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African American's Long History Of Gratefulness

By Olivia B. Waxman

Time
 Nowadays, Memorial Day honors veterans of all wars, but its roots are in America's deadliest conflict, the Civil War. Approximately 620,000 soldiers died, about two-thirds from disease.

The work of honoring the dead began right away all over the country, and several American towns claim to be the birthplace of Memorial Day. Researchers have traced the earliest annual commemoration to women who laid flowers on soldiers' graves in the Civil War hospital town of Columbus, Miss., in April 1866. But historians like the Pulitzer Prize winner David Blight have tried to raise awareness of freed slaves who decorated soldiers' graves a year earlier, to make sure their story gets told too.

According to Blight's 2001 book *Race and Reunion: The Civil War in American Memory*, a commemoration organized by freed slaves and some white missionaries took place on May 1, 1865, in Charleston, S.C., at a former planters' racetrack where Confederates held captured Union soldiers during the last year of the war. At least 257 prisoners died, many of disease, and were buried in unmarked graves, so black residents of Charleston decided to give them a proper burial.

In the approximately 10 days leading up to the event, roughly two dozen African American Charlestonians reorganized the graves into rows and built a 10-foot-tall white fence around

them. An archway overhead spelled out "Martyrs of the Race Course" in black letters.

About 10,000 people, mostly black residents, participated in the May 1 tribute, according to coverage back then in the *Charleston Daily Courier* and the *New York Tribune*. Starting at 9 a.m., about 3,000 black schoolchildren paraded around the race track holding roses and singing the Union song "John Brown's Body," and were followed by adults representing aid societies for freed black men and women. Black pastors delivered sermons and led attendees in prayer and in the singing of spirituals, and there were picnics. James Redpath, the white director of freedman's education in the region, organized about 30 speeches by Union officers, missionaries and black ministers. Participants sang patriotic songs like "America" and "We'll Rally around the Flag" and "The Star-Spangled Banner." In the afternoon, three white and black Union regiments marched around the graves and staged a drill.

The *New York Tribune* described the tribute as "a procession of friends and mourners as South Carolina and the United States never saw before." The gravesites looked like a "one mass of flowers" and "the breeze wafted the sweet perfumes from them" and "tears of joy" were shed.

This tribute, "gave birth to an American tradition," Blight wrote in *Race and Reunion*: "The war was over, and Memorial Day had been founded by African

Americans in a ritual of remembrance and consecration."

In 1996, Blight stumbled upon a *New York Herald Tribune* article detailing the tribute in a Harvard University archive — but the origin story it told was not the Memorial Day history that many white people had wanted to tell, he argues.

About 50 years after the Civil War ended, someone at the United Daughters of the Confederacy asked the Ladies Memorial Association of Charleston to confirm that the May 1, 1865, tribute occurred, and received a reply from one S.C. Beckwith: "I regret that I was unable to gather any official information in answer to this." Whether Beckwith actually knew about the tribute or not, Blight argues, the

exchange illustrates "how white Charlestonians suppressed from memory this founding." A 1937 book also incorrectly stated that James Redpath singlehandedly organized the tribute — when in reality it was a group effort — and that it took place on May 30, when it actually took place on May 1. That book also diminished the role of the African Americans involved by referring to them as "black hands which only knew that the dead they were honoring had raised them from a condition of servitude."

The origin story that did stick involves an 1868 call from General John A. Logan, president of a Union Army veterans group, urging Americans to decorate the graves of the fallen with flowers on May 30 of that year.

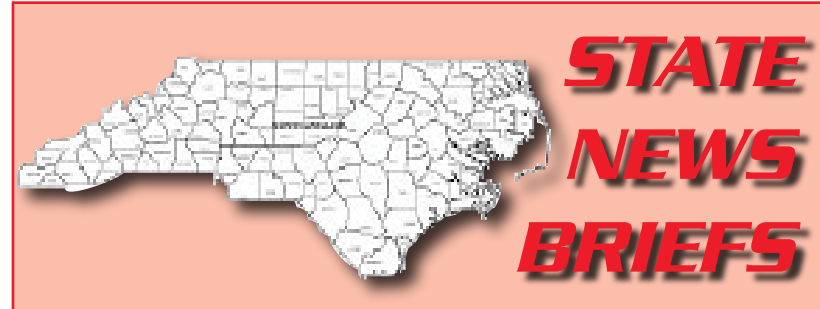
The ceremony that took place in Arlington National Cemetery that day has been considered the first official Memorial Day celebration. Memorial Day became a national holiday two decades later, in 1889, and it took a century before it was moved in 1968 to the last Monday of May, where it remains today. According to Blight, Hampton Park, named after Confederate General Wade Hampton, replaced

the gravesite at the Martyrs of the Race Course, and the graves were reentered in the 1880s at a national cemetery in Beaufort, S.C.

The fact that the freed slaves' Memorial Day tribute is not as well remembered is emblematic of the struggle that would follow, as African Americans' fight to be fully recognized for their contributions to American society continues to this day.



An April 1865 photo of the graves of Union soldiers buried at the race course-turned-Confederate-prison where historians believe the earliest Memorial Day ceremony took place. *Library of Congress*



NORTH CAROLINA MUSEUM OF ART ANNOUNCES 2023 OUTDOOR PERFORMING ARTS AND FILM SEASON

Raleigh, NC - The North Carolina Museum of Art (NCMA) is thrilled to announce the lineup for the 2023 Outdoor Performing Arts and Film season presented by First Citizens Bank. As part of the 2023 season, the NCMA will host Grammy, Stellar, and Dove Award-winning artists; Jazz at the NCMA; Juneteenth Joy; a series of outdoor films for all ages; Choreographers Spotlight; NCMA Groove; and Paperhand Puppet Intervention. Performances are held at the Joseph M. Bryan, Jr., Theater in the Museum Park.

EFFORT TO LEGALIZE VIDEO GAMBLING MACHINES IN NORTH CAROLINA RESUMES

RALEIGH, N.C. (AP) — Amid optimism that sports betting could soon be authorized in North Carolina, a separate renewed effort to legalize and regulate video gambling machines in the state began Tuesday with a House committee debating the measure.

The legislation, which is largely identical to a 2021 bill that advanced then stalled, would provide significant revenue for higher education and attempt to eradicate what critics say is currently shadowy activity inside sweepstakes machine parlors.

Republican Rep. Harry Warren of Rowan County, the bill sponsor, repeated his pitch from 2021 that regulating the machines through the North Carolina State Lottery Commission would stamp out illegal activity. Despite efforts by law enforcement and lawmakers, video gambling and sweepstakes machines continue to sprout up as games are tweaked to get around prohibitions in state laws, he said.

Warren said over the years he's heard estimates that between 60,000 and 100,000 illegal machines were operating in North Carolina.

"The real reason that these things flourish is because people play them," Warren told the House Commerce Committee. "By restricting, regulating and reducing the supply, we can eliminate sweepstakes parlors and the seedy aspects of unregulated gambling, replacing it with a limited supply of gaming entertainment that fulfills the public demand in a safer, controlled environment and safer conditions."

No vote was taken on the measure Tuesday after debate, and it's unclear when the committee will return to it. For now it would have to pass four House committees before it could reach the House floor. It's unclear how the Senate would consider the measure.

A separate sports wagering bill with dozens of cosponsors that passed the House in March will receive a Senate committee hearing on Wednesday.

Warren's bill would direct the lottery commission to oversee the distribution of lawful machines in places with alcohol beverage licenses, such as bars, restaurants and convenience stores. Machine manufacturers and owners would be licensed, and retailers would contract with owners to set up machines. Patrons would be able to play games of chance and redeem winnings for cash.

In Leadership, Reading Is Fundamental

By Rodney Ross

Special To The Carolinian

An Analysis

On the NAACP's website, NAACP President & CEO Derrick Johnson is quoted as saying "failing to teach an accurate representation of the horrors and inequalities that Black Americans have faced and continue to face is a disservice to students and a dereliction of duty to all."

What is hostile to Black Americans is when people in leadership positions impose their biases, and in some cases flat out lie to the people who they claim they represent. When you compare the assertions of the NAACP's leadership with the actual texts from Florida's CS/HB 7: Individual Freedom doctrine, it is clear that the NAACP's leadership either misspoke, were ill informed, or have been incentiv-

ized to intentionally misinform the public about what is in CS/HB 7: Individual Freedom.

NAACP President & CEO Derrick Johnson graduated with a Juris Doctorate degree from the South Texas College of Law in Houston, TX. A Juris Doctorate is a professional degree that prepares students for a professional legal career, and it is the most common educational path to qualify for the bar examination in the US. Mr. Johnson has also served as an annual guest lecturer at Harvard Law School. This does not equate infallibility, but does raise the question of how can the information on the NAACP's website be this inaccurate, to where it may come across as a political slant or slander.

One important factor to take note of is that the NAACP does not provide any documentation

from the actual bill's verbiage as proof that Gov. Ron DeSantis and the Republican party is creating a hostile environment for African Americans and the LGBTQ+ community. The bill is literally numbered by the line. For someone of his acumen and scholastic discipline, it would be simple to provide the numeration of which line and paragraph represents the offense towards African Americans. Instead, buzz terms are used to inaccurately represent the CS/HB 7: Individual Freedom - to what end?

This bill was signed back in April of 2022 by the Florida Governor and went into effect in July of 2022. Why is the ban being presented almost a year later?

The NAACP's website would have the under informed think that Florida does not promote tolerance, diversity and inclu-

sion. However CS/HB 7: Individual Freedom says:

"Public schools and Florida College System institutions shall develop and implement methods and strategies to increase the participation of students of a particular race, color ethnicity, national origin, sex gender, disability, or marital status in programs and courses in which students of that particular race, color ethnicity, national origin, sex gender, disability, or marital status have been traditionally underrepresented" starting on line number 263.

In regards to teaching African American studies, on line number 360, it goes on to say curriculum must teach "The history of African Americans, including the history of African peoples before the political conflicts that

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Florida High School Valedictorian Graduates With 8.07 GPA

By Brittany Gaddy

When Jasmine Mazard-Larry was starting high school, she and her family were homeless because their house had just burned down.

Four years later, she graduated as the valedictorian of her class with an 8.07 grade point average.

In her valedictory address, Mazard-Larry told her fellow graduates to, "not ever, ever, and I mean ever," give up on their dreams.

"Rejection doesn't mean you failed. Rejection means to just be patient. Your time will come," Mazard-Larry said at the May 13 graduation ceremony for Dr. Kiran C. Patel High School in Tampa, Florida. "Let it be a tool to allow yourself to persevere and to not ever, ever, and I mean ever, give up on your dreams."

She also left her fellow graduates with advice on overcoming obstacles, saying, "Do not let obstacles and what people say define who you truly are."

Mazard-Larry's own journey,

however, came with many obstacles.

Mazard-Larry, 17, has ADHD and hearing loss, which she said she first thought of as weaknesses.

"I was a little embarrassed," she told ABC News earlier this month. "I didn't really talk about it that much to a lot of people."

Looking back on her academic journey, Mazard-Larry said she realizes that having those disabilities helped her persevere and learn resilience.

"They're not setbacks," she said. "They allowed me to be who I am today."

Those weren't the only challenges Mazard-Larry had to face.

Four years ago her family lost their home in a fire. Her mother, Nidita Mazard, said she was nine months pregnant at the time and said Mazard-Larry's father was severely injured from the fire.

"And here Jasmine, in the midst of it all, [started] high school," Mazard told ABC News. "Her behavior could have changed because of a lot of things that she

was already going through, but instead, she used that as a light to help me because I almost died giving birth to my son."

"She's been my light. She's been my rock," Mazard continued. "I just love her so much because she's inspired me to be a better mother and a better person."

Throughout high school, Mazard-Larry said she enrolled in Advanced Placement classes and participated in dual enrollment and the Cambridge Advanced International Certificate of Education program, which all helped to boost her GPA.

In addition to receiving her high school diploma, she also received an associate's degree from a local community college this month.

"She's really taken the initiative to go above and beyond," said Marlee Strawn, the principal of Dr. Kiran C. Patel High School. "She had this goal of being top in her class, and ultimately she met it."

Strawn recalled the tenacity Mazard-Larry had after the fire.

"She dealt with a really difficult situation, and ... she didn't allow it to stop her from meeting her goals," Strawn said. "I think that's really remarkable, and she was just very goal-driven from day one."

Mazard-Larry was also involved in several extracurricular activities during high school, including the student government association, student council, speech and debate team and art club.

"I use my little brother as my motivation," she said. "Sometimes it can be challenging, but I look at him and I want to be a role model for him."

Mazard-Larry said she has plans to attend college and hopes to become a doctor.

"We all have our own story," she said. "There's the good and the bad, but don't overlook the bad because it makes you who you are. In 20 [or] 10 years from now, you're going to look back and be like, 'I did that. I conquered all of these obstacles, and here I am today.'"



Jasmine Mazard-Larry was homeless when she started high because their house had just burned down.

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led to the development of slavery, the passage to America, the enslavement experience, abolition, and the history and contributions of Americans of the African diaspora to society.

Students shall develop an understanding of the ramifications of prejudice, racism, and stereotyping on individual freedoms, and examine what it means to be a responsible and respectful person, for the purpose of encouraging tolerance

of diversity in a pluralistic society and for nurturing and protecting democratic values and institutions.

Instruction shall include the roles and contributions of individuals from all walks of life and their endeavors to learn and thrive throughout history as artists, scientists, educators, businesspeople, influential thinkers, members of the faith community, and political and governmental leaders and the courageous

steps they took to fulfill the promise of democracy and unite the nation.

Instructional materials shall include the vital contributions of African Americans to build and strengthen American society and celebrate the inspirational stories of African Americans who prospered, even in the most difficult circumstances.

Instructional personnel may facilitate discussions and use curricula to address, in an appropriate manner, how the individual freedoms of persons have been infringed by slavery, racial oppression, racial segregation, and racial discrimination, as well as topics relating to the enactment and enforcement of laws resulting in racial oppression, racial segregation, and racial discrimination."

If you would like to read the bill for yourself, The Carolinian's website has a link to the source at www.CARO.news

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A Black Astronaut From California Feels The Weight Of Injustice On Earth

By Tyrone Beason

LA Times

NASA astronaut Victor Glover Jr. will travel farther into space than any Black person before him when he pilots the Artemis II lunar mission in 2024.

But he's already embarked on a personal mission that hits closer to home on Earth.

He wants to take his fellow Americans to school and guide them deep into the nation's psyche, to help them reflect on the paradox of a nation that has a track record of oppressing Black people sending him on a trailblazing trip around the moon.

Because of that legacy of racism, Glover says it's his duty to impress upon people that his voyage will represent more than a scientific triumph.

During a conversation over Zoom about the beauty of space flight and the contradictions of American life, the 47-year-old

Pomona native says he recommends to audiences at his public speeches and his co-workers at NASA a choice set of reading, listening and viewing materials.

He starts with the U.S. Constitution, whose words resound with the false promise of equality that has led to so much racial upheaval.

"I like to highlight Article 1, Section 2, Clause 3, the part that says all people are accounted for the purposes of taxation and representation but everybody else is considered 3/5 of the person — remember, that's still in there," Glover says of the language referring to enslaved Africans.

"I encourage them to read the 'Letter from a Birmingham Jail' by Martin Luther King, the 'Paranoid Style in American Politics' by Richard Hofstadter," he says.

"And then there are movies and music: '13th,' about the 13th Amendment by Ava DuVernay, the Lupe Fiasco song 'Shoes' that's about Ahmaud Arbery, who was murdered because he was out jogging and getting some exercise."

Glover flashes a broad smile while discussing his work. He looks every bit the proud national hero with his smooth-shaven face and royal blue NASA jumpsuit. The Artemis II program will set the stage for humans to venture to Mars — a feat for the ages.

But he turns introspective when speaking about his own existence. Here he is preparing to pilot a spaceship that will also carry the first woman — Christina Hammock Koch — to the moon, feeling tugged by the pull of American history.

He understands that to be Black in America — especially in an esteemed position like his — requires constantly holding yourself up as a positive example to give hope to your people.

During his time as the first Black astronaut to live long-term aboard the International Space Station in 2021, he celebrated Black history month with a phone call from Vice President Kamala Harris, a transformative figure in her own right as the first woman of color to hold that office.

"The exciting thing about being a first is that there is a prospect of there being a second, a third and a fourth, and it actually becoming normal," Glover says. "I really look forward to the point where it's not remarkable that a Black man is exploring the solar system — or running this country."

When celebrating Black excellence, Glover knows his joys are never his own, though. Neither are his sorrows.

With every act of injustice, he thinks: "It could've been me." That's what he wanted his white friends and colleagues to take to heart after a white police officer killed George Floyd in 2020, and they asked him: "What can I do?"

Only a few months earlier,



VICTOR GLOVER JR.

a white father and son gunned down Arbery in a racially motivated shooting.

"I think about him every time I'm out running," Glover says.

Every instance of anti-Blackness strikes a chord deep within the whole community. That's why Glover believes it's essential for him to act as a kind of truth teller of the Black experience. It's fundamentally different for someone who looks like him — who has both that promise of equality and America's frequent failure to deliver on it in his DNA — to journey into space.

"It's important for us to live up to the words in some of our foundational documents — of the people, by the people," Glover says. "We're exploring for all people, and now we can say we're exploring with, or by, all people."

Glover realizes that not everyone will share in the excitement over his lunar mission or revel in its symbolism. Black Americans have had a complicated outlook on space exploration. It has been seen as a source of inspiration and a distraction.

Black people were still fighting for the right to freely vote, eat and sleep wherever they wanted and attend integrated schools when President Kennedy vowed in 1962 to land the first human on the moon.

Many Black activists decried the massive spending dedicated to an Apollo lunar program that in the end would send only white men to Earth's sole natural satellite. Poverty, racial strife and police violence were crippling Black communities.

That resentment cuts through Gil Scott-Heron's 1970 spoken-word piece, "Whitey on the Moon," a favorite work that Glover recommends to his NASA colleagues: "The man jus' upped my rent las' night. ('cause Whitey's on the moon) No hot water, no toilets, no lights. (but Whitey's on the moon)."

"One of my first speeches was to my colleagues to tell them, 'Hey, remember who you're talking to — little me, when I was a kid, I didn't feel connect-

ed to this,'" Glover says. He got personal with his peers, he says, "to help them broaden their understanding of what America is."

"We need to understand that perspective."

At the same time, Black Americans have long embraced the power of the cosmos to liberate the spirit — transforming the empty expanse of space into fertile territory brimming with new possibilities and luminous futures.

"You're a shining star/ No matter who you are/ Shining bright to see/ What you could truly be," sang Earth, Wind & Fire.

Jimi Hendrix daydreamed about space while growing up in the Seattle area and took on the persona of a righteous alien in the prelude to his 1967 song "Up From the Skies."

Some civil rights leaders of the 1960s understood the power of space to unlock the potential of the Black community, Glover says.

"I'm not sure if many people know, but Nichelle Nichols, Lt. Uhura from 'Star Trek,' there's a story that she was considering leaving the show," he says of the pioneering Black actor, who died in 2022 and whose ashes will be sent into space on United Launch Alliance's privately owned Vulcan rocket.

"Martin Luther King convinced her to stay because of what she represented and who she represented."

"She became one of the biggest advocates for racial and gender diversity in NASA," Glover says.

Realizing that so many since that era have sacrificed and shattered racial barriers — including 14 other Black astronauts — Glover says it's even more gratifying to pilot the first crewed U.S. lunar mission in half a century.

"I'm the fruit of the labor — and the seed for the next generation as well," he says.

As Glover shoots past Earth's atmosphere and sails 238,900 miles to the moon, his body will become weightless. But he knows his soul will be heavy.

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Notice to Contractors

In partnership with Urban Trends, Right Build International, Self-Help, and Romeo Guest, we are excited to host a sub-contractor outreach event for the following construction projects located in Southeast Raleigh.

Thursday June 1, 2023 | 4:30-6:00pm | Nexus Center - 1214 E Lenior St., Raleigh NC 27610

Small-Scale Affordable Rental Housing (residential)

Developers: Southeast Raleigh Promise & Urban Trends
General Contractor: Right Build International
Project Description: 27 units of small-scale affordable rental housing, developed across 10 city-owned parcels; mix of single-family, duplexes, and accessory dwelling units (ADU)

Bid Categories:

- Landscape
- Plumbing
- Windows & Doors
- Cleaning
- Painting
- Framing
- Sheetrock (install & finish)

To obtain additional information and RSVP for the event, please contact:
 Joshua Spells | 919-651-8382 | projectcompliance@rightbuildint.com

Beacon Point (commercial)

Developer: Self-Help
General Contractor: Romeo Guest
Project Description: A commercial/retail complex located at the Beacon Site on Rock Quarry Road. The Beacon Site is a 32-acre campus developed in partnership with Southeast Raleigh Promise, Southeast Raleigh YMCA, Wake County Public School System, DHHC, and Self-Help. Beacon Point will provide space for small businesses, nonprofit organizations, a restaurant, and a Self-Help Credit Union branch.

Bid Categories:

- Cleaning
- Acoustical Ceilings
- Casework
- Flooring
- GWB Assemblies
- Painting

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Business & Finance

New York Mayor Asks Court To Suspend 'Right To Shelter'

NEW YORK (AP) — New York's mayor asked a judge on Tuesday to let the city suspend its long-standing "right to shelter" obligation, saying officials are no longer able to house every homeless person because of the arrival of tens of thousands of international migrants.

The right to shelter has been in place for more than four decades in New York, after a court in 1981 required the city to provide temporary housing for every homeless person who asks for it. Other big U.S. cities don't have such a rule.

But with the arrival of 70,000 asylum seekers since last spring, many of whom crossed into the U.S. from Mexico, the city has been challenged to find room for everyone in need of a temporary roof and bed.

"It is in the best interest of everyone, including those seeking to come to the United States, to be upfront that New York City cannot single-handedly provide care to everyone crossing our border," Mayor Eric Adams said in a statement.

"Being dishonest about this will only result in our system collapsing, and we need our government partners to know the truth and do their share," said the mayor, a Democrat.

Adams said he was not seeking



to permanently end the right to shelter but was seeking "clarity from the court."

The proposal was condemned by some housing advocates, who said it could result in more people living outdoors.

Joe Loonam, housing campaign coordinator for the advocacy organization VOCAL-NY, said Adams wants "to end the right to shelter that has prevented New York City from following in the footsteps of places like L.A. and

San Francisco where thousands of people are in horrendous conditions out on the street."

New York's shelter system is now filled to record levels. The city says it is currently providing housing for 93,000 people. In

recent months it has rented out entire hotels to house the influx of migrants, at great cost. It has also put cots in schools, and temporarily housed people in tents, a cruise ship terminal and a former police academy building.

In a letter to the deputy chief administrative judge for New York City Courts, the city's lawyers asked for a change in the mandate that would allow officials to suspend the right to shelter when the Department of Homeless Services lacks the resources to house everyone safely.

Adams has sought financial help from the state and federal government and has been critical of President Joe Biden's administration for not providing funding to care for migrants.

In an appearance on the CBS News program "Face the Nation" on Sunday, Adams said the White House offer of \$30 million is insufficient.

"We've spent over a billion dollars," the mayor said. "We're projected to spend close to \$4.3 billion, if not more. This estimate was based on a number of migrants coming to the city, and those numbers have clearly increased."

In recent weeks, the city has begun paying to house some asylum seekers at hotels in counties

north of the city, but that action has stoked anger and accusations that the city was dumping its problems on other communities.

In the initial months of the crisis, Adams heralded the "right to shelter" mandate as an emblem of his city's empathy toward asylum seekers. Many of the first arrivals were bused to New York by the governors of Republican-led border states including Texas and Arizona who were trying to bring attention to the border crisis. The governors also targeted Washington, D.C., another city with a Democratic mayor.

Catherine Trapani, executive director of Homeless Services United, a nonprofit that advocates for affordable housing, urged the city to alleviate the shelter crisis by increasing rental assistance programs.

"There are alternatives," she said. "The mayor does not need to take this drastic step to limit what should be a fundamental right."

In a joint statement, the Coalition for the Homeless and the Legal Aid Society said they both "vigorously oppose" the mayor's request.

"New Yorkers do not want to see anyone, including asylum seekers, relegated to the streets," the statement said.

Lawsuit Alleges Glitches In NC Court Filing System Caused Wrongful Detainments

RALEIGH, N.C. (AP) — A federal lawsuit filed Tuesday in North Carolina alleges an electronic state court records system rolled out this year in four counties has caused some people to be arrested multiple times on the same warrant and has delayed the release of others from custody.

Two North Carolina residents who were arrested earlier this year are suing their county sheriffs and the Texas-based technology company responsible for designing the electronic filing system, which they say led to their unlawful detainment.

In their complaint filed Tuesday in U.S. District Court, Timia Chaplin of Wake County and Paulino Castellanos of Lee County are asking a federal judge to bar their local sheriffs from continuing to use the system. They argue that it subjects the public to "unconstitutional deprivations of liberty."

The lawsuit — a proposed class action — suggests there are likely hundreds more affected residents around the state.

"This class action seeks to remedy past harms and — as eCourts is soon expected to be implemented in North Carolina's



remaining counties — prevent future violations," Chaplin and Castellanos said in the complaint.

After years of discussions about how to modernize the state judiciary's archaic filing system, the state Administrative Office of the Courts awarded Tyler Technologies a \$100 million contract in 2019 for a package of software applications known as eCourts.

The program launched Feb. 13 in four pilot counties — Wake,

Lee, Johnston and Harnett — and is supposed to be expanded to all 100 counties by 2025. But several attorneys and lawmakers have criticized its rocky rollout, pointing to numerous glitches, system lags and expansion delays.

Chaplin, who said she was arrested twice on the same warrant for failing to appear in court, claims those system malfunctions violated her constitutional right to be free from unlawful search, seizure and de-

tention.

Although a judge dismissed her case when she appeared in March for a rescheduled court hearing, Chaplin said her arrest warrant remained outstanding for nearly a month because its "resolved" status had not been communicated across eCourts applications.

Castellanos alleges his release from jail was delayed about 14 days due to issues in digitizing his case file.

Their lawsuit names Wake County Sheriff Willie Rowe and Lee County Sheriff Brian Estes. They could not be reached Tuesday for comment.

Graham Wilson, spokesperson for the North Carolina Judicial Branch, said the administrative office has encouraged residents, attorneys and court officials to report any issues like those alleged in the complaint since it first launched the new system.

"We have investigated each report we have received and have not substantiated that any allegation of wrongful arrest or incarceration was caused by" the eCourts system, Wilson said Tuesday.

Tyler Technologies declined to comment on the lawsuit.



Scott Ford, left, Greg Cunningham and Sekou Kaalund

Overcoming Challenges To Building Your Wealth

For many Black Americans, historic discriminatory policies and lack of access to credit have prevented them from building wealth and from passing that wealth on to future generations.

In early May, U.S. Bank held a LinkedIn Live discussion on this important topic with three of its top leaders: Scott Ford, Head of Affluent Wealth Management, Sekou Kaalund, Head of Branch and Small Business Banking, and Greg Cunningham, Chief Diversity Officer. The leaders discussed some of the barriers that have prevented Black Americans from building intergenerational wealth and the progress that has been made in recent decades to help decrease the racial wealth gap.

The leaders began by discussing the U.S. Bank Building Black Wealth Insights Study, which revealed that 79% of Black Americans felt there were institutional roadblocks keeping them from accumulating wealth and that 69% of Black Americans felt a deep sense of responsibility to help their communities financially and are committed to leaving a financial legacy for the next generation. The study is part of Access Commitment, a series of initiatives across U.S. Bank to increase wealth-building opportunities, starting with the Black community.

"The study revealed an eight-to-one wealth disparity between white households and Black households in terms of overall wealth," Cunningham said. "Forty-five percent of Black households own their own home vs. 74% of white households. We all know how important homeownership is. It's the No. 1 way that wealth gets transferred in this country. These are big and important problems."

Ford agreed. "In most cases, a home is the most valuable asset families have," he said. "Lack of access to homeownership is one of the things that precipitated the wealth gap to begin with. But homeownership rates among Black Americans are about the same now as when redlining and housing discrimination were legal."

The leaders also discussed Black American small business owners and their historic lack of access to capital.

"The vast majority of all job creation is in companies with less than 100 employees," Ford said. "The median net worth for Black business owners is 12 times higher than for the rest of the general Black population. Small businesses are key contributors to the stability of our communities and the ability to create intergenerational wealth."

To help address the needs of small businesses, U.S. Bank recently introduced a Business Diversity Lending program.

"Too many diverse and underinvested businesses have been starved of capital," Kaalund said. "Our diversity lending program can provide access, consulting, advisory services, capital and lending to help these businesses scale. Because when they are scaling, they are hiring people. Job and business growth strengthens communities and contributes to wealth creation and a stronger economy."

Despite the challenges facing Black Americans, many are optimistic about the future and their finances. Both Ford and Kaalund offered advice to help them build wealth.

"Start where you are," Ford said. "Be more deliberate about saving and paying yourself first — that will help you pass more wealth on to the next generation. It's incumbent upon all of us to take it to the next level. My hope is, in the next 25 years we will absolutely see a significant increase as people educate themselves and become more aware of the tools and ways they can pass on wealth to their families and children."

Kaalund said he is optimistic about the progress that has been made.

"Our starting point is different than previous generations," he said. "If you're able to save sooner, invest sooner, purchase a home sooner or inherit a home, over time this will create opportunity and shorten the duration upon which people can build and grow wealth."

The event — like the study — supports U.S. Bank Access Commitment™, the bank's long-term framework to help build wealth while redefining how it serves diverse communities, starting with the Black community. Among its progress in 2022, the bank deployed \$321 million in capital to Black-owned or -led businesses and organizations through U.S. Bancorp Impact Finance and spent \$487 million with diverse suppliers in 2022, including \$276 million spent with Black suppliers. U.S. Bank continues to partner with the Urban Institute to identify social impact measures and is committed to continuing this work to help close the wealth gap.

BLM Could Be Headed For Insolvency

By Andrew Kerr

Washington Free Beacon

Black Lives Matter bled cash and suffered blistering investment losses in 2022, according to a copy of its tax return obtained by the *Washington Free Beacon*.

Black Lives Matter Global Network Foundation ran an \$8.5 million deficit and saw the value of its investment accounts plummet by nearly \$10 million in the most recent tax year, financial disclosures show. The group logged a \$961,000 loss on a securities sale of \$172,000, suggesting the charity weathered a staggering 85 percent loss on the transaction. These troubles didn't stop BLM from doling out seven-figure contracts to friends and family of its former executive director Patrisse Cullors, who once said charity financial disclosures were "triggering" and "deeply unsafe."

It's no surprise that Cullors was so fearful of disclosing Black Lives Matter's finances to the public. The revelations in Black Lives Matter's latest Form 990 show that the group is on the fast track to financial insolvency, and that the excesses of Cullors's tenure have not abated under her chosen successor, Shalomyah Bowers.

The financial losses come after a year of missteps and setbacks for the embattled charity. BLM raised just \$9.3 million in its 2022 fiscal year, down 88 percent from its haul the year prior. Black Lives Matter was forced to shut off its online fundraising streams in February 2022 due to compliance and transparency issues in several liberal states. The group has blown through two-thirds of the \$90 million it raised in the wake of George Floyd's



death in the summer of 2020.

BLM spent about \$12 million of those funds on luxury homes in Los Angeles and Toronto. That profligacy did not abate in the 2022 fiscal year, when the charity dropped more than \$10.5 million on contractors, much of which went to companies linked to Cullors's friends and family.

Cullors's brother, Paul Cullors, made out especially well. A graffiti artist with no prior experience as a bodyguard, Paul Cullors and his two companies raked in \$1.6 million providing "professional security services" for Black Lives Matter in 2022. Paul Cullors was also one of BLM's only two paid employees during the year, collecting a \$126,000 salary as "head of security" on top of his consulting fees.

Black Lives Matter disclosed last May it had paid Paul Cullors a comparatively meager \$841,000 to protect the charity's swanky \$6 million Los Angeles mansion in its 2021 tax year, which Patrisse Cullors used to film herself baking peach cobbles. The char-

ity told the Associated Press it could not entrust its security to the former police officers that staff typical private protection firms.

"While Patrisse Cullors was forced to resign due to charges of using BLM's funds for her personal use, it looks like she's still keeping it all in the family," said Paul Kamenar, an attorney for the National Legal and Policy Center watchdog group.

Bowers, the Black Lives Matter board member and close friend of Cullors, hauled in a hefty bounty during the charity's 2022 tax year. Black Lives Matter paid his company, Bowers Consulting, \$1.7 million for management and consulting services.

Bowers's management of Black Lives Matter earned him few friends in the movement. Black Lives Matter Grassroots, a former sister organization of Black Lives Matter, accused Bowers of "blazing a path of irreparable harm to BLM" by treating the charity as his personal piggy bank.

"His actions have led [Black Lives Matter] into multiple investigations by the Internal Revenue Service and various state attorney generals," the lawsuit stated. "Instead of using the donations for its intended purposes, Mr. Bowers diverted these donations to his own coffers and intentionally took calculated steps to prevent those same resources from being used by BLM for on-the-ground movement work."

The sister of former Black Lives Matter board member Raymond Howard brought in a seven-figure consulting fee as well. BLM paid Danielle Edwards's firm, New Impact Partners, \$1.1 million for consulting services in 2022.

Black Lives Matter also agreed to pay an additional \$600,000 to an unidentified former board member's consulting firm "in connection with a contract dispute," the charity disclosed in its audited financial statements.

Notably absent from Black Lives Matter's 2022 tax return is any mention of Trap Heals, the art firm run by the father of Cullors's only child, Damon Turner. BLM paid \$969,000 to Trap Heals in 2021, and the two companies were identified as partners in press reports well into BLM's 2022 tax year. Charities are only required to disclose the names of their five highest compensated independent contractors.

It's unclear if Black Lives Matter paid out lucrative contracting fees to Cullors's friends and family past June 2022. The charity brought on a new board of directors last summer led by nonprofit adviser Cicley Gay, who has filed for Chapter 7 bankruptcy three times since 2005.

Black Lives Matter did not return a request for comment.

What It Would Mean For The Global Economy If The US Defaults On Its Debt

WASHINGTON (AP) — If the debt crisis roiling Washington were eventually to send the United States crashing into recession, America's economy would hardly sink alone.

The repercussions of a first-ever default on the federal debt would quickly reverberate around the world. Orders for Chinese factories that sell electronics to the United States could dry up. Swiss investors who own U.S. Treasuries would suffer losses. Sri Lankan companies could no longer deploy dollars as an alternative to their own dodgy currency.

"No corner of the global economy will be spared" if the U.S.

government defaulted and the crisis weren't resolved quickly, said Mark Zandi, chief economist at Moody's Analytics.

Zandi and two colleagues at Moody's have concluded that even if the debt limit were breached for no more than week, the U.S. economy would weaken so much, so fast, as to wipe out roughly 1.5 million jobs.

And if a government default were to last much longer — well into the summer — the consequences would be far more dire, Zandi and his colleagues found in their analysis: U.S. economic growth would sink, 7.8 million American jobs would vanish, borrowing rates would jump, the

unemployment rate would soar from the current 3.4% to 8% and a stock-market plunge would erase \$10 trillion in household wealth.

Of course, it might not come to that. The White House and House Republicans, seeking a breakthrough, concluded a round of debt-limit negotiations Sunday, with plans to resume talks Monday. The Republicans have threatened to let the government default on its debts by refusing to raise the statutory limit on what it can borrow unless President Joe Biden and the Democrats accept sharp spending cuts and other concessions.

Feeding the anxiety is the fact

that so much financial activity hinges on confidence that America will always pay its financial obligations. Its debt, long viewed as an ultra-safe asset, is a foundation of global commerce, built on decades of trust in the United States. A default could shatter the \$24 trillion market for Treasury debt, cause financial markets to freeze up and ignite an international crisis.

"A debt default would be a cataclysmic event, with an unpredictable but probably dramatic fallout on U.S. and global financial markets," said Eswar Prasad, professor of trade policy at Cornell University and senior fellow at the Brookings Institution.

The threat has emerged just as the world economy is contending with a panoply of threats — from surging inflation and interest rates to the ongoing repercussions of Russia's invasion of Ukraine to the tightening grip of authoritarian regimes. On top of all that, many countries have grown skeptical of America's outsize role in global finance.

In the past, American political leaders generally managed to step away from the brink and raise the debt limit before it was too late. Congress has raised, revised or extended the borrowing cap 78 times since 1960, most recently in 2021.

Yet the problem has worsened.

Partisan divisions in Congress have widened while the debt has grown after years of rising spending and deep tax cuts. Treasury Secretary Janet Yellen has warned that the government could default as soon as June 1 if lawmakers don't raise or suspend the ceiling.

"If the trustworthiness of (Treasuries) would become impaired for any reason, it would send shockwaves through the system ... and have immense consequences for global growth," said Maurice Obstfeld, senior fellow at the Peterson Institute for International Economics and former chief economist at the International Monetary Fund.

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Health & Wellness

A Local Nonprofit Prioritizes The Health Of Those Who Help

By Tyria McCray
Staff Writer

Dedicated to the recruitment and retention of Black and Indigenous Women of Color, Profound Ladies are truly changing the lives of young women in North Carolina. Focused on their vision of representation matters, executive director Keiyonna Dubashi and her team equip young women of color with the mentorship, training, leadership and career development pathways to lead in schools and communities. During the height of social unrest and racial injustice Dubashi realized that black teachers needed support and a safe-place for processing the murders of George Floyd and Breonna Taylor. "When attrition and burnout rates reached an all-time high for

all educators due to the COVID-19 pandemic, attrition was exceptionally high for BIPOC educators, given the additional trauma of these murders. Hence Profound Ladies created a cohort of BIPOC Women educators that provided psychological safety and support," said Dubashi. To ensure that their mission of mentorship and training is adhered to, Keiyonna shared with us that their program also centers on anti-racist programming for school districts to learn more about how their policies and practices contribute to teacher attrition. In addition, their current campaign supports dismantling hair discrimination and adamantly working to bring the Crown Act to North Carolina. Being that most Black girls in predominantly white schools face hair discrimination, black women

are twice as likely to experience microaggressions related to their hair. Over the past year, the organization has doubled the number of teachers they support, growing from 42 BIPOC women educators to over 100. While helping young women, the team realized certain focus areas that are more pertinent than others. The top two being visibility and support. Dubashi shared that at the intersection of gender, women are disproportionately underfunded, underrepresented, and unsupported at higher rates compared to men. Knowing that helps her team elevate their voices, perspectives, and lived experiences of women of color. When asked what legacy they want to leave, Dubashi shared a statement from the Combahee River Collective. "If Black women were free, it would mean that ev-

eryone else would have to be free since our freedom would necessitate the destruction of all the systems of oppression" (Combahee River Collective 15). In other words, when Black women succeed, all can succeed. By fulfilling this statement, Profound Ladies honors this tradition in two ways. First, the nonprofit unquestionably believes that BIPOC women teachers are tonics to education's most pressing issues and provide profound impact to all students. Secondly, and just as important, women of color are deserving of reparative, healing, equitable support that they have been historically denied. "When we invest in Black women teachers in our communities, everyone in that community benefits. This is at the heart of Profound Ladies' timely intervention in the education ecosystem," said Dubashi.



Leandra Clay, the director of impact with Profound Ladies, poses with a local school teacher at a promotional event.

A Lifetime Of Racism Makes Alzheimer's Much More Common

FREDERICKSBURG, Va. – Constance Guthrie is not yet dead, but her daughter has begun to plan her funeral. It will be, Jessica Guthrie says, in a Black-owned funeral home, with the songs of her ancestors. She envisions a celebration of her mother's life, not a tragic recitation of her long decline. As it should be. Constance has lived 74 years, many of them good, as a Black woman, a mother, educator and businesswoman. But she will die of Alzheimer's disease, a scourge of Black Americans that threatens to grow far worse in coming decades. Black people are more likely to develop Alzheimer's than white people in the United States. They are less likely to be correctly diagnosed, and their families often struggle to get treatment from a medical system filled with bias against them. About 14% of Black people in

America over the age of 65 have Alzheimer's, compared with 10% of white people, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. The disparity is likely even more, because many Black people aren't correctly diagnosed. And by 2060, cases are expected to increase fourfold among Black Americans. While some risk factors may differ by race, the large disparities among racial groups can't be explained just by genetics. The problems start much earlier in life. Health conditions like heart disease and diabetes are known risk factors. Both are more common among Black populations, because of where they live in relation to polluting industries, lack of healthy food choices, and other factors. Depression, high blood pressure, obesity and chronic stress can also raise the likelihood of developing Alzheimer's. So can

poverty. Across the board, Black people don't receive the same quality of health care throughout life as white people. So they don't get high quality treatment — or any treatment — for all those conditions that are

risk factors. Then, at the end, they're less likely to get medication to ease the symptoms of Alzheimer's and dementia-related disorders. And there's the insidious impact of a life experiencing racism.

Racism is trauma that can lead to increased stress, which can in turn cause health problems like inflammation, which is a risk factor for cognitive decline, said Dr. Carl V. Hill, chief diversity, equity and inclusion officer of the Alzheimer's Association.

"But because of this structural racism that creates poor access to health, medication, housing, those who experience racism and discrimination are not provided a pathway to lower their risk," Hill said. It is, he said, "a one-two punch."

Just Another Lovely Day In The Square

Several vendors took advantage of the cool weather on Sunday to set up shop in Moore Square. The common use space located in downtown Raleigh is a favorite hangout spot on the weekends. On any day you can stroll through the square and join a game of frisbee, lawn darts, checkers or lawn bowling. You can also engage religious groups, outreach workers and pop-up vendors. Moore Square is more than just grass, its grassroots. Mathias Bishop Photos



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Putting Back Things That Were Eroded

By Amanda Hadden

Special To The Carolinian

DeWayne Barton and his wife, Safi Martin of Asheville, NC are working to protect their neighborhood and black neighborhoods everywhere. As Asheville continues to grow and become a desirable location to live, the black population has plummeted. Barton's family has been in Asheville for over 100 years. Their community is historically black but urban renewal, the war on drugs and now gentrification has decimated the community.

To make their neighborhood better, DeWayne and Safi started Hood Huggers International in 2003. Within this entity, they run a garden, Peace Garden, a youth program, and black history community tours.

With her family's agriculture background in Yadkin County, Safi began the garden with small beds and it has grown tremendously. They serve 6-10,000 people a year, harvesting over 1,500 pounds of produce over the past few years. They sell their produce through an honor system from a farm stand and provide elderly black residents in their community with surplus produce. Youth from the neighborhood play a huge role at Peace Garden. A core group of 10 teenagers help, making deliveries to the elderly and working around the garden. In addition, they also have groups from schools at the garden educating them about the

environment, job skills, social skills, and construction skills. Last year they were able to serve 1,080 kids.

Another part of the Peace Garden is a large art collection. There are over 60 pieces of art, representing 20 artists, including Barton. A navy veteran who served in the Gulf War, he credits art for saving his life.

The third component of Hood Huggers International is Hood tours, a two-hour tour led by Barton that celebrates and tells the true story of black history in Asheville. Urban renewal began in the 1950s in Asheville, with housing projects being torn down. This caused a decline in the black population. These empty lots get turned into mixed use properties, with a promise from the city that residents can come back to live, but most don't due to the high cost and not wanting to relocate again. Barton uses the removal of historic artifacts as an opportunity, incorporating these pieces into their garden space.

Looking to the future, Barton and Martin are in the works of opening Bluenote Junction, a proposed site that will include a commercial kitchen, greenhouse, fresh market, theater, and co-working and counseling space. Their vision is based around health and business for the community. To read more about this project and how to support please visit <https://bluenotejunction.com/>.



GROWING TOGETHER—The Alpha Theta Omega Chapter, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.®, in collaboration with ATO, Inc., executed the National Program Initiative “Enhance the Environment” by planting two (2) tree plantings in observation of Earth Day, April 21, 2023, and Arbor Day, May 5, 2023. Two apple trees were planted at Barwell Road Elementary School as part of the school's garden project. Four (4) undergraduate Sorors from Beta Rho Chapter – Shaw University and Kappa Omicron Chapter – NC State University participated in the Arbor Day tree planting. ATO, Inc. requested and received the donated fruit trees and other planting materials from Lowe's – Cary, NC, and The Home Depot-Cary, NC. The school will use three (3) garden books donated by a Chapter member as reference books. The students, staff, and Sorors enjoyed and participated in the tree plantings. The students are looking forward to eating the apples!

A Breakthrough Proposal Would Aid The Drought-Stricken Colorado River

LAS VEGAS (AP) — Arizona, Nevada and California said Monday they're willing to cut back on their use of the dwindling Colorado River in exchange for money from the federal government — and to avoid forced cuts as drought threatens the key water supply for the U.S. West.

The \$1.2 billion plan, a potential breakthrough in a year-long stalemate, would conserve an additional 3 million acre-feet of water through 2026, when current guidelines for how the river is shared expire. About half the cuts would come by the end of 2024. That's less than what federal officials said last year would be needed to stave off crisis in the river but still marks a notable step in long and difficult negotiations between the three states.

The 1,450-mile (2,334-kilometer) river provides water to 40 million people in seven U.S. states, parts of Mexico and more than two dozen Native American tribes. It produces hydropower and supplies water to farms that grow most of the nation's winter vegetables.

In exchange for temporarily using less water, cities, irrigation districts and Native American tribes in the three states will be paid. The federal government plans to spend \$1.2 billion, said Lauren Wodarski, a spokesperson to U.S. Sen. Catherine Cortez Masto, a Nevada Democrat.

Though adoption of the plan isn't certain, U.S. Bureau of Reclamation Commissioner Camille Toutou called it an “important step forward.” She said the bureau will pull back its proposal from last month that could have resulted in sidestepping the existing water priority system to force cuts while it analyzes the three-state plan. The bureau's earlier proposal, if adopted, could have led to a messy legal battle.

“At least they're still talking. But money helps you keep talking,” said Terry Fulp, former regional director of the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation's Lower Colorado Basin region.

The three Lower Basin states are entitled to 7.5 million acre-feet of water altogether from the river. An acre-foot of water is roughly enough to serve two to



three U.S. households annually.

California gets the most, based on a century-old water rights priority system. Most of that goes to farmers in the Imperial Irrigation District, though some also goes to smaller water districts and cities across Southern California. Arizona and Nevada have already faced cuts in recent years as key reservoir levels dropped based on prior agreements. But California has been spared.

Under the new proposal, California would give up about 1.6 million acre-feet of water through 2026 — a little more than half of the total. That's roughly the same amount the state first offered six months ago.

But the threat of forced federal cuts — made more strongly last month — appears to have prompted action.

“It's always a concern when states lose control of their own process,” said John Entsminger, general manager for the Southern Nevada Water Authority.

The Imperial Irrigation District would account for more than half of California's cuts. J.B. Hamby, chairman of the Colorado River Board of California, said the dis-

trict has already taken measures to improve water efficiency and will need to do more. He said the district is working on a pilot summer idling program where farmers would sign up to turn off their water for 60 days for forage crops. During that time of year, yields are already down and more water is required, he said.

Bill Hasencamp, manager of Colorado River resources for the Metropolitan Water District of California, which supplies water to 19 million people in southern California, said the wet winter means the state simply needs less water. His district is planning on leaving 250,000 acre feet this year in Lake Mead, and won't withdraw it until after 2026.

The district will also turn over to the federal government a program that pays farmers to fallow land that typically nets them about 130,000 acre feet of water a year, he said. Metropolitan will save roughly \$100 million over three years, he said.

Buschhatzke stressed that the announcement is not a final deal.

“We agreed to a proposal. This is not an agreement,” Buschhatzke said during a conference call with reporters. Buschhatzke said the proposal still needs analysis and approval from the federal government, which will determine how much funding will be allocated for entities that give up water.

The plan doesn't change how much water the Upper Basin states of Colorado, New Mexico, Utah or Wyoming will receive. Becky Mitchell, director of the Colorado Water Conservation Board, said that Upper Basin states didn't have a chance to analyze the Lower Basin's plan in detail.

“The wet winter has given us a bit of space to negotiate, but we must not squander this gift from Mother Nature,” Mitchell said.

She said Colorado and other basin states urged federal officials to return to longer-term discussions about how to preserve water levels at Lakes Mead and Powell beyond 2026.

The Colorado River has been in crisis for years due to a multi-decade drought in the West intensified by climate change, rising demand and overuse. Water levels at key reservoirs dipped to unprecedented lows, though they have rebounded somewhat thanks to heavy precipitation this winter.

In recent years the federal government has cut some water allocations and offered billions of dollars to pay farmers, cities and others to cut back. But key water officials didn't see those efforts as enough to prevent the system from collapsing.

Last summer, the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation called for the seven basin states to figure out how to cut their collective use of Colorado River water by about 2 to 4 million acre feet in 2023 alone — roughly 15% to 30% of their annual use — but states blew past that deadline and an agreement remained elusive.

In April, the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation released a plan that considered two ways to force cuts for Arizona, Nevada and California. One contemplated using a decades-old water priority system that would have benefited California and some Native American tribes with senior water rights. The other would have been a percentage cut across the board.

Michael Cohen, a senior researcher at the Pacific Institute focused on the Colorado River, called the amount of cuts the three states have proposed a “huge, huge lift” and a significant step forward.

“It does buy us a little additional time,” he said. But if more dry years are ahead, “this agreement will not solve that problem.”

6,500 Acres Of Appalachian Terrain Lists For The First Time Ever For \$97.5M

By Mary K. Jacob
NY Post

For the first time ever, 6,500 acres of Appalachian terrain in northwestern North Carolina has hit the market for a whopping \$97.5 million.

The unspoiled land rarely found outside a state park is known as Falling Waters, due to its five waterfalls.

One of the largest waterfalls is 180 feet long.

Additionally, there are 20-plus miles of trout-filled streams, several lakes and 50 miles of trails for horseback riding, the listing notes.

Features also include panoramic views of the Blue Rize Mountains.

The offering is situated 15 to 20 minutes from the town of Boone, North Carolina.

Pegged as a “once-in-a-generation legacy property,” it has a rich heritage dating back to Daniel Boone — the American pioneer whose exploits made him one of the first folk heroes of the United States. He became famous for his exploration and settlement of Kentucky, which was then beyond the western borders of the Thirteen Colonies.

Gretchen Coley with The Coley Group at Compass holds the listing in collaboration with the Live Jackson Hole Legacy Properties team.

“Falling Waters is the last large acreage tract in western North Carolina and provides unrivaled seclusion in part due to a perimeter protected by natural geography,” Coley told The Post.

The spread has been meticulously maintained and perennially considered as a potential state park.

Improvements to the land include two dwellings, three structures for agriculture equipment and an off-grid cabin. The cabin holds four bedrooms and one bath, and occupies over 2,100 square feet.

Roads and paths have also been added for easy access throughout the property.

“The pristine topography of Falling Waters is truly inspiring,” Coley added. “From the rolling hills and meadows, to the lakes and waterfalls, it's easy to see the distinct possibilities for this unparalleled offering.”

New York to Track Residents' Food Purchases And Place “Caps on Meat”

By Brenda Baletti, Ph.D.

The Defender

Mayor Eric Adams and representatives from the Mayor's Office of Food Policy and Mayor's Office of Climate & Environmental Justice announced the new programs last month at a Brooklyn culinary center run by NYC Health + Hospitals, the city's public healthcare system, just before Earth Day.

At the event, the Mayor's Office of Climate & Environmental Justice shared a new chart to be included in the city's annual greenhouse gas inventory that publicly tracks the carbon footprint created by household food consumption, the Gothamist reported.

The city already produced emissions data from energy use, transportation and waste as part of the annual inventory. But the addition of household food consumption data is part of a partnership that London and New York launched with American Express, C40 Cities and EcoData lab, Commissioner Rohit Aggarwala from the NYC Department of Environmental Protection announced at the event.

Aggarwala — who founded Google smart city subsidiary Sidewalk Labs — celebrated the expanded data collection as forging “a new standard for what cities have to do” and a new way to shape policy.

He said the inventory also will measure greenhouse gas pollution from the production and consumption of other consumer goods like apparel, whether or not those items are made in New York City. It also tracks emissions tied to services like air travel and healthcare.

But Adams' presentation at the event focused on food consumption, particularly meat and dairy.



Community

Sallie B. Howard To Reunite Alums, Staff

For the first time in its history, Sallie B. Howard School of Arts & Science (SBHS) will gather former students, teachers, staff and supporters for a celebratory weekend honoring its 1997 beginnings along with the origins of the Youth Enrichment Program (YEP) – the 501(c)(3) nonprofit that began in 1989 as an annual summer camp in Wilson.

The YEP-SBHS Reunion will take place Friday, June 16, 2023 through Sunday, June 18, 2023 as a series of events where guests will reconnect, share memories, break bread and dance the night away!

Fri, June 16, 2023 - Welcome Back Mixer - 6pm-9pm @ Pup's Steakhouse

Sat, June 17, 2023 - School Tour & Lunch - 11am - 1pm @ SBHS

Sat, June 17, 2023 - Reunion Soiree - 8pm - 12am @ Frank Eagles Community Business Center at Wilson Community College

Sun, June 18, 2023 - Farewell Brunch - 12pm - 2pm @ SBHS

The YEP-SBHS Reunion is part of a fundraising initiative recently launched by SBHS to support the school's 2020 expansion to a K-12 program. The goal of the reunion is to establish a base of donors out of 34 years of parents, students and staff who have been impacted by the legacy started by the late Wilson educator, actress, playwright and world traveler Sallie Baldwin Howard. Over 200 guests are expected to attend.

"Before there was a Sallie B. Howard School, there was YEP," says SBHS founder and executive director Dr. JoAnne Woodard. "The reunion is about celebrating the evolution of YEP into Sallie B. Howard School. It's about honoring the vision set by Mrs. Howard herself. She is the reason we are here. She is the inspiration that sparked the idea of YEP, which grew into a cultural and educational movement that has had a massive impact on the community. If it wasn't for her, none of this would exist."

Proceeds from the weekend will help underwrite the cost of operations and programming needs such as the construction of a 2-story high school building, a new theater, an indoor greenhouse in the biotech lab, and materials for the school's music, theater, visual art and dance programs.



Dr. JoAnne Woodard and Mrs. Sallie B. Howard celebrate the grand opening of Sallie B. Howard School in 1997.



Men of Southeast Raleigh Receive Award

The Men of Southeast Raleigh were recognized and presented with the 2023 Fred Fletcher Outstanding Volunteer Award (Adopt-A-Park) by the Raleigh Parks, Recreation and Cultural Resources Department.

This year's annual event was held at the Fred Fletcher Auditorium on May 9, 2023. The group was nominated by Jacob Kalinowski, Park Maintenance Supervisor for their service and support with various beautification project (planting, mulching, litter cleanup) at the John Chavis Memorial Park, in addition to numerous other events and activities held at the park throughout the year. The group decided to adopt the park short-

ly after they were organized in June 2021 at the suggestion of member, Louis Archible. Group organizers, Anthony Pope and Sam Craven presented this to the men at their meeting a couple of months later and the rest was history.

The Adopt-A-Park Renewal Agreement was updated in 2022 and will remain in effect until September 2023, at which time we will re-apply. Pope stated that our connection and rich history to this park dates to May 1938, when it was dedicated as a segregated facility. It was one of only a few segregated parks in NC during that era. Chavis Park was the "hub" for many events that happened

in our Black communities (political, sports, entertainment, military, etc.) and we wanted to make sure that our history and legacy were remembered and preserved.

The Fred Fletcher Adopt-A-Park award is one of 13 categories that are presented each year to individuals and/or organizations that volunteer by contributing their time, talents, and resources to the enhancement of the City of Raleigh Parks and Recreation facilities. The annual selection is a difficult task because there are so many worthy candidates.

The Men of Southeast Raleigh is a Community Service Organization that Connects, Collaborates and Partner with individual, families, schools, churches, agencies, organizations, etc. to serve and support projects/events in our Southeast Raleigh communities.

To date, we have partnered with over 30 organizations and participated in numerous events over the last 2 years. This award is a testament to our desire to serve and sow back into the communities where we were raised and lived. We are humbled and honored to receive this award and we will continue to help "Rebuild Our Village". We welcome like-minded men who have a desire to serve our Southeast Raleigh Communities to join us in our mission.

For the first time this year, the Victory Ride kicked off at Knightdale Station Park, which offered a family-friendly atmosphere for riders and spectators alike to enjoy the park setting and surrounding trails, greenways and children's areas.

Riders Raised Over \$285,000 For Cancer

CARY –The V Foundation for Cancer Research is proud to announce the sixth annual Victory Ride to Cure Cancer, presented by CBS 17, was held on Saturday, May 20, where riders raised over

\$285,000 for cancer research. The event, hosted at Knightdale Station Park, brought over 550 riders and volunteers to the new venue. Since the first Victory Ride in 2018, participants have raised nearly \$1.7 million to fund game-changing cancer research by all-star scientists.

"The Victory Ride is an uplifting event that unites a passionate

community of riders, volunteers and supporters who share our vision of victory over cancer," said Shane Jacobson, CEO of the V Foundation. "This day is so impactful because we are not only funding lifesaving cancer research at renowned institutions, but also creating a space to honor the many friends, family members

and loved ones who have faced this disease."

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Keeping Black Literature Alive

By Tyria McCray

Staff Writer

There's no denying the power of books. However, when speaking on the significance of black literature, it rewards one with a deeper understanding of crucial issues that also enriches an appreciation of our history. Consider: Toni Morrison, Maya Angelou, Alice Walker, Isabel Wilkerson, Langston Hughes, W.E.B. Du Bois, Frederick Douglass, Malcolm X, Sojourner Truth, James Baldwin, and more. Black literature allows us to better understand our past and apply that knowledge to our future.

To highlight the importance of black literature, Raleigh native Brad Thompson; former Raleigh City Councilman and former President of BTA Public and Governmental Relations, kicked

off a new free initiative, "Black Book Club. Taking place every Monday each month at 6:30pm at Roberts Park, anyone interested will be given the opportunity to explore books written by black authors.

"Hopefully this effort will convey to attendees that our books are important. It is important to read and know our history so we won't repeat the same mistakes. You are limited if you don't read and it is important to open your eyes to possibilities. There has been an effort recently to deny our history but it is imperative to uncover truths. Each month we will explore a new book," said Thompson.

He emphasized that reading stories of the black experience by black authors is important because only a black person can tell you what it's truly like to live

in their skin. Through the power of storytelling, black authors help us understand their struggles and triumphs, as well as their everyday life experiences.

In sum, African American literature is very influential and it should be considered as important and vital to the literary world. The struggles and stories encountered by the authors helped to make the books realistic and believable. It was this sense of realism and truth that brought so much to the writings of many of the earlier black authors, and still brings the same qualities to the black authors of today.

"When we don't tell the stories that reflect the diverse identities within our society and omit these experiences, we erase these identities and silence so many voices. This is why this club is important," said Thompson.

Phoney Money, Real Problems

By C. H. Shareef

Special To The Carolinian

On Tuesday, May 23, 2023 at 3:14 p.m., I went into The Bra Patch, a bra store located in Raleigh. I purchased a bra that was \$72.93 total, including tax. I gave the cashier a \$100 bill. She gave me back what seemed to be the correct change of \$27.07 - one twenty dollar bill, one five dollar bill, 2 one dollar bills, and 7 cents. Everything seemed fine, but after leaving the store, I realized that that simple act of receiving my change could turn into my worst nightmare.

After leaving the store I walked into Ross, which was in a nearby plaza. I was preparing for a trip and needed to buy travel items and last minute things. At Ross checkout, I gave the cashier the \$20 bill that I just received from the cashier at The Bra Patch. For some reason, the bill was not being accepted in the machine at the register. It kept being spit out. After multiple attempts, the cashier looked at the \$20 bill and said that it was counterfeit. I could not believe it, but I looked at the bill and realized she was right. The bill had "MOTION PICTURE CAPTURE MONEY" written on it where "UNITED STATES OF AMERICA" should have been. I was in shock. I immediately went back into The Bra Patch to tell them they gave me a counterfeit bill and to get my money back.

There was a lot of hesitation about giving me my money back. I was in The Bra Patch for about



30 minutes trying to settle this dispute and prove that I got the fake money from them. The employees and the manager, Caroline, asked me multiple questions like "How did I know the \$20 came from them," etc. Caroline even told me that Ross should have called the police (which is ridiculous because the police could have easily thought it was my fault). I was so in shock that I retreated back to my car to stop and think about what I should do next. After further contemplation, I went back into The Bra Patch and suggested that they call the police to report this, which I now know was a smart move. Plus, The Bra Patch has cameras. They could have easily run the cameras back and seen that I was given the counterfeit bill from their store.

It was then that Caroline gave

me an actual non-counterfeit \$20 bill, but not before saying, "I'm not supposed to give you this." Even though I've never committed a crime in my life, I felt as if I was treated like a criminal. I was still in a bit of shock. She then told me that she would "have to report this to the Secret Service, so I'll [she'll] need to get a copy of your license and phone number," to which I complied. Later, I learned that I didn't have to give them anything, but I felt like I was already being criminalized and didn't want to hinder any possible investigations for the police to find out the truth.

It's safe to say that I will never shop at this store again. My simple act of trying to support a small business went completely wrong and turned on me. For an expensive price of \$72 for one item, the only thing I was expecting to receive was a nice, quality bra for my trip. In return, I was accused of using counterfeit money. So please beware and keep an eye out for counterfeit money, even coming from your local businesses. Always look at the money you receive twice before putting it into your wallet. This is happening way too often in our community and I would hate for this to happen to another person.

Note: This is not an isolated incident. It was reported to The Carolinian that a phoney \$100 bill was used to pay for a meal at an IHOP in Rocky Mount, NC. The bill had the same caption on it and the person that used it got away with a free breakfast.



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SERMON of the WEEK



THE EYES OF FAITH
By Dr. Derrick L. Sauls
Ephesians: 15-18

15 - Wherefore I also, after I heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus, and love unto all the saints,

16 - Cease not to give thanks for you, making mention of you in my prayers,

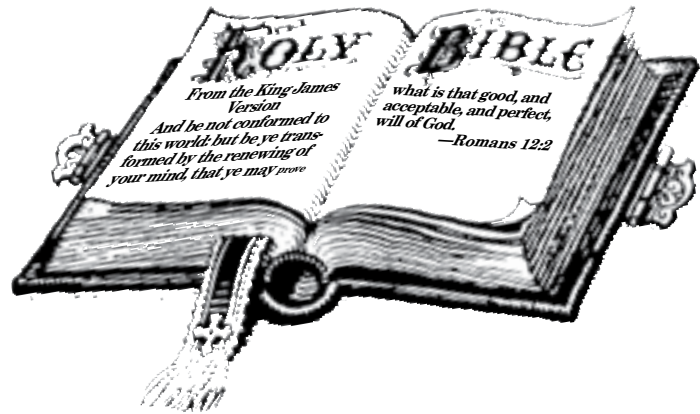
17 - That the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give unto you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of him:

18 - The eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that ye may know what is the hope of his calling, and what the riches of the glory of his inheritance in the saints,

19 - And what is the exceeding greatness of his power to us-ward who believe, according to the working of his mighty power,

Here the Apostle Paul is commending the Saints and letting them know that even though they have walked in the past in disobedience whereby fulfilling the disobedience with lusts of their flesh and desires of their minds, a change would still take place and empower them with their eyes of faith.

However, there would be some groundwork first, and in verse 15, he reminds us that



he has heard of some praying saints.

These saints will forever be supported in his prayers. Then the real work must take place; one must understand the hope of their calling and be enlightened by being able not only to see the glory of GOD, but the inheritance of the spirit.

This leads me to the great debate of whether young people want to follow Jesus Christ and truly serve a living GOD. As older saints, we know that one day, we will ask others as they sing that song, "When you hear of my homegoing," don't worry about me. Some secular people understand that life's work must go on. I watched an older father on "Shark Tank" tell them that he did not bring his son because he needed the money but so that they could teach him the techniques of business. The father stated that he also once was young but is now old, and his time has passed, and he is passing the torch on to people he trusts to help his son.

Paul is letting us know that Jews and Gentiles are now a community of believers through unity, and everyone needs to see it. The spirit of GOD must be manifested through faith and understanding, and one must "walk worthy of the vocation

wherewith ye are called."

Can you see the work that needs to be done? Do you have the eyes of faith? Yes, the work is phenomenal, yet it needs to be done. We are equipped because in Ephesians: 4-12, "And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; for the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry for the edifying of the body of Christ."

We have stepped into the realm of spirituality and have been able to serve GOD through the eyes of faith. It is a new season, and as we look around, the five-fold ministry must be manifested. We must keep the little ones in our prayers. Mother nature and father time have been good.

If you need to, put on your contacts. If you need to, put on your glasses. If you need to, get those cataracts removed. If you need to, get the glaucoma treated or read Braille, remember, you are the true walking and talking word of GOD. Finally, you must understand and believe using the eyes of faith.

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Practical Biblical Principles

MOTHER

We all have heard the phrase, 'Mother Nature' sometime or another. But not in the context of a human mother. When this phrase is used it often refers to the beauty of the earth and how well things seem to be in order as well as the beauty of what is all above and what is all below on earth. In short, Mother Nature has the power, and it is all under her control. I somehow want to believe that Mother Nature, allegorically is the perfect picture of the godly earthly mother God seeks for His creation.

One of the most well-known mothers of the Bible and in the world, is Mary the mother of Jesus. It is from the womb of Mary that we get the completion of our salvation and redemption through Mary's Son, Jesus.

There is another mother in the Bible that we know very little of. Yet she is the mother who alone is responsible for delivering the seed, which sprouted the beginning of our redemption - Moses. We know very little of Jochebed with the exception that she was married to Amram who was his father's sister. Amram fathered Moses and Aaron as well as Miriam, their sister (Exo 6:20). Women were usually not listed in the family tree. In the heritage of Jesus' mother is listed at the beginning of the New Testament. Women were not often high-lighted in the Old Testament, However, Jochebed was used of God to start Moses on his journey to carry out God's plan to save His people from Egyptian slavery and put Israel onto the road of redemption.

This mother, Jochebed, did

what she did out of love for her beautiful child. Aaron had already been born. It was Jochebed's youngest boy child, Moses, which was caught up in Pharaoh's order that all boy babies born are to be drowned by the midwives in the Nile River. "Therefore, God dealt well with the midwives and the people multiplied and grew very mighty. And so it was, because the midwives feared God, that He provided households for them" (Exodus 1:20). In terms of aborting the boy babies, the Hebrew women refused to obey the Pharaoh's orders to commit infanticide (Exodus 1:22). It is believed that the midwives mentioned here are Egyptian women who believed in and feared God (Exodus 1:19).

Jochebed gave birth to Moses and for three months hid Him after he was born. But when she could no longer hide the baby because of his growth, she cast the baby into the river, but in a floating basket made of bulrushes sealed with asphalt to make the basket float.

We have no direct record of God talking to Jochebed commanding her to save Moses. This mother did what she did because of her loving mother's instinct.

There is the story of King Solomon exercising His wisdom between two mothers who are prostitutes claiming an infant dead child is not theirs. The two mothers are staying in the same house. Both recently gave birth to infant sons. The infant boys slept with their mothers. One of the mothers, while sleeping, roles over on and smothers her infant son to death. Waking up the next morning discovering her child was dead, she

switched her dead son with the living son of the other mother. The grieving mother discovered that her son had been switched came to the king and argued that her son was stolen from her. Both mothers argued their side to Solomon the wise king. King Solomon commanded a sword be brought to him and he would cut the living child in half for each mother to have one half. The true mother screamed out not to cut the child but give him to the other woman. The king gave the child to the woman who screamed out, declaring her as the real mother.

Then there was the mother Mary, who followed her son from His cradle (manger) to His grave. Her deep love for her Son would not allow her to forsake Him regardless of Him being rejected by the people, church, and tortured on the cruel cross.

Then there was this mother several days ago found guilty of murdering her two young innocent and beautiful under-age children because of some religious belief her new husband pressed upon her which she believed she was to kill her two children so that her and her new husband could live free without children in their new marriage. There were the mothers who gave their children to Molech to be burned alive. A deed which God was truly grieved and punished His people for it.

Mother, which Mother? Why Mother? When Mother? Where is Mother? What and which Mother will God favor?
J. L. Caldwell, Pastor New Jerusalem Baptist Cathedral
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How Crosses And Mementos Help Some Marines Remember

THE CONVERSATION—Many members of the public don't have a clear understanding of what service means to people in the military. How do they honor their own? What kind of spaces and activities help them reflect and remember - beyond Veterans Day and Memorial Day?

We are cultural geographers who study how people's emotions and connections with the past are represented physically in landscapes. Recently, our research has focused on commemorative place names in the military - particularly names associated with the Confederacy, which the U.S. armed forces are now reviewing and renaming.

In 2021, one of us (Katrina Finkelstein) visited Camp Pendleton in California to research commemoration on Marine Corps bases and understand how active-duty Marines and veterans interact with those spaces. In addition to official memorials and monuments sanctioned by the military, there are more informal and intimate examples of commemoration.

These ongoing, "living" memorials can be especially meaningful for service members processing their experiences and remembering those they lost, and physically represent the emotional weight they carry every day.

Camp Pendleton, one of the U.S. Marines' busiest bases, sits between San Diego and Los Angeles on miles of undeveloped coastline.

Thirteen hundred feet above the base, more than 30 crosses stand on a hillside - a memorial site established in 2003. Before deployment to Iraq, a group of seven service members - two Marine officers, two enlisted Marines, two Navy corpsmen and one Navy chaplain - carried a cross made of an old telephone pole up to the site. It was an effort to remember a peer they lost and to prepare for the mission ahead of them. Three of the seven were later killed in action.

Today, the hilltop is still used for physical training and events before and after deployments. Meanwhile, its informal commemorations have expanded and changed, as many active-duty military and veterans develop a relationship with the space.

Destroyed in a fire in 2007, the original cross was replaced, and dozens of others added. Some are more intentionally constructed,



engraved and carried up the steep hillside, while others might have been made from sticks on the way.

Contributing to the memorials has become an ongoing tradition. In August 2021, for example, after 13 service members were killed in a blast at Kabul airport - including nine Marines and one sailor based at Pendleton - new crosses appeared on the hillside. Others were erected at different Marine Corps bases, echoing the spontaneous way the first Camp Pendleton cross was installed.

This living memorial receives frequent attention, despite its isolated location and despite several official memorials throughout the base.

In an oral history interview, one of the original cross bearers from 2003, chaplain Scott Radetski, attributes the site's popularity to the "life" that exists on the hilltop. Because of its more intimate nature - secluded from the public and requiring an hourlong hike to visit - it has become especially meaningful for service members. The crosses are not a public memorial, he said, but "a warrior memorial."

On the journey to the Pendleton crosses, people carry mementos to leave at the top. At first, they were small rocks, but have evolved to include sandbags, combat knives, insignia, unopened beer and liquor bottles, and helmets, all piled at the base of the crosses.

At times, officials have moved to tidy it up, such as removing cans of alcohol. But some service members have objected, stressing that these items are deeply meaningful and carefully chosen. For them, these items they've carried to the top of the hill represent not only their comrades, but the emotional

weight that veterans carry each day because of their experiences.

"Those mementos represented that suffering, that pain, that loss, that anguish, that angst, whatever it was" that service members needed to leave behind, Radetski said. The site is not always clean and neat, but he suggests it reflects the messiness of war and the traumatic experiences of the veterans who visit the site regularly.

In October 2021, before the battalion that sustained most of the losses at the Kabul airport returned to Camp Pendleton, the group Recycle for Veterans, which brings veterans together for cleanups on the West Coast, held an event to provide maintenance of the site. The group removed debris and empty bottles, but left mementos behind, leaving it ready for more commemorations in the future.

While many memorial landscapes can seem "fixed", representing a single moment or individual, the crosses at Camp Pendleton show that such spaces can actually change. The crosses reaffirm the idea that public memories are not static, and neither are spaces dedicated to them; new features are added as others are removed.

The crosses are not without controversy. A decade ago, after the Los Angeles Times ran a story about the memorial on Veterans Day, the Military Association of Atheists and Freethinkers filed a complaint, arguing that their presence relegated "all non-Christians who have fought and died for our country [...] to second-class citizenship." Base officials reportedly conducted a review, and the memorial still stands.

For Marines who support the memorial, however, the site can serve multiple purposes: a destination during physical training, a way to prepare for a deployment, or a journey to come to terms with their experiences upon returning home.

Often, these activities are collective. Veterans organize semi-annual hikes, meaning that the site does not become obsolete or forgotten. As the site of an ever-expanding memorial, the hillside is an example of how veterans continue to return to their own community, to a place that Chaplain Radetski called a "common ground," for remembrance and healing.

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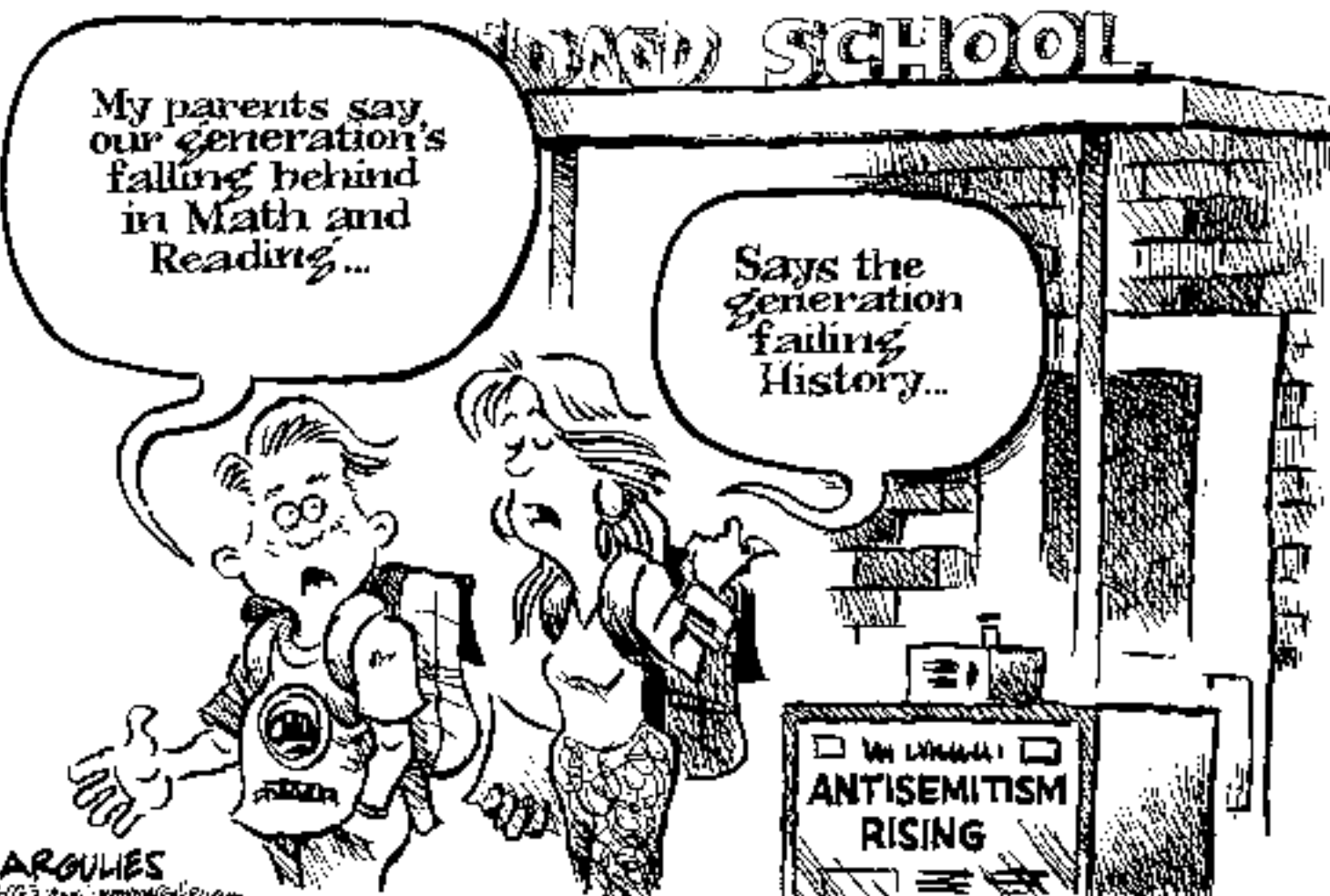
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A Different Voice
By Dorothy Shaw Thompson

RACISM THE BEAT THAT GOES ON

Here we go again. If you take pride in living in North Carolina, have at it. If you take pride in being a Republican and/or a black Republican have at that too. I ain't mad at cha but stop at least and look closely at what you are aligning yourself with, i.e. the whole ball of wax. Okay, so you know where I'm going with this.

Rep. Jeff McNeely, a republican from Stony Point and a member of the "Chamber's Ultra Conservative" and ironically called, "Freedom Caucus" (reported in The Charlotte Observer), interrupted Atty. Abraham Jones (Didn't your mama teach you not to interrupt people when they are speaking question?) to ask him a non-benign question. They were discussing a bill that would expand the eligibility requirements for NC Opportunity Scholarships. His exact words were "and the question is, would you have been able to achieve this if you were not an athlete or minority or any of these things, but you were a student trapped in a school that the slowest-you know the slowest-gazelle does not survive, but yet the herd moves at that pace. So the brightest child sometimes is held back in order-." Then Robert Reeves called for a point of order stating that he "hoped he wasn't the only one shocked by that comment," and I'm yelling at the screen saying "No. Let him finish!"

This gets really funny (I mean haha funny) at this point when Reeve says, "The only reason you went to Harvard is because you were black and an athlete?" Then McNeely says in essence, "I didn't say that, I was trying to get him to say that." Now let me tell you the stuff that was running in my head. First thought, "Abe Jones was an athlete? Later I found out that he was a track star but that's not how he got into Harvard. Also I thought, didn't we go to Enloe? So Enloe was considered a place where students were trapped?"

Then I thought, "slowest gazelle?" Isn't the slowest gazelle still the fastest in the "herd"? What is this man saying? That's why I wanted him to finish. Let him twist himself up in this and prove how unsmart racism is.

Okay, so let me share this... In 1968, as I was graduating from the then NCC in Durham, I received a letter asking me to apply for a scholarship to Harvard and a Master Teacher's program. I didn't want to go, but my mother, grandmother, and my mentor at Central urged me fervently to apply. They then assured me that I would get in and that I would do well. I let them influence me, but I didn't want to go to Harvard. I wasn't impressed. After a series of letters back-and-forth all with green lights, I finally got the one that said that I wouldn't be getting in. To choose, the answer was no. I didn't think much about it. I wasn't disappointed, but my supporters were. What they didn't understand was that I had prayed that if this was something I was supposed to do, God would open the door (that way I didn't have to be the decision make-lazy me). It was two years later looking through some mail that my mom kept that I discovered why I didn't get in. My senior year at Central, the college wanting to update its credentials had hired a woman from Chapel Hill to head the department. My mentor "only" had a Master's Degree. This woman who had a Doctorate's degree got the job as head. She was the most racist woman I've ever encountered at that point in my life. She told us how inferior we were and would bring statistics in to share from research she read etc. to tell us what we didn't have and what we couldn't do and wouldn't be. She amazed me every time she opened her mouth. She had kept me out of Harvard. She wrote her revenge in a letter to the school. She pointed out the same kind of rhetoric that McNeely was attempting to point out. I was her antagonist for everywhere she spoke, my classmates often urged me to please let it go, but I couldn't. Okay, normally a person would think,

(See **A DIFFERENT VOICE**, P. 11)

FUNdraising Good Times

By Mel & Pearl Shaw
Saad & Shaw

ARE YOU A FOREVER NONPROFIT?

Should your organization last forever?

With June 30 knocking on the calendar door now is the time for reflection on how and whether to move ahead. Your nonprofit may have a calendar year that ends on June 30th - or this could be a mid-year point. In all cases, we recommend taking a moment to reflect on the work and value of your organization. Take time to look down the road at what lies ahead - and to look back on from whence you came. There may be a fork in the road, and you could benefit from seeing it.

Sometimes we think of nonprofit organizations or institutions as perpetual entities. We are proud of those we support or work for and those who serve us or advocate for us. But we rarely consider whether or not they should continue to exist. We believe that you can be proud of a nonprofit and at the same time realize that now may be the time to consider merging or dissolving. These are not mutually exclusive realities. Reflection can be a touchstone for growth, but there can be other outcomes.

Here are a few very direct questions you can ponder and

discuss amongst board members, staff, volunteers, and even funders and donors. Are we really making an impact, or are we just keeping the doors open? If we are "just" keeping the doors open, is that fair to our community? To our donors? To the larger cause? Is there another organization - emerging or established - that could do a better job at what we are seeking to accomplish? Related to this, is it morally right to seek out and accept resources which otherwise could go to other organizations that could make a greater impact?

Were you designed to be a "forever" nonprofit, or were you born to address a specific need or issue? Do you have the ability to know if you have accomplished your goals and should close because you have done what you set out to do? Are you raising just enough money to operate? Or are you not raising enough money to operate? Are you consolidating programs and operations, year over year, laying off staff, drawing down your reserve funds or accessing the principal of your endowment? Is there a decline in leadership and commitment? A persistent decline in giving? A decline in awareness and communication? Are there times when you cannot pay staff and/or vendors? Are you finding that your organization's focus has shifted from programmatic excellence to whether or not you can make ends meet? Are you experiencing a lack of innovation and new projects? Are you doing the same thing year in and year out? Is the organization still relevant? Does it still meet a need?

As we said, these are very direct questions. Don't be afraid to grapple with these: asking questions can reveal a more powerful future. With over 1.8 million nonprofit organizations in the U.S. there is no lack of people committed to a positive future: it may be time for someone else to pick up the mantle.

Other Viewpoints

DUKE ENERGY'S SOLAR ATTACK HEADS TO COURT
By Jim Warren

DURHAM, N.C. - The North Carolina Utilities Commission blatantly ignored state law in March by approving Duke Energy's plan to lower financial benefits for residential solar customers, which would also harm the rooftop solar industry and all state power users, according to a legal filing today by a coalition of clean energy advocates.

The coalition today began the process of blocking implementation of rules, pending review of the case by the North Carolina Court of Appeals.

Attorneys for the coalition say a 2017 law, H.B. 589, explicitly requires the utilities commission to perform its own cost-benefit analysis of solar net metering, which compensates homes for power they send back to the electric grid.

North Carolina Attorney General Josh Stein agreed. So did the bill's conservative Republican author, former state House member John Szoka, who said relying on Duke's own study would be akin to the fox guarding the henhouse.

But Duke fought a commission-led study, and the regulators went along with the utility's own calculations, which the coalition says are deeply flawed and one-sided.

The advocates say Duke ignored strong evidence that solar net metering benefits even non-solar customers. Stein said Duke's internal numbers omitted solar's potential benefits.

"Net metering has long been a cornerstone of North Carolina's residential solar program, enabling homeowners to generate their own clean, renewable energy and receive fair compensation for any surplus energy they sell back to the grid," said Caroline Leary, general counsel and chief operating officer at the Environmental Working Group.

"By gutting these financial incentives at the behest of Duke Energy, the commission is effectively discouraging homeowners from adopting rooftop solar and will stifle the state's efforts to curb power plant emissions to combat the climate crisis," Leary said.

Implementation delayed

Several solar companies and other parties recently asked the commission to delay implementation of the new rules from July 1 to October 1 to give Duke more time to develop an online bill calculator required by the commission's order.

They say the calculator has worked poorly in South Carolina since Duke pushed through similar rules changes there in 2022. Duke later joined the request for the new date, and yesterday the commission agreed to delay implementation of the new rules.

The coalition appealing the commission's net metering order includes EWG, NC WARN, Sunrise Durham, 350 Triangle, 350 Charlotte, the N.C. Climate Solutions Coalition, the N.C. Alliance to Protect Our People and the Places We Live and retired chemical engineer Donald Outman.

Under the peculiar rules governing the utilities commission, the coalition must initially request that the commission itself grant a stay, or suspension, of its own order. Also, the coalition must notify the commission that the groups are preparing a comprehensive request for the NC Court of Appeals to overturn the NCU's order approving the new rules. That's what today's filings achieve.

"Duke Energy's attack on rooftop solar comes straight out of the Edison Electric Institute's playbook. Many utilities have spent years on a countrywide effort to protect their monopolies by trying to crowd out independently owned renewables," said Ziyad Habash, a member of the Sunrise Movement Durham Hub.

In a related development, last week some 68 pro-solar nonprofits and businesses, about half of them solar companies, called for North Carolina Gov. Roy Cooper and Stein to insist on full and open proceedings on changes to nonresidential net metering. They reject attempts by Duke, in two cases involving rate increases, to hide proposed changes under thousands of pages.

Editorials

Editorial Policy

Unsigned editorials in this space are the opinion of the newspaper. All other opinion pieces, including those from regular columnists, are the opinion of the writers themselves. The Carolinian strives to provide provocative commentary that is likely to spur thoughtful debate, regardless of whether we agree with it.

By Dawn Blagrove

Helplessness.

Fear. Internal turmoil. These are just a few of the emotions you may feel if a loved one was having a mental health crisis. You know something is wrong, and you need professional help - who would you call? Currently, Raleigh residents' only option is the police, but their presence and response in these crises are almost never helpful and usually escalate the situation, reduce safety for all involved, and even result in tragedy.

Raleigh residents deserve a better option, one the City of Durham is already offering through the successful Holistic Empathetic Assistance Response Team (HEART). Raleigh City Council and Mayor Mary Ann Baldwin should follow suit and invest taxpayer dollars in a non-law-enforcement crisis health response team to provide safe and meaningful support that is accessible to us all.

It is estimated that approximately 5% of the US population lives with a serious mental illness, but they make up more than 20% of fatal police shooting victims. Assuming Raleigh has a similar rate of mental illness, more than 23,000 of our residents are at a heightened risk of dying during a police encounter. This disturbing reality is especially poignant for Raleigh's Black residents, who make up approximately 28.2% of the city's population yet 69% of the drivers RPD reported using force against during traffic stops in 2022.

Police officers are ill-equipped to address mental health crises, and no amount of training, or money spent on it, can prepare a police officer to respond better than a mental health professional. Law enforcement often interprets mental health symptoms as hostility, and the symptoms themselves affect a person's ability to respond to commands.

Their presence signifies trouble for most, and brutality for many, exacerbating, and even onsetting, symptoms such as fear of persecution and paranoia. The result is escalation and danger for all involved, the most stark of which is for our Black residents, who are disproportionately impacted by police violence and often fear for their lives in any interaction with them.

The Raleigh Police Department's ACORN team of police officers and social workers is not an accessible or acceptable option for communities that have been disproportionately impacted by policing and police violence. It is also counter to recommendations from mental health advocates who say a reduction in encounters between police and those with serious mental illness may be the single most immediate and practical strategy for reducing these fatal police shootings.

Data from pilot programs across the country shows that a non-law enforcement alternative will give us a much better, and safe, return on taxpayer investment. Durham's HEART responders successfully resolve most calls on-scene, and provide follow-up care, all while diverting calls from the police and other first responders. For certain calls that pose a greater potential safety risk, HEART pairs clinicians with police officers, but data from the first ten months of the program show a police presence is mostly unnecessary.

Their responders reported feeling safe in 99% of encounters, and 0% of calls needed police department backup for team safety.

Non-law enforcement crisis response teams also benefit the broader community - A 2022 study found Denver's STAR program reduced "low-level" crime by 34%.

Our country, and the City of Raleigh, have tried to make policing the solution to every social problem, but it hasn't helped; in fact it's harmed our communities. Police unions will lobby for law enforcement agencies to take on responsibilities like crisis response because doing so signifies legitimacy and brings more funding. Police departments will take on these responsibilities even when officers are ill-equipped to fulfill them, and outcomes are unsatisfactory. Making police the solution to mental health crises has resulted in numerous tragedies across the nation. If Raleigh had a HEART (program), Reuel Rodriguez Nunez, Keith Collins, Soheil Antonio Mojarrad, and other beloved members of our community might still be alive.

It's been more than three months since Emancipate NC, myself, and other members of the community demanded Raleigh establish a non-law enforcement crisis-response team akin to Durham's HEART program. While Durhamites fight to expand the successful program, Raleigh drags its toes in providing people in crisis and their loved ones with the safety and care we deserve.

Talk To Us

Stimulating a lively discussion of issues that concern the community is one of our main tasks at The Carolinian. We want to know what you think. This issue's topic:

Acts of aggression and disrespect have increased exponentially during the pandemic years. Was it the isolation, or the free flowing money that gave people a sense of entitlement?

Classifieds

WAKE COUNTY

File Number 23E002966-910
 The Undersigned, having qualified as ADMINISTRATOR of the Estate of LONNIE RAY TROLLINGER SR, late of Wake County, North Carolina, hereby wishes to notify all persons having claims against the Estate of said deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned at the below listed address on or before the 21st day of August 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 18th day of May, 2023.
 Janice Trollinger
 Administrator
 820 Nuttree Place
 Raleigh, NC 27606
 5/18, 5/25, 6/1 and 6/8/23
 STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
 WAKE COUNTY

NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION
 In The General Court Of Justice
 Superior Court Division
 Before the Clerk
 File Number 23W001161-910

The Undersigned, having qualified as Executor of the Estate of EARLINE RILEY, 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 21st day of August 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 18th day of May, 2023.
 Renee Latoya Headspeth
 Executor
 1303 Pinewinds Dr. APT 102
 Raleigh, NC 27603
 5/18, 5/25, 6/1 and 6/8/23
 NORTH CAROLINA
 WAKE COUNTY

NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION
 In The General Court Of Justice
 Superior Court Division
 Before the Clerk
 File No. 23CV004725-910
 Delisa Parrilla, Plaintiff
 Vs.

Hector R. Parrilla, Defendant
TO: HECTOR R. PARRILLA
 Take notice that a pleading seeking relief against you has been filed in the above entitled action. The nature of the relief being sought is as follows: The Plaintiff has filed a Complaint for Judgment for Absolute Divorce. You are required to make defense to such pleading no later than forty (40) days from the first date of the publication of this Notice, and upon your failure to do so the party seeking service against you will apply to the court for the relief sought.
 This, the 18th day of May 2023.

Delisa Parrilla
 Plaintiff
 1000 Furlong Dr.
 Smithfield, NC 27577
 5/18, 5/25, and 6/1/2023
 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 23E003259-910
 The Undersigned, having qualified as ADMINISTRATOR of the Estate of GABRIELLE NORA HAMED, 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 23rd day of August 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 25th day of May, 2023.
 Annalyn Mary Hamed
 1000 Moore Ridge Road Apt 1109
 Morrisville, NC 27560
 5/25, 6/1, 6/8, and 6/15/23
 STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
 COUNTY OF WAKE

NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION
 In The General Court Of Justice
 Superior Court Division
 Cornelius McCall and Sincera McCall, 23 CVS 904, Wake County
TO: YUYING ZHANG
 Take notice that a pleading seeking relief against you has been filed in the above-entitled action. The nature of the relief being sought against you is as follows: Com-

plaint for Specific Performance and Breach of Contract.
 You are required to make defense to such pleading not later than 40 days from May 25th and upon your failure to do so the party seeking service against you will apply to the court for the relief sought.

This the 25th day of May, 2023.
 Daron D. Satterfield
 Satterfield Law, PLLC
 307 Meadowlands Drive, Suite 101
 Hillsborough, NC 27278
 (984) 229-8584
 (919) 287-2696 fax
 5/25, 6/1, and 6/8/2023
 NORTH CAROLINA
 WAKE COUNTY

NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION
 In the Superior Court
LUCY MAE C. HOLDING v. HEIRS OF MATTIE L. CAUDLE, HEIRS OF JAMES ARTHUR BULLOCK, GLORIA BULLOCK LAWSON, HEIRS OF MAY BULLOCK SEAGERS, SANYA CAUDLE, RANDOLPH CAUDLE, and KATHRYN HOCKADAY PURCELL
 Petition to Partition
 File No. 21-SP-442

To the unknown heirs of Mattie L. Caudle, of James Arthur Bullock, and of May Bullock Seagers:
 Take notice that a pleading seeking relief involving property you may have an interest in has been filed in the above-entitled special proceeding. The nature of the relief being sought is as follows: Partition and sale of the real property located at 14929 New Light Road, Wake Forest, North Carolina 27587, said property described in Book 1068, Page 107 in the Wake County Registry. You are required to make

defense to such pleading no later than July 5, 2023, and upon your failure to do so the party seeking service against you will apply to the court for the relief sought.

This, the 25th day of May, 2023.
 Daniel T. Blue, III
 Attorney for Lucy Mae Holding, Petitioner
 PO Box 1730, Raleigh, NC 27602
 (919) 833-1931
 5/25, 6/1, and 6/8

CHATHAM COUNTY

NORTH CAROLINA
 CHATHAM COUNTY

NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION
 In The General Court Of Justice
 District Court Division
 Before the Clerk
 File No. 23-CVD-354

To: WUALTER ROLANDO BAUTISTA VASQUEZ, 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 July 5, 2023 said date being at least forty (40) days from the first publication of this Notice, and upon your failure to do so, the Plaintiff, MARIA ROSA QUINTANILLA, will apply to the court for the relief sought.
 This the 25th day of May, 2023.

Aneta Paval
 Paval Law Offices, PLLC
 7404 Chapel Hill Rd
 Suite M
 Raleigh NC 27607
 Telephone: (919) 410-6690
 5/25, 6/1 and 6/8/2023

SENIOR AUDITOR WANTED

iPearl Inc. Apex, NC 27539. Audit financial statements, provide financial disclosures, & complete other financial accounting deliverables; Monitor & report on productivity, implement budget-wise plans, & improve efficiency; Utilize audit methodology thru risk-based approach; Provide advice on significant accounting, auditing, & financial matters; Explain iPearl-specific accounting, auditing & financial policies & procedures to business partners; Provide internal audit training. Req: Bachelor's degree in Accounting; 2 yrs. in any occupational title that involves providing auditing service in private sector; Professional Fluency in Mandarin Chinese; Willingness to travel to China for 120 days per yr. if needed. Send Resume to iPearl Inc., Attn: Recruitment, 2025 Production Dr, Apex, NC 27539.

NOTICE TO SUBCONTRACTOR

BIDDER PRE-QUALIFICATION REQUEST FOR THE RALEIGH-DURHAM AIRPORT AUTHORITY PARK ECONOMY 3 EXPANSION - EARLY PACKAGE

Balfour Beatty / Metcon is seeking to pre-qualify general trades, fencing, and sitework contractors to submit bids for the furnishing of labor, material, and equipment for the following project: Park Economy 3 Expansion. Balfour Beatty / Metcon has been selected as the Construction Manager at Risk (CMR) for the project and will receive bids from and contract with the principal contractors for the execution of the work. The preliminary budget for this project is approximately \$120,000,000 (all packages). Minority Owned Small Business (MSB) participation and Women Owned Small Business (WSB) participation goals will be set for each individual bid package. Refer to the bid manual documents once issued for information on your specific package.

Similar project experience will be considered during prequalification. Anticipated Bid Date will be July 12, 2023. This is not a request for bid, however, only subcontractors who have completed a prequalification package, and been deemed prequalified for this project, will be considered for a bid on this project. Submittals for prequalification forms may be hand delivered, mailed, or submitted electronically. Deadline for prequalification submission is 14 days prior to Bid Date. The CMR and Authority reserve the right to reject any and all Pre-qualifications. Contracting method will be through Competitive Public Bid in accordance with Chapter 143 of the NC General Statutes. For further information or questions, please contact Trent Johnson at 919-233-5001, or by email at: tjohnson@bbus.com.

Updated prequalification documents can be accessed through the Balfour Beatty plan room under "RDU Park Economy 3 - Early Package PREQUALIFICATION" at the below link:

<https://app.buildingconnected.com/public/5430e7a75cdc2e0300dd757d>

Mailed or hand delivered submittals shall go to the following address:

Trent Johnson
 Balfour Beatty Construction
 406 S McDowell St Suite 20
 Raleigh, NC 27601



WANTED WBE, MBE & DBE BIDS

for the following jobs:

Town of Holly Springs

Town of Holly Springs 2023 Street Improvement Project

Contract # 23-001 Wake Co. Bid Date: June 6th

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

Please contact S. T. Wooten at 252-291-5165,

Fax 252-243-0900 no later than 5:00 p.m. the day before the bid date.

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

WANTED WBE, MBE & DBE BIDS

for the following jobs:

NCDOT Division Six Letting

DF00442 Harnett Co. Bid Date: June 7th

NCDOT Division Two Letting

DB00555 Pitt Co. Bid Date: June 14th

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

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King Crossword

Answers

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A DIFFERENT VOICE

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"but Dot, you could have gone to Harvard," but frankly I have never and will never be impressed with these Ivy League schools. I wasn't supposed to go to Harvard, God answered my prayers and used Lynn Igoe to send me on the path he wanted me on. Remember Joseph, his brothers and the famine in Egypt? That was God. Am I Joseph? No! Have I saved Egypt? No, but the analogy is that God uses the ignorance of man sometimes to effect his best plans.

These people don't know what black schools and black teachers have done for black children. They don't know that God implants in his people that which he intends for them no matter what. Abe Jones was going to be Abe Jones no matter where he had gone to school. His response to McNeely didn't come because he had gone to Harvard. His response was downloaded into him by his mother and father and dad (who by the way lived in a house we bought from them and now live in). Do I agree with every "which way" Abe Jones votes?

No (sorry Abe), but I didn't make him—God did and he's fulfilling his life plan. This is the truth that defies racism and is why I am not surprised at the mentality of the republicans (and maybe some democrats) that think that they are in charge. That think that they can block democracy. That think that they are winning. That they have power and that lies are going to survive truth. But God didn't create the world that way.

Abe accepted the man's apology, I don't. Abe thinks that the man was talking about him, he wasn't. He just used Abe as a case in point about all black people. He was saying in essence, you got into Harvard and I've got into NC State, but I'm still smarter than you. I'm white, case settled. That in essence is what racism is all about. You, whoever you are, were a flute. You just happen to get by. But here's the truth that I have discovered along the way. The Ivy League schools are not better educators than the one room school of old they are self-perpetuating. There are people who didn't graduate from high school, who are smarter than some who have Phd's. This is a fact. What makes a man smart is not his degree, but how he lives and spreads truth through the life he leads and how he makes the people around him feel about themselves. As John Smith said in "Master Key", "it's brains and personality and trust in providence"—it's not the place, it's not the highest state that makes us truly great. You can reach the heights of representatives of a whole region and open your mouth and say something so stupid it will make your legacy for the rest of your life. I hope you get this. If not, let me know and I will explain it better.

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