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Who Will Win The Contest For Pres. In 2024?



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ARTIE INTELLIGENCE

The presidential race for 2024 is already getting crowded. One of the early frontrunners is Artificial Intelligence. Artie has already taken center stage with his debut performance after President Biden announced his bid for reelection. The RNC broadcasted a video called "an AI-generated look into the country's possible future if Joe Biden is re-elected in 2024," which opens with an image of Biden winning a second term shrouded by a dark background. This video is being labeled as the first ever fully AI-generated ad to be

used in political campaigning. It was just a sampling of the depths that AI can go in the game of mud slinging. Even though the elections are more than a year away, Artie is emerging as a new threat to democracy. While applications like ChatGPT are still evolving, the risk they pose is very real, according to New York University professor Gary Marcus. The professor, who founded the startup Geometric Intelligence that was later acquired by Uber, warned that large language models could supercharge the capabilities of troll

farms, which were already spreading fake news stories on an industrial scale. "For decades, troll farms had hundreds or thousands of iPhones working in parallel to make stories. Now, you don't just make one story, you can make 100,000 even a million in five minutes or an hour." Putting words in a candidate's mouth or depict them in a compromising scenario obviously has a lot of mental influence. If AI fakes were believable enough, and spread far

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'Reclaiming Black Faces' From Intentional And Unintentional Algorithmic Screw-Ups

Five years ago, two Somerville High School honors history classes worked on a multi-tiered project called "Reclaiming Black Faces." It all started when teacher Kevin Dua was prepping for their unit on slavery. They were about to watch "Birth of a Nation," and to accompany the film, Dua handed out movie guides with pictures of, who he thought, was African-American slave Nat Turner. But at a second glance, he realized it was in fact Frederick Douglass.

Vesey, another African-American slave, typically had Douglass' picture attached to their names. How could this have happened? Dua asked the students. From there, they got to work. One of Dua's students, Lance Rego said, "Our first steps would be to start getting information on the three historical figures. We analyzed documents, found books and pretty much anything that could educate us on who these three men were, and we tried to find any connections between the men from the information we got." Another student, Tyler Whitney-Sidney added, "We ... started digging into websites, articles and emailing authors to get our hands on any extra information we could on why

Douglass' face was used for Turner, Vesey and Douglas. Every class, for four weeks, we would get a response or a new piece of evidence that would help us get one step closer to our goal to find out why these three unique men were out in the same conversation." Classmate Sam Hook said, "We reached out to publishing companies as well as many authors of books and articles that labeled the picture of Frederick Douglass as Nat Turner or Denmark Vesey and told them about the project we were doing and the impact we were trying to make."

Classmate Daniella Mendoza added, "There simply cannot be a specific answer to why this happened in the first place. But from our research on many articles, there were very simple mistakes that connected to this problem. But it was up to the author of the articles to change their mistakes and do what they want." Lastly, classmate Ronan Fitzgerald said, "The best working theory we have now after all of our research is that an unknown article was published regarding Frederick Douglass, Denmark Vesey and Nat Turner. However, the article only had the picture of a young Frederick Douglass beside it, and the way that Google algorithms work is by finding keywords on a search, along with pulling pictures from the website itself."



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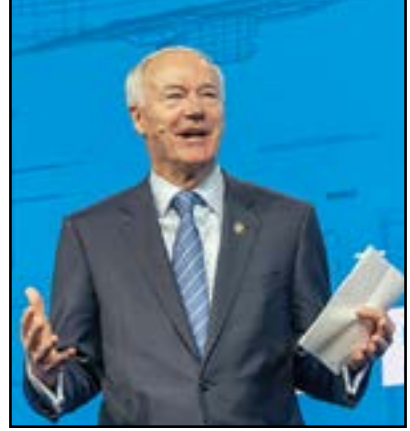
The Atlantic Frederick Douglass, Refugee - The A...



LinkedIn Nat Turner - Benjamin ...

Anika Nayak, another student, said, "The individuals were pivotal parts of American history. They contributed in large part to the ending of the human suffrage that was slavery. The mixup shows the lack of respect and acknowledgment for the people who made this country into what it is today. The issue is not easily fixed, mainly because the image has been so widely used incorrectly... however, the issue must be discussed. It is appalling that this mixup went on for so long without anyone calling it out. The best and only efficient way to address this issue is to raise awareness. We must get the word out about this and give them the respect that they deserve."

We think Google pulled the picture of Frederick Douglass and paired it with both Denmark Vesey and Nat Turner, as well. This one instance began to spread with the more and more amount of searched pictures and articles concerning each of these men. I think Americans today put an excessive amount of trust and reliance into the internet, and the articles posted by people who appear to know what they're talking about." This article first appear in the Somervill Journal in 2017.



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Formally Fort Lee



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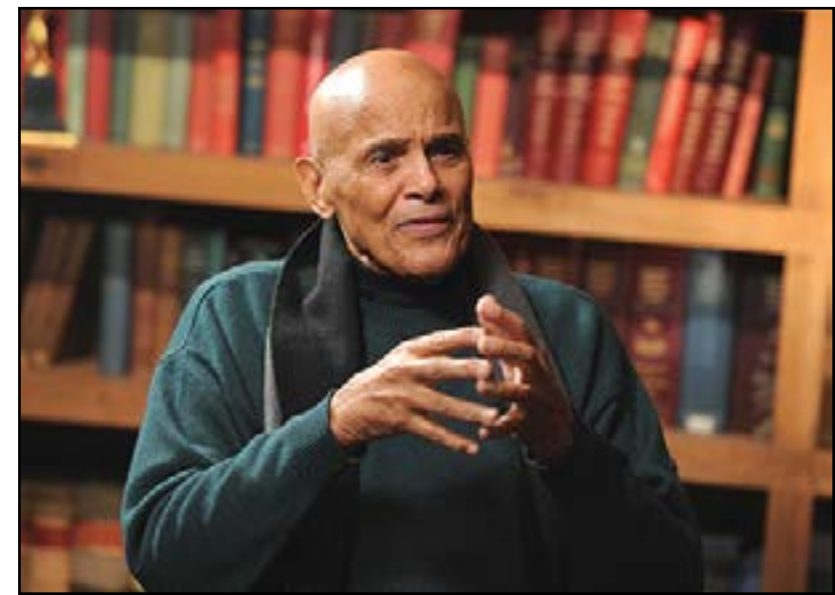
Fort Lee, Virginia, named in honor of Confederate General Robert E. Lee, will take on a new name that honors two Black Army trailblazers. The fort will honor Lt. Gen. Arthur Gregg and Lt. Col. Charity Adams, the U.S. Army said in a statement on Tuesday, April 25. A redesignation ceremony is planned for Thursday, April 27, honoring the two Black officers whom officials said excelled in the field of sustainment and made significant marks in U.S. Army history. Lt. Gen. Gregg rose from the rank of private to three-star general during his military logistics career, which began just after WWII and spanned nearly 36 years, the release noted. Gregg, 94, will be the only living person in modern Army history to have an installation named after him. Lt. Col. Adams was the first Black officer in the Women's Army Auxiliary Corps - later known as the Women's Army Corps - in World War II and led the first predominately Black WAC unit to serve overseas: the storied 6888th Central Postal Directory Battalion. "We are deeply honored to have Lt. Gen. Arthur Gregg and Lt. Col. Charity Adams as the new namesakes for our installation," Maj. Gen. Mark Simerly, commanding general of the U.S. Army Combined Arms Support Command and senior commander of Fort Lee, stated in the release. Officials said the post is one of nine Army installations being redesignated in accordance with Defense Department-endorsed recommendations from the congressional Naming Commission to remove the names, symbols, displays, monuments, and paraphernalia that commemorate the Confederate States of America or those who voluntarily served under the C.S.A. Congress directed the formation of the Naming Commission in the 2021 National Defense Authorization Act and charged it with provid-

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Entertainment Icon & Human Rights Activist Harry Belafonte Dies at 96

Renowned singer, actor, producer, and legendary civil rights trailblazer, Harry Belafonte has died at the age of 96. His publicist confirmed that the beloved icon died of congestive heart failure at his home in New York. In addition to his children Adrienne Belafonte Biesemeyer, Shari Belafonte, Gina Belafonte, David Belafonte and two stepchildren Sarah Frank and Lindsey Frank, Belafonte leaves behind eight grandchildren: Rachel Blue Biesemeyer, Brian Biesemeyer, Maria Belafonte McCray, Sarafina Belafonte, Amadeus Belafonte, Mateo Frank, Olive Scanga, and Zoe Frank. Known globally for both for his artistic ingenuity and humanitarian ideals, Belafonte became an early, vocal supporter of the Civil Rights Movement, a confidant of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., and financial backer of countless historic political and social causes and events, including the anti-Apartheid Movement,



equal rights for women, juvenile justice, climate change and the decolonization of Africa. He was one of the organizers of the 1963 March on Washington and led a delegation of Hollywood luminaries including his

best friend Sidney Poitier, as well as Paul Newman, Sammy Davis, Jr, Marlon Brando, Rita Moreno, Tony Curtis, James Baldwin, Burt Lancaster, Joanne Woodward, Diahann Carroll, Bob Dylan, Mahalia Jackson, Peter,

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enough before being discredited, they could theoretically sway an election entirely on their own.

It's becoming increasingly clear that cutting-edge, extremely polished AI apps probably aren't even going to be necessary to fool a lot of voters. Over the last few election cycles, communication experts have found that you can trick a lot of people with so-called "cheapfakes," which rely on

basic editing techniques rather than high-tech solutions like generative AI.

The Washington Post reports that political campaigns have started reaching out to social media platforms – including Facebook owners Meta – about how they plan to combat the spread of AI-created misinformation. According to the article, Meta responded that it will employ "independent fact-checkers" to examine media

and apply warning labels to "dubious content." This apparently raised concerns among the campaigns, as human fact-checkers can sometimes be slow to react to fast-spreading viral falsehoods, and can't really deal with content that's being rapidly shared and duplicated by users.

This campaign season might have to take a throwback ap-

proach. To date, artificial intelligence has not found a way to hack into and distort ink and paper. As it has been for centuries, the newspaper is still the best, most reliable source of information available. This political season may prove that print is more invaluable now than it has been in the last 50 years.

*At press time, Tim Scott had not declared his run for POTUS



BELAFONTE

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A.N.T. and earned his first leading role in *Juno and the Paycock*.

In 1953, he made his film debut opposite Dorothy Dandridge in *Bright Road*. He won a Tony in 1954 for his performance in *Almanac*.

At the same time, Belafonte developed his singing talents, having parlayed a series of nightclub performances into a record contract.

His third album, *Calypso*, topped the charts for thirty-one consecutive weeks and was the

first record to sell more than 1 million copies.

Belafonte also secured a television outlet with his hour-long special, *Tonight with Belafonte*, which won him an Emmy.

He became the first African American TV producer and his company, HarBel, went on to produce one Emmy nominee after another.

In the early 1950s, Belafonte developed a strong relationship with Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Belafonte worked tirelessly to mobilize artists in support of the civil rights movement.

In 1985, he again rallied the global artistic community to raise awareness of the famines, wars and droughts plaguing many African nations.

USA for Africa raised more than \$60 million for this cause with "We Are the World" and *Hands Across America*.

A longtime anti-apartheid activist, Belafonte hosted former South African President Nelson Mandela on his triumphant visit to the United States.

Belafonte maintained his commitment to service as a UNICEF goodwill ambassador.

"The lifelong commitment, courage, global leadership, and legacy of The Honorable Harry Belafonte will always be cherished and remembered by billions of people throughout the world," said NNPA President and CEO, Dr. Benjamin F. Chavis, Jr. "Belafonte was a gifted, talented and transformative freedom fighter for all of humanity. The National Newspaper Publishers Association (NNPA) salutes the memory of Harry Belafonte and recommitments to the struggle for freedom, justice and equality that Belafonte so boldly epitomized and embodied."

FORT LEE

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ing these recommendations.

The Commission issued its three-part report to Congress in the summer of 2022. Secretary of Defense Lloyd J. Austin III accepted all the Commission's recommendations that September.

On Jan. 5, 2023, William A. LaPlante, the Undersecretary of Defense for Acquisition and Sustainment, directed all Department of Defense organizations to begin implementing those recommendations.

"The Naming Commission sought to recommend names that are 'inspirational to the Soldiers and civilians who serve on our Army posts, and to the communities who support them,'" Simerly stated.

"They delivered exactly that with these two inspiring leaders and their tremendous accomplishments – from World War II through the Cold War – speak to the important history of this installation and to the courage, dignity, and devotion to duty that we strive to instill in every Soldier training here at the home of the Army Sustainment."

4th Marine Recruit In 2 Years Dies At Parris Island Boot Camp

The Hill — A Marine Corps recruit died earlier this week during a physical fitness test at boot camp in South Carolina, according to the service.

Pfc. Noah Evans, 21, of Decatur, Ga., died Tuesday at Marine Corps Recruit Depot Parris Island, the Marine Corps said Wednesday in a statement.

Evans had been assigned to Mike Company, 3rd Recruit Training Battalion, Recruit Training Regiment. His cause of death is currently under investigation.

The military branch provided no additional details, including whether Evans had any prior medical conditions or the specific events around his death.

He is the fourth Marine recruit to die at the base in two years. There have been 10 deaths since 2000, the Hilton Head Island Packet first reported.

Pfc. Dalton Beals, 19, of Pennsylvania, N.J., died in June 2021 as a result of extreme overheating during the end of the "The Cru-



NOAH EVANS

cible," a grueling 54-hour training exercise that caps a 13-week training course at the boot camp.

The event "validates the physical, mental and moral training" endured up to that point by recruits, who are only allowed a

limited amount of food and only four to six hours of sleep during the test. The final stage of the training includes a nine-mile hike with 45 pounds of gear.

Beals' senior drill instructor, Staff Sgt. Steven Smiley, was charged with negligent homicide for his death in November 2022.

Another recruit, Pvt. Anthony Muñoz, 21, of Lawrence, Mass., died in September 2021 after falling from a balcony. MCRD Parris Island officials said his death appeared to be a suicide. Pfc. Brandon Barnish, 26, of Evans, Ga., was found dead at the base on Sept. 29, 2021.

Parris Island is just one of two locations that provide basic training for the Marines. Male recruits from east of the Mississippi and all female recruits from the entire country are trained there.

The base has come under intense scrutiny in the past decade following allegations that abuse may have contributed to a recruit's suicide there in 2016.

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High-Interest Savings Account Can Help You Fight Inflation

By Genevieve Waterman

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As you no doubt have noticed, soaring inflation has touched nearly every aspect of daily life since rates first began to rise around the middle of 2021. The lingering effects of our COVID-19 recession—combined with global supply-chain disruptions, ongoing war in Ukraine, and even some monetary policies—have driven consumer prices to record-breaking highs. In December 2022, for example, the Consumer Price Index (CPI) rose 6.5% over the previous 12 months.¹ Although this increase was smaller than last year's high of 9.1%, set in June, it's still significantly greater than any other annual inflation rate during the past 20 years.

It's no wonder that Social Security's historic cost of living adjustment already isn't enough. On top of everything else, the extra 8.7% in monthly benefits (about \$140 on average) simply can't make up for the skyrocketing health care and housing costs that many older adults face. This means that individuals are increasingly on the hook for bridging the gap between their incomes and the basic costs of living. And when those incomes are fixed, the challenges become even greater.

"Building up your savings to cover emergency—and even non-emergency—expenses is therefore more important now than ever," said Josh Hodges, NCOA's Chief Customer Officer. "But there's some irony here: Because one of inflation's glaring excep-

tions involves the money you keep in the bank."

According to data compiled by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC), the national average annual percentage rate (APR) paid on traditional savings accounts is currently 0.33%.² While not zero, it may as well be: unless you have significant wealth, your liquid assets aren't generating a measurable return. (By way of comparison: in 1980, when annual inflation hit a staggering 14%,³ banks raised their APR to help cushion the impact). For a variety of reasons, banks don't need to compete for customers the way they used to back then, and as a result they really have no incentive to offer better interest rates now.

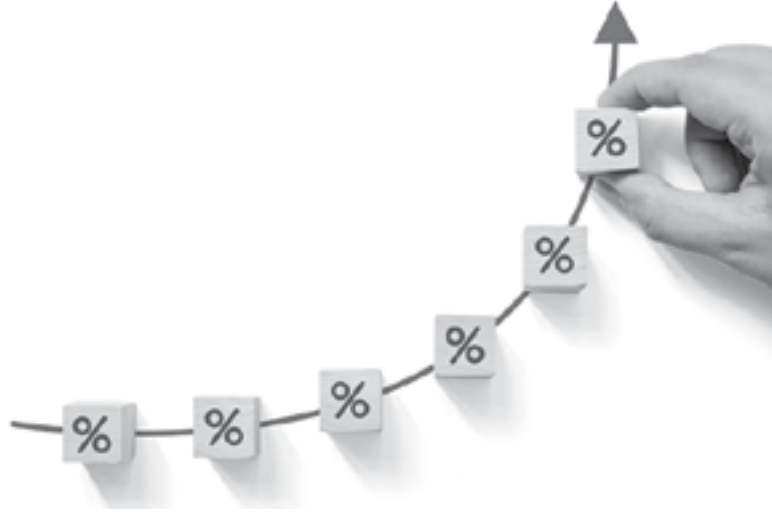
It can feel demoralizing, can't it? But it doesn't have to. Brushing up on your budgeting skills, tweaking your spending habits, and enrolling in financial benefits

programs can empower you to build financial resiliency. NCOA's Budget CheckUp tool includes a variety of concrete strategies you can use along the way. One of these strategies is to open a high-yield savings account.

What is a high-yield savings account? Is it better to have a high-yield savings account than a standard one? Let's take a closer look so you can decide whether one is right for you.

How does a high-yield savings account work?

This kind of account helps you grow your money more quickly than in a standard savings account, thanks to a significantly higher interest rate. Known as the annual percentage yield (APY), this rate applies both to your deposits and to the interest you earn on them: a process known as "compounding interest." Depending on the bank, interest accrues daily, monthly,



or quarterly; the more often you earn it, the faster your balance grows, and the momentum continues from there.

To help you visualize how this works, here are two charts comparing what could happen during the course of five years when you make the same initial \$5,000 deposit to a regular savings account versus a high-yield savings account. This example also assumes that you will make an additional monthly deposit of \$100 during that time period.

What are the pros of a high-yield savings account?

As of this writing, the national average APY on savings accounts is just 0.33%, according to the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC). That's over 12 times less than what the highest-yield savings accounts offer.⁴ Additional benefits include:

- Security. Unlike money market accounts or mutual funds, these accounts aren't speculative—so you can't lose what you deposit. Plus, just like your regular checking and savings accounts, they're FDIC-insured, which protects you if your bank fails.

- Flexibility. Unlike CDs, which also are well suited for short-term growth, you can access your money whenever you need to. That said, there may be limits to the number of withdrawals you're allowed to make in a given period, so be sure to read the fine print of any depository agreement before deciding whether to open an account and at which institution. (More on this below).

- Immediacy. High-yield savings accounts are ideal for achieving your shorter-term financial goals, such as building an emergency fund—or for socking away surplus cash from accounts with lower interest rates. They allow you to maintain liquidity while maximizing risk-free growth.

What are the cons of a high-yield savings account?

- Variable rates. Interest rates on these accounts can and do fluctuate, which means the APY you started with could potentially drop. Keep your eye on such changes and remember that the money is yours; at any time, you can move it to a bank that offers a higher rate. (Also remember that, even if the APY does drop,

it's still going to be much higher than what you'd earn in a standard savings account).

- Potential penalties. The Federal Reserve sets and enforces standard rules for savings deposits. Prior to COVID-19, Regulation D limited consumers to six monthly withdrawals, after which they faced fees and other penalties, like account closure. The Fed has indefinitely relaxed this rule, but individual institutions remain free to implement it. Be sure you review all disclosures before opening any high-yield savings account. If one bank imposes transaction limits or fees, another may not—so shopping around makes sense, too.

- Limited growth. Despite high APYs and compounding interest, high-yield savings accounts generally don't keep pace with inflation—which means they're not ideally suited for achieving longer-term financial goals, like boosting your retirement nest egg. Investing your money with the guidance of a professional who's bound to look out for your interests likely makes more sense in this scenario.

Tobacco Co Settles With US Over Business In N. Korea

WASHINGTON (AP) — A British tobacco company has agreed to pay more than \$629 million to settle allegations that it did illegal business with North Korea in violation of U.S. sanctions, the Justice Department said Tuesday.

British American Tobacco, one of the largest tobacco companies in the world, entered into a deferred prosecution agreement with the Justice Department, while the company's Singapore subsidiary pleaded guilty to conspiring to commit bank fraud and violate sanctions.

The London-based BAT said in its own statement that the settlement concerns sales from 2007 through 2017 and that the company has since taken steps to improve its business practices.

North Korea faces stringent U.S. and international sanctions going back nearly two decades for its nuclear weapons program and development of intercontinental ballistic missiles. Pyongyang has continued to research and test more nuclear weapons. It has also worked to evade sanctions with the cooperation of allies like China and illicit trade with barred countries and companies.

Smuggled tobacco products are regarded as a major source of revenue for North Korea's nuclear and weapons of mass destruction programs, the Justice Department said.

The penalty is the largest aris-



Under Secretary of the Treasury for Terrorism and Financial Intelligence Brian Nelson with U.S. Attorney Matthew Graves for the District of Columbia, speaks during a news conference, Tuesday, April 25, 2023, at the Department of Justice in Washington.

ing from North Korea sanctions violations in the Justice Department's history, said Assistant Attorney General Matthew Olsen.

"This case and others like it do serve as a warning shot to companies, companies that support rogue regimes like North Korea through their activities — that they have to have compliance programs, compliance programs that prevent these kinds of activities from taking place," he said.

BAT admitted as part of the settlement that it continued to do tobacco business in North Korea

despite stating publicly in 2007 that it no longer had operations with the repressive regime. Prosecutors say a third-party company operating under the control of a BAT subsidiary sold more than \$400 million in tobacco products between 2007 and 2017.

That money was then funneled back to BAT, the Justice Department said. North Korean purchases of the tobacco occurred through front companies that concealed the connections from U.S. banks that processed the transactions.

U.S. Officials Seek To Crack Down On Harmful AI Products

The U.S. government will "not hesitate to crack down" on harmful business practices involving artificial intelligence, the head of the Federal Trade Commission warned Tuesday in a message partly directed at the developers of widely-used AI tools such as ChatGPT.

FTC Chair Lina Khan joined top officials from U.S. civil rights and consumer protection agencies to put businesses on notice that regulators are working to track and stop illegal behavior in the use and development of biased or deceptive AI tools.

Much of the scrutiny has been on those who deploy automated tools that amplify bias into decisions about who to hire, how worker productivity is monitored or who gets access to housing and loans.

But amid a fast-moving race between tech giants such as Google and Microsoft in selling more advanced tools that generate text, images and other

content resembling the work of humans, Khan also raised the possibility of the FTC wielding its antitrust authority to protect competition.

"We all know that in moments of technological disruption, established players and incumbents may be tempted to crush, absorb or otherwise unlawfully restrain new entrants in order to maintain their dominance," Khan said at a virtual press event Tuesday. "And we already can see these risks. A handful of powerful firms today control the necessary raw materials, not only the vast stores of data, but also the cloud services and computing power that startups and other businesses rely on to develop and deploy AI products."

Khan didn't name any specific companies or products but expressed concern about tools that scammers could use to "manipulate and deceive people on a large scale, deploying fake or convincing content more widely and targeting specific groups

with greater precision."

She added that "if AI tools are being deployed to engage in unfair, deceptive practices or unfair methods of competition, the FTC will not hesitate to crack down on this unlawful behavior."

Khan was joined by Charlotte Burrows, chair of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission; Rohit Chopra, director of the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau; and Assistant Attorney General Kristen Clarke, who leads the civil rights division of the Department of Justice.

As lawmakers in the European Union negotiate passage of new AI rules, and some have called for similar laws in the U.S., the top U.S. regulators emphasized Tuesday that many of the most harmful AI products might already run afoul of existing laws protecting civil rights and preventing fraud.

"There is no AI exemption to the laws on the books," Khan said.

A Rise In Technologies May Cause A Decline In Community

By Blake Lee-Whiting

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Automation, once hidden behind closed doors in factories, is increasingly moving into public view. Customers can pay for groceries or clothing at a self-checkout machine, order fast food from a touchscreen kiosk or even pickup coffee from a "robo-café."

These technologies, which substitute human contact for robot-based interactions, are examples of self-service technologies — innovative public-facing automation which "enable customers to perform entire services on their own without direct assistance from employees."

While self-service technologies have the potential to improve efficiency, reduce costs and improve user experience, these technologies raise complex economic and political questions.

Politics and exposure
Much has been written from an economic perspective about whether automation will eliminate jobs, decrease wages, contribute to job growth, or "create as many jobs as it destroys over time." However, less attention has been given to thinking about how these technologies will affect our politics.

Whether these new technologies replace jobs, relegate existing positions to non-public facing roles or create new employment opportunities, they will result in us interacting with fewer people than we have historically.



can shape how we define our community and politics. If we no longer encounter cashiers or fast food employees, many of whom are temporary foreign workers, will our beliefs about immigration policies or minimum wage change? What do

bike couriers think about bike lanes? How does a dental office receptionist feel about universal dental care, or a corner store clerk about crime rates?

However fleeting, exposure to people outside of your own socio-demographic groups af-

fect attitudes positively. Existing research demonstrates that "actual face-to-face interaction...typically reduces intergroup prejudice."

Exposure effects are also related to how we position ourselves within the world when

compared to others. For instance, a recent South African study showed that "willingness to sign a petition that calls for higher taxes on the wealthy increases in the presence of a high-status car." Just seeing a BMW 3-series car near the petitioner made people more likely to favour wealth redistributive policies.

Another study shows that being the victim of a crime increases political participation: "Rather than becoming withdrawn or disempowered, crime victims tend to become more engaged in civic and political life."

We shape our politics based, at least partially, on what and who we have been exposed to.

Identity and social interaction
We build our sense of civic identity and opinions about government through social interactions. Political scientist Robert D. Putnam, who has studied civic engagement since the 1960s, argues Americans are less engaged in politics than they used to be and are more isolated, spending less time with friends, family and neighbours.

Our social capital — which Putnam defines as the overarching belief about society that facilitates co-operation — diminishes when we lose opportunities to engage with people outside of our regular social networks.

This decline in social capital can be traced to changes in work and society more generally. Society, in other words, is becoming increasingly individualistic.

Public-facing automation may further diminish our social capital by decreasing our interactions with other people. As we pay for parking at parking machines, rent bowling shoes and lanes through an app, or order food from touchscreen kiosks, we interact less with the people who work these jobs.

Exacerbates inequality
The impact of public-facing automation on social inequality also requires further study. Self-service technologies, particularly in the food services industry, may exacerbate social inequalities by limiting job opportunities for certain groups, such as those with different educational backgrounds or already-marginalized communities.

As public-facing automation shifts workers away from public view, wages which reflect professional skill and customer service expectations may disappear. In the grocery industry, for instance, we may see a widening pay gap between technicians hired to upkeep self-checkout machines and the employees hired to stock shelves.

The effects of increasing public-facing automation may not be well understood for years. In the meantime, as we seek to better understand the intersection between technology and society, we should ask: how will our sense of community and our political preferences change when we interact less with the people who work the jobs that self-service technologies replace?

Betting On Herself: S. Hope Davis And Teach Tech U

In early 2020, Teach Tech U founder S. Hope Davis bet on herself.

She left teaching to invest into her business full-time, which focused on offering professional development for schools and teachers to help administer technology in the classroom. But as was the case for so many small business owners, the COVID-19 pandemic changed Teach Tech U's business model.

Leaning on the entrepreneurial spirit she inherited from her mother, Davis pivoted and began focusing on program development and consulting school districts

on how to better use and leverage technology to foster student success. "Instead of putting my head in the sand and letting it be, I realized it was time to pivot and develop another business model that would sustain the company," says Davis. "Survival is about the client. We have to make sure their needs are met."

In addition to pivoting to program development and consulting, Teach Tech U also added Project LEAR to its offerings, a service that assists school districts in locating, mentoring, and reconnecting students who became disengaged, dropped out, or were

otherwise absent from school in the wake of the pandemic.

For Davis, who spent some time during her teaching career working with non-traditional students who faced attendance obstacles, the need for this type of program was something that she anticipated. "We understood what was going to happen once all the schools came back," says Davis. "I knew there was going to be a gap in the resources schools had and what they needed, and I knew that I could help fill that gap."

With Project LEAR added to Teach Tech U's offerings, Davis needed more capital to help ful-

fill the needs of contracts signed with several school districts, including Winston-Salem/Forsyth County Schools. But while Davis's business was growing, she experienced capital funding barriers brought on by her relatively limited business experience and the need to lean on her personal resources, which affected her ability to access the capital needed to expand. "It was very difficult to gain capital," says Davis. "It's a generational obstacle. I watched my mother struggle to make a dollar out of 15 cents. But like she did, you just have to continue to push forward."

To access the needed capital, Davis returned to a familiar partner in business at Carolina Small Business Development Fund (CSBDF). Davis was originally connected to CSBDF when she applied for and received a grant from the RETOOL NC program. Administered by CSBDF and another community and economic development organization and managed by the North Carolina Department of Administration Office of Historically Underutilized Businesses, RETOOL NC was a COVID-19 relief grant that helped women- and minority-owned businesses recover.



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Health & Wellness

First Perinatal Wellness Center Opens In Durham

By Tyria McCray

Staff Writer

The first Community Perinatal Wellness Center has officially opened in Durham. As the first community-based maternal health and doula organization in the Triangle, Mobilizing African American Mothers through Empowerment (MAAME) aims to empower Black mothers and to navigate systems during pregnancy and postpartum to not only survive childbirth but thrive beyond postpartum.

“Black women in the U.S. are three times more likely to die from pregnancy than white women. Here, in North Carolina, 27.6 women die per every 100,000 births. For Black women, that number is more than double. These disparities persist across education, income, and age levels,” founder and executive director Maya Jackson said during the ribbon cutting.

Being the first of many doula organizations, their vision focuses on training doulas, lactation specialists, childbirth edu-

cators, peer specialists, and more, to better advocate, serve, educate and empower communities around maternal healthcare. Equally important, the leaders plan to create a pathway to economic development opportunities within communities after childbirth.

Along the pathway to economic development, there are still some hurdles that women of color are dealing with regarding maternal health. For instance, Black women have the poorest maternal health outcomes, which may be because 1 in 5 women of reproductive age in North Carolina are uninsured. Also, nearly 40 percent of mothers nationally report that they delayed prenatal care because they lacked the money or insurance to cover their costs.

Knowing of those discrepancies, Jackson and her team are solely focused on filling the gap of services with five core impact areas; maternal health support, holistic health & wellness, sustainable communities, and economic development & policy.

“We are in the midst of a systemic crisis affecting Black mothers, birthing people, and babies. We are committed to making a difference addressing the social determinants of health of our community, which has been historically excluded and deprived of resources to thrive,” Jackson said.

Set for in-person services June 1, the center will offer expanded services such as reproductive counseling, community-based doula support, lactation support, childbirth education classes, and maternal mental health and wellness programming as a perinatal safe spot. There will also be a new program called the Perinatal Outreach Program. This program is specifically for birthing people that are less than 28 weeks (6 months) pregnant. These services are free to those who meet the service criteria. Also, BI-POC Birthing People who come from historically excluded communities will receive support up to 24 months postpartum.



In partnership with Simply the Basics, MAAME will also serve as a hygiene distributor, providing hygiene and menstrual products to community members. These comprehensive services aim to reduce barriers and address economic gaps for birthing families throughout pregnancy and after childbirth.

Free Tests Still Available

The North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services today announced a change to the Project Access COVID Tests program (Project ACT) that will allow all North Carolina households to request free, at-home COVID-19 tests through June 30, 2023. Residents are encouraged to order additional free tests while supplies last.

Once limited to specific zip codes, all North Carolina households can now order free COVID-19 tests through www.AccessCovidTests.org. Each household will receive two kits with five tests per kit, typically within a week of ordering. Households can place a new order for tests once per month throughout the duration of the program.

NCDHHS has already distributed 383,390 tests to North Carolina families through Project ACT.

“Access to free testing is expected to change with the end of the public health emergency, but partnering with Project ACT helps us continue to provide this access, especially to households who may have limited access to health care,” said Susan Kansagra, M.D., Director, NCDHHS Division of Public Health. “Testing quickly helps people to know when to stay home and when to seek treatment.”

Preparation is key to prevention, order your test kits in advance as part as your “My COVID-19 Plan.” Get tested if you have symptoms or if you have come in close contact with someone with COVID-19, even if you are up to date on your vaccines. Check your test’s expiration date before using. If the date has passed, the test may still be appropriate to use; check for an FDA extension at <https://covid19.ncdhhs.gov/NewDate>.

Impact Of COVID On STDs

During 2020, the COVID-19 pandemic led to disruptions in STD-related prevention and care activities, including reduced screening during the initial shelter-in-place orders. STD program resources, including STD case investigations, were also redirected to COVID-19 activities. Because STDs often do not show symptoms, and screening is necessary for timely diagnosis and treatment, changes in access to sexual health care can affect the number of infections diagnosed and reported. The impact of these disruptions likely continued in 2021 and, as a result, STD surveillance data collected during 2020 and 2021 and presented in Sexually Transmitted Disease Surveillance, 2021 should be interpreted cautiously.

The impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on STD surveillance data was most acute in March and April 2020, when the number of reported STDs rapidly fell during initial shelter-in-place orders. Although case counts for gonorrhea and primary and secondary (P&S) syphilis dropped below 2019 levels during March and April 2020, cases of both STDs surged the rest of the year. By the end of 2020, reported cases of gonorrhea increased 10% and reported cases of P&S syphilis increased 7% from 2019 to 2020. The trend continues as reported cases of gonorrhea increased 15% and reported cases of P&S syphilis increased 38% from 2019 to 2021.

Increased case counts seen in late-2020 and in 2021 may reflect an increase in service utilization as health care clinics re-opened and people sought care when available. Increases in diagnosed and reported cases could also reflect higher disease transmission. For example, due to reduced access to care, those with an STD may have had their infections longer, providing more opportunities to transmit infection to their sexual partners. Additionally, following the initial shelter-in-place orders, sexual behaviors like the frequency of new sex partners may have changed, causing STDs to spread in sexual networks.

Gap In US Stroke Deaths Widened During Pandemic

NEW YORK (AP) — The longstanding racial gap in U.S. stroke death rates widened dramatically during the COVID-19 pandemic, government researchers said Thursday.

Stroke death rates increased for both Black and white adults in 2020 and 2021, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention study. But the difference between the two groups grew about 22%, compared with the five years before the pandemic.

“Any health inequity that existed before seems to have been made larger during the pandemic,” said Dr. Bart Demaerschalk, a stroke researcher at the Mayo Clinic in Phoenix who was not involved in the new study. “This is another example of that.”

During a stroke, something blocks or reduces blood flow to part of the brain or a blood vessel in the brain bursts. It can result in brain damage or long-term disability and is the nation’s fifth leading cause of death.

Until about a decade ago, the U.S. stroke death rate was falling because of improved treatment and reduced smoking rates. The decline halted in 2013 at about 70 per 100,000 adults 35 and older. Experts think increases in obesity and related conditions finally offset some of things that had been driving stroke deaths down.

It climbed the last few years, rising to nearly 77 in 2021. Black Americans have long had a higher stroke death rate than their white counterparts, a gap that was fairly steady for decades.

In 2021, according to the new study, the Black stroke death rate for Americans aged 35 and older rose from about 101 per 100,000 before the pandemic to about 113. The white rate rose from about 70 per 100,000 to 75. The difference between those two measures rose from 31 to 38, a 22% increase.

The paper joins a growing number of studies that detected a disproportionately large increase in minority stroke death rates since the pandemic began.

What drove the increases? Doctors say COVID-19 infection can raise the risk of stroke. This mainly happens in severe COVID-19 illness, and the problem is worse in people that already have partially blocked blood vessels because of other conditions.

Patients with diabetes, high blood pressure, high cholesterol and a history of smoking seemed to be at highest risk, according to a study led by Demaerschalk that was published last year.

But the virus probably wasn’t the only factor, Demaerschalk said. Obesity may have worsened, he said. People probably saw their doctors less often. And many were reluctant to go to a hospital when stroke symptoms developed — especially in the early days of the pandemic, when fear of catching the new virus may have surpassed concerns about stroke symptoms, he added.

“Time is absolutely of the essence” in treating strokes, Demaerschalk said.

So people were less likely to get medical care at the same time the risk of stroke was rising. And that “mismatch” may have been more pronounced for some Black people, because of lack of access of medical care and risk factors for COVID-19 and stroke, he said.

Ag-Grow-Culture

Black Agriculture A Fundamental Story: Olusanya Farms

By Jason Lindsay

Staff Writer

Agriculture within the black community has been a targeted subgroup since the founding of this nation. The injustices bestowed on America's black farmers have positioned us to lose more than 12 million acres of farmland, leading us to own only 0.52 percent of America's farmland.

In the 1980's USDA (United States Department of Agriculture) announced that on the current trajectory, there will be no black farms left by the year 2000, but they didn't know that some black farms had some projections of their own.

Dorothy and Phillip Barker started their farm and their family together. First farming in Durham County on inherited land, but their increased demand for irrigation led them to seek land further north in Granville County, where they continued to expand their dairy operation and their family. It was here that Olusanya Farms was born.

The Barker's mission was simple. They worked to provide for their family and grow their operation, yet were met with racism and discrimination from the very place that was designed to assist them, the USDA. The Barkers were participants and recipients of the largest civil rights settlement in human history; the Pigford vs. Glickman settlement.

The Pigford vs. Glickman case was a class action lawsuit against USDA. Black farmers won the case that called out USDA for racially discriminating against African American farmers. From



Phillip and Dorothy Barker
Founders, Operation Spring Plant
Owners, Olusanya Farms

the outside looking in, you would call this a win for black farmers. Yet, Phillip Barker says: "Pickford vs. Glickman was the biggest sham there ever was... and a tragedy for the black farmer."

Many black farms went out of business in the wait for the settlement checks from USDA, a check that for many never came. Still today, the USDA is holding \$10 million in settlement reward money that never made it to the black farms that received injustices from the hands of its own government.

It was within the confines of governmental discrimination that the Barkers and Olusanya Farms found their line of service. By the early 1990's, there were only two black dairies left

in the state. Both operations were highly decorated award-winner farms that, despite their accomplishments, were still suffering from financial stress. One farm was in Pilot Mountain, NC, lining the Blue Ridge, and the other was the Barker's farm in Oxford, NC.

The Barkers explained that during this time, USDA FSA (Farm Service Agency), which is responsible for providing farmers access to much-needed capital, loaned what was called a "supervised bank account." These supervised accounts made it unlawful to spend government loan money on anything other than what they lent it for.

In the Barker's case, it was a dairy. With money being allo-

cated for dairy, when the Barkers would find their numbers not hitting their goals, they found it more than reasonable to use remaining funds for a bumper crop, like collards, for example, to aid the accomplishment of their yearly revenue granting them the ability to pay the loan back. But, this was frowned upon, crippling many farm operations, including the Barkers.

But the Barkers didn't meet these immobilized policies with a spirit of defeat. Instead, they began fundraising for themselves. With backgrounds in organizing and fundraising, the Barkers were not in totally unfamiliar territory. These fundraising opportunities led to even more recognition for the two black dairy

farms, an acknowledgment that caught the attention of neighboring farmers.

As the Barkers campaigned, financial assistance from their fundraising efforts, along with the aid of other partnering organizations, helped them realize that surrounding black farmers were looking for the same assistance. Mama Dorothy Barker explained that "farmers began to call from all over and some farms would even follow-up with farm visits in order to understand their needs... from this we began fundraising and gifting to other farmers, and we shared our spotlight with them."

Not able to ignore the call of neighboring farmers, the Barkers began to invite farmers to their farms to aid with USDA applications along with finding other funding sources. It was from organized efforts like these that Operation Spring Plant (OSP), an agriculture-based non-profit founded by the Barkers, found its roots.

Outside of needing help navigating USDA, the Barkers found through listening to farmers that most black farms were not in a position to take advantage of the high produce prices of the early spring season, so they named their organization Operation Spring Plant and began organizing black farmers across the state aligning them with transplants to gain an early jump on the season for larger price margins.

OSP's efforts didn't stop there. In 2007, they initiated a pilot program they called "Prize of the Harvest," which targeted NC black farmers to move their produce into larger markets like New York, Philly, and Washington DC, and linked them into chains like the Hilton Hotels. With eastern North Carolina farmers needing this the most, OSP rented a building in eastern North Carolina to wash, package, cool, and transport produce.

The Barkers explained that for the first few years, everything was working, and the collective operation was growing. At its height, Prize of the Harvest was made of 22 contributing farmers, three packing trucks (2 refrigerated), multiple pickups and trailers, and a packing facility.

Yet, this glory was short-lived. At first, Prize of the Harvest outsourced the trucking to a local white trucking company. They would send shipments up and never had a truck to be rejected due to the quality of the product.

As the business began to grow, the collective purchased their own transportation, and a black driver operated the truck. With this change, shipments began to be rejected, bringing their years of a zero percent rejection rate to a halt. Alongside this, the factory's landlord noticed the growth in the collective, and greed and jealousy began to set in. When growth was apparent, the landlord would go up on the rent year after year until the facility was no longer affordable, and in 2012 Prize of the Harvest was forced to close its doors.

Yet, this has not stopped the efforts of the Barkers and OSP. Now in a generation transitional phase, OSP is leading several programs like: "Youth in Today's Agriculture," which is a program geared towards exposing and educating today's youth in and around the field of agriculture, "Women in Today's Agriculture," which is postured for women farmers which is one of the fastest growing subgroups of farmers in the nation, another program currently growing in OSP is "Farmer-to-Farmer" which organizes and informs farmers on land management practices, up and coming funding, and available programs both in and outside of USDA.

Operation Spring Plant's initiatives don't stop there. Just recently, members of OSP visited the NC House and Senate, represented by the youngest black female state legislator, Senator Natalie S. Murdock, to get black farmers placed in the state budget. For decades the black farmers of NC have been underfunded if funded at all, and OSP stands on the frontline and demands all elements of change be in favor of the small farmers, especially farmers of color.

When asked what they saw as the future of black agriculture, the Barkers responded: "We believe, despite all, the future is bright. Yet, the future is centered on management. We must take responsibility for ourselves and demand another level of structure from one farm to the next." When the United States government counted the black farmers out, Olusanya Farms and Operation Spring Plant invested in the Black Farmer. And now, the year is 2023, and we (black farmers) are still here. The story of Olusanya Farms and Operation Spring Plant is a fundamental story of black agriculture.

Why Doctors Care About The Farm Bill

By Ashwani Garg, MD

Family Physician

As the spring planting season approaches, seven farmers from my home state of Illinois traveled to Washington, DC to participate in the "Farmers for Climate Action" rally. Farmers sought meetings with lawmakers, including Illinois Sen. Dick Durbin, a member of the Senate Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry. Sen. Durbin and others are crafting the Farm Bill, and the farmers want to ensure climate change is a priority as this must-pass legislation is finalized.

I'm a doctor, not a farmer, but the Farm Bill is important because food is medicine, and health-promoting foods come from farms. Pecans, for example, are grown in Illinois and are a healthy source of protein, iron, and other nutrients. Feeling out of sorts? A recent study shows that snacking on tree nuts can boost serotonin which can enhance mood.

Sen. Cory Booker of New Jersey is also on the agriculture committee, and his vision for the

Farm Bill includes promoting climate-smart farming practices. It's urgent because farmers in Illinois and other states are currently dealing with the effects of climate change. According to the Illinois State Climatologist, temperatures are rising, and heavy rains are becoming more common. Major floods are becoming more frequent, with rivers jumping banks and croplands flooding. But Sen. Booker proposes ambitious reforms to mitigate and adapt to climate change. If Sen. Durbin and others on the agriculture committee are listening to farmers, he will wholeheartedly support Sen Booker's plans.

In previously proposed legislation, Sen. Booker floated a concept that will probably wind up in the current Farm Bill—farmers with large-scale livestock operations who wish to transition to growing food crops should get government funding and support. In North Carolina, the buyout program for hog farms on the floodplain was extremely popular with farmers who wished to transition to growing crops. Gov. Roy Cooper's sought serious cash to

restart this program, and there's a waitlist of farmers who want to participate. A similar initiative would probably be popular with farmers in other states, and our elected officials should make it happen.

Several types of trees can be grown profitably in Illinois and other states, including apple, peach, pecan, walnut, and hazelnut. Trees produce oxygen for us to breathe, and their fibers store carbon dioxide—reducing the negative effects of this heat-trapping gas. Trees can provide flood management while producing income for farmers. Hazelnut trees, for example, are an excellent choice to help control flooding, according to the U.S. Department of Agriculture. In Wisconsin, dairy farmer Paul Jereczek is planting hazelnut trees because he'd like his children to stay on the land, and he doesn't see a future in dairy farming.

Following destructive flash floods during the summer of 2022, Sen. Durbin demanded assistance from the Federal Emergency Management Agency. He should likewise demand federal funds

for livestock farmers who wish to transition to orchards designed to withstand and manage periodic flooding. Federal funds are also available for climate-smart farming practices through the Inflation Reduction Act.

In North Carolina, Tom Butler is evidently forging ahead without government assistance, and he's working with his son Will to transition the family farm from raising hogs to growing mushrooms. From a doctor's perspective, I applaud this change because grilling mushroom "steaks" is much more healthful than consuming pork, which is high in saturated fat and has zero fiber.

When I recommend a plant-based diet, patients often ask about protein, but mushrooms, for example, provide plenty of protein—more than half of a mushroom's calories come from protein. Foods made with soybeans are another great source of protein—as well as calcium, iron, magnesium, and zinc. Tasty and affordable plant-based foods can help people improve heart health, manage diabetes, maintain a healthy weight, and otherwise improve their health.

In Illinois, there are about 436 large-scale livestock operations, according to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, these industrial livestock facilities contribute to climate change by generating methane, a powerful planet-warming gas. If the senators on the agriculture committee care about supporting farmers, preventing destructive floods, addressing climate change, and improving people's health, they'll support Sen. Booker's vision to phase out factory farms.

New Plan Could Limit Food Aid For IM People

Reuters— Nearly one million Americans could find it harder to access federal food aid under a Republican proposal to expand the program's work requirements, according to the Biden administration, which has promised to veto the plan if it passes Congress.

The expanded work requirements for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) were included in a plan released last week by Republican House of Representatives Speaker Kevin McCarthy to cut federal spending and raise the debt ceiling. The House could vote on the plan as soon as this week.

Under the proposal, adults aged 18 to 56 without disabilities or dependents would need to work or participate in a job training program at least 20 hours a week to receive SNAP benefits, also known as food stamps, for more than three months. Existing SNAP work requirements apply only to such adults up to age 50.

The expansion could affect nearly 1 million people, said a U.S. Department of Agriculture spokesperson. About 42.4 million people are receiving SNAP benefits this year, the agency said.

"Evidence shows expanding SNAP's three-month time limit to more struggling workers will do more harm than good for our workforce, local economies, and for addressing hunger," Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack said in a statement.

The plan has little chance of passing the majority Democratic Senate, and the White House has said President Joe Biden would veto the bill if it reached his desk.



Why Adults In Rural Areas Face Higher Risk Of Heart Failure

In 2020 about 46 million people in the United States, about 14% of the population, lived in rural areas, according to the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

Rural and urban deaths per 100,000 population were about equal in the 1980s, but by 2016 there were about 135 excess deaths per 100,000 in rural areas compared to urban ones, according to a 2019 study/Trusted Source.

Individuals living in rural areas are more likely than those in urban areas to die from heart disease, cancer, unintentional injury, chronic lower respiratory disease, and stroke, according to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

A variety of factors likely put people who live in rural areas at higher risk; according to the U.S. Food and Drug Administration. Those factors include less access to grocery stores and medical care as well as higher rates of poverty

published in the journal JAMA Cardiology by researchers at the National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute (NHLBI), a part of the National Institutes of Health, and Vanderbilt University Medical Center in Tennessee, reports that U.S. adults living in rural areas have a 19% overall higher risk of developing heart failure compared to adults living in urban areas.

The researchers say their study is the first to look at the link between living in rural America and first-time cases of heart failure.

Dr. Véronique Roger, the study's corresponding author and a senior investigator with the Epidemiology and Community Health Branch in NHLBI's Division of Intramural Research, told Medical News Today she had previously worked with a team that studied heart failure among rural areas of Minnesota — a population that was about 95% white.

"So, we were interested in

looking at the intersectionality between rurality and race," she said.

The researchers studied 27,115 adults who participated in the Southern Community Cohort Study (SCCS).

Beginning in 2002, researchers working on that study enrolled participants from Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia, and West Virginia.

About 86% of those individuals were recruited from community health centers that care for medically underserved populations.

Of the participants selected from the SCCS for this study: about 20% lived in rural areas. Only participants who identified as Black or non-Hispanic white were included in this study because, as the researchers explain in their paper, there were too few participants from other racial and ethnic groups.

About 69% of the selected

participants were Black. The median age of participants was 54. Only participants who did not report having heart failure at the beginning of the study were selected.

Researchers reported rural participants had slightly higher body mass indexes and slightly higher rates of hypertension, diabetes, coronary disease, and hyperlipidemia than their urban counterparts.

Rural residents had similar rates of stroke to their urban peers and lower rates of depression.

Diet and exercise was similar among the two populations.

Rural residents were less likely to be current smokers and they were more likely to be married and have less formal education.

From the start of the study to a median 13 year follow-up, participants experienced 7,542 heart failure incidents.

Heart failure occurs when the heart does not pump blood

throughout the body as well as it should. Symptoms include shortness of breath during daily activities or trouble breathing when lying down.

Of the heart failure incidents, 1,865 occurred in rural residents while 5,677 occurred among urban residents.

After adjusting their analysis for factors such as age, sex, and race as well as cardiovascular risk factors, health behaviors and socioeconomic factors, the researchers reported that adults living in rural areas have a 19% overall higher risk of developing heart failure compared to their urban peers.

The risk of heart failure was highest in rural Black men. This group had a 34% higher risk of heart failure than their urban counterparts.

Women were also at a higher risk. Compared to women living in urban settings, rural Black and white women had an 18% and 22% higher risk of heart failure.

"We addressed, as much as we could, things that we thought could be playing a role in our observation," said Roger. "We expected that... we would find such a difference, but we did not expect the magnitude of the difference that we saw."

Keisha Ray, an assistant professor of bioethics and medical humanities at McGovern Medical School at UTHealth Houston in Texas, wasn't surprised to see women and Black men faced higher risk of heart failure in rural areas.

"It is consistent with what health disparities scholars have consistently maintained — discrimination like racism and sexism touches all parts of Black people's lives and women's lives," she told Medical News Today. "Racism also influences access to the resources people need for proper heart health like access to healthy foods, access to recreation, proper income and housing, and access to preventive health care."

Community

The 10th Anniversary Of Moral Monday

By Tyria McCray

Staff Writer



To restore and realize the promises of their democracy, Reverend William L. Barber of the Poor People's Campaign and dozens of advocacy groups gathered at the state capitol Monday for a 'Recommitment Rally. This rally marks the Moral Monday movement's 10th anniversary on demanding justice.

In 2013, seventeen North Carolinians walked into the NC General Assembly to bear witness to the immoral attacks on the most vulnerable residents of our state. Which then led to thousands of people coming together at the NC legislature to fight for a new vision. The movement went on to see one of the largest direct action campaigns at a state legislature in US history, with over 1,000 people demanding North Carolina's leaders do right by its people.

Now just ten years later, members of the Moral Monday campaign say that the leadership of the NC General Assembly is still hell-bent on scape-goating some of us to distract from their agenda to consolidate power and money in fewer and fewer hands.

"We have come back to Raleigh to demand that our leaders govern from the moral center and from our state constitution's mandate for 'the good of the whole. When we started Moral Monday, our work had just begun. So if you thought we fought hard in 2013, you haven't seen anything yet. It is time for another fight, we are faced by forces extremely hostile to our purposes. Our agenda is a necessity and from which we cannot turn away. In 2006, seven years before the first moral Monday, we started to build a moral fusion movement for a third reconstruction. We started when democrats were in control because when you have a moral movement, it doesn't matter what party is in control, you just don't change your principle. Democrats needed to be pushed." said Reverend William L. Barber of the Poor People's Campaign.



Happy Birthday Mr. Brown

April 11, 2023

Dear Mr. Tony Brown!

On behalf of our community and country, I would like to thank you for all the work that you put in over the many years. Your commitment to the upliftment of the African American community has been second to none.

As a young boy growing up, I discovered the PBS program, Tony Brown's Journal. My family and I would look forward to watching it every weekend. was not your

While I was a young college student at Grambling State University, you were the Honors Day keynote speaker. It was clear that you were committed to supporting HBCUs. In fact, I remember you talking about Black College Day that you pushed going back to 1980. One of the things that you said that continues to resonate with me was, "You may not care for me, and I might not particularly care for you. You and I better get one thing straight, we are all we've got". It was great to finally meet you that day!

I often wondered to myself about the well that you sprung from. When I read your books, "Black Lies, White Lies and "What Mama Taught Me: The Seven Core Values of Life", it became clear how you were shaped in Charleston, West Virginia.

Elizabeth Sanford aka Mama and Mrs. Ruth Norman represent two angels from God. While Mrs. Sanford was not your biological mother, she was your sociological mother. She was the woman who raised you with Mother wit.

We also want to give thanks to God for Mrs. Ruth Norman. While you were a student at Garnet High School (named after Henry Highland Garnet) in Charleston, West Virginia, you were taught by your English and Speech Teacher-Mrs. Norman. She clearly served as a Mentor.

I want you to know that Tony Brown's Journal had a profound impact on me. While there were those in our community (of the "conscious" variety) teaching us to hate our ethnicity, you were steadfast in basking in it. Your program celebrated our heritage in America.

There is no doubt that you have been a true Pioneer. You opened the gate for many African Americans to be where they are in Journalism. Clearly, there would be no Roland Martin without a Tony Brown. In fact, you served as an inspiration for the writing that I do.

When you started the nationwide Buy Freedom campaign in 1985, you showed how much you cared about economic empowerment in our community. I firmly believe that had we followed your road map we would be in better shape today Nevertheless, you pushed self-help in the tradition of Booker T. Washington

Thanks for being an African American traditionalist. You have been unapologetic as it relates to being a proud member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. You appreciate our institutions that served as bridges over troubled waters. In my estimation, you are a quintessential Alpha man! Also, Tony Brown's Journal was on the same page as the works of Gil Noble and William Greaves. Those two men were about the preservation and upliftment of our heritage in America.

When you would start your lecture with "May God grant me the words to speak His thoughts. Not only did God grant you words, He granted you tools. As a result, you became our modern day Carter G. Woodson and Charles H. Wesley. For that, I will be eternally grateful.

Happy 90th Birthday
Linden P. Beckford Jr
Freelance Writer

St. Augustine's Spring Black vs. White



St. Augustine's Avante George (3) runs for yardage in the first half of the Falcons' Black vs White spring football game at St. Augustine's University on April 22, 2023. Steve Worthy Photos

Students Are Often Segregated Within Schools

THECONVERSATION—Children from low-income households are increasingly being segregated into different classrooms from their peers from higher-income households, according to recent research I have conducted with education policy scholar Dave E. Marcotte.

From 2007 to 2014, we tracked all North Carolina public school students statewide, from third through eighth grades, observing how the students were grouped into math and English language arts classes by each school's process for creating class groups.

We used course enrollment data to figure out how many students in each classroom were from families whose incomes are at or below 185% of the federal poverty threshold – and how many were not. We found that those economically disadvantaged students were increasingly likely to be concentrated in a subset of classrooms rather than spread out relatively evenly throughout the school.

Often school segregation is thought about as Black and white students being forced to attend different schools. This makes sense given the history of Jim Crow – a 19th- and 20th-century legal system meant to relegate Black people to second-class status in white society – and court orders to desegregate schools.

Another aspect of this issue is how students are sorted into classrooms within schools. A 2021

study found that more racially diverse schools are more likely to have classrooms that are more segregated than schools that are less diverse overall.

Researchers have recently begun to identify rising levels of segregation between schools based not just on race, but also on household income.

Students from wealthier households are more likely than their less-well-off peers to have higher academic achievement as measured by test scores and to attend and complete college.

Efforts to provide equitable opportunities for all students often focus on comparing funding and staffing between schools. Indeed, lower levels of school funding lead to lower educational attainment and lower wages in adulthood.

However, resources can also be distributed inequitably within schools, on a classroom-by-classroom basis. For instance, more experienced teachers raise student test scores more than novice teachers, on average. However, novice teachers are frequently assigned to classrooms with more low-income students. Therefore, the more students are separated along lines of household income, the more likely poorer students are to fall behind academically.

We aren't sure why there is an increase in segregation within schools by household income. One potential reason could be an increase in what is called "academ-

ic tracking," which is the process of grouping students into classes based on their prior achievement, such as performance on standardized tests.

If low-income students perform worse on standardized tests than their peers, they may be placed in lower tracks. However, standardized test scores may not accurately reflect ability for low-income students, since students from marginalized groups perform disproportionately worse on assessments.

If in fact test scores do accurately reflect ability, there may be some educational advantages to track students into certain classes. However, researchers have long argued that tracking perpetuates inequalities between low- and high-tracked students. For example, students who are placed on lower tracks than their peers suffer from lower self-esteem and are not as well prepared for college success as higher-tracked students with similar test scores.

The growth in charter school enrollments over the past two decades could also contribute to the increases in within-school segregation by income that we find. Public school principals who fear their students may depart for charters may attempt to retain them by introducing specialized curricula or expanding gifted and talented programs. If these programs continue to primarily serve students from families with

higher incomes, that could increase income segregation within schools. This is a possibility we are exploring.

New Head Of NC Community Colleges

Dr. Jeff Cox, president of Wilkes Community College, was approved by a vote from the State Board of Community Colleges on Friday to be the 11th president of the North Carolina Community College System.

Cox, a longtime education leader and champion in North Carolina, has led Wilkes Community College since 2014 and formerly led Allegheny County Schools as superintendent from 2005 to 2014. He brings three decades of education experience to the position and has served since 2022 as head of the North Carolina Community

College Presidents' Association.

At Wilkes, Cox was heralded for more than doubling the completion rate at the college from 25 to 55 percent over five years and developing a strategic plan seen as a national model for other institutions. During his tenure as president, the College also raised a record \$20 million in funds for strategic initiatives and launched a fully endowed Wilkes Community College Education Promise to guarantee the opportunity for a tuition-free college education for every graduating senior in the service area.

"Dr. Jeff Cox has proven to be among the best education leaders in the country during his time at Wilkes Community College and as a North Carolina K-12 superintendent, and we're excited to announce Dr. Cox as the new president of the North Carolina Community College System," said Burr Sullivan, Chair of the State Board of Community Colleges. "We know our community colleges need strong statewide leadership and dynamic future-forward approaches to business and workforce development and Dr. Cox is that leader."

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IN THE REALITY OF LIFE

By Dr. Derrick L. Sauls

Psalm 24:5 - He shall receive the blessing from the Lord, and righteousness from the God of his salvation.

Yes, in the Bible, when we return to the reality of life, we will see the destination of God's grace. In the beginning, a name was precious, and at times, it identified the vision for the child and the identity of the family.

In life, we look at numbers; everything has a number. Once upon a time, we had a name, especially a child of God, then came the social security system. Strangely, we registered for the number when we were getting ready to work. However, now children get a social security number before they leave the delivery room. For personal items, Norman Woodland invented the barcode. A Japanese corporation called Denso Wave created the QR Code for automobile codes; now, it is used for tracking everything and everyone. So, preacher, what are you saying? To get back to GOD, we must get back to our identity.

These strange numbers have confused many, but they that hold onto God realize that at the end of the journey, the goal is to see God. So no matter what number you are

sitting there calculating, you have to call or text your bank account, address, numbers of dinners you need to buy, hours you must work, the time you must go to work, or get up in the morning. Leave all that behind because "in the reality of life," God's will is to favor you in your heartache, pain, losses, gains, and until the end.

There is no QR code or barcode to measure how much Jesus cares; it is a spiritual awakening to know he cares. It is time to look to the hills from which cometh your strength. Jesus will be there to make it alright.

The past couple of years has been challenging. The Lord I serve has been faithful and brought you and me this far. Getting ready for our faithfulness has proven that we walk by faith, not by sight. Wherever we go, God will be there, and no matter how the numbers stack up, "in the reality of life."

Many have turned away, many opportunities have closed, many have gone on to glory, and there have been many losses, but God is always there for us. We learned math called addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division, and now they have artificial intelligence, data analytics, and statistical analysis.

In the Book of Job, Job suffered

many numerical losses, but "in the reality of life," he gained more the second time around. In the reality of life, we walk this spiritual walk bound by scripture, for in Roman 8:16 - "The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God." Therefore, let go of what so easily burdens you. We indeed get lost in what is real and what is not real.

Moreover, the blinders have been set through all social media, tv shows, internet advertising, and men's and women's love of themselves. Yes, through all this, many of us have become numbers. However, these numbers do not define us because we walk in the spiritual realm in Romans 11:13 - "For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved."

Nevertheless, trust God and love through it. Let God put back the pieces of the puzzles that have been scattered. The word should be hidden in your heart and utilized at trying times. The reality in life is to be ready in season and out of season to profess God's love and charity, for we are more than numbers. God's grace and mercy be with you.

To view complete sermons by Pastor William Eli Ratcliff and associate ministers, please visit our YouTube Channel. Thank you!



Plans For Religious Charter Schools Are Pushing Church-State Debates

By Charles J. Russo

Univ. of Dayton

U.S. courts have long wrestled with the extent to which government funding can be used at private religious schools. School-choice advocates have won key cases at the Supreme Court in recent years, opening up more ways for public dollars to support faith-based education. But Oklahoma pushed the debate into unchartered territory this spring with a proposal for a school that would have been the first of its kind: a Catholic charter, primarily paid for by taxpayers.

On April 11, 2023, the five-person board responsible for approving Oklahoma charters unanimously voted to reject the proposal, due to concerns about its governance structure and plans for special education students, among other issues. However, it gave organizers 30 days to revise the proposal and try again.

Charter schools, which are publicly funded but generally run by independent organizations, have attracted ardent fans and foes since they started in the early 1990s. Yet the key question in this case is not whether a charter would help or harm local education, but whether explicitly religious instruction at charter schools is constitutional, given the First Amendment's protections against government establishment of religion.

In late 2022, the then-attorney general of Oklahoma argued that a state law barring faith-based charter schools was actually unconstitutional. The new attorney general who took office in January 2023 soon rescinded the opinion, leaving the charter school proposal in legal limbo - and making it even more likely to wind up at the Supreme Court if the school board eventually approves the charter.

Advocates of expanding public funding to faith-based schools were encouraged by three recent Supreme Court cases that upheld greater aid to their students. All three of these cases relied on a legal idea I have written about called the "child benefit test." Essentially, according to this concept, it is constitutional under some circumstances to provide public funds to students who attend faith-based private schools, or their parents - but not directly to the schools.

The first of these decisions, 2017's Trinity Lutheran Church of Columbia v. Comer, dealt with a private Christian preschool that was denied public grants to update its playground. School administrators sued, arguing that to deny generally available funding constituted religious discrimination, in violation of the First Amendment's protections for freedom of religion. The high court agreed.

Three years later, Espinoza v. Montana Department of Revenue further opened up government aid to private religious school pupils, relying on the Trinity Lutheran decision. A 5-4 majority ruled that Montana's tax credit program for parents sending their children to independent schools must apply even if those schools are faith-based.

In 2022, the Court extended this perspective in a case from Maine, Carson v. Makin. Maine, with its low population density, pays parents in areas lacking their own public schools to either transport their children to nearby public schools or a secular private school. The Supreme Court found that this program should apply to parents without a local public school who wish to send their child to a religious school, as well.

By expanding the boundaries of permissible aid, these three cases have boosted proponents'

hopes for even greater public funding for private faith-based schools - and now, with the charter proposal, hopes that there might be a path ahead for public religious schools, entirely paid for with taxpayer money. Yet, it is important to keep in mind what likely prompted these changes in the first place: new faces on the Supreme Court. A majority of today's justices tend to favor an "accommodationists" interpretation of the First Amendment, meaning they largely reject the idea that it demands a "wall of separation" between church and state, so long as the government is not privileging one faith over another.

Nevertheless, the parameters of the "child benefit test" often used to justify greater public funding has been evolving for years. The concept - which is one that legal scholars use to describe the Supreme Court's arguments, not a term the court has used itself - first emerged in a 1947 dispute from New Jersey, Everson v. Board of Education. In that case, the court upheld a state statute that allowed local school boards to transport students to faith-based schools - mostly Roman Catholic ones - reasoning that the students, not the schools themselves, were the primary beneficiaries of state aid.

In another illustrative case, 2002's Zelman v. Simmons-Harris, the Supreme Court allowed parents whose children attended Cleveland's public school system, which was then failing state standards, to use public vouchers to attend faith-based schools. A majority of justices upheld the program's constitutionality because, again, students were the primary beneficiaries, not the religious schools themselves. Moreover, students attended these schools as a result of their parents' free choices, not because doing so was required by the state.

Practical Biblical Principles

WHO OR WHAT IS DIRECTING YOUR LIFE?

Read: Psalm 23

Thirteen months ago, I preached to you a sermon entitled "Stop Hauling Water to the Desert." This sermon was simply encouraging you to stop practicing and believing in so-called religious sayings and behaviors which do not lead you closer to God. What good does it do to haul water into the desert and pour it out in the sand? It is very important that all Believers learn and be taught God's Word as accurate as possible. Not knowing God's word and interpreting it erroneously will lead to serious spiritual error and unwanted consequences.

This is how the end-time church will be defeated and the False Prophet will take over. Let us remember how powerful the words of God are. Jesus defeated the devil during His temptation period at the Mountain of Temptation by remembering and quoting the commands of God. We are encouraged by Scriptures to study to show ourselves approved in knowing God's Word (2 Timothy 2:15). This is a commandment and not an option for Believers.

Those Christians who haul water to the desert and pour it out are also those who believe that God directs their lives. There is a great difference in being directed as opposed to being led. When one is being directed, they are being pointed to or shown the way. Whereas, when one is being led, one is then in a following behavior behind someone in front. In the Christian theme of things, when one follows, one is not constrained or compelled to stay behind and stay in line. It is a free-will choice to follow. The question is: Is God really lead-

ing your life? Or is it the reality that it is you who is leading and controlling your own life and not God as you may have thought. If God were leading the angels, then a third of them would not have rebelled against Him along with chief Angel, Lucifer.

I sought the scripture to see where I could find God leading or planning the lives any of His servants from start to finish. God didn't lead or plan Adam and Eve's lives. He left the couple to their freewill and tested their freewill. God didn't lead or plan Abraham's life. Abraham by his own freewill followed God's wishes. From king Saul to king David followed their own lives. King Saul did a poor job of following God and paid dearly for it. We know God did not lead David into murder and adultery.

The climax of this matter is found only in the life of Jesus. God planned and directed the life of His Son, Jesus the Christ. Speaking of the way to worship, Jesus was intent on carrying out His Father's wishes in accomplishing man's total salvation - the elimination of all sin and the payment for the penalty of sin by shedding His blood and dying in our stead.

Jesus lays out the simple but perfect example of God's ideal expectation He wanted with mankind. It works this way when we first read and obey His Word and not deviate from it (2 Timothy 2:15). If we keep God's word in our hearts, God's word keeps us. It is the Word of God which keeps us moving in the holy direction which pleases God. This is when God blesses us and gives us the victory when rough trials and sickness come to our lives. Along with God's blessings comes hope and or faith is given a boost so that we may be

able to help others. God is not leading us. It appears that way. With one's freewill we make our own decisions and plow our way through our own life with God's words of hope and faith in our hearts and God will always meet us at the top of our faith at every turn in life we make. God promised He will meet us and not lead us in our lives.

We are working out our soul's salvation, as we are told to do when we follow God's word. David calls God's word, "A lamp (or light) unto my feet." In a sense king David is saying, "I use God word as a guiding light so that I can clearly see the way as well as be able to follow to stay in the pathway of righteousness on my own. God created no robots!

Living as a Christian has often led into some "rough spots." Are we willing to believe that God leads us intentionally into pain and trials? Or why would Jesus say He came to give us life and to give it to us more abundantly (John 10:10). Our enemy will gladly do such a thing. God will not lead us into temptation which we cannot get out of, nor will He put on us more than we can truly bare.

God prefers that we love Him and follow Him out of our own freewill. God gave to each of us the 'best gift' which is freewill to do with what you please.

Jeremiah 29:11 is not a 'slam dunk' of blessings. This scripture works for us when we have allowed the word of God to control us and put us in the position where we are able to obey God and allow Him to meet us at each turn of our lives.

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Obituaries

Robert A. Johnson was born in Liberia, West Africa on Dec. 14, 1942, to Mattie Mae Holt-Davis and Anthony Beulah Johnson, Sr.

He attended Charles H. Dewey American High School in Tabmanbury, Liberia. He then attended Shaw University in Raleigh from 1967-1969 and earned a Finance and Economics degree. He achieved his MBA in the late 1970s from North Carolina State University.

Mr. Johnson achieved a great deal in his career. He worked in the finance industry as a Financial Planner and Stockbroker for Chase Manhattan in New York, United Carolina Bank, New York Life, Los Angeles Co., and MetLife. He absolute loved to

read the Wall Street Journal.

He married his lovely wife, Ms. Ethel Ridley in the early 200s.

Mr. Johnson was a history buff and particularly spent time researching family history.

He was preceded in death by his parents, and stepson Darryl Ridley.

Robert A. Johnson leaves to cherish his memories, his wife Ethel B. Johnson; two sons Jeremy Johnson and Zwanah Sanders-Johnson; one daughter Safoula Farrington; fourteen grandchildren and great-grandchildren; two brothers AB Johnson and Jimmy Johnson; one nephew Sando Johnson, Sr.; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives, and friends.



ROBERT A. JOHNSON

Church Briefs

HAPPENINGS AT THE MAC...

Macedonia New Life Church (Macedonia NLC) is continuing weekly in-person worship services on Sundays starting at 9:30 a.m. and masks are now optional. The Family Life Center will now be available for overflow. The nursery is now open to children up to four years old. JOIN SUNDAY SCHOOL ON ZOOM.com

Macedonia NLC invites you to join us Sunday morning on zoom at 8:00 a.m. for Sunday School Meeting ID: 918 5873 2456 Passcode: 461350 To Call in Dial: 1 646 558 8656

Rev. Marilyn Fonville, M.Div. Macedonia NLC - Sunday School Superintendent/VBS Coordinator

Youth Sunday School

Youth Sunday School return has been delayed. The new starting date will be announced shortly!

Youth Bible Study

Youth Bible Study has started back! Macedonia NLC invites all youth to learn with us on Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m. for Preschool to Elementary school and 7:30 p.m. for Middle to High school. Meeting ID: 875 629 8755

Passcode: youth

To Call in Dial: 1 646 558 8656

Young Adult Bible Study Join us for Young Adult Bible Study every second and fourth Tuesday at 8:00 p.m. Please contact Reverend Mecca Dixon, Young Adult Pastor for more information.

Tuesdays In The Word

MNLN weekly Bible Study sessions, Tuesdays in the Word with Dr. Joe, will be Tuesdays at 6:00 p.m. online. MNLN invites you to join us each Tuesday!

Church Community Food Ministry Weekly Food Distribution Join the Church Community Food Ministry in distributing food to those in need in the community. Volunteers are needed to help set up, sort, assist guests, and break down. Join us every Thursday, first, third, and fifth Saturday in the Macedonia NLC parking lot, when the weather permits, from 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Breanna V. Garner - Macedonia NLC Staff Writer for the Carolinian Newspaper



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Letters To The Editor

Experiential Education

Dear Community,
 April is winding down and May is knocking on the door. Soon our kids will be done with another school year. The question for many families is what to do with their children during summer recess. With the escalating rise in crime and idol adolescence being influenced by TikTok to steal Korean made vehicles, parents may be looking for options to keep their children active, engaged and safe.

One place you can look is just outside of the outskirts of the city to many of North Carolina's farms that offer youth of various ages the opportunity to escape the pace and conflict of city life. In addition to a safe space, youth have the opportunity to not only connect with nature, but learn life skills that can benefit them beyond the farm.

Another great aspect of camps like this is it helps connect lessons learned in sciences like biology and chemistry and ties the process of how our food winds up on our table. Although this may seem utopian, keep in mind that some kids are going to connect right away and others may find themselves revisiting the agrarian lifestyle again at some point in their life.

Beyond the farm, the experience can allow youth to learn about economics through an alternative path. While the city boasts its wealth with sports cars, expensive clothes, and even dining at high end restaurants. But, when they get an opportunity to equestrians, acreage, and even the equipment. A John tractors and the many attachments can cost more than most high end homes. The value in the equipment is that they can turn a yield in both crops and economics.

What is the investment of turning your seeds into bountiful crops that can produce more seeds. As parents, we know we would do anything to give our children the best chance to not only survive, but thrive. An agrarian style camp may be just the thing to cultivate their future.

Rodney Ross

A U.S. Judge Is Enabling Tech's Campaign To Crush Startups

By Paul Michel
 Special To The Carolinian

Startups across the nation are on edge -- and for good reason. A District Court judge in Delaware recently imposed rigid and burdensome disclosure requirements including on companies that sue their much larger rivals for patent infringement.

If the judge's Standing Orders survive, it will give Big Tech defendants in infringement cases a huge tactical advantage. Defendants can use fights over compliance with the disclosure requirements to slow cases down, delay judgments and increase plaintiffs' legal costs.

In short, the new requirements will make it even easier for Big Tech firms to employ a strategy of "efficient infringement" -- willfully stealing smaller rivals' technology and then mustering armies of lawyers to drag out any lawsuits until the cash-strapped startups cry uncle and settle out-of-court for pennies on the dollar.

This typical disparity in resources is why startups and smaller innovators often seek third-party funding for infringement cases.

But why would an investor help pay for someone else's patent-infringement lawsuit?

Well, certain investment funds, having watched this growing trend in "efficient infringement," spotted an opportunity to help these startups -- and themselves. In effect, they agree to cover the costs of a lawsuit in return for a share of any damages.

Unsurprisingly, Big Tech is unhappy about all this. So it has launched a campaign against third-party litigation funding.

The right to sue for damages incurred is an essential feature of the American judicial system -- and third-party funding in various forms has long been a part of it.

Lawyers take cases on contingency, effectively funding clients' cases with returns dependent on a win. Parties in all kinds of cases -- from worker compensation to tenant-landlord disputes to civil rights -- rely on donations, loans, and pro-bono legal work. Third-party financing is not some unique feature of patent litigation.

Federal rules already require litigants to disclose major ownership stakes.

But Judge Colm Connolly's added requirements go much further, demanding disclosure of all funders along with "every owner, member, and partner of the [litigating] party, proceeding up the chain of ownership until the name of every individual and corporation with a direct or indirect interest in the party has been identified."

The judge departed from the prevailing view in most courts throughout the United States that the funders of a lawsuit are irrelevant to the merits of the lawsuit itself.

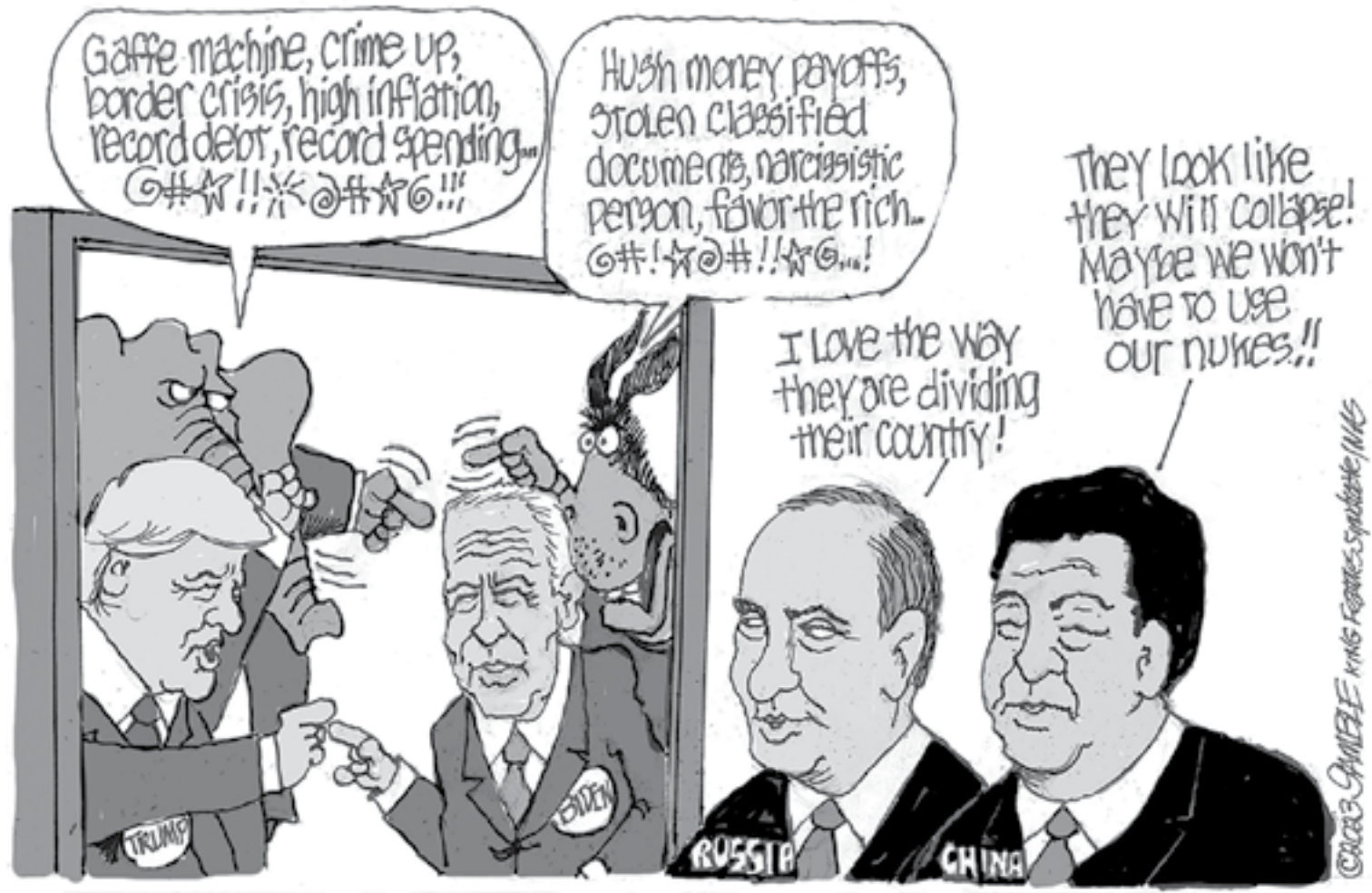
Connolly's orders have sparked much controversy and two petitions before the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit seeking emergency relief from this judicial imposition (albeit denied as being premature).

Big Tech companies say they just want "transparency" and "disclosure." The ongoing "disclosure" campaign could tie up small patent holders in expensive legal knots over issues irrelevant to the merits and only rarely relevant to case management.

If the Goliaths continue to get their way, it could curtail American innovation and the job creation it brings for decades to come because startups are unusually innovative.

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FUNdraising Good Times

By Mel & Pearl Shaw
 Saad & Shaw

SHAPING OUR FUTURE AS A LANDSCAPE ARCHITECT

"I believe that all monuments have their place; I also believe that the story they tell should be factual and not slanted in their true role in history. We as people should remember that not all monuments celebrate the good, many monuments tell a story that are painful to some; however all monuments should provoke thought and tell the truth, so we as people will remember!"

These are the words of John Jackson III, a landscape architect for over thirty-eight years, commenting on the movement to remove confederate statues. As the owner of one of only a few Black landscape architect firms he has deep insights into the development of monuments, parks, plazas, walkways, and historic monuments. He is part of a movement creating a public counter-narrative to monuments that honor the confederacy. He and his team at JPA Inc. are well versed in the design of large-scale planning, planting, themed developments, museums and cultural projects that bring African American history and aspirations to life.

He is being more than modest when he says "I believe that the work that we have done as it relates to African American culturally significant projects is one of our core competencies. We have worked on projects all over the United States and have won many honors and awards for our work." JPA Inc. has worked on the Historic Campus Entry to Tougaloo College (a former Slave Plantation that is now an institution of higher learning) in Mississippi; I AM A MAN Plaza in Memphis, TN; the Harlem District Streetscape in Albany, GA; the Tuskegee Airmen National Historic Site in Alabama; Henry "Hank" Aaron Park in Mobile, AL; the Magic Johnson Sports Facility in Holly Springs, MS; and the site design for the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. National Historic Site in Atlanta, GA.

It hasn't been an easy journey Jackson shares. "I started in Landscape Architecture, in 1983 there were very few African-American Landscape Architects in practice. I was the second African-American to graduate from the Landscape Architecture Program at Mississippi State University since the program began in 1964. As it relates to barriers, coming out of school, no one wanted to hire me, some clients did not want to hire us, many doors for certain types of projects were closed to us." But he is encouraging and welcoming towards those who are new to the field or considering such a career path. "Do not let the lack of African-Americans in this field of Landscape Architecture deter you from becoming one. I believe that being a minority amongst a majority is a clear advantage, especially if you know what you are doing. In order to be noticed you must stand out, being an African-American in Landscape Architecture gives you that advantage."

Landscape architect isn't always the first career path that a person considers. But the work is influential and lasting. It's an opportunity to tell the truth and shape the future for generations to come. Join us in saluting John Jackson III and the team at JPA Inc.

Child Watch

By Marian Wright Edelman

IT'S ALWAYS THE GUNS

Gun violence takes a relentless toll in our nation. Every day more than 300 people are killed or injured by guns in the United States, and most of their stories never make the news at all. But this was yet another week when multiple gun tragedies made national headlines.

One of those tragedies started out as a celebration: Alexis Dowdell's sweet 16 birthday party at a dance studio in Dadeville, Alabama on April 15. She and her family had been planning the party for months, and the dance floor was filled with young people and a DJ when gunfire broke out. More than thirty people were injured and four were killed, including Alexis's older brother, 18-year-old Philstavius "Phil" Dowdell. Alexis remembered Phil pushing her to the ground to protect her in the chaos, but the next time she saw him he was lying in a pool of blood. She told an interviewer, "I got on my knees and he was laying face down. And that's when I grabbed him. I turned him over, I was holding him. . . I was trying to be strong instead of panicking. And so I said, 'You're going to be all right, you're a fighter, you're strong.'" But Phil, a high school senior and star athlete who had a football scholarship to Jacksonville State University, was gone—along with another 17-year-old Dadeville High senior and two more young guests. Many of those injured remain hospitalized in serious condition.

The nonprofit Gun Violence Archive, which keeps track of mass shootings in the U.S. where four or more victims are killed or injured by guns, notes that there have been more than 165 mass shootings so far in 2023—more than one a day. On April 15 there were seven mass shootings, the most in a single day so far this year. So the devastating mass injuries and deaths at a birthday party that night were heartbreaking, but they were not unusual for America. But those stories about the "everyday" trauma and tragedy of mass shootings were also joined this week by the latest headlines about a se-

ries of "mistake" shootings.

On April 13 in Kansas City, Missouri, 16-year-old honors student and musician Ralph Yarl was shot in the head and arm after mistakenly ringing the wrong doorbell while trying to pick up his younger brothers from a friend's home. The man who shot him said that when the 5'8", 140-lb teenager came to his door, he looked out and saw a 6-foot-tall Black man and felt "scared to death." Instead of asking any questions he immediately shot Ralph through the locked glass storm door. Two days later in Hebron, New York, 20-year-old Kaylin Gillis was shot and killed after she and a group of friends mistakenly drove into the wrong home's driveway. The young people, who were in a rural area with no cell phone service, had already realized their mistake and were trying to leave when the homeowner started firing on them, hitting Kaylin inside the car where she was sitting in the passenger seat. And on April 18 in Elgin, Texas, two elite high school cheerleaders returning from practice were shot after one of them mistakenly opened the door to the wrong car in an H-E-B grocery store parking lot. Eighteen-year-old Payton Washington, who was planning to attend Baylor University in the fall on an acrobatic and tumbling scholarship and who had already overcome physical challenges after being born with only one lung, was airlifted to a hospital in critical condition with injuries to her spleen and other organs.

All of these only-in-America atrocities took place the very same week that many Republican politicians were attending the National Rifle Association's annual convention to pledge their allegiance to the gun lobby. Reuters Pictures shared a series of photos from the convention of children as young as six and seven holding guns whose triggers barely fit their small hands as they pointed them at the camera. Shannon Watts, the founder of Moms Demand Action, said afterwards in an interview, "Responsible gun owners and parents would not allow a child to put their finger on a firearm's trigger while pointing it at other people—even if they're props. . . It's more clear than ever that the NRA's goal was never to teach children about responsible gun handling but to market guns and gun extremism to a new generation." But there is a large majority of Americans who favor common sense gun safety laws, who did not vote to put the NRA in charge of our national security, who are not grooming our own children and grandchildren to become gun extremists, and who do not want our children and grandchildren to be shot or killed because they attended a birthday party, recognized the wrong car in a parking lot, or accidentally drove to the wrong address. In our nation with more guns than people, we know we need to do something about the guns.

A Different Voice

By Dorothy Shaw Thompson

Talking About Racism

I saw recently that the City of Raleigh is considering apologizing for its racist and oppressive past. Mayor Baldwin is accused of asking that people be removed from the list of speakers if they want to discuss reparative justice. She denies this accusation. She says, according to the report that she wants legal advice before the Human Relations Commission begins work on the topic and or the City Council gives direction to work on the topic. Much of the minutia surrounding this controversy defines the problem for me. (1) Having difficulty talking about or apologizing for past racism highlights the reality that there are those who want to protect themselves and their feelings from truth. (2) Focusing on the past racism as a topic for discussion is in itself a shield for not dealing with continued racism in the present.

Yes, I said it, racism is alive and well in the minds of people who live in this city, serve on our boards, police our streets, live in our neighborhoods and teach in our schools. Even some liberals who think that its okay to move into our neighborhoods and live next door to us come in with an attitude of improving "where they now live" without consulting the people who have lived here almost forever. A case in point, speed bumps... why do we now have them when residents on certain streets have asked for them forever? Why also are we now getting "roundabouts" on small spaces such as Hargett Street. Who thinks that is a good idea when the stop signs have worked for decades? Why after years of requests for an upgrade of the Chavis Heights Community Center did work begin as plans for gentrification progressed?

Why is it that police response in our previously predominantly black neighborhoods is overwhelming? Why does it take seven to twelve police cars to descend when calls are made of "suspicious" activity? Why has there been no apology for the death of Ivan Ingram years in the past? I haven't forgotten him.

Why has there been no attempt to keep the character of neighborhoods where we have lived? Why have no landmarks of where previous citizens of note lived and or pictures taken of these places to preserve for education's sake the survival and progress of a people who lived and prospered here? Why did some decide to reassign and designate this area as other than Southeast Raleigh? I could go on and on.

Instead I'll share some of my ideas for your consideration and I'll tell you where I get my ideas from. I believe that there is a continuing belief in the minds of some that black people and other people of "hue" are inferior to them. They can't compare their progress with freedom to "be" with the progress we've made in this city and country despite slavery and jim crow segregation.

Seriously, racism is so ignorant to me that I believe its a diagnosable mental illness. It's rooted in a total distortion of the facts, a desire to keep living in fear and ignorance and an inability to see that one's belief system is the problem.

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**NOTICE OF SERVICE
OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION**
In The General Court Of Justice
Superior Court Division
Before the Clerk
File Number 23-E-434

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 10th day of July 2023, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery.

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

This the 6th day of April, 2023.

William Stamey Peeler
Administrator
P.O. Box 71519
Durham, NC 27722
4/6, 4/13, 4/20, and 4/27/2023
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
DURHAM COUNTY

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

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

All debtors of the said estate are asked to make immediate 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

**NOTICE OF SERVICE
OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION**
In The General Court Of Justice
Superior Court Division
Before the Clerk
File Number 23-E-241

The Undersigned, having qualified as ADMINISTRATRIX of the Estate of VICKIE JO DANIELS late of Durham County, North Carolina, hereby wishes to notify all persons having claims against the Estate of said deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned at the below listed address on or before the 10th day of July 2023, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of 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
OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION**
In The General Court Of Justice
Superior Court Division
Before the Clerk
File Number 23-E-253

The Undersigned, having qualified as EXECUTOR of the Estate of ANGELINA 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

**NOTICE OF SERVICE
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 TO CREDITORS
FILE NO. 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 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 Croasdaile 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 Croasdaile Drive Suite 205
Durham, NC 27705
1-919-246-5775
4/13, 4/20, 4/27, and 5/4/2023
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
DURHAM COUNTY

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
FILE NO. 23-E-477

Having qualified as Administrator of the Estate of Henry Duke Turrentine, late of Durham County, North Carolina, the undersigned does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claim against the estate of said decedent to exhibit them to the undersigned c/o Guido De Maere, P.A. at 100 Europa Drive, Suite 160, P.O. Box 3591, Chapel Hill, NC 27515 on or before the 20th day of July, 2023, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This, the 20th day of April, 2023.

June K. Foushee,
Administrator of the Estate of
Henry Duke Turrentine
Attorney for the Estate:
Guido De Maere, P.A.
P.O. Box 3591
Chapel Hill, NC 27515-3591
4/20, 4/27, 5/4, and 5/11/2023
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
DURHAM COUNTY

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
FILE NO. 23-E-463

The undersigned having qualified as Executor of the Estate of WELSFORD EURE ARTZ, Deceased, late of Durham County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the Estate to exhibit them to the undersigned at the office of IDOL LAW, PLLC, PO Box 51759, Durham, North Carolina 27717, on or before the 23rd day of July, 2023, or this Notice will be in bar of their recovery.

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

This, the 20th day of April, 2023.

Sarah Selvey Artz, Executor
Estate of Welsford Eure Artz,
Deceased
Robert A. Idol, Esquire
IDOL LAW, PLLC
Attorney at Law
PO Box 51759
Durham, NC 27717
(919)401.5151
4/20, 4/27, 5/4, and 5/11/2023
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
DURHAM COUNTY

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
PROBATE #23-E-403

All persons, firm and corporations having claims against ROBERT GLENN HALL, late of Durham County, North Carolina are hereby notified to present them to Garrett Glenn Hall, as Executor of the decedent's estate in care of Kendall H. Page, Attorney, 210 N Columbia Street, Chapel Hill, NC 27514 on or before the 10th day of August, 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 above named Executor.

This, the 20th day of April, 2023.

Kendall H. Page
Executor
210 N Columbia Street
Chapel Hill, NC 27514
Bar # 14261
4/20, 4/27, 5/4, and 5/11/2023
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
DURHAM COUNTY

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
FILE NO. 23-E-454

THE UNDERSIGNED, having qualified on the 10th day of April, 2023, as Executor of the ESTATE OF ELIZABETH B. BATTON A/K/A ELIZABETH BOATMAN BATTON, Deceased, of Durham County, North Carolina, do hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against said Estate to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the 21st day of July, 2023 or this Notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said Estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This, the 20th day of April, 2023.

Wade Talbot Laughey
Executor
Estate of Elizabeth B. Batton
A/K/A Elizabeth Boatman Batton
c/o Rupe S. Gill, Attorney
Walker Lambe, PLLC
Post Office Box 51549
Durham, North Carolina 27717
4/20, 4/27, 5/4, and 5/11/2023
NORTH CAROLINA
DURHAM COUNTY

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

Small Claims
File No. 23 CV 001914
**COMPLAINT TO ENFORCE
POSSESSORY LIEN ON MOTOR
VEHICLE**

Chandler's Tire Auto and Towing,
LLC
1314 E. Club Blvd
Durham, NC 27704
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 2020 Ecolight Trailer, ID No. 1F9BE1216L1509274, and that the petitioner shall have the right to sell to the highest bidder the motor vehicle listed on June 29, 2023 at 510 S. Dillard St., Third Floor, at 2:00 p.m. You are required to make a defense to such pleading before such date and time.

This the 20th day of April, 2023.

1314 E. Club Blvd
Durham, NC 27704
4/20, 4/27, and 5/4/2023
NORTH CAROLINA
DURHAM COUNTY

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

Small Claims
File No. 23 CV 001916
**COMPLAINT TO ENFORCE
POSSESSORY LIEN ON MOTOR
VEHICLE**

Chandler's Tire Auto and Towing,
LLC
1314 E. Club Blvd
Durham, NC 27704
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 1977 GMC, ID No. TZE167V100063, and that the petitioner shall have the right to sell to the highest bidder the motor vehicle listed on June 29, 2023 at 510 S. Dillard St., Third Floor, at 2:00 p.m. You are required to make a defense to such pleading before such date and time.

This the 20th day of April, 2023.

1314 E. Club Blvd
Durham, NC 27704
4/20, 4/27, and 5/4/2023
NORTH CAROLINA
DURHAM COUNTY

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

Small Claims
File No. 23 CV 001915
**COMPLAINT TO ENFORCE
POSSESSORY LIEN ON MOTOR
VEHICLE**

Chandler's Tire Auto and Towing,
LLC
1314 E. Club Blvd
Durham, NC 27704
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 1998 Ford, ID No. 3FAPP15P9WR265516, and that the petitioner shall have the right to sell to the highest bidder the motor vehicle listed on June 29, 2023 at 510 S. Dillard St., Third Floor, at 2:00 p.m. You are required to make a defense to such pleading before such date and time.

This the 20th day of April, 2023.

1314 E. Club Blvd
Durham, NC 27704
4/20, 4/27, and 5/4/2023
NORTH CAROLINA
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**In The General Court Of Justice
District Court Division**

Small Claims
File No. 23 CV 001913
**COMPLAINT TO ENFORCE
POSSESSORY LIEN ON MOTOR
VEHICLE**

Chandler's Tire Auto and Towing,
LLC
1314 E. Club Blvd
Durham, NC 27704
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 1976 Triumph, ID No. ACW07708U, and that the petitioner shall have the right to sell to the highest bidder the motor vehicle listed on June 29, 2023 at 510 S. Dillard St., Third Floor, at 2:00 p.m. You are required to make a defense to such pleading before such date and time.

This the 20th day of April, 2023.

1314 E. Club Blvd
Durham, NC 27704
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-360

The Undersigned, having qualified as EXECUTOR of the Estate of SYMA JANET KENT 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 31st 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 27th day of April, 2023.

Adam S. Kent
Executor
105 Willingham Road
Morrisville, NC 27560
4/27, 5/4, 5/11, and 5/18/2023
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-359

The Undersigned, having qualified as EXECUTOR of the Estate of GERALD DAVID KENT 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 31st 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 27th day of April, 2023.

Adam S. Kent
Executor
105 Willingham Road
Morrisville, NC 27560
4/27, 5/4, 5/11, and 5/18/2023
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-501

The Undersigned, having qualified as ADMINISTRATOR of the Estate of JOAN H. MCALEXANDER late of Durham County, North Carolina, hereby wishes to notify all persons having claims against the Estate of said deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned at the below listed address on or before the 27th day of 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 27th day of April, 2023.

Janice H. Turner
Administrator
P.O. Box 3072
Wilson, NC 27895
4/27, 5/4, 5/11, and 5/18/2023
NORTH CAROLINA
DURHAM COUNTY

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
FILE NO. 23 E 513

Having qualified as Administrator of the Estate of LOVE INNIS JONES ZACHARY, deceased, of 3100 Erwin 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 July 28, 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 27th day of April, 2023.

Jeffrey L. Austin
Administrator
Law Office of Jeffrey L. Austin
PLLC
411 W. Chapel Hill Street, Suite C-2
Durham, NC 27701
4/27, 5/4, 5/11, and 5/18/2023
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-497

The Undersigned, having qualified as ADMINISTRATOR of the Estate of MICHAEL DEJEAN STEWART late of Durham County,

North Carolina, hereby wishes to notify all persons having claims against the Estate of said deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned at the below listed address on or before the 27th day of 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 27th day of April, 2023.

Garlinda Price
Administrator
1601 Holloman Drive
Fayetteville, NC 28312
4/27, 5/4, 5/11, and 5/18/2023
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-507

The Undersigned, having qualified as EXECUTOR of the Estate of KENNETH FLOYD BROWN, SR late of Durham County, North Carolina, hereby wishes to notify all persons having claims against the Estate of said deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned at the below listed address on or before the 27th 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 27th day of April, 2023.

Emily Elizabeth Scott
Executor
2400 Old Oak Place
Hillsborough, NC 27278
4/27, 5/4, 5/11, and 5/18/2023
NORTH CAROLINA
DURHAM COUNTY

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
FILE NO. 23 E 468

All persons, firms and corporations having claims against GEOFFREY LEE HEWITT A/K/A GEOFFREY L. HEWITT A/K/A GEOFFREY HEWITT A/K/A JEFFREY HEWITT, late of Durham County, North Carolina, are hereby notified to exhibit them to Brent Harrison Hewitt, Executor of the decedent's estate on or before July 31, 2023, c/o Thomas J. Neagle, Attorney at Law, 605 W. Main Street, Suite 104, Carrboro, North Carolina 27510, or this notice will be pled in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to the decedent are asked to make immediate payment to the above-named Executor.

This, the 27th day of April, 2023.

Brent Harrison Hewitt, Executor
c/o Thomas J. Neagle, Attorney
Neagle Law Firm, PC
605 W. Main Street, Suite 104
Carrboro, North Carolina 27510
(919) 368-3536
4/27, 5/4, 5/11, and 5/18/2023
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-491

The Undersigned, having qualified as ADMINISTRATRIX of the Estate of FELICIA MICHELLE MAYO late of Durham County, North Carolina, hereby wishes to notify all persons having claims against the Estate of said deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned at the below listed address on or before the 27th day of 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 27th day of April, 2023.

Thelma Elaine Best
Administratrix
4333 Michael Alan CT
Graham, NC 27253
4/27, 5/4, 5/11, and 5/18/2023
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-493

The Undersigned, having qualified as EXECUTOR of the Estate of BEVERLY SUTHERLAND SCROGGS A/K/A BEVERLY MARRBY 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 27th day of July 2023, or this notice will be

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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 27th day of April, 2023. Barry Christopher Scroggs
 Executor
 c/o Marion Law Office, PLLC
 2741 University Drive
 Durham, NC 27707
 4/27, 5/4, 5/11, and 5/18/2023
 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-505

The Undersigned, having qualified as EXECUTOR of the Estate of ORIES ALSTON JR. late of Durham County, North Carolina, hereby wishes to notify all persons having claims against the Estate of said deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned at the below listed address on or before the 27th 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 27th day of April, 2023. Jacqueline Alston-Taylor
 Executor
 5344 Fayetteville Rd.
 Durham, NC 27713
 4/27, 5/4, 5/11, and 5/18/2023

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 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

In The General Court Of Justice
 District Court Division
 Small Claims
 File No. 23CV7140-910
AMEND COMPLAINT TO ENFORCE POSSESSORY LIEN ON MOTOR VEHICLE

9 MOTORS LLC
 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
 Superior Court Division
 Before the Clerk
 File Number 2021 E 004813

The Undersigned, having qualified as ADMINISTRATOR of the Estate of SIBYL YVETTE HARRIS late of Wake County, North Carolina, hereby wishes to notify all persons having claims against the Estate of said deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned at the below listed address on or before the 10th day of July 2023, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery.

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

This the 6th day of April, 2023. Hagar Vines Harris
 Co-Administrator
 215 Sandy Run
 Knightdale, NC 27545
 Pamela Harris Green
 Co-Administrator
 808 King's Cross Way
 Raleigh, NC 27615
 4/6, 4/13, 4/20, and 4/27/2023
 NORTH CAROLINA
 WAKE COUNTY

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Brenda W. Mutisya, having qualified as EXECUTOR of the Estate of Gene Berkley Woods, deceased on September 11, 2022 in Wake County, North Carolina, does hereby notify all creditors of said estate to present their claims to the undersigned on or before July 13, 2023, at 601 Timberdash Trail, Rolesville, NC 27571 or this notice will be pleaded in a bar of recovery. All persons indebted to this estate will please make immediate settlement of the same.

This, the 13th day of April, 2023. Brenda W. Mutisya
 Executor
 601 Timberdash Trl.
 Rolesville, NC 27597
 4/13, 4/20, 4/27, and 5/4/2023
 STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
 WAKE COUNTY

NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION
 In The General Court Of Justice
 Superior Court Division
 Before the Clerk
 File Number 2021 E 001119

The Undersigned, having qualified as Administrator of the Estate of Peter Ray Johnson, 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 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. Eric Lawrence Johnson
 Administrator
 213 North Trail Drive
 Raleigh, NC 27615
 4/13, 4/20, 4/27, and 5/4/2023
 NORTH CAROLINA
 WAKE COUNTY

NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION
 In The General Court Of Justice
 District Court Division
 File No. 23CV008020-910
 To: UNKNOWN FATHER,
 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 permanent child custody. A female child was born to Rosa Nidia Guifarro, on July 26, 2006 in Wake County, North Carolina. The mother's birthplace is Honduras and she passed on January 13, 2023. The mother was 38 years-old when the minor was born, and the mother measured 5'2 and weighed approximately 180 pounds. You are required to make a defense to such pleading no later than May 30, 2023 said date being at least forty (40) days from the first publication of this Notice, and upon your failure to do so, the Plaintiff, J Socorro Bautista Leon, will apply to the court for the relief sought.

This, the 20th day of April, 2023. Yvonne Armendariz, Esq.
 Armendariz Law Office, PLLC
 6110 Lake Wheeler Road
 Raleigh, NC 27603
 Telephone: (919) 656-1524
 Yvonne@armendarizlaw.com
 4/20, 4/27, and 5/4/2023
 NORTH CAROLINA
 WAKE COUNTY

NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION
 In The General Court Of Justice
 District Court Division
 File No. 23CV007865-910
 To: FRANCISCO JAVIER
 CABRERA, 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 June 6, 2023 said date being at least forty (40) days from the first publication of this Notice, and upon your failure to do

so, the Plaintiff, Dora Orellana Martinez, will apply to the court for the relief sought.

This, the 27th day of April 2023. Yvonne Armendariz, Esq.
 Armendariz Law Office, PLLC
 6110 Lake Wheeler Road
 Raleigh, NC 27603
 Telephone: (919) 656-1524
 4/27, 5/4, and 5/11/2023

CHATHAM COUNTY

NORTH CAROLINA
 CHATHAM 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 23, 2023 said date being at least forty (40) days from the first publication of this Notice, and upon your failure to do so, the Plaintiff, ENA KARINA AGURCIA ACOSTA, will apply to the court for the relief sought.

This, the 13th day of April, 2023. Aneta Pavai
 Pavai Law Offices, PLLC
 7404 Chapel Hill Rd
 Suite M
 Raleigh NC 27607
 Telephone: (919) 410-6690
 4/13, 4/20, and 4/27/2023

PERSON COUNTY

NORTH CAROLINA
 PERSON COUNTY

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
 FILE NO. 23 E 152

The undersigned having qualified as Executor of the Estate of LARRY JAMES WHITTLE, SR., a/k/a LARRY JAMES WHITTLE, Deceased, late of Person County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the Estate to Exhibit them to the undersigned at the office of IDOL LAW, PLLC, PO Box 51759, Durham, North Carolina 27717, on or before the 30th day of July, 2023, or this Notice will be in bar of their recovery.

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

This is the 27th day of April, 2023. RYAN JAMES CRUZ-WHITTLE,
 Executor, Estate of Larry James Whittle, Sr., a/k/a Larry James Whittle, Deceased
 Robert A. Idol, Esquire
 IDOL LAW, PLLC, Attorney at Law
 PO Box 51759
 Durham, NC 27717
 (919)401.5151
 4/27, 5/4, 5/11, and 5/18/2023

CHW TEAM COORDINATOR

SEHCNC seeks CHW Team Coordinator (Raleigh): Supervise, coordinate daily work of team of CHWs serving Spanish-speaking communities. Ensure team provides strategic outreach, advocacy to their communities. Responsible for monitoring work and progress of their team, completing timesheets, leave time, scheduling, mileage and activity reports, disciplinary actions, other tasks. Develop relationships with stakeholders, host events to inform migrant community of available health and social services. Spanish req'd. Daytime travel req'd. 40h/wk, M-F. Send resume to or contact Robert Farmer at rfarmer@sehnc.com to apply.

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 **WRSS Force Main - Segment 2 - Pony Farm Road to LTS** project for the **City of Jacksonville** which bids **May 3, 2023, at 3:00 PM**. Plans and specifications for this project are available at the following locations: TA Loving Company, 400 Patetown Road, Goldsboro, NC 27530 * City of Jacksonville, Engineering Division of Public Services, City Hall, 815 New Bridge Street, Jacksonville, NC 28540.

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

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

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

Barnhill Contracting Company will be bidding on the following project on May 16th, 2023. We are most interested in receiving quotes from your company on these projects:

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| Heavy Highway Division | Contract ID: C204570 |
| Contact: | Michael Taylor, mtaylor@barnhillcontracting.com, at 252-823-1021 or fax 252-977-7512 in our Rocky Mount Office, located at 800 Tiffany Blvd, Suite 200, Rocky Mount, NC 27804. |
| Pre-Bid Meeting: | Friday May 5th, 2023 at 9:00 AM in the Rocky Mount Office. |
| Rocky Mount Paving | Contract ID: C204818 & C204819 |
| Contact: | Jeremy Whitehurst, Jeremy@barnhillcontracting.com, at (252) 823-1021 or fax (252) 977-7512 in our Rocky Mount Office, located at 800 Tiffany Blvd, Suite 200, Rocky Mount, NC 27804. |
| Pre-Bid Meeting: | Friday May 5th, 2023 at 10:00 AM in the Rocky Mount Office. |

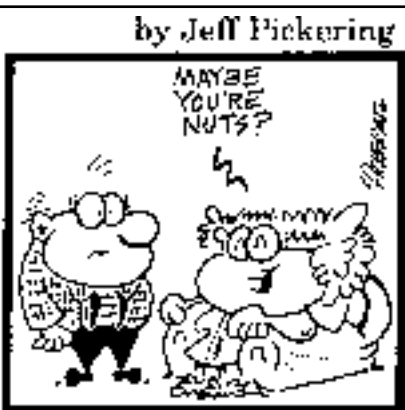
- For hauling operations, we will need to know how many of your own hauling units will be available for this project. We will need this on your written quote prior to bid time and this will be made a part of any subcontract.
- Plans and specifications are available at:
 - NC DOT https://connect.ncdot.gov/letting/Pages/Central-Letting-Details.aspx?let_type=Central&let_date=2023-05-16%2000:00:00
 - Plans may also be viewed in our offices. Please call for an appointment.
- These projects include opportunities on, but not limited to hauling, incidental milling, traffic control, curb and gutter, permanent signing, guardrail install, incidental concrete construction, ABC, shoulder construction, pipe install, minor drainage structures, temporary silt fence, and pavement markings. All firms or persons interested in bidding on any applicable portions of these projects or supplying materials for any applicable portion of this project are invited to contact us direct or by phone (we accept collect calls). By submitting a quote, it is understood that you have read and understand the specifications.

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

NC General Contractors Lic. # 3194
 Attn: Tom Shannon

AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYER

COMICS



Facts can be checked with research, and these days a lot of people use the internet for their research. Unfortunately, not all information on the internet is true and accurate. Here are some tips to help you do research on the internet more carefully.

The News Literacy Project provides a list of 10 questions to help people do research on the internet. Below are three of those questions. To see all 10, go to the source link below.

Gauge your emotional reaction:
Is it strong? Are you angry? Are you intensely hoping that the information turns out to be true? False?

Consider the headline or main message:
a. Does it use excessive punctuation (!!!) or ALL CAPS for emphasis?
b. Does it make a claim about containing a secret or telling you something that "the media" doesn't want you to know?

Consider the source of the information:
a. Is it a well-known source?
b. Is there a byline (an author's name) attached to this piece?
c. Go to the website's "About" section: Does the site describe itself as a "fantasy news" or "satirical news" site?
d. Does the person or organization that produced the information have any editorial standards?
e. Does the "contact us" section include an email address that matches the domain (not a Gmail or Yahoo email address)?
f. Does a quick search for the name of the website raise any suspicions?

Source: newslit.org

Kid Scoop VOCABULARY BUILDERS
This week's word: **DEMOCRACY**
The noun **democracy** means a system of government typically elected by a majority of the people.

In a **democracy**, it's important for the people to vote in every election.
Try to use the word **democracy** in a sentence today when talking with your friends and family members.

World Press Freedom Day

RISKS REPORT JOURNALISTS RIGHT CONTROL FREE

May 3rd is World Press Freedom Day. People around the world will celebrate the importance of a free press to a democracy.

Freedom of the press gives _____ the right to _____ the truth with a promise that they will not be punished for doing their job by the government.

Freedom of the press also means that people have the _____ to express their opinions or beliefs in publications.

In certain countries, that is not the case.

Where the Press Isn't Free

Sadly, some governments _____ what newspapers and other media can say. Newspapers are not _____ to write about many events.

Journalists around the world take great _____ to get facts and important news and information to all people. Far too many have died doing this.



Can you find at least 5 differences between these two pictures?



Write an article about something you did or saw recently. Include at least three FACTS. Remember to include WHO, WHAT, WHERE, WHEN and WHY, too.

WRITE THE HEADLINE:

By: _____ your name
Write the article here (or use a separate sheet of paper):

Draw a map showing where the event happened:

NEWS OR NOT? Look through the newspaper for articles that a government might want taken out. Cross them out. What's left? These two people are talking about one of the articles you crossed out. Write what you think these people are saying.

Good article! People need to read this because _____

I disagree! This should not be in the newspaper because _____

A Day to Reflect and Remember

World Press Freedom Day is a day to think about the importance of a free press and to remember those who have fought and sacrificed for the press to be free.

Facts Help People Understand the World

There are many difficult and confusing things going on in the world. Sometimes it is hard to know what to think. One tip is to look for the **FACTS**. (Example: *The house is red* is a fact. *The house is beautiful* is an opinion.)

FACTS are pieces of information based upon things that can be measured, proven or seen by anyone. **OPINIONS** describe how someone feels about a thing or event. Opinions can vary from person to person.

Circle the **FACTS** in GREEN. Circle the **OPINIONS** in RED.

Tomás is a fast reader.	The apple weighs 5 ounces.	Trees are prettier in the summer than in the fall.	The movie was filmed on location in Canada.
Tomás can read 100 words in 30 seconds.	The apple tastes good.	Trees need water and sunlight to grow.	The funniest scenes you'll ever see are in this movie.

Standards Link: Literacy: Differentiate between fact and opinion.

Journalism Careers

Look through today's newspaper for the names of the following:

- publisher
- editor
- managing editor
- editorial page editor
- an opinion columnist
- a reporter

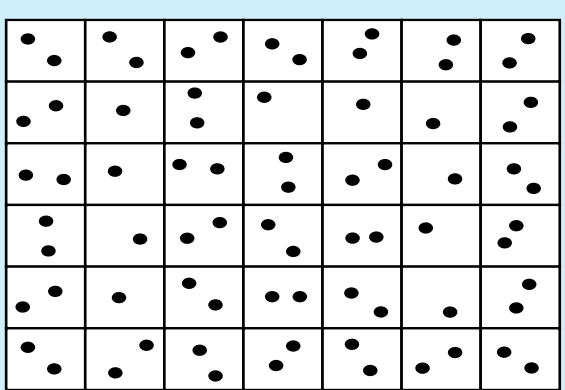
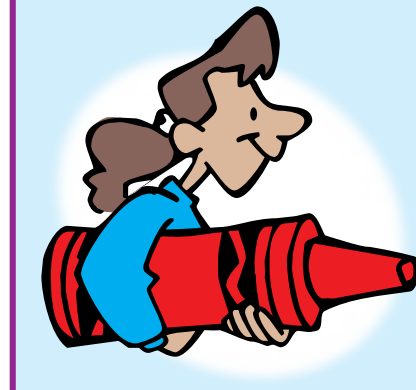
Standards Link: Understand newspaper format.

Kid Scoop Puzzler

Freedom of the Press

The Founding Fathers of the United States believed so strongly in the importance of a free press, that they protected that right in the First Amendment of the Constitution. There were 10 Amendments, or additions, added to the Constitution in 1791.

To find out how many Amendments have been added since 1791, color the spaces with two dots red.



Double Double Word Search

JOURNALIST
FOUNDING
OPINIONS
FREEDOM
FATHERS
PROMISE
PROVEN
WORLD
PRESS
TRUTH
RIGHT
FACTS
MEDIA
FEELS
READ

Find the words in the puzzle. How many of them can you find on this page?

F	O	U	N	D	I	N	G	P	E
A	R	R	F	A	C	T	S	P	S
T	O	E	D	F	H	R	M	R	I
H	M	A	E	G	I	U	E	O	M
E	E	E	I	D	S	T	D	V	O
R	L	R	L	E	O	H	I	E	R
S	P	R	E	S	S	M	A	N	P
J	O	U	R	N	A	L	I	S	T
W	S	N	O	I	N	I	P	O	S

Standards Link: Letter sequencing. Recognize identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.

FROM THE Kid Scoop LESSON LIBRARY

Letter to the Editor

Look for newspaper articles that give information that you think is important for your community. Write a letter to the editor thanking them for that information. Let them know that you appreciate their freedom to report this.

Standards Link: Write in a variety of formats.

What did they wear for the Boston Tea Party?



ANSWER: Tea shirts!

Write On!

Money Problem

Write out a word problem involving money. Remember to include your answer.