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## America's Underpinning Is Unraveling

By Dr. Joy Martinez

Staff Writer

The phrase "separation of church and state" appears nowhere in the Constitution. However, I can't remember a gathering of families or pseudo-political-experts in recent history where the argument around the founders' intention to include or exclude faith and religion from the nation's identity hasn't come up.

The truth is, faith and religion have played a significant role in shaping the United States since its inception. Over time, there have been shifts in religious practices and beliefs, which have had a significant impact on ethics, morals, and our behaviors as a community.

While Congress is prohibited from enacting a state religion, the founding document says nothing about banishing religion from the public square. Historically, the demographics of the United States has made it a predominantly Christian nation since its founding, with Protestantism being the dominant faith tradition. However, in recent years, there has been a significant shift in religious practices and beliefs. According to a Pew Research Center study, the number of Americans who identify as Christians has decreased from 78 percent in 2007 to 63 percent in 2021. This decline in Christian affiliation is driven by a growing number of people who identify as religiously unaffiliated, also known as "nones."

The rise of the "nones" is particularly pronounced among younger generations. According to a 2020 Pew Research Center study, 40 percent of millennials

and 49 percent of Generation Z identify as religiously unaffiliated. The decline in affiliation has also been accompanied by a shift in beliefs. In 2019 another Pew Research Center study found that a growing number of Americans believe in non-traditional spiritual practices, such as astrology, psychics, and reincarnation.

This shift in religious beliefs and practices has had a significant impact on the ethical and moral values of the nation. As people become less religious, they are more likely to prioritize individualism over community values. This is reflected in the growing acceptance of practices that were once considered taboo. For years, the United States had been the key case demonstrating that economic modernization need not produce secularization. But recently, the American public has been moving away from religion along with virtually all other high-income countries—in fact, religiosity has been declining more rapidly in the US than in most other countries.

Research has shown that religious affiliation is strongly correlated with moral beliefs and behavior. A 2017 study published in the Journal of Marriage and Family found that religious affiliation was associated with higher levels of marital satisfaction and a lower likelihood of divorce. The study also found that religious individuals were more likely to engage in pro-social behaviors, such as volunteering and charitable giving.

The decline in religious affiliation has also been accompanied by a decline in trust in traditional institutions, such as the government and the media. According to a 2018 study, only 18 percent



of Americans say they trust the government to do what is right always or most of the time. Similarly, only 20 percent of Americans say they trust the media to do what is right always or most of the time. The decline in trust in traditional institutions has led to an erosion of the nation's core identity based in communally accepted ethical and moral values. When people do not trust institutions, they are more likely to engage in behaviors that are not in the best interest of the community. This can include engaging

in corrupt practices, lying, and cheating - and any scan of recent media headlines shines a terrifying light on this pattern of behavior showing up again and again.

As people become less religious, they are less likely to participate in religious institutions, such as churches, which have traditionally played a vital role in bringing communities together. Research has shown that religious institutions are essential for building social capital, which refers to the networks of relationships that facilitate coopera-

tion and trust among individuals. According to a 2000 study published in the American Sociological Review, religious institutions are the most significant source of social capital in the United States, even surpassing family and friends.

Religious institutions provide a sense of belonging and community, which can have a significant impact on mental health and wellbeing. A 2019 Journal of Health and Social Behavior study found that religious participation was associated with lower levels of depression and anxiety, particularly among individuals who were socially isolated, with isolation being the "thing" we were forced to embrace for several years.

The decline in religious affiliation has also been accompanied by a decline in community participation. According to a 2021 report published by the National Conference on Citizenship, the percentage of Americans who volunteer has decreased from 28 percent in 2005 to 24 percent in 2018. The report also found that the percentage of Americans who attend public meetings has decreased from 13 percent in 2005 to 8 percent in 2018.

The decline in community participation leads back to that sense of social isolation, which is associated with higher levels of depression and anxiety.

Religious institutions also play a vital role in promoting social justice and equality. Many religious organizations are actively involved in promoting social and economic justice, advocating for the rights of marginalized communities, and fighting against discrimination and oppression. Without a doubt, the Civil Rights Movement of the 1960s was largely driven by religious lead-

ers, such as Martin Luther King Jr., who saw their work as an extension of their faith.

Faith-based organizations also provide critical services to individuals and communities in need, such as food banks, homeless shelters, and disaster relief services. According to a 2020 report by the National Council of Non-profits, faith-based organizations make up a significant portion of the nonprofit sector, with religious organizations accounting for over a third of all nonprofit organizations.

The trifold of faith, the practice of religion, and education also plays a vital role in shaping the ethics and morals most common in the nation. Faith refers to a person's belief in a higher power, such as a deity or a spiritual force. Faith can provide a moral compass for individuals, helping them to understand what is right and wrong. Religious texts often contain moral teachings and guidance on how to live a virtuous life, which can influence the beliefs and behaviors of believers. Faith can also provide a sense of community, bringing together like-minded individuals who share similar values and beliefs. Religious communities often promote altruism and service to others, which can help to instill a sense of responsibility and empathy in individuals. In addition, religious leaders can provide guidance and support to individuals who are struggling with ethical dilemmas or moral issues.

Schools can provide a platform for teaching moral values and ethical principles to young people. Education can help individuals to develop critical thinking skills, enabling them to

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## What Do Race And Ethnicity Mean?

By Mike Schneider

AP News

Nyhiem Way is weary of people conflating African American and Black. Shalini Parekh wants a way for South Asian people to identify themselves differently than East Asians with roots in places like China or Japan. And Byron Haskins wants the U.S. to toss racial and ethnic labels altogether.

"When you set up categories that are used to place people in boxes, sometimes you miss the truth of them," said Haskins, who describes himself as African American.

Way, Parekh and Haskins' voices are among more than 4,600 comments pending before the Biden administration as it contemplates updating the nation's racial and ethnic categories for the first time since 1997.

There's a lot to consider.

Some Black Americans want their ancestors' enslavement recognized in how they are identified. Some Jewish people believe their identity should be seen as its own ethnic category and not only a religion. The idea of revising categories for ethnic and racial identities, both in the census and in gathering demographic information between head counts, have fueled editorials and think-tank essays as well as thousands of written comments by individuals in what is almost a Rorschach test for how Americans identify



themselves.

The White House's Office of Management and Budget is set to decide on new classifications next year and has hosted three virtual town halls on the subject.

Some conservatives question the process itself, saying the overarching premise that Americans need more ethnic categories will only accelerate Balkanization.

"By creating and deepening sub-national identities, the government further contributes to the decline of one national American identity," wrote Mike Gonzalez, a senior fellow at The Heritage Foundation, in his personal comment posted on the OMB web page seeking public input.

That view contrasts sharply with those who say previous cat-

egories have overlooked nuances.

"This is certainly a singular moment and opportunity to greatly improve and enhance the accuracy and completeness of the data," Mario Beovides, director of policy and legislative affairs for the NALEO Educational Fund, said during a recent forum.

The proposed changes would create a new category for people of Middle Eastern and North African descent, also known by the acronym MENA, who are now classified as white but say they have been routinely undercounted.

The process also would combine the race and ethnic origin questions into a single query, because some advocates say the current method of asking about race and separately about ethnic

origin often confuses Hispanic respondents. With the revisions, the government would try to get more detailed answers on race and ethnicity by asking about country of origin.

Another proposal recommends striking from federal government forms the words "Negro" and "Far East," now widely regarded as pejorative. The terms "majority" and "minority" would also be dropped because some officials say they fail to reflect the nation's complex racial and ethnic diversity.

Several Black Americans, like Way, whose ancestors were enslaved, said in public comments to the OMB that they would like to be identified in a category such as American Freedmen, Foundational Black Americans or American Descendants of Slavery to distinguish themselves from Black immigrants, or even white individuals born in Africa, as well as reflecting their ancestors' history in the U.S.

Way, who is president of United Sons & Daughters of Freedmen, which describes itself as dedicated to restoring the broken promises from Reconstruction, also recommended substituting the word "population group" for "race."

Conflating "African American" with "Black" has "blurred what it means to be an African American in this country," Way, who works

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By Tyria McCray

Staff Writer

Tensions were high last Tuesday night as Raleigh residents, members of the muslim community, and city staff weighed in on the fate of Shaw University's (Shaw U District) rezoning proposal.

More than 140 people arrived at the Raleigh City Council meeting to voice their opinion on Shaw University's redevelopment plan, called Shaw-U. Some believe rezoning the campus will erase its history, while others say it's a great opportunity to update campus amenities. Shaw University said its ShawU District rezoning request reimagines the possibilities for the HBCU that sits adjacent to the heart of downtown Raleigh. By reimagining, it would lease parts of campus to developers for modern retail, office and residential space.

During Tuesday night's meeting, founder of Save Our Shaw, a coalition of 2,000 members created in direct response to Shaw University's rezoning request, Eugene Myrick stated, "We don't need to be rezoned. We need better management. There is no plan. They're saying just trust us. Why would we trust you all when you have a track record of distrust? Also, if you want the buildings moved, they will be damaged to be moved." said Myrick

In February, the City of Raleigh's planning commission voted 7 to 1 in favor of the Shaw U District, whereas the Raleigh Historic Development Commission recommended denial 9 to 2.

To further explain, Shaw University is asking the city's permission to rezone about 26 acres of property. Whereas the rezoning would impact 17 properties near the intersection of S. Blount Street and E. South Street. The current zoning allows for buildings with up to 10 floors in these areas. The University is requesting zoning that would allow up to 30 stories on campus between Person and Wilmington streets, and from Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard to Lenoir Street.

Furthermore, Northeast of campus near E South Street and E Lenoir Street, the University proposes changing zoning to allow up to 12 stories. Southwest of campus between Bledsoe Avenue, Wilmington Street and Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd, the University is requesting up to 20 stories.

That southwest portion has egregiously drawn criticism from some people in the Muslim community. The piece of property is home to the Shaw University's International Studies Center. It also

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## Kinseys Aim To Change The Narrative

By Leigh-Ann Jackson

LA Times

"I've got a story for you." If you spend more than five minutes with Bernard Kinsey, 79, you're guaranteed to hear this refrain, because he has thousands of stories.

For five decades, the gregarious collector and his wife, Shirley, 77, have amassed the Kinsey African American Art & History Collection, one of the world's largest private collections of Black art and historical objects.

Lend him your ear and Bernard will tell you how he secured a 1963 typed letter from Malcolm X to Alex Haley after initially missing out on the auction where the correspondence sold, or he'll describe the shivers he felt upon first opening a FedEx envelope that contained



Bernard, left, and Shirley Kinsey, with their son Khalil, are photographed at SoFi Stadium, where the Kinsey Collection is on display.

one of his earliest acquisitions, an 1832 handwritten bill of sale for an enslaved Black man.

These documents, among others, are on display in the Kinsey Collection Experience at SoFi Stadium, the first art installation to be displayed at the Inglewood sports and entertainment venue. Curated by their son Khalil, the Creative Director and General Manager of the collection, the exhibit opened in February 2022 in honor of Black History Month and was extended an additional year. It will now be on view through March 2024.

Among the items on view along the arena's wide Level 2 corridor are a copy of a 1595 baptism record from St. Augustine Fla., and a 1773 book of poems written by the boundary-shattering

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houses the King Khalid Mosque.

To fight for their place of worship, The Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR), shared with us their thoughts at last Tuesday evening's city council meeting.

"Rezoning the land would give the university the ability to sell the building that contains the mosque, which was built with a donation from the Muslim community and open to the public for decades before Shaw University closed it in 2020," CAIR said in a release.

On the contrary, the vice president of real estate during Tuesday night's meeting shared that rezoning approval is vital to update aging infrastructure and to build more student housing.

As the council meeting came to a close, Shaw's rezoning decision was deferred to May 2nd. To give both parties more time to elaborate on their stance. If approved, they'll spend nearly a year on a master plan.

#### ACLU OF NORTH CAROLINA FILES LAWSUIT AGAINST NC HOUSE BILL 40

The American Civil Liberties Union of North Carolina (ACLU-NC) has filed a federal lawsuit challenging multiple provisions of North Carolina's "Anti-Riot Act", as recently amended by House Bill 40.1 (HB 40). HB 40 significantly increases criminal penalties for protesting and makes protestors liable for substantial civil damages to individuals harmed by a protest, even where a protestor only verbally encouraged activities defined as "rioting" and did not take any individual actions to cause injury or damage. The suit contends that multiple provisions of the law, including provisions that could apply to protestors whose own conduct is entirely peaceful, are overbroad and vague and will function to dissuade people from engaging in lawful protest activities.

Regarding the lawsuit, Sam Davis, Attorney from the ACLU of NC Legal Foundation released the following statement:

"HB40 represents a culmination of the legislature's repeated efforts to crack down in response to the Black Lives Matter protests of 2020. It is a flagrant attempt to vilify and criminalize a social justice movement. This bill forces North Carolinians to risk the immediate and long-term loss of their freedom when exercising their right to protest. This suit is an effort to protect the right to protest and advances our continued support and defense of the Black Lives Matter movement and activists."

The ACLU of NC suit notes that multiple advocates noted constitutional problems with HB 40 before its passage. Yet, the General Assembly persisted in enacting a law that legislators knew would violate North Carolinians' First Amendment rights,

"Protest is at the heart of a functioning democracy," said Chantal Stevens, executive director of the ACLU of North Carolina. "By implementing harsher penalties for so-called rioting, the bill discourages protest and pushes the false narrative that protesters are violent and dangerous."

The ACLU-NC plans to follow the filing of this suit by moving the court to halt the enforcement of these plainly unconstitutional portions of HB 40.

#### HORNETS WON'T GO 'BIG-GAME HUNTING' EVEN IF JORDAN SELLS

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (AP) — The Charlotte Hornets aren't expected to be big spenders in free agency this summer even if Michael Jordan sells the team.

The Hornets are a projected \$39 million under the NBA salary cap for next season — which ranks in the top 10 in the league in terms of available spending money — but the team plans to focus on re-signing their own players and adding others through the draft and "savvy trades," according to general manager Mitch Kupchak.

"Although we have a lot of financial flexibility, we don't typically go big-game hunting with our free agent money," Kupchak said Tuesday.

He then added, "We're going to use that to sign back players."

The Hornets (27-55) finished with the fourth-worst record in the league, so they're guaranteed to pick somewhere between 1 and 8 depending on the outcome of the May 16 draft lottery. Charlotte has five draft picks in all, including two in the first round, although Kupchak indicated it's unlikely the team will use them all.

The Hornets haven't won a playoff series in more than two decades, and Jordan has been criticized at times by fans for not spending enough money to get big-name free agents.

Last month, Jordan's family office released a statement saying the six-time NBA champion is considering selling another portion of the team to Hornets minority owner Gabe Plotkin. While it's unclear if Jordan will give up his majority stake in the team, Kupchak indicated it is largely irrelevant in terms of the Hornets building process.

"Typically, the basketball operations (such as) players, contracts, who you draft and all that stuff doesn't really get affected by that," Kupchak said of a potential change in ownership.

Kupchak's first priority will be re-signing restricted free agent P.J. Washington, who appears to have nailed down the starting 4 spot after averaging 15.7 points per game.

Whether or not the team makes a move to bring back restricted free agent Miles Bridges remains to be seen.

Bridges was charged with three counts of domestic violence last summer, and although the case has since been settled the league is still looking into the matter and he could face disciplinary action.

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evaluate ethical issues and make informed decisions. In addition, education can help to promote diversity and tolerance, fostering a more inclusive and compassionate society. However, the education system in the United States has been criticized for its failure to adequately address issues related to ethics and morals. Many schools focus primarily on academic achievement, with little attention paid to character development and social-emotional learning.

There is a growing movement to incorporate ethics and morals into the education system, with some schools adopting curriculums that explicitly address these issues. For example, the Character Education Partnership is a nonprofit organization that provides resources and training for schools to promote character education.

It may seem insignificant on the surface, but faith and religion give a collective North Star to communities and can bring together opponents and foster collaboration. In January, representatives of the Muslim, Catholic and Jewish faiths came together at the Vatican to sign a document

calling for a code of ethics for the use of artificial intelligence.

Among the many topics given attention were: AI replacing human labor; determining who is responsible for AI-generated mistakes and misinformation; the protection of privacy and limits of surveillance; the need for safety, transparency and fairness; and biases used in algorithms. No "grand solution" exists, but there is "a cocktail of answers to what is the right thing to do," Dario Gil, IBM's senior vice president and director of research, said at a Vatican-hosted event Jan. 10.

"We need all the help we can get" to make sure AI is "aligned with fundamental human values without leaving anyone behind," Gil said. That is one of the reasons why almost three years ago IBM and Microsoft became the first signatories of the Rome Call for AI Ethics. The initiative was led by the Pontifical Academy for Life, which invited two of the world's leading developers of artificial intelligence software to sign an appeal for an ethical framework and guidelines for the field of AI.

Scientists and policymakers

around the world are examining complex ethical dilemmas. What responsibilities do humans have in the face of climate change? How can we address health care disparities that continue to devastate Black and brown communities? How do we convince people to set aside their personal preferences and do the right thing? And above all, how do we make our world more fair?

The coronavirus pandemic offered proof that it's not enough to appeal to Americans' feelings of patriotism or even to other secular ideas about working for the greater good of the greatest number of people for wide acceptance of the good to be enacted. Tackling COVID-19 required every American to make personal sacrifices to protect society as a whole. But there was still loud resistance from individuals who thought that the ask was too great — who did not want to be part of that mutual project or were opposed to submitting to the state's regulations.

The language people use to think through public health and justice issues has become deeply fractured and politicized. Religion, which offers a rich and

complex set of metaphors capable of uniting a broad swath of people, becomes increasingly important. Particularly in a country where most people identify as belonging to a religion, faith-based appeals for fairness can have resonance.

While there has been a decline in religious affiliation in recent years, faith and religion continue to play a vital role in fostering community behavior and promoting social justice and equality. Religious institutions are still a significant source of social capital and provide a sense of belonging and community for many individuals. As the United States continues to navigate the challenges of the 21st century, it is essential to recognize the importance of faith and religion in fostering behaviors centered in the good of the community, and promoting social justice and equality.

In a season where headlines are full of stories of terror, violence, corruption and disease - who couldn't use more faith-based virtues of empathy, justice, temperance, transparency, conscientiousness, wisdom and moral fortitude?

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for a pharmaceutical company in Athens, Georgia, said in a telephone interview.

Haskins, a retired government worker from Lansing, Michigan, suggested eliminating race categories like "white" and "Black" since they perpetuate "deeply rooted unjust socio-political constructs."

Instead, he said people should be able to self-identify as they wish. When his sociologist daughter points out the difficulty of aggregating such data into something useful to address inequalities in housing or voting, or tailoring health or education programs to the needs of communities, he tells her, "Go crazy at it. That's what you're being paid for."

"You need to search for the



truth and not just stay with the old categories because someone decided, 'That is what we decided,'" Haskins said.

Parekh is asking the government to distinguish South Asians from East Asians.

"When these groups are assessed together, one loses a lot

of important granularity that can help differentiate issues that are specific to one group and not another," Parekh said.

The MENA community appears to be having a related problem, based on several comments to OMB. Without its own category, the group's political power is diluted. People could benefit from cohesive representation, especially if identities were taken into account in drawing political districts, advocates said.

It comes down to something even more personal for Houa Meroueh, who described herself to the Biden administration as a 73-year-old Arab American woman.

"When I go to the doctor's office I do not feel they have the information necessary to under-

stand my medical history or my culture," she said. "For all these reasons I want to be counted as who I am. Not as white."

Jordan Steiner said ethnic categories should be expanded to include not only MENA, but other groups like Jews who often regard themselves not only as members of a religious group but an ethnic one too.

Jessica Aksoy commended the proposals to expand the categories, saying she often felt limited about which boxes to check as someone of Turkish, European and Jewish heritage.

"Recognizing our differences is honoring and celebrating the rich melting pot of America," Aksoy said. "The face of America is changing, and this initiative is for progress in recognizing that."

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poet Phillis Wheatley. There's the World Series ring of Angelo Emmett Ashford, the first Black umpire in Major League Baseball, as well as a 1924 photograph of 28 Black Los Angeles firefighters ("I didn't believe there were that many Black firemen in L.A. today!" Bernard quipped of his 2021 purchase.)

From scientist Benjamin Banneker's 1796 Almanac to a 2006 quilted portrait of a Black female fieldworker by textile artist Bisa Butler, there's a trove of art and artifacts that speak to the strength, resilience, ingenuity and creativity of African Americans dating back to before the nation's birth.

"As you see these objects," Bernard said during a recent tour of the exhibition, "you'll change your opinion of the African American story because everything we got in the history books didn't have us in it. Khalil says it's like being Photoshopped out of the picture."



A 1924 photograph of Black firemen at Los Angeles Engine Company No. 30, taken by Charles Z. Bailey, is displayed at "The Kinsey Collection Experience" at SoFi Stadium. (Christina House / Los Angeles Times)

"You ought to see the schoolkids who leave here," Bernard continued. "Their heads are shaking because it changes what they think about themselves and what they've been taught."

Jason Witt, the senior director of community affairs & engagement for SoFi Stadium, estimates more than 4,000 Inglewood Unified School District students visited the exhibition in its first

two months alone. "You'd see a lot of eyes go wide and hear a lot of 'For real?' and 'What?!'" Witt said, recounting instances of local high school visitors first learning that prominent Mexican historical figures Vicente Guerrero and Pio Pico were both of African descent. He found that hearing about "the intertwining of Black and Brown cultures" as far back as the early 19th cen-

tury, "sparked a lot of questions for them."

SoFi Stadium features about 10 percent of the family's collection of art and artifacts, which is estimated at more than 700 pieces. While many pieces are kept in storage, about 25 percent are kept inside the Kinsey's two-story Pacific Palisades home, nes-

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# Black TN Lawmaker Was Expelled, Now Reinstated

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — One of the two Black Democrats who were expelled last week from the GOP-led Tennessee House was reinstated Monday after Nashville's governing council voted to send him straight back to the Legislature.

The unanimous vote by the Nashville Metropolitan Council took only a few minutes to restore Rep. Justin Jones to office just four days after Republicans stripped him of his seat.

Moments later, Jones marched to the Capitol several blocks away. He took the oath of office on the steps and entered the building while supporters sang "This Little Light of Mine."

A loud round of applause erupted as Jones walked into the chamber with Democratic Rep. Gloria Johnson, who was also targeted for expulsion, but spared by one vote.

"To the people of Tennessee, I stand with you," Jones said in his first statement on the House floor. "We will continue to be your voice here. And no expulsion, no attempt to silence us will stop us, but it will only galvanize and strengthen our movement. And we will continue to show up in the people's house."

"Power to the people," he shouted, to cheers. Republican House Speaker Cameron Sexton told Jones' supporters in the galleries to "please refrain from disrupting the proceedings."

Republicans banished Jones and fellow lawmaker Justin Pearson over their role in a un-



control protest on the House floor in the aftermath of a deadly school shooting.

Pearson could be reappointed Wednesday at a meeting of the Shelby County Commission.

The expulsions on Thursday made Tennessee a new front in the battle for the future of American democracy and propelled the ousted lawmakers into the national spotlight. In the span of a few days, the two had raised thousands of campaign dollars and the Tennessee Democratic Party had received a new jolt of support from across the U.S.

Jones' appointment is an interim basis. Special elections for the seats will take place in the coming months. Jones and Pear-

son have said they plan to run in the special election.

At the end of Monday's evening session, Jones stood on the House floor and asked Sexton if he would be reappointed to legislative committees after being stripped of assignments last week. Jones also asked to receive full access to legislative buildings, which includes the the parking garage, and health care benefits. While Sexton referred some of the questions to human resources, the Republican leader said that traditionally in the past that appointed lawmakers do not receive committee assignments.

Pearson, meanwhile, told reporters Monday that "the lessons that we've gotten here is that

people power works."

"It is because thousands — millions — of people have decided that they will march, they will lift up their voices and elevate them to end gun violence to protect our communities and ensure that the voice of the people that we care to represent us are heard in the state Capitol and all across this country," Pearson said.

As Jones was restored to his position, Nashville scored a win in court over a different move targeting the city by state-level Republican officials. A three-judge panel temporarily blocked implementation of a new law that would cut Nashville's metro council in half, from 40 to 20 members.

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# Business & Finance

## Small Business Owners Are Feeling The Credit Crunch Now

NEW YORK (AP) — When Nat West, owner of cider-making company Reverend Nat's Hard Cider, decided to supplement his wholesale business by opening a taproom in a bustling neighborhood in Portland, Oregon, he thought getting financing would be a breeze.

After all, he was only seeking \$50,000, has been in business for 11 years, and takes in more than \$1 million in annual revenue.

In February and March, West reached out to three lenders he had previously gotten financing from, including one where he has an existing line of credit. To his surprise, he was rejected.

"I feel like it's really weird, it's such a small amount of money for a business that has so much ongoing, sustained revenue and has been in the same community for a long time," he said.

West isn't alone. Borrowing for small businesses was already constrained due to rising interest rates. Following the recent collapse of Silicon Valley Bank and Signature Bank, some lenders — particularly the small and mid-size banks that serve small businesses — may be forced to tighten credit further, since they're seeing an outflow of deposits, which means they need to retain capital. And banks are being more cautious in general due to



uncertainty about the economy.

"It's hard to read how severe this is going to be, but it's certainly going to be significant and when you look at how things play out, small businesses are hit the hardest," said Ray Keating, chief economist for the Small Business & Entrepreneurship Council.

According to the latest Biz2Credit Small Business Lending Index released in February, the approval rates of small business loan requests at big banks have fallen for nine consecutive months. The larger banks approved just 14.2% of applications in February, down from 28.3% in February 2020. Small banks granted about 20% of loan applications this February, but they were approving about half of all

requests back in early 2020, before the pandemic hit.

An overall tightening of credit will help slow down the economy and ease inflation, which is what the Federal Reserve hopes to achieve by hiking interest rates, said Rohit Arora, CEO and co-founder of Biz2Credit. But that means that small businesses — a big job creator and source of innovation for the economy — will be left in the lurch.

"It will be the small companies that suffer the most if this continues," he said.

Basic Fun, a Boca Raton, Florida-based maker of such toys as Care Bears and Lincoln Logs, had to temporarily scuttle plans for an acquisition due to the crunch. CEO Jay Foreman said he was ready to

go with non-binding agreements with 12 of the prospective 23 lenders lined up in late February and early March. But that number shrank to two after Silicon Valley Bank failed and triggered the recent banking turmoil.

"It's just not the right timing now as lenders appear unclear about the broader credit markets and seem to be clutching the purse strings tightly at this point," Foreman said. "We just have to ride this out until conditions are right to arrange the proper financing for our acquisition."

Companies that have existing lines of credit are seeing interest rates increase. James Carron, who operates Flatirons Pharmaceuticals, in Longmont, Colorado, has seen rates increase for his line of credit that's about \$150,000. Before the pandemic, the rate was 6.99%, but that went up to 10%. Now it's 13% and rapidly approaching 14%. Other potential lenders he contacted had even higher rates.

So, Carron said he's put off the purchase of two servers and additional hardware security upgrades that he had planned for the first half of this year. He's monitoring the economy now to see when he might be able to make the purchases.

A credit crunch affects small businesses more than larger ones,

he said, because smaller businesses have fewer levers they can pull to get financing.

"We can't issue corporate bonds or have other money available to us," he said. "Large corporations have multiple avenues for them to secure reasonable rates for funding. A small business owner doesn't have that ability."

In the U.K., Dawn Barber has delayed some expansion plans because credit terms have gotten stricter. Barber is the founder and managing director at Web Shop Direct, which runs the online fashion brands UK Tights and UK Swimwear. She noted that her business has done well all through the pandemic, as her customers are looking to splurge on little luxuries.

Barber said that her business — which generates annual revenue of 2.5 million pounds (\$3.1 million) — is essentially self-funded but when she recently turned

to PayPal for extra funding, the financial terms were stricter compared to a year ago. Barber wanted to borrow 150,000 pounds (\$186,195) but learned that she would get charged 10,000 pounds (\$12,416) upfront, instead of the usual 6,000 pounds (\$7,449) and that she needed to pay within six months, instead of nine months.

She decided the terms were too steep. She's put a hold on officially launching a new line of wellness products, which includes loungewear and candles and was expected to account for 20% of her annual sales.

As for West, the Oregon cider-maker, he had to put \$10,000 on his personal credit card to finance the new taproom, which is open. He's still short of what he needs, but that will keep the taproom running for now, he said.

"I'm super thankful I can put it together," he said. "A lot of people will just have to put their dreams on hold."

## Japan Signs \$2.8B Long-Range Missile Development Deals

TOKYO (AP) — Japan's Defense Ministry announced Tuesday it has signed contracts worth nearly 380 billion yen (\$2.8 billion) with the country's top defense contractor, Mitsubishi Heavy Industries, to develop and mass produce long-range missiles for deployment as early as 2026 amid growing fears of China's increasing military strength.

The ministry said the contracts include enhanced versions of Mitsubishi's Type 12 missiles for surface, sea and air launches, and a hypersonic ballistic missile for the defense of remote islands.

Mass production of Type 12 land-to-ship guided missiles and hypersonic gliding missiles, which have already been developed, will begin this year, the ministry said. Officials refused to provide the number of missiles that Japan plans to deploy but indicated that production is expected to gradually increase over the next five years.

Due to limited land space at home, Japan plans to hold pre-deployment missile tests at military bases in the United States, ministry officials said.

Another contract is for development of submarine-launched long-range anti-ship guided missiles, beginning this year and planned through 2027. Timing for their deployment is still undecided.

The development plan is based on a new National Security Strategy that Japan announced in December as it seeks to significantly increase its military power to deter potential threats from China, North Korea and Russia.

## A Gamified App Teaching Credit Education Nabs 1st Place

A team of students from Alabama State University won the inaugural #IYKYK Hackathon, which capped off the six-month Center for Financial Advancement Credit Academy, sponsored by Experian and HomeFree-USA. The "Credit Stingers" winning idea was a gamified app that teaches credit education and fiscal responsibility. The team of four won a \$40,000 scholarship.

"We talked about teaching people from ages 10 to 99. That's how much of an impact credit has. Through our app, we hope to tell more people about credit," said Mandelkosi Sibanda of Alabama State University.

Nicknamed the "ASU Credit Stingers," Sibanda and his team-

mates Thomas Mulaisho, Takudza Modza and Janai Thompson earned a \$40,000 scholarship for their concept, "Credit Rush." The award-winning idea is a game where, in order to overcome obstacles, students watch a video or take a quiz about credit in order to advance to higher levels. Other features include the "Hive," a library of credit education materials, chat, daily calendar functions and more.

The #IYKYK Hackathon challenged students to create a credit education program for their peers, including those who are not part of the credit ecosystem. The competition was the culmination of a six month program as part of the Center for Financial Advancement® (CFA) Credit Academy

sponsored by Experian and HomeFree-USA that brought together more than 250 students from 14 Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) in live sessions with Experian credit education experts and self-paced content. Finalists from ASU, Fisk University, Morgan State University and Shaw University represented six countries and eight different languages. The teams presented their ideas live at Experian's North America headquarters.

"Every team exceeded our expectations. We're inspired by these student leaders and their commitment to driving positive change in their communities. In sharing their personal stories and experiences, they're helping us

create solutions that are culturally and generationally relevant so we can meet them where they are in their financial and credit journeys," said Raudy Perez, Experian North America's senior director for diversity, equity and inclusion partnerships.

"This is the most transformative experience that many of these students will have in their lives," said Gwen Garnett, HomeFree-USA Center for Financial Advancement® Executive Director. "We thank Experian for its commitment to the CFA and its scholars by helping us provide the training and tools to allow young adults and credit invisibles to understand and successfully navigate the credit ecosystem."

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# Kinseys Aim To Change The Narrative — CONTINUED FROM PAGE 2

tled inside built-in book nooks, hung above a fireplace or potted dragon tree, resting atop end tables and clustered together on the floor.

"You gotta live with stuff," Bernard said as the couple moved from room to room during a subsequent home visit.

He pointed out Laura Wheeler Waring's 1941 oil painting "Woman With the Orange Scarf" hanging in the dining room across from a 1924 still-life by abstract art pioneer Alma Thomas, as though the two groundbreaking artists are in conversation (the former would famously paint a portrait of the latter in 1947). In Bernard's home office, above a

desk strewn with note-filled legal pads, there's a 1972 painting of a pool player, one of several Ernie Barnes paintings in their collection. And on the second-floor landing, there's a 1995 watercolor by Pennsylvania artist Dane Tilghman, as well as three individual family portraits painted by L.A. artist Mikel Alatzia in the aughts.

"I want all the old stuff and she wants all the new," Bernard joked of the pair's collecting predilections. "So, I said, 'Baby, you take that lane, I'll get this lane.'"

Bernard's most beloved "old stuff" is kept in a small study off the foyer. Here, he's considerably more cautious. "I'm gonna put my gloves on for this," Bernard

said, before pulling on a white cotton pair, then picking up a 1967 funeral program memorializing the poet Langston Hughes. He kept those gallery gloves on to handle their "scary rare" 1882 edition of "The Life and Times of Frederick Douglass," but he still wasn't being delicate enough for Shirley's liking. "Careful. You're turning pages too fast, Bernard," she warned.

Some of the antiquities are kept in plastic sleeves or encased in acrylic boxes, resting in the drawers of vintage wooden desks and cabinets. Old tints sit on top of a 19th-century Singer sewing machine handed down from Shirley's grandmother. And some

framed items are swaddled in bubble wrap, lying on the floor waiting to be hung.

Historian Charles L. Blockson's 1990 tome "Catalogue of the C.L.B. Afro-American Collection" has pride of place on a wooden bookcase. "This is my bible," Bernard said of the historical text that has inspired many of his artifact searches. "[Blockson's] my hero because he did it before it was fashionable."

The Kinseys' African American collection joins a considerable amount of Indigenous masks, statues and woven baskets that they've gathered on trips to national parks across North America, as well as a gal-

lery's worth of objects found during their travels to Australia, China and across sub-Saharan Africa. After watching Alex Haley's television miniseries "Roots," in 1977, and the birth of their son, they began to shift their focus to include cultural markers of the Black American experience. Shirley recalled having a wake-up call during that momentous viewing: "We were just like, 'OK, we know about all of these other cultures. We need to learn more about our own.'"

The couple credits their advisor, artist and art historian Edward Pratt, with helping them identify significant artifacts and source coveted finds, noting that

for the past 25 years, he's been responsible for informing their "understanding of the connection between art, history and culture."

"It's unbelievably difficult to acquire this stuff because it ain't about money," Bernard said, adding "it's about your knowledge and your persistence." While he recounted tales of asking a painter to sell them a creation before it was even completed, or calling fellow collectors incessantly for months or decades in pursuit of a coveted first-edition book, Shirley filled in dates, cities or names that he couldn't remember.

They've been on this collecting journey together since they got married in 1967.

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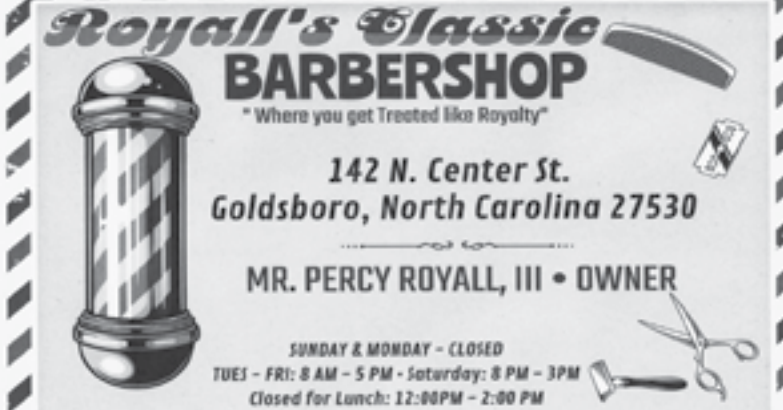
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# Health & Wellness

## Unconscious Biases Continue To Hold Back Women In Medicine

By Jennifer R. Grandis

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If you work at a company, university or large organization, you've probably sat through a required training session meant to fight gender and racial discrimination in the workplace. Employers increasingly invest in efforts to promote diversity, equity and inclusion – commonly referred to as DEI policies. Yet research shows these efforts often fail to address the implicit biases that often lead to discrimination.

I am a professor and a physician who has been working in university settings for over 30 years. I also study and speak about discrimination in medicine and science. Like most of my female colleagues, I have personally seen and experienced gender discrimination on many occasions throughout my career.

However, two things seem to have changed in recent years. First, modern training programs are starting to reflect decades of research on effective interventions. Second, I am noticing a gradual shift with people now more interested in actively addressing discrimination and harassment than ever before. Taken together, these changes give me hope that the medical profession is finally making progress on efforts to fight discrimination.

### EXISTING POLICIES HAVEN'T WORKED

Many institutional policies outline anti-racist and anti-sexist goals, but research shows results have been slow in coming.

In a study I conducted to understand what continues to hold women back in their careers, I interviewed more than 100 men and women in academic medicine, including many in high-powered positions. In my study, dozens of interviewees told me stories of DEI policies that, even with the right intentions, failed to produce good results.

For example, frequently search

committees are encouraged to broaden and diversify the pool of candidates for a position. In my study, I found that hiring committees often associate attempts to hire or promote a woman or member of an underrepresented group as “meeting a quota” or “affirmative action,” which the hiring committee sees as an imposition on their ability to choose the best candidates.

A male faculty member I interviewed claimed that a new colleague was hired “because she’s a woman,” even though she was as qualified for the position as other male candidates. Such reactions are part of why this approach, though commonly employed, has not fixed the problem of women getting fewer promotions than men.

It is also clear that blatant sexism is still present. For a study I published in 2021, I was told stories of a male department chair putting a dog leash on the desk of a female co-worker, and a female candidate for a leadership position being criticized by the chair of the search committee for not being “warm and fuzzy”.

### TRAININGS FAIL TO ADDRESS IMPLICIT BIAS

Implicit bias is any unconscious negative attitude a person holds against a specific social group. These unconscious biases can affect judgment, decision making and behavior. Implicit bias is often one of the underlying issues that leads to discriminatory practices or harassment that DEI policies are meant to address.

Employee trainings are a staple of organizations’ efforts to meet diversity, equity and inclusion goals. Trainings can take various forms and cover a variety of topics, including implicit bias. These trainings, frequently done online, often “talk at” employees by simply offering information and directives rather than actively engaging them in discussion and analysis.



Trainings that fail to engage participants aren't very effective in lessening implicit bias. In fact, research has shown that some trainings suggest unconscious bias is an unchangeable fact of life and imply it can therefore be ignored.

### EFFECTIVE WAYS TO MITIGATE UNCONSCIOUS BIAS

Describing how bias works and

how it influences individuals is an important step in addressing discrimination.

Researchers have been studying how unconscious bias works and how to mitigate it since the 1980s. These studies show that unconscious bias is a habit that can be broken over time with a clear, consistent and respectful series of evaluations, feedback and follow-ups. During this pro-

cess, employees become more aware of bias in others, more likely to judge such bias as problematic and more able to mitigate bias in their own behavior. This type of intervention has been shown to produce measurable increases in the number of female faculty in science and medicine.

The question is whether the mandatory trainings and public messaging that are the staples of many DEI policies today can produce similar results to these intensive interventions.

Creating situations or a culture where people can and do share their experiences with harassment and discrimination – without risk of retaliation – can lead to increased awareness of bias in others and clear communication of the negative aspects of this bias.

One interviewee in my study talked about an exercise in which the women wrote down their experiences of discrimination and harassment and then the men read the women's stories out loud. This woman felt that the men, by

reciting the experiences of their female colleagues, finally began to understand how practices that seemed to be inclusive and fair were actively harming others.

### A CHANGING SOCIAL ENVIRONMENT

Sharing personal experiences of harassment or discrimination with people who have biases is an understandably scary or intimidating thing to do – especially given the history of retaliation or shaming. But my recent experiences seem to suggest that the culture in medicine is shifting from one of avoidance to one of engagement.

I recently gave a talk on gender discrimination at a major cancer conference that brought together researchers from all across the U.S. I shared the results of my study as well as my personal experiences with the audience. At the end of my presentation, the crowd of men and women stood and applauded – a response I have rarely, if ever, seen in my 30 years of attending medical conferences.

## Judge: Insurance Co. Don't Have To Cover Care Services

By Stacy M. Brown

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In a big blow to health insurance in the U.S., a federal judge has ruled that insurers no longer have to pay for preventive care services like cancer and heart disease screenings.

The ruling comes as a result of a lawsuit brought by a group of insurers who argued that the Affordable Care Act (ACA) exceeded its authority by requiring them to cover certain preventative care services without being able to charge co-payments or deductibles.

The Affordable Care Act, or Obamacare, was signed into law in 2010 to make it easier for millions of Americans to get health insurance.

One of the law's key provisions was the requirement that insurance companies cover certain preventative care services without cost-sharing, including immunizations, blood pressure screenings, and mammograms.

However, the recent ruling by U.S. District Judge Reed O'Connor of the Northern District of Texas has effectively invalidated this provision of the ACA.

In his ruling, Judge O'Connor wrote that the ACA's requirement for insurers to cover preventative care services “exceeds the powers of Congress under the Commerce Clause” of the U.S. Constitution.

The ruling is likely to significantly affect health insurance in the U.S., especially for people who already have health problems like cancer or heart disease.

If insurance companies weren't required to cover preventive care services, patients might be less likely to get the screenings and tests that could catch these health problems early.

Experts said this could lead to serious health problems and higher healthcare costs.

“The President is glad to see the Department of Justice is appealing the judge's decision, which blocks a key provision of the Affordable Care Act that has ensured free access to preventive health care for 150 million Americans,” White House Press Secretary Karine Jean-Pierre stated.

“This case is yet another attack on the Affordable Care Act – which has been the law of the land for 13 years and survived three challenges before the Supreme Court.”

Jean-Pierre continued: “Preventive care saves lives, saves families money, and protects and improves our health. Because of the ACA, millions of Americans have access to free cancer and heart disease screenings. This decision threatens to jeopardize critical care.”

“The Administration will continue to fight to improve health care and make it more affordable for hard-working families, even in the face of attacks from special interests.”

Critics of the ruling include healthcare advocacy groups and politicians. They say it will make it more complicated and expensive for millions of Americans to get health insurance. In a statement, Dr. Patrice Harris, president of the American Medical Association, called the ruling “a clear step backward for our health system.”

“Preventative care is a cornerstone of good health,” Dr. Harris said. “It's critical that patients have access to these services without cost-sharing to stay healthy and catch health problems early before they become more serious and more costly to treat.”

The ruling is also likely to face legal challenges in the coming months. Several states and healthcare advocacy groups have already said they will appeal the decision. They say that the Affordable Care Act's (ACA) requirement that insurers cover preventative care services is a crucial part of the law's goal to make more people eligible for health insurance.

In the meantime, patients and healthcare providers alike are left to grapple with the uncertain future of healthcare coverage in the U.S. Without the assurance of coverage for preventative care services, and patients may be forced to choose between paying out-of-pocket for these services or foregoing them altogether, potentially putting their health and well-being at risk.

“Once again, an extreme activist judge is taking a monumental swing at the Affordable Care Act, which has saved millions of lives and made Americans healthier for the last 13 years,” Congressional Black Caucus Chair Steven Horsford (D-Nevada) stated.

“The preventative care provisions in the law have ensured that, without concern for cost, Americans have been able to get screened for things like diabetes, breast cancer and heart disease.”

“It also puts the brakes on critical preventative treatments like immunizations and PrEP for HIV.”

# Community

## WeAre Is Teaching Children And Adults About Acceptance

By Tyria McCray

Staff Writer

Because of her great work and dedication, a Durham educator and non-profit leader was recognized on a national level. Ronda Taylor Bullock, executive director of "We Are", was invited to Vice President Kamala Harris' house recently to honor her as an emerging Black leader.

"It just validates that there are people who value anti-racism work in this world and we have to be as loud as the voices who do not," Bullock said. She snapped pictures just about everywhere she could, including with Vice President Kamala Harris and Second Gentleman Doug Emhoff. "It was all of the things," Bullock said. "I'm not easily wowed but I was wowed from this experience."

"Having these back to back experiences gave me another push to keep going, to keep doing the work and to be surrounded by so much Black excellence," Bullock said.

WeAre, (Working To Extend Anti-Racist Education), is a non-profit organization that provides anti-racism training for children, families, and educators. Using a three-pronged approach to dismantle systemic racism in education, the nonprofit offers summer camps for children in rising 1st-5th grade, professional development for educators, and workshops for parents & families.



To learn more of this amazing accomplishment and the work that she is doing within the community, we had the opportunity to speak with Bullock on how all of this began.

As a native of Chatham County, specifically Goldston, NC, Bullock did not know that one day she would have her own organization. For almost a decade, she taught English at Hillside High in Durham after completing her undergrad at UNC Chapel Hill.

After teaching, she went back to UNC Chapel Hill to receive her Ph.D. Upon entering the program during the fall of 2014, various racial injustices were occurring such as the deaths of Trayvon Martin, Mike Brown, and Tamar Rice.

Amid all the daily unrest, Bullock experienced racist encounters from professors and students. Having dealt with that, she questioned what message God was trying to relay to her,

and she felt called to focus on anti-racism work with children.

"I began to think about what it would be like if children had these early learning experiences around race and identity. Also, how they could use books to create new learnings connected to anti-racism. Also, by working with the children, I went on to work with parents and educators which is how we decided on the three-pronged approach."

Knowing that the acronym

stands for, 'Working To Extend Anti-Racist Education,' Bullock shared steps that are being taken to carry out their purpose. Beginning with daily sheets; children are tasked with learning terminology, and providing a quote on how their day was. The next step is asking reflective questions of what they've learned, and to take them home to their parents to keep the conversation going. Lastly, students are able to have a book library consisting of five books that are centered around race, color, anti-

racism, and activism.

There is one specific topic that the leaders of WeAre focus on a little more which is systemic racism.

"We do this with the children, as well as the adults. We want people to understand that racism is not just individual meanness based on skin color. We want them to understand there are laws and policies based on race, racism, and oppression and that's how racism becomes systemic."

Therefore to further understand the laws and policies that are put into place, the nonprofit stands firmly on their seven point thrust which includes; fostering healthy racial identities of children and adults, building a historical understanding of racial constructs, promoting civic engagement, developing strategies, techniques, and curriculum which extend anti-racist practices, equipping families with resources to extend anti-racist practices, conducting research on the effectiveness of anti-racist education training, and lastly, using research to inform local, state, and national policy regarding anti-racist education.

"When parents and children come to WeAre, I want them to feel compelled to continue working for a liberated society and to continue working for anti-racism work. I hope they feel compelled to join the movement or continue in the movement. I hope people leave our spaces feeling committed, inspired, and informed." said Bullock.

## New Civil Rights Marker To Be Unveiled

RALEIGH—The Friends of Oberlin Village, a nonprofit organization dedicated to the preservation of Raleigh's historic Oberlin Village, will unveil a North Carolina Civil Rights Trail Marker on April 29 on the 400 block of Woodburn Avenue in the Village District. The marker recognizes the historic lunch counter protests which took place in the popular shopping center on February 12, 1960. A community leader in African American his-

toric research, preservation, and education, The Friends of Oberlin Village successfully applied for the marker and was awarded status via the North Carolina Civil Rights Trail.

Inspired by lunch counter protests in Greensboro, on February 12, 1960, 130 African American students entered eight Raleigh establishments and requested service, in protest of discriminatory policies. Forty-one students from Shaw and Saint Augustine's

Universities were arrested for trespassing near the Cameron Village Woolworth's store. They were released on bond guaranteed by the Raleigh Citizens Association. More than 700 people tried to attend the first day of the trial later that month. The protesters were ultimately found guilty. Lawyers combined four of the students' cases in an appeal, as a test for the others. The appellate court dismissed the case and cases against the

remaining students were not pursued. This was hailed as "the first major legal breakthrough in the student sit-down situation." "The sit-down movement across the south inspired young people to engage in non-violent protest. It gave the Congress for Racial Equity (CORE) leverage in negotiating agreements with chain stores and spurred the creation of the Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee (SNCC) at Shaw University.



## SE Raleigh's Black-Led Community Grocery

RALEIGH, NC — On Sunday, April 23rd, Fertile Ground Food Cooperative and the Black Farmers' Market will host a full afternoon of events at the Southeast Raleigh YMCA located at 1436 Rock Quarry Road, Raleigh, NC 27610. April 23rd marks the season opening of the Black Farmers' Market in Raleigh, and a new stage of connection between different actors in North Carolina's Black food ecosystem.

Starting at 1pm, shoppers can access fresh foods grown on Black-owned farms throughout the state of North Carolina. At 230pm, Fertile Ground will host a social open to all of its member-owners. This event will include a visioning and input session with our cooperative's award-winning architecture firm. At 4pm, Fertile Ground Food Cooperative will publicly reveal the location of its long-awaited grocery store, and kick off the project's community design series! This public celebration will include information about the location, statements of support from important project partners, and more details about how to become involved with the cooperative.

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Teams taking part in the festival will have 48 hours to write, stage, film and edit their creation. It is a family-friendly event and will be filmed in various locations highlighting the Rocky Mount community.

Content must be original, no longer than 15 minutes and the person doing the editing and representing the teams must be at least 16 years of age.

All team members must be present at the kick-off event at the Imperial Centre Theatre at 5:30 p.m. Festival rules and more details are available at <https://imperialcentre.org/theatre/get-involved/>

# Community

## Career Fair Inspires Elementary School Student In Durham



5th Grade students at RN Harris Elementary in Durham had the opportunity to partake in a career fair thanks to the women of Alpha Theta Chapter of Eta Phi Beta and alumni of North Carolina Central University. Throughout the career fair, students were able to visit various vendor tables to learn about dance, law school, culinary arts, broadcast journalism, and cosmetology.

During the event, Edna Jones spoke to young ladies about the difference between a civil and criminal lawyer. A local chef shared the importance of eating healthy and the proper equipment to use when cooking. In addition, founders of The NCDugout dance company, Ro and Nicki taught young ladies a quick workout dance routine and majorette dance styles including jazz, hip-hop, ballet, burlesque, cabaret,

and kick lines. Also, WNCU radio staff shared the history of the radio station.

Since its debut in August 1995, WNCU, 90.7 FM still continues to provide a culturally diverse programming lineup. Lastly, Dendra Hines spoke with students on having a career in cosmetology. She emphasized that whether they chose to be a barber, makeup artist, or beautician, they are helping people look and feel their best.

Ms. Cassandra Madden, member of Eta Phi Beta shared with us her sentiments on the fair.

"I believe that what we are doing today will carry these 5th graders throughout their lives. This is such a good age for them to really hone in on whatever path they want to take in life. We are also grateful to have all these vendors here to talk to them about different career choices."



## Wake County Board of Elections Launches Sticker Design Contest

The "I voted" sticker is often worn as a symbol of pride, and now the Wake County Board of Elections is challenging middle and high school students to design the beloved sticker for the upcoming and potentially

record-breaking 2024 elections. The winning design will be handed out to thousands who cast their ballots at all Early Voting sites during next year's Primary and General Elections. "Engaging our future voters

in the elections process is so important to the future of our democracy," said Deputy Elections Director Olivia McCall. "This will give Wake County students a unique opportunity to have their talent displayed

to hundreds of thousands of voters and encourage others to vote and participate in elections."

Wake County students who will be in 6-12th grade in the 2023/2024 school year can submit their "I Voted Early" sticker design at WakeVotesEarly.com. Submissions will be accepted until 5 p.m. on May 31, 2023.

Wake County staff will then select ten finalists based on creativity, originality, visual appeal, adherence to guidelines and inclusion of the words "I Voted Early", with bonus points for incorporating Wake County or North Carolina into the design.

The public will then be asked to vote for their favorite of the 10 finalists to pick the winner. The winning design will be printed on thousands of stickers to be handed out to early voters in the upcoming presidential election season and possibly beyond.

One only entry per person (or group) will be permitted and each submission must: Include the phrase "I voted



early" or a variation

- Be an original design and may not include any copyrighted images
- Fit a circular sticker two inches in diameter
- Not include the year
- Be non-partisan, with no references to candidates, political parties or political issues
- Be non-offensive and appropriate for all audiences

Applicants must include a signed parent/guardian consent form with their submission.

Voting will take place online through the Wake County Board of Elections website and will be open from noon on June 7 through 5 p.m. on June 21, 2023. The winner will be announced a few days later.

Visit WakeVotesEarly.com for more information about the contest and how to submit your design.

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## Lawyer Accused Of Scamming Homeowners Skips Court Date

By Ted Glanzer

A North Carolina attorney facing felony charges for her alleged role in scamming poor homeowners failed to appear at a hearing related to her criminal case scheduled last week.

Ilesanmi "Ile" Adaramola is accused of finding properties facing foreclosure and forcing them into auction by falsifying documents, among other things, according to the Asheville Citizen-Times.

Adaramola and notary Lisa Roberts-Allen, allegedly used a Jim Crow-era law that permitted one owner of a jointly held property to force a sale, with bidders purchasing the property

at significantly less than market value. The buyer would then sell the property at a profit.

Adaramola was charged with six counts of notary fraud, while Roberts-Allen was charged with nine counts of notary fraud and 32 counts of felony forgery. One of Roberts-Allen's alleged victims is her own uncle, the outlet reported.

James Mills, Adaramola's former lawyer, told the court he did not represent Adaramola, nor did he know where she was. Mills said in court that Adaramola told him that another lawyer — Steve Lindsay — was representing her, though Lindsay later said that was not true.

Lindsay, when reached by the Asheville Citizen-Times, said he

was looking forward to being hired by Adaramola as her lawyer, but it had not yet been finalized.

Failing to appear in court can be a crime, but the judge did not order Adaramola's arrest. Her hearing was instead rescheduled, the Citizen-Times reported.

Attorneys can sometimes find themselves in hot water concerning real estate matters.

Last January, disbarred attorney Sanford Solny was indicted by the Brookly district attorney for the third time in six years for allegedly defrauding homeowners to the tune of \$2.3 million. Solny was charged with possession of stolen property, grand larceny and scheme to defraud.



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# Church

## SERMON of the WEEK



### THE TOMB

I want to speak about something that I believe was mentioned in many Sermons this past Easter Sunday, and that's the tomb. Let's look at a tomb cut into a rock in the earth and used as an enclosure for a corpse.

You're probably wondering whose tomb? Well, I want to speak about the tomb of a close friend of Jesus named Lazarus.

Jesus said unto her, I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live: John 11:25 KJV.

"Taking the Gloom Out of the Tomb"

John Chapter 11:3 NLT informs us that a man named Lazarus was sick. His two sisters sent a message to Jesus telling him, "Lord, your dear friend is very sick."

But when Jesus received the news, he stayed where he was for two more days. He said, "Lazarus' sickness will not end in death. No, it happened for the glory of God so that the Son of God will receive glory from this."

Finally, he said to his disciples, "Let's go back to Judea." When Jesus arrived, he was told that Lazarus had already been in his grave for four days.

Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if only you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask." Although her brother's state was full of doom and gloom, Martha showed her faith in Jesus and He told her, "Your brother will rise again."

Often, humans will panic, get upset, blow off steam, and play the blame game during a crisis, but we should notice how Jesus kept his cool here in John Chapter 11 from the very beginning. We must remember even when

we lose our cool, Jesus will always have our worst nightmares under and in control at all times!

Whenever you are frustrated because God has not chosen to respond to you according to your timetable, remember that if you prayed from your heart, He heard your prayer, He got the news, and He's aware of your situation! He may not come when we want Him, but He's always on time.

The sisters didn't know it then, but after Jesus showed up, He knew that their circumstances would change, even if it would take a miracle.

11:25 NLT: Jesus said unto her, "I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live." Anyone who believes in Him will live, even after dying, because He has the POWER to take the gloom out of every tomb if He so desires.

The good thing about celebrating Easter is that although a person may die from sickness or other sad reasons, Jesus lets us know that His dead friends shall live again. [Oh, what a friend we have in Jesus...]

When Mary came to Jesus, she said the same thing that her sister said. I want you to know that if Jesus is on the scene, it doesn't matter what sisters, brothers, family, friends, or the followers of Jesus say. There will always be critics, but that didn't stop Jesus from taking care of God's business and doing what God had willed Him to do!

Yes, they had voiced their opinions and had given their First Take on the situation, but despite this, J-E-S-U-S SHOWED UP WITH POWER and AUTHORITY and LOVE FOR HIS FRIENDS. He loved all of them and He loves all of us too. He didn't try to burst

the sisters' bubble because they blamed and misunderstood him. He has no respecter of person. He loves all of us, and we should not hold grudges and love one another as He has loved us.

Although Lazarus had been dead for four days, it only took Jesus less than four seconds to say, "Lazarus come forth!" He called him by name so everybody in the cemetery wouldn't get up. However, if anybody else there was named Lazarus, they would have gotten up too!

Although his heart had stopped, his pulse had ceased, and his sister said he smelled like a dead man; he walked out of the darkness of the gloomy tomb into the marvelous light, and Jesus said to take off his grave clothes.

Lazarus made it out, and you can make it out wherever you are today.

If God wants to: When the doctor says no, Jesus can say yes. When the Physician said no way, Jesus, The Great Physician, says MY Way! When the feeding tubes are unplugged, that's when Jesus plugs in! And when the breathing machine is turned off, that's when He's turned on!

God stepped in, and Lazarus stepped out! We can do just like Lazarus; we can take off our grave clothes and then say I made it out alright!

If you're locked up in jail or prison, you can make it out! If you're in a scary courtroom, operating room, ICU, or even the enemy tried to drive you crazy, you can make it out alright! Be it Depression, Recessions, or Oppression, God can deliver us from whatever life throws at us!

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## Practical Biblical Principles

### AFTER THE PASSOVER SUPPER READ: MARK 14:26

Things didn't begin to jump off, so to speak, until after the Passover Supper with the disciples. What our Lord had done, in a sense, was to prepare what we can call a heavenly meal for His disciples. This meal, in a spiritual sense, was more than just a Passover Meal to Jesus (Luke 22:14-16). Remember that Jesus, at some unknown time earlier had made the real preparations for the pending Passover Meal. Jesus used His spiritual, wonder working powers to put in place the needed physical logistics for the Passover supper, namely the dining room and the water which Jesus would later use as a spiritual object lesson when He washed the disciple's feet.

It is for sure Jesus did not serve a hotdog and French fries-type of meal to His disciples. Any meal consisting of lamb chops and fixings cannot be considered a meal from the hood. Judas might have expected such. How could he be hungry having the thoughts and ill will toward Jesus as he did? Did Judas eat because he was hungry or was, he there so as to be able to tell the temple priest where they could find Jesus and arrest Him when the crucial time came?

For the last two previous weeks, our Lord had been telling His disciples He would go to Jerusalem and be betrayed by one of His own and be killed. Jesus intended to use the time at the Passover meal to encourage and empower His disciples during this time. This is what made this meal special to Jesus. "I will drink no more wine with you until I drink it in My father's kingdom."

We are not told exactly in scripture where the pascal lamb was prepared, outside or away in the Upper Room. The disciples obviously did a good

job in preparing the Passover meal.

There was only one thing which was overlooked by the disciples in making the preparations. Did you forget something as you were preparing to celebrate the Easter Holy Day? Or did you make any preparations at all? Was there something more important than celebrating our Lord's Crucifixion, as to why you didn't show up to praise and thank God for the two gifts He gave us - the cleansing of our sins and the full payment for our sins - death. We often forget that Jesus not only paid for our sins by shedding His blood, but He also paid for the consequences of our sins by dying. Jesus shed His blood and He died for us. There is no remission of sin unless there is shedding of blood (Hebrews 9:21-22). The soul that sins shall die (Ezekiel 18:4).

It was during the great fellowship meal celebrating the Passover of the pascal lamb, wherein, Jesus began to hear some covered-up talk from His disciples which was not directed at Him. Earlier the disciples were very concerned about Jesus going away and leaving them. Earlier before supper, Judas had slipped away and went to find the Priest to make a deal with them about finding Jesus after the Passover. The disciple's talk now is all about who is going to be Jesus' right-hand man when He come into his kingdom here on earth (Luke 22:24). Jesus knew then the devil was tugging at His disciple's egos for they were thinking only of themselves. They had forgotten all about what was about to happen to Jesus.

Feeling love for His disciples, Jesus then got up from the table, took off his robe and located Himself at the house feet-washing basin and beckoned His disciples to come.

Jesus saw the need to teach his disciples an object lesson in humility by washing all their feet Himself. Jesus poured water into the basin Himself and began to wash their feet. If I your Lord and Master wash your feet, you ought to wash one another's feet. Judas couldn't handle the love Jesus reflected toward him, especially after Jesus had given him the "sop" from the supper meal. The eastern custom of giving a "sop" to a dinner guest signifies the guest as being a well-favored and a welcomed guest. Judas' guilt would not allow him to stay at supper and was coached by the devil to go out now and betray Jesus. Judas left the supper with the intent to betray Jesus. It was then Jesus declared that Him and His Father would be glorified now that Judas, the evil one, was away from the company of Jesus, and His tried, and true disciples. When you think about it, Jesus never called Judas to discipleship as He did the other disciples. Yet Jesus made no difference with him. Judas was fully accepted in the group, even though Jesus knew Judas was a thief.

With Judas out of the way for the time being, Jesus pours out another cup of wine for the disciples to drink (Mark 14:23-25). Jesus did not break any bread on this occasion. This second cup of wine symbolized the blood Covenant that God made with Jesus and now Jesus is sharing this covenant cup with His beloved disciples. Jesus has now ordained His disciples. Jesus has now ordained all believers to carry the gospel. After the Passover supper they sang a hymn and went out to the Mount of Olives.

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## MLK's Vision Of Social Justice Included Religious Pluralism

By Roy Whitaker

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The life and legacy of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. have been the subject of ongoing debate ever since his assassination on April 4, 1968.

Today, those invoking King's memory range from Black Lives Matters organizers and President Joe Biden to Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy. Educators trying to teach Black history call on his principles, even as their opponents claim that lessons about systemic racism go against King's desire not to judge people "by the color of their skin."

In an age of polarization, it is worth remembering that one of the pillars of King's philosophy was pluralism: the idea of multiple communities engaging one another, acknowledging their differences and shared bonds, and striving to create what King called a "Beloved Community."

As an African American philosopher who studies comparative religion, I am especially interested in what role religious pluralism played in King's fight for civil rights in the United States of America and human liberation around the world.

King's worldview was deeply nurtured by his experiences in the Black Church, where the Bible's stories of freedom and

oppression are central. The Book of Exodus, for example, tells the story of Hebrew slaves seeking deliverance, and the message has been a frequent theme in Black hymns and preaching for centuries. In the Book of Amos, the prophet cries out, "Let justice roll down like waters" - which is a line King famously quoted in his "I Have a Dream" speech.

Building off the work of other pioneering Black Christians, King embraced interfaith leadership. His mentor Howard Thurman, who founded the Church for the Fellowship of All Peoples, traveled to India to meet with activist Mahatma Gandhi, who was Hindu.

Gandhi's approach to non-violent protest was also influential for Mordecai Johnson, president of Howard University, whose sermon on the subject after a trip to India in 1949 profoundly shaped King's religious philosophy.

The religious diversity of King's coalitions was evident in events like the 1965 March on Selma, where some participants were severely beaten by police on "Bloody Sunday."

Marchers came from a chorus of faiths that included priests and nuns, Episcopal seminarian, high-profile Unitarian Universalists like James Reeb, who was murdered days later, as well as Jewish leaders like Rabbi Abraham

Joshua Heschel.

Complementing his Black Church upbringing, King was inspired by wisdom across continents and cultures, from the Greek classics and Gandhi to Buddhist leaders like Thich Nhat Hanh. Despite their differing dogmas, he hoped leaders from across the religious spectrum and those of no particular faith would join efforts to promote economic and racial justice and stand against imperialism.

When King used the word "pluralism," he assumed that its ideal of belonging had both religious and racial connotations. For example, King praised the Supreme Court's decision in Engel v. Vitale, which concluded that public schools could not sponsor prayers, and which segregationist Alabama Governor George Wallace opposed. "In a pluralistic society such as ours, who is to determine what prayer shall be spoken, and by whom?" King said in a 1965 interview.

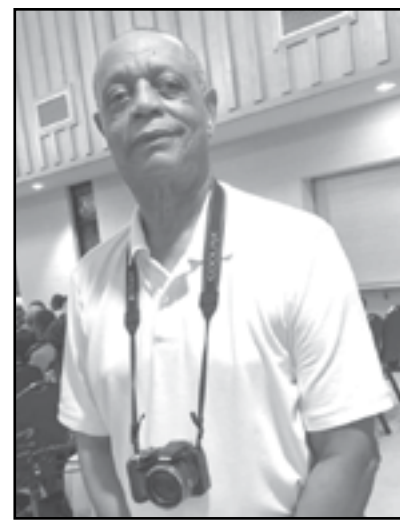
More than a decade earlier, during his time at seminary, King had written a paper exhibiting a keen awareness of Christianity's connections with other faiths: "To discuss Christianity without mentioning other religions would be like discussing the greatness of the Atlantic Ocean without the slightest mention of the many tributaries that keep it flowing."

## Obituaries

Otis Lee Allen of Raleigh, NC passed away on March 23. He was born in Raleigh, NC on July 24, 1950 to Eddie Allen and Helen Mitchell Allen.

For many years, Otis worked for Harper Trucking Co., Raleigh Bonded Warehouse, and Pergo Flooring. He served many positions in his community also. Otis was a member of the Wake Co. Education Coalition, South Eastern Health Care of NC, the Wake Co. Library Commission, and the Precinct Chair for the Wake Co. Democratic Party. Otis also worked on the campaigns of many elected officials in Wake County, some of whom were in attendance at his Memorial Services, which was attended by a overflow crowd.

Stormie Forte said of her Uncle Otis, at the Memorial, "He was the unofficial Mayor of Raleigh." Forte went on to add: "that her uncle was a polling place leader, informing voters. Uncle Otis believed in putting the cards on the table, and play-



OTIS LEE ALLEN

ing the game straight." Jefferson Thompson recalled Otis as, "Such a giving person, who was really passionate about politics." Kristi Tally extended condolences to the family on behalf of Precinct 0122, stating that, "Allen has touched this city, and so

many other people." Otis Allen was preceded in death by his parents, Eddie Allen and Helen Mitchell Allen; older sister, Iris Elaine Allen Avery Palmer; younger brother, Dan Louis Allen; cherished niece, Nikki Palmer Mussa; cherished nephew, Michael Donnell Harris; and maternal grandparents, Percy Mitchell and Sarah Jane Hinton Mitchell.

Otis is survived by his daughter, Maranda Judd of Houston, Texas; one sister, Maxine Allen Harris Parkinson of Charlotte, NC; four nephews, Juan Avery (Gwendolyn) of Wake Forest, NC, David Gregory Harris, Cedric Palmer and Elliot Palmer (Jennifer) all of Raleigh, NC; five nieces Ursula Brown of Virginia, Rochelle Allen, Leticia Allen Richburg (James), and Stormie Forte all of Raleigh, NC; and Mondah Parkinson Kilgore (Ron) of Charlotte, NC; close friends, George Gartrell and Willie Gartrell; and a host of great nieces, nephews and friends.





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# Editorials

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By Rodney Ross

Special To The Carolinian

When I was a volunteer coach at Garinger High School in the Charlotte-Mecklenburg School District, there was great interest in the school's wrestling program. We did not have a dedicated wrestling room like other schools within CMS. We were allocated space in the extremely dated weight room. To be blunt, it was dangerous. An extra level of caution was needed to make sure kids did not accidentally collide into 45 pound bars and standing squat racks.

Every practice we had to take extra time to move the equipment out of the way and mind you the room was small to begin with. The mission was simple. Adapt, and overcome. It was better than not having any space at all.

During this period, CMS police zoned the area of Garinger high as a hostile territory that was plagued with MS-13 gang activity. At least twice during practice an alarm went off and the school was shut down due to gang related violence.

It became ever clear that the wrestling program, as well as any winter sports were necessary because it gave those children the opportunity to have an excuse not to get involved in what was waiting from them when the bell rang, ending their final period of class.

The athletic director at the time did not feel the same way. The mindset wreaked of it did not matter if one sport was active or all the winter sports were active, her paycheck remained the same. Much of the money allocated to the school was put into the school's basketball program. All one had to do was look at the tarmac they tried to pass off as a football field. No one is sliding into any base with dirt harder than asphalt and the outfield was a mess. The tennis courts were lined with cracks, and at least the lines around the track for track and field were semi visible.

The problem was no one cared about the other sports, except for the kids who wished to participate in them. All of the winter sports were canceled except basketball. Pick any excuse that could come to mind and that would be the reason why the other winter season sports were canceled. For example, there are not have enough bus drivers. Schools like Phillip O'Berry Acadamey had coaches with the necessary license to drive school buses. No one bothered to ask if any teachers, gym teachers, or coaches would be willing to go through the process of driving the activity buses. To be polite, perhaps the request did get put out, but no one showed up for the kids. Just like that, these kids were told in a roundabout way, if you can not dribble, post up, and shoot, we're not interested and shoved them right through the gateway of gang recruitment.

That was 13 years ago and a lot has changed in Charlotte and how youth engage the world around them. The sad reality about gangs is they often target young impressionable minds. Often giving them a very lopsided perspective of life, conflict and resolutions. Back this up with the chorus of amen corner to reverberate the sentiment, and just like that you have hacked another young mind to thier cause.

No child or person in general wants to feel threatened. Going to school should be purely about academia, making bonds and friendships that will ultimately shape the kind of adult they will grow into. Instead, schools have become a peachtree for recruitment of whether or not to be gay. Whether or not to be democrat or republican. And too much of their perception of the world is provided by group think snippets that perverted distortion of reality.

There is a reason why there is a minimum age to purchase alcohol and tobacco. To enter casinos. Even the legality of when it is considered appropriate for coitus. This is because as adults we are supposed to protect the kids' innocence and allow them to develop with certain structures and fundamentals. Ask any grown homosexual. They will tell you they did not need a class to figure out that they were gay nor did they require a step by step instruction on how to function in the queer world.

What is disturbing is that a gang far more powerful than MS-13 is shaping the minds of the next generation. Wolves parading as sheep in plain sight. Kids are now being taught that being African American is synonymous to being some tier of the LGBTQ+ hierarchy. Not white people. Not Indian people. Not Chinese. Specifically black people. When the discussions of CRT comes up, they do not dive into the act of buck breaking and the visceral towards the African American male. Instead it is a dive into the alternative lifestyles of blacks, as cross dressers and assumed secret relationships that were snuffed out by mainstream reporting.

Everyone then and now knew James Baldwin was an open homosexual man. Yet, his face, his words, to elevate equality for the black race is prominent. Not his sexuality and preference. We have always known in our community who was different, and in many cases they were left to be. They sang in our choirs at church, they showed up to cookouts and family reunions, we did not need a curriculum to tell us what we already know about our community.

What is most fascinating is that when the topics of CRT comes up, I often wonder why the anglo experience of homosexuality is never included. After all, much of the Roman and Grecian lifestyle was steeped in crude forms of pedophilia and homosexuality. Yet we are always reminded through their mediums of television, broadcast news, and google searches of their god like superiority above all.

We are always reminded of their great technological advancements, as well as their engineering excellence. Whether or not they are homosexual or heterosexual never comes up. Until it is convenient. The point being, this is what happens when you let other people either siphon information to you who are not from you, as well as letting these same people tell your story.

The destruction of the black unit was a byproduct of slavery. Africans brought here had no rights as property. The reason why this is important is because again CRT does not go deep enough into this. When a master race tells its bucks to produce offspring with any one of his slaves, against her and his will, or humiliates and mame the strong one to teach fear and resentment of one another, this harsh fact is never truly touched.

There are people who passed this disease down generationally. An example is when some parents have a newborn and the first place they look is at the child's ears and fingertips to gauge how dark they may be, as if that mattered. Except it did matter in regards to how that child would be treated, not just by white people, but by black people themselves.

By the time we introduce the queer lifestyle, it is never discussed how this gross emasculation was and still is encouraged by the system and within our communities. The constant ingredient is the absence of alpha black men in the home and community. Men were sold off, castrated, lynched and the burden of responsibility fell on the women. Women who had to allow their bodies to be sexually abused by opportunists within the white working ranks of overseers and the masters themselves. We do not get light skinned from the parts of Africa where the slaves were captured except that a white man had his way with slave women who had no voice to offer consent or negate it. They were property. His property, and he could do whatever he wanted with what he owned. This happens by removing the one thing that threatens the establishment. That black man that stands up and rises against the machine.

To this day you will find more stories about women creating programs for women and girls in tech related fields, or addresses for academia and corporate successes than black men. Typically if a black man makes a program it's either inclusive to black boys and girls, or it is inclusive to all children period. However, these programs seldom, if ever, get the amount of sunshine cast upon it from the shade that is cast by our women for women developed platforms. The tone is, if you do not dribble, score a touchdown or hit a home run for the plantation, then the system does not acknowledge your existence. This is intentional because there is no community without unity.

Until we reconnect purposefully our core family unit, we will always take orders from a position of servitude instead of an equitable platform. This is why it is important to unplug even if it is for the briefest of moments.



### JUST IN CASE AND JUST IN TIME

My dear earth sharers in the republican party and anywhere else you are. There are some of us who prioritize people's lives and children's lives over your contributions and faithfully adhere to the right you think you have to bear arms. Now hear this, Tennessee Congressmen your actions made two Justins heroes across the world. I call Justin Jones 'Case' and Justin Pearson 'Time' double Justices and as one who believes that names have meanings I am thrilled to say "just in case" and "just in time". Okay, so I know it is difficult for you to watch your leader, former president Donald Trump be arrested and arraigned last week and by your own admission difficult to see the storming of the capital on January 6th but and "big but" they are not comparable. Donald broke laws and the January 6th rioters broke laws. That is why they got arrested. The two Justins and Gloria Johnson, who was not expelled, were representing the moral civil obedience laws that are part of the constitution. Yes, the power signs and the bull horns may have been disturbing to your decorum but not as disturbing as the deaths in the school of three nine year olds and three adults; five whites and one black since skin color is so important to you. Those people have the same rights to life as you do. How dare you expel these two young men because they disturb your decorum.

In North Carolina, Tricia Cotham, a Democrat representing the Mecklenburg district switched his party affiliation from Democrat to Republican, giving the GOP a veto proof majority in the state legislature. She says she switched because fellow Democrats have been unkind to her and her family but I say, I'm sorry if that is true; however, your fellow colleagues didn't vote for you and that is who you were elected to represent. You should have resigned. These tactics which I consider dishonest might be what Republicans should consider when trying to get African Americans to switch to their party. They simply don't have belief systems that are similar to mine. They don't think the way I do concerning leadership, abortion, gay rights, etc. I don't believe in authoritarian policies. I don't believe it in my life, my home, my neighborhood, my church, my job, etc. I do not believe that their beliefs and ways are good for democracy. Even when they could use their influence for positive change they, in my opinion, use portions for personal gain. Take Clarence Thomas for example. As a Supreme Court Justice, he and his wife have been given "beyond" luxury vacations, costing tens of thousands of dollars by a rich Republican influencer and he has accepted these trips while not reporting them. Instead he has been caught on video tape suggesting such ridiculous verbiage that "he'd prefer to spend vacations in a Walmart parking lot observing regular people". Who does that? Could his conscience cause him to feel so guilty that it overrides his common sense recognition that regular people visit beaches or museums or parks, etc. on vacation. The other seems creepy to me. So all these things that happened last week are for me examples of why Republicans don't get my vote. If they can't look in the mirror and see themselves, whatever will it take for them to see me and mine?

Passing a gun law that allows anybody to carry a gun without having a license to carry or a background check is also a problem. Especially since there is one place people can't carry guns. Guess where? Not churches, not schools, not on my job or yours, but the place where "they" assemble. They protect themselves while creating an open gun carry for me and you. Now what kind of representation is that? I hope you get my point. The attitudes and behaviors of these people have become more selfish and more arrogant rather than more inclusive and people focused. They are leaning on the old ideas of the constitution while ignoring children being killed in classrooms across the nation, seemingly without empathy and definitely without impunity.



### THEY'RE NOT BEING PAID

Board service is an honor. Yes, it's a volunteer position. Yes, it takes time away from other things you could be doing. But at the same time each board member receives so much from their participation. Or at least they have the opportunity to receive – if they participate. Here's what we mean.

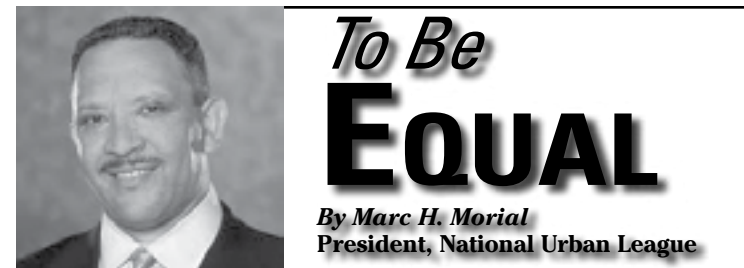
As a board member – or other volunteer – you make a commitment to the quality and welfare of your community. You come together with others to help advance the values you believe in. Together you and your fellow board members bring a shared vision to life. Because of you there are new hospitals, new public policies, beautiful art, children who read above grade level, and seniors who don't have to choose between food and medications. You are the part of the process that helps an addicted mother turn her life around. You helped make the decision to raise money so that children have safe places to engage after school: their laughter is your reward.

Nonprofit board members aren't paid in cash. They are paid with the quiet pride they carry inside themselves: that feel-

ing of being part of something larger, something meaningful, something that may help them personally, but that will definitely help others. They are just as busy as everyone else – maybe more so. But they make time and are rewarded. They receive the opportunity to use their skills and talents for the betterment of others. They have the privilege of working shoulder-to-shoulder with others who each bring a piece of the solution to the table. In this world where so many feel isolated, they have the opportunity to be part of something that is bigger than themselves and that can accomplish more than they could on their own.

Here's what we know. Working with a nonprofit is not a chore. It is a platform through which we can share our skills and leadership. It's an opportunity to be a role model to our associates, family, and the next generation, no matter how young we are. The only way to unlock these treasures is to consciously volunteer. If you are asked to serve as a board member, take a moment to decide how you will make time to be of service. Ask what your responsibilities will be, and how long you are expected to serve. You need to know these things so that you can make your service a priority. You don't have to volunteer for a lifetime, but when you do, you need to be able to fulfill your commitment.

Your board service is an honor and an opportunity to create a better world. You don't need to be paid in cash for this: volunteers are paid with the opportunity to make an impact and leave a legacy. Nothing is richer.



### RANDALL ROBINSON OPENED THE DOOR OF FREEDOM IN SOUTH AFRICA AND CHALLENGED AMERICA

Thousands had gathered to hear TransAfrica founder and president Randall Robinson address the National Urban League's 75th Anniversary Conference.

He almost didn't make to his own speech. Earlier in the day, he and then-National Urban League President John E. Jacob, along with dozens of other Urban Leaguers, had been arrested at the South African Embassy during a peaceful mass protest against apartheid.

I was arrested during a protest at the same embassy just a few months later. It remains among the great honors of my life to have stood in that movement alongside the man who was singularly responsible for forcing the United States to confront the apartheid regime in South Africa.

Robinson died last week at the age of 81.

That July 1985 protest drew 1,500 people, most of whom were there to take part in the National Urban League Conference where U.S. policy toward South Africa was a major theme. During the demonstration, before he and Jacob were arrested, Robinson said they were delivering "the knock of freedom on the door of the South African Embassy."

Within a little more than a year, Congress would override President Ronald Reagan's veto and impose economic sanctions against South Africa. The resulting withdrawal of large, multinational corporations crippled the South African economy.

Robinson and the organization he founded in 1977 are best known for their role in ending apartheid. But the movement grew out of opposition to U.S. policy toward the former Republic of Rhodesia, then under white minority rule.

"It was 1976, and I was working for Charlie Diggs [then-chairman of House foreign affairs subcommittee on Africa], when several of us became concerned about the administration's handling of the Rhodesia issue," Robinson said in 1993. "Diggs and Andy Young called together some 120 black leaders to figure out what we ought to do. I was named chair of a working group charged with organizing an institution to galvanize black public opinion in support of U.S. Africa policy. That was the beginning of TransAfrica."

Robinson's 27-day hunger strike in 1994 pressured the Clinton Administration into changing its policy of turning away Haitian refugees without a hearing.

"My view has always been ... it doesn't matter whether a country is black or white, left or right, you judge human rights observance with the same yardstick," he told his hometown newspaper, "And where I have seen human rights abuse, I have criticized it with as much tenacity as I can muster. And that's been the case in Ethiopia, it's been the case in Liberia, it's been the case in Zaire, it's been the case, of course, in South Africa. And it's been the case in Haiti."

Though I still was a teenager when Robinson founded TransAfrica and focused the nation's attention on human rights abuses there, he inspired me as few others before or since. In the early 1980s, I was part of a leadership team of National Black Law Students Association that pushed for divestment of South African investments by U.S. companies.

I had the privilege of serving with Robinson as a panelist for Tavis Smiley's State of the Black Union forum in 2009. By then he had been living for several years in St. Kitts, where he emigrated out of frustration toward the nation's exploitation of people of color and the poor.

"I tried to love America, its credos, its ideals, its promise, its process," Robinson wrote in *Quitting America: The Departure of a Black Man From His Native Land*. "I have tried to love America but America would not love the ancient, full African whole of me."

The National Urban League mourns his passing and honors his legacy by striving to hold America to its credos, its ideals, and its promise.

# Classifieds

**DURHAM COUNTY**

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

Having qualified as Executor of the Estate of Betty Johnson Howie, deceased, of 4005 King Charles Road, Durham, Durham County, North Carolina, the undersigned does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate of said decedent to exhibit them to the undersigned at the office of the attorney for the estate on or before June 24, 2023 or this notice will be 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, 2023.

**WILLIAM ALEXANDER HOWIE, SR**  
**EXECUTOR**  
c/o Jeffrey L. Austin,  
Attorney for the Estate  
Law Office of Jeffrey L. Austin  
PLLC

411 W. Chapel Hill Street  
Suite C-2  
Durham, NC 27701  
3/23, 3/30, 4/6, and 4/13/2023  
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
DURHAM COUNTY

**NOTICE OF SERVICE**  
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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,  
1410 Parklake Ave., Suite 615,  
Raleigh, NC 27612  
3/23, 3/30, 4/6 and 4/13/2023  
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
DURHAM COUNTY

**NOTICE OF SERVICE**  
**OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION**  
In The General Court Of Justice  
Superior Court Division  
Before the Clerk  
File Number 23-E-292

The Undersigned, having qualified as EXECUTRIX of the Estate of MARTHA DAUM SNIDER a/k/a MARTHA D. SNIDER a/k/a MARTHA HELEN SNIDER late of Durham County, North Carolina, hereby wishes to notify all persons having claims against the Estate of said deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned at the below listed address on or before the 26th day of June 2023, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery.

All persons indebted to the Estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned at the below listed address. This the 23rd day of March, 2023.

Susan A. Snider  
Executrix  
40 Davisson Dr.  
Durham, NC 27705  
3/23, 3/30, 4/6 and 4/13/2023  
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
DURHAM COUNTY

**NOTICE OF SERVICE**  
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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.

Arnold Euriel George, of Durham County, N.C., are notified to exhibit the same to the undersigned on or before 26th day of June, 2023 or this notice will be pleaded in bar of recovery. Debtors of the decedent are asked to make immediate payment.

This, the 23rd day of March, 2023.  
**MICHELE COATS**  
**ADMINISTRATOR**  
ESTATE OF ARNOLD EURIEL GEORGE

61 Delavan Ave.  
Newark, NJ 07104  
3/23, 3/30, 4/6, and 4/13/2023  
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
DURHAM COUNTY

**NOTICE OF SERVICE**  
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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**  
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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 will apply to the court for the relief 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**  
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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**  
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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

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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-390

Having qualified as EXECUTOR of the Estate of JAMES HORACE CLARK of Durham County, North Carolina, the undersigned does hereby notify all persons, firms, and corporations having claims against the estate of said decedent to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the 30th day of June, 2023, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms, corporations indebted to the said estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This is the 30th day of March, 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, 2023.  
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-364

The Undersigned, having qualified as ADMINISTRATOR of the Estate of HAROLD CECIL SCROGGS late of Durham County, North Carolina, hereby wishes to notify all persons having claims against the Estate of said deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned at the below listed address on or before the 3rd day of July 2023, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery.

All persons indebted to the Estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned at the below listed address. This the 30th day of March, 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  
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
DURHAM COUNTY

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 payment. 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

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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 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.

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**  
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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  
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
DURHAM COUNTY

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**OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION**  
In The General Court Of Justice  
Superior Court Division  
Before the Clerk  
File Number 23-E-122

The Undersigned, having qualified as ADMINISTRATOR of the Estate of PEARLENE ROBERSON late of Durham County, North Carolina, hereby wishes to notify all persons having claims against the Estate of said deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned at the below listed address on or before the 17th day of 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 13th day of April, 2023.

Maria Green  
Administrator  
911 Alpha Dr.  
Durham, NC 27703  
4/13, 4/20, 4/27, and 5/4/2023  
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-410

THE UNDERSIGNED, having qualified on the 27th day of March, 2023, as Executor of the ESTATE OF EDNA JUNE CARPENTER SANTA AKA EDNA JUNE SANTA, 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 14th day of July, 2023 or this Notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said Estate will please

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.

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 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, 2023.  
Chelsea Fuller, JusticeMatters, Inc.  
Attorney for Plaintiff  
P.O. Box 199, Durham, NC 27702  
(919) 794-7511  
3/30, 4/6, and 4/13/2023  
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
DURHAM COUNTY

**NOTICE OF SERVICE**  
**OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION**  
In The General Court Of Justice  
Superior Court Division  
Before the Clerk  
File Number 23-E-61

The Undersigned, having qualified as ADMINISTRATOR of the Estate of DONALD GULLEDGE late of Durham County, North Carolina, hereby wishes to notify all persons having claims against the Estate of said deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned at the below listed address on or before the 3rd day of July 2023, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery.

All persons indebted to the Estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned at the below listed address. This the 30th day of March, 2023.  
Keisha Reid  
Administrator  
812 Alpha Drive  
Durham, NC 27703  
3/30, 4/6, 4/13, and 4/20/2023  
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 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 30th day of March, 2023.

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

**NOTICE OF SERVICE**  
**OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION**  
In The General Court Of Justice  
Superior Court Division  
Before the Clerk  
File Number 23-E-410

THE UNDERSIGNED, having qualified on the 27th day of March, 2023, as Executor of the ESTATE OF EDNA JUNE CARPENTER SANTA AKA EDNA JUNE SANTA, 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 14th day of July, 2023 or this Notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said Estate will please

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make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This, the 13th day of April, 2023.

Edna June Santa  
 Executor  
 Estate of Edna June Carpenter  
 Sanata AKA Edna June Santa  
 c/o Richard G. Long III, Attorney  
 Walker Lambe, PLLC  
 Post Office Box 51549  
 Durham, North Carolina 27717  
 4/13, 4/20, 4/27, and 5/4/2023  
 STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
 DURHAM COUNTY

### NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION

Having qualified as the EXECUTOR of the ESTATE OF CAROL A. DAVID ROYCROFT, Case No. 23-E-230, Durham County, North Carolina, DOD = 12/20/2022, deceased, late of Durham County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against said estate to present them, duly verified, to the Executor's counsel, at 10130 Mallard Creek Road, Suite 300, Charlotte, North Carolina 28262, on or before the 15th day of July 2023, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms, and corporations indebted to said estate is to make immediate payment to the Executor/Executrix.

This the 13th day of April 2023.

Richard W. Roycroft  
 Executor  
 c/o The Canipe Law Firm, PLLC  
 10130 Mallard Creek Road  
 Suite 300  
 Charlotte, NC 28262  
 4/13, 4/20, 4/27, and 5/4/2023  
 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-200

The Undersigned, having qualified as EXECUTOR of the Estate of MAXINE ROGERS FLOWERS late of Durham County, North Carolina, hereby wishes to notify all persons having claims against the Estate of said deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned at the below listed address on or before the 17th day of 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 13th day of April, 2023.

John Bryan Kennedy Flowers  
 Executor  
 501 Pressler Street  
 Wake Forest, NC 27587  
 4/13, 4/20, 4/27, and 5/4/2023  
 STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
 DURHAM COUNTY

### NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The undersigned, Everett Carl Harris, III, having duly qualified as Administrator of the Estate of TAMMIE F. HARRIS, deceased, late of Durham County, North Carolina, hereby notifies all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the Estate to present them to the undersigned in care of Ronald G. Coulter, Attorney for the Estate, 3400 Croasdale Drive, Suite 205, Durham, North Carolina 27705, on or before July 13, 2023 or it will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to the Estate will please make immediate payment.

This is the 13th day of April, 2023.

Everett Carl Harris, III  
 Administrator  
 C/O Ronald G. Coulter  
 Attorney at Law  
 3400 Croasdale Drive Suite 205  
 Durham, NC 27705  
 1-919-246-5775  
 4/13, 4/20, 4/27, and 5/4/2023

## 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 19E001723-910**

The Undersigned, having qualified as CO-ADMINISTRATOR of the Estate of PERCY DRISE EDWARDS SR. late of Wake County, North Carolina, hereby wishes to notify all persons having claims against the Estate of said deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned at the below listed address on or before the 26th day of June 2023, or this notice will be

pleaded in bar of their recovery.

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

This the 23rd day of March, 2023.  
 Percy D. Edwards Jr.  
 Co-Administrator  
 Persondra D. Edwards  
 Co-Administrator  
 1029 Amber Acres Ln  
 Knightdale, NC 27545-7411  
 3/23, 3/30, 4/6 and 4/13/2023

### NOTICE TO CREDITORS COUNTY OF WAKE

**File Number 23 E 002073-910**

All persons, firms and corporations having claims against REBEKAH MURPHY a/k/a REBEKAH FARRIOR MURPHY deceased, 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 address on or before the 26th day of June 2023, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery.

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

This the 23rd day of March, 2023.

Harvey M Richmond  
 Executor  
 200 Ivygreen Chase Court  
 Apex, NC 27523  
 3/23, 3/30, 4/6 and 4/13/2023  
 THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE  
 JUDICIAL BR A NCH  
 NH CIRCUIT COURT

### CITATION BY PUBLICATION-TERMINATION OF PARENTAL RIGHTS

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

Formerly of and now parts unknown

Preliminary Hearing Petition for Termination of Parental Rights A petition to terminate parental rights over your minor child(ren)h as been filed in this Court. You are hereby cited to appear at a court to respond to this petition as follows:

### 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 DETERMINE WHETHER OR NOT YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS O V E R YOUR CHILD(REN) SHALL BE TERMINATED. TERMINATION OF THE PARENT/CHILD RELATIONSHIP MEANS THE TERMINATION SHALL DIVEST YOU OF AL LEGAL RIGHTS, PRIVILEGES, DUTIES AND OBLIGATIONS, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO THE LOSS OF AL RIGHTS TO CUSTODY, VISITATION AND COMMUNICATION WITH YOUR CHILD(REN). IF TERMINATION IS GRANTED, YOU WILL RECEIVE NO NOTICE OF FUTURE LEGAL PROCEEDINGS CONCERNING YOUR CHILD(REN). You are hereby notified that you have a right to be represented by an attorney. You also have the right

to oppose the proceedings, to attend the hearing and to present evidence. If you desire an attorney, you may notify this Court within ten (10) days of receiving this notice and upon afinding of indigency, the Court will appoint an attorney without cost to you. If you enter an appearance, notice of any future hearings regarding this child(ren) will be by first class mail to you, your attorney and all other interested parties not less than ten (10) days prior to any scheduled hearing. Additional information may be obtained from the Family Division Court identified in the heading of this Order of Notice.

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

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

Court Date: April 11, 2023 at 11:00 am.

BY ORDER OF THE COURT

Terri L. Peterson  
 Clerk of Court  
 1st Circuit- Family Division -  
 Lancaster  
 55 School St., Suite 202  
 Lancaster N H 03584  
 Telephone: 1-855-212-1234  
 TTY/TDD Relay: (800)735-2964  
 https://www.courts.nh.gov  
 3/23 and 3/30/23  
 NORTH CAROLINA  
 WAKE COUNTY

### In the General Court of Justice

District Court Division

### NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION

File Number: 23CB003006-910

Jonathan A. Futuna,  
 Plaintiff

Vs.  
 Julissa C. Garcia,  
 Defendant

TO: JULISSA C. GARCIA

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

This, the 30th day of March 2023.

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

### NOTICE OF SERVICE

OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION

Small Claims Division

File No. 22 CVM 005690

Gurkan's Downtown Auto Repair

Plaintiff,

V.

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 number KNDJ2A20A7098852 on or about 1/13/2020 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.

Sheri 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

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.

Sheri 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

The Undersigned, having qualified as ADMINISTRATOR of the Estate of MARY ELLEN LIVENGOOD late of Wake County, North Carolina, hereby wishes to notify all persons having claims against the Estate of said deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned at the below listed address on or before the 3rd day of July 2023, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery.

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

This the 30th day of March, 2023.

Tracie Livengood Wheeler  
 Administrator  
 1405 Pitty Pats Path  
 Zebulon, NC 27597  
 3/30, 4/6, 4/13, and 4/20/2023  
 STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
 WAKE COUNTY

### NOTICE OF SERVICE

OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION

In The General Court Of Justice

Superior Court Division

Before the Clerk

File Number 19E001723-910

The Undersigned, having qualified as CO-ADMINISTRATOR of the Estate of PERCY DRISE EDWARDS SR. late of Wake County, North Carolina, hereby wishes to notify all persons having claims against the Estate of said deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned at the below listed address on or before the 26th day of June 2023, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery.

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

This the 23rd day of March, 2023.

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

WAKE COUNTY

In The General Court Of Justice  
 District Court Division  
 Small Claims

File No. 23 CV 5505

### 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  
 vs.

Unknown Owner,

TO: Unknown Owner

TAKE NOTICE the petitioner has filed with the clerk a petition in proper form indicating that the petitioner has a valid lien against a 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 below listed address.

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

### 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 below listed address.

This the 6th day of April, 2023.

9 MOTORS LLC  
 6239 Riley Hill Road  
 Wendell, NC 27591  
 c/o PO Box 46882  
 Raleigh, NC 27620  
 vs.

Unknown Owner,

TO: Unknown Owner

TAKE NOTICE the petitioner has filed with the clerk a petition in proper form indicating that the petitioner has a valid lien against a 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

District Court Division

File No. 23-CVD-274

To: ELVIS RAMIRO TURCIOS,

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

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## D/M/WBE

### SUBCONTRACTORS/SUPPLIERS WANTED

KBS Construction Company, LLC is seeking certified DBE, MBE, and WBE subcontractors and suppliers for the Fremont Elementary School – Pump Station Project located in Fremont, Wayne County, NC. The potential subcontracting opportunities included but not limited to are Electrical, Hauling, Erosion Control. Plans and specifications are available for inspection at the following locations: KBS Construction Co., LLC- Fremont, NC, & Pinnacle Architecture, P.A. Matthews NC. Please contact Kenneth Smith if you are interested in submitting a proposal on any portion(s) of this project. Contact via phone 919-584-2626; fax 919-242-3392; or email kennethsmith@kbsconstructionco.net. All quotations will be accepted up to bid closing time on bid date. KBS Construction Company, LLC is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

## D/M/WBE

### SUBCONTRACTORS/SUPPLIERS WANTED

Pipeline Utilities, Inc. (NC General Contractor License No. 325) is seeking certified DBE, MBE, and WBE subcontractors and suppliers for the NCSU Integrative Sciences Building Early Site Package project for NC State University which bids April 25, 2023, at 3:00 PM. Plans and specifications for this project are available at the following locations: Pipeline Utilities, Inc.; 2204-F Associate Drive; Raleigh, NC 27603.

Potential subcontracting opportunities include but are not limited to surveying, hauling, asphalt paving, erosion control, electrical, and bypass pumping. Please contact David Murchison (dmurchison@pui-nc.com) if you are interested in submitting a proposal on any portion(s) of this project. Contact via phone 919-772-4310, ext.: 117; fax: 919-772-3261; or email. All quotations will be accepted up to bid closing time of the bid date. Pipeline Utilities, Inc. is an Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action Employer.

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

## D/M/WBE

### SUBCONTRACTORS/SUPPLIERS WANTED

T. A. Loving Company (NC General Contractor License No. 325) is seeking certified DBE, MBE, and WBE subcontractors and suppliers for the Fremont Elementary School Pump Station project for Wayne County Board of Education which bids April 18, 2023, at 11:00 AM. Plans and specifications for this project are available at the following locations: TA Loving Company, 400 Patetown Road, Goldsboro, NC 27530 \* Pinnacle Architecture, P. A.; 630 Team Road; Matthews, NC 28105.

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

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

## D/M/WBE

### SUBCONTRACTORS/SUPPLIERS WANTED

T. A. Loving Company (NC General Contractor License No. 325) is seeking certified DBE, MBE, and WBE subcontractors and suppliers for the Phase 5 and Phase 6 WWTP Improvements project for the Town of Scotland Neck which bids April 25, 2023, at 2:00 PM. Plans and specifications for this project are available at the following locations: TA Loving Company, 400 Patetown Road, Goldsboro, NC 27530 \* Engineering Services, PA; 1202 Benson Road, Suite 200; Garner, NC 27529.

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

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

## D/M/WBE

### SUBCONTRACTORS/SUPPLIERS WANTED

Pipeline Utilities, Inc. (NC General Contractor License No. 325) is seeking certified DBE, MBE, and WBE subcontractors and suppliers for the Hamby Street Sewer Replacement project for the Town of Clayton which bids April 17, 2023, at 2:00 PM. Plans and specifications for this project are available at the following locations: Pipeline Utilities, Inc.; 2204-F Associate Drive; Raleigh, NC 27603 \* Town of Clayton, Engineering Department, 111 East Second Street, Clayton, NC 27520, contact Jonathan Jacobs: jjacobs@townofclaytonnc.org.

Potential subcontracting opportunities include but are not limited to surveying, hauling, asphalt paving, and traffic control. Please contact David Murchison (dmurchison@pui-nc.com) if you are interested in submitting a proposal on any portion(s) of this project. Contact via phone 919-772-4310, ext.: 117; fax: 919-772-3261; or email. All quotations will be accepted up to bid closing time of the bid date. Pipeline Utilities, Inc. is an Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action Employer.

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

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NC DEPARTMENT OF  
HEALTH AND  
HUMAN SERVICES