey, cofounder of Block Inc., the parent 20% of Black, Hispanic and Asian

NEW YORK (AP) — A software company of mobile payment sys- U.S. adults have bought, traded or tem Cash App.

"I don't see it as something that's going to, you know, take me out of Brooklyn and buy me a \$2 million mansion in Texas," said Regalado, an educational consultant and mother of a toddler. "But if it happens, I'm all for it."

Only a small minority of the U.S. population owns cryptocurrency, but adoption increased during the COVID-19 pandemic as low interest rates made borrowing money and investing in risky assets more attractive. Prices peaked in 2021, and a constellation of apps, exchanges and even ATM-like crypto machines made buying digital coins easy.

But the drawbacks of crypto played out dramatically after prices cratered in 2022, wiping out millions in investments and leading to a cascade of bankruptcies and layoffs at crypto exchanges, lenders and other companies. Along with its volatility, crypto lacks protections such as deposit insurance since it's not controlled by any single institution. Largely unregulated, the industry is susceptible to scams, hacks and fraud.

Cryptocurrencies are built on decentralized ledgers — usually blockchain — allowing peer-topeer transactions without a middleman like a bank or government. That continues to appeal to many people who face barriers to traditional wealth-building avenues such as homeownership, college education, or the stock market, said Terri Bradford, a payment specialist at the Kansas City Federal Reserve, who has researched crypto's popularity among many Black investors.

"It doesn't appear that a whole lot of people are dissuaded from crypto even though we have observed what has happened," Brad-

According to Pew Research Center polls in 2021 and 2022, some

used cryptocurrency, compared with 13% of white adults. Bradford's research, which examined data from Pew Research Center and the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, found that Black investors are more likely to own crypto than stocks or mutual funds, while the opposite is true for white investors.

Black and Latino crypto enthusiasts have formed social media

groups, written books and orga- as an economic equalizer. nized summits to promote minority developers in the space and champion blockchain technology's potential to create more equitable systems in finance and beyond.

But crypto companies also sought to capture a broader market of retail investors through lucrative sponsorship deals with celebrities and sports teams, many aimed directly at Black and Hispanic consumers by touting crypto

Coin Cloud, a company that makes ATMs for cryptocurrencies and which has filed for bankruptcy, launched an ad featuring movie director Spike Lee deriding "old money" as "exploitative," "oppressive" and "white," and crypto as "positive" and "inclusive."

Tonantzin Carmona, a Brookings Institute fellow who researches crypto's impact on minority communities, said that for inexpehigh-profile hype easily obscures crypto's drawbacks.

Crypto advocates argue minor-

ity communities deserve access to a potentially lucrative asset class that isn't going away. Many believe another boom is inevitable and liken last year's collapse to the dotcom bust of the 2000s, which, far from dooming the tech industry, only weeded out bad actors and bolstered winners like Amazon.

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Why First Citizens Got A \$16.5 Billion **Discount On SVB**



By David Hollerith

Stocks of regional banks surged Monday after regulators announced a sale of Silicon Valley Bank's deposits and loans, an agreement that demonstrated how much government assistance will be required to stoke new deal making during this banking crisis.

The buyer, First Citizens Bancshares (FCNCA), ended the day up 54%. The stock of another troubled regional lender, First Republic (FRC), was 12% higher as that San Francisco lender considers a number of options to stabilize its situation. The stocks of PacWest Bancorp (PACW) and Western Alliance Bancorp (WAL), two other California lenders that came under investor pressure following Silicon Valley Bank's failure, also rose.

The failures of Silicon Valley Bank and New York's Signature Bank earlier this month will be examined publicly Tuesday during a Senate Banking Committee hearing in Washington. Witnesses include Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation Chair Martin Gruenberg.

The chairman may face questions about how his agency handled the Silicon Valley Bank auction. It took Mr. Gruenberg's agency roughly two weeks to find a buyer for parts of the bank, and FDIC agreed to sell Raleigh, N.C.-based First Citizens \$72 billion in loans at a discount of \$16.5 billion while pledging to share any losses (or gains) on those loans in the future.

The FDIC said that such a loss-sharing agreement—a tactic that also used frequently during the 2008 financial crisis when trying to find buyers for failed banks—will maximize recoveries on the assets by keeping them in the private sector.

First Citizens also decided not to take an additional \$90 billion in securities that the FDIC will now have to sell on its own. Silicon Valley Bank loaded up on bonds that are now worth much less as the Federal Reserve raises interest rates. One big question during the sale process was whether the bank's investment portfolio would go for "pennies on the dollar or if it's unsaleable," said a person familiar with the process.

The total hit to the FDIC's deposit insurance fund, the backstop for protected depositors at all banks, will be \$20 billion. The FDIC is also providing a line of credit to First Citizens for "contingent liquidity purposes," the bank said. FDIC gets shares of First Citizens valued up to \$500 million.

FDIC made some similar concessions on March 19 when it found a buyer for parts of New York's Signature Bank, which went down on March 12. It gave the new owner, Flagstar Bank, a discount of \$12.7 billion on its purchase of \$12.9 billion in loans and kept another \$60 billion in loans Flagstar didn't want.

The deal making by regulators is the latest example of how much government intervention has been required thus far to get the current banking crisis under control. Federal officials initially agreed to cover all depositors at Silicon Valley Bank and New York's Signature Bank and free up more liquidity at the Federal Reserve so that banks could tap new financing if needed. Treasury Secretary Janet Yellen and Federal Reserve Chair Jerome Powell have agreed to consider additional steps if needed.

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available as an optional add-on ers may only cover a few specific to permanent life insurance policies. Permanent life insurance policies, such as whole life insurance, universal life insurance, and indexed universal life insurance, provide coverage for the policyholder's entire life and have cash value components that can be borrowed against or used to pay premiums. These policies are generally more expensive than term life insurance, but they provide more long-term benefits.

The specifics of a healthcare rider on a life insurance policy can vary depending on the policy and the insurance company. Some policies may cover a wide range

Healthcare riders are typically of medical conditions, while othconditions. Some policies may require a waiting period before benefits are available, while others may have a maximum benefit amount. It's important to review the specifics of the policy carefully and to consult with a financial advisor or insurance professional to ensure that the policy meets your specific needs.

When considering a healthcare rider on a life insurance policy, it's important to evaluate the pros and cons carefully. Pros of a healthcare rider include financial protection and flexibility, while cons include limited coverage, cost, medical underwriting, and

One of the major pros of a healthcare rider is the financial protection it can provide. The lump sum payment from a health-

care rider can help cover medical expenses or other costs related to a serious illness or injury. This can provide peace of mind and prevent individuals from having to deplete their savings or sell their assets to pay for medical expenses.

Another pro of a healthcare rider is the flexibility it can provide. Depending on the policy, a healthcare rider may provide more flexibility than traditional health insurance, allowing individuals to use the funds as needed to cover related to their illness or injury.

A healthcare rider on a life insurance policy may also be easier to obtain than traditional health insurance, especially for individuals with pre-existing conditions or a history of health problems. Healthcare riders may not require medical underwriting, or they may have less strict underwriting requirements than traditional health insurance policies.

However, there are also several cons to consider when evaluating a healthcare rider on a life insurance policy. One of the major cons is limited coverage. Healthcare riders typically cover only specific medical conditions, so if

an individual develops an illness or injury that is not covered, they may not be able to use the rider to

cover their expenses. Cost is another con to consider. A healthcare rider on a life insurance policy can be expensive, and the premiums may increase over time. It's important to review the cost of the rider and how it fits into an individual's overall financial plan.

Medical underwriting is another potential con to consider. In some cases, a healthcare rider may require medical underwriting, which means an individual may be denied coverage or charged a higher premium if they

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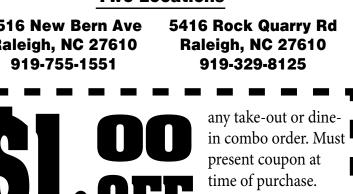
Tax implications are also a consideration when evaluating a healthcare rider on a life insurance policy. The lump sum payment from a healthcare rider may be subject to taxes, depending on how the policy is structured.

Ultimately, whether a healthcare rider on a life insurance policy is right for an individual will depend on their specific needs and situation. It's important to carefully evaluate the pros and cons and to consult with a financial advisor or insurance professional to determine the best

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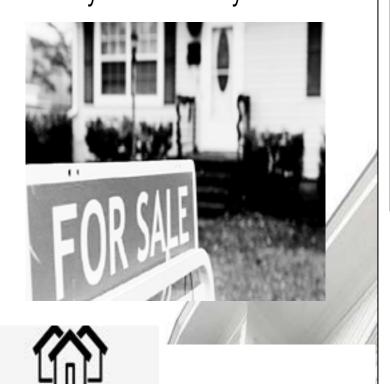




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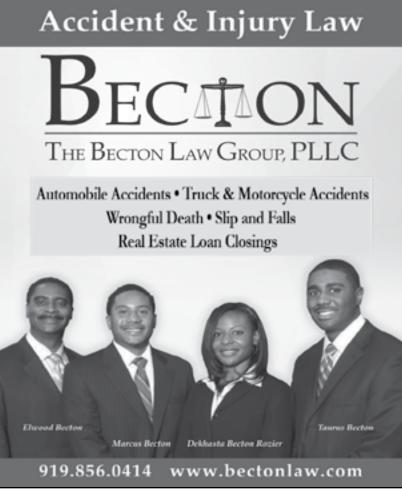
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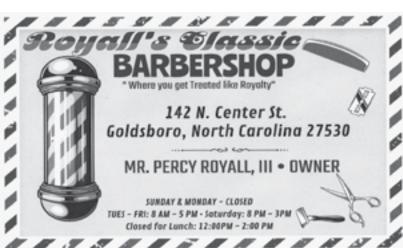
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Heirloom Seeds: The Way Of Our Past, The Way Of Our Future

By Jason Lindsay

Heirloom seeds are the current in which the rise of civilization rode in on. At one point, saving seeds was a strategy for survival. It was a way to ensure the harvest of the following year. By taking the best of that year's seeds and properly storing them, mankind has evolved, supported by the backbone of sustainable agricultural practices like saving seeds.

It takes generations of seeds to make Heirlooms, though. At this time of year, seeds are set in the aisles of every relevant store marked for sale. On their labels are marketing, some marked "organic" or non-GMO, on some, you see "hybrid," and if it is a good section of packaged seeds, there's always a section marked "heirloom." Yet many folks don't know what any of this means. What's the difference between all of them? Or which seeds are the best for

Wells Heirlooms is the oldest. Heirlooms are the seeds that have been passed down from one generation to the next. Having been collected by families and communities for over 12,000 years, they are the seeds from which all seed varieties come.

For a seed to be classified as an heirloom, it must be openpollinated. Meaning the crop was pollinated by nature, be it by bees or bats, birds or ants, serve as a natural open pollina- met the 50-year requirement tion method.

Heirlooms must also be grown out for 50 years before they are considered heirloom seeds. This extended process of seed saving makes true heirlooms challenging to verify, yet heirloom seeds are about as old as farming.

Seeds have an innate ability to preserve themselves for very long periods of time if stored in the right conditions. In fact, when properly stored, seeds can germinate thousands of years after being collected. In 2005, seeds of the "Judeau date palm tree" seeds were germinated after being found in the ruins of Herod's palace in Israel. These seeds were dated to have been 2,000 years old, and they weren't even the oldest.

The oldest seeds found that still germinated were discovered at an excavation site in the Artic Tundra. Lupine is a plant that heals the land because it is a nitrogen fixer (takes nitrogen from the atmosphere and plants it in the soil). Being in the legume family, yellow lupine has been used medicinally to treat urinary tract disorders, worms, and fluid retention. Lupine (Lupinus Arcticus) seeds were found, germinated, and flowered after being dormant From the turn of the ninefor over 10,000 years.

We must understand that seeds are alive, and though heirlooms are the oldest seeds, they are not the only ones. Seeds that and even the wind and rain can are being collected, yet haven't

for heirlooms, are considered "open-pollinated" seeds. Openpollinated seeds are future heir-

Another type is hybrid seeds. Hybrid seeds are also open-pollinated yet are the cross of two open-pollinated parents. Hybrid seeds were originally the farmer's way to improve upon plant production. So hybrid varieties will be promoted for things like drought tolerance, higher yields, and even pest resistance.

In the 1940s, the world found a massive boost in hybrid production. During this period, it was deemed illegal to patten organics plants, yet exclaimed that if the organic was modified, it could be patented. With hybrids demanding the action and intent of people to breed two different plants, this law made them patentable and patented them they

Today hybrid varieties are

still being patented; some even cross with other hybrids, which can create a fragile situation after being hybridized for too many generations. Indicators like F1 within the name of a crop variety tells that the seed is a first-generation hybrid. F2 is crossed with F1 seeds, and F3 is a cross from F2 parents. teenth century to the 1920s, plant scientists began to create new crop varieties by crossing pure strains of plants with each other. In the 1930s, hybrid varieties are being placed in



Ira Wallace is at home whenever she is surrounded by veggies and seeds. She was named a 2019 Great American Gardener by the American Horticultural Association and is also author of six books about growing vegetables in the southeast.

the country. And by the 1940s, hybrid seeds were big business with big corporate interest.

Though hybrids are not a phenomenon of nature, hybrids are not GMO (genetically modified organisms). Hybrids have parents that cross together, making a new variety. GMOs, on the other hand, are created in a laboratory by splicing the genes (cutting genes out of the RNA) of several plants.

It is important to note that saving some hybrid varieties and GMO seeds is illegal in the United States because they are patented products. Yet out of all the varieties of seeds, heirlooms are noted for being the most flavorful, and more flavor in produce equals more nutrient content.

Heirlooms hold the blooms of the brightest future. Openpollinated plants are great as well, and not all hybrids are bad. GMOs are a no-go, though. Genetically modified seed need to feed genetically modified people, and organic strains for organic people.

Every day we are made to live by the choices we make. Here, in America, advertisement bombards consumers seeking to solicit a purchase. Education is a huge differentiating factor between those who make the right decision and those who don't. Heirloom seeds are the prize of the collective work of generations. Trust and believe nothing



The North Carolina Legislative Black Caucus partnered with the Albemarle Farmer Co-Op, Advance Carolina, the NC Black Alliance and SiX Action to host the NC Black Farmers Lobby Day at the NC General Assembly. We stood in solidarity to request support and resources for Black farmers to grow and expand across the state of North Carolina.

A Small Group With A Big Voice

By Amanda Hadden

On March 22nd, seventy African American and Native American farmers from across the state gathered at the North Carolina General Assembly to garner support from their legislative representatives and the Legislative Black Caucus.

Farmers met and held a press conference organized by Representatives Ray Jeffers and Natalie Murdoch. Speakers at the press conference were prominent minority farmers in the state. Dorathy Barker, Operation Spring Plant; Millard Locklear, Lumbee Indian tribe; Courtney Alston Wilson, Glow House Agriculture; Richard Joyner, Conetoe Family Life Center; and Demetrius Hunter all took the podium to address the ongoing inequities and relative issues affecting the minority farm community.

From here we interviewed some of individuals that spoke at the press conference.

Courtney Alston Wilson of Glow House Agriculture, a produce processing facility that offers wholesale fruit, vegetables and value added products said her goal of meeting with legislators was to address direct fund-

Historically, there has been a lack of allocations sent directly to black organizations from the local, state and federal level. Funding has had to trickle through other organizations, leaving a small percentage available for black organizations. She believes funding needs to be allotted directly to black organizations so that they can spread be amongst the community.

Another topic of discussion for her was refining the definition of socially disadvantaged farmers. Under the current definition, socially disadvantaged farmers include African American, American Indian or Alaska Native, Hispanic or Latino, Asian or Pacific Islander, women and beginning farmers. Out of this large group, she states black farmers receive the smallest

amount of assistance.

Dorathy Barker of Operation Spring Plant, a non-profit dedicated to helping black family farms and surrounding areas spoke on the importance of rural food hubs within the community. Organizations like Operation Spring Plant provide quality food in food banks, jobs and host educational events. She stated the proposed funding discussed won't be able to cover the expenses necessary to operate, instead they would only help singular farmers. She wants Operation Spring Plant and similar organizations to be a place people in the community can come to and not have to seek outside help. She believes Operation Spring Plant and other black organizations are capable feeding their own communities.

Millard and Connie Locklear, the 2022 Small Farmer of the Year are fifth generation farmers from Robeson County. Millard, a Lumbee tribe member is also the first Lumbee Agriculture Manager. This position was created two years ago after the American Indian Money settle-

Mr. and Mrs. Locklear spoke about the opportunities they've had since winning the award in-

cluding meeting new people, being involved in new markets, and the increase in visitors to their farm. One of their objectives during their visit to the General Assembly was to discuss the lack of state funding and how it would allow farmers to do more, versus waiting two to three years to receive assistance from the federal government.

Richard Joyner, Pastor and Founder of Conetoe Family Life Center, an organization that provides food and knowledge resources to the community believes in self sustainability. He believes his organization has the power to help change the community through food.

Growing fresh food, using it as medicine to reduce common diseases such as diabetes, is a way to reinvest in the community and help it grow. He wants people to see his community, a food desert, as a source of strength instead of a weakness. His mission in coming to the General Assembly was to inquire about equitable funding. He knows change can only come through the support of outside funding, but doesn't want that funding to manage his community. They are their own managers and want the opportunity to manage.



Millard and Connie Locklear 2022 Small Farmer of the Year Award Recipients

A Shortage Of Native Seeds Is Slowing Land Restoration THE CONVERSATION— tribal agencies, that don't plan

Spring is planting time for home gardeners, landscapers and public works agencies across the U.S. And there's rising demand for native plants - species that are genetically adapted to the specific regions where they are used.

Native plants have evolved with local climates and soil conditions. As a result, they generally require less maintenance, such as watering and fertilizing, after they become established, and they are hardier than nonnative species.

Many federal, state and city agencies rank native plants as a first choice for restoring areas that have been disturbed by natural disasters or human turfgrasses, such as fescue and local ecotypes in New England. activities like mining and development. Repairing damaged landscapes is a critical strategy for slowing climate change and species loss.

But there's one big problem: There aren't enough native seeds. This issue is so serious that it was the subject of a recent report from the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering and Medicine. The study found an urgent need to build a native seed supply.

The need for native plants

Many stressors can damage and degrade land. They include natural disasters, such as wildfires and flooding, and human actions, such as urbanization, energy production, ranching and development.

Invasive plants often move into disturbed areas, causing further harm. They may drift there on the wind, be excreted by birds and animals that consume fruit, or be introduced by humans, unintentionally or delib-Ecological restoration aims

to bring back degraded lands' native biological diversity and the ecological functions that these areas provided, such as sheltering wildlife and soaking up floodwater. In 2021, the United Nations launched the U.N. Decade on Ecosystem Restoration to promote such efforts worldwide.

Native plants have many features that make them an essential part of healthy ecosystems. For example, they provide long-term defense against invasive and noxious weeds; shelter local pollinators and wildlife; and have roots that stabilize soil, which helps reduce erosion.

Restoration projects require vast quantities of native seeds but commercial supplies fall far short of what's needed. Developing a batch of seeds for a specific species takes skill and several years of lead time to either collect native seeds in the wild or grow plants to produce them. Suppliers say one of their biggest obstacles is unpredictable demand from large-scale customers, such as government and

far enough ahead for producers to have stocks ready.

Restoring roadsides in New Most drivers give little thought

to what grows next to highways, but the wrong plants in these areas can cause serious problems. Roadsides that aren't replanted using ecological restoration methods may erode and be taken over by invasive weeds. Ecological restoration provides effective erosion control and better habitat habitats for wildlife and pollinators. It's also more attrac-

For decades, state transportation departments across the U.S. used non-native cool-season ryegrass, to restore roadsides. The main benefits of using these species, which grow well during the cooler months of spring and fall, were that they grew fast and provided a quick cover.

Then in 2013 the New England Transportation Consortium - a research cooperative funded by state transportation agencies commissioned our research team to help the states transition to native warm-season grasses instead. These grasses grow well in hot, dry weather and need less moisture than cool-season grasses. One of us, John Campanelli, developed the framework for selecting plant species based on conservation practices and identified methods for establishing native plant communities for the region.

We recommended using warmseason grasses that are native to the region, such as little bluestem, purple lovegrass, switchgrass and purpletop. These species required less long-term maintenance and less-frequent mowing than the cool-season species that agencies had previously used.

To ensure sound conservation practices, we wanted to use seeds produced locally. Seeds sourced from other locations would produce grasses that would interbreed with local ecotypes - grasses adapted to New England - and disrupt the local grasses' gene complexes.

At that time, however, there was no reliable seed supply for Only a few sources offered an incomplete selection of small quantities of local seeds, at prices that were too expensive for large-scale restoration projects. Most organizations carrying out ecological restoration projects purchased their bulk seeds mainly from large wholesale producers in the Midwest, which introduced non-local genetic material to the restoration sites.

Improving native seed supply

Many agencies are concerned that lack of a local seed supply could limit restoration efforts in New England. To tackle this problem, our team launched a project in 2022 with funding from the New England Transportation Consortium. Our goals are to increase native plantings and pollinator habitats with seeds from local ecotypes, and to make our previous recommendations for roadside restoration with native grasses more feasible.

> seeds for these roadside projects, we learned about work by Eve Allen, a master's degree student in city planning at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. For her thesis, Allen used supply chain management and social network analysis to identify the best methods to strengthen the native seed supply chain network.

As we were analyzing ways

to obtain affordable native

tive seed supplies would require cooperative partnerships that included federal, state and local government agencies and the private and nonprofit sectors. Allen reached out to many of these organiza-

Her research showed

that developing na-

tions' stakeholders and established a broad network. This led to the launch of the regional Northeast Seed Network, which will be hosted by the Massachusetts-based Native Plant Trust, a nonprofit that works to conserve New England's native plants.

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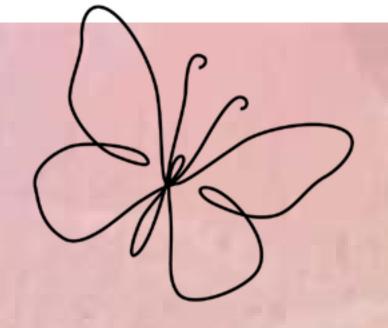


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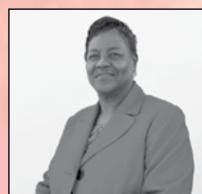
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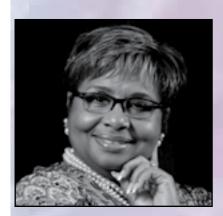
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AN INCREDIBLE HONOR—Chick-fil-A Team Member, Malcom Jones from Wilson, who was surprised last week with Chick-fil-A's largest scholarship ever given!

In recognition of Chick-fil-A awarding scholarships for 50 years, the first ever \$50,000 scholarship was awarded to Malcom last week. The distinguished Eddie White Servant Leadership Award honors the anniversary of the first Chick-fil-A scholarship, which was awarded to Eddie White in 1973 when he worked at the Dwarf Grill, Truett Cathy's first restaurant.

White had a long, accomplished career as an educator. He resonates with the selected scholarship recipient Malcolm Jones, who is the oldest of 13 kids and a first-generation college student who dreams of being an elementary school teacher. White traveled to Wilson last week to personally award the scholarship to Jones.

Jones currently volunteers and mentors in reading programs at Gardners Elementary School and is a teacher's aide at his high school. He aims to follow in the footsteps of his favorite second-grade teacher. Congratulations Malcom!



HAPPY BIRTHDAY UNCLE ERNEST—About 50 people from 4 generations came to celebrate who they know as Daddy, Grandpa, Papa, Uncle Ernest, Mr. Ernest or Deacon Jones. Ages 2 to 99 all had a wonderful time loving on one another as we celebrated the man, the legend!

RM New Interim Finance Dir.

Rocky Mount - City Manager Keith Rogers Jr. has appointed Herbert R. Tillery to serve as interim finance director.

Mr. Tillery is a retired U.S. Army colonel and seasoned executive leader, serving in various roles including deputy mayor for operations, government of the District of Columbia; executive director, The George Washington University Center for Excellence in Municipal Management; and chief of staff, District of Columbia Public Schools. Mr. Tillery is also the founder and retired executive director of the College Success Foundation, a nonprofit that assists underserved students in completing college.

Born in North Carolina and raised in Washington, D.C., Mr. Tillery received his bachelor's degree in sociology from North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University and was commissioned as a second



HERBERT R. TILLERY

lieutenant in the Army in 1970. While on active duty, he earned a Master's of Public Administration from Jacksonville State University.

Additionally, City Manager Rogers appointed Paula Carbone to serve as interim senior finance manager.

years of finance experience, event, including the assailant. including 10 years with the city of Rocky Mount, where she has served in various roles supporting accounting, payroll and audit functions. Ms. Carbone graduated from Trinity College in Burlington, Vermont, with a bachelor's degree in in Business Administration, concentration in accounting and a minor in

economics. "Mr. Tillery and Ms. Carbone each bring unique skillsets to their respective roles, Rogers said. "I am confident that they will stabilize and strengthen our financial operations while ensuring proper segregation of duties as we continue recruitment for a permanent finance

Prior to Mr. Tillery's appointment, city Chief Internal Auditor Abdul Baloch had served as interim finance director since July 26, 2021.

director.'



A WARM WELCOME—On Sunday, March 26, 2023, the Top Ladies of Distinction, Inc. (TLOD) Raleigh Chapter presented the induction ceremony of their 2023 Top Teens of America (TTA). Top Teens of America (TTA) provides all teens, regardless of their ethnic or socio-economic status, the opportunity to receive extracurricular support, career, and character development training, along with key community volunteer opportunities. There are currently 108 TTA Chapters with over 5,000 top Teens located throughout the United States. Numerous family and friends supported the new teens during the ceremony.

A Run-Raiser To Fight Cancer

A Saturday morning rain cer. "It's rough. I've had a hard couldn't dampen the enthusitime, I never had a support sysasm of participants in the 17th LUNGe Forward 5K run, walk and celebration in Cary benefiting lung cancer research.

The Lung Cancer Initiative is a grassroots movement of survivors, providers, and advocates in North Carolina. It has grown to become a leading organization that connects lung cancer patients with the medical and research community. This year's event goal was to raise \$140,000 but once the event concluded, more than \$2 million was raised to fund lung cancer research and

In 2006 The Lung Cancer Initiative (LCI) started their network of hope and action fueled lung cancer research. By furthering education and awareness about lung cancer, they saw an increase of people needing assistance and support.

This year's event had great activities for everyone such as on-stage celebration of hope and survivorship, survivors, friends & family tent, nature walk on the Cary Greenway, children bounce house, kids' dash and awards, and a BiscuitYo Food Truck.

"To see lung cancer survivors and their families out here, our sponsors, all the area hospitals? I mean, you can't help but be excited and energized by this group," said Paige Humble of the Lung Cancer Initiative.

While the event was underway, survivor Judy Noble shared her story on her battle with lung can-

tem because I lived in a bubble for so long, and the first time I popped my bubble was with the Lung Cancer Initiative. And here am today. I'm living my best life, every single day, and I'm loving it. Give us some money. Lung Cancer Initiative North Carolina, we need your money, we need to fight, we need to keep going because this is what we need to do." said Noble.

After telling her story so candidly, another runner joined in to share her battle and how the organization assisted her. Kathy Spears, of Apex, North Carolina shared that she had no support system for a while. During a doctor's visit, someone in her same position told her about LCI and the rest was history.

" I believe that what they are doing at the initiative is truly life changing. It's not an easy journey but they were there to help in every way. What I liked most is that the team actually took out time to talk to me but listen, provided a solution, and helped me through my journey. Not once did I feel alone." said Spears

Since 2008, LCI has funded more than \$2.8 million in lung cancer research through programs such as the research fellowship grant, health disparities in lung cancer grant, Career Development Award, and an Innovation grant. Thankfully, their support has jump-started the careers of researchers who have gone on to receive continued funding for their work from the National Institutes of Health, the Department of Defense, and the American Cancer Society.



President Biden Pays A Visit

By Tyria McCray

Kicking off his nationwide "Investing In America" tour, President Joseph "Joe" Biden traveled to Durham to visit Wolfspeed, a semiconductor factory to address clean energy and manufacturing. He also emphasized that the Investing in America agenda will hopefully lead to the strongest job growth in history. The initiative is putting over \$300 billion in major private sector investments nationwide, stronger infrastructure, and a Made in America manufacturing boom that is strengthening supply chains and national security.

Before speaking about the topic at hand, Biden started his speech by condemning the acts of the shooter in Nashville who opened fire at a private school on Ms. Carbone has over 40 Monday. Six people died in the

> "Don't tell me we can't do more together," Biden said. "I again call on congress to pass the assault weapons ban. Pass it. It should not be a partisan issue. It's a common sense issue."

Biden went on to highlight new infrastructure projects which were made possible by the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law. Those infrastructure projects will include new electric vehicle manufacturing facilities as a result of the Inflation Reduction Act. As well as new semiconductor fabs thanks to the CHIPS and Science

He further elaborated on the workforce preparation partnership between Wolfspeed and Durham Technical Community College which has graduated 161 students since 2020. The 12-week course teaches chemistry, electronics, mechanical, programmable logic controllers, sensors, robotics, safety, quality, statistical techniques, problem solving and Lean Six Sigma to people training for work at Wolfspeed's planned new facility in Chatham 'Before the pandemic, no one

knew what a supply chain was. Where is it written that the country cannot lead the world in manufacturing. We are bringing the key parts of the supply chain back to America. I've said this for a long time and I believe this from the bottom of my heart, if we invest in America, we can change the future of our country. I've never been more optimistic about our future, just remember who we are, the United States of America. There is nothing beyond our capacity when we act together. We also plan to create many jobs which don't need a four year degree. Also, Wolfspeed plans to partner with North Carolina A&T to produce more black manufacturers." said President Biden.

terials plant in Chatham County which is expected to create 1,800 jobs that pay an average of \$77,000 by 2030. Likewise, VinFast is investing \$4 billion in a new Chatham County facility that will make electric buses, electric SUVs, and electric vehicle batteries. They expect to hire 7.500 workers and produce 150,000 vehicles per year.

Additionally, Toyota is making a \$3.8 billion investment in a new lithium-ion battery manufacturing plant in Liberty, NC, creating 2,100 new jobs. The company is also putting \$1 million toward workforce readiness opportunities. Also, Siemens plans to invest \$220 million in advanced manufacturing and rail services facility in Lexington, NC, creating 500 new jobs to support the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law's investments in Made in America rail and transit.

Gregg Lowe, CEO of Wolfspeed, shared his thoughts on the President's visit, "As an American company, Wolfspeed looks forward to welcoming President Biden and his team to its North Carolina headquarters, where they will see firsthand our cutting-edge facilities for producing Silicon Carbide. Wolf-Wolfspeed also plans to invest speed is proud to play a critical \$5 billion in a semiconductor marole in fulfilling the objectives of the CHIPS & Science Act and the Inflation Reduction Act, and to reinforce U.S. leadership in the energy transition and the semiconductor industry," Lowe

> Durham Mayor Pro Temp Mark-Anthony Middleton shared with us that the decision proves that RTP is a major player in the tech industry.



St. Aug Students Making Connections

RALEIGH, NC - On Friday, by presenting a unique opportu-March 24th, the Association of National Advertisers (ANA) held the largest and most significant marketing conference this region has seen in many years hosted by Saint Augustine's University (SAU)'s School of Business, Management & Technology.

"The ANA Conference on Influencer Marketing under Dean Sapp's leadership aligned well with our university's mission

nity for our students to engage with industry professionals and gain hands-on experience in this rapidly growing field," said SAU President Dr. Christine Johnson McPhail. "I am excited to see how this conference will contribute to our student success initiatives regarding personal and professional development by preparing our students to become future leaders in business and technology.'

The industry conference focused on the Power of Influencer Marketing with an audience of HBCU students and executives from ad agencies like Mc-Cann New York, Walton Isaacson, Omnicom Media Group, and McKinney. Other significant brands in attendance included The Fresh Market, Champion, Lenovo, Advanced Auto Parts, Logitech, Red Hat, Wells Fargo, NASCAR, General Motors, and Walmart.



Church

SERMON of the WEEK



SERMON OF THE WEEK You Can Count On Me; You Have A Friend By Evangelist Anthony Evans

John 15:12-15, "My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command. I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master's business. Instead, I have called you friends,

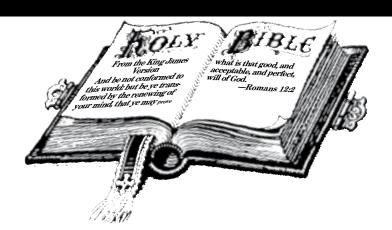
for everything that I learned

from my Father I have made

known to you.'

We gathered at the church to Celebrate Family and Friends Day by getting back to the basics and keeping with the day's theme. Defining Family and Friends is important in understanding who we are and our rightful place in the Kingdom of God.

The Family is described as parents and children, which make See, Jesus was letting them know up a unit of people, while a Friend is described as a person that we have a mutual bond of friendship. As humans, we together to help form a relation- can be there as much as possible, ship in which we can follow the there will come a time when but also instantaneous. So, be-



command left by our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Love each other as I have loved you because no greater love has no man than one that would lay down his life for a friend. Jesus has promised us that He will never leave or forsake us; therefore, He is the only one who can make the promise without a doubt and be sure that You Can Count on Me because You Have a Friend.

You Can Count On Me By Evangelist James Waddell

I want to begin by looking at the Biblical context of the sermonic text. Jesus was discussing the friendship issue as he prepared to go to the cross. Eleven of the 12 disciples were present as Judas was making his deal to betray Jesus. Jesus was letting the disciples know that he would not be around and that they needed to depend on each other to get

that the thing he was about to do would be the greatest example with. Each of these traits comes are subject to failure. While we

all we have is God. He is there through thick and thin, the good and bad. Let me take you back to the cross. Jesus went there to prove his love for us. But he got up to show how he was still there with us. Jesus is saying that you can count on me!

The Super Friend By Elder Demetrius Hunter

We see here that Jesus gives a directive to love one another. He follows up by giving himself as the extreme example of a friend. Human nature is to view friendship as a reciprocal understanding. As the song said in the '90s, "If you do for me, I'll do for you "We all will drop someone if we feel they are not giving as much as we are. But we need to follow the super friend's example.

See, I heard somewhere that I love him because he first loved me. I heard somewhere what a friend we have in Jesus. See, our super friend will never let us down. He is always there. He doesn't have to leap buildings in a single bound. He is everywhere at the same time. He is not only faster than a locomotive

It's Ramadan, So What do Muslims Believe And Do?

By Kalpana Jain

Harvard University

When I was growing up in India, my father's Muslim friends would get me new clothes for Eid al-Fitr, a festival that celebrates the end of the fasting month of Ramadan, just as they would for their own children. Later in the day, loads of sewain, a vermicelli dessert filled with nuts, would be sent to our home.

I learned about many cultural rituals in these interactions, but as someone who is not a Muslim, I did not have a deep theological understanding of the Islamic faith until reading the writings of our scholars as an ethics and religion editor.

Today, we will take you through some of the basic tenets of the Islamic faith.

For Muslims, Prophet Muhammad is the most revered of all men. He is the last and most authoritative in a line of prophets that includes Moses and Jesus and is believed to have received direct revelations from God through the archangel Gabriel.

These revelations form the basis of the Muslim holy text, the Quran. The Quran refers to God as Allah, which is the Arabic word for God.

Muslims belong to many different sects - including some you may have heard of, like Sunni and Shiite - but they all share these same fundamental

The Islamic faith

There are five pillars - or basic tenets - of the Islamic faith. These are professing one's faith; praying five times a day; giving zakat, or donating a certain portion of one's wealth; fasting during Ramadan; and

making a pilgrimage to Mecca in Saudi Arabia.

Each of these pillars is an important part of being Muslim. As scholar Rose Aslan writes, "Many Muslims organize their days around the call to prayer and others stop what they are doing during the call and make supplications to God."

In countries such as Turkey, Saudi Arabia and India, the call to prayer can be heard through loudspeakers mounted on minarets. The sacred text is recited by professionals to evoke piety in their listeners.

Muslims pray in the direction of Mecca in Saudi Arabia. Inside mosques, a prayer niche, a recess in the wall, known as the mihrab, indicates the direction of Mecca.

Scholars explain that for many Muslims, the practice of prayer helps them experience God in an intimate way. The 13th-century Persian Sufi poet Rumi spoke of his experience of prayer as a "delight," that opened the "window" of his

For all Muslims who have the "physical and financial ability" to undertake the journey, the five-day pilgrimage to the Great Mosque of Mecca and the surrounding area is an obligation to be undertaken once in their lives. Inside the Great Mosque of Mecca is a black, cube-shaped structure, the Holy

The Kaaba holds a deep religious significance for Muslims. The Quran tells the story of Ibrahim, who, when commanded by God, agreed to sacrifice his son, Ismail. Scholar Ken Chitwood explains that Muslims believe the Kaaba holds the food and traditions to the celblack stone upon which Ibrahim ebrations of this holy day. was to sacrifice Ismail.

The pilgrimage ends with Eid al-Adha, the "feast of the sacri-

Fasts and feasts

If you have heard about or seen your Muslim neighbors fasting, then what they are observing is Ramadan. Muslims believe that the Quran was first revealed to Prophet Muhammad during the month of Ramadan.

Ramadan is the ninth month of the Islamic lunar calendar and lasts either 29 or 30 days. During Ramadan, Muslims observe a fast from sunrise to sunset each day, so they wake up early to share food before the sun appears and end it in later in the evening.

In the 12-month Gregorian calendar used in much of the world, the timing of Ramadan can vary from year to year. The dates depend on when the new crescent moon is visible.

The fasting, as scholar Mohammad Hassan Khalil explains, is a way for Muslims to be conscious of God. It is also meant to help them understand what it is like to be poor.

The fasting ends with the celebration of Eid al-Fitr. Muslim communities often organize large feasts for breaking the fast that are known as "Iftaar" (literally, "breakfast") at which people from all religions are welcomed. I've often attended Iftaar feasts in India.

On Eid, Muslims gather in the mosque for prayers, which are followed by celebrations. In many South Asian countries, sewain are distributed around to friends and neighbors. But customs can vary, and Muslims from different countries and cultures will bring their unique

Practical Biblical Principles The Prodigal Son is a Story of end of his life was one of the drunk and lost his hat overboard

Grace

Read: 2 Corinthians 12:1-8 One of the things Jesus was very good at during His ministry was telling stories. Stories

which had deep spiritual meanings. Stories which depicted how the spiritual atmosphere in the true Kingdom of Heaven gives Heaven is poured out upon nondeserving men upon the earth. Jesus told the story of the lost

sheep and when the shepherd this event with the angels in heaven rejoicing when one sinner is found and brought back into the protective fold (Luke

The most impactful of the stories Jesus told and it still holds a strong grip upon readers is the one of the 'Prodigal Son.' This is the story of a young wayward son, a loving father and a jeal-Newton become a Prodigal son, so did Rembrandt, the famous painter, so did David, having an affair with Bathsheba, so did Paul, who was given a thorn in the flesh. So have many believers who are still lost. The story of the Prodigal Son still calls to all who have yet to come back home

The story of the Prodigal Son impacted Rembrandt's life to the point when earlier in his life when he was foot loose and fancy free one of Rembrandt's earlier well-known paintings was one of him in the presence of a bar maid having fun. Later in life when Rembrandt read the story of The Prodigal Son his life changed. One of Rembrandt's ally sank, and the man who took greatest paintings toward the his place drowned. Newton was

Prodigal Son, picturing a happy father welcoming a long-lost son back home. Following Newton's song-

Amazing Grace. "Through many dangers, toils and snares, I have already come." Can you with all honesty make a list of all your Dangers, Toils, Snares? Times life. Mainly how Grace from of 'Danger' when you have been scared. Times of 'Toil' when you have labored almost beyond endurance. Times of 'Snare' when you've wrestled with temptation left the flock and went looking and the devil, sometimes win- at a round table exchanging time when racial segregation for the lost sheep and found it. And how the neighbors rejoiced it was all over for the time being, God's gift of survival. The Grace with the shepherd when the lost if this ever was your case, and sheep was found. Jesus equated you realized you had survived and was still standing for better or for worse. Let it be known, It was God's Grace that brought you through. For details talk to

"But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellence of the power may be of God and not of us. We are hard pressed on every side, yet not crushed; we are perplexed but ous, older son. Not only did John not in despair; persecuted, but not forsaken, struck down but not destroyed" (2 Corinthians

Dr. David Jerimiah stated that John Newton didn't write these words because they sounded good or could be played on all the black keys on the piano. He wrote them because he lived them. So did Rembrandt, so did King David, So did Paul. So have some of us.

At a shooting party Newton almost killed himself by accidently firing his shotgun when climbing up a hill missing his skull by two inches. At the last minute, Newton's captain pulled him from a previous assigned duty of a river trip in Africa. The boat eventuin port. He dove in the water trying to retrieve his hat and couldn't swim. Someone pulled him in.

Paul was shipwrecked. Paul was almost stoned to death, Paul had his back lashed more than once. Paul was forced to escape by a rope basket being let down the wall lest be captured and killed by the mob who didn't like his

Can you see Paul, John New-God's gift of survival. The Grace of God produces power to act and survive.

God used an uneducated fish-

erman to be the church's first leader. His name was Peter. God used a fix-it man sitting jail to write Pilgrims Progress one of the greatest moral classics in the English language - Paul Bunyan. God used a shy monk to set off his greatest Christian reformation in history - Martin Luther. God used a Bible college dropout to preach the Gospel to more people in Christian history - Billy Graham. God used an ordinary shoe salesman to create revivals and new ministries all over the world - Dwight L. Moody.

It is the weakness of humanity which God uses as the container to provide Him glory. Here God simply applies His Grace to man's weakness and man gains spiritual power, perspective, perseverance, and promotes praise. The story of the Prodigal Son has all these teaching elements in it. "My Grace is Sufficient."

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(l)bituaries Edward G. Gardner, the

founder of Soft Sheen Products Inc., passed away on Monday, March 20, 2023, at the age of His passing is a great loss to the business world, the beauty industry, and the community he served. Born in Chicago in

ton, Rembrandt, and king David 1925, Gardner grew up in a was a reality in the United States. Despite the obstacles he faced, he was determined to make a difference and create opportunities for himself and others. He served in World War II as a member of the Tuskegee Airmen, the first African American military aviators in the United States Armed Forces. After the war, he earned a degree in chemistry from the University of Illinois and went on to work in the hair care in-

In 1954, Gardner founded Soft Sheen Products Inc. with his wife, Betty. The company started with just \$500 and a dream to create a hair care product line specifically for people of color. Gardner's knowledge of chemistry and his understanding of the unique needs of African American hair helped him to create products that were effective and affordable. Soft Sheen Products quickly became a household name and a symbol of pride for the African American community.



Under Gardner's leadership, Soft Sheen Products Inc. grew to become one of the largest African American-owned companies in the United States. Gardner was a trailblazer in the beauty industry, and his success inspired countless entrepreneurs and business owners. Gardner was also a philanthropist and a champion of education. He believed that education was the key to unlocking opportunities and breaking neer in his field. His passing is down barriers. He established the Soft Sheen Products Scholarship Fund, which has helped tions to come.

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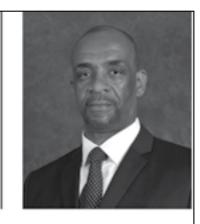
countless students pursue their dreams of higher education.

Gardner's legacy will live on through his family, his company, and the countless lives he touched throughout his life. His contributions to the business world, the beauty industry, and the community at large will not be forgotten.

Edward G. Gardner will be remembered as a visionary leader, an innovator, and a pioa great loss, but his impact will continue to be felt for genera-







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LOVE AND MARRIAGE= CULTURE & ECONOMIC

By H.E. Wesley, Jr., Written September 29, 2008

In this postcolonial era a blissful marriage is hard to come by, particularly for the global African family. Indeed, when a young man and woman are anticipating marriage the decision is usually based on their sexual familiarity or "it's money honey." In any case, the love, if there was any, is usually diminished after a short period.

The Nigerian author Chinweizu took a scholarly examination of the situation and in his book, Anatomy of Female Power, proclaimed in so many words that the feminist views did not alter the balance; it shifted the imbalance from one side to another. He wrote:

In the last couple of decades, feminist propaganda has sought to persuade the world that women are powerless in society, and that men are natural oppressors of women. It claims that wives are subordinate to their husbands in the home; and that, outside the home, men have excluded women from political, economic

Chinweizu goes on to say that in the grand scheme of things it is men who are powerless, he say—The term men's liberation was derived from the term women's liberation and thus insinuates that women have power over men. Its very name infers liberation from female domination and is therefore an inversion of fact as well as women's liberation principles.

He goes on to say-This great division of opinion among women should prompt one to ask: Which kind of claim is true? Which picture is the illusion, and which the reality? Conventional modern opinion, as well as the social science consensus, would appear to support the feminist picture. It is conventionally assumed that female power, if it existed, would wielded by women, through some public system of authority. It is also held, by conventional expert opinion, the matriarchs (who would be the natural wielders of female power) are illusory. That matriarchy (a system of females wielding authority) does not exist.

The above may be a generic analysis of the situation, but our concern here is for the social condition and the remedy for the global African family and this postcolonial era. Our situation is unique and can be referred to as a gemstone that is rough, split, or polished. The differences can be explained by characterizing the rough and split stones as the African's condition as a result of colonialism and slavery. The rough, jagged stones are those of us who have a firm desire to be white, and devoid of their African-ness all together. The split stones are those trying to find their way, realizing that colonialism and slavery split up the Black Race so we are no longer one family and are further divided by differences of alien governments, rank, property and culture. The work of the Black Race may be that we seek to eliminate those differences, reunite into one global family represented by the polished gemstone we unsurprisingly are. Thus there is a need for the Black Race at large to organize, examine, read, and think.

The opinions expressed in this article are not based on Chinweizu's notion that there are three basic types of men: the macho, the musho, and the masuclinist; nor that there are three basic types of women: the matriarchs, the tomboys and the ternagants. Those are Euro-American terms and conditions.

This article is built in the basic odd or fanciful or capricious idea that love and marriage is a cultural affair grounded in economics; and secondly, the African community as a whole works better when culture is grounded in economics. As such a cultural induced economic system makes for a blissful community and maybe that is what the global African family needs to focus on to break the cyclical destitution of this postcolonial era.

The economic scheme that the Black Race needs to find—the spring that will repair the lack of love as experienced by the global African Family, is a wedding of cultural and economic life. Think about this-simplicity of life-style constitutes the very purpose of individual and social development.

What we loosely call poverty is in fact destitution. Simplicity of life-style is presented here to decry the cult of lavishness; a feature of the way of life adopted by Euro-Americans as they organized colonialism by raping Africa and Africans. Of course many of the "indigenous notables," our Euro-American educated elite, those Black leaders who took the top positions in the postcolonial era, followed the master's model of culture and economic.

Josué de Castro in his book Geopolitics of Hunger gives us the root cause of our destitution. He wrote that "It was the dislocation of traditional social structures and the domination of, first, the colonial powers and later the indigenous notables that were responsible for aggravating the problems of food shortages."

He explains further by sharing this story—
"In the old days," says an aged peasant, "you could not sell bananas. There were too many around. There was enough for everybody. Today we have to buy this basic food on the market, and prices are constantly rising. Village folk are no longer as self-sustaining as they used to be, thanks to monetarization. Peasants are obliged to sell their produce under appalling conditions just to cover what they are made to pay, and have to buy their food.

Whereas the above story may appear puzzling to some, it is more bewildering when you really gasp the scope of the story of the blissful African of yesterday (where his food was readily supplied by God and nature), and the African of today starving. You see, from the very ancient era to the pre-colonial era African economics was based in culture. The crux of our economic problems appeared to have developed fairly recently in the postcolonial era. For it was in the postcolonial era that the global African family separated itself from the economic socio-cultural program component from the economy.

Another aspect of the above story is, it shows to what extent the availability of surplus possessions intoxicated the colonizers. (Note the bananas were everywhere, free offered by God, but the Europeans decided that not only the bananas but also all of God's bounty must be controlled and sold.) They became profit driven, and of course, we follow their lead. The result—the African fell deep into a state of agitation and deeper into poverty that led to destitution. It is not that the African needed the European for anything, however colonialism and slavery severed the African mind. That is to say, slavery and colonialism was a denaturing process.

The postcolonial global African Family appeared to have lost his natural ability to base its thinking and efforts on inductive reasoning; on the experiences and realities of our own lives, rather than on abstract principles adopted from the industrialized countries. Anyone who looks at the "soaps" on TV knows that whereas Euro-American experiences may be entertaining, their encounters generally are not within the realm of our realities an are unsuited to our needs and surroundings

Maybe the Black Race needs to decide on a common ideology and try together to achieve certain general goals. That is to say—The Black Race needs a "solidarity contract," one that denotes sovereignty. Ezrah Aharone in his book Pawned Sovereignty says-

Sovereignty is absolute and nationalistically distinct to a particular race or group of people. People are either sovereign, or they are not. To occupy a middle ground like Black America constitutes the absence of sovereignty. The sovereignty of Euro-America is an invisible substance that will never be sliced

in pieces to share with others. Å "solidarity contract" could be used as a fulcrum designed to pivot the global African Family towards the lever of socio-cultural economy based on collective rights. "Why is all that necessary," you ask? "Slavery is over, citizenship and civil rights are in the hands of the descendents of the slaves so why do you suggest that Black Sovereignty is needed? Again Ezrah Aharone answers:

The holding of citizenship makes a person a member of society, but like association, citizenship should not be confused with sovereignty. As an analogy of the difference between sovereignty and citizenship, consider athletes in professional sports. Athletes play for a team, but they do not own the team, or the league that sanctions the games. Black America is a member (citizen) of the team (society and its national institutions). However, we do not own or control any of the teams, and we certainly do not own or control the league (the federal government and its agencies).

Over the last century, America has welcomed people of all races, creeds, and colors to naturalize as citizens. Its citizens come from all over the world. But make no doubt about it, America is still a Western European nation, and its sovereignty is the exclusive possession of Euro-Americans. Unless defeated in war, Euro-Americans will never allow their sovereignty to be diluted by anyone, including Black America.

The recent \$700 billion Wall Street bailout law is a case in point. This \$700 billion bill represents a loan that will have to be paid back at some point. The economic system falls under the control of Euro-Americans but the payback will include your grandchildren and mine. You have a civil responsibility to pay the debt but not the sovereign power to say—The Black "citizens" are not responsible for this economic meltdown, we are for the most part destitute so we are

not burdening our children with paying the \$700 billion back.

ENOUGH WITH CHINA'S SUPPORT OF RUSTIA! FET RID OF EVERYTHING MADE IN CHINA!



REMOVING THE BARRIERS

Entrepreneurship is one of the main ways Black Americans have always built legacy wealth and economic prosperity for generations, and we have to continue to create, empower and remove barriers to entrepreneurial entry to help stimulate the growth of Black American entrepreneurship.

Time and time again big government gets in the way. You see it all the time, you need to pay this fee, pass this test, renew this license, get that certification, be approved by this entity, buy this course, and the list goes on and on. One in four jobs in America mandates some form of government-issued license to

The issue of licensure reform is one that is not in the headlines all the time, but it is a conservative policy that has been quietly making its way from policy ideas to actual legislation in states where Republicans are in charge. Former President Trump pushed for these reforms, GOP Governor Doug Ducey of Arizona was the first to sign universal occupational licensing reform into law in 2019 and at the end of last month, Glenn Youngkin of Virginia became the latest through his universal licensing law. Under Ducey's leadership in Arizona, The Goldwater Institutesays, "more than 6,500 professionals have been granted a license to work in Arizona under universal recognition, in fields ranging from medicine to cosmetology to engi-

When Governor Youngkin signed the new legislation into law in Virginia he did so at a Black-owned barber shopbecause it is by far the best example of how this type of occupational license reform can and should be applied. Youngkin said in a statement, "My administration has worked tirelessly, and we've been successful in bringing thousands of Virginians off the sidelines and back into the workforce. But what I hear from businesses of all sizes, large and small, is they need more, they need more workers. Universal license recognition will assist in resolving worker shortages while at the same time benefiting consumers through reduced costs of goods and services."

Virginia Republican Delegate Will Morefield said, "A universal licensure system ensures a level playing field, allowing an individual to move to any zip code in the Commonwealth and have access to quality jobs and opportunities.'

In North Carolina today, if a young entrepreneur wants to pursue the dream of owning their own barbershop and creating a place to have people from his community become self-employed barbers there are a lot of steps to take and it is not free. If you have a barbershop and wanted to hire someone licensed in South Carolina, they will have to go through the process to be re-certified and licensed in North Carolina and that is a total waste of time, energy, and money. Yes, you would have to pay all the fees and take all the exams just because you moved to

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HOW ABOUT SOME MIRACLES?

White House press conference can be interesting. The spokesperson is intelligent and represents the administration (or the party that is in). The press secretary is typically good at democratic selection of the press members that give a balance of press members and correspondents that challenge them as well as ask questions that reflect their support of or disdain of the administration. They are also good at not answering those questions, but sometimes they slip up and a news story is generated. Recently at a press conference, a reporter asked Press Secretary Karine Jean-Pierre if President Biden was annoyed by Marianne Williamson. She said as she laughed, "He is not tracking that. If I had a crystal ball, a magic 8 ball or whatever, or could feel her aura, I could answer that. I don't have anything to share on that". Marianne Williamson later responded "I've never had a crystal, I've never written about crystals. I've never had a crystal on stage with me"

That's not a bad response but for me I wish she hadn't responded at all. Described as a "new age" spiritual leader, author and speaker, Marianne is very popular because of her study of a course in miracles and its application for everyday life. I have followed her for years and read almost all of her books so I don't see her as a joke. In addition I have had my own personal experiences with the course and so I understand what she's teaching and I have respect for her.

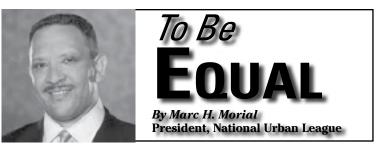
This will be her second bid for president and as with other contestants such as Jesse Jackson, Shirley Chisholm, Al Sharpton, Barack Obama, Herbert Humphrey and Joe Biden, I have agreed with the attempts they all made over the years to improve this democracy. To focus on the environment, equality of all people, rights for education and medical care is the least America can do to make it great again. I am not a republican.

I don't have respect for where they want to take America. For me, an intelligent liberal agenda is the experiment that is America. Period. Contrary to what some black republicans say, I have not been lubed by the democrats. I also know they are not perfect, but they come closer to what I believe than any other party so, I am a proud democrat.

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When Marianne Wiliamson responded to the press conference I was disappointed. Though I understand that she is human, I believe she has an opportunity to introduce the course to the world by how closely she models its teachings. One of the tenets that the course encourages is that the truth needs no

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NO ONE, NOT EVEN A FORMER PRESIDENT, IS ABOVE THE LAW

"An indictment of the former president, followed by orderly due process, would show that no one is immune to following the law simply because he is famous, wealthy, politically powerful, willing to threaten the justice system, or possessed of intemperate and powerful followers such as Representative Andy Biggs. Biggs has accidentally stumbled on the secret of rule of law, in which no one is above accountability." -- David A. Graham

It's meant to be a dire warning - a call to arms for the MAGA army:

"Remember, if they can do this to me, they can do it to anyone!" Donald Trump howls.

Trump's lieutenants, like Rep. Biggs - an election denier who refused to denounce white supremacy - dutifully parrot this

They are of course, absolutely correct, although they got it somewhat backward. If "they" - meaning duly-elected or appointed prosecutors following the law -- can do it to anyone, "they" can do it to Trump.

It must be said, however, that Trump clearly means something different when he says "they."

Manhattan District Attorney Alvin Bragg, Fulton County, Georgia, District Attorney Fani Willis, and New York State Attorney General Letitia James are Black. Trump never misses an opportunity to stoke the flame of the racial resentment at the heart of his political appeal.

"One of the impacts of this rhetoric of anti-white racism is that it invites everyday Americans to see themselves as victims of a Black takeover," Tayo Bero wrote in The Guardian. "This isn't just absurd, it also lends credence to the far-right "white replacement theory" that underpins Trump's political strategy.

Deplorable though his appeals to racism may be, they are an undeniably effective tactic in a broader strategy to divert attention from the crimes alleged in the myriad of cases against him. They are historic in their scope and gravity: Inciting an insurrection. Conspiracy to defraud the United States. Obstructing Congress. Racketeering. Falsifying documents. Violating the Espionage Act. Obstruction of justice. Removing

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PART ONE OF AN INTERVIEW WITH TIFFANY FUTCH

"Veronica Rowell changed my perspective on philanthropy when she said that you can call yourself a philanthropist if you've ever spent one dollar at a thrift store. When she explained how that dollar can cycle through a community, a light bulb went off for me. My goal is to cycle as many dollars (whether my own or to inspire others to) as I can through my local community for the greater good."

This is the story of how the women of her community helped Tiffany Futch grow into a Black woman philanthropist and fundraiser. "No one would ever have made me believe at age 29 that fundraising was a thing that I would do; let alone love. Naturally, I'm very introverted so I was afraid of rejection or just being awkward at asking for money." Tiffany shares her story to inspire you.

"My philanthropic journey began about six months before my 30th birthday. I was having angst that I hadn't accomplished enough and frantically began to list out 30 things I wanted to do by my 30th birthday. One was "Be a check writer". A few Google searches later, I realized the correct name for it was philanthropy. A deeper dive into the search results landed me at the Women's Foundation for a Greater Memphis' annual grantee awards event. As fate would have it, I ran into Shante Avante who I'd met when I was in college working for

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FEDERAL FLOGGING

By Dr. Kimberly Muktarian

Since the first day of the Emancipation, White America has constantly wage to place Blacks back into some form of slavery. Central Prison, the first prison built in North Carolina was crafted by the hands of former slaves immediately after their release in 1870. After a series of disenfranchisements, redlinings and inadequate pay in the form of sharecropping and peonage labor, Blacks were flooded with the illegal drug market co-sponsored by the CIA. In 1994 President Bill Clinton along with Senators Joe Biden sponsored the Crime Bill of 1994 whereby Draconian Life Sentences were crafted to hold drug dealers for extreme amounts of time. Many of those were Blacks whereby drug stings were often conducted though other affluent communities were found to be just as complicit. This onslaught of warfare between he United States government and its militia began handing out Life Sentences to Black and Brown people by the hundreds.

While the thought of "Tough on Crime" concepts are often a part of the Republican Party versus Democrats, many would see the bipartisan efforts that not only created a market but also created a profit for rural communities who suffered financially since the early days of slavery. In a matter of time Federal Prison complexes like Butner Federal institution became not only a facilitator of imprisoned Black men but became the Medical Unit for the Mentally ill. Places like Bladen County, NC whose rural communities brought in little profit until their new detention facility was built to hold more federal inmates than local criminals. On average ninety percent of the detainees are on federal hold. The once thriving rural areas who survived off the proceeds of free labor, cotton and tobacco now thrive from Oxycontin offenders and Marijuana users. Slave hunting is back in business and have become quite lucrative. However, advocates have complained for years the Draconian sentences handed out in extremities to Black and Brown people.

When President Trump entered office, his administration freed several of the Black, Brown and Poor Whites confined to federal imprisonment. However, Biden's administration is now observing the blatant discriminatory practices often aimed at Black and Brown inmates. During President Obama's administration, the effort to reduce the crack/cocaine ratio to 100:1 became eminent, but many Judges would not adhere to the new rule. In fact, Chief James Devers, III of the Eastern District was known to blatant disregard the notices that came from President Obama and continue to use his own discretion.

Lifers like Wille Lee Harris of Charlotte, NC has been incarcerated to a life sentence for a non-violent offense for 28 years. The courts initially gave him 12 years but because he refused to cooperate, Harris was given a life sentence. All of his co-defendants have been released and only he and another had been sentenced to life. Once apprehended, Harris was given a bond and released until his court hearing which means, Harris was neither a threat to society nor a flight risk. His severe punishment was due to his failure to cooperate with authorities. Recently US Attorney General Myrick Garland created a method for federal inmates to apply for relief if they were sentenced due to their failure to cooperate.

Save Our Sons calls this a Federal Flogging, whereby, the system overly punishes for the lack of cooperation. This concept was used during slavery when slave owners discovered other slaves were aware of the planned escape but failed to notify its

In most lynchings, the victim is grateful for being released off the noose and very few will address the unjust lynching in the first place. They are only glad to be unburied or cut down from America's trees that hold them.



By Stacy M. Brown

NNPA

Washington D.C. - The National Newspaper Publishers Association (NNPA) will host the annual Black Press Week, where publishers from across the country are gathering to celebrate the importance of Black-owned newspapers and media outlets in the United States.

After a series of events observing Black Press Week, NNPA President and CEO, Dr. Benjamin F. Chavis Jr., will deliver the State of the Black Press Address.

The highly-anticipated dissertation will take place on Friday, March 17, at the National Press Club.

Dr. Chavis will speak about the current state of Black-owned

newspapers and media outlets, and the challenges and opportunities facing the Black Press in 2023.

Mississippi Democratic Congressman Bennie Thompson and other prominent figures are expected to attend.

The Black Press enjoys a legendary history in America. For 196 years, Black-owned newspapers and media outlets

have provided a voice for Black communities that are often ignored by mainstream media. Publications like the Chicago Defender, AFRO, The New Pitts-

burgh Courier, Philadelphia Tribune, and Amsterdam News have covered stories that are relevant to Black Americans, from civil rights and social justice issues to entertainment and sports news. It was JET magazine that first published pictures of the body

of Emmett Till, that led to the civil rights movement. It was the New Journal & Guide in Norfolk, Va., that intro-

duced the world to the women who would later come to fame in the movie "Hidden Figures.'

Despite the challenges facing the media industry in recent

years, the Black Press has remained a vital source of information and a powerful voice for the Black community. During the COVID-19 pandemic, Black-owned newspapers and

media outlets played a critical role in disseminating information about the virus and its impact on Black communities.

The Black Press was the first to declare the virus, airborne. Today, the rise of digital media has disrupted the traditional

business model of newspapers and media outlets, and Blackowned publications are not immune to these changes. Additionally, the Black Press faces increased competition from

mainstream media outlets that are now covering stories that were once the exclusive to Black-owned publications. Despite these challenges, the Black Press remains as impor-

tant as ever.

Black-owned newspapers and media outlets continue to provide a unique perspective on issues that affect the Black community, and they remain a vital source of information for millions

of Black Americans.

King Crossword



SOME INCARCERATED PEOPLE DON'T TRUST NC'S PRISON **GRIEVANCE SYSTEM**

By Kelan Lyons

NC Policy Watch

A new report on North Carolina's prison grievance procedure found that some incarcerated people do not think the policy resolves their complaints and fear they will be punished for raising an objection about their confinement.

"If we write a grievance we will be wrote up and put in the hole," one person wrote in a letter sent to NC-CURE, a nonprofit advocacy group behind the investigation.

"Any grievance that's written with merit about officers' wrongdoing does not get addressed when it will expose the officers," wrote another.

The prison system's administrative remedy procedure is a mechanism by which the roughly 30,000 people in state prisons can try to resolve a complaint about an incident or policy in the prison in which they are confined or imprisonment more broadly.

A successful grievance could mean a change to a prison policy, restitution or restoration of personal property, among other options.

NC-CURE collected letters from incarcerated people over four months in 2022 and turned them over to two professors at East Carolina University's Department of Criminal Justice. The researchers analyzed the letters and made three overarching findings: 1) grievance procedures are not followed by prison staff, 2) the appeals are ineffective, and 3) the people in prison fear retaliation or retribution for complaining.

NC-CURE's findings contradict the stated policy of the prison system, but they align with a federal court's ruling earlier this year. A three-judge panel of the Fourth Circuit Court of Appeals found that North Carolina's prison grievance procedure is such a confusing and confounding process that it's questionable whether incarcerated people can even access it.



THE VICTIM COMPLEX

By Allura Williams

Special To The Carolinian

Everyone these days has seen the videos on social media posts and in the news of people having complete meltdowns in public and I think covid may be the cause of it.. Whether it's a video on social media of someone in a grocery store knocking everything off shelves after being asked to leave for causing a scene, someone flipping tables after being removed from restaurant property after disrespecting or assaulting their server, or an airline passenger threatening the airline workers because they missed their flight, it has become way to common of an issue.

Just in the last week alone two of the major videos going around have been a woman in a grocery store throwing candles around and breaking them after an incident discussing black lives matter and a passenger who attempted to stab a flight attendant, then try to open the emergency exit door. In all of the instances, there seems to be one common denominator and that is people believing they are the victim no matter the situation.

With all these videos of people throwing tantrums, they all end with the person believing they have been wronged in some way and keeping that mindset that "the customer is always right", but what has caused such an increase of these incidents. Although public meltdowns have always been an issue, it has seemed they have become more prevalent of a problem since the end of covid.

When covid regulations were first put into place, it started the domino effect of people becoming more isolated and forgetting how to socialize and interact with people. As time went on, people got used to being alone, and even started favoring it. The lack of interaction became more popular, including working from home and remote schooling where you can make your own rules, hours, and bend what you want to fit you. Similar to speaking a language, not practicing your social skills and how to deal with people can start to fade and become harder to do over time. Due to this, workers are no longer bending over backwards to comply with the demands of these people, as they shouldn't, which leads to all these people publicly losing their minds and believing they are being discriminated against or are the victim in these situations.

Although it can also be a negative thing, the mass use of social media allows for these videos to become viral and even help police to identify the people who are causing public destruction, assault, and safety issues on large scales. It also helps hold people accountable for their actions in public, especially if they don't want to end up on a highlight reel. The Simple solution to the problem is something we were all taught as children, Treat others the way you want to be treated. Is it really worth being banned from your favorite airline, grocery store, or retail store over something so small?

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a new state. At a time when every dollar matters and time is money, it becomes a deterrent and burden to relocate and continue your small business.

In order to get a North Carolina barber license, there are four main steps everyone must take, "Graduate From a 1,528-Hour Barber Program in North Carolina, pass the test for a Certificate of Registration as an Apprentice Barber, pass the Certificate of Registration as a Apprentice Barber, pass the Certificate of Registration as a Registered Barber exam and pay to renew your license every year. It will cost more than \$200 in fees alone, then

there is equipment, supplies, marketing, booth rental, etc.

Having a universal licensing system is a game changer for many people. When the Virginia Governor went to get his hair cut by Dot Reid at Refuge for Men barber shop, she talked about the challenges she faced during the pandemic she lost many of her barbers and needed to replace them quickly to fill demand because if she found a barber who was licensed in North Carolina or just 30 minutes away in another state like Maryland or Washington D.C. she could not hire them on the spot, they would have to go through the entire process, spending time and money to be licensed in Virginia.

At the bill signing Governor Youngkin said, "What this means is that in 85 different occupations, if you have a license in another state and you're coming to Virginia — making sure that of course you're up-to-date and don't have any problems where you're coming from and making sure you understand the laws of Virginia — you can go to work right away. This is my first official signing because this bill will change lives."

I talked to my own barber about this and asked his opinion on this type of law he had not heard about it but said it was welcome news because it is an issue for barbers and barbershop owners. He said this could really be a game changer for growing and ex-

Big government oftentimes gets in the way and stifles opportunities and progress for small businesses and entrepreneurs who remain the backbone of our economy. When the government prevents kids from learning about the value of a dollar by shutting down lemonade stands and forcing dog walkers to pay a fee to be licensed to walk their dogs, you can see how this hurts the quest for the American dream with those who have an entrepreneurial mind.

Thankfully, we have good policy, yes conservative Republican-driven economic policies that make sense and will serve to empower and remove barriers big government places in our way like universal licensing reform.

Paris Dennard is a prominent communications and political expert consultant who has worked at all levels of government and Republican politics.

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defense, and that no harm can come to a child of God. I wanted her to not respond based on adhering to those truths and be a model of how to react when someone else's ego tempts you to respond with your ego. In my opinion, the best thing she or Karine could have done would have been to not respond at all. I want Marianne to be what she is teaching. I want Karine to not be a party to politics as usual. I believe that we are at a crisis in America and that to move forward progressively those who believe must be the change they want to see for this country.

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and concealing federal records.

Altogether, Trump stands credibly suspected of at least nine state and federal crimes that carry a total maximum penalty of nearly 70 years in prison.

Bragg, whose case is receiving the most attention this week, is investigating whether Trump falsified business records with the intent to conceal a violation of election law when he bribed a porn star to keep silent about their alleged affair.

James has accused Trump in a civil case of defrauding lenders and insurers by overvaluing his assets by billions of dollars.
Willis is weighing criminal charges in connection with Trump's

attempted coercion of Georgia's Secretary of State to falsify election results, as well as false claims of election fraud to state lawmakers, a scheme to submit fake pro-Trump electors to Congress, efforts by unauthorized individuals to access voting machines in one Georgia county and threats and harassment against election

In an unprecedented moment in American history, the House committee that investigated the Jan. 6 insurrection unanimously referred Trump to the U.S. Department of Justice for criminal prosecution on charges of insurrection, obstructing Congress, making false statements to the federal government, and con-spiracy to defraud the United States. Attorney General Merrick Garland has appointed a special counsel to investigate Trump's efforts to overturn the election.

The special counsel also is conducting a criminal investigation of Trump's handling of sensitive documents after he left office.

These are crimes, not political differences. We, the people, are the victims. Impartial administration of justice is a universal principle of the rule of law.

In his reckless rant against the lawful pursuit of justice, Trump sycophant Rep. Biggs declared, "This type of stuff only occurs in third world authoritarian nations." Setting aside the outdated and disrespectful reference to economically developing countries, the impartial administration of justice is precisely what does not occur under authoritarian rule.

What Trump and his henchmen are advocating is textbook autocracy: the concentration of supreme political power in the hands one person who is exempt from legal restraints and the will of the

Trump isn't whipping up his MAGA army to take to the streets against his looming indictments because he believes he's innocent. He's not doing it because he believes the prosecutors are politically motivated. He's doing it because he believes he's above the

Until and unless we abandon the bedrock constitutional principles that define us as a nation, he is not.

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the Boys & Girls Club. She immediately plugged me into which allowed me to volunteer at events and network. Eventually, I moved onto boards at the Mid-South Peace and Justice Center, CHOICES: Memphis Center for Reproductive Health and SisterReach where I participated in a number of fundraisers ranging from house par-ties to capital campaigns. Looking back, it didn't take long for me to find my footing. I started with giving \$25 a quarter which I've snowballed into larger annual gifts."

As with all of us, Tiffany was encouraged along the way. "The many women I met through WFGM who were open to sharing. A decade later, I still have the notes that I feverishly scribbled at events. Each one was a like a crash course in philanthropy. A number of the ladies I met in WFGM's Young Women Philanthropist group continue to inspire me through their board service, creation of non-profits, and advocacy work. My time on the board of CHOICES gave me the opportunity to work alongside fearless women. They just took on every challenge with a confidence and dedication that was awe-inspiring

Tiffany's philanthropy actually began with volunteering. "I would make time for volunteering whenever possible through my sorority and as an activity with a group of friends in my 20s. I loved seeing the faces of people we served. I always walked away wanting to do more and to help more people. Once I was plugged into WFGM, I began to better understand how I could do more with the collective power of women who shared that same desire.

Classified!

DURHAM COUNTY

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA **DURHAM COUNTY** NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION In The General Court Of Justice **Superior Court Division Before the Clerk** File Number 23 E 300

The Undersigned, having qualified as Executrix of the Estate of Sue Parrish Hicks a/k/a Rachel Sue Hicks, 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 12th 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 9th day of March, 2023.

Robin Wood Malphrus Executrix 2210 Anderson Dr Raleigh, NC 27608

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OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION In The General Court Of Justice **Superior Court Division** Before the Clerk File Number 23 E 278

The Undersigned, having qualified as Administrator of the Estate of Carlton Aaron Wilkes, 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 12th 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 9th day of March, 2023.

Ronnie Leo Wilkes Administrator 1117 Dilworth Crescent Row Charlotte, NC 28023 3/9, 3/16, 3/23 and 3/30/2023 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 231

The Undersigned, having qualified as Executor of the Estate 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 12th 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 9th day of March, 2023.

Angela Graham Allen **Executor** 95 Crooked Creek Lane Durham, NC 27713 3/9, 3/16, 3/23 and 3/30/2023 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 297

The Undersigned, having qualified as Administrator of the Estate of Jose Mendez Carranza, 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 12th day of June 2023, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of

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their recovery.

This the 9th day of March, 2023. Antonia Valencia Tepoz Administrator 1405 Riddle Rd Durham, NC 27713 3/9, 3/16, 3/23 and 3/30/2023

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 127

The Undersigned, having

qualified as Administrator of the

Estate of Dean Townsend, 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 12th 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 9th day of March, 2023. Xatanna Townsend Administrator 4578 Ashley View Lane Oxford, NC 27565 3/9, 3/16, 3/23 and 3/30/2023 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 213

The Undersigned, having qualified as Administrator of the Estate of Mary T. Lynch, 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 12th 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 9th day of March, 2023. James P. Lynch Administrator 1325 Kendall Dr Durham, NC 27703 3/9, 3/16, 3/23 and 3/30/2023 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 286

The Undersigned, having qualified as Executor of the Estate of Mary Vanhook, 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 12th 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 c/o Richard G. Long III, Attorney payment to the undersigned at the below listed address.

This the 9th day of March, 2023. Clinton Cozart Executor c/o Walter Tenney Attorney at Law 160 Wind Chime Court Raleigh, NC 27615 919-841-4696

3/9, 3/16, 3/23 and 3/30/2023 **NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

Having qualified as Personal Representative of the Estate of Danielle Vivian Erika Ross, deceased, of 5028 Hadrian Drive, Durham, Durham County, North Carolina 27703, the undersigned does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate of said decedent to exhibit them to the undersigned at the office of the attorney for the estate on or before June 10, 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 9th day of March, 2023. Erika L. Krueger Administrator c/o Jeffrey L. Austin, Attorney for the Estate Law Office of Jeffrey L. Austin 411 W. Chapel Hill Street

Suite C-2 Durham, NC 27701 3/9, 3/16, 3/23 and 3/30/2023 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-174

The Undersigned, having qualified as EXECUTOR of the Estate of Charles Francis Oakley, SR, late of Durham County, North Carolina, hereby wishes to notify all persons having claims against the Estate of said deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned at the below listed address on or before the 19th 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 16th day of March, 2023. Jennifer Ackerman **Executor** 5913 Parkridge Ln. Alexandria, VA 22310 3/16, 3/23, 3/30 and 4/6/2023 STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

> **NOTICE TO CREDITOR** File Number 23-E-295

DURHAM COUNTY

THE UNDERSIGNED, having qualified on the 6th day of March, 2023, as Administrator of the **ESTATE OF BRENT ARTHUR** GARNER, Deceased, of Durham County, North Carolina, does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against said Estate to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the 19th day of June, 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 16th day of March, 2023. **DARIAN TIMBLIN GARNER**

ADMINISTRATOR ESTATE OF BRENT ARTHUR GARNER c/o Richard G. Long III, Attorney

Walker Lambe, PLLC Post Office Box 51549 Durham, North Carolina 27717 3/16, 3/23, 3/30 and 4/6/2023 STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA **DURHAM COUNTY**

NOTICE TO CREDITOR

File Number 23-E-294 THE UNDERSIGNED, having qualified on the 3rd day of March, 2023, as Executor of the ESTATE OF CAROLYN F. BROWN AKA CAROLYN LEE BROWN AKA CAROLYN FALKNER BROWN, Deceased, of Durham County, North Carolina, does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against said Estate to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the 19th day of June, 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 16th day of March, 2023. WILLIAM JEFFREY BROWN

EXECUTOR ESTATE OF CAROLYN F. BROWN AKA CAROLYN LEE BROWN AKA CAROLYN FALKNER BROWN Walker Lambe, PLLC Post Office Box 51549 Durham, North Carolina 27717 3/16, 3/23, 3/30 and 4/6/2023

NOTICE TO CREDITORS The undersigned, having qualified as Co-Executors of the Estate of Jack W. Markham, Sr. late of DURHAM County, NC do hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against said estate to present them to the undersigned at the address below on or before the 19th day of June 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 16 day of March 2023. Jack W. Markham, Jr. and Pamela H. Markham Co-Executors of the Estate of Jack

W. Markham, Sr. c/o The Law Office of Anne Page Watson, PLLC

3400 Croasdaile Drive Suite 205 Durham, NC 27705.

3/16, 3/23, 3/30 and 4/6/23

NOTICE TO CREDITORS Having qualified as Executor of the Estate of Betty Johnson Howie, deceased, of 4005 King Charles Road, 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 the office of the attorney for the estate on or before June 24, 2023 or this notice will be

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

pleaded in bar of their recovery.

This, the 23rd day of March, 2023. WILLIAM ALEXANDER HOWIE, SR **EXECUTOR** c/o Jeffrey L. Austin, Attorney for the Estate

Law Office of Jeffrey L. Austin PLLC 411 W. Chapel Hill Street Suite C-2

Durham, NC 27701 3/23, 3/30, 4/6, and 4/13/2023 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-202

The Undersigned, having qualified as EXECUTOR of the Estate of ROBERT C. ALWARD 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 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 23rd day of March, 2023. Lynne Murphy **Executor** c/o Chambers & Ennis, PLLC, 4140 Parklake Ave., Suite 615, Raleigh, NC 27612 3/23, 3/30, 4/6 and 4/13/2023 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-292

The Undersigned, having qualified as EXECUTRIX of the Estate of MARTHA DAUM SNIDER a/k/a MARTHA D. SNIDER a/k/a MARTHA HELEN SNIDER 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 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 23rd day of March, 2023. Susan A. Snider Executrix 40 Davisson Dr. Durham, NC 27705 3/23, 3/30, 4/6 and 4/13/2023 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-225

The Undersigned, having qualified as ADMINISTRATOR of the Estate of DEBORAH ELAINE 1609 Oak Forest Dr. CRAWFORD 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 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 23rd day of March, 2023. Kenneth Crawford Administrator

1420 Parkchester Road, APT#TB Bronx, NY 10462 3/23, 3/30, 4/6 and 4/13/2023 STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA **DURHAM COUNTY**

NOTICE TO CREDITORS File Number 22 E 1195 ALL PERSONS, firms and

corporations having claims against Arnold Euriel George, of Durham County, N.C., are notified to exhibit the same to the undersigned on or before 26th day of June, 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 March,

2023. MICHELE COATS **ADMINISTRATOR** ESTATE OF ARNOLD EURIEL

GEORGE 61 Delavan Ave. Newark, NJ 07104 3/23, 3/30, 4/6, and 4/13/2023 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-344

The Undersigned, having qualified as EXECUTOR of the Estate of GARY DOUGLAS DAVIS 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 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 March, 2023. Monnie Marie Allison Executor 507 Spence Avenue Gibsonville, NC 27249

3/23, 3/30, 4/6 and 4/13/2023 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-354

The Undersigned, having qualified as EXECUTRIX of the Estate of RACHEL PEARCE GAY A/K/A RACHEL EDNA GAY 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 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 23rd day of March, 2023.

Julie D. Gav Executrix 522 Marshall Way Durham, NC 27705 3/23, 3/30, 4/6/2023 and 4/13/2023 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-381

The Undersigned, having qualified as EXECUTOR of the Estate of NANCY K. STATON A/K/A NANCY LOU STATON 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 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 23rd day of March, 2023. Raymond Clifford Staton, Jr. Executor Hillsborough, NC 27278 3/23, 3/30, 4/6/2023 and 4/13/2023 STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA **DURHAM COUNTY**

NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION In The District Court [CHILD CUSTODY PROCEEDING]

Veronica Patiño Boyzo and Irma Patiño Boyzo, Plaintiffs v. Ruben Porfirio Muñoz Vasquez, Defendant. File No. 22 CVD 396

To Ruben Porfirio Muñoz Vasquez, the above-named 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 as follows: that permanent joint legal custody of the Minor Children, Ilene Itzayana Muñoz Patiño, born June 28, 2006; Naomi Guadalupe Muñoz Patiño, born June 7, 2010; Esbeydi Istar Muñoz Patiño, born March 8, 2012; and Kimberly Chantal and Amberly Cherlin Muñoz Patiño, both born January 12, 2014; be granted to Veronica and Irma Patiño Boyzo.

You are required to make defense to such pleading not later than May 2nd, 2023, said date being forty (40) days from the first publication of this notice, and upon your failure to do so the party seeking service against you will apply to the court for the relief sought.

This, the 23rd day of March, Chelsea Fuller, JusticeMatters, Inc. Attorney for Plaintiffs P.O. Box 199, Durham, NC 27702 (919) 794-7511 3/23, 3/30, and 4/6/2023 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-253 The Undersigned, having qualified as EXECUTOR of the Estate of ANGELENA GARNES late

the 26th day of June 2023, or this hereby wishes to notify all persons having claims against the Estate of said deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned at the below listed address on or before the 3rd day of July 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 30th day of March, 2023. **Lorraine Swinton** Executor

PO BOX 77171 Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70817 3/30, 4/6, 4/13, 4/20/2023 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-407

The Undersigned, having qualified as ADMINISTRATOR of the Estate of JEAN KENDALL SITES late of Durham County, North Carolina, hereby wishes to notify all persons having claims against the Estate of said deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned at the below listed address on or before the 3rd day of July 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 30th day of March, 2023.

Roberta Jo Sites Administrator 11001 New Market Ct. Fredericksburg, VA 22407 3/30, 4/6, 4/13, and 4/20/2023 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-147 The Undersigned, having qualified as ADMINISTRATOR of the Estate of MELVIN LEON CANADY late of Durham County, North Carolina, hereby wishes to notify all persons having claims against the Estate of said deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned at the below listed address on or before the 3rd day of July 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 30th day of March, 2023.

Stephanie D. Baasit Administrator 33 Ivy Street Newark, NJ 07106 3/30, 4/6, 4/13, and 4/20/2023 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-407 The Undersigned, having qualified as ADMINISTRATOR of the Estate of JEAN KENDALL SITES late of Durham County, North Carolina, hereby wishes to notify all persons having claims against the Estate of said deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned at the below listed address on or before the 3rd day of July 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 30th day of March, 2023. Roberta Jo Sites Administrator 11001 New Market Ct. Fredericksburg, VA 22407 3/30, 4/6, 4/13, and 4/20/2023 STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA **DURHAM COUNTY**

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

Anthony Pickett, 22 CVS 2607, Durham County To Anthony Pickett:

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

You are required to make such defense to such pleading not later than May 9th, 2023 and upon your failure to do so the party seeking service against you will apply to of Durham County, North Carolina, the court for the relief sought.

307 Meadowlands Drive, Suite 101 Hillsborough, NC 27278 3/30, 4/6, and 4/13/2023 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-241

The Undersigned, having qualified as ADMINISTRATRIX of the Estate of MICHAEL LEE DANIELS late of Durham County, North Carolina, hereby wishes to notify all persons having claims against the Estate of said deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned at the below listed address on or before the 3rd day of July 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 30th day of March,

2023. Lori Katherine Kibler Administratrix 1984 Bowles Ave Creedmoor, NC 27522 3/30, 4/6, 4/13, and 4/20/2023 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-364 The Undersigned, having

qualified as ADMINISTRATOR of the Estate of HAROLD CECIL SCROGGS late of Durham County, North Carolina, hereby wishes to notify all persons having claims against the Estate of said deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned at the below listed address on or before the 3rd day of July 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 30th day of March,

Barry Christopher Scroggs Administrator CTA 1156 Island Ford Road Abbeville, South Carolina 29620 3/30, 4/6, 4/13, and 4/20/2023 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-396

The Undersigned, having qualified as ADMINISTRATOR of the Estate of JAMES RAEFORD HALL late of Durham County, North Carolina, hereby wishes to notify all persons having claims against the Estate of said deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned at the below listed address on or before the 3rd day of July 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 30th day of March, 2023. Melissa Beth Hall

Administrator 1333 Conway Rd. Decatur, GA 30030 3/30, 4/6, 4/13, and 4/20/2023

NOTICE TO CREDITORS FILE NO. 23-E-390

Having qualified as EXECUTOR of the Estate of JAMES HORACE CLARK 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 30th day of June, 2023, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms, corporations indebted to the said estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This is the 30th day of March, Philip Neal Clark, Executor. c/o Richard F. Prentis, Jr., Stubbs, Cole, Breedlove, Prentis & Biggs, 4 Consultant Place, Durham, NC 27707 3/30, 4/6, 4/13 & 4/20/2023 STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION In The District Court

DURHAM COUNTY

[CHILD CUSTODY PROCEEDING] Erika Marleny Tiul Sánchez, Plaintiff v. Wanner Wilfredo Castellanos Batún, Defendant. File No. 22 CVD 1227

To Wanner Wilfredo Castellano **DURHAM COUNTY** Batún, the above-named defen-

> 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: that permanent sole legal custody of the Minor Children, Edita Marleny Isabel Castellanos Batún, born September 12, 2011, and Jeraldine Rashell Castellanos Tiul, born May 13,2016, be granted to Erika Marleny Tiul Sánchez.

You are required to make defense to such pleading not later than May 9th, 2023, said date being forty (40) days from the first publication of this notice, and upon your failure to do so the party seeking service against you will apply to the court for the relief sought.

This, the 30th day of March, Chelsea Fuller, JusticeMatters, Inc.

Attorney for Plaintiff P.O. Box 199, Durham, NC 27702 (919) 794-7511 3/30, 4/6, and 4/13/2023

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-61

The Undersigned, having qualified as ADMINISTRATOR of the Estate of DONALD GULLEDGE late of Durham County, North Carolina, hereby wishes to notify all persons having claims against the Estate of said deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned at the below listed address on or before the 3rd day of July 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 30th day of March, 2023. Keisha Reid Administrator 812 Alpha Drive Durham, NC 27703 3/30, 4/6, 4/13, and 4/20/2023

WAKE COUNTY

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA WAKE COUNTY

NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION In The General Court Of Justice **Superior Court Division** Before the Clerk File Number 21 E 1847

The Undersigned, having qualified as Administrator of the Estate of Delores M. Lucas, 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 12th 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 9th day of March, 2023. Michael J. Lucas Administrator

1715 Aragon Drive Apt. 208 Knightdale, NC 27545 3/9, 3/16, 3/23 and 3/30/2023 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 1943-910 The Undersigned, having qualified as Executor of the Estate of Mae Veola Banks, 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 12th 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 9th day of March, 2023. Rosa P Burt Executor 3920 Vesta Drive Raleigh, NC 27603 3/9, 3/16, 3/23 and 3/30/23 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 2022 E 004432 The Undersigned, having

qualified as EXECUTOR of the Estate of Wennie Faye Rayford Scarborough a/k/a Wennie R Scarborough, late of Wake County, North Carolina, hereby wishes to notify all persons having

claims against the Estate of said STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned at the below listed address on or before the 19th 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 16th day of March, 2023. **Cullus Conray Dunston Executor** 494 Beasley Road Louisburg, NC 27549 3/16, 3/23, 3/30 and 4/6/2023 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 23E002009-910

The Undersigned, having qualified as EXECUTOR of the Estate of DOROTHY COPPEDGE CROCKER 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 19th 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 16th day of March, 2023. Sue C Rudy Executor 508 Easy Wind Lane Garner, NC 27529 3/16, 3/23, 3/30 and 4/6/2023 STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA WAKE COUNTY

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

Before the Clerk File Number 2022 E 004432

The Undersigned, having qualified as EXECUTOR of the Estate of Wennie Faye Rayford Scarborough a/k/a Wennie R Scarborough, 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 19th 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 16th day of March, 2023. **Cullus Conray Dunston** Executor

494 Beasley Road Louisburg, NC 27549 3/16, 3/23, 3/30 and 4/6/2023 STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA WAKE COUNTY

NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION **Superior Court Division Before the Clerk**

File Number 19E001723-910 The Undersigned, having qualified as CO-ADMINISTRATOR of the Estate of PERCY DRISE EDWARDS SR. 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 26th 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 23rd day of March, 2023. Percy D. Edwards Jr. Co-Administrator Persondra D. Edwards Co-Administrator 1029 Amber Acres Ln

Knightdale, NC 27545-7411 3/23, 3/30, 4/6 and 4/13/2023

NOTICE TO CREDITORS COUNTY OF WAKE File Number 23 E 002073-910

All persons, firms and corporations having claims against REBEKAH MURPHY a/k/a REBEKAH FARRIOR MURPHY decreased, are notified to exhibit them to Jason Paul Murphy, Executor of the decedent's estate on or before June 23, 2023, c/o Katherine T. Merritt, Attorney for the Estate, at P.O. Drawer 1529, Hillsborough, NC 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 23rd day of March,

2023. JASON PAUL MURPHY,

EXECUTOR OF THE ESTATE OF **REBEKAH MURPHY** Coleman, Gledhill, Hargrave, Merritt & Rainsford, P.C. Katherine T. Merritt, Attorney for **Estate** P.O. Drawer 1529

(919) 732-2196

Hillsborough, NC 27278 3/23, 3/30, 4/6, and 4/13/2023

WAKE COUNTY

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

File Number 23E002129-910 The Undersigned, having qualified as EXECUTOR of the Estate of HELEN WEINTRAUB RICHMOND 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 26th 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 23rd day of March, 2023.

Harvey M Richmond Executor 200 Ivygreen Chase Court

Apex, NC 27523 3/23, 3/30, 4/6 and 4/13/2023 THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE JUDICIAL BR A NCH NH CIRCUIT COURT

CITATION BY PUBLICATION-TERMINATION OF PARENTAL RIGHTS

Division-Lancaster Case Number: 651-2022-TR-00010 TO: MARCO A. DOMINGUEZ

Courtroom 1-1st Circuit-Family

TORRES LKA: 2020 YONKERS ROAD RALEIGH, NC 27699-4226

Formerly of and now parts un-Preliminary Hearing Petition for **Termination of Parental Rights** A petition toterminate parental

rights over yourminor child(ren)h a s been filed in this Court. You are hereby cited to appear at a court to respond to this petition as tollows: CAUTION TO RESPONDENT It is very important that you per-

sonally appear in this Court on the date, time and place provided in this notice. If you fail to personally appear, You may be defaulted and your parental rights may be terminated even if you are represented by an attorney who has filed a written appearance and/or personally appears at this hearing. IMPORTANT RIGHTS OF PARENTS THIS PETITION IS TO DETER-MINE WHETHER OR NOT YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS O V E R YOUR CHILD(REN) SHALL BE TERMINATED. TERMINATION OF THE PARENT/CHILD RELATION-SHIP MEANS THE TERMINATION SHALL DIVEST YOU OF AL LEGAL RIGHTS, PRIVILEGES, DUTIES AND OBLIGATIONS, INCLUDING BUT NOTLIMITED TO THE LOSS OF AL RIGHTS TO CUSTODY, VISITATION AND COMMUNICA-

TION WITH YOUR CHILD(REN). IF

TERMINATION IS GRANTED, YOU

WILL RECEIVE NO NOTICE OF FU-

TURE LEGAL PROCEEDIN CERNING YOUR CHILD(REN). You are hereby notified that you have a right to be represented by an attorney. You also havethe right to oppose the proceedings, to attend the hearing and to present evidence. If you desire an attorney, you may notify this Court within ten (10) days of receiving this notice and upon afinding of indigency, the Court will appoint an attorney without cost to you. If you enter an appearance, notice of any future hearings regarding this child(ren) will be by first class mail to you, vour attorney and all other interested parties not less than ten (10) days priorto any scheduledhearing. Additional information may be obtained from the Family Division Court identified in the heading of

this Order of Notice. If you will need an interpreter or other accommodations for this hearing, please contact the court immediately.

Please be advised (and/or advise clients, witnesses, and others) that it is a Class B felony tocarry a firearm or other deadly weapon as defined in RSA 625:11, V in a courtroom or area used by a court. Court Date: April 11, 2023 at

11:00 am. BY ORDER OF THE COURT Terri L. Peterson Clerk of Court 1st Circuit- Family Division -Lancaster 55 School St., Suite 202 LancasterN H 03584 Telephone: 1-855-212-1234 TTY/TDD Relay: (800)735-2964 https://www.courts.nh.gov 3/23 and 3/30/23 **NORTH CAROLINA** WAKE COUNTY In the General Court of Justice

District Court Division NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION File Number: 23CB003006-910 Jonathan A. Futuna, Plaintiff

Vs.

Julissa C. Garcia, Defendant TO: JULISSA C. GARCIA

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

This, the 30th day of March 2023. Jonathan Fortuna Plaintiff

6574 Suburban Dr. Apt 2D Raleigh, NC 27615 3/30, 4/6, and 4/13/2023 **NORTH CAROLINA** WAKE COUNTY

NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION **Small Claims Division** File No. 22 CVM 005690

Gurkan's Downtown Auto Repair

Karshi Demel Swinson-Davis Defendant,

Plaintiff,

TAKE NOTICE that a pleading seeking relief against you has been filed in the above entitled action. The nature of the relief sought is as

The plaintiff is seeking enforcement of mechanics lien for repair and storage of your motor vehicle more accurately described as 2010 Kia SUV, serial numberKNDJT2A20A7098852 on or about1/13/2020 till present. Plaintiff further is seeking that the court declares the lien valid and enforceable by sale and orders that the NCDMV transfer title to the purchaser upon proof that proper

You are required by law, to enter a defense in writing to the pleading if you so choose, within three (3) successive weeks from the first date of publication of this notice and no later than April 6, 2023.

notice of the sale has been given.

Upon your failure to make such defense, the plaintiff will apply to the court for the relief sought.

This 23rd day of March, 2023. Mohamed M. Shyllon 5540 Centerview Dr, Suite 200 Raleigh, NC 27606 Attorney for Plaintiff Phone: 919.424.3804 Fax: 919.869.1588 3/30, 4/6, and 4/13/2023 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 23e002311-910

The Undersigned, having qualified as EXECUTOR of the Estate of ULYSSES BOYD late of Wake County, North Carolina, hereby wishes to notify all persons having claims against the Estate of said deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned at the below listed address on or before the 3rd day of July 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 30th day of March, 2023.

Sherri Renee Wilkins Executor 700 Moss Rd. Zebulon, NC 27597 3/30, 4/6, 4/13, and 4/20/2023 **NORTH CAROLINA** WAKE COUNTY

NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION **Small Claims Division** File No. 23 CV 5494

Latinos Auto Repair Plaintiff,

UNKNOWN

Defendant,

TAKE NOTICE that a pleading seeking relief against you has been filed in the above entitled action. The nature of the relief sought is as follows: The plaintiff is seeking enforce-

ment of mechanics lien for repair and storage of your motor vehicle more accurately described as 2021 Carr Trailer, serial number 4YMBU126MG189259 on or about 01/09/2023 till present. Plaintiff further is seeking that the court declares the lien valid and enforceable by sale and orders that the NCDMV transfer title to the purchaser upon proof that proper notice of the sale has been given. You are required by law, to enter

a defense in writing to the pleading if you so choose, within three (3) successive weeks from the first date of publication of this notice and no later than April 13, 2023. Upon your failure to make such

defense, the plaintiff will apply to the court for the relief sought. This 30th day of March, 2023.

Jaun Ramon Guifarra 417 Three Sisters Road Knightdale, NC 27545 c/o PO Box 46882 Raleigh, NC 27620 Phone: 919.427.2755

3/30, 4/6, and 4/13/2023 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 23E001772-910

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The Undersigned, having qualified as ADMINISTRATOR of the Estate of MARY ELLEN LIVENGOOD late of Wake County, North Carolina, hereby wishes to notify all persons having claims against the Estate of said deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned at the below listed address on or before the 3rd day of July 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 30th day of March, 2023.

Tracie Livengood Wheeler Administrator 1405 Pitty Pats Path Zebulon, NC 27597 3/30, 4/6, 4/13, and 4/20/2023 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 19E001723-910 The Undersigned, having

qualified as CO-ADMINISTRATOR of the Estate of PERCY DRISE EDWARDS SR. 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 26th 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 23rd day of March, 2023.

Percy D. Edwards Jr. Co-Administrator Persondra D. Edwards Co-Administrator 1029 Amber Acres Ln Knightdale, NC 27545-7411 3/23, 3/30, 4/6 and 4/13/2023 **NORTH CAROLINA** WAKE COUNTY

In The General Court Of Justice **District Court Division Small Claims** File No. 23 CV 5505

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pleading before such date and

CHATHAM COUNTY

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA **CHATHAM COUNTY NOTICE OF SERVICE**

3/30, 4/6 and 4/13/23

OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION In The General Court Of Justice **District Court Division Before the Clerk** File Number 23-CVD-156 To: WILBER ALEXANDER

QUEVARA MARTINEZ, 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 April 25th, 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, CLAUDIA VERONICA CEDILLOS GRANADOS, will apply to the court for the relief sought.

This, the 16th day of March, 2023.

Aneta Paval Paval Law Offices, PLLC 7404 Chapel Hill Rd Suite M Raleigh NC 27607 Telephone: (919) 410-6690 3/16, 3/23, and 3/30

Sports

NCCU Athletes Shine In The Game And In The Classroom

By Tori Wilson

Campus Echo

Some of the student-athletes at N.C. Central University are taking care of their responsibilities both in their respective sports and in the classroom.

"Our students are students first. We want them to understand we don't take how they do academically lightly," NCCU assistant athletic director Kwadjo Steele said.

According to Steele, the athletic department as a whole achieved a cumulative grade point average of 3.04 for the Fall semester. In all, 162 studentathletes earned a GPA of 3.0 or higher last semester, with 36 of them earning a 4.0.

Steele said the key to success for student-athletes is excellent time management skills, which is not always easy to master.

"You're talking about people

who may be the most tired folks not for the weak," Johnson said. on the planet. And then having to turn around and study, while also finding a social life," Steele said.

For sophomore volleyball player Loren Johnson, a typical day in-season starts at 7 a.m. to get ready for practice from 8-11a.m.

After practice, she rushes to the cafeteria and hurries to eat a meal before class

In between classes she has to return to the gym for team lift, and after that she walks across campus to attend her last class of the day. Finally, she is able to fit in time

to eat dinner and talk with her friends, but only for a little while because it's now time to complete her homework. At the end of the day she is ex-

hausted. She showers, and hopefully gets enough sleep to repeat the same process another day.

"You have to be sure you have

great time management skills, and communicate with your coaches and professors because you're going to have a lot of conflicts with traveling and practice times. You just gotta find what works for you."

Athletics don't just swallow up a student's time, they can also wear students down mentally.

"I feel like the most challenging part of being a studentathlete is not only time management, but finding the motivation to keep going with your work and practices," Johnson's teammate Kennedy Clark added. "Personally, I get burned out mid-season, so I just find it hard to find motivation to keep doing what I'm supposed to be doing.

The transition from high school to collegiate athletics can be difficult, and many factors "The life of a student-athlete is may go into an individual's deci-

sion to continue playing in col-

Senior year [of high school] I found people that were able to guide me through the process of going to the next step, and I felt that I was good enough to play in college," freshman tennis player Naresh Bharathy said. "So I thought, why not just take the

According to Bharathy the biggest change when going from high school to college is the lack of adult supervision in college and how it can be difficult to maintain positive habits with so much freedom.

There's not really anyone looking after you," Bharathy explained. "I think you kind of have to hold yourself accountable.'

Student-athletes with a GPA of 3.0 got some hard earned recognition at halftime in February at NCCU's home basketball game against Coppin State University.

"It's important to inform and bring success to the university in celebrate, Steele said. "We want our fans and the community to know what great people they are

in the classroom and on the court or field." Steele said that he and his staff are "lucky" to have the oppor-

tunity to meet and work with a

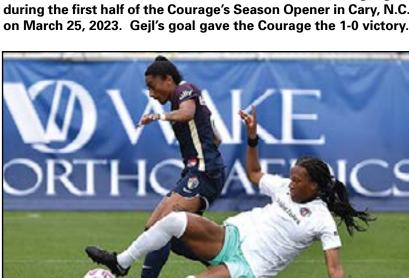
lot of talented students who also

their respective sports.

He added that it's not always realistic to ask students to give 100 percent on the field and in the classroom, yet NCCU student-athletes are proving it can be done at an impressive rate.



NC Courage's Mille Gejl (22) celebrates with teammates Kiki Pickett (23), left, and Denise O'Sullivan (10), after scoring a goal during the first half of the Courage's Season Opener in Cary, N.C.



NC Courage's Kerolin Nicoli (9) controls the ball against the defense from KC Current's Gabriel Robinson (24) in the first half of the Courage's Season Opener in Cary, N.C. on March 25, 2023. The Courage win 1-0. Steve Worthy Photos

Having Black Female Coach Is Crucial

(AP)—South Carolina senior to their development. guard Brea Beal knew she could trust Dawn Staley before she even suited up for the Game-

It wasn't just Staley's coaching accolades, which include fueling South Carolina's meteoric rise in women's basketball, that sold Beal. Beal knew that Staley — a Black woman like her — would best understand how to guide her as she navigated both life and playing basketball on a big stage.

"People that were telling me what this community was about, I know it's somewhere I wanted to be," Beal said. "As soon as I got here, she definitely led me down a journey so I could find out who I am."

Black female representation in the coaching and sports administrative ranks has existed on a minute scale — even in a sport like basketball, which along with track and field has the highest college athletes. Black female demographics database. players who have been coached by a Black woman told The As-

"There are some coaches who will just have all guys with no understanding that there are sometimes things that a young woman may need to talk to another woman about," said Kiki Barnes, a former basketball player and jumper at New Orleans and current Gulf Coast Athletic Conference commis-

While the number of women coaching women's sports has increased in the past decade, Black women continue to lag behind most other groups. During the 2021-22 school year, 399 Black women coached women's NCAA sports teams in Divisions I, II and III, compared with 3,760 white women and 5,236 white men.

In women's NCAA basketball, a sport made up of 30% Black athletes, Black women made up 12% of head coaches across all divisions during the 2021-22 concentration of Black female season, according to the NCAA's

Fourteen Black women led women's basketball teams across sociated Press that it was crucial 65 Power Five programs this

past season — up one from 2021. ties — in college basketball, but That's less than 22% of the total in a sport that was played by more Black athletes (40.7%) than any other race in Division I, according to a report with data from the 2020-21 season.

For the first time in a decade, four Black coaches advanced to the Sweet 16 of the women's basketball tournament, including Staley, who said she believes it's more popular to hire a woman at 'this stage of the game.'

"And it's not to say that I'm going to sit here and male bash. because we have a lot of male coaches who have been in our game for decades upon decades," said Staley, who will lead her team into the Final Four this weekend. "But I will say that giving women an opportunity to coach women and helping women navigate through life like thev have navigated through life will allow your student-athletes a different experience than having a male coach.

For years Staley has been an advocate for hiring more female coaches — especially minoriWNBA player Angel McCoughtry said Black female coaches as successful as Staley are still too few and far between in the sport.

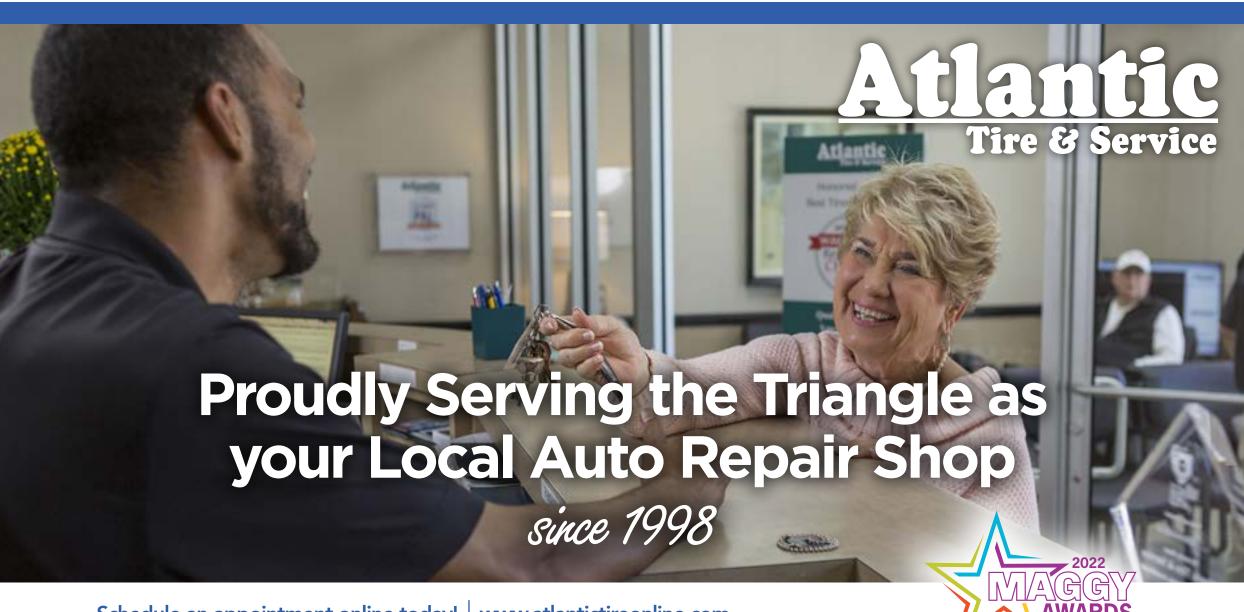
"When I was getting recruited

in high school, I don't remember having a Dawn Staley to look up to," said McCoughtry, who played at Louisville from 2005-09. McCoughtry also named Caro-

lyn Peck, the first African American woman to coach her team to an NCAA women's basketball title in 1999 with Purdue, as another example of representation in the sport.

'So there's one or two every decade," McCoughtry said. "Why can't we have 10? There's 10 Caucasian coaches every de-

McCoughtry, a former No. 1 overall pick by the WNBA's Atlanta Dream, got used to being around people who didn't look like or understand her. She is Black. Her AAU and high school coaches were Black men. Her college coaches were white men. Marynell Meadors, a white woman, was her first coach in Atlanta.



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