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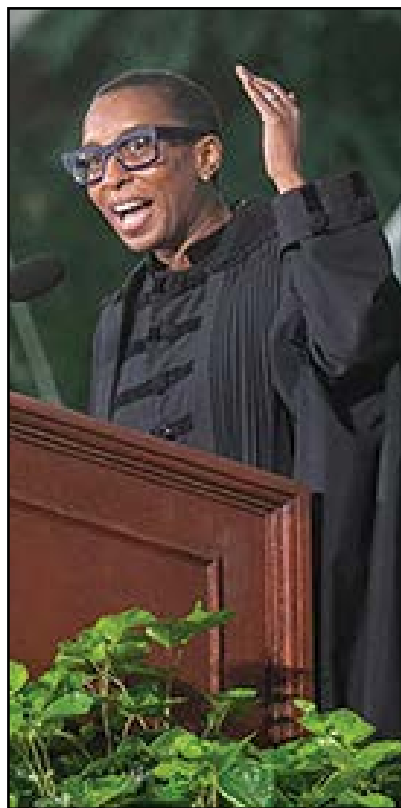


PAOLA EGONU

In Italy, volleyball player Paola Egonu is a household name; at just 22 she carried the Olympic flag at the Tokyo Olympics opening ceremony and holds the women's world record for spike speed.

As one of the world's best volleyball players, Egonu decided to take a break from the Italian national team in 2022, after a racist backlash.

"Reading those things and hearing them made me doubt myself more. And the worst one was, 'Is she Italian?' I was devastated," Egonu said.



CLAUDINE GAY

Harvard University announced its 30th president last Thursday, drawing from within to hire Claudine Gay, the first Black president in the institution's nearly 400-year history. The daughter of Haitian immigrants, Gay will officially assume the position next summer.

Gay, currently the Edgerley Family Dean of Harvard's Faculty of Arts and Sciences, was hired after a search that began in July to replace Lawrence S. Bacow, who announced in June that he would step down next year. Though Gay has not previously held a presidency, she has a long history with Harvard.



SIMONE BILES

Simone Biles has landed one of the world's most difficult vaults on the world stage for the first time.

On Sunday at the World Artistic Gymnastics Championships, the 26-year-old gymnast successfully executed the Yurchenko double pike vault, weeks after landing it at the U.S. national championships.

In sticking the landing, the vault — which features a round-off entry and a back handspring onto the apparatus followed by two flips — is now known as the "Biles II."

At the world championships in Antwerp, Belgium, it is graded 6.4 in difficulty, according to NBC Sports. Last year at the competition, the most challenging vault was rated a 5.6, per the outlet.



ANTHONY NESTY

Anthony Nesty made more history last Thursday when he was picked to lead the U.S. men's swimming team in Paris, where he will become the first Black head coach for the powerhouse American squad at the Olympics.

Nesty's selection was announced by USA Swimming, which also appointed Todd DeSorbo to head the women's squad next summer.

Nesty, the University of Florida coach, works with top American swimmers such as Katie Ledecky.



DA'VIAN KIMBROUGH

Da'Vian Kimbrough, 13, became the youngest player to appear in a professional match in U.S. soccer history Sunday, making his debut for Sacramento Republic FC in the United Soccer League.

Sacramento signed Kimbrough to a professional contract on Aug. 9, making him the youngest senior professional soccer player in United States history. Almost two months later, in front of the club's home supporters, he became the youngest American professional soccer player to debut in a competitive match.



INDIA PULPHUS

Shaw placekicker India Pulphus was named CIAA Special Teams Player of the Week on Monday for her historic kick against Virginia State over the weekend.

Pulphus connected on her extra point attempt late in the fourth quarter to make history as the first female kicker to kick an extra point in Shaw football and CIAA football history Saturday afternoon as the Bears fell to Virginia State 38-19 inside Durham County Memorial Stadium.

A Cleveland, OH, native, Pulphus also made history as the first female to capture a CIAA football player of the week honor.

New York City Mayor Adams Says, 'We Are At Capacity'

ALBANY, N.Y. (AP) — New York City Mayor Eric Adams on Tuesday said he will travel to Latin America to discourage people from seeking asylum in the city as it struggles to handle a massive influx of migrants that have overwhelmed its shelter system and strained financial resources.

The Democratic mayor is set to visit Mexico, Ecuador and Colombia during a four-day trip this week. The city has absorbed almost 120,000 migrants over the past year, with hundreds still arriving daily in need of housing and employment.

"We want to give an honest assessment of what we are experiencing here in this city," said Adams. "We are at capacity."

"We're going to tell them that coming to New York doesn't mean you're going to stay in a five-star hotel. It doesn't mean that, the mere fact that you come here, you automatically are going to be allowed to work," he said.

Adams has made a series of urgent pleas for a shift in federal immigration policy and for funding to help the city manage the arrival of migrants, which he said could cost the city \$12 billion as it rents space at hotels, erects new emergency shelters and provides various government services for asylum seekers.

The trip began Wednesday in Mexico, where Adams attended the



North Capital Forum and met with government officials. He will then travel to Quito, Ecuador, for additional meetings before he heads to Bogotá, Colombia and eventually to the Darien Gap, a dangerous section of the route many migrants pass through on their way to the U.S.

Adams has recently moved to tighten New York shelter rules by limiting adult migrants to just 30 days in city-run facilities amid overcrowding. The city has also been challenging a decades-old legal agreement that requires it to provide shelter to anyone who requests it. On Tuesday, the city asked a judge to allow the rule to be suspended during a state of emergency where the shel-

ter population increases at a rapid rate.

City and state leaders in New York, Illinois and elsewhere have urged the federal government to make it easier for migrants to get work permits, which would allow them to pay for food and housing.

The Biden administration last month took a step toward complying with the demand by extending a temporary legal status to an estimated 472,000 Venezuelans in the U.S., which will make it easier for them to get work authorization. Adams and New York Gov. Kathy Hochul have announced \$38 million in new state funding to help connect migrants with legal services.

Michael Jordan Joins Forbes 400

By Justin Birnbaum

Forbes

Since Michael Jordan stepped onto an NBA court for the first time in 1984, earning an outsized payday has been a layup. Across his 15 NBA seasons, he hauled in \$94 million and was the league's highest-paid player in 1997 and 1998. But it was off the court where Jordan put serious air between himself and every other athlete on the planet, earning an estimated \$2.4 billion (pre-tax) over his career with brands such as McDonald's, Gatorade, Hanes and, of course, Nike, where his most recent yearly royalty check was for some \$260 million.

Jordan had his biggest score in August, though, when he sold his majority stake in the Charlotte Hornets at an eye-watering \$3 billion valuation. Even if he had sold at Forbes' most recent valuation, an estimated \$1.7 billion in 2022, it would have been a coup for the 60-year-old Hall of Famer. Instead, the 27th most valuable franchise in the NBA traded hands for the second-highest sale price in league history and nearly 17 times its value when Jordan became principal owner in 2010.

That places him in rare air. With an estimated net worth of \$3 billion, Jordan has arrived on The Forbes 400, marking the first time a professional athlete has ranked among America's wealthiest individuals.

"Michael's one of the few people that have had success three times," says Ted Leonsis, the Washington Wizards, Mystics and Capitals owner, who has partnered with Jordan on multiple investments and sports ownership in the past. "A lot of entrepreneurs, they make it once. They have a big win, take their winnings, retire and [we] never hear from them again, or they try something a second time and it doesn't work. He's had three mega successes," referring to Jor-

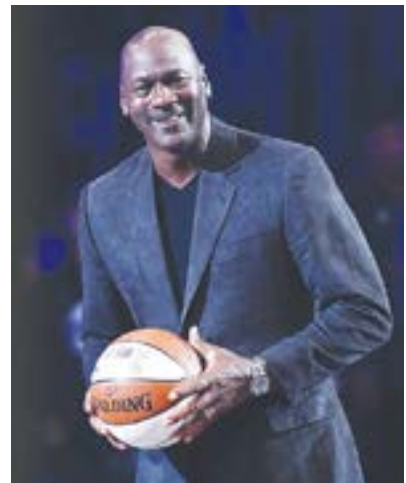
dan's impact as a player, an owner, as well as the growth of the Air Jordan brand at Nike.

The prospect of a professional athlete becoming a billionaire is still highly irregular; only three individuals have ever done it. Jordan was the first to achieve that milestone in 2014, and LeBron James and Tiger Woods have since followed, doing so while their careers are still active. With sports salaries skyrocketing and off-the-field opportunities growing, more are surely to follow, evidenced by the fact that seven athletes, by Forbes' count, have already notched \$1 billion in career earnings before taxes, spending and agents' fees.

Still, joining the three-comma club requires a perfect storm of favorable circumstances. Or as Mark Cuban, billionaire owner of the Dallas Mavericks, puts it, "[athletes] need to get really lucky." But that seems hardly the case for Jordan, who had success as soon as he entered the NBA.

When the first Air Jordan sneaker was released during the tail end of his rookie season in 1985, Nike reportedly expected to sell \$3 million worth of merchandise. Two months later, the brand had \$70 million in sales and \$100 million by the end of the year, according to a 2023 study from Temple University. Jordan had signed on for five years initially, earning \$500,000 annually plus royalties. In its latest annual report, Nike reported \$6.6 billion in annual wholesale revenue for the Jordan Brand, up 28.6% from the year prior.

Nike wasn't the only company trying to capitalize on Jordan's talent and charisma. "He was a brand before people discussed human beings being brands," says Marc Ganis, president of the consulting firm Sportscorp. "It wasn't Michael Jordan promoting Gatorade, it was Gatorade saying, 'Drink Gatorade to be more like Michael.'"



But shortly after his second retirement from the NBA in 1998, Jordan started to transition away from life as a celebrity pitchman. According to ESPN, he made unsuccessful bids to buy the Hornets (which later became the New Orleans Pelicans) and the Milwaukee Bucks. Jordan eventually joined a Leonsis-led ownership group that bought the NHL's Washington Capitals and 44% of the Washington Wizards, and he assumed the role of president of basketball operations under the latter's then-majority owner, Abe Pollin.

"He was a sponge," says Leonsis, who recalls Jordan being very curious and asking lots of questions. From selling sponsorships to advertisements, Leonsis imparted what he knew about the business of sports. "Ultimately, he was more right than I was, which was if you have a great team and you have star players, it's easy to sell tickets, suites and sponsorships."

Jordan's two-season return to the court meant divesting his ownership stake and, when he retired for a third and final time in 2003, he didn't wait

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RALEIGH CHAMBER



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Raleigh Housing Authority Closing All Waitlists, & Sec 8

Tyria Bourda

Staff Writers

On October 31st at 5 pm, the Raleigh Housing Authority will close its waiting lists for Public Housing and Section 8. Once closed, no new applications will be accepted until a waiting list is reopened.

According to RHA, this summer, over 9,000 families waited for hous-

ing vouchers and over 6,000 families waited for public housing on waiting lists. That being said, representatives from RHA stated that it would take them years to exhaust the current list of applicants already on their lists.

Although the waitlist is closing, RHA is in the process of switching to a new computer database, which will certainly take time. As part of this transition, staff will need to learn the

new computer system which will take time. Until staff is trained and capable of accepting new applications, waiting lists will remain closed.

"We do not know how long the waiting lists will be closed for. RHA may re-open waiting lists either partially or in full," said a RHA spokesperson.

Many Raleigh residents expressed their disapproval of this decision after learning of it, one of which is Ms. Diana Powell, CEO of Justice Served. "The need is so great and they really need time to catch up because from my understanding it could be a 2-3yr wait. In order to be effective they have to slow things down and get caught up. Second, it could be that they know the system isn't really working."

Powell posed a question of whether or not the waitlist will return and if there is a better plan in place.

"Where are people to go, especially families with children? Living in the richest country of the world, why are we living this way? Everyone who truly wants shelter should have the right to shelter, house to call home. Not in the woods in a tent, under a bridge or an ally with kids. That's our reality and our truth. If the law doesn't fit then change the law by changing these lawmakers and that's the power of democracy," said Powell.

Local community activist Octavia Rainey shared her disdain for not only the Raleigh Housing Authority and Raleigh Mayor, Mary Ann Baldwin.

"The Raleigh Housing Authority waiting list is very disturbing. The

board needs to be held accountable along with the Mayor of Raleigh. One of the Mayor's roles is to make appointments to the board. Did she give up her role? According to some of the board members, they said "they were told to move in a different way." I asked which direction it was. They didn't respond," said Rainey.

Ms. Rainey also shared a few incentives that she and the community feel RHA needs to implement.

- Hire a new Director.
- The Raleigh Housing Authority and the City of Raleigh should buy 5 hotels to Housing everyone on their waiting list.

- Hotels should have social workers, Wake County School should provide educational information services and homework clubs

• Rha is to serve 3 meals a day 7 days a week and medical and transportation assistance.

Lastly, the length of the closure will depend on several things including; the rate at which current program participants leave the program, implementation, and operation of new computer programs, administrative capabilities, fluctuations in the housing market, and future redevelopment and/or repositioning plans from the Housing Authority.

Thus, once matters are back on track and the waitlist reopens, RHA will announce the opening. Representatives from the organization emphasized that even though the waitlist will be closing soon, they will take that time to focus on families and applicants on the current waitlist.

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too long to buy another team. Jordan purchased a minority stake in the Charlotte Bobcats in 2006 and, four years later, became the NBA's first player-turned-majority-owner in a deal mostly funded by debt that valued the franchise at \$175 million, a considerable drop from the initial \$300 million BET founder Robert L. Johnson paid for the expansion team in 2003.

Despite his ultra-competitive nature, success on the court never followed for Jordan's Hornets (the team dropped the Bobcats moniker in 2014), losing in the first round of

the NBA playoffs three times in the past 13 years. That didn't stop Jordan from riding a wave of rapidly appreciating sports franchises. In 2019, he sold 20% to Melvin Capital founder Gabe Plotkin and D1 Capital Partners founder Daniel Sundheim at a \$1.5 billion valuation. The team eventually sold for double that price when Jordan ceded majority control to Plotkin and another hedge fund founder, Rick Schnall, two months ago. As far as NBA teams go, only the Phoenix Suns have sold for more—when United Wholesale Mortgage CEO Mat Ishbia bought the franchise at a \$4 billion

valuation earlier this year.

"Now people go, 'Well, if Charlotte sold for X, and I'm in a bigger market and I do more revenue, that must mean my team is worth Y,'" Leonsis says. "He did a really great deal, and it helps everybody. If he had done a fire sale deal, then people wouldn't be happy with him."

Jordan retained a small stake in the Hornets, which will keep him connected to basketball, while he searches for his next business venture. Over the years, Jordan has dabbled in other businesses, including car dealerships, restaurants, a

premium tequila brand and, more recently, equity investments. He's bought into CLEAR, Mythical Games, Dapper Labs to name a few, as well as DraftKings and Sportradar, both of which came through Leonsis.

For Jordan's next challenge, Leonsis expects NASCAR to occupy a larger place in his business life. In 2020, Jordan cofounded Cup Series team 23XI Racing with Joe Gibbs Racing driver Denny Hamlin. "I bet you it's going to end up being a great business for him too," Leonsis says. "It's his competitiveness and desire to win."

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Business

Grant Program For Black Biz Women Blocked By Fed Court

NEW YORK (AP) — A grant program for businesses run by Black women was temporarily blocked by a federal appeals court in a case epitomizing the escalating battle over corporate diversity policies.

The 2-1 decision by the Atlanta-based 11th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals temporarily prevents the Fearless Fund from running the Strivers Grant Contest, which awards \$20,000 to businesses that are at least 51% owned by Black women, among other requirements.

In a statement Sunday, the Atlanta-based Fearless Fund said it would comply with the order but remained confident of ultimately prevailing in the lawsuit. The case was brought by the American Alliance for Equal Rights, a group run by conservative activist Edward Blum, who argues that the fund violates a section of the Civil Rights Act of 1866, which prohibits racial discrimination in contracts. “We strongly disagree with the decision and remain resolute in our mission and commitment to address the unacceptable disparities

that exist for Black women and other women of color in the venture capital space,” the Fearless Fund said.

The order, issued Saturday, reversed a ruling Tuesday by U.S. District Judge Thomas W. Thrash which denied the American Alliance’s request to halt the program. The majority on the three-judge panel wrote that the Fearless Fund’s program is “racially exclusionary” and that Blum’s group is likely to prevail. “The members of the American Alliance for Equal Rights are gratified that the 11th Circuit has recognized the likelihood that the Fearless Strivers Grant Contest is illegal,” Blum said in a statement. “We look forward to the final resolution of this lawsuit.”

In his dissent, Judge Charles R. Wilson said it was a “perversion of Congressional intent” to use the 1866 act against the Fearless Fund’s program, given that the Reconstruction-era law was intended to protect Black people from economic exclusion. Wilson said the lawsuit was unlikely to succeed.

The case has become a test case as the battle over racial considerations shifts to the workplace following the U.S. Supreme Court’s June ruling ending affirmative action in college admissions.

The grant contest is among several programs run by the Fearless Fund, which was established to bridge the gap in funding access for Black female entrepreneurs, who receive less than 1% of venture capital funding. To be eligible for the grants, a business must be at least 51% owned by a Black woman, among other qualifications.

The Fearless Fund has enlisted prominent civil rights lawyers, including Ben Crump, to defend against the lawsuit. The attorneys have argued that the grants are not contracts, but donations protected by the First Amendment.

In its majority opinion, the appellate panel disagreed, writing that the First Amendment “does not give the defendants the right to exclude persons from a contractual regime based on their race.”



Fed’s Powell Gets An Earful About Inflation & Interest Rates

YORK, Pa. (AP) — Federal Reserve officials typically gather many of their insights and observations about the economy from some of the top Ph.D. economists in Washington.

On a visit Monday to York, Pennsylvania, Chair Jerome Powell got an earful from a group with a decidedly different perspective: Small-business people who are grappling personally with inflation, high interest rates, labor shortages and other challenges of the post-pandemic economy.

Powell, along with Patrick Harker, head of the Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia, traveled to York to learn about the efforts of the long-time manufacturing hub, where York Peppermint Patties were once made, to diversify its economy.

The businesspeople they spoke

with were generally optimistic but expressed a range of concerns: They are still having trouble finding all the workers they need. Higher interest rates have discouraged some of them from expanding. And higher costs and a chronic difficulty in acquiring enough supplies have persisted.

“We were a little blind-sided by inflation,” said Julie Flinchbaugh Keene, co-owner of Flinchbaugh’s Orchard & Farm Market, who spoke to Powell and Harker at the Gather 256 coffee shop while the two Fed officials conducted a walking tour. Since the pandemic struck more than three years ago, she said, “predictability is just gone. It’s very hard to operate a business without predictability.”

Keene noted that her parents had

experienced high inflation when they ran the business back in the 1980s. But the company was much smaller then and had no employees. As a result, her father said, “I don’t have any wisdom to give you.”

“We’ll get inflation down,” Powell said after listening to her concerns.

During his tour of downtown York, Powell also met Jennifer Heasley, owner of Sweet Mama’s Mambo Sauce, who makes a barbecue-style sauce and owns a food stall in the York Central Market.

When asked before his visit what she would most want to tell Powell, Heasley said, “Lower interest rates.”

Heasley said she is paying a much higher rate now on her credit cards, which she sometimes uses to fund her business.

Powell’s visit occurred as the Fed is monitoring the economy for signs that its streak of rate increases are having their desired effect and that inflation is continuing to cool. At their most recent meeting two weeks ago, Fed officials signaled confidence about a so-called “soft landing,” in which inflation would fall back to their 2% target without a deep recession. The policymakers predicted that inflation would fall to about 2.6% by the end of 2024, with only a small rise in the unemployment rate.

But given its confidence in the economy’s resilience, the Fed also signaled that it expects to keep its benchmark rate higher for longer, potentially raising it once more this year and keeping it above 5% well into 2024.

Inflation has dwindled from a four-decade high of 9.1% in June 2022 to 3.7% in August. In the meantime, the unemployment rate has defied predictions by remaining low while the economy has continued to expand.

Before the walking tour, Powell and Harker conducted a roundtable discussion with several business owners and executives, nonprofit leaders and educators.

Kevin Schreiber, CEO of the York County Economic Alliance, a business development group, told reporters that the local economy is growing at a healthy pace. At the same time, Schreiber said, many business people are worried about the next 12 to 18 months and the prospect that interest rates will stay high and infla-

tion won’t be fully conquered.

A lack of child care is another top problem for many businesses in the area, Schreiber said, because it keeps many parents out of the workforce.

Schreiber said there were 219 child care centers in the area before the pandemic. Now, there are only 170. Many of the remaining centers are operating at less than full capacity because of staffing shortages.

Tom Palisin, executive director of The Manufacturer’s Association, who took part in the roundtable, said later that higher interest rates have led many local companies to pull back on acquisitions and investments in new technology.

“Companies want to invest,” he said, “but they’ve hit the pause button.”

Supreme Court Likely To Side With Consumer Financial Protections

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Supreme Court on Tuesday seemed likely to preserve the work of the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau against a conservative-led challenge.

Even some conservative justices sounded skeptical of arguments that the agency, created after the 2008 financial crisis to regulate mortgages, car loans and other consumer finance, violates the Constitution in the way it is funded.

The CFPB case is one of several major challenges to federal regulatory agencies on the docket this term for a court that has for more than a decade been open to limits on their operations. The CFPB, the brainchild of Democratic Sen. Elizabeth Warren of Massachusetts, has long been op-

posed by Republicans and their financial backers.

But a majority of the court appeared ready to reject the sweeping arguments made by the lawyer for payday lenders whose challenge to a CFPB rule spawned the Supreme Court case. A ruling for the agency also would quiet concerns about the validity of the CFPB’s actions since its creation.

Unlike most federal agencies, the consumer bureau does not rely on the annual budget process in Congress. Instead, it is funded directly by the Federal Reserve, with a current annual limit of around \$600 million.

The federal appeals court in New Orleans, in a novel ruling, held that the funding violated the Constitu-

tion’s appropriations clause because it improperly insulates the CFPB from congressional supervision.

Embracing that ruling, lawyer Noel Francisco said on behalf of the lenders Tuesday that Congress can’t hand so much power to an executive branch agency. “This is a perpetual delegation to pick your own number,” said Francisco, who served as the Trump administration’s top Supreme Court lawyer.

But several justices pushed back against his arguments.

“Congress could change it tomorrow. There’s nothing permanent or perpetual about this,” Justice Brett Kavanaugh said.

Justice Elena Kagan said that Francisco’s arguments were “flying in the

face of 250 years of history.”


Justice Samuel Alito was the most aggressive questioner when Solicitor General Elizabeth Prelogar, the Biden administration’s top lawyer, defended the CFPB.

While the U.S. Chamber of Com-

merce and some other business interests backed the payday lenders, mortgage bankers and other sectors regulated by the CFPB cautioned the court to avoid a broad ruling that could unsettle the markets.


Three years ago, the court decided

another CFPB case, ruling that Congress had improperly insulated the head of the bureau from removal. The justices said the director could be replaced by the president at will, but allowed the agency to continue to operate.



NCDOT TO HOLD A PUBLIC MEETING REGARDING THE REDESIGNATION OF U.S. 70/U.S. 70 BUSINESS AND PORTIONS OF N.C. 42

WAKE AND JOHNSTON COUNTIES



CLAYTON - U.S. 70 between Garner and Morehead City is being upgraded to interstate standards. As sections are upgraded, a request is sent to the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO) requesting redesignation as I-42. The section between I-40 in southeast Garner and Wilson’s Mills has been authorized for redesignation. It is necessary to redesignate U.S. 70 Business and a portion of N.C. 42 in this area.

Project details and maps can be found on the NCDOT project web page: <https://PublicInput.com/US70-NC42-Clayton>. Information will be presented at the meeting allowing for one-on-one discussions with engineers but no formal presentation.

The meeting will be held **Oct. 12** at **Oakland Presbyterian Church**, located at 8927 Cleveland Road, Clayton. The public is invited to attend at any time between **5 and 7 p.m.**




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NC State University: Doak Field Enhancements - Phase 1

Outreach Event Announcement



Notice to Subcontractors: Romeo Guest – Right Build, A Joint Venture, on behalf of NC State University, is seeking to gain subcontractor and vendor interest for enhancements to Doak Field (Baseball) at NCSU – Phase 1. We will be hosting an outreach event to introduce this project and discuss the scope of work, timeline, expectations, and current project approach.

Project Description:

The overall project includes two phases of stadium enhancements to the existing baseball program at NCSU. The enhancements are focused on player development as well as fan experience. Phase 1 (+/- \$1.8M) is primarily enabling work that consists of construction of a pre-engineered metal building (PEMB) to house temporary indoor batting and pitching facilities. In addition to the PEMB, a storm drainage structure (underground storage/containment) and drainage system will be installed enabling the future construction of Phase 2. The second phase (+/- \$14M) of construction includes demolition of the existing batting/pitching facility in right field in preparation of the construction of a new indoor batting and pitching facility accompanied by additional athlete and fan amenities. Also, as part of Phase 2, left field enhancements are intended to provide additional terraced seating and concessions to enhance the fan experience.

Bid Packages for Phase 1 will include:

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SCORE: A Free Resource for Entrepreneurs Seeking Growth

By Maddy Osman

Freelancer

Let's face it: starting and growing a small business in the U.S. is hard. There's a reason why so many more people opt for traditional employment despite the endless potential that comes with entrepreneurship.

One of the most important things I've learned throughout my years both as a freelancer and an agency owner is that you can't be an island. If you think you have all the answers, your growth will be limited.

Instead, surround yourself with peers who are both at and above your level. Specifically, I recommend seek-

ing mentorship opportunities from nonprofit organizations like SCORE.

What Is SCORE? SCORE, or "Service Corps of Retired Executives," is, unintentionally, the best-kept secret from American business owners. Whenever I talk about it with people in my network, people seem surprised about its existence.

That, in turn, astonishes me—especially considering it's the nation's largest volunteer organization that helps small businesses. SCORE operates 250+ chapters in major U.S. locations, supported by 10,000+ volunteers.

SCORE runs as a nonprofit and

resource partner of the SBA (Small Business Administration). For entrepreneurs seeking guidance, SCORE provides free resources via experienced mentors who are typically retired professionals looking to pay their success forward.

The organization also hosts useful business workshops and local networking events for a nominal fee.

How SCORE Has Helped Grow My Business

My SCORE mentor helped me grow two of my business ideas—here's how:

Meeting With My SCORE Mentor

When I first heard about SCORE, I was skeptical. The fact that I could

be matched with an experienced business mentor who would be available whenever I needed help—at no cost—seemed too good to be true.

Regardless, I filled out the application to request a SCORE mentor and was quickly matched with Jim Vernon. With no shortage of educational and professional accomplishments, Jim's background and business experience stood out to me.

He started volunteering with SCORE while transitioning out of a heavy work schedule, looking for a way to give back. These days, Jim acts as the Denver SCORE Chapter Chair.

Together with a team of other chairpeople and volunteer mentors,

Jim handles the ongoing operations and needs for managing SCORE from Denver to Castle Rock and Fort Collins, Colorado. The chapter fields 5-7 mentor requests daily and runs multiple online workshops and in-person networking events.

Jim and I first started meeting many years ago when I was a freelancer experimenting with various business ideas. Specifically, I reached out wanting a sounding board for my e-commerce venture, Tanks that Get Around.

While Jim wasn't focused on the e-commerce space in his professional life, he gave me a lot to think about from a business perspective, and his

insights helped me build the brand and make sales.

Ultimately, I decided to move away from growing this particular brand. However, I continued to consult with Jim after deciding to invest more time into transitioning my freelance writing business into an agency model.

SCORE mentees can request to meet with their mentors as needed. At this point in my entrepreneurship journey, I typically set meetings with Jim a few times a year during pivotal times when I want input from someone who has my best interests at heart (and a lot more practical experience than I do).

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Health & Wellness

Feds Award First Maternal Health Grant To Black Rural Area

A federal program to combat the alarming rates of rural women dying from pregnancy complications has marked a first: It's supporting an organization that serves predominantly Black counties in the Deep South.

The news came Sept. 27, three months after KFF Health News' reporting raised questions about why a federal Health Resources and Services Administration program targeting rural maternal mortality hadn't sent a grant to serve mothers in majority-Black rural communities.

Non-Hispanic Black women — regardless of income or education level — die of pregnancy-related causes at nearly three times the rate of non-Hispanic white women.

The Institute for the Advancement of Minority Health in Madison, Mississippi, was one of two winners in the latest round of an initiative administered by HRSA. Mary Hitchcock Memorial Hospital in Lebanon, New Hampshire, was the other winner, according to an agency announcement.

"Very happy to see Mississippi," said Peiyin Hung, deputy director of the University of South Carolina's Rural and Minority Health Research

Center. Mississippi has the highest rate of maternal mortality in the U.S. and the highest proportion of Black births in the U.S., she said.

Hung, who is a member of the health equity advisory group for the maternal grant program, said the Mississippi nonprofit is an unusual awardee because it is not part of a larger health system.

In June, KFF Health News found that HRSA's Rural Maternity and Obstetrics Management Strategies Program, or RMOMS, had failed to fund any sites in the Southeast, where the U.S. Census Bureau shows the largest concentration of predominantly Black rural communities. The program began four years ago and had budgeted nearly \$32 million to provide access and care for thousands of mothers and babies nationwide — including Hispanic women along the Rio Grande and Indigenous mothers in Minnesota.

The rural Southeast was omitted despite a White House declaration to make Black maternal health a priority, and despite statistics showing America's maternal mortality rate rising sharply in recent years.

Rep. Robin Kelly (D-Ill.) intro-



duced the "CARE for Moms Act" in mid-September and — in response to KFF Health News' reporting — called for accountability and reporting requirements for maternal health grants under the Department of Health and Human Services.

"Where is the money going?" she said during a September press conference. "Is it going where it's needed or is it going to bigger organizations who have the people who can write the grants?" She added that "maybe smaller areas or more rural areas" need it more.

HRSA spokesperson Martin Kramer declined to provide more information about the rural maternity

grant awards and did not respond when asked about Kelly's bill. The legislation also would establish regional "centers of excellence," Kelly said, to address implicit bias and cultural competency in health care providers. She said the bill would also "build up the doula workforce" and establish a state-based perinatal quality collaborative to improve care nationwide.

In an interview with KFF Health News, Kelly, co-chair of the House Maternity Care Caucus and a congressional leader in expanding Medicaid for postpartum care, suggested the lack of grants to the predominantly Black rural South could be be-

cause of "implicit bias," and she said her bill would help "get to the heart of the matter and get [the money] to the people that really need it."

The roughly \$2 million in new rural grants are part of nearly \$90 million in maternal health funding announced in late September by HRSA, an agency within HHS.

The Mississippi-based Institute for the Advancement of Minority Health was created in 2019 to reduce health disparities through partnerships, according to federal filings. Chief executive Sandra Melvin confirmed in an email that this is the first time the institute has applied for the grant, but also noted that it has been working to reduce maternal and infant health disparities since 2019.

Work performed with the grant "will be successful," she said, because the organization plans to take a community-based approach that includes partnering with health centers, hospitals, and a university.

In past years, the grant application process skewed toward large health systems because they "have much higher capacity to form a statewide network," Hung said. That's, in part, because grant winners were required to create a network of specific health care clinics, hospitals, and the state Medicaid office. In recent years, the agency has "become much more flexible," Hung said.

The success of the Mississippi application is a "promising signal"

for states that don't have large rural health systems focusing on maternal care, said Hung, who hopes a South Carolina applicant receives a grant in the future.

In New Hampshire — where awardee Mary Hitchcock Memorial Hospital is part of the larger Dartmouth Health system in New England — three rural hospital labor and delivery units have closed in recent years. The closures forced pregnant women to drive up to an hour and a half to appointments or delivery services, said Greg Norman, senior director of community health at Dartmouth Hitchcock Medical Center.

Its HRSA application included the North Country Maternity Network, a collaboration of hospitals and clinics created in late 2021, Norman said. The New Hampshire group did not win the federal maternity grant the first time it applied. But this time the network was more established, he said.

The money from the New Hampshire grant — up to \$1 million a year for four years — will help create standardized medical and social screening for pregnant people. It will also pay for a shared high-risk coordinator and increased use of doulas and community health workers who could do home visits, he said.

The whole project, Norman said, is "a step in the direction of more equitable care."

Strength Training Can Be An Elixir For Better Brain Health

By Brian Ho and Ronald Cohen

Univ of Florida

People in the oldest stage of life who regularly engage in aerobic activities and strength training exercises perform better on cognitive tests than those who are either sedentary or participate only in aerobic exercise. That is the key finding of our new study, published in the journal GeroScience.

We assessed 184 cognitively healthy people ranging in age from 85 to 99. Each participant reported their exercise habits and underwent a comprehensive battery of neuropsychological tests that were designed to evaluate various dimensions of cognitive function.

We found that those who incorporated both aerobic exercises, such as swimming and cycling, and strength exercises like weightlifting into their routines — regardless of intensity and duration — had better mental agility, quicker thinking and greater ability to shift or adapt their thinking.

Using a well-known cognitive screening tool called the Montreal Cognitive Assessment that provides a balanced view of many aspects of cognition, we found that people who didn't engage in any physical exercise scored lower than those who did both cardio and strength training. This difference was slight but significant even when controlling for other factors like education and how much people exercised. In addition, the group that did both types of exercises did better in specific cognitive activities, like symbol coding, beyond just the screening results.

It's important to note that while our study establishes a correlation between a mix of aerobic and strength training exercises and higher cognitive test scores, the design of the study did not enable us to determine a causal relationship.

Nonetheless, the results suggest that a varied exercise routine is associated with improved cognitive functioning in people who are in their late 80s and beyond. We conducted the study as part of a large, multisite collaboration with the McKnight Brain Research Foundation, which has institutes at the University of Florida, the University of Miami, the University of Arizona and the University of Alabama-Birmingham.

Why it matters

The aging of the global population makes cognitive health a pressing issue. The number of people diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease in the U.S. is projected to reach almost 14 million by 2060, up from just over 6 million as of 2020. Our findings not only offer hope for healthier aging but also present a practical approach to maintaining or even enhancing cognitive health in the last decades of life.

These results are not just numbers; they represent real-world thinking abilities that can affect the quality of life for those entering their golden years.

The fact that nearly 70% of our study participants were already engaging in some physical exercise prior to signing up for our study challenges the stereotype that old age and physical inactivity must go hand in hand.

Our findings provide an evidence base for health care providers to consider recommending a mixed regimen of aerobic and strength exercises as part of their patients' wellness plans. Studies show that when cognitive decline is slowed, people spend less on medical care and experience a higher quality of life.

Some of the next questions we hope to answer include: What types of aerobic and strength exercises are most effective for cognitive health? Is walking as effective as jogging? Does lifting weights have the same impact as resistance band exercises? And how much exercise is needed to see noticeable cognitive benefits?

Another critical question is the potential of exercise as a treatment for neurocognitive disorders among older people. Our results suggest that physical activity is a preventive measure. But could it also be an active treatment for cognitive decline? This is an exciting development and one that is opening up all sorts of new possibilities for helping people live fully across their entire life span.

FDA Wants To Regulate Lab Tests That Have Long Skirted Oversight

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Food and Drug Administration on Friday laid out a proposal to begin regulating laboratory medical tests, a multibillion-dollar industry that the agency says poses a growing risk to patients because of potentially inaccurate results.

The proposed rule would end decades of regulatory ambiguity and formally bring thousands of tests performed in large laboratories under FDA oversight. FDA Commissioner Robert Califf said the change will help ensure tests used to diagnose cancer, heart disease and many other conditions are safe, accurate and reliable.

"A growing number of clinical diagnostic tests are being offered as laboratory-developed tests without assurance that they work," Califf said in a statement. He added that the agency has long worried that many tests offered by laboratories are not as accurate or reliable as those that undergo FDA review.

The tests targeted by the FDA's latest action are developed and used by high-tech laboratories, including those at academic medical centers and companies such as Quest Diagnostics. They include tests for complex diseases like cancer, as well as simpler conditions like high cholesterol and sexually transmitted infections.

Laboratory-developed tests have long skirted FDA oversight, though the agency has always maintained that it has the authority to step in. Debate over regulating the space stretches back to the 1990s, with several government advisory groups recommending greater FDA oversight.

Ag-Grow-Culture

American Climate Corps Delivers More Promises Than Detail



By Christopher Staysniak

The Conversation

When President Joe Biden created the American Climate Corps by executive order on Sept. 20, 2023, it marked a step toward keeping a pledge he made nearly three years earlier: to create a new workforce training and service program to deal with global warming.

The White House promises that the corps “will ensure more young people have access to the skills-based training necessary for good-paying careers in the clean energy and climate resilience economy.” By helping Americans get entry-level green jobs, such as solar panel installation and home insulation, it will equip thousands more young Americans to tackle the complex challenges posed by climate change.

As a scholar who researches and teaches about the history of U.S. volunteer service programs, I believe that the American Climate Corps will not provide anything radically new. Rather, it will largely offer the same experiences and work opportunities as an array of programs that already exist. But the Biden administration’s promise of connecting national service experience to long-term careers offers one important change to this model that I believe will make a difference to those who participate.

New Deal echoes
The inspiration for the American

Climate Corps comes from President Franklin D. Roosevelt’s Civilian Conservation Corps. That New Deal program put unemployed – and mainly white – young men to work on public lands across the country to counter the devastating unemployment of the Great Depression.

Known as the CCC, it was a massive undertaking. Approximately 3 million men passed through its ranks over nine years. Those who served built much of the infrastructure of the country’s state and national parks, planted over 2 billion trees, fought forest fires and responded to natural disasters like floods.

The Biden administration aims to make its new corps far more inclusive in terms of gender, race and ethnic diversity. Rather than alleviating a short-term employment crisis, like its Depression-era predecessor, the American Climate Corps will emphasize launching careers.

So far it’s unclear how big this program will be. The White House has declined to specify a budget after repeatedly failing to persuade Congress to designate any funding for similar multibillion-dollar green jobs efforts because of Republican opposition.

Reportedly, the scaled-down American Climate Corps that Biden has bypassed Congress to establish could be funded through money appropriated to other parts of the government, such as the U.S. Ag-

riculture Department, AmeriCorps and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

The American Climate Corps, according to the details available, will mobilize far fewer participants than the CCC. The White House plans call for 20,000 people once it’s up and running, only 4% of the Civilian Conservation Corps’ peak enrollment of 500,000 men in 1935.

Network of similar programs already in place

This new service program is hardly the first to draw on the CCC’s example.

There are about 150 similar conservation service programs in the U.S., all connected through the National Association of Service and Conservation Corps. Known as the Corps Network, this patchwork includes 150 programs that give young adults and veterans opportunities to engage in service work on public lands and in rural and urban communities.

One of the oldest programs in what’s known as the Corps Network is the Student Conservation Association, founded in 1957. It puts thousands of high school and college-aged students to work on hiking trail improvement, tree planting and the restoration of natural acreage and waterways. Smaller programs like MobilizeGreen and New York City’s Green City Force focus on building a more inclusive green economy and training people for leadership skills

or in tasks like building resilient urban food systems.

Many of these programs already get government funding through AmeriCorps, the federal agency for national service and volunteerism.

AmeriCorps also runs its own similar programs. The National Civilian Community Corps, established in 1993, deploys teams of young adults to projects that encompass energy conservation, infrastructure improvement, disaster recovery and response, and urban and rural development. Its website promises that “if you are 18-26, you can gain experience while supporting climate change mitigation.”

Operating since 1985, this amalgam of service programs already engages 20,000 young adults and veterans every year – the same number the Biden administration aims to mobilize. It’s unclear how the American Climate Corps might augment, replace or complement these programs. For instance, the corps’ focus on job training tied to solar, wind and other forms of renewable energy is relatively new – although some states have their own climate corps. Its emphasis on conserving land and water overlaps with the work existing state programs already do.

Scant objective evidence
There are different ways to assess whether service programs make a difference.

Many of them survey their par-

ticipants, who regularly say they enjoyed the experience. Participants also cite a sense of personal growth, greater familiarity with environmental concerns and stronger leadership skills. One of the few studies conducted also found that people who took part in the conservation corps were more likely to pursue related careers.

These programs try to measure the impact of their work every year using metrics like hours served, miles of trails restored and acres of wetlands or forestry rehabilitated. But the data is largely self-reported and has never been rigorously or objectively collected and explored.

That means it’s hard to say whether funding these programs amount to an effective policy.

Better pay? Great opportunities?

Participants in the conservation corps programs that preceded Biden’s executive order get what amounts to small stipends and perhaps room and board. The low pay, which ranges from about US\$16,000-\$30,000 a year, can mean that they’re not an option for many recent college grads who might otherwise be interested.

Full-time AmeriCorps volunteers are also eligible to apply for grants to pay for their education or to make student loan payments on top of their earnings. These awards provide \$6,895 in the 2023 fiscal year.

American Climate Corps backers

argue it should pay a living wage as a form of “climate justice.”

It’s unclear whether the American Climate Corps will do that.

That’s why it’s important that the Biden administration is promising pathways to a high-paid career. It has outlined future cooperation between AmeriCorps, the National Oceanic and Atmosphere Administration and the departments of Labor, Interior, Agriculture and Energy to help build links between American Climate Corps service and federal employment.

Answers to operational questions TBD

On top of the lack of clarity about its cost and funding and what participants will earn, it’s not clear to what extent the American Climate Corps will operate independently, or if it will support similar programs in the Corps Network.

For example, California, Michigan, Maine, Washington and Colorado already have their own climate corps. Five more states – Arizona, Utah, Minnesota, North Carolina and Maryland – unveiled their own when Biden signed the executive order for a national one.

Perhaps most importantly, it’s yet to be determined whether the American Climate Corps’ service work will differ from those state initiatives and similar programs. If not, this could simply be the rebranding of conservation programs as climate action.

The Farm Bill Has Expired. Congress Working On A New Version

NC NEWSLINE – As the deadline for Congress to enact a new farm bill passed this weekend, staff members of the House and Senate Agriculture committees say it will be months – if not longer – until they reach agreement on a new bill.

By averting a federal shutdown, at least until mid-November, Congress kept some critical government agricultural programs alive. But others will effectively be in limbo until lawmakers pass a new farm bill.

Lawmakers must rewrite the sweeping farm bill every five years to set both policy and funding levels for farm, food and conservation programs. The current farm bill expired at midnight Saturday, but Congress is nowhere near ready to consider a new version.

The House and Senate Agriculture committees have been working over the past year to get input on the new farm bill, with dozens of hearings, field hearings, listening sessions and staff meetings in each chamber. But lawmakers have not yet put forward legislation at the committee level and staff say they are still divided on some of the big-ticket items on the bill.

Republican and Democratic staff from both the House and Senate say both sides want to find a bill that will support farms and farmers, but there is still significant disagreement about major programs, including the “safety net” of payments to farmers, crop insurance and conservation programs.

They do not even have enough consensus on potential changes to ask for a “score” from the Congressional Budget Office – the process of seeing how much different proposals would cost over the course of the farm bill.

“We are all on the same page about wanting to help farmers, but there are definitely some disagreements about the best way to do that,” Emily Pilscott, an economist for the Democratic staff of the House Agriculture Committee, said at a forum last week with the Farm Foundation, a nonpartisan farm policy group.

Another key area of disagreement in the House is the program known as SNAP, a huge spending portion



of the farm bill that helps low-income families buy food.

Republicans want to place more limits on the funds – a move that Democrats have warned would doom the farm bill. Congress put some restrictions on SNAP as part of the debt limit legislation.

But House Speaker Kevin McCarthy and other Republicans said afterwards they want more work requirements for SNAP funds. Democrats on the House Agriculture Committee sent a letter to McCarthy in August that said further limits to SNAP could jeopardize the farm bill.

SNAP is considered a mandatory appropriation and would continue at current levels as long as there is an appropriations bill or a continuing resolution to keep the Agriculture Department running.

“A terrible time to do a farm bill”

The massive five-year farm bill is usually one of the more bipartisan efforts of Congress, at least on the committee level. But farm policy experts say this year’s farm bill has particular challenges – both because of the partisan divide in Congress and because of the current state of the farm economy.

Jonathan Coppess, a professor of agriculture law and policy at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, said the prospects for the farm bill are in “serious doubt,” given the far-right faction that is holding up legislation in the House.

“We have an incredibly difficult political hurdle in the House and on

the House floor,” Coppess said.

“This is a terrible time to do a farm bill,” said Joe Outlaw, an agricultural economist and professor at Texas A&M University.

Outlaw’s concern is not only the political strife in the Capitol but the current farm economy. Relatively high crop prices have masked a tenuous economy for farmers.

“The farm safety net is all about the bad times, and frankly the bad times are coming, they just aren’t here right now,” Outlaw said.

On the Senate side, Democratic and Republican staff are meeting regularly, but there is still a divide on major issues like how to address the farm safety net.

Sen. John Boozman of Arkansas, the top-ranking Republican on the Senate Agriculture Committee, has said his chief concern is to help farmers face rising input costs for things like fertilizer and fuel, along with the possibility of lower crop prices.

“Title One support does not reflect the reality on the ground today,” said John Newton, chief economist for the Republicans on the Senate Agriculture Committee, in remarks at the Farm Foundation Forum.

Title One is the section of the farm bill that provides crop subsidies. Newton said Republicans would like to see a “meaningful increase in reference prices,” the amount at which the government will step in and help farmers.

Meanwhile, the economist for the

Democratic majority on the Senate Agriculture Committee said he is looking at how the Title One commodity programs and crop insurance work together.

“We are looking closely at program interactions, how programs work together or overlap. The farm safety net – that is where there are some really challenging interactions,” said Steven Wallander, senior economist for the Democratic staff of the Senate Agriculture Committee.

A lengthening deadline

Like many bills on Capitol Hill, the farm bill has some “discretionary” programs, which are set up in the bill but have to be funded through the annual appropriations process.

But the farm bill is unique in that most of its programs have “mandatory” spending. That funding is set in the farm bill itself and is paid out over the next five years, regardless of congressional appropriations. Those mandatory programs include crop subsidies, conservation programs, some forms of crop insurance and SNAP, formally called the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program.

Most mandatory programs will continue without any action through the end of the calendar year – delaying some of the urgency for Congress. In recent history, lawmakers have not passed any farm bills before the Sept. 30 deadline.

The 2018 farm bill passed in December, three months after the prior bill expired. And the three farm bills before that each passed in the year following their original deadline.

But Outlaw predicts that if lawmakers do not finish the new farm bill by February, the election cycle will take over and it could be years before they return to the farm bill.

Wallander said he hopes the Senate committee is on a timeline similar to the 2018 farm bill, when lawmakers rolled out legislation in the fall and passed a bill by the end of the year.

Chair Debbie Stabenow, a Democrat from Michigan, and Boozman meet together weekly.

“There is strong bipartisan support for getting this done, we’ve seen that with the chairwoman and ranking member and their experiences working together. We think that strength is something we can leverage towards a finished product,” Wallander told the Farm Foundation Forum.

Neither of North Carolina’s senators, Thom Tillis and Ted Budd, serves on the Senate Agriculture Committee. Representatives David

Rouzer (R-7) and Alma Adams (D-12) serves on the House committee.

On the House side, Agriculture Committee Chair Glenn “GT” Thompson, a Republican from Pennsylvania, has said he will not bring a farm bill to the committee until there is scheduled time for debate on the House floor.

That could be a stretch this year, with the House placing a priority on spending bills to fund the government. There are only 25 voting days on the House calendar between now and the end of the calendar year.

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On this past Saturday, 30 Sept 2023, The Wendell Top Ladies partnered with Sharon Barrow & the Riley Hill Baptist Church & The Sister to Sister Alliance to sponsor a Breast Cancer Awareness program, "Pink with a Purpose". Lady Krista Hinson was the Mistress of Ceremony & the Guest Speaker was Dr. Barbara Pullen-Smith from St. Mathews Baptist Church, who also is a founding board member of Sister to Sister Alliance, a breast cancer awareness & support organization who took up down a road to a Breast diagnosis assessment. Four survivors were highlighted who shared their stories. Celebration through The Spoken Word was also presented. Beautiful breast cancer quilts made by local community ladies, were on display & Breast Cancer brochures & information on Breast Cancer were distributed. The entertainment included a soloist & a ventriloquist. Refreshments were served. The event was well attended by the community.

Durham Community Shows Resilience

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Last year, vandalism caused extensive damage to the TA Grady Community Center but now they are back in business. A ribbon-cutting ceremony was held recently to celebrate the reopening of the new and improved community center. Durham Housing Authority's T.A. Grady Recreation Center is a hub for residents hosting everything from community meetings and providing job resources.

Vandals caused extensive damage to the property in August 2022 by pulling out the water fountain, overturning the stove, smashing the sinks in the bathroom, and breaking

the windows. The center has since undergone a makeover, with all damaged items replaced. The newest addition are workstations to help residents get training and skills for the working world. Suzette Spence, program manager of the Jobs Plus Program expressed her elatedness for the reopening. "We breathed new life into this space. Last time we were here, this building couldn't even work. There was such horrible vandalism. However, we are grateful to be back up and running." The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) announced that the Durham Housing Authority is to receive \$6 Million

(\$1,128,800 awarded for housing-related hazards and \$5,000,000 for lead-based paint) of the \$157 Million grant allocated to address housing-related hazards and lead-based paint issues. The purpose of the Capital Funding is to provide grants to public housing agencies (PHAs) to evaluate and reduce residential health hazards in public housing, including lead-based paint, carbon monoxide, mold, radon, fire safety, and asbestos. "With such a tremendous need in funding for repairs, this grant opens the door for DHA to invest in the safety and overall health of our residents," said DHA's CEO, Anthony Scott. "We look forward to applying

this new funding to this year's Capital Improvements across our DHA communities." Lead is a neurotoxin that affects brain function and development. Children who are exposed to elevated levels of lead are at risk for cognitive and behavioral problems. "American families deserve a safe and healthy place to call home. However, in many older homes, lead-based paint can be a serious threat to the health and well-being of children," said HUD Secretary Marcia Fudge. "This funding effort will help us identify homes where occupants are at risk of lead exposure and other health hazards, and build on our promise of a healthier, stronger country."



Raleigh Welcomes New City Attorney

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Following a nationwide search, the City of Raleigh selected Karen Musgrave McDonald as its next City Attorney. Her first day was Monday, September 25th, and she shared that she is truly honored and extremely excited about the opportunity. In her position as Raleigh's city attorney, she will advise the Mayor and Council, City staff, and various boards and commissions, as well as oversee the office's professional and administrative staff.

Her tenure speaks for itself given her 23 years' experience in municipal legal matters. She began her legal journey with the city of Fayetteville as Chief Legal Officer. Within that role, McDonald served as mayor, city council, and Fayetteville's 1600 employees. The city of Fayetteville appointed her to this role in 2002, becoming the first African American and first female in the role. As Fayetteville's first Assistant City Attorney, McDonald provided counsel for the police, fire, and inspection departments on code enforcement issues, as well as neighborhood improvement. She then joined the legal team for Cumberland County government to broaden her municipal experience. She moved to Little Rock, AR to serve in the Pulaski County Civil Attorney's office, and then moved to the University of Arkansas before returning to Fayetteville.

When asked about beginning her role with Raleigh she stated her plans of relying heavily on the training she received from the School of Government and the vast network of fellow municipal lawyers that she has developed a relationship with.

Once in office, McDonald stated that the first six months on the job would be devoted to learning about and gaining a clear understanding of the various issues pending before the

city. Once that is done, she'll work to develop a clear path forward. Mayor Pro Tem Corey Branch commended McDonald for her diverse experience and leadership. "Karen McDonald is an exceptionally talented attorney with diverse experience and strong leadership skills. Her talents have served the City of Fayetteville well, and I am grateful that she has chosen the City of Raleigh for her next step." McDonald also worked in Little Rock, AR, at the Pulaski County Civil Attorney's office and at the University of Arkansas before returning to Fayetteville. Councilmember Jonathan Melton, who headed the City Council's search, stated that Raleigh would benefit from McDonald's municipal government experience. "Raleigh will benefit from the broad and deep experience in municipal government that Karen McDonald will bring to Raleigh," said Councilmember Jonathan Melton. "Throughout the process, her ability to listen, problem-solve, and advise was evident. We look forward to her counsel." Ms. McDonald is the proud mother of two children, Jalen and Lauren. Jalen is a rising sophomore at Georgia Tech University and Lauren is a rising high school senior. Ms. McDonald has been married to John McDonald, Jr. for over 23 years.

She is also an active member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. She earned her B.A. in English with a minor in Biology and her law degree from Wake Forest University. "I am excited about the opportunity to serve the City of Raleigh and to provide the legal guidance it needs as it builds on its reputation as one of the best places to live, work, and play," Ms. McDonald said. "I am grateful for the trust of the City Council, and I look forward to this new opportunity."



KAREN MUSGRAVE MCDONALD

Triangle Alphas Host Second Annual Scholarship Tourney



RALEIGH, N.C.—The N.C. Triangle Alphas (NCTA)'s second annual golf fundraising event attracted golfers from across several states to financially support local African American and African Diasporic high school graduates in pursuit of higher learning and other initiatives. Over 90 golfers attended the Aug. 28, 2023, event at River Ridge Golf Club. Sponsors that helped NCTA raise over \$30,000 include the following: Haywood Funeral Home, Lenovo, Samet, The Banks Law Firm, F7 Development and a host of others. "The men of Alpha are pleased

with the success that we have experienced with our tournament fundraiser these first two years," said Phi Lambda Chapter representative Percy Taylor. We look forward to the continued support of our dedicated sponsors as we expand and grow the event even more." There were first-, second- and third-place trophies for both the Men's and Women's teams and first- and second-place trophies for mixed teams. One golfer was awarded a priceless moment—making a "hole in one." A golf clinic was added this year. It was conducted by Winston Holloway, a member of Alpha Phi Alpha

and a golf pro at Hedingham Golf Club. There were close to 20 individuals of varying skill level that participated. "As this event was close to being sold out a few weeks before the event date, I knew that it was going to be another great event," said Beta Theta Lambda Chapter representative Rodney Shepard. "We cannot thank our sponsors enough for believing again in this cause." NCTA is a partnership of the Phi Lambda (Wake and Johnston Counties) and Beta Theta Lambda (Durham) chapters of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. For more information, visit www.nctrianglealphas.org



The NCTA Golf Tournament Planning Committee (L to R: Immediate Past General President Everett Ward, Marc Brady, Percy Taylor, Danny Scott, Shawn Hicklen, Rodney Shepard, Darryl Perry and Everett Dudley.)

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Church

SERMON of the WEEK



MOTHER BELINDA MCKOY:
"It's Not Time to Give Up"
Ecclesiastes 3:1-8

To everything there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven: A time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up that which is planted; A time to kill, and a time to heal; a time to break down, and a time to build up; A time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance; A time to cast away stones, and a time to gather stones together; a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing; A time to get, and a time to lose; a time to keep, and a time to cast away; A time to rend, and a time to sew; a time to keep silence, and a time to speak; A time to love, and a time to hate; a time of war, and a time of peace.

We see here the Bible talks about time. It declares that it is a time for every purpose under heaven. With all these times detailed in this Scripture we don't see one detailed. As we go through life, we will run into things that make us want to mourn. We will go through this life feeling all the feelings that are detailed in this Scripture. So, God is letting us know we can have all these feelings in life. But one feeling it did not address is quitting. It's not time to quit. We must keep going. For the Bible says that the race is not given to the swift nor to the strong but the one that endures to the end. We can't give up now. We have too much to do. Don't throw in the towel in fear of the



night. God has something around the corner. It's not time to give up. You will reap if you faint not. Cry if you have to, there is a time for that. Just keep going because in the end we will win.

ELDER DEMETRIUS HUNTER:
"What Are You Carrying?"
Mark 10: 17-22

And when He was gone forth into the way, there came one running, and kneeled to Him, and asked Him, Good Master, what shall I do that I may inherit eternal life? And Jesus said unto him, why callest thou Me good? There are none good but One, that is, God. Thou knowest the commandments, Do not commit adultery, Do not kill, Do not steal, Do not bear false witness, Defraud not, Honour thy father and mother. And he answered and said unto him, Master, all these have I observed from my youth. Then Jesus beholding him loved him, and said unto him, One thing thou lackest: go thy way, sell whatsoever thou hast, and give to the poor, and thou shalt have treasure in heaven: and come, take up the cross, and follow Me. And he was sad at that saying, and went away grieved: for he had great possessions.

I once heard a saying one day, watch what you pick up because at some point you have to put something down. I keep this close to my heart because it reminds me not to overload myself and to make the main thing, the main thing. This is a very well-known Scripture in the Bible. Jesus and

this young man are having a conversation. The young man wants to know how to make it to heaven. Now Jesus knowing all, asked him a question about sin. The young man was ready and was able to give an answer that many of us could not give. He had been able to keep the commandments from his youth up until that point. Now I would like to bring light to this one point that the Bible says in the 21st verse. Jesus loved him! Jesus understood that the young man was sincere about his desire to get to heaven, but also understood that that same young man had an issue we all struggle with. See, we all got stuff in our lives that we have to constantly have to assess and let go. Some of you may think that the young man was just selfish. But it wasn't the money he was grieving over it was the stuff. He was rich, so Jesus didn't ask him to give away his money, He said sell your stuff. Many of us are like this young man we got a lot of stuff that is holding us back from what God has for us. God wants things for us, but we got to make the main thing, the main thing. He wanted the young rich ruler to know you can't value this stuff because you won't have room to carry this cross. Because the cross has everything you need. God's will is at the cross. In His will is where love abides. We have to put down our stuff and be free!

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



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Obituaries

DR. MARJORIE LYNNETTE DEBNAM

Marjorie Lynnette Debnam, MD departed this life on September 25, 2023 after a long illness.

Dr. Marjorie L. Debnam, MD was born November 19, 1963 in Raleigh NC. Dr. Debnam was part of a set of identical twins. Her twin sister, Marie Georgette Debnam, MD, is also a physician and was her longtime business partner in the Debnam Clinic, PA.

Dr. Debnam was the daughter of the late George C. Debnam, MD and the late Marjorie Boyd Debnam. Her father, Dr. George C. Debnam, was a prominent physician in the Raleigh NC area who practiced for over 50 years and who integrated Wake Medical Center and who delivered more than 10,000 babies. Her mother, Mrs. Marjorie Boyd Debnam, was a noted community activist and humanitarian.

Both of Dr. Debnam's parents are inductees in the Raleigh Hall of Fame for community service.

Dr. Marjorie L. Debnam MD attended Sacred Heart Cathedral for elementary school and then J.W. Junior high and then attended Athens Drive High school. She graduated from Athens Drive High school in Raleigh in 1982 and held various honors including appointment to represent her school at the NC Governor's School, the Service Club and an Achievement Scholarship from Merit Scholars. She participated in the Quiz Bowl team and Yearbook for Athens. Privately, she attended Dance classes in Ballet, Tap and Jazz for many years and was in Jack and Jill since early childhood and was a member of Y teams and the Marionettes High School Sorority. She reigned as a Queen of the Blue Revue while in Junior High school and was presented to society in the Alpha Theta Omega chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Debutante Ball in her Senior year of High school. Along with her sister, she was a Maid of Honor to the Queen for the 1981 Debutante Ball.

Dr. Debnam then matriculated at Historic Fisk University in Nashville Tennessee from 1982 to 1986 and graduated Magna Cum Laude with a Bachelor of Arts in Biology in 1986.

During her time at Fisk, Dr. Debnam was appointed to the Minority Access to Research Careers Program (MARC) at Fisk University.

MARC is a federal program for minority researchers at the college level. Dr. Debnam was able to participate in CPR research at Purdue University under the MARC program in 1984 under Dr. Philip Miller with the isolated perfused rabbit lung.

Also, while at Fisk University, Dr. Debnam became a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc in 1984 (PI Chapter).

After graduating college, Dr. Debnam entered Meharry Medical College in Nashville, Tennessee. Dr. Debnam also spent a year doing research on renal prostaglandin research while at Meharry.

Dr. Debnam graduated from Meharry with the Doctor of Medicine degree in 1991 and then entered Internship and Residency in Primary Care Internal Medicine at Cambridge



Hospital which is a Harvard Medical School teaching hospital located in Cambridge, Massachusetts.

Cambridge Hospital is now known as Cambridge Health Alliance but it remains the Primary Care training hospital for Harvard Medical School.

Dr. Debnam excelled at Cambridge Hospital-Harvard Medical and completed her internship and residency there from 1991-1994.

Dr. Marjorie L. Debnam was then named Co-Chief Resident in Internal Medicine at Cambridge Hospital II (her Co-Chief resident was her twin sister Marie G. Debnam, MD) and served in that post from 1994-1995.

The Chief residency is a teaching position and supervises the other 32 doctors in the residency program. Dr. Debnam was also the first African American to have that position at the Cambridge Hospital program.

In addition to her training residents, the chief resident also instructed Harvard Medical students in physical diagnosis as part of their Patient Doctor course.

Dr. Marjorie also helped prepare monthly Morbidity and Mortality reports for the hospital during that time.

In 1995, Dr. Debnam returned to Raleigh with her twin sister and they both joined their father's downtown Raleigh practice, the Debnam Clinic, which was started in 1961 and located on Blount Street. They practiced with their father from 1995 until Dr. George Debnam retired in 2001.

The Debnam Clinic is a historic practice that has helped care for thousands of people in the underserved community of Southeast Raleigh and parts of Wake County.

The Debnam clinic has always served a large number of uninsured and Medicaid patients; the Debnam

clinic is one of the larger Medicaid Internal medicine practices in the state.

Dr. Debnam and her twin sister also provided Inpatient care at Wake Medical Center, Outpatient Services at the office and Nursing Home care for the Debnam Clinic patients from 1995 until 2009.

In 2009, the Debnam Clinic went to focus on Outpatient care only and by 2013 had outgrown the Blount Street location and moved into a much larger modern office at the present location at 1501 Poole Road. Dr. Debnam is still on Courtesy staff at Wake Medical Center and the Clinic still provides indigent patient care for WakeMed.

Dr. Debnam and her twin also has provided routine Healthcare to Shaw University students since 1995 for many years until she had to cut back because of her chronic lung ailment. Dr. Marie Debnam has continued to provide care for the students, including being the Covid Coordinator for Shaw University and receiving recognition from the Raleigh Links for Covid care.

Dr. Marjorie L. Debnam was active in LA Scruggs Medical Society and the Old North State Medical Society which are the local and state branches of the National Medical Association (NMA).

Dr. Marjorie L. Debnam had served as the President of the Raleigh LA Scruggs (the first Black Dr in Raleigh NC), Medical Society since 2001-t and was the Recording Secretary for the Old North State Medical Society from 2000 to 2003 on the Executive committee. She has served on the Executive Committee of the Old North State Medical Society.

From infancy to adulthood, she attended Martin Street Baptist Church and later was a member of Christian Faith Baptist Church in Raleigh NC.

Dr. Marjorie L. Debnam MD participated with the Alpha Theta Omega a chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc, as well as donating medical services for the AKA Debutante Ball for many years as part of the Health Committee. She has not been active in later years due to her chronic illness.

Dr. Debnam has had many awards including being recognized by the local chapter of Phi Beta Sigma's Business Award in 2005, being awarded a 2006 Sisters Delaney Honor Society Achievement award in 2006 from Saint Augustine's University, having the Old North State Medical Society declare a Debnam Clinic Recognition Day on December 9, 2013 and receiving a 2013 Community Recognition Award from the Helping Hand Mission nonprofit.

Practical Biblical Principles

GOD'S LOVE LETTER TO US

Hosea 2:12-20

God's pronounced love for His people can be traced back to His first Covenant He established with His people. The first Covenant was at Mount Sinai right in the Exodus from Egypt. What is not often understood is the fact that God's love for His people is found in the Covenants He made with them. God's second attempt to show His love to a disobedient people was when He renewed the original Covenant when His people first entered the Promise land. The last known Covenant God made with His people, before the coming of Christ, was when the people had settled in the Promise land. The final Covenant God made with His Son, Jesus. Jesus then made heaven's final Covenant with man-any man who would accept Him as their Bread of Life and Savior.

It was about 700 BC, after King Solomon's death, God called Hosea to be the prophet to the Northern ten tribes of Israel. At this time Israel had essentially socially and spiritually 'gone to the dogs,' so to speak. Israel had prospered but had declined spiritually as it adopted the social and religious practices of the Canaanites. This included the worship of the false prophet Baal. Following the worship of Baal was one of the main reasons Israel never reached the Euphrates River, which was to be the eastern most boundary of the Promise Land (Joshau 1:4). Before the coming of Christ, God's love for His people was like that

of a cherishing husband who had a deep, intimate, and tender love for His people. Israel, on the other hand, played the real role of a harlot.

What God instructed the prophet, Hosea to do was a perfect picture of the social and ethical state of Israel. Prior to starting his ministry, God instructed Hosea to first go find a woman of harlotry and marry her. Strange as it seemed, Hosea obeyed. Hosea went and married a woman named, Gomer and had three children with her, before he started his ministry. God allowed this to happen to give Hosea his theme and message for preaching to fallen Israel. Hosea lived what he preached. Hosea's constant message to the people was, "Turn away from your ways of harlotry and turn back to serving the Living God who loves you."

The names of the three children represented messages of judgment and doom which Hosea was to preach to the northern ten tribes of Israel, often referred to as 'Ephraim.'

The first child was a son, and his name was Jezreel. The valley of Jezreel is the place Israel's King Jehu slaughtered King Ahab's family. This bloodshed would reoccur. The second child was a daughter, and her name was Lo-Ruhamah. This name means the Lord will show no pity. The third child a son, and his name was Lo-Ammi. This name means, the Lord will temporarily reject His covenant people. It appears one way God protects His holiness is to

announce pending judgment upon those, who were disobeying Him. God would and could not destroy these people because of His promise to Abraham in that He would bless all of Abraham's descendants, who are numbered as grains of sand (Hosea 1:10)

Did God change His mind about His people? No! God always loved his people, just as He Loves us today. God is Love (Hosea 2:16-17). Gomer had lived so long as a prostitute that she was no longer of any value as a prostitute. Her body became worn, useless, and worthless. Her worth was to be sold as a slave. Gomer eventually found herself on the auction block for sale as a slave. This is how God viewed those who worshipped the false god Baal - a slave. God remembered, all that He had made was good. God ordered Hosea to go and buy back his wife from the auction block, indicating His intentions toward His disobedient people. Not only did God tell Hosea to redeem his wife from the slave auction block but to also love her when you bring her back home (Hosea 3:1-3).

Then I will say to those who were not My people, You are My people. And they shall say, "You are my God." Eventually, God sent a "Special delivery" to His people, It was Jesus, His only Son, the Messiah, saying I love you!

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Editorials

IS NC GOV. COOPER A CLIMATE PRETENDER?

Statement by Executive Director Jim Warren:

Durham, NC – Scores of scientists and solar power companies, along with thousands of other North Carolinians, have pressed for his genuine action instead of pretense. Thousands of people displaced by past hurricanes keep begging for his help – while dreading the next super-storm.

But for years, Gov. Roy Cooper has sided with Duke Energy leaders' massive and Orwellian expansion of climate-wrecking fracked gas and attacks on solar competition.

In short, Duke Energy is making the climate crisis worse and worse, and Gov. Roy Cooper needs to stop pretending the opposite is true.

North Carolina deserves truth-telling and an honest debate over our climate and energy future.

Today, NC WARN launched a statewide TV, digital and print ad campaign to escalate statewide pressure for the Governor to move beyond pretense at this critical time.

Attorneys for corporate media outlets vetted our facts. Now, editors and news directors must allow their journalists to move past the corporate-government greenwashing and put Cooper on record: Does he really Duke Energy's latest (Pro-) Carbon Plan to greatly expand fossil fuels for decades directly clashes with climate scientists and the role he covets as a climate leader?

Also, why does Cooper's Utilities Commission consistently rubber-stamp Duke Energy's distortions and secrecy, as with its previous (Pro-) Carbon Plan and attacks on solar net metering? Despite record-breaking opposition by businesses and nonprofits, the UC protected Duke officials by limiting the issues, experts and attorneys they had to face in both cases.

NC WARN's core TV-online ads are hard-hitting by necessity: The first leads with the question, "Is Roy Cooper a Climate Change Pretender?" The second features children harmed by hurricanes pleading for genuine leadership by Gov. Cooper.

For ten years now, Duke Energy has been greatly expanding fossil fuels and suppressing local and large-scale solar. A large bipartisan majority of North Carolinians want clean power and competition, and still our governor has the gall to support the corporate greenwashing – gas-lighting people into thinking North Carolina is on the right climate track.

For 35 years, NC WARN has remained a frequent and trusted news source. But our efforts to drive the fracked gas and solar suppression into the open have been dampened by Duke Energy's pervasive influence over state decision-makers.

We insist on honest, clear debate over critical public issues. If either Duke Energy or Gov. Cooper thinks we're wrong, neither has made the case. Instead, both rely on persistent propaganda and influence to distort and suppress honest debate.

NC WARN proved the success of Duke's greenwashing with a statewide poll showing most of the public think Duke Energy is on the right track – and with a federal complaint that WUNC radio runs deceptive Duke ads while preventing its fine reporters from spelling out the dangerous truth about expanding methane gas and stifling the growth of renewable power.

As we told Cooper in a September 20 letter, we'd much prefer to praise him. But if he really seeks a role in national government – as reported – then he must use his authority and his strong public voice to come clean with the public and build pressure for Duke Energy leaders to stop expanding fossil fuels and stifling clean energy competition, thus help avert climate-social-economic chaos.

People are hurting from repeated climate disasters and the inability of state government to help them recover. Our solar power industry is hurting from Duke's attacks on net metering rules. And North Carolina as a whole is hurting – for some real democracy instead of deference to corporate influence and brainwashing.

Letters To The Editor

COVID-19 WAS 'BLOODY SUNDAY' FOR AMERICA'S RACIAL HEALTH DISPARITIES

By Hazel Trice Edney

Thousands of Black people had protested and many had died at the hands of police, White supremacists and racists as they engaged in non-violent campaigns to win the right to vote.

Still, America did not fully sit up and hear their cries until "Bloody Sunday", March 7, 1965. On that day TV cameras showed protestors being brutally attacked and beaten by the Alabama State Police as they marched peacefully from Selma to Montgomery across the Edmund Pettus Bridge.

It was only then that the United States government took decisive action. President Lyndon B. Johnson, a week after "Bloody Sunday", adopted the words of the civil rights leaders and declared before the nation in a televised speech to Congress, "We shall overcome."

Within a few months, the United States Congress adopted the Voting Rights Act (VRA) of 1965 and it was signed into law by President Johnson on August 6 that year. In a nutshell, the VRA prohibited any activities by anyone to abridge the right to vote.

More than 58 years later, Black doctors on the front lines against racism in medicine across the U. S. had hoped that the revelation of racially disparate suffering and death amidst the Coronavirus pandemic (COVID 19) would become the "Bloody Sunday" for revealing the truth about health disparities in America and escalate the long struggle to end them. But that has apparently not happened.

"I compare this now to the civil rights movement. We were really burdened with discrimination and brutality etcetera for many years," says Dr. Louis Sullivan, founder of the Morehouse School of Medicine, and pioneer of the 15-year-old government agency now known as the National Institute of Minority Health and Health Disparities. "But, the incidents such as the Birmingham police treatment of Blacks on the Edmund Pettus Bridge revealed to the nation those things that had existed for a long time. So, in a way, I see that the Coronavirus has had the same impact. Health disparities has been an issue for years. But people have not been aware or haven't really understood or taken it as seriously as many of us who were working with disparities have taken it. But now we are confronting this. And I am hoping that this really results much more in resources and attention and research and care to be devoted to the elimination of these disparities."

Dr. Sullivan is among leading Black physicians and HBCU administrators who agree that health disparities in the Black community – and the racism at the root of it – has been revealed to be far worse than anyone thinks. They say the dispar-

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ities still must be dealt with through racial and cultural coalitions, increase in Black medical professionals and strengthening of public policies.

"Covid 19 has really pulled the scab off the sore of the underbelly of our mistreatment as Black Americans," says Dr. Rahn Bailey, chief of the Psychiatry Department at Louisiana State University. "It's a long story, but a pertinent and a salient one. So when an additional stresser like the COVID 19 or the Coronavirus presents itself, we already have a subscript in American life where whatever is bad happens worse to African-Americans. We have less health care access; we have fewer hospitals in our communities; we have less access to providers or specialists; very often we get less optimal medication or management. We have data to support that."

The data indicates racial disparities across the board:

Exact numbers on COVID 19 infections, hospitalizations and deaths are fuzzy, largely because states initially did not track the pandemic by race. But, the Kaiser Family Foundation reported last year that though racial disparities narrowed as the pandemic subsided, during the surge associated with the Omicron variant in winter last year, disparities in cases once again widened with people of color, including African-Americans at 2,937 per 100,000 people, compared to cases among White people at 2,693 per 100,000. This number is astronomical given that America is approximately 12 percent African-American and 59 percent White. The New York Times reported that "during the height of the Omicron variant, Covid killed Black people in rural areas at a rate roughly 34 percent higher than it did white people."

The broad disparities continue among other diseases:

According to the National Cancer Institute, Black men die of prostate cancer at twice the rate of White men.

Although Black women have a 4 percent lower rate of breast cancer diagnosis, the death rate for Black women is 40 percent higher than White women, according to the American Cancer Association.

America's leading cause of death, heart disease, causes one of every three deaths in the U. S. But African-Americans and Latinos experience "double the rate of premature deaths" from heart disease compared to their White counterparts, according to the National Institute of Health.

According to the CDC, "Black women are three times more likely to die from a pregnancy-related cause than White women. Multiple factors contribute to these disparities, such as variation in quality healthcare, underlying chronic conditions, structural racism, and implicit bias."

Black children have a "500 percent higher death rate from asthma compared with White children", according to the Harvard School of Public Health.

The disparities even persist in treatments and care. For example, of amputations, Black patients lose limbs at three times the rate of White patients, despite progress in diabetic research, according to the NIH.

Despite the COVID 19 disparities that drew a new focus to the issue of racial health disparities, ending the racial gaps in deaths is still a struggle, says Yolanda Lawson, MD; an obstetrician and gynecologist, who serves as president of the National Medical Association, which has a membership of more than 50,000 Black physicians.



A Different Voice

By Dorothy Shaw Thompson

SOMEBODY BIGGER

Who made the mountains? Who made the trees? Who made the rivers flow to the sea? And who sends the rain when the Earth is dry? Somebody bigger than you and I (songwriters Hy Heath, Johnny Lange, and Sonny Burke).

I'm so blessed to have been born when I was born to, whom I was born to, the places I've come, and the people I've met. My life is a wealth of experience and everybody, and I do mean everybody, has played their part, including the naysayers and the encouragers. Somebody taught me the above song, and I'm so grateful. I think of those songwriting men as they took an idea and made it into a song each constructing a verse from their experience and awareness. I doubt that they would know where their lyrics would take me, but here it is.

This week I saw where a school system in Texas suspended a student for the way he wore his hair. This younger guy wears his hair the way I wear mine, but the school system that he attends doesn't like it. Now, the report says that he's a good student makes good grades, and hasn't gotten into any trouble until now because he refuses to cut the hair that his DNA created on his head. Today I visited a friend in the hospital and as I walked through the corridors going in and out, I got complimented on my hair. The last person was a four-year-old little white girl who said, "Miss, I love your hair", I smiled and said, "Thank you, sweetheart, I like it too." Usually, I say and I like yours too, but the encounter

was so brief I didn't have time. What does this child know that a system of adults missed? I suggest that she knows the essence of that song, "There's somebody bigger than you and I." I hope the parents will hold strong with this young man who refuses to conform to the ego of this system that thinks that they have the right to tell a black boy that they know better about his hair than the somebody bigger that created it.

Then there's the Congress who voted this week to allow Marjorie Taylor Green to cut Defense Secretary Lloyd Austin's salary to "\$1". Need I say that he is the first black Secretary of Defense. Using the old rhetoric of racism, she says he's not doing his job, is destroying the military, and doesn't even deserve the \$1 she's proposing. The House approved the amendment. Presently he makes \$221,000+ annually. This is a woman who is influential in the government and a leader in the Republican party. On its face, her ideas are biased, ignorant, and racist. It's the stuff that kept slavery, discrimination, and the ill-treatment of human beings, a matter of skin color from the inception of this country until now. What I see in this woman is her lack of awareness that there's somebody bigger than you and I. Something bigger than revenge, something bigger than votes, something bigger than idiocy. Does she really think that this brother, who has a resume she probably can't read, needs his salary? Does she really think that he believes that she's more powerful than God? Does she really believe that her opinion, amendments, and the representation she evidences of her party will stand in the long run? I think she does, or why else would she talk as she talks or behave as she behaves. She also thinks that the American people could care less about them shutting down the government. Actually, I suspect that if her constituents would rise up against her "en masse" she'd think it would be a plot of the Democrats. That's how lost she is in her own thinking. She's not by herself. Two democrats also voted for the bill. Not because they are troubled about the "\$1" part in the bill. Not because they agree that the US withdrawal from Afghanistan and COVID vaccine mandate in the military are worthy reasons for firing General Austin. Those two democrats are Jared Golden of Maine and Marie Perez. My question to them is why? Perez's office doesn't have an answer they were willing to share and Golden says he voted for it because he's ex-military. I say to them both when you lie down beside a flea-ravaged dog expect to get fleas. This lady believes that Ukraine is trying to start WW3. How so Margie? Did they invite Russia to invade them or are they starting it because they are fighting back?

As I close, let me just say, thank you to the glee club at Washington school, the youth choir, the tot's choir at First Baptist Church, the radio, songsters, and my mother and grandmother who downloaded this song into my consciousness for the last verses are... "When I am weary, filled with despair, who gives me courage to go on from there? And who gives me Faith that will never die? Somebody bigger than you and I."

(P.S.: In articles that I wrote recently, note that where it says "Pharaoh", it's actually "Pharisees".)



FUNdraising Good Times

... NOTHIN' BUT BLUE SKIES...

Part two of a two-part interview with Cedric Brown
Blue days, all of them gone. Nothin' but blue skies from now on. These words are a refrain from a classic Irving Berlin song. They are also the inspiration behind the name of a new philanthropic consulting firm: Blue Skies Advising, founded by Cedric Brown. "I love naming things, and I wanted to choose something that could serve the dual purposes of conveying my brand and my skills. I am hopeful that Blue Skies does both: it refers to blue sky thinking, which is taking an expansive approach to problem-solving, and also communicates my positive, can-do orientation. In this phase of my career, I'm inspired by the lyrics from the Irving Berlin standard of the same name: "Blue days / All of them gone / Nothing but skies / From now on."

Yes, Cedric is an optimist. And a talented solution creator. After 30 years in philanthropy he is expanding his impact, living into his potential, and supporting the next generation. We asked about his decision to leave the Obama Foundation and strike out on his own. "I took this current leap of faith because I owe it to myself to build my own business, trying to direct information and resources in ways that will benefit people and organizations that I care about (Black folk are certainly front and center while inclusive of other communities too). I also think this project-based style of working will complement my preferred way to work as well as fit nicely with my volunteer leadership efforts (on boards of directors).

He has a dept of experience and a network of fellow optimists across philanthropy and the nonprofit sector. He started work in the sector before anyone was busy counseling young people on pursuing a career in philanthropy. Most of didn't or still don't know that you don't have to be a person of great wealth to work within philanthropy. It is a sector full of career opportunities that include executive positions along with those of program officers, and of course technology, human resources, accounting, communications, and everything else it takes to run a business.

We asked Cedric for advice to those considering a career within philanthropy. His answer was thoughtful as always. "We're at a moment in time where there is an ongoing and growing conversation about equity in philanthropy, about putting the power around resource allocation in the hands of the people directly involved in solution-making; i.e. not having funding decisions bottleneck within wealthy organizations and the people who run them. People are eager to find more democratic ways to distribute philanthropic capital. So my advice to a philanthropy newcomer is: 1) learn about such strategies (e.g. "community grantmaking," "participatory grantmaking," "flow funding"); 2) build a deeper understanding of movement ecosystems—all the players in a particular issue area and how they work together (or don't); and 3) examine your own values and biases to reveal how they will influence your own decision-making."

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ALAMANCE COUNTY

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
ALAMANCE COUNTY

NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION IN THE CIVIL SUPERIOR COURT JEAN WALL REGISTER V. NATHAN DEVON BROWN
PERSON TO BE SERVED: NATHAN DEVON BROWN
ALAMANCE COUNTY
FILE NO.: 22-CVS-660

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:

Complaint, Motor Vehicle Negligence, Jury Trial Demanded; That the Plaintiff, Jean Wall Register, have and recover of the Defendant an amount in excess of Twenty-Five Thousand and 00/100 (\$25,000.00) Dollars for compensatory damages plus interest from the date of the filing of this action; That the court find the Defendant negligent in causing the subject collision; That the costs of this action, including reasonable attorney fees as allowed by law, be taxed against the Defendant; For a trial by jury on all issues so triable; For such other and further relief as the Court may deem just and proper.

You are required to make defense to such pleading not later than 40 days from the 28th day of September, 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 28th day of September 2023.

Kurt Dixon, Attorney for Plaintiff
Miller Law Group, PLLC
2424 Glenwood Avenue, Suite 201
Raleigh, NC 27608
9/28, 10/5, and 10/12/2023

CHATHAM COUNTY

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
CHATHAM COUNTY

In The General Court of Justice District Court Division File No. 23-CVD-772 NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION
To: WENER IVAN MORALES ARREAGA, 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 November 7th, 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, ELMA CARMEN MORALES VELASQUEZ, will apply to Chatham County Family Court for the relief sought.

This, the 28th day of September, 2023

Aneta Paval
Paval Law Offices, PLLC
7404 Chapel Hill Rd, Suite M
Raleigh NC 27607
Telephone: (919) 410-6690
9/28, 10/5, and 10/12/2023

DURHAM COUNTY

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
DURHAM COUNTY

NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND DEBTORS OF SHIRLEY PERRY BYRD

All persons, firms and corporations having claims against SHIRLEY PERRY BYRD, late of Durham County, North Carolina, are notified to exhibit them to Susan Byrd Bazemore as Executor of the decedent's estate on or before December 15, 2023, c/o Gregory Herman-Giddens, Attorney at Law, 1414 Raleigh Rd., Ste. 203, Chapel Hill, NC 27517, or be barred from their recovery. Debtors of the decedent are asked to make immediate payment to the above-named Executor.

This the 14 day of September 2023.

Susan Byrd Bazemore, Executor
c/o Gregory Herman-Giddens, Atty. TrustCounsel
1414 Raleigh Rd., Ste. 203
Chapel Hill, NC 27517
9/14, 9/21, 9/28, and 10/5/2023
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
DURHAM COUNTY

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Having qualified before the Clerk of Superior Court of Durham County as Public Administrator of the Estate of CRYSTAL DAWN LUMPKIN, this is to notify all

persons, firms, and corporations having claims against the Estate to send them, duly itemized and verified, to P.O. Box 51429, Durham, NC 27717, on or before the 13th day of December, 2023 (90 days after the date of this Notice) or this Notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery.

All persons, firms and corporations indebted to the Estate are requested to make prompt settlement with the undersigned.

This the 14th day of September, 2023.

Robert E. Levin
Public Administrator of the Estate of Crystal D. Lumpkin, Deceased

P.O. Box 51429
Durham, NC 27717
9/14, 9/21, 9/28, and 10/5/2023
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
DURHAM COUNTY

NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION In The General Court Of Justice Superior Court Division Before the Clerk File Number 23-E-1143

The Undersigned, having qualified as ADMINISTRATRIX of the Estate of LIZZIE BETHENNA COOPER BUIE, late of Durham County, North Carolina, hereby wishes to notify all persons having claims against the Estate of said deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned at the below listed address on or before the 16th day of December 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 14th day of September, 2023.

Danita Buié, Administratrix
162 Ridge St.
Reidsville, NC 27320
9/14, 9/21, 9/28, and 10/5/2023
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
DURHAM COUNTY

NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION In The General Court Of Justice Superior Court Division Before the Clerk File Number 23-E-486

The Undersigned, having qualified as ADMINISTRATOR of the Estate of EVANS EDWARD THOMPSON JR, late of Durham County, North Carolina, hereby wishes to notify all persons having claims against the Estate of said deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned at the below listed address on or before the 16th day of December 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 14th day of September, 2023.

Evans Edward Thompson III
Administrator
7158 Via Vico
San Jose, CA 95129
9/14, 9/21, 9/28, and 10/5/2023
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
DURHAM COUNTY

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Having qualified as the personal representative of the estate of Bryce Hayward, late of Durham County, NC, Robert Stine, the undersigned, does hereby notify all persons, firms, and corporations having claims against the estate of decedent to exhibit them to the undersigned at 311 E. Main St., Durham, NC 27701, on or before December 21, 2023, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to the estate will please make prompt payment to the undersigned.

This, the 21st day of September, 2023.

Robert Stine, Executor
c/o Christopher Hill
Attorney for the Estate
Law Office of Marcus Hill
311 E. Main St.
Durham, NC 27707
(919) 688-1941
9/21, 9/28, 10/5, and 10/12/2023
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
DURHAM COUNTY

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
The undersigned, Vernon Mack, having duly qualified as Executor of the Estate of Michael Mack, deceased, late of Durham County, North Carolina, hereby notifies all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the Estate to present them to the undersigned in care of Ronald G. Coulter, Attorney for the Estate, 3400 Croasdaile Dr., Ste 205, Durham, NC 27705, on or before December 21, 2023 or it will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons and legal entities indebted to the Estate will

please make immediate payment.

This the 21st day of September, 2023.

Vernon Mack, Executor
C/O Ronald G. Coulter, Attorney
3400 Croasdaile Drive, Ste 205
Durham, NC 27705
1-919-246-5775
9/21, 9/28, 10/5, and 10/12/2023
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
DURHAM COUNTY

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Having qualified as the personal representative of the estate of Timothy Monell, late of Durham County, NC, Daniel Jenkins, the undersigned, does hereby notify all persons, firms, and corporations having claims against the estate of decedent to exhibit them to the undersigned at 311 E. Main St., Durham, NC 27701, on or before December 21, 2023, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to the estate will please make prompt payment to the undersigned.

This, the 21st day of September, 2023.

Daniel Jenkins, Administrator
c/o Christopher Hill
Attorney for the Estate
Law Office of Marcus Hill
311 E. Main St.
Durham, NC 27707
(919) 688-1941
9/21, 9/28, 10/5, and 10/12/2023
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
DURHAM COUNTY

NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION In The General Court Of Justice Superior Court Division Before the Clerk File Number 23-E-1167

The Undersigned, having qualified as EXECUTOR of the Estate of MARY B. BOCKKINO, late of Durham County, North Carolina, hereby wishes to notify all persons having claims against the Estate of said deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned at the below listed address on or before the 21st day of December 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 21st day of September, 2023.

Stephen B. Bocckino, Executor
7340 Abron Drive
Durham, NC 27713
9/21, 9/28, 10/5, and 10/12/2023
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
DURHAM COUNTY

NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION In The General Court Of Justice Superior Court Division Before the Clerk File Number 23-E-1147

The Undersigned, having qualified as ADMINISTRATOR of the Estate of AUDREY DAWN KOUROS, late of Durham County, North Carolina, hereby wishes to notify all persons having claims against the Estate of said deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned at the below listed address on or before the 21st day of December 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 21st day of September, 2023.

Christopher Thomas Kouros
Administrator
1186 Willow Pond Lane
Leland, NC 28451
9/21, 9/28, 10/5, and 10/12/2023
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
DURHAM COUNTY

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

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

This the 21st day of September, 2023.

Christopher Thomas Kouros
Administrator
1186 Willow Pond Lane
Leland, NC 28451
9/21, 9/28, 10/5, and 10/12/2023
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
DURHAM COUNTY

In The General Court of Justice District Court Division File No. 23-CVD-1073 NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION

To: JUAN CARLOS DURAN MARTINEZ, Defendant.

Take notice that a pleading seeking relief against you has been filed in the above-entitled action. The nature of the relief being sought is for child custody. You are required to make defense to such pleading no later than November 7th, 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, REYNA IVETH HERNANDEZ PONCE, will apply to Durham County Family Court, located at 510 S Dillard St, Durham, NC 27701 for the relief sought.

This, the 28th day of September, 2023

Aneta Paval
Paval Law Offices, PLLC
7404 Chapel Hill Rd, Suite M
Raleigh NC 27607
Telephone: (919) 410-6690

9/28, 10/5, and 10/12/2023

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
DURHAM COUNTY

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

All persons having claims against William B. Wood, Sr. of Durham County, North Carolina are notified to present them to Timothy B. Wood, Executor of the Estate of William B. Wood, Sr., in c/o Dean P. Broz, Attorney for the Estate, at Higgins, Frankstone, Graves & Morris, P. A., 1414 Raleigh Road, Suite 203, Exchange West at Meadowmont, Chapel Hill, NC 27517-8834 on or before January 26, 2023. Failure to present a claim in timely fashion will result in this Notice being pleaded in bar of recovery against the estate, the Executor, and the devisees of William B. Wood, Sr. Those indebted to William B. Wood, Sr. are asked to make prompt payment to the Estate

This the 28th day of September, 2023.

c/o Dean P. Broz
Higgins, Frankstone, Graves & Morris, P.A.

1414 Raleigh Road, Suite 203
Exchange West at Meadowmont
Chapel Hill, NC 27517-8834
9/28, 10/5, 10/12, and 10/19/2023
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
DURHAM COUNTY

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

THE UNDERSIGNED, having qualified on the 7th day of September, 2023, as Executor of the ESTATE OF HUGH GETTYS ROBINSON aka HUGH G. ROBINSON, Deceased, of Durham County, North Carolina, does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against said Estate to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the 29th day of December, 2023 or this Notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said Estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This, the 28th day of September, 2023.

MARK DUFF ROBINSON
EXECUTOR OF ESTATE OF HUGH GETTYS ROBINSON aka HUGH G. ROBINSON

c/o Richard G. Long III, Attorney
Walker Lambe, PLLC
Post Office Box 51549
Durham, North Carolina 27717
9/28, 10/5, 10/12, and 10/19/2023
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
DURHAM COUNTY

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The undersigned having qualified as Administrator of the Estate of JULIANNE MARIE ALLEN, Deceased, late of Durham County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the Estate to exhibit them to the undersigned at the office of IDOL LAW, PLLC, PO Box 51759, Durham, North Carolina 27717, on or before the 31st day of December, 2023, or this Notice will be in bar of their recovery.

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

This is the 28th day of September, 2023.

Bonnie Austin Allen, Administrator
Estate of Julianne Marie Allen, Deceased
Robert A. Idol, Esquire
IDOL LAW, PLLC
Attorney at Law
PO Box 51759
Durham, NC 27717
(919)401.5151
9/28, 10/5, 10/12, and 10/19/2023
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
DURHAM COUNTY

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The undersigned having qualified as Executor of the Estate of THOMAS RAYMOND ALLEN, Deceased, late of Durham County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the Estate to exhibit them to the undersigned at the office of IDOL LAW, PLLC, PO Box 51759, Durham, North Carolina 27717, on or before the 31st day of December, 2023, or this Notice will be in bar of their recovery.

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

This is the 28th day of September, 2023.

Bonnie Austin Allen, Executor
Estate of Thomas Raymond Allen, Deceased
Robert A. Idol, Esquire
IDOL LAW, PLLC
Attorney at Law
PO Box 51759
Durham, NC 27717
(919)401.5151
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STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
DURHAM COUNTY

NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION

IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE

SUPERIOR COURT DIVISION
FILE NO: 23 SP 821

ROBERT E. LEVIN, PUBLIC ADMINISTRATOR OF THE ESTATE OF CRYSTAL DAWN LUMPKIN, DECEASED, PETITIONER,

v.
LACE BULLOCK, GUARDIAN AD LITEM OF ALL PERSONS IN ESSE AND NOT IN ESSE WHO MAY CLAIM TO HAVE AN INTEREST IN THE ESTATE OF CRYSTAL D. LUMPKIN, DECEASED, Respondents.

TO: All Persons In Esse And Not In Esse Who May Claim To Have An Interest In The Estate of Crystal Dawn Lumpkin, Deceased

Take notice that a pleading seeking relief against you has been filed in the above action. The nature of the relief being sought is as follows: Petitioner has filed a Petition to Sell Property and to Determine Heirs.

You are required to make defense to such pleading no later than the 14th day of November, 2023, which is 40 days from the first publication of this notice. Upon your failure to file a pleading by the above date, party seeking service against you will apply to the Court for the relief sought.

This is the 5th day of October, 2023.

Robert E. Levin, Petitioner
HAYWOOD, DENNY & MILLER, L.L.P.

P.O. Box 51429
Durham, NC 27717
Telephone: 919-403-0000
10/5, 10/12, and 10/19/2023
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
DURHAM COUNTY

NOTICE OF SERVICE BY PUBLICATION

In The General Court Of Justice Superior Court Division Before the Clerk 23 CVS 1460

HILTON DENNIS RALPH Plaintiff, v.

MARIO ANTONIO CHUM ITZEP and CONSUELO ARROYO HERNANDEZ Defendants.

TO: Mario Antonio Chum Itzep
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: monetary damages suffered by Plaintiff Hilton Dennis Ralph proximately caused by your negligence in an automobile collision on or about February 8, 2020, on Holloway Street and Park Avenue in Durham, North Carolina.

You are required to make defense to such pleading not later than November 20, 2023, and upon your failure to do so, Plaintiff Hilton Dennis Ralph will apply to the court for the relief sought.

This the 5th day of October, 2023.

THE DEUTERMAN LAW GROUP
Michele H. Cybulski
NC Bar # 39617
Seth R. Cohen
NC Bar # 18134

Attorneys for Plaintiff
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10/5, 10/12, and 10/19/2023
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
DURHAM COUNTY

NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION In The General Court Of Justice Superior Court Division FILE NO. 23 CVS 1759

GAVIN PHILIPPS and HILARY PHILIPPS, Plaintiffs, VS. SPOTLIGHT POOLS, LLC, DAVID ARTHUR, and MARIA LOPEZ, Defendants.

TO: David Arthur; Maria Lopez; and a manager, officer, or registered agent of Spotlight Pools, LLC:
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: damages resulting from breach of contract and fraud, and for other relief as the Court deems proper.

You are required to make defense to such pleading not later than November 23, 2023. Upon your failure to do so, the party seeking service against you will apply to the Court for the relief sought.

This is the 5th day of October, 2023.

Holly E. Vetrano,
Attorney for the Plaintiffs
BERMAN & ASSOCIATES, ATTYs.
123 West Main Street, Suite M-08
Durham, NC 27701

919-683-2458

10/5, 10/12, and 10/19/2023
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
DURHAM COUNTY

NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION

In The General Court Of Justice Superior Court Division Before the Clerk File Number 23-E-1221

The Undersigned, having qualified as ADMINISTRATOR of the Estate of BONNIE MELTON, late of Durham County, North Carolina, hereby wishes to notify all persons having claims against the Estate of said deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned at the below listed address on or before the 5th day of January 2024, 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 5th day of October, 2023.

Dennis Melton, Administrator
c/o Evan B. Harrell
Bagwell Holt Smith P.A. | Attorneys at Law

111 Cloister Court, Suite 200
Chapel Hill, NC 27514
10/5, 10/12, 10/19, and 10/26/2023
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
DURHAM COUNTY

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Having qualified before the Clerk of Superior Court of Durham County as Executrix of the ESTATE OF BILLY M. SESSOMS, this is to notify all persons, firms, and corporations having claims against the Estate to send them, duly itemized and verified, to P.O. Box 51429, Durham, NC 27717, on or before the 5th of January, 2024 (three months after the date of this Notice) or this Notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery.

All persons, firms and corporations indebted to the Estate are requested to make prompt settlement with the undersigned.

The 5th day of October, 2023.

Marion Sessoms Pierce
Executrix of the Estate of Billy M. Sessoms

c/o Robert E. Levin, Attorney for Marion Sessoms Pierce
P.O. Box 51429
Durham, NC 27717

10/5, 10/12, 10/19, and 10/26/2023
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
DURHAM COUNTY

NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION In The General Court Of Justice Superior Court Division Before the Clerk File Number 23-E-1187

The Undersigned, having qualified as EXECUTOR of the Estate of EMILY K. THOMAS, late of Durham County, North Carolina, hereby wishes to notify all persons having claims against the Estate of said deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned at the below listed address on or before the 5th day of January 2024, 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 5th day of October, 2023.

Richard E. Thomas, Executor
5705 Fayetteville Rd., Apt. 5101
Durham, NC 27713

10/5, 10/12, 10/19, and 10/26/2023
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
DURHAM COUNTY

NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION In The General Court Of Justice Superior Court Division Before the Clerk File Number 23E-796

The Undersigned, having qualified as EXECUTOR of the Estate of CALVIN TAYLOR PLEASANTS, JR., late of Durham County, North Carolina, hereby wishes to notify all persons having claims against the Estate of said deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned at the below listed address on or before the 5th day of January 2024, 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 5th day of October, 2023.

Margaret Reintz, Executor
8609 Bostian Dr.
Apex, NC 27539

10/5, 10/12, 10/19, and 10/26/2023
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
DURHAM COUNTY

NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION In The General Court Of Justice Superior Court Division Before the Clerk File Number 23-E-1216

The Undersigned, having

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qualified as EXECUTOR of the Estate of MEMORY FARMER MITCHELL A/K/A FANNIE MEMORY MITCHELL, late of Durham County, North Carolina, hereby wishes to notify all persons having claims against the Estate of said deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned at the below listed address on or before the 5th day of January 2024, 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 5th day of October, 2023.
David Mitchell, Executor
2218 Albany Street
Durham, NC 27705
10/5, 10/12, 10/19, and 10/26/2023

response on the other party, whose mailing address and telephone number are: Regan Charlton, 405 S. 8th Street, Ste. 365, Boise, Idaho 83702 (legal counsel). A copy of the Summons and Petition for Divorce can be obtained by contacting either the Clerk of the Court or the other party. If you wish legal assistance, you should immediately retain an attorney to advise you in this matter.

Attorney for Petitioner, David LeRoy Nimrick
Regan Charlton, ISB #9235
Johannes S. A. Claus, III, ISB #8907 CHARLTON LAW, LLC
405 S. 8th Street, Suite 365
Boise, Idaho 83702
Ph. 208-345-5426
Email: regan@charltonlawllc.com
iCourt: efile@charltonlawllc.com
9/28, 10/5, 10/12, and 10/19/2023

HARNETT COUNTY

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
HARNETT COUNTY
IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE
FOURTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF
THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND
FOR THE COUNTY OF ADA
SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION
Case No. CV01-23-12802
DAVID LEROY NIMRICK,
Petitioner,
vs.
AMANDA NICOLE NIMRICK,
Respondent.
TO: AMANDA NICOLE NIMRICK,
You have been sued by David
Leroy Nimrick, the Petitioner in
the District Court in and for Ada
County, Idaho, Case No. CV01-23-
12802.

The nature of the claim against
you is for a Divorce and Custody
action.

Any time after 21 days following
the last publication of this
Summons, the court may enter
a judgment against you without
further notice, unless prior to
that time you have filed a written
response in the proper form,
including the case number, and
paid any required filing fee to the
Clerk of the Court at the physical
address of 200 W Front St, Boise,
ID 83702 and telephone number of
the district court clerk (208) 287-
7080 and served a copy of your

WAKE COUNTY

NORTH CAROLINA
WAKE COUNTY
NOTICE OF SERVICE
OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION
In The General Court Of Justice
District Court Division
File No. 22CV014645
JOSEPHINE EMMANUEL
OPARAOCHA, Plaintiff VS.
BENSON CHUKWUDI AGU,
Defendant

To The Defendant: Take notice
that a pleading seeking relief
against you has been filed in the
above entitled action. The nature
of the relief being sought is as
follows: The Plaintiff has filed a
COMPLAINT FOR JUDGMENT
FOR ABSOLUTE DIVORCE. You are
required to make defense to such
pleading no later than October 31,
2023, 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 21st day of September
2023.
Josephine Oparaocha, Plaintiff
5016 Babbling Brook Drive
Raleigh, NC 27610
9/21, 9/28, and 10/5/2023
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
WAKE COUNTY

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
ESTATE OF LIZZIE JUSTICE
DATE OF BIRTH: JUNE 17, 1948
The decedent, Lizzie Justice,
who lived at 10620 Dehijuston Ct.,
Raleigh, North Carolina, 27614 died
June 20, 2023.

Creditors of the decedent are
notified that all claims against
the estate will be forever barred
unless presented to Albert Justice,
Executor of Estate, at 1117
Carlisle Street, Raleigh, North
Carolina 27610, 919-231-3177 or
to both the probate court and
the named/proposed personal
representative by 12-21-2023, 90
days after the date of publication
of this notice.

This, the 21st day of September,
2023.
Albert Justice, Executor
1117 Carlisle Street
Raleigh, North Carolina 27610
9/21, 9/28, 10/5, and 10/12/2023
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
WAKE COUNTY

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
File Number 23E004207-910
The Undersigned, having
qualified as ADMINISTRATOR of
the Estate of NATHAN ROGERS,
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 December
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 21st day of September,
2023.
Naomi S. Feaste, Administrator
5812 Quitman Trail
Raleigh, NC 27610
9/21, 9/28, 10/5, and 10/12/2023
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 23E004607-910
The Undersigned, having

qualified as ADMINISTRATOR
of the Estate of MARGO ELYSE
DAWSON, 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 30th day
of December 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 28th day of September,
2023.
J. Lin Dawson, Administrator
2326 Silent Stream Court
Raleigh, NC 27607
9/28, 10/5, 10/12, and 10/19/2023
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 23E004594-910

The Undersigned, having
qualified as ADMINISTRATOR
of the Estate of CALVIN ENNIS
DOZIER, 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 30th day
of December 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 28th day of September,
2023.
Teresa L. Dozier, Administrator
8817 Ray Rd.
Raleigh, NC 27613
9/28, 10/5, 10/12, and 10/19/2023
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 19E003341-910
The Undersigned, having
qualified as ADMINISTRATOR CTA
of the Estate of SHIRLEY FOUST
SCOTT, 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 30th day of December
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 28th day of September,
2023.
Stephen Raleigh Scott,
Administrator CTA
5237 Emerald Spring Drive
Knightdale, NC 27545
9/28, 10/5, 10/12, and 10/19/2023
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 23E004975-910

The Undersigned, having
qualified as ADMINISTRATOR of
the Estate of MCCRAVEN BROWN,
JR., 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 5th day of January
2024, 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 5th day of October,
2023.
George K. Butterfield Jr.
Administrator
c/o Attorney George Ligon, Jr.
Post Office Box 1106
Raleigh, North Carolina 27602
Phone: 919-833-7992
Fax: 919-833-9381
10/5, 10/12, 10/19, and 10/26/2023
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 23E003796-910

The Undersigned, having
qualified as ADMINISTRATOR of
the Estate of GEORGE ROBERT
LAWRENCE, 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 5th day
of January 2024, 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 5th day of October,
2023.
Virginia Carol Lawrence Cheek
Administrator
c/o Julie Jarmon, Stubbs Cole Law
Firm, 4 Consultant Place, Durham,
NC 27707
10/5, 10/12, 10/19, and 10/26/2023
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 23E004432-910

The Undersigned, having
qualified as EXECUTOR of the
Estate of LUCILLE HOLT JONES,
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 5th day of January
2024, 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 5th day of October,
2023.
Thomas Roy Marshall, Executor
1016 Sage Green Ct
Raleigh, NC 27610
10/5, 10/12, 10/19, and 10/26/2023

D/M/WBE

SUBCONTRACTORS/SUPPLIERS WANTED

T. A. Loving Company (NC General Contractor License No. 325) is seeking certified DBE, MBE, and WBE subcontractors and suppliers for the Whalehead Subdivision Beach Access Walkways project for Currituck County which bids October 10, 2023, at 2:00 PM. Plans and specifications for this project are available at the following locations: TA Loving Company, 400 Patetown Road, Goldsboro, NC 27530 * Currituck County Purchasing Agent: Crystal Owens, Bids@Currituck-CountyNC.gov.

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

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

D/M/WBE

SUBCONTRACTORS/SUPPLIERS WANTED

T. A. Loving Company (NC General Contractor License No. 325) is seeking certified DBE, MBE, and WBE subcontractors and suppliers for the 2023 Stormwater Drainpipe Replacement project for the City of Havelock which bids October 10, 2023, at 11:00 AM. Plans and specifications for this project are available at the following locations: TA Loving Company, 400 Patetown Road, Goldsboro, NC 27530 * City of Havelock website.

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

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

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

Barnhill Contracting Company will be bidding on the following project on October 17th, 2023. We are most interested in receiving quotes from your company on these projects:

Southeast Division Contract ID: C204901
Contact: Lance Bullard, thunt@barnhillcontracting.com, at 910-488-1319 or fax 910-488-5673 in our Fayetteville Office, located at 1100 Robeson Street, Fayetteville, NC 28305. Pre-Bid Meeting: Friday June 9th, 2023 at 9:00 AM in the Fayetteville Office.

Pre-Bid Meeting: Friday October 6th, 2023 at 9:00 AM in the Fayetteville Office.

- For hauling operations, we will need to know how many of your own hauling units will be available for this project. We will need this on your written quote prior to bid time and this will be made a part of any subcontract.
- Plans and specifications are available at:
 - NC DOT https://connect.ncdot.gov/letting/Pages/Central-Letting-Details.aspx?let_type=Central&let_date=2023-10-17%2000:00:00
 - Plans may also be viewed in our offices. Please call for an appointment.

- These projects include opportunities on, but not limited to hauling, incidental milling, traffic control, curb and gutter, permanent signing, guardrail install, incidental concrete construction, ABC, erosion control measures, seeding & mulching, signals, shoulder construction, pipe install, minor drainage structures, temporary silt fence, and pavement markings. All firms or persons interested in bidding on any applicable portions of these projects or supplying materials for any applicable portion of this project are invited to contact us direct or by phone (we accept collect calls). By submitting a quote, it is understood that you have read and understand the specifications.

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

NC General Contractors Lic. # 3194
Attn: Tom Shannon
AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYER

Classifieds

TRANSPORTATION ENGINEER WANTED

Transportation Engineer 2 with Arcadis U.S., Inc. (Raleigh, NC) – asst in the dev & dsgn of infrastrctre prjcs for rdwys, incld intrstns, clctr streets, urbn artrls, rurl & urbn exprswys, intrstats & intrstat intrchns. Remote work avail. Reqs ed & exp. Arcadis is EO & AA employer. For full job details, all reqs & to apply online, visit: bit.ly/Arcadis0723

Technosoft Engineering, Inc., located in Morrisville, NC, seeks a Mechanical Design Engineer (Multiple Openings) to work in unanticipated locations throughout the U.S. responsible for providing project/product assessments via Agile methodology. Relocation required. Resumes to rchatufale@technosofteng.com.

WANTED WBE, MBE & DBE BIDS

for the following job:
City of Greenville

Thomas Foreman Park – Parking Lot Expansion
#23-24-20 Pitt Co. Bid Date: Oct. 19th

These projects 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.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.



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ESCALADE IQ

Preproduction model shown throughout. Actual production model may vary. Available late 2024.