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## Backing Into WWIII: Russia And China



lines in the world today. One is the increasing ambition and activism of the two great revisionist powers, Russia and China. The other is the declining confidence, capacity, and will of the democratic world, and especially of the United States, to maintain the dominant position it has held in the international system since 1945. As those two lines move capacity of the United States and its allies to maintain the present world order meet the increasing desire and capacity of the revithe existing order collapses and able. the world descends into a phase of brutal anarchy, as it has three times in the past two centuries. The cost of that descent, in lives and treasure, in lost freedoms

Americans tend to take the fundamental stability of the international order for granted, even while complaining about the burden the United States carries in preserving that stability. History shows that world orders do collapse, however, and when they do it is often unexpected, rapid, and violent. The late 18th century was the high point of the Enlightenment in Europe, before the continent fell suddenly

and lost hope, will be staggering.

Think of two significant trend 20th century, the world's smartest minds predicted an end to great-power conflict as revolutions in communication and transportation knit economies and people closer together. The most devastating war in history came four years later. The apparent calm of the postwar 1920s became the crisis-ridden 1930s and then another world war. Where exactly we are in closer, as the declining will and this classic scenario today, how close the trend lines are to that intersection point is, as always, impossible to know. Are we three years away from a global crisis, sionist powers to change it, we or 15? That we are somewhere on will reach the moment at which that path, however, is unmistak-

revisionist powers. Although both have never enjoyed greater security from foreign powers than they do today—Russia from its traditional enemies to the west, China from its traditional enemy in the east—they are dissatisfied with the current global configuration of power. Both seek to restore the hegemonic dominance they once enjoyed in their respective regions. For China, that means dominance of East Asia, with countries like Japan, South Korea, and the nations of Southeast Asia both acquiescing to Beijing's will and acting in conformity with cal regions of Europe and East into the abyss of the Napoleonic China's strategic, economic, Wars. In the first decade of the and political preferences. That Russia with what Dean Acheson

includes American influence withdrawn to the eastern Pacific, behind the Hawaiian Islands. For Russia, it means hegemonic influence in Central and Eastern Europe and Central Asia, which Moscow has traditionally regarded as either part of its empire or part of its sphere of influence. Both Beijing and Moscow seek to redress what they regard as an unfair distribution of power, influence, and honor in the U.S.-led postwar global order. As autocracies, both feel threatened by the dominant democratic powers in the international system and by the democracies on their borders. Both regard the United States China and Russia are classic as the principal obstacle to their ambitions, and therefore both seek to weaken the Americanled international security order that stands in the way of their achieving what they regard as their rightful destinies.

Until fairly recently, Russia and China have faced considerable, almost insuperable, obstacles in achieving their objectives. The chief obstacle has been the power and coherence of the international order itself and its principal promoter and defender. The American-led system of political and military alliances, especially in the two criti-Asia, has presented China and

once referred to as "situations of strength" that have required them to pursue their ambitions cautiously and, since the end of the Cold War, to defer serious efforts to disrupt the international system.

The system has checked their ambitions in both positive and negative ways. During the era of American primacy, China and Russia have participated in and for the most part been beneficiaries of the open international economic system the United States created and helps sustain; so long as that system functions, they have had more to gain by playing in it than by challenging and overturning it. The politi-cal and strategic aspects of the confrontation with the United order, however, have worked to their detriment. The growth and vibrancy of democratic government in the two decades following the collapse of Soviet communism posed a continual threat to the ability of rulers in Beijing and Moscow to maintain control, and since the end of the Cold War they have regarded every advance of democratic institutions-especially the geographical advance of liberal democracies close to their borders—as an existential threat. That's for good reason: Autocratic powers since the days of Klemens von Metternich have always feared the contagion of liberalism. The mere existence of democracies

on their borders, the global free States might do to their legitiflow of information they cannot control, the dangerous connection between free market capitalism and political freedom—all pose a threat to rulers who depend on keeping restive forces in their own countries in check. The continual challenge to the legitimacy of their rule posed by the U.S.-supported democratic order has therefore naturally made them hostile both to that order and to the United States. But, until recently, a preponderance of domestic and international forces has dissuaded them from confronting the order directly. Chinese rulers have had to wor-

macy at home. Even Putin has pushed only against open doors, as in Syria, where the United States responded passively to his probes. He has been more cautious when confronted by even marginal U.S. and European opposition, as in Ukraine.

The greatest check on Chinese and Russian ambitions has been the military and economic power of the United States and its allies in Europe and Asia. China, although increasingly powerful, has had to contemplate facing the combined military and economic strength of the world's superpower and some very for-

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### NORTH CAROLINA LAWMAKER SIGNALS PARTY SWITCH WITH **BIG IMPACT**

RALEIGH, N.C. (AP) — Speculation is rising in the North Carolina legislature that a Democrat is about to switch parties and give Republicans a complete veto-proof majority in the General Assembly, a move that could affect legislation on immigration, abortion and voting.

The GOP scheduled a Wednesday news conference at party headquarters with Rep. Tricia Cotham of Mecklenburg County. House Speaker Tim Moore said Tuesday that Cotham and chamber leaders will 'make a major announcement."

If the Democrat does switch parties, it would be a major political setback for Democratic Gov. Roy Cooper and allies in their attempts to block conservative initiatives during the governor's final two years in

It could make it easier for Republicans to enact bills that would force sheriffs to cooperate with federal immigration agents and prevent counting absentee ballots received after Election Day. The GOP is also

debating if and how to place further restrictions on abortion. While Republicans already hold the 30 Senate seats needed to override vetoes, they have been one seat shy of a similar advantage in the House since the November elections. Cooper made preventing su-

permajorities his top campaign priority last fall. Cotham, a former teacher and assistant principal, served in the House for nearly 10 years through 2016 before returning in January. She sat at a new desk surrounded by Republicans on the House floor

for the late Tuesday afternoon session. Staff members earlier took her belongings from her previous desk, which had adjoined those of other veteran House Democratics.

Cotham left after the floor session ended without taking reporters' questions and didn't respond to a text message. Her Twitter account liked" a post that welcomed her to the House GOP caucus.

Moore declined comment Tuesday when asked whether Cotham was switching parties. Cotham's voter registration information on the State Board of Elections website late Tuesday listed her as a Demo-

Republicans have been advancing legislation this year that in previous years Cooper successfully vetoed. Until now, the governor has had enough Democratic votes to uphold vetoes if the party members showed up and voted together.

Last week, the Legislature successfully overrode one of Cooper's vetoes for the first time since 2018 and approved a bill that in part eliminated the state's pistol permit purchase system. Cooper has stopped short of vetoing three other bills this year on topics that he vetoed in 2021. He didn't sign this year's measures, but rather allowed them to court and a new volleyball court. become law without his signature.

## Wells Fargo Expanding Footprint In CLT

CHARLOTTE—On Wednesday, Wells Fargo formally kicked off plans to upgrade workspaces and create a better employee experience by breaking ground on a new parking deck and other renovations at the Customer Information Center (CIC) in northeast Charlotte. Wells Fargo is planning to spend upwards of \$500 million on improvements in the greater Charlotte region over the next five years.

Senior leaders from Wells Fargo and elected officials, including Charlotte Mayor Vi Lyles and City Council Member Malcolm Graham, attended the special event. "The significant investment by Wells Fargo will not only have a direct, positive impact on their employees and facilities, but it will certainly have a ripple effect on our city and community," said Mayor Lyles. "This commitment is a win-win for Wells Fargo and ergy at 550 South Tryon, which Charlotte.

Major investments and improvements will also be made to the workspaces and amenities in two buildings located in Uptown Charlotte. Wells Fargo is taking adding more space to meet and over space vacated by Duke En-



was formerly known as the Duke Energy Center, and by the end of this year expects to occupy 95% of the building. Plans include remodeling 21 floors,

Wells Fargo employees will also see the remodeling of 14 floors in Three Wells Fargo Center. The project will include refreshing the workspaces in most of the building over the collaborate and upgrading food next two-to-three years, which

will create a more modern work environment. "Our employees told us they

want a work environment that inspires them to come into the office," said Mary Mack, CEO of Consumer and Small Business Banking for Wells Fargo. "Bringing teams together and investing in a variety of modernized workspaces can help build a culture focused on customers, collaboration, strong risk management, innovation, and career progression.

CIC, which is one of Wells Fargo's largest employee campuses with 2.1 million square feet and more than 10,000 employees, first opened in 1996. Upgrades will include more workspaces, new contact center space, a revamped food court, and the new parking deck. When complete, the modernized CIC campus will have 10 different food station options with food being made onsite from scratch and featuring healthy and plant-based options. In addition, employees will have access to more event space, a new picnic pavilion with sound system, pickleball

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midable regional powers linked So long as the United States by alliance or common strategic interest—including Japan, India, and South Korea, as well as leaders feared that aggressive smaller but still potent nations moves would backfire and poslike Vietnam and Australia. Rus-sibly bring their regimes down. sia has had to face the United This is what the political sci-States and its NATO allies. When entist William Wohlforth once united, these U.S.-led alliances present a daunting challenge ity of the unipolar order: As disto a revisionist power that can call on few allies of its own for assistance. Even were the Chinese to score an early victory in a conflict, such as the military subjection of Taiwan or a naval battle in the South or East China Sea, they would have to contend over time with the combined industrial productive capacities of some of the world's richest and most technologically advanced nations and the likely cutoff of access to foreign markets on which their own economy depends. A weaker Russia, with its depleted population and oil- and gas-dependent economy, would face an even greater challenge.

For decades, the strong global

was perceived as a dependable ally, Chinese and Russian described as the inherent stabilsatisfied regional powers sought to challenge the status quo, their alarmed neighbors turned to the distant American superpower to contain their ambitions. And it worked. The United States stepped up, and Russia and China largely backed down—or were preempted before acting at all.

Faced with these obstacles, the best option for the two revisionist great powers has always been to hope for or, if possible, engineer a weakening of the U.S.-supported world order from within, either by separating the United States from its allies or by raising doubts about the U.S. commitment and thereby encouraging would-be allies and position enjoyed by the United partners to forgo the strategic States and its allies has dis- protection of the liberal world couraged any serious challenge. order and seek accommodation



with its challengers.

The present system has therefore depended not only on American power but on coherence and unity at the heart of the democratic world. The United States has had to play its part as the principal guarantor of the order, especially in the military and strategic realm, but the order's ideological and economic corethe democracies of Europe and East Asia and the Pacific—has also had to remain relatively healthy and confident.

In recent years, both pillars have been shaken. The democratic order has weakened and fractured at its core. Difficult economic conditions, the recrudescence of nationalism and tribalism, weak and uncertain political leadership and unresponsive mainstream postrengthen rather than weaken and incoherence. tribalism have together produced a crisis of confidence ment project may have been by Brookings on February 6, not only in the democracies inevitable, a recurring phenom- 2017, more than six years ago.

liberal enlightenment project. That project elevated universal racy. In the 1930s, economic principles of individual rights and common humanity over ethnic, racial, religious, national, or tribal differences. It looked to a growing economic interdependence to create common interests across boundaries and to the establishment of international institutions to smooth differences and facilitate cooperation among nations. Instead, the past decade has seen the rise of tribalism and nationalism, an increasing focus on the Other in all societies, and a loss of confidence in government, in the capitalist system, and in democracy. We are witnessing the opposite of Francis Fukuyama's "end of history." History is returning with a vengeance and with it all the darker aspects of the human soul, including, for many, the perennial human yearning for litical parties, and a new era of a strong leader to provide firm chaos and conflict. communications that seems to guidance in a time of confusion

This crisis of the enlighten-

but in what might be called the enon produced by inherent flaws in both capitalism and democcrisis and rising nationalism led many to doubt whether either democracy or capitalism was preferable to alternatives such as fascism and communism. And it is no coincidence that the crisis of confidence in liberalism accompanied a simultaneous breakdown of the strategic order. Then, the question was whether the United States as the outside power would step in and save or remake an order that Britain and France were no longer able or willing to sustain. Now, the question is whether the United States is willing to continue upholding the order that it created and which depends entirely on American power or whether Americans are prepared to take the risk-if they even understand the risk-of letting the order collapse into

This is just an excerpt from Robert Kagan's article. Surprisingly, this article was publisher

## Trump On Trial In NY

NEW YORK (AP) — Donald Trump turned his head toward photographers as he sat, stone-faced with shoulders rounded, at the defense table in a downtown Manhattan courtroom. "Not guilty," he said in a firm voice during a historic appearance before a judge. Trump became the first U.S. president — former or current — to be charged with a crime.

Prosecutors state in a 34-count felony indictment that Trump conspired to illegally influence the 2016 presidential election through hush money payments to two women, including a porn performer, who said they had sexual encounters with him. In addition, charging documents say a payoff went to a doorman who claimed to have a story about an out-of-wedlock child allegedly fathered by Trump.

Earlier, Trump struck a defiant pose, raising a clenched fist as he exited Trump Tower for the short ride from midtown to lower Manhattan. He wore a dark blue suit, white shirt and red tie. Television news helicopters followed his motorcade's route, allowing viewers around the world to see the Republican former president arrive at New York County Criminal Court.

But demonstrators who gathered at a park across the street were unable to glimpse Trump as he made the short walk from his SUV into the courthouse for the arraignment. Trump supporters, many in red hats, decried the district attorney's actions, while counterprotestors cheered the indictment. They were nearly outnumbered by police officers and journalists. The court appearance lasted about an hour, and the small crowd dwindled after word spread that Trump had left the building.

## First Lego League Carolina Regional **ARL Robotics Qualifying Tournament**

Academy of Raleigh (ACAR) to host the Carolina Regional Qualifying Championship held on April 3rd, for the 2022-2023 FIRST® LEGO® League season, SUPER POW-EREDSM (for students in grades 4th-8th)

The emphasis of the weekend activities was around EDU-CATION with an emphasis on S.T.E.M. Enrichment.

John Deere invested \$5,000.00 and Duke Energy \$2,500 to support the 2nd Carolina Regional Robotics Tournament. This donation was part of John Deere Foundation's bold commitments which will donate \$100 million in families and youth education over the next ten years. "Youth require equitable access to education for their lives to leap forward," says Pat Barnes, Senior Global Program Officer, Education & Equity, John Deere.

The Duke Energy Foundation

RALEIGH—Adventist Robot- Lego League with an investment ics League (ARL) partnered of \$2,500 to power the vitalwith the Adventist Christian ity of our communities through philanthropy focused on vibrant economies; climate resiliency: and justice, equity and inclusion. Over \$30 million in charitable grants each year are the driver behind impact and improvements in our communities. Additionally, Duke Energy employees and retirees volunteered more than 70,000 hours with nonprofit organizations last year, contributing \$2 million in estimated value of their volunteer time.

The Adventist Robotics League operates under the umbrella of FIRST®, preparing young people for the future, and with the Super Charged introduces science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) to children ages 4-14 through fun, exciting hands-on learning. Participants gain real-world problem-solving experiences through a guided, global robotics program, helping today's students and teachers build a better future together.





## NC Budget Provisions, Medicaid Expansion

House Republicans unveiled last week that would spend almost \$30 billion next fiscal year and almost \$31 billion the following year contained several items that Democratic Gov. Roy Cooper, his be challenged this year because of the language could scuttle Medic-

dislike.

Since taking office in 2017, that give any governor heartburn.

This year should be no exception, as the budget proposal from

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But Cooper's calculus surely will

for the coming year before the formal acceptance and implemenamong Cooper's top legislative priorities for years. While unlikely, the State Bureau of Investigation

package next week. It contains policy provisions restricting Cootation of expansion, which has been per or his administration on environmmental policy, oversight of and election administration.

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## By Kelan Lyons

It was April 2022, and come summer 66-year-old Bobby Norfleet would begin another year behind bars. He bore the marks of 44 years in North Carolina prisons. He had a lump in his left leg. He didn't have any teeth. His dentures had broken, so talking was difficult.

Bobby's younger brother Carnell had been trying to find a way to bring him home. He had called attorneys and a judge before hearing a hard truth: Bobby had to spend the rest of his life in Bobby had been convicted at

the wrong time. If he'd gone to prison earlier, he might have been paroled decades sooner. And if he'd gone to prison later, he would have received a much lighter sentence.

And if he'd had a different lawyer, maybe he wouldn't still be locked up.

Instead, Bobby had grown old in prison. His mind and body deteriorated as the years passed, further and further removed from the life he lived before confinement: cooking fried chicken, grits and fish cakes for Carnell and the rest of his siblings; chiding them for sneaking into the kitchen to steal food before he was finished.

It was about this time last spring that a prison caseworker contacted Susan Pollitt, a supervising attorney at Disability Rights North Carolina.

"Bobby Norfleet is a 66-yearold man being routinely raped and passed around serving a life sentence," the caseworker said in a message sent April 21, 2022.

porch on fire after a mutual fight. It didn't burn that house down or anything. It only burned half the porch, and he's been in prison since 1979 because of it. I really wonder what was going on with the justice system in Washington County, North Carolina in 1979." Broke and in trouble

Charles Busby had been practicing law for only nine months when a Washington County judge appointed him to represent Bobby Norfleet in May 1979. Bobby didn't have any money to hire an attorney himself; he told the court he only had \$10 to his name.

The pay for court-appointed attorneys was so low that few Washington County lawyers were willing to represent clients like Bobby. Busby even knew an attorney who got himself declared incompetent to practice criminal law so he wouldn't have to represent poor defendants.

"At that time, there simply was no one else around to take care of all this stuff," Busby said in an interview with NC Newsline.

But Busby did take those cases. He shuddered to think of what would happen to defendants if they didn't have lawyers to challenge police and prosecutors' charges in the courtroom.

"They needed some help," Busby said.

Help was what Bobby sorely needed. He'd been accused of setting a woman's porch on fire. No one was hurt — half the porch burned, and the flames didn't reach the house — but he faced a life sentence nonetheless. At the time life was the only possible punishment for arson in North Carolina.

About a month after getting the case, Busby filed a motion

A Miscarriage Of Justice, A Life In Prison understand the charges against him. On July 20, a Washington County Superior Court judge ordered Bobby committed to Dorothea Dix Hospital for up to 60 days. The judge directed psychiatric hospital staff to produce a report on Bobby's condition so the court could hold a hearing on whether to proceed with the

> criminal charges. There's no indication anyone at Dix ever determined Bobby's capacity, or if they did, that evaluation was not submitted to the court. But that didn't stop the case from moving forward.

> A grand jury indicted Bobby for arson and misdemeanor assault on a female on Aug. 27, 1979. Bobby pled guilty the next day. Court records from that day show Bobby acknowledged he could be sentenced to life in prison. But the space indicating the minimum possible sentence was left blank. Norfleet wrote his initials on the line.

> Superior Court Judge James Strickland accepted the plea, finding that it was Bobby's "informed choice," one he had made "freely, knowingly and voluntari-

> Later that day, Strickland sentenced Bobby to imprisonment 'for the term of his natural life."

Busby had let his client plead guilty to a crime that carried an automatic mandatory minimum sentence of life in prison without any terms and conditions of the plea.

Bobby Norfleet, a poor, 23-yearold Black man with a 10th-grade education whose mental capacity was suspect, would grow old in prison. Eventually, Strickland's statement implied, he would die

A dispute, and a life forever changed

The Norfleets are a large family. Seven of the children grew up in and near Plymouth in the 1960s, moving from town to town in eastern North Carolina.

Their parents separated when the kids were young, leaving their mother to stretch the \$4 a day she earned as a housecleaner to ensure her children had a roof over their head and food in their bellies.

At one point they moved to Roper, a small town in Washington County. David, one of Bobby's younger brothers, said the kids would have to pump their own water to bring it into the house. Sometimes when it was cold, the pipes would freeze. The kids would build a fire around the pipe outside, burning paper and little pieces of wood to thaw the ice inside.

When he was a young teenager, Bobby took over most of the cooking duties for his siblings. He'd make sandwiches for everyone. In time, he started emulating his mother and fixing more complex meals like raisin pudding over rice, grits and cornbread.

"He was a good cook," David said. "And everything he cooked, we didn't complain. We ate it."

Only a year apart in age, Bobby and David were close as kids. David recalled how four of the brothers would give one another nicknames when they played house" together. David was "Luck Driver," another brother was "Luck Lover," Bobby was "Buddy Way Thimble," Carnell was "Lock Bonds."

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## Business & Finance

## Permit To Buy Handgun No Longer Required In N. Carolina

RALEIGH, N.C. (AP) — North Carolina residents can now buy a handgun without getting a permit from a local sheriff, after the Republican-controlled legislature on Wednesday overrode the Democratic governor's veto — a first

The House voted 71-46 to enact the bill, which eliminates the longstanding permit system requiring sheriffs to perform character evaluations and criminal history checks of pistol applicants. The Senate overrode Gov. Roy Cooper's veto in a party-line

The permit repeal takes effect immediately. Cooper and Democratic lawmakers warned it allows a greater number of dangerous people to obtain weapons through private sales, which do not require a background check, and limits law enforcement's ability to prevent them from committing violent crimes.

Those who purchase pistols from a gun store or a federally licensed dealer are still subject to a national background check, and concealed weapons permits are still required.

Bill supporters say the sheriff screening process for handguns was no longer necessary in light of significant updates to the national background check system. They also argue the permit system wasn't very effective at preventing criminals from obtaining

The North Carolina Sheriffs' light of national system updates, jority party in power. but its current president does not.



raising tweet soon after the vote

targeting the three representa-

tives, vowing to "hold them ac-

House Speaker Tim Moore, a

Cleveland County Republican

presiding over the chamber dur-

ing the override vote, said the

provisions contained within the

bill "have been long-standing

goals of Second Amendment ad-

vocates in our state, and we have

finally brought this legislation

Moore used parliamentary ma-

neuvers Wednesday to block floor

debate before the vote, causing

from seeking reelection next

year, criticized the the move by

House leadership, saying in a

tweet that arguments to uphold

his veto would have been "too

Before the Senate vote Tuesday,

some Democrats urged against

loosening gun access in the im-

mediate aftermath of Monday's

mass shooting at a private Chris-

tian school in Nashville, despite

Republicans' insistence that law-

makers refrain from politicizing

compelling for them to hear."

Cooper, who is term-limited

frustration among Democrats.

over the finish line."

Senate, they were one seat shy of a similar majority in the House. Wednesday's House vote tally Carolina Forward put out a fund-

showed three Democrats — Reps. Tricia Cotham of Mecklenburg County, Cecil Brockman of Guilford County and Michael Wray of Northampton County — failed to vote on the override, creating enough of a margin to meet the constitutional requirement. Republicans needed at least one Democratic member to join them, or as few as two Democrats not to

Brockman was in urgent care Wednesday morning, according to a statement released by his office. Cotham said in a statement that she was receiving scheduled hospital treatment and had informed both parties that she would be absent. She said she does not support the permit repeal.

A phone message left at Wray's legislative office wasn't immediately returned Wednesday. Republicans gave Wray and Cotham key committee chairmanships Association supports the repeal in this year — a rarity for the ma-

A liberal-leaning group called

deaf about what happened in Paul Valone, executive director imperil more people's lives in the Nashville and to pretend that it doesn't matter, to pretend that that might not be an issue that we've got to bring up, is disturbing — with a bunch of kids sitting up here," said House Minority Leader Robert Reives, referring to the school group watching from the gallery.

While Reives said he asked all Democratic caucus members to be present, he refused to criticize those who were absent or didn't vote. The Chatham County Democrat told reporters the permit repeal could allow domestic abusers and mentally ill people at risk of suicide to obtain guns.

The enacted bill also will allow guns on some school properties where religious services are held, effective Dec. 1. The new law also creates and funds a two-year awareness campaign on the safe storage of firearms, which will distribute free gun locks.

In 2021, Cooper successfully blocked standalone versions of the pistol permit repeal and another provision allowing people with concealed weapons permits to carry openly or under clothing at houses of worship where private or charter schools also meet. At the time, Democrats had enough seats to block any override attempt if they stayed united. Those pistol and religious worship provisions were essentially unchanged when combined into this year's bill.

Guns will not be permitted on campus during school hours or when students are present for extracurricular activities, and houses of worship can opt out by posting signs.

Gun-rights advocates celebrated the override after trying for years to pass the pistol permit repeal.

"Second Amendment support-"For us to come in this tone ers made history today," said

of Grass Roots North Carolina, which campaigned last year for candidates so that Republican majorities could override Cooper's gun-related vetoes.

Gun-control advocates lamented the override, saying the handgun permit elimination would lease.

nation's ninth-largest state.

"We will wake up five or 10 years from now and see that our gun homicide and gun suicide rates have risen," Becky Ceartas with North Carolinians Against Gun Violence said in a news re-



### RALEIGH HOUSING AUTHORITY AMENDED 2023-2024 AGENCY PLAN

The Raleigh Housing Authority (RHA) is amending its 2023-2024 Annual PHA Plan to comply with U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development directives. This amendment impacts public housing over-income limits under the Housing Opportunity through Modernization Act (HOTMA). The Lease and Admissions and Continued Occupancy policy are being revised to reflect HOTMA provisions accordingly.

A draft of these updates can be found on RHA's website, www.rhaonline.com. Additionally, copies can be provided via email upon request and hard copies are available at RHA's Administrative office located at 900 Haynes Street, Raleigh, NC 27604.

RHA will hold public meetings to discuss the changes and receive public feedback at the following times: Tuesday, April 11, 2023, at 6:00PM on Zoom; and Friday, April 14, 2023 at 11:30AM in-person at 900 Haynes Street, 27604. Residents can call-in on Zoom at (646) 931-3860 or attend virtually here:

https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84138126573?pwd=WFpxRFdY WIV6dkJrc2JxSDYxVWZoZz09

Meeting ID: 841 3812 6573

Passcode: 779067

Written comments may be mailed to Mrs. Laura McCann at 900 Haynes Street, Raleigh, NC 27604 or submitted via email to Imccann@rhaonline.com.

Comments will be accepted through 5:00 P.M. Monday, May 15, 2023.

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## A Former Tesla Worker Awarded \$3.2m In Suit

By Kari Paul

Tesla will pay about \$3.2m to a Black former employee after a federal jury in San Francisco ruled the electric-vehicle maker failed to prevent severe racial harassment at its flagship assembly plant in

The amount is far less than the \$15m that the plaintiff, Owen Diaz, rejected last year in opting for a new trial. Diaz asked for a new trial on damages after the judge reduced the amount he was awarded in a 2021 ruling from \$137m to \$15m. Diaz accused Tesla of failing to act when he repeatedly complained to managers that employees at the Fremont factory frequently used racist slurs and scrawled swastikas, racist caricatures and epithets on walls and work areas.

The jury on Monday awarded him \$175,000 in damages for emotional distress and \$3m in punitive damages designed to punish unlawful conduct and deter it in the future.

Bernard Alexander, a lawyer for Diaz, urged jurors during closing statements on Friday to award him nearly \$160m in damages, and send a message to Tesla and other large companies that they will be held accountable for failing to address discrimination.

"Mr Diaz's outlook on the world has been permanently changed," Alexander said. "That is what happens when you take away a person's safety.'

Tesla's lawyer, Alex Spiro, countered that Diaz was a confrontational worker who had exaggerated his claims of emotional distress, and said his lawyers failed to show any serious, long-lasting damage

Diaz testified last week, tearfully recounting various incidents during the nine months that he worked at the Fremont factory. Diaz said the job made him anxious and strained his relationship with his son, who also worked at the plant.

Lawyers for Tesla highlighted what they said were inconsistencies in Diaz's testimony and repeatedly raised the fact that he did not lodge written complaints to supervisors. Diaz testified that he verbally complained to managers numerous times and discussed his complaints with Tesla human resources officials.

The carmaker is facing similar claims of tolerating race discrimination at the Fremont plant and other workplaces in a pending class action by Black workers, a separate case from a California civil rights agency and multiple cases involving individual workers. The company has denied wrongdoing in those cases.

Diaz had sued Tesla for violating a California law that prohibits employers from failing to address hostile work environments based on race or other protected traits.

The first jury in 2021 awarded Diaz \$7m in damages for emotional distress and a staggering \$130m in punitive damages. The award was one of the largest in an employment discrimination case in US his-

A US district judge last year agreed with the jury that Tesla had broken the law, but said the award was excessive because Diaz had worked at the factory for only nine months and had not alleged any physical injury or illness, and cut it to \$15m.

### McDonald's Closes U.S. Offices Ahead Of Layoffs

(AP)-McDonald's has closed its U.S. offices through Wednesday and told its corporate staff to work remotely as it prepares to announce a round of layoffs.

In a memo to workers posted on the website TheLayoff.com, the Chicago-based burger giant said it wanted to "ensure the comfort and confidentiality of our people during the notification period" and would hold all notification meetings virtually. It told international

make McDonald's more efficient.

"We have a clear opportunity ahead of us to get faster and more effective at solving problems for our customers and people and to globally scale our successful market innovations at speed," the

Monday. The memo was first reported by the Wall Street Journal.

Though the U.S. labor market remains strong, layoffs have been mounting, mainly in the technology secto r, where many companies over-hired after a pandemic boom. IBM, Microsoft, Amazon, Salesforce, Facebook parent Meta, Twitter and DoorDash have all announced layoffs in recent months

There have been cuts in other sectors as well.

Most of those job cuts are at corporate offices. There are still shortages of workers to fill service jobs, such as those at McDon-

Policymakers at the Federal Reserve have forecast the unemployment rate may rise to 4.6% by the end of this year, a sizable increase historically associated with recessions.

and in company-owned restaurants. About 70% of those employees are based outside the United States.

revenue was flat at \$23.2 billion for the full year in 2022, but its net income fell 18%, partly due to the sale of its business in Russia.

between its global markets. In a January memo to employees, Mc-Donald's President and CEO Chris Kempczinski said the company was evaluating roles and staffing levels in various parts of the company.

where we reinvent the wheel way too often," Kempczinski said during a January conference call with investors. "And I think the other thing I've seen is we haven't been as sharp around our global priorities, and so there's been proliferation of priorities.'

corporate staff to follow guidance in their particular regions. The company said in the memo that the layoffs are intended to

company said. McDonald's declined to comment on the memo or the layoffs on

ald's restaurants.

McDonald's has more than 150,000 employees in corporate roles

McDonald's shares rose just under 1% Monday. The company's

McDonald's warned employees in January that layoffs would be coming as it tried to get more nimble and break down walls

"We have historically been very decentralized in some areas

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## A Miscarriage of Justice, A Life In Prison—continued from page 1

around looking for a laugh from his siblings, cutting up a rag into

a hat and wearing it on his head. That's how David remembers Bobby: a class clown, someone who loved to laugh and sing and dance. His personality was magnetic. Their friends always wanted Bobby around, no matter what they were doing.

"If there weren't no Bobby, the fun wasn't there," David said.

The two brothers lived together at a house on Wilson Street in Plymouth when they were in their early 20s. Eventually, David got tired of smoking weed and getting high. He started trying to get his life together, going to for his arrest that same day. A

church and living with his pastor judge appointed Busby to the future crimes, and wouldn't go before moving to Virginia.

"But Bobby was still doing his thing, dancing around, smoking his weed, partying a little bit," David said. "He wasn't no trouble or nothing like that."

Bobby did get in trouble soon thereafter. David said Bobby and a woman in the neighborhood had been getting high together. The pair lived down the street from each other. In May of 1979, the two got into a fight. David said the woman bit a piece of Bobby's face off. Bobby then lit her back porch on fire while she and seven other people were in the house.

Authorities issued a warrant

case two days later.

Sentencing reforms come too late for Bobby

Seven days after Bobby lit the blaze, state legislators passed the Fair Sentencing Act, an attempt by then-Gov. James B. Hunt Jr. to make sentencing practices more equitable and predictable.

Before the bill, judges had broad discretion in sentencing in North Carolina, often meting out wildly different sentences for similar offenses. But with the Fair Sentencing Act, judges would be given a standard punishment term that they must impose, barring certain exceptions. That new law only applied to

into effect for two more years, but it dramatically changed sentencing laws in North Carolina.

The reform abolished life sentences for first-degree arson. Instead, it split the crime into degrees; a person like Bobby, who didn't have any prior felony convictions, could spend up to 20 years in prison if they were convicted of Class C felony arson. But they also would get credit for good behavior, effectively cutting their sentence in half.

About a year into his sentence Bobby petitioned the court, challenging his imprisonment. He claimed that the "B.H.N." he signed on the line beside the min-

imum sentence stood for "Bible Heaven Nation." He wrote that Busby had told him that after he had served one year of his life sentence, he would be sent to the Bible Heaven Nation rehabilitative program for a year and then get paroled.

Superior Court Judge Frank R. Brown denied the petition without holding a hearing.

Busby told NC Newsline the allegations from the 1980 petition were false.

"I'll go with Bobby as long as can go with him and help him, but I believe one of the reasons Judge Brown denied his motion was because he pushed the envelope too far," Busby said. "If I did 2022.

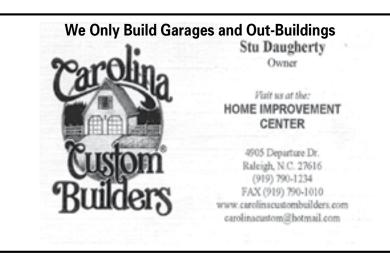
something wrong, I hope that I can admit it, but when they start making up stuff, that's where I have to draw the line." In Central Prison, a family re-

The years passed, and Bobby grew older as others came and left prison, serving decades' less time for the same conviction.

One of the people who came and went was Bobby's younger brother Carnell. Bobby and Carnell laid eyes on each other sometime in the early 1980s, when Carnell spent three years at Central Prison, the same place as

Bobby left prison on Dec. 19,

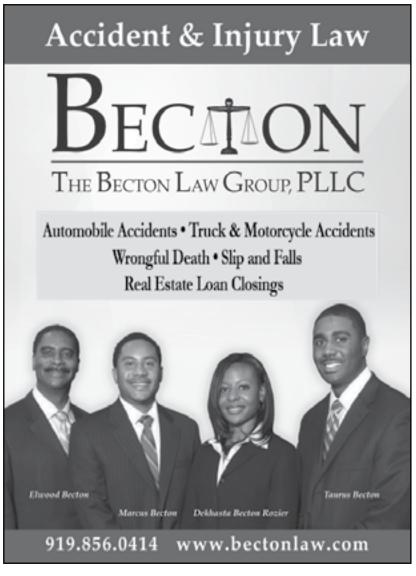
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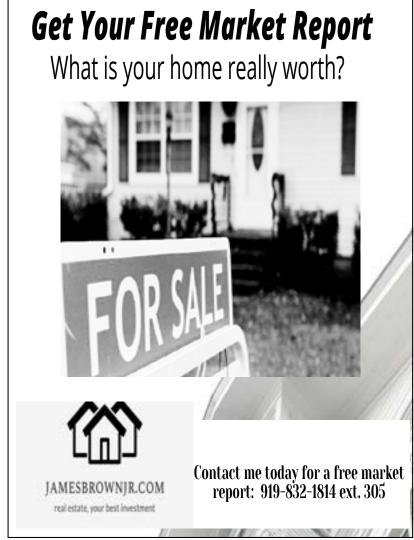


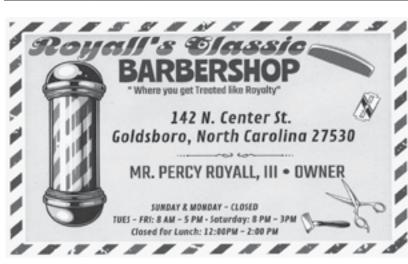


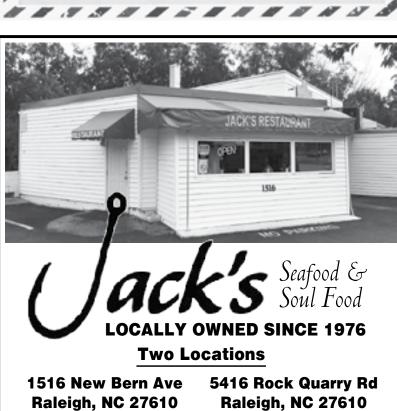


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## Health & Wellness

## Saying That A Drug Is Natural, Doesn't Mean That It Is Safe

By Dr. Joy Martinez

Staff Writer

Individuals often self-medicate or condone the use of a tree, plant, or its derivative because it's "natural." However, natural does not equal harmless. Indeed, nearly half of all human pharmaceuticals and addictive, abused recreational drugs now in use were originally derived from natural sources. This is why we punish and imprison people who use meth for years, yet medicate our children with the similar drug Ritalin.

Amphetamines, and more potent methamphetamines, are derived from a shrubby evergreen plant called Ma Huang or ephedra sinica. Ma Huang was the first herbal stimulant banned by the FDA. It certainly is not the last. Over the last decade the FDA has identified over 750 herbal remedies, natural supplements, and "organic" brands that had hidden pharmaceuticals in them. Some laced with the bark of the beautiful willow

This is perhaps the most famous example of a tree being used in leaf was completely removed. medicine. Aspirin evolved from a compound found in the bark and leaves of the willow tree. Hippocrates, considered the father of medicine, used to recommend chewing the bark to reduce fevers and inflammation in his patients, around 300 B.C. The compound was later marketed by Bayer in 1899. One hundred years later, there were at least 120 distinct chemical substances derived from plants and trees considered imporcountries in the world.

But these drugs, these pharmaceuticals are regulated in part safe simply because it has a natubecause they are dangerous if rally occurring ingredient? misused or abused. Again, natural does not mean harmless. Consider ring. Morphine is just one of the



the original formula for globally loved Coca-Cola. Touted as a natural healing and nerve tonic, the once alcoholic drink was mixed with a bit of cocaine, kola nut, and damiana (a flowering shrub that has anti-anxiety and aphrodisiac qualities). When science found cocaine could be harmful, Coca-Cola scientists did all they could to remove it from the drink, and by 1903 the fluid extract of the cocoa

Root beer and sarsaparilla drinks in the U.S. used to have actual sassafras oil in them for flavor. This ended when the chemical in the oil, safrole, was identified as a carcinogenic and banned as a flavoring agent by the U.S. FDA.

Naturally-occurring sassafras oil contains approximately 80 percent safrole. Though safrole is prohibited from inclusion in food products, it is used in the production of insecticides and fragrance tant drugs in use in one or more and is a key ingredient in the manufacture of ecstasy.

Should ecstasy be considered

Opiates are all naturally occur-

many opiates that come from the colorful opium poppy. The poppy is sliced while still in bud form, and the milky fluid that bleeds out is dried, becoming raw opium. Heroin, the powerful and quickly absorbed form of morphine was created by English researcher C.R. Wright in 1874 when he boiled morphine and acetic anhydride together on his stove.

The chemist was experimenting

with morphine, combining it with various acids, hoping to discover a nonaddictive alternative to the medicine and soon discovered a more potent version of morphine. Following Wright's discovery, the drug was marketed as an analgesic and a cough sedative in 1888. It wasn't until 1913 that its addictive qualities were officially discovered and heroin was taken off the

The benefits of morphine when search chemicals," "legal highs,' sed correctly and safely are "herbal highs" and "bath salts.' used correctly and safely are invaluable. However, there are other natural beauties that can be fatal and are used in every day treatment plans. Scientists identified anticancer compounds in the rosy periwinkle, from which pharmaceutical heavyweight Eli Lilly subsequently produced the chemotherapy drug Oncovin. In Italy the rosy periwinkle was traditionally referred to as the "Flower of Death" due to its extreme toxicity. It is extremely poisonous, and though it is used in Ayurvedic and "folk" medicine - consumption can

Recently the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNO-DC) sent out warnings about the emerging threat from new psychoactive substances (NPS), which are mostly derived or modified from the constituents of natural origin.

Five common NPS of natural origin are, khat, kratom, salvia, magic mushrooms and mandrake. In the market, NPS go by terms such as "designer drugs," "reThe CDC reported kratom—a plant grown in Southeast Asia and sold in powder capsules-was a cause of death in 91 overdoses in the U.S. from July 2016 to December 2017. In 2019 there were 91 deaths again that were attributed to kratom. Often marketed as a herbal or dietary supplement, kratom interacts with opioid receptors in the brain to ease pain and produce sedation and pleasure (sound familiar?).

There is a general feeling that natural substances are "safe.' Nature has been benevolent to humanity; medicine and healthcare are inextricably linked to it. But one must wonder how many lives must be sacrificed? How many deaths have to occur before we allow patience and wisdom, science and knowledge, their opportunity before we put nature in a capsule and market it as the new cure-all?

Don't forget that in 2021 America set a record of over 106,000 deaths by overdose. Natural or not, drugs kill.

## **Pandemic Pounds Push** 10k Soldiers Into Obesity



After gaining 30 pounds during the COVID-19 pandemic, U.S. Army Staff Sgt. Daniel Murillo is finally getting back into fighting

Early pandemic lockdowns, endless hours on his laptop and heightened stress led Murillo, 27, to reach for cookies and chips in the barracks at Fort Bragg in North Carolina. Gyms were closed, organized exercise was out and Murillo's motivation to work out on his own was

"I could notice it," said Murillo, who is 5 feet, 5 inches tall and weighed as much as 192 pounds. "The uniform was tighter."

Murillo wasn't the only service member dealing with extra weight. New research found that obesity in the U.S. military surged during the pandemic. In the Army alone, nearly 10,000 active duty soldiers developed obesity between February 2019 and June 2021, pushing the rate to nearly a quarter of the troops studied. Increases were

seen in the U.S. Navy and the Marines, too.

"The Army and the other services need to focus on how to bring the forces back to fitness," said Tracey Perez Koehlmoos, director of the Center for Health Services Research at the Uniformed Services University in Bethesda, Maryland, who led the research.

Overweight and obese troops are more likely to be injured and less likely to endure the physical demands of their profession. The military loses more than 650,000 workdays each year because of extra weight and obesity-related health costs exceed \$1.5 billion annually for current and former service members and their families, federal research shows.

More recent data won't be available until later this year, said Koehlmoos. But there's no sign that the trend is ending, underscoring longstanding concerns about the readiness of America's fighting

Military leaders have been warning about the impact of obesity on the U.S. military for more than a decade, but the lingering pandemic effects highlight the need for urgent action, said retired Marine Corps Brigadier General Stephen Cheney, who co-authored a recent report on the problem.

"The numbers have not gotten better," Cheney said in a November webinar held by the American Security Project, a nonprofit think tank. "They are just getting worse and worse and worse."

In fiscal year 2022, the Army failed to make its recruiting goal for the first time, falling short by 15,000 recruits, or a quarter of the requirement. That's largely because three-quarters of Americans aged 17 to 24 are not eligible for military service for several reasons, including extra weight. Being overweight is the biggest individual disqualifier, affecting more than 1 in 10 potential recruits, according to the report.

"It is devastating. We have a dramatic national security problem," Cheney said.

Extra weight can make it difficult for service members to meet core fitness requirements, which differ depending on the military branch. In the Army, for instance, if soldiers can't pass the Army Combat Fitness Test, a recently updated measure of ability, it could result in probation or end their military careers.

Koehlmoos and her team analyzed medical records for all active duty Army soldiers in the Military Health System Data Repository, a comprehensive archive. They looked at two periods: before the pandemic, from February 2019 to January 2020, and during the crisis, from September 2020 to June 2021. They excluded soldiers without complete records in both periods and those who were pregnant in the year before or during the study.

Of the cohort of nearly 200,000 soldiers who remained, the researchers found that nearly 27% who were healthy before the pandemic became overweight. And nearly 16% of those who were previously overweight became obese. Before the pandemic, about 18% of the soldiers were obese; by 2021, it grew to 23%.



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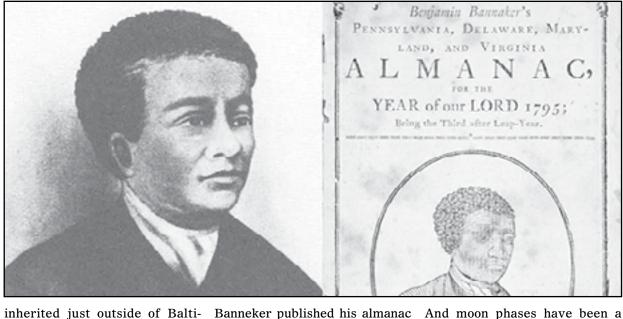
By Jason Lindsay

The Farmer's Almanac served as a staple within farm disciplines on American farms long before the "American Great Depression" or the "Great Migration" of black forks from the south to the north. This is due to one reason and one reason only; it worked with an 80 - 85 percent accuracy rate even in the weath-

My grandfather planted his livelihood from the instructions of this manual, along with so many other farmers across the nation, yet the influence didn't stop there. It also enlightened the farmers of the sea (fishermen), as the almanac lays out predictions of high and low tides of the ocean on a day-to-day

It was the late 1700s when one of the first almanacs was published in the United States. One of the earliest almanacs was by a black man named Benjamin Banneker. You may remember him regarding the clock which he was the first in America to construct a functional clock made almost completely out of wood. And yes, this is the same Benjamin Banneker that critically aided the design of the nation's capital as an architect, which made Banneker the first black presidential appointee in the

Born and raised on his family's



more city, Banneker was a mathematician, astronomer, architect, and almanac author. In 1791 Banneker published: "Benjamin Banneker's Pennsylvania, Delaware, Maryland, and Virginia's Almanac and Ephemeris," giving America its first almanacs in almost half a century.

At the end of 1791, Banneker sent a copy of his 1792 almanac addition attached with a letter to Thomas Jefferson, who was serving as Secretary of State. In this letter, Banneker publicly condemned slavery as an "endemic to predict the rise and set of the prejudice," calling it a "cruel sun and moon, understand the oppression." In 1793, self-taught positioning of the planet, sched-Banneker would accurately pre-100-acre farm, which he later dict several eclipses. Benjamin secting the phases of the moon.

for 11 years (1791-1802) with around 60 publications of his six annual farmers' almanac.

Almanacs use exclusive mathematical and astronomical recipes that consider sunspot activity, planetary positioning, and tidal actions. It encompasses solar science by observing sunspots and other solar activities, meteorology by studying the atmosphere, and climatology, through understanding weather patterns.

The almanac doesn't stop there. It uses the zodiac calendar ule high and low tides, and disfarmers' planting indicator for centuries.

The "Old Farmers' Almanac" is America's most extended continuous periodical publication. Starting just a year after Benjamin Banneker's Almanac, the Old Farmers' Almanac breaks down the phases of the moon month by month (astronomy) and corresponds to the best time for planting, pruning, harvesting, plowing, and many other necessary farm or gardening practices (astrology).

While working with elder black farmers (early '70s to mid '80s) in southern Georgia near the Florida-Georgia line, I learned

the farmers' almanac as their

One farmer explained that in the waxing moon (new moon to full moon), they would plant crops like tomatoes, squash, corn, and even annual flowers like sunflowers. The almanac would categorize these as "above-ground" crops. He continued to explain that during the waning moon (full moon to a new moon), they planted "below ground" crops like peanuts, potatoes, carrots, and onions.

The Old Farmers' Almanac would go on to explain that the moon directly affects the growth of plants. Just as the moon pulls on the waters of the oceans, it also pulls on the water in the ground. During a new moon, when the moon isn't visible in the night sky, moisture levels are found to be lower, yet when the moon is full, it pulls the groundwater to the surface.

This natural phenomenon makes the full moon more than the ideal time for planting seeds. With the increased moisture level brought on by the full moon, seeds quickly expand and are early to set their roots and establish the plant. This planting process also averages much higher germination rates. The almanac's correspond-

ing relationship with the moon continues with associated zodiac signs. While the solar calendar passes through all twelve signs

have grown with the moon using pass through all twelve signs in a calendar month. The almanac corresponds these days to a specific task, "Old Farmer's Almanac" call them "best days."

It is on these days that the almanac specifies what farm or garden task would serve you best. For example, when the moon is in the sign of Aries, Leo, or Sagittarius, it is the best time for pruning trees. Whether you are trimming new cuttings from a fig tree or simply cutting down low-hanging branches, the farmers' almanac predicts that your plants will respond best to pruning during these astrological durations.

When the moon is in the sign of Cancer, Scorpio, Pisces, or Tarsus, the almanac shows this to be the best time for planting, transplanting, and grafting. For plowing, cultivating, or spraying pests, the moon in Aries, Sagittarius, Leo, Aquarius, and Gemini would be the best time.

It is only one type of thing that earns the right to stay on the farm, and that's the things that serve a purpose. The purpose which the farmer's almanac has fulfilled on the American farm has been a purpose that has earned its stay. By laying out the pattern of our environment, farmers, fishermen, hunters, and many others have been able to rely on the almanac for peak efficiency. And the almanac simply chronicles the order of our agrarian affairs by mapping the

## Light Pollution Is Disrupting Rhythms, Lengthening Pollen Season



THECONVERSATION—City lights that blaze all night are profoundly disrupting urban plants' phenology - shifting when their buds open in the spring and when their leaves change colors and drop in the fall. New research I coauthored shows how nighttime lights are in cities, which can affect eveconomies.

and I analyzed trees and shrubs at about 3,000 sites in U.S. cities to see how they responded unuse the natural day-night cycle as a signal of seasonal change

along with temperature. We found that artificial light alone advanced the date that leaf buds broke in the spring by an average of about nine days comcomplex, but the leaf change peratures rise. was still delayed on average by

was, the greater the difference. We also projected the future

influence of nighttime lights for five U.S. cities - Minneapolis, Chicago, Washington, Atlanta and Houston - based on different scenarios for future global warming and up to a 1% annual increase in nighttime light inlengthening the growing season tensity. We found that increasing nighttime light would likely conerything from allergies to local tinue to shift the start of the season earlier, though its influence bloomed very early. In our study, my colleagues on the fall color change timing was more complex.

Why it matters

This kind of shift in plants' der different lighting conditions biological clocks has important over a five-year period. Plants implications for the economic, climate, health and ecological services that urban plants pro-

On the positive side, longer growing seasons could allow urban farms to be active over longer periods of time. Plants pared to sites without nighttime could also provide shade to cool lights. The timing of the fall neighborhoods earlier in spring color change in leaves was more and later in fall as global tem-

But changes to the grownearly six days across the lower ing season could also increase light at night had increased by 48 states. In general, we found plants' vulnerability to spring about 1.8% per year worldwide

other organisms, such as pollinators, that some urban plants rely

A longer active season for urban plants also suggests an earlier and longer pollen season, which can exacerbate asthma and other breathing problems. A study in Maryland found a 17% increase in hospitalizations for asthma in years when plants

What still isn't known

How the fall color timing will change going forward as night lighting increases and temperatures rise is less clear. Temperature and artificial light together influence the fall color in a complex way, and our projections suggested that the delay of coloring date due to climate warming might stop midcentury and possibly reverse because of artificial light. This will require

more research. How urban artificial light will change in the future also remains to be seen.

One study found that urban that the more intense the light frost damage. And it can create from 2012-2016. However, many

a mismatch with the timing of cities and states are trying to reduce light pollution, including requiring shields to control where the light goes and shifting to LED street lights, which use less energy and have less of an effect on plants than traditional streetlights with longer wave-

Urban plants' phenology may also be influenced by other factors, such as carbon dioxide and soil moisture. Additionally, the faster increase of temperature at night compared to the daytime could lead to different day-night temperature patterns, which might affect plant phenol-

ogy in complex ways.

Understanding these interactions between plants and artificial light and temperature will help scientists predict changes in plant processes under a changing climate. Cities are already serving as natural labo-

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WASHINGTON – U.S. Depart- while tackling the climate crisis ized, underserved and overburment of Agriculture (USDA) and lowering energy costs." ized, underserved and overburdened by pollution. Secretary Tom Vilsack today announced that USDA is accepting applications starting on April 1 for \$1 billion in grants to help agricultural producers and rural small businesses invest in renewable energy systems and make energy-efficiency improvements. USDA is making the \$1 billion in grants available under the Rural Energy for America Program (REAP), with funding from President Biden's landmark Inflation Reduction Act, the nation's largest-ever investment in combatting the

"Supporting renewable energy and energy-saving systems helps the people of rural America create thriving, livable communities," Vilsack said. "When we invest in rural communities, we are supporting hard work that sends a ripple effect across our country. Clean energy is critical to the future of our economy, and the Inflation Reduction Act provides the with the resources to build a vestments flow to disadvantaged of the March 31 Federal Regismore prosperous rural America communities that are marginal-ter.

Recipients may use REAP funds to install renewable energy systems or to make energy-efficiency improvements. Eligible applicants include rural small businesses and agricultural producers. USDA will hold competitions quarterly through Sept. 30, 2024. The funding will also include the creation of the first underutilized technology fund in the REAP program, with \$144.5 million available in dedicated funding.

USDA is particularly interested in REAP projects that will help rural communities recover economically through more and better market opportunities and improved infrastructure, reduce climate pollution and increase resilience to the impacts of climate change, conserve and protect farmland, and invest in underserved communities. The program is part of the Biden-Harris Administration's Justice40 Initiative, which aims to ensure that 40% of the overall Biden-Harris Administration benefits of certain Federal in-

To ensure that small projects have a fair opportunity to compete for the funding, USDA will set aside at least 20% of the available funds until June 30 of each year for grant requests of \$20,000 or less, including the grant portion of a combined grant and guaranteed loan re-

The maximum federal share which may be requested is up to 50% of the total project cost for all energy-efficiency projects and zero-emissions renewable energy systems. An award of up to 50% of the total project cost is also available for any project in a designated energy community and/or submitted by an eligible tribal entity. All other projects are eligible to apply for grants of up to 25% of the total project cost. The maximum grant is \$1 million for renewable energy systems and \$500,000 for energy-efficiency projects.

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## This Is The 1st Moon Crew In 50 Years

NASA on Monday named the four astronauts who will fly around the moon late next year, including the first woman and the first African American assigned to a lunar mission.

The first moon crew in 50 years — three Americans and one Canadian — was introduced during a ceremony in Houston, home to the nation's astronauts as well as Mission Control.

"This is humanity's crew," said NASA Administrator Bill Nelson.

The four astronauts will be the first to fly NASA's Orion capsule, launching atop a Space Launch System rocket from Kennedy Space Center no earlier than late 2024. They will not land or even go into lunar orbit, but rather fly around the moon and head straight back to Earth, a prelude to a lunar landing by two others a year later.

The mission's commander, Reid Wiseman, will be joined by Victor Glover, an African American naval aviator; Christina Koch, who holds the world record for the longest spaceflight by a woman; and Canada's Jeremy Hansen, a former fighter pilot and the crew's lone space rookie. Wiseman, Glover and Koch have all lived on the International Space Station. All four are in their 40s.

have been announced," Glover hearsal.



This is the first moon crew to include someone from outside the U.S. — and the first crew in NASA's new moon program named Artemis after the twin sister of mythology's Apollo. "This is a big day. We have a Late last year, an empty Orion lot to celebrate and it's so much capsule flew to the moon and more than the four names that back in a long-awaited dress re-

"Am I excited? Absolutely." Koch said to cheers from the crowd of schoolchildren, politicians and others. "But my real question is: 'Are you excited?' she said to more cheers.

The Canadian Space Agency snagged a seat because of its contributions of big robotic arms on NASA's space shuttles

As an Academy Award-win-

ning costume designer, Ruth E.

Carter has dressed film and TV

actors in ways that have defined

generations. Throughout her art,

Carter adamantly focuses on the

Afrofuturism movement which is

a cultural aesthetic, philosophy of

science, and history that explores

the intersection of the African

diaspora culture with science and

planned for the moon project. Hansen said he's grateful that

Canada is included in the flight.

"We are going to the moon together. Let's go!" he said.
During Apollo, NASA sent 24

astronauts to the moon from 1968 through 1972. Twelve of them landed. All were militarytrained male test pilots except for Apollo 17's Harrison Schmitt, a geologist who closed out that moonlanding era alongside the late Gene Cernan.

Provided this next 10-day moonshot goes well, NASA aims to land two astronauts on the moon by 2025 or so.

NASA picked from 41 active astronauts for its first Artemis crew. Canada had four candidates. Almost all of them took part in Monday's ceremony at Johnson Space Center's Ellington Field, a pep rally of sorts that ended with Wiseman leading the crowd in a chant.

Congratulations streamed in from retired astronauts, including Apollo 11's Buzz Aldrin and Scott Kelly, the first American to spend close to a year in space. "Huge risks, huge commitment, eternal benefits for all. What a crew!" tweeted Chris Hadfield, the first Canadian commander of the space station a decade ago who performed David Bowie's "Space Oddity" from orbit.



Raleigh Chapter Top Ladies of Distinction, Inc. supports the Urban Ministries of Wake County Helen Wright Center for Women, a safe and supportive environment for women experiencing homelessness. Approximately 250 items of clothing, linen, toiletries, and supplies were donated to the Center on March 29, 2023

## **Liberation Station Bookstore**

RALEIGH — Children's book author and pop-up bookstore owner Victoria Scott-Miller is opening a brick-and-mortar location of the nationally-known Liberation Station Bookstore in downtown Raleigh this summer.

This Black-owned, family-led independent bookstore was inspired by her family's struggle to find children's books by Black authors or Black illustrators that featured characters of color. That experience led Scott-Miller, her husband, Duane Miller, and her sons, Langston and Emerson, to start Liberation Station Bookstore in 2019 as a pop-up shop specializing in children's literature that centers on Black children and families. Their efforts garnered national attention from "Good Morning America," CNN, The Washington Post, Oprah Magazine and other news outlets.

Scott-Miller, an award-winning Raleigh-based entrepreneur, documentary filmmaker, author and creator of "The Museum Lives in Me" book series, is now open-



Victoria Scott-Miller and her husband, Duane Miller, and sons, **Emerson and Langston. Credit: Mick Schulte** 

Selfie Museum is in the basement When I think about our work, I of the same building.) The bookstore will join a cluster of blackowned businesses near Raleigh's historic Black Main Street. A grand opening celebration is set for June 17, 2023 during the city's Juneteenth festivities.

think about a tree. We've done all this work. We've had all this reach but it's been from the top down. We haven't been able to physically plant ourselves. Now we get to create a unique cultural hub that is a communiing a permanent location for the bookstore on the second floor of city of Raleigh," Scott-Miller space for self-discovery and the

# Costume Designer Ruth E. Carter Exhibitions At NCMA

Beginning April 1 through Au- and culture to the characters she the museum galleries." Museum of Art (NCMA) will host an exhibition celebrating the accomplishments of an African American artist, Ruth E. Carter: Afrofuturism in Costume Design. This exhibition of 60 garments presents intricately designed costumes from popular mov-Right Thing, Malcolm X, Selma, and Black Panther. Hence, the exhibition dives into the Academy Award winner's research, process, and incredible craft. For almost 40 years, her art continuously adds dimensionality, flair,

gust 6, 2023, the North Carolina envisions, all while giving power to the incredible actors who wear her designs.

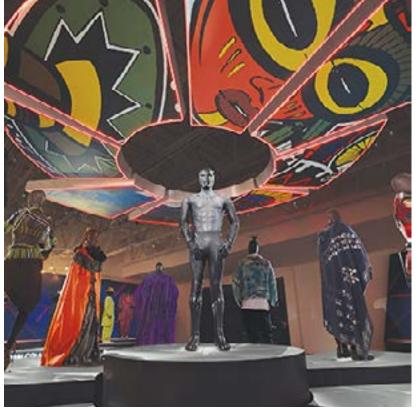
Valerie Hillings, museum director, shared her sentiments on having Carter's designs displayed.

"We are excited to present these two exhibitions highlighting the work of these trailblazing ies, including Amistad, Do the artists. Ruth E. Carter's influence cannot be understated, and it is fortuitous that we can share with our visitors her iconic work near the release of her latest project, the costumes for Black Panther: Wakanda Forever; seeing her artistry go from the big screen to

"The first time I did this exhibition I was in tears. Each one of these films represents a lot of heart, soul and dedication to the craft, said Ruth Carter. I think it speaks to all of us who become the matriarch of our families. We endure systemic racism, sexism and being in the workplace and only one of color. It's important for families to know when their sons and daughters want to pursue a career in arts, it's actually a profession.'

Furthermore, last Thursday, March 30, Saint Augustine's University's students from Visual Arts, Theater, and Film programs visited the NC Museum of Art to preview the exhibition. Ms. Carter toured SAU creatives through the exhibition. For half an hour, Carter shared highlights from her career with students, as well as insights into her design process. When asked how it felt to be the only African American woman to win two Academy Awards, she responded, "winning the awards assures that my designs, especially my designs for Black Panther and Black Panther: Wakanda Forever, will have longevity and inspire future generations.'

The Museum is located at 2110 Blue Ridge Road and Carter's exhibition tickets range from \$17 to \$23 and can be purchased online at ncartmuseum.org. Discounts are available for college students,



tesy of Colin Gray and SCAD FASH Museum

Ruth E. Carter, Costumes for Black Panther (2018); Photo: Cour-

## Symposium On The Harms Of Confederate Monuments

not relics of the past. They inflict continuing harm today. On Thursday, April 13, 2023, 10:00am-4:00pm NC CRED will be hosting Undue Harm: Undoing the Legacy of Confederate Monuments, a symposium focused on helping people understand the harm confederate monuments cause and why they need to be removed. Undue Harm will center these harms as the key reason for monument removal. Participants will leave with the inspiration and skills needed to take action.

Shaw University, the founding location of the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee (SNCC).

"Confederate monuments are slightly embarrassing for those of eradicating these symbols of of us who understand their inten-

to cause mental anguish, create fear, and perpetuate racial injustice. All of us must own this truth and work for restitution by removing these monuments," said Rev. Dr. Jennifer Copeland, Executive Director North Carolina Council of Churches, representative of the Symposium Planning

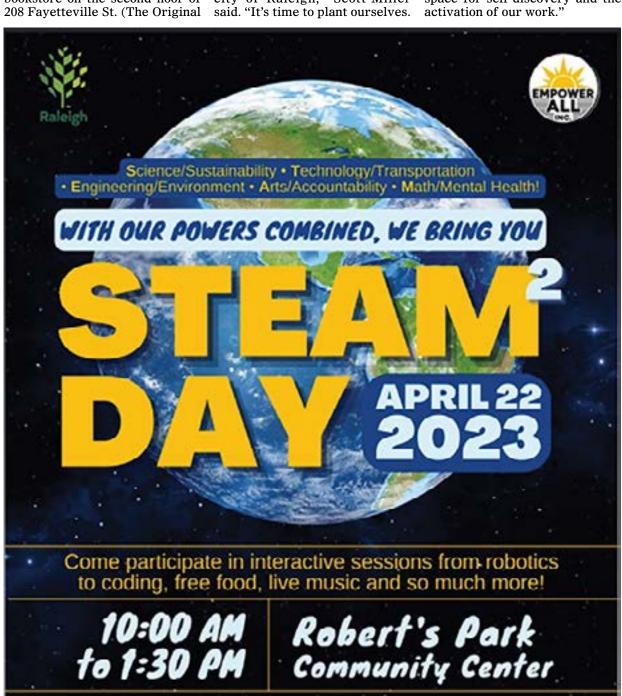
Committee. The ongoing national conversation about Confederate monuments often focuses on history, on the intent of those who erected the monuments and their disputed meaning today. Too rarely This event will be hosted at do we discuss the harm these symbols inflict on Black Americans every day. Undue Harm will highlight these harms from multiple perspectives in order to not simply relics to the past, underscore not only the urgency

white supremacy but also the

Confederate monuments are tion. Their presence continues need to address the immense harm they have inflicted.

> "The confederate monuments across our state are more than symbols of white supremacy and racist ideology, they are powerful statements about the perceived values of a community. When the confederate monument erected more than a century ago to honor one of my white ancestors was finally removed, it was a significant step toward healing. Now, perhaps more than ever before, we need the guidance and hope this symposium will offer as we continue to do this vital work of repair," said Noel Nickle, North Carolina Coalition for Alternatives to the Death Penalty, representative of the Symposium Planning Committee.

To register, and for more information, please visit www.nccred.



## Church

## **SERMON** of the WEEK



**PLOTS AND SCHEMES** AGAINST HEAVEN'S KING

Psalms 21:11 NIV reads: "Though they plot evil against you and devise wicked schemes, they cannot succeed."

Here, King David rejoices with great joy about the strength of the Lord and is excited about how God gives victories to those who belong to Him and do His Will. The same is true when people plotted and devised secret schemes toward especially during the night of

Read Matthew 26:57-67, "And they that had laid hold on Jesus led him away to Caiaphas the high priest, where the scribes and the elders were assem-

In verse 61, the only two false witnesses they could find to speak against Jesus called Him a fellow [but this was by no means an ordinary fellow].

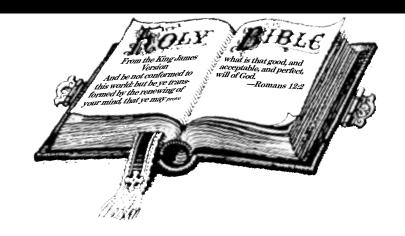
In verse 67, they spit in His face and beat Him with their fists; others slapped Him. I don't think they had to beat Jesus like that, even if he was just an ordinary fellow. I wonder how many people could hold their peace under such circumstances. Not many, I am sure.

Moreover, even earlier in this chapter, Peter lost his cool and cut off a man's ear when a multitude with the Elders and High Priest came to arrest Jesus.

I know Peter was probably good with a fish knife, but I don't believe he was a ninja with a sword. I believe that Peter could have been swinging at his head. [This is not eisegesis of the text; I'm just using my spiritual imagination].

people have the legal authority to arrest you, do like Jesus ferred to them as hypocrites. did, don't get violent or try to forgiveness, protection, and de-

have summoned legions of an-



gels to come and rescue Him, but He chose to turn himself in politely. As a result, he's the best example of how to deal with people that abuse their authority.

From the time He was born, people in high authority tried to kill Him. Then, at the age of 2, a ruthless King tried to kill Him, and now here in Matthew 26, at age approximately 33, people in high authority are still plotting and scheming to assure themselves of His death.

This was when conquerors Jesus during His life on earth, ruled the conquered, and the weak were forced by any means necessary to serve the strong. And even today, there is nothing new under the sun because there's still a lot of spiritual wickedness going on in high places of authority. Here, there and everywhere.

The common folk awaited a deliverer that would come and put the government on His shoulder, but ironically, God sent His only begotten Son to carry an old rugged cross on His shoulders so that He might free people from their sins. The followers of Jesus envisioned a military victory, but Jesus came to give them VICTORY over DEATH, HELL, and the

The text reveals how a group of 71 men that controlled civil and religious law acted as the Supreme council of the Jews, made up of Pharisees and Sadducees. The Pharisees paid a great deal of attention to outward ordinances and actions that would make them appear righteous. The Sadducees were the wealthy upper class involved with the priesthood and completely rejected oral law.

I believe these two groups Furthermore, my advice to were the epitome of spiritual the world today is that when wickedness in high places. That is why Jesus most likely re-

They all were plotters and thew 5:11-12. resist. It's best to trust God for schemers that would do anytorial against the only begotten you!

Son of God that had given up His Glory in Heaven to come and save a dying world.

Jesus' enemies, the chief priests, and the elders met in secret in the house of Caiaphas, the high priest, to make plans to kill Jesus.

The church is admonished to always pray for people in high positions because some will become so high-minded that they may think more highly than they ought to.

These people although they claimed to be religious, I believe they were the Devil's children because they were surely acting like them. 1 John 3:10 says, "By this the children of God and the children of the devil are obvious: anyone who does not practice righteousness is not of God, nor the one who does not love his brother." John 8:44 says, "You are of your father the devil, and you want to do the desires of your father. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth because there is no truth in him. Whenever he speaks a lie, he speaks from his own nature, for he is a liar and the father of lies."

Many rulers and people of high authority throughout the Bible brought havoc, pain, and suffering to God's people, but I'm glad that my Bible says if God be for you, it's more than the whole world against you.

Yes, the devil has children, but I'm glad God has children too. His eyes are on the sparrow, and I know He watches over His own.

God takes care of His children and gives them peace. Jesus told his disciples, "Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid." So don't worry about your haters; read Mat-

To view complete sermons by thing to hold on to earthly pow- Pastor William Eli Ratcliff and er and authority, but little did associate ministers, please visit Jesus, the Son of God, could they know they were conspira- our YouTube Channel. Thank

## Black Christians, White Christians, **And George Washington Carver**

By Steve Bateman and **Daylan Woodall** 

The Gospel Coalition

We are pastors in Decatur, Alabama, leading churches on opposite sides of town. One of our churches was founded in 1866 by former slaves after the Civil War. The other was founded in 1965 by local business leaders during the civil rights movement. Here on the banks of the Tennessee River, Southern charm meets hi-tech, providing a home for the world's largest space rocket factory.

And everywhere, there are reminders of the past.

After the Civil War, city planners named five of our main streets after generals, alternating between Union and Confederate: Lee, Sherman, Jackson, Grant, Johnston. They did this to help unite Southern white residents with Northern white newcomers who migrated south during Reconstruction. On Church Street, you'll find the site of the first school in Alabama to be named after the renowned scientist and inventor at Alabama's Tuskegee Institute, George Washington Carver (1864–1943).

In 1935, Carver visited our city for the renaming of the Carver Elementary School; he spoke to a thousand-member integrated audience in a segregated theater. He would've passed near the Morgan County Courthouse, where two years earlier the infamous "Scottsboro Boys" retrials began. Nine African American youths were falsely accused of rape and convicted by an all-white jury. Their retrial yielded one of the most important Supreme Court decisions in civil rights historyruling that blacks could not be systematically excluded from juries. This is the world Carver

navigated that June day in 1935. White Christians and Carver (Steve)

As a white pastor in the Deep South, I'm helped in three ways by studying Carver's life.

1. Carver helps me convey the historic harmony of Christianity and science.

I serve a church filled with people who make their livings with science-engineers, astrophysicists, chemists, educators, physicians, pharmacists, biologists--and who seek to harmonize their study of God's world and God's Word. Carver illustrates a point I often make as their pastor: there's no final conflict between good theology and good science.

Carver explained to a New York audience that in experiments he needed "God to draw aside the curtain." When a reporter criticized the speech, Carver wrote to a friend that the criticism was really directed "at the religion of Jesus Christ." He continued, "Dear Brother, I know that my Redeemer liveth.

. . Pray for me that everything said and done will be to his glory. I am not interested in science or anything else that leaves God out of it."

2. Carver alerts me to black American contributions to our national prosperity.

Carver was renowned for achievements in the laboratory, and what happens in laboratories has real-world consequences. With science, Carver equipped black sharecroppers to increase profits and escape enslaving debt to white landowners. Today, one way to address the economic disparity between white and

black students for careers in science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM). These are among the professions in which black Americans are least represented. Carver offers an example to follow.

3. Carver instructs me in the complexity of black history.

I once naively viewed the black church as monolithic in its historic effort to secure justice. But Carver represents one strategy among several in the struggle for civil rights. By practicing Christian ethics "with patience and deference," he hoped black Americans could gradually convince white Americans to view them as equals and as essential to the nation's common good.

Carver's gradualism posed no threat to the social order of the church-laden South. He absorbed the humiliation of Jim Crow segregation. His research at Tuskegee was considerably underfunded compared to white land-grant schools, so he relied on Northern philanthropists like Henry Ford. He avoided politics, protests, and white women while training black farmers who worked the cotton-exhausted soil of the South. For many white Christians, Carver was a good example, and a useful token, of a black man helping his race but keeping his place.

I'm humbled not only by Carver's endurance in suffering but also by the rich nuance and tragic turns of black history. Black Christians and Carver

(Daylan) I'm a black pastor born and

raised in the Deep South, so Carver isn't an obscure historical figure to me. 1. Carver was a real person

who affected real people. When Carver visited our

city in 1935, my church's oldest member was there. Etta Freeman, now 105, was in high school. Carver touched the lives of people I know personally, and his views on civil rights illustrate the tension black Christians feel in the struggle against In the Atlanta Compromise

of 1895, Booker T. Washington, Carver's boss at Tuskegee, outlined what he thought was the best course for black people: accept social segregation and focus on vocational education, using agricultural and industrial skills acquired in slavery. Washington's voice, however, was chal-Du Bois, black progress required higher education, political reformation, and broader social consciousness. Carver aligned more closely with Washington.

I've wrestled to make peace between the viewpoints of Washington and Du Bois. I haven't come to my conclusions easily, but I realize our understanding of Carver must be shaped by an awareness of his faith and con-

2. Carver's faith informed his perspective. Like other black leaders of

his day, Carver was a committed Christian. Du Bois's Christian convictions are less clear. To some, Du Bois had a more compelling political synthesis and represented a better path forward. But his framework was philosophically—rather than theologically—informed. Carver viewed his own work as a service to humanity motivated by his love for Christ. As David Chappell has shown, the appeal to go, but we've come a long way to Scripture by leaders like so far.

black households is to empower Carver laid the foundation for the success of the civil rights movement.

3. Carver represents a generation of black Christians struggling for survival.

For a long time, I was discontent with what I thought was Carver's neglect of social consciousness. What Martin Luther King Jr. called the "tranquilizing drug of gradualism" yielded a societal stupor that ruined the lives of countless people made in God's image. But in time, I came to better understand Carver's situation. Though various forces conspired to destroy him, they failed to compromise his work, his understanding of his worth, or the importance of his faith.

In 1935, being black in the South was dangerous, particularly for a public figure. My grandmother's wisdom informed my perspective. In my youth, she'd often say to me, as only grandmothers can do, "I worry about you because they know vou're smart. It's our smartest ones that have the hardest time." What may appear to us like accommodation was, in all likelihood, a strategy for survival during Carver's life.

Reminders Everywhere

Giving serious attention to the complicated history of real people like Carver provides a starting point for the conversations that must continue between black and white believers. There's no way to understand the present without understanding the past.

In conversations about race, the tension remains for many black Christians: when to speak and when to be silent. Many are tired of explaining racism to white Christians and showing that legal victories may have removed segregation from our laws but not from our hearts. Some have lost hope of conveying how past injustices have present consequences. Sometimes the frustration erupts in anticapitalist protest in the tradition of Du Bois. Other times, it's easier to retreat to the safer seclusion modeled by George Washington Carver in Tuskegee.

Many white Christians are weary of a cancel culture that summarily dismisses their historical heroes. They're offended when judged by their skin color or when alleged racism is used to excuse immoral behavior. Sometimes the frustration manifests in a belligerent "anti-wokelenged. To leaders like W. E. B. ness." Other times, it's easier to retreat to white neighborhoods and social circles, remaining voluntarily unaware of the difficulties dealt to many of their black brothers and sisters. Resisting the trend to see racism everywhere, they may be inclined to see racism nowhere.

> Our city's schools have been integrated for decades, and African Americans serve on juries at the Morgan County Courthouse. But it's still the case that "11:00 on Sunday morning is one of the most segregated hours" in our city-like most cities in America, not just in the South.

And everywhere, there are reminders of the past.

Yet our common allegiance to the risen Christ, mutual love of history, and honest conversations feed our optimism that this long process is moving toward the inevitable reconciliation guaranteed by the gospel, which makes us "one in Christ Jesus" (Gal. 3:28). We have a long way

## Practical Biblical Principles

### SALVATION VS OUR EGO(S)

**READ: MATTHEW 26:26-35** It would probably help us to understand ourselves better if we took the time to understand the actions and response of Peter shortly after Jesus finished the Passover meal. The newly instituted Holy Communion was obviously a high spiritual experience for Jesus and His disciples. After the communion they sang a hymn and went out to the Mount of Olives.

thought it necessary to tell His disciples of the big event to come - trouble. "All of you will be made to stumble because of Me this night. For it is written, "I will the Shepherd, And the sheep of the flock will be scattered." But after I have been raised, I will go before you to Galilee.

It's Peter's immediate response to Jesus' statement that we wish to take note of. Peter answered and said to Jesus, "Even if all are made to stumble because of You, I will never be made to stumble.

Jesus said to Peter, "Assuredly, I say to you that this night, before the rooster crows, you will

deny Me three times. Peter said to Jesus, Even if I have to die with You, I will not deny You! So said all the disciples. It appears that Peter failed to get Jesus' message of His pending death during or after the taking of the Holy Communion. Peter obviously didn't get the message that there was some things Jesus had to do and must do alone and all by Himself.

It was not too long afterwards, Jesus went to pray among the olive trees about the pending bitter cup He was to face, He was soon arrested just

having confronted His disci-simply because Peter refused ples for not being watchful and not being able to stay awake while He prayed.

As Jesus was being hauled off to face the Sanhedrin court in the dead of night, Peter and John were not too far behind following the crowd. Several individuals made claim that Peter was associated with Jesus. Peter denied the claims and even cursed to emphasize his denial of knowing Christ. Im-It was here that Jesus mediately the rooster crowed out and Peter quickly remembered the words of Jesus. Peter went outside and cried bitterly. Suddenly, that brash, outspoken, self-confident disciple, who was often outspoken, was nowhere to be found. What was Peter thinking when he told Jesus that he "will not" stumble? It appears that Peter thought himself to be Jesus' protector and defender. Jesus said he had twelve thousand legions of angels available to him if He needed them (Matthew 26:53).

It should be obvious that God thought well of Peter, in spite of Peter's egotism." Ego: A psychoanalytic theory that serves as the organized conscious mediator between the person and reality. Egotism is the habitual practice of talking about oneself or one's concerns and outwardly revealing these concerns in speech or action.

I'm convinced that Peter, like most of us, means well when we are trying to serve the Lord. When Peter allows himself to not crowd out (quench) the Spirit when God is attempting to speak through him or to him, God is then able to reveal to Peter that Jesus is the Son of God (Matthew 16:16-17). Shortly thereafter, Jesus had to tell

Peter to "Get behind Me Satan"

to accept Jesus' report that He (Jesus) will soon go to Jerusalem and be killed (Matthew 16:21-23). On one occasion, Peter being a professional fisherman, had to be told by Jesus what side of the boat to cast his

net so that he could catch fish. This is also true with us. If we can contain our ego before God, we will receive a lot more revelation from Him or we won't receive anything from Him. An untamed ego will not allow one to understand God's will for his/ her life. Simply because one's interest is always upon one's

own-self and not God. The Pharoah of Egypt put his ego up against God and lost. David allowed his ego to number the men in his army instead of relying on God for protection. God punished David (1 Chronicles 21:2,8-10). King Saul's ego disobeyed God and did not destroy all of Israel's enemies. Judas Iscariot, knowing full well that Jesus was the Son of the Almighty, pitted his ego against Jesus and ended up committing suicide by hanging himself. The devil waiting until Jesus was hungry and thirsty to temp, flatter and overpower Jesus' ego by offering Him the world to own and control without having to die for it on the cross, providing Jesus would bow and worship.

Easter is upon us. Will you al-

low your ego to deny that Jesus died for all of our sins? Will you attempt to hide the fact that you are a Christian just to stay in consort with the world? J. L. Caldwell, Pastor New Jerusalem Baptist Cathe-

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A FEW FACTS ABOUT THE AFRICANS WHO FOUGHT IN THE CIVIL WAR By H. E. Wesley

pecial To The Car

"In his novel 1984, George Orwell coined the word "unperson" for individuals whom the regime wanted to be forgotten. His parable about the Ministry of Truth and its—memory hole—for the disposal of unwanted fact, has been simplistically supposed to apply only to a totalitarian society. Unfortunately, it can also apply to a democracy. (Americans have found that) (the) presentation of an altered view of the past made the injustice of the present seem more acceptable."

General after general admitted that if it were not for African-American troops the war would have certainly been prolonged or not won at all by the Union. Secretary of War Stanton wrote that "the hardest fighting of all was done by the Black troops." Yet with all the evidence that the Civil War was won by the Black troops, why were they consigned to America's Memory Hole?

I think that the real answer is that both the South and the North were intolerably embarrassed. There would have had to be an agreement made between the South and North to keep the heroics of a half a million participants in the war out of America's school textbooks for four generations, out of 60,000 books on the Civil War, Out of 125 films by Hollywood and television-not a mention made, not a battle of Black participation out of 449 battles fought by our fathers.

The embarrassment? The North was embarrassed because IT WAS FORCED BY ITS IMMINENT LOSING OF THE WAR IN 1862 TO HAVE TO CALL BLACK TROOPS FOR HELP. THEN LINCOLN HAD TO APOLOGIZE PUBLICLY WHEN THE HEROICS AND VALOR OF BLACK TROOPS MADE HIM EAT HIS WORDS THAT THE REBELS WOULD HAVE THE BLACK SOLDIERS' GUNS IN A FORTNIGHT. THEY WERE EMBARRASSED BY THE FACT THAT OUR FOREFATHERS FOUGHT SO VALIANTLY, WINNING 21 CONGRESSIONAL MEDALS OF HONOR. 36,847 DIED ACCORDING TO THE WAR DEPT.

The number dying and according to Dr. McPherson, 31,000 men, was a big sacrifice of blood. Perhaps these are reasons why the North refused to allow little Black kids and little white kids learn the true story of the Civil War. I can understand the embarrassment of the South. To really understand that feeling, you must understand that for 200 years the South had used every method known to man to turn our fathers into frightened, servile zombies, and had actually believed that they had, Perfected Uncle Toms. When lo and behold, the Rebels found themselves being whipped even when in superior numbers by their now non-pretending former captives. Then, of all things, the proud and Rebelrevered and worshipped General Lee being chased for miles by Black troops, it much too humiliating to allow future generations of white children to this horror. It was equally unpolitic to allow future generation of African-Americans to know this. To know this they would feel proud of their race and that is not good for control. So both the South and the North had to much embarrassment to allow the TRUTH to interfere with power.

The myth that President Lincoln freed Black people stands now stripped and naked, revealed in all its baseness and lies. As we have witnessed here our fathers, the African-American servicemen paid with a river of their blood for their physical freedom, but not only that, saved the Union."

For the full story see The Journey of Songhai People: Pan African Federation Organization—by Calvin R. Robinson

Now the Rest of the Story

Think of the severe psychological damage done to four generations who grew up without the pride of knowing that their fathers saved the U. S. from disintegrating. (21 years of northern schooling, and I never heard of it). So not only were we denied the birthright of that knowledge to push us to our full potential, but the larger society grew up despising us not only from a programmed belief of our biological inferiority but despising us because they believed we contributed nothing to the World nor to America.

While Black Americans won their own freedom by rescuing the beaten and demoralized white troops of the North, we are pragmatic enough to realize that this little episode of ours cannot change the commonly held belief that Lincoln freed us. But in the harbor of New York, on Ellis Island there stands a monument today, which we hope will constantly remind all Americans of what was buried in America's Memory Hole. And that fact is that the Statue of Liberty is in the harbor of New York because Black servicemen won the Civil War and freed us

African-Americans from the long night of physical bondage.

Dr. Jim Haskins, a member of the National Education Advisory Committee of the Liberty-Ellis Island Committee, professor of English at the University of Florida, and prolific Black author, points documentarily to what stimulated the original idea for that 151-foot statue in the harbor. He says that what stimulated the idea for the creation of the statue in the first place was the part of that Black soldiers played in the ending of African slavery in the United States. It WAS created in the mind of the French historian Edourd de Laboulaye, chairman of the French Antislavery Society who, together with sculptor Frederic Auguste Bartholdi proposed to the French government that the people of France present to the people of the United States through the American Abolitionist Society the gift of a Statue of Liberty in recognition of the end of slavery in the United States. It was widely known then that it was the Black soldier who played the pivotal role in winning the war, and this gift would be a tribute to their prowess. Suzanne Nakasian, director of the Statue of Liberty. Ellis Island Foundation's National Ethnic Campaign, said that the Black American's direct connection to

During the summer of 1956, a nationwide celebration of the Statue of Liberty took place in the United States, and was widely televised over ABC Network as the world watched the ABC production. The ABC production coincided with the big-business financing of the renovation of the century-old Statue. The whole celebration had to do with the landing of European immigrants in America, their feelings, their emotional ties to the Lady in the Harbor, how they felt, and what it meant to them. No mention was made to our knowledge about the real reason for the Statue of Liberty, the celebration of the winning of the war by Black soldiers. News reporters had the audacity to ask Black Americans how they felt about the celebration. I was called and asked. I told the reporter (MY NAME IS LISTED) the history of the statue. Not one word that I saw, or any of my colleagues saw recorded what I had told the reporter. It seems incongruous, that ABC with all of its international connections, with all of its resources could have overlooked this history that is recorded in all of the reference books.

Lady Liberty is unknown to the majority of Americans, Black or white.

The World Book Encyclopedia mentions that the statue was presented to the U.S. government because of the end of slavery in the United States but it states, "At the feet, but seldom seen, is a broken shackle. It symbolizes a people winning their liberty..." When I quoted that, I asked my questioner, what people in the United States had just won their liberty? Certainly it was a bit late for such a monument to be presented for congratulations for the United States for their winning their liberty from Britain a whole century before. "It symbolizes a people winning their liberty." Who is the "their" people? It was the Black American.

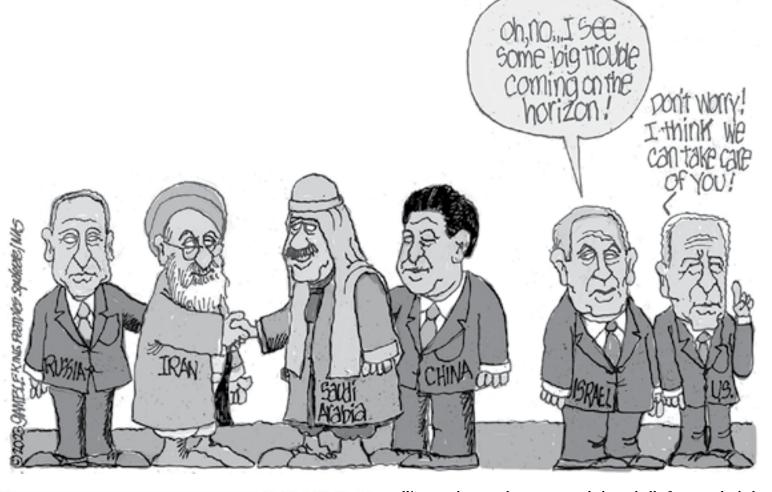
ple winning their liberty." Who is the "their" people? It was the Black American. When the statute was presented to the U.S. Minister to France in 1884, it is said that he remonstrated that the dominant view of the broken shackles would be offensive to a United States South, because since the statue was a reminder of Blacks winning their freedom it was a reminder to a beaten South of the ones who caused their defeat: their despised former captives.

This Black connection is never mentioned in the history books. That story, too, is buried in America's Memory Hole. Oddly however, the American Committee's White Statue of Liberty has been gradually turning Black: a chemical transformation that baffles everyone"

mation that baffles everyone.'
PROOF OR DOCUMENTS

- 1. You may go and see the original model of the Statue of Liberty, with the broken chains at her feet and in her left hand. (W to The Museum of the City of New York, Fifth Avenue and 103rd Street (2l2-534-1672).
- 2. Check with the N.Y. Times magazine, Part II, May 18, 1986. Read the article by Laboulaye.
- 3. The dark original face of the Statue of Liberty can he seen in The New York Post, June 17, 1956, also the Post stated the reason for the broken chains at her feet.
- 4. Finally you may check with the French Mission at the U.N. and ask for some original French material on the Statue of Liberty, including the Bartholdi original model

America's cover-up of our fathers' role in winning the Civil War makes the Watergate cover-up pale into historical insignificance. But until that and other important truths about Black Americans are widely and dramatically revealed, America can never live out its golden creed of Liberty and Justice for all. It cannot climb to either world human rights leadership or world industrial leadership with hatred and scorn of so large a population as our race with its corrupted history festering in its loins. But corrupted history, like a festering sore can be healed in the bright sunlight of Truth.





### **CELEBRATION TIME .. COME ON**

By the time you read this article for this week, those of us who are Christians, will have celebrated the fifth day of Holy Week, and Muslims will have celebrated the fifteenth day of Ramadan. During Holy Week approaching Easter, or as some call it "Resurrection Sunday", Jesus would have entered Jerusalem, freed the sacrificial animals, and cleansed the temple with a whip; taught at the temple, named his betrayer, had The Last Supper, and washed the disciples feet. This year, Maundy Thursday falls on the sixth of April. The word Maundy is derived from the Latin word mandatum, which means commandment. It is suggested that it refers to Jesus's commandment to the disciples to "love one another as I have loved you."

Ramadan is the ninth month in the islamic year. It is a month of strict daytime fasting and prayer. It commemorates the month in which Allah ( the Arabic word for God) revealed the Qur'an to the Prophet Muhammed by way of the angel Gabriel. This is one of the most Holy and important months around the Muslim world. It is meaningful to me that these holidays come together at the same time this year. Wonder if it also is synonymous with the aligning of the planets that can be seen in the night sky?

Just sharing.. celebrants...enjoy.

What I really want to share is the experience I had on Friday night. I was the recipient of joy, unspeakable joy, when The Winston-Salem Rams Chorale presented me a concert at First Baptist Church. It was a joint effort by First Baptist and State Street Community Church. The pastor at State Street is Bishop Daryl Clark and Rev. David Dolby is the interim pastor at First Baptist. Paul Lawrence Dunbar has a phrase in his poem "The Party" that is applicable here: 'I can't tell you nothing bout it, you aught to seen it for yourself'. Dunbar then commences to describe, just as I will. Actually I was remiss I wish I called everybody to spread the word. Of course it was so well attended, if you would have come I suspect it would have been standing room only. You know, sometimes we do not know what we have missed until we experience it again. Such was my experience Friday night.

As a child of a segregated education, one of the gifts of that time was the Chorus Concert, Chorale or Glee Club presentations at least twice a year. A full course meal of the music the spawned John Massenbury, Robert Fryson and The Voices Supreme, Randy Bayemore, the entire Ed Hall family, the Edwards sisters and Jimmy and the Ray Sisters, and more. What talent we witnessed in those days. As a matter of fact, a part of the J.H. Ligon graduation celebration was the talent shows each class presented for the community. This experience Friday night for me was a trip back into those days. This chorale is on its way to Carnegie Hall and stopping along the way to bless local churches with the gift of their voices. I am amazed at their talent. There was a young man who sang with a falsetto voice that was magnificently anointed and harmony from the choir that sounded as I imagine the heavenly choirs will sound. I hope this will become an annual affair that more churches will sponsor. I also pray that people like John Massenburg and his sister Cheryl will use their skills to develop a community choir. I just want more experiences like this. I know we have our gospel choir reunions and I love them as well. The chorales, however, tell stories and are not just the experience of one particular song at the time.

This particular chorale presentation focused on Jeremiah "the weeping prophet" and inspired me to go back and read again the book of Jeremiah with a new and different flashlight on the interpretation of some of its passages. I cannot say enough. It was great.

How do I connect the two themes of Easter and Ramadan and The Rams Chorale? For me it is all about celebrations in whatever way we choose we ought to be able to find something in some way to celebrate life; the past, the present and getting ready for celebrations in the future. So let's change the world into a more hopeful place than we are now experiencing. Let's do it not by complaining, judging and attempting to control others. Let us all find something to celebrate and start bringing light to the world today.

# FUNCTAISITE GOOD TIMES By Mel & Pearl Shaw Saad & Shaw

### FROM \$25 TO MILLIONS OF DOLLARS

Part two of an interview with philanthropist Tiffany Futch Tiffany Futch has grown from a community volunteer to a woman with a history of raising millions of dollars. She wasn't born a philanthropist and fearless fundraiser: she became one. She shares her story to inspire you.

"Today, I'll ask anyone for money without second guessing. Now I know that it's less about the ask and more about sharing the difference a nonprofit is making. Fundraising is not aways sitting across the table from someone and asking for money. I've fundraised by inviting friends and family to events, for my own mission trips through online campaigns, and even by

selling southern-style sausage and cheeseballs for a work challenge. I've helped raised as little as \$25 up to millions and I consider each a success."

Of course some successes are bigger than others. "I was the board chair of CHOICES: Memphis Center for Reproductive Health when we closed out our multi-million dollar capital campaign for a new birthing center. I had to push through a lot personally during that time and I was overjoyed to see the building completed. I knew it was a part of so many people's legacies and it was going to improve the birthing experience of families in Memphis for generations to come. I purposely drive by the building on my way home from work and I want to cry every time I think about what we accomplished."

Tiffany is part of a long legacy of Black women philanthropists and fundraisers. "Every year, there's an article with the headline that Black women are leading in philanthropic efforts and I want to say 'Duh!' I remember all the examples of Black women who I saw volunteering in my school, donating to sports team fundraisers, and establishing endowments through my sorority. My mom was always involved in fundraisers at my school. I've always been surrounded by Black women giving back. I just wish that we were more visible in the media so that younger generations can see."

Tiffany shares her suggestions for how to get started. "Start with what you can and don't worry about if it's not as much as others. All of those drops in a bucket eventually create overflow! Each year, review how much you gave the previous year and challenge yourself to adjust your lifestyle so you give at least 1% more. I currently give 10% of my annual income to non-profits through planned giving through small changes that make a big difference. Also, don't do it alone. Share your passion for giving with your friends, coworkers, church members, or anyone who will listen. Share how you're making adjustments in your lifestyle, using your resources, or creating more streams of income so that you can be more philanthropic. You never know who you will inspire to start or deepen their philanthropic journey. And don't forget to submit for your company match when can easily double your impact. Keep the cycle going because there's a younger you that benefited from a Black woman philanthropist.'





### BEYOND THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS

It happened again.

This time, the mass school shooting was at the Covenant School in Nashville, Tennessee. The victims were custodian Michael Hill, principal Katherine Koonce, substitute teacher Cynthia Peak, and nine-year-old third graders Evelyn Dieckhaus, William Kinney, and Hallie Scruggs. Hallie was the daughter of the senior pastor at Covenant Presbyterian Church, the congregation where the private pre-K through sixth grade school was located. Once again, a place of worship and elementary school that should have been sanctuaries were instead reminders that there are no safe havens from guns in our nation. And once again, the shooter was armed with a handgun and two assault-style rifles. As Newsweek reported, "one of the weapons used appears to be a KelTec SUB2000 Carbine Rifle, a foldable semi-automatic weapon that the manufacturer describes as 'fun to shoot.'" The KelTec website went on: "Folded, it tucks away nicely in situations where space is limited, but it's quick to deploy in situations where time is of the essence."

Why does our nation continue to allow weapons of war that have no business in civilian hands to be manufactured, marketed, and mass distributed as fun to shoot, convenient ways

of killing our children?

Soon after the shoot

Soon after the shooting Rep. Andy Ogles, the Republican member of Congress who represents the Nashville community where the shooting happened, said in a statement that as a father of three he was "utterly heartbroken by this senseless act of violence." But others were quick to reshare the Christmas message Rep. Ogles posted to social media in 2021 that featured a photo of him, his wife, and two of their three children smiling and holding rifles as they posed in front of a Christmas tree. His caption read: "The very atmosphere of firearms anywhere and everywhere restrains evil influence—they deserve a place of honor with all that's good." And so in that family picture, guns were given their place of honor alongside the symbols of the good of Christmas.

Rep. Ogles is just one of a group of elected officials who have made a deliberate show of displaying themselves and their children in Christmas cards that glorify guns along with the birth of Christ. Meanwhile, as many of those same officials once again offered their thoughts and prayers, another Republican Tennessee Congressman, lifetime NRA member Tim Burchett, was singled out for candidly explaining what he thought they would do next in our nation that stands alone as the only industrialized nation where gun violence is the leading cause of death for children and teenagers: "It's a horrible, horrible situation. And we're not gonna fix it." When a reporter followed up to ask Rep. Burchett if he thought there was any role Congress could play, he answered, "I don't see any real role that we could do other than mess things up." When another reporter asked specifically what else could be done to protect other children like his own little girl and keep them safe at school, he replied that his child was homeschooled.

In his opening prayer in the Capitol the day after the shooting, Senate Chaplain Retired Rear Admiral Barry C. Black gave a rare, pointed, powerful plea on behalf of our nation's leaders that stands as a preven from all of use

leaders that stands as a prayer from all of us: Eternal God, we stand in awe of You.

Lord, when babies die at a church school, it is time for us to move beyond thoughts and prayers.

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### DURHAM COUNTY

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

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

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.

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 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 **NOTICE TO CREDITORS** The undersigned, having quali-

fied 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 undersianed.

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

undersigned at the office of the attorney for the estate on or before June 24, 2023 or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery.

All persons, firms and corporations indebted to the said estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned. This, the 23rd day of March,

WILLIAM ALEXANDER HOWIE, SR **EXECUTOR** 

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 3/23, 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 This, the 16th day of March, 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 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** 

**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 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. 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. Gay 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 1609 Oak Forest Dr. 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

decedent to exhibit them to the ESTATE OF ARNOLD EURIEL will apply to the court for the relief DURHAM COUNTY sought.

This, the 23rd day of March, 2023. 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 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. **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 Having qualified as EXECUTOR 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

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 the court for the relief sought.

This the 30th day of March, 2023. Daron D. Satterfield Satterfield Law, PLLC 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, 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. **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

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, 2023.

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

DURHAM COUNTY **NOTICE OF SERVICE** OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION

In The District Court

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

To Wanner Wilfredo Castellano Batún, 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 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 North Carolina, hereby wishes exhibit them to the undersigned to notify all persons having 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 STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA **DURHAM COUNTY** 

In The General Court Of Justice **Superior Court Division Before the Clerk** File Number 23-E-434 The Undersigned, having

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OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION

qualified as ADMINISTRATOR of the Estate of ANDREW STAMEY PEELER late of Durham County, North Carolina, hereby wishes to notify all persons having claims against the Estate of said deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned at the below listed address on or before the 10th day of 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 6th day of April, 2023. William Stamey Peeler Administrator P.O. Box 71519 Durham, NC 27722 4/6, 4/13, 4/20, and 4/27/2023 STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA **DURHAM COUNTY** 

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS** 

All persons, firms and corporations having claims against the Estate of SARAH B. WILLIAMS, File No: 23E288, deceased, of Durham County, NC, are notified to present the same to the personal representative listed below on or before July 3, 2023, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of recovery.

All debtors of the said estate are asked to make immediate

## Classifieds

### **DURHAM COUNTY**

This is the 3rd day of April, 2023. **Nathaniel Williams Executor of the Estate** 3007 Pickett Road Apt. 324 Durham, NC 27705 4/6, 4/13, 4/20 and 4/27/2023 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 VICKIE JO 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 10th day of July 2023, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of

All persons indebted to the Estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned at the below listed address.

their recovery.

This the 6th day of April, 2023. Lori Katherine Kibler Administratrix 1984 Bowles Ave Creedmoor, NC 27522 4/6, 4/13, 4/20, and 4/27/2023 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 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 6th 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 23rd day of March, 2023. **Lorraine Swinton Executor** 10920 Airline Highway #17 Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70816 3/23, 3/30, 4/6, and 4/13/2023

### **WAKE COUNTY**

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA WAKE COUNTY

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

File Number 2022 E 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

pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to the Estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned at the

of June 2023, or this notice will be

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 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 evidence. If you desire an attorney, 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 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 Hillsborough, NC 27278 (919) 732-2196 3/23, 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 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

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.

address on or before the 26th day

of June 2023, or this notice will be

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

This the 23rd day of March, 2023.

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**CITATION BY PUBLICATION-**TERMINATION OF PARENTAL RIGHTS

Courtroom 1-1st Circuit-Family **Division-Lancaster** Case Number:

651-2022-TR-00010 TO: MARCO A. DOMINGUEZ

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

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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 personally 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 PROCEEDINGSCON-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 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, your attorney and all other interested parties not less than ten (10) days priorto any scheduledhearing. Additional information may be obtained from the Family Division All persons, firms and 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 court-

room 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

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

for the relief sought.

**NORTH CAROLINA** 

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

Gurkan's Downtown Auto Repair Plaintiff,

Karshi Demel Swinson-Davis 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 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 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 6, 2023.

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, V.

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 enforcement 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

qualified as ADMINISTRATOR

The Undersigned, having

of the Estate of MARY ELLEN below listed address. 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 **AMEND COMPLAINT TO ENFORCE POSSESSORY LIEN ON MOTOR VEHICLE CARS NC** 

10024 Capital Blvd Wake Forest, NC 27587 c/o PO Box 46882 Raleigh, NC 27620

Unknown Owner, TO: Unknown Owner

TAKE NOTICE the petitioner has filed with the clerk a petition Knightdale, NC 27545 in proper form indicating that Pamela Harris Green the petitioner has a valid lien against a 2015 Ram, ID No. 1C6RR7KGXFS789858 and that the petitioner shall have the right to sell to the highest bidder the motor vehicle listed on May 1, 2023 at WCCH, 316 Fayetteville Street, Third Floor, at 1:30 p.m. You are required to make a defense to such pleading before such date and time.

This the 30th day of March, 2023. c/o PO Box 46882 Raleigh, NC 27620 6400 Poole Road Raleigh, NC 27610 3/30, 4/6 and 4/13/23 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 23E002445-910 The Undersigned, having qualified as ADMINISTRATOR of the Estate of DEBRA LYNN YARBROUGH 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 10th 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 This the 6th day of April, 2023.

Austin Yarbrough Administrator 1105 Matisse Dr. Fuquay Varina, NC 27526 4/6, 4/13, 4/20, and 4/27/2023 **NORTH CAROLINA** WAKE COUNTY

In The General Court Of Justice **District Court Division Small Claims** 

File No. 23CV7140-910 **AMEND COMPLAINT TO ENFORCE POSSESSORY LIEN** ON MOTOR VEHICLE 9 MOTORS LLC

c/o PO Box 46882 Raleigh, NC 27620 Unknown Owner,

6239 Riley Hill Road

Wendell, NC 27591

TO: Unknown Owner TAKE NOTICE the petitioner has filed with the clerk a petition in proper form indicating that the petitioner has a valid lien against a 2012 Nissan/Altima No.

1N4AL2AP4CN568364 and that the petitioner shall have the right to sell to the highest bidder the motor vehicle listed on May 1, 2023 at WCCH, 316 Fayetteville Street, Third Floor, at 1:30 p.m. You are required to make a defense to such pleading before such date and time. This the 6th day of April, 2023.

c/o PO Box 46882 Raleigh, NC 27620 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 2021 E 004813

The Undersigned, having qualified as ADMINISTRATOR of the Estate of SIBYL YVETTE HARRIS 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 10th 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 6th day of April, 2023. Hagar Vines Harris Co-Administrator 215 Sandy Run Co-Administrator 808 King's Cross Way

Raleigh, NC 27615

### **CHATHAM** COUNTY

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA **CHATAM COUNTY** 

4/6, 4/13, 4/20, and 4/27/2023

**NOTICE OF SERVICE** OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION In The General Court of Justice

**District Court Division** 

File No. 23-CVD-248 To: JOSE MANUEL REYES PER-EZ, 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 May 16, 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, NOELIA RAFAELA PEREZ MORALES, will apply to the court for the relief sought.

This, the 6th day of April, 2023.

Aneta Paval Paval Law Offices, PLLC 7404 Chapel Hill Rd Suite M Raleigh NC 27607 Telephone: (919) 410-6690 4/6, 4/13, and 4/20



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## **Sports**

## Woods And His Limp Back At Masters, But For How Long?

AUGUSTA, Ga. (AP) — Tiger plays the sport he once dominat- and his back over the last decade woods is back at the Masters, ed. — makes him wonder if it's going along with his slight limp. It is not every step, every minute. But it is there. And as much little harder to foresee. hardware as he has in his mendbe with him for as long as he and with surgeries on both legs

As for how long he keeps playing Augusta National? That's a

Woods conceded that each trip ed right leg, the limp figures to to the Masters — at his age (47)





North Carolina FC's Garrett McLaughlin (19) attempts the shot on goal against Lexington's Franky Martinez (33) in the first half of their game in Cary, N.C at WakeMed Soccer Park on Saturday. North Carolina FC went on to win 2-1. Steve Worthy Photo

to be the last one.

"I don't know how many more I have in me," Woods said Tuesday.

This will be his 25th time playing the Masters, and Woods still is surprised there was a 24th. He was still recovering last year from crashing his car off a suburban Los Angeles road at over 85 mph, crushing bones in his right leg so badly he said doctors contemplated amputation.

"I didn't know if I was going to play again at that time," Woods said. "For some reason, everything kind of came together and I pushed it a little bit and I was able to make the cut, which was

Woods has an enormous presence at Augusta National because of his impact on the game, not to mention the five green jackets he has won, the last one in 2019. A year ago, the internet lit up with aviation tracking sites that followed his flight plan to the club for a pre-Masters scouting report.

And yet now he gives this Masters a sense of normalcy.

Golf has been consumed with the great divide between the establishment and Saudi-funded LIV Golf, which has 18 players at the Masters who are suspended from playing regular PGA Tour events. There is speculation how players on both sides will get

And then there is Woods at the Masters. Azaleas and dogwoods are in bloom. Thousands follow him in practice rounds. And Thursday will bring a familiar refrain from the first tee: "Fore please, Tiger Woods driving."

From there, no one is sure what to expect, Woods included.

"He looks good," said Rory Mc-Ilroy, who played Monday with Woods, 63-year-old Fred Couples and 20-year-old Tom Kim. "You know, if he didn't have to walk up these hills and have all of that, I'd say he'd be one of the favorites. He's got all of the shots. It's just that physical limitation of walking 72 holes, especially on a golf course as hilly as this.'

Woods has matured, through time and too many surgeries,

from the relentless champion to a guardian willing to pass along some of the local knowledge he picked up as a younger man from Couples and Raymond Floyd, from Seve Ballesteros and Jose Maria Olazabal.

He still wants to compete. There would be no point in staying after the Masters Club dinner Tuesday night if that were not the case. And he still thinks he can find a little magic. He has said everywhere he

has played over the last year — a total of 11 rounds in four tournaments, one of them a 36hole exhibition in a cart with his son — that hitting shots isn't the problem. It's getting to the next

"Yeah, mobility, it's not where I would like it," Woods said. "I've said to you guys before, I'm very lucky to have this leg — it's mine. Yes, it has been altered and there's some hardware in there, but it's still mine. It has been tough and will always be tough. The ability and endurance of what my leg will do going forward will never be the same. I going forward. I wish it could be kind of turned out OK."

understand that.

"That's why I can't prepare and play as many tournaments as I like, but that's my future, and that's OK. I'm OK with that."

Woods found a small victory in just playing last year, and making the cut was a bonus. He has never missed the cut at the Masters as a pro, and that streak is on the line again. Then again, he showed up at Riviera in February for his first PGA Tour event in seven months and played all four rounds.

"I think my game is better than it was last year at this particular time," he said. "I think my endurance is better. But it aches a little bit more than it did last year just because at that particular time when I came back, I really had not pushed it that often. And I had a little window in which I did push it and was able to come back.

"I just have to be cognizant of how much I can push it," he said. "Like Rory was saying, I can hit a lot of shots but the difficulty for me is going to be the walking

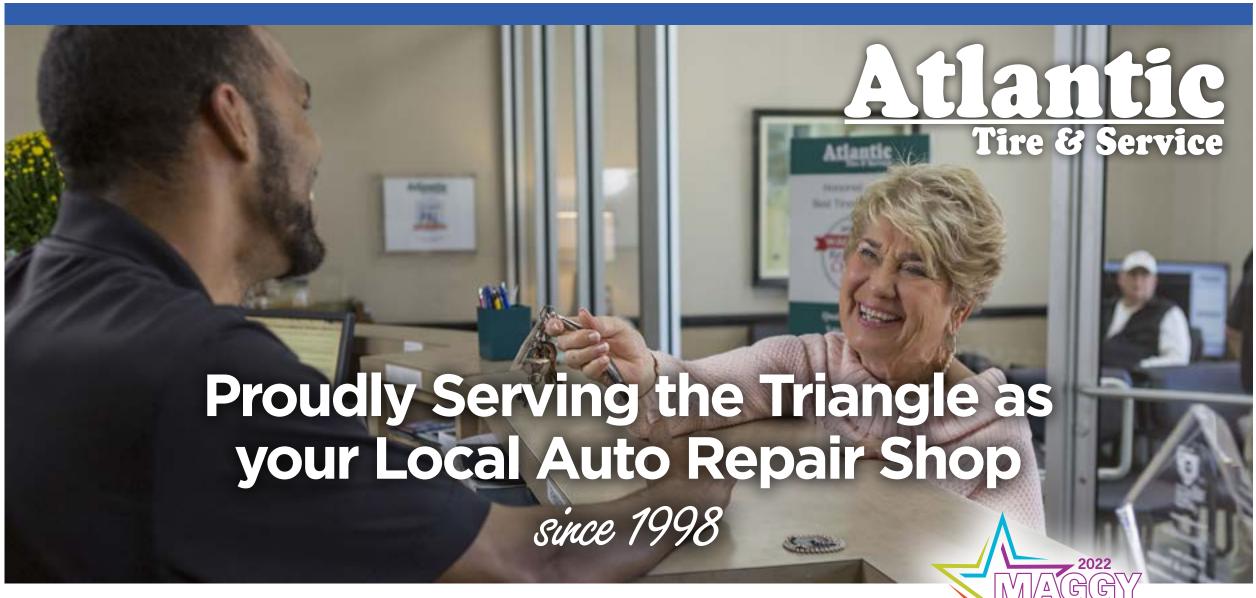
So why bother showing up?

Woods long has said there's no point in showing up if he didn't think he could win. He teased with a 67 in the third round at Riviera. The shots are still in there. And he knows Augusta National better than any championship course he plays.

He pointed to Couples, who swings freely and walks casually, and still can hold his own. Couples shares the record with Gary Player for most consecutive cuts made at the Masters with 23. Woods can tie them if he makes it to the weekend.

Woods was asked if he felt the younger players to whom he passes along some of his knowledge perceive him as any kind of a threat. In his 13 PGA Tour events since he won his recordtying 82nd title on the PGA Tour, his best finish is a tie for ninth. That was before the car crash.

"Whether I'm a threat to them or not, who knows?" he said. "People probably didn't think I was a threat in 2019, either, but



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