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New study finds 152 million Americans would remove themselves from the internet if they could

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According to joint research by cybersecurity company NordVPN, developers of one of the best VPN services available, and personal data removal company Incogni, millions of people would like to delete themselves from the internet. 152 million Americans would like to have their personal data removed from the internet, an increase from Nord's 2022 research. Globally, 35% of people want to be removed, up from 30%, with the US and Canada topping the list.

For Americans, almost half (48%) cite companies collecting, selling, or simply using their data to benefit third parties as their reasons for being deleted, and almost half feel their devices will eventually be hacked. Additionally, 40% feel there's no reason for their names to be on the internet, 41% express a lack of trust in it, and one fifth fear manipulation by third parties.

"The shift in people's attitudes and their increasing need to delete their presence from the internet highlights a trend," says Marijus Briedis, NordVPN's CTO. "People are no longer passively accepting the idea that their data should live on the internet forever. There is a growing demand for control, empowerment, and the right to be forgotten."

Areas of concern

Data shows the majority of Americans (64%) would prioritise deletion of their financial information and 31% would seek to remove their old dating/social media profiles and any embarrassing uploads. However, 44% revealed they don't know how.

Briedis believes the next generation of users will push technology providers and policymakers to rethink how personal data is handled online, saying "anonymity is no longer a luxury but a necessity." Although not currently possible, a third of Americans would be willing to pay up to $100 to use the internet anonymously at all times. Shockingly, 5% would even pay up to $1,000.

How can you protect your data?

There are a number of ways you can protect your data online and using a VPN is a crucial tool in doing so. All the top VPNs offer high levels of privacy and security, masking your IP address and encrypting your data.

However, VPNs aren't a cure for everything. Whilst they protect privacy, they don't grant total anonymity and performance can be impacted due to your connection travelling further. Even the best free VPNs are subjected to certain limitations and it's essential you sign up for a reputable VPN provider.

Data brokers collect your personal information, use it to build up a profile on you, and then sell it to third-parties. Information such as your name, social media accounts, shopping history, and IP address are valuable to advertisers who wish to target you. Using a data removal service, such as Incogni, helps remove this information from data brokers. They scan websites and data brokers for your data, submit removal requests, and then undertake regular monitoring to protect your personal information.

Ultimately, you should be mindful of what you share online and protect your accounts. Think about adjusting your privacy settings for who can view your profile and ask yourself the question, "do I want this on the internet forever?" Using strong, unique passwords and enabling multi-factor authentication adds an extra layer of security to your accounts.

General Tubman We Salute You!

CHURCH CREEK, Md. (AP) — Revered abolitionist Harriet Tubman, who was the first woman to oversee an American military action during a time of war, was posthumously awarded the rank of general on Monday.

Dozens gathered on Veterans Day at the Harriet Tubman Underground Railroad State Park in Maryland's Dorcester County for a formal ceremony making Tubman a one-star brigadier general in the state's National Guard.

Gov. Wes Moore called the occasion not just a great day for Tubman's home state but for all of the U.S.

"Today, we celebrate a soldier and a person who earned the title of veteran," Moore said. "Today we celebrate one of the greatest authors of the American story."

Tubman escaped slavery herself in 1849, settling in Philadelphia in 1849. Intent on helping others achieve freedom, she established the Underground Railroad network and led other enslaved Black women and men to freedom. She then channeled those experiences as a scout, spy and nurse for the Union Army during the Civil War, helping guide 150 Black soldiers on a gunboat raid in South Carolina.

Nobody would have judged Tubman had she chosen to remain in Philadelphia and coordinate abolitionist efforts from there, Moore said.

"She knew that in order to do the work, that meant that she had to go into the lion's den," Moore siad. "She knew that leadership means you have to be willing to do what you are asking others to do."

The reading of the official order was followed by a symbolic pinning ceremony with Tubman's great-great-great-grandniece, Tina Wyatt.

Wyatt hailed her aunt's legacy of tenacity, generosity and faith and agreed Veterans Day applied to her as much as any other servicemember.

"Aunt Harriet was one of those veterans informally, she gave up any rights that she had obtained for herself to be able to fight for others," Wyatt said. "She is a selfless person."

Tubman's status as an icon of history has only been further elevated within the last few years. The city of Philadelphia chose a Black artist to make a 14-foot (4.3-meter) bronze statue to go on display next year. In 2022, a Chicago elementary school was renamed for Tubman, replacing the previous namesake, who had racist views. However, plans to put Tubman on the $20 bill have continued to stall.

Congress Reps Call For An Investigation Into State's Corporate Housing Investors

NCNewsline—Two North Carolina congresswomen are calling for a federal investigation into a 2008 housing crisis-era program that allowed institutional investors to buy large portfolios of foreclosed homes at significant discounts on the condition that buyers rent them out.

Triangle-area Democrats Valerie Foushee and Deborah Ross contend the "Real Estate-Owned to Rental" (REO) program has led to a "surge" in institutional investments in single-family homes, which has priced many families out of the housing market.

"It is imperative that we explore whether federal programs, such as the REO-to-Rental program and others that promote institutional investor participation, have disproportionately benefited large financial institutions at the expense of working families and first-time homebuyers," Foushee and Ross wrote in a letter to Sandra Thompson, director of the Federal Housing Finance Agency (FHFA), which oversees REO and Rohit Chopra, director of the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau requesting investigations.

The two lawmakers added that programs such as the Low-Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC), while designed to promote affordable housing development, can end up benefiting institutional investors who dominate the application process and enjoy easy access to capital markets.

"We write to request an investigation into the effects of these federal programs and the broader impacts of institutional participation in residential real estate, especially as rising housing and rental costs continue to price out many North Carolinians," Foushee and Ross wrote. "We are concerned that the policies designed to allow institutions to acquire large numbers of properties have had unintended and harmful effects on working families, first-time homebuyers, and renters alike."

Similarly, Foushee and Ross said, Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac's multifamily loan initiative has incentivized large investors to purchase multifamily rental properties, which sometimes lead to higher rents that push out long-time residents. The congresswomen are also concerned about Section 8 Housing Choice Vouchers, which are meant to provide stability for low-income renters.

"Institutional investors are increasingly acquiring properties that cater to voucher holders, knowing that the federal government guarantees a portion of the rent, they said.

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Democrats Gain Ground In NC General Assembly, But Will It Change Anything

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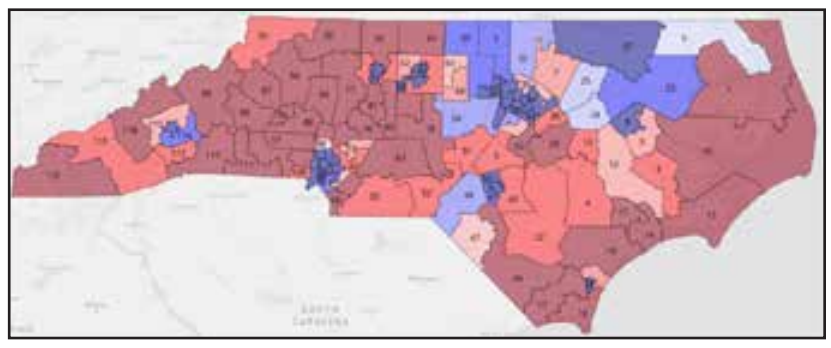


The results of North Carolina's 2024 legislative elections have created a major shift in the state's political landscape, with Democrats breaking the Republican Party's fragile supermajority in the General Assembly.

Unofficial results show Democrats have picked up a net gain of one seat in the state House, reducing the GOP's majority from 72-48 to 71-49. This shift means Republicans will no longer have the ability to override vetoes from Democratic Governor-elect Josh Stein, who won decisively in the gubernatorial race.

With just one seat shy of a supermajority, the GOP will need Democratic cooperation to push through major legislation or to override any vetoes from Stein, whose policy priorities focus on issues like public education, healthcare access, and protecting personal freedoms.

In the Senate, Republicans strengthened their majority, holding a 31-19 advantage with a few races still too close to call. Despite this, the loss of the supermajority in the House is a significant blow to the GOP's ability to pass legislation without compromise.

The most crucial races in the state House were concentrated in key districts that saw close contests between incumbents and challengers. In House District 24, which encompasses Nash and Wilson counties, Republican incumbent Rep. Ken Fontenot is trailing Democrat Dante Pittman by fewer than 900 votes.

Similarly, in Granville and Vance counties' House District 32, Democrat Bryan Cohn is leading Republican incumbent Rep. Frank Sossamon by just under 200 votes, a margin that may trigger a recount.

The most recent redistricting has created a limited number of competitive legislative districts, referred to as "shoulder districts." These are areas that don't fall squarely into urban, suburban, or rural categories, making them politically diverse and often unpredictable.

One such district is represented by State House Rep. Erin Paré, a two-term Republican incumbent and rising star in her party. Paré, who had previously withdrawn from a congressional race, is the only Republican member of the state legislature from Wake County. She managed to secure re-election with 51.5% of the vote, holding onto her seat in a closely watched race.

Should Democrats hold their leads in these contests, they will have unseated two Republican incumbents, signaling a growing Democratic presence in traditionally conservative parts of the state.

Interestingly, the loss of these GOP seats is partially attributed to the underperformance of Lt. Gov. Mark Robinson, the Republican gubernatorial candidate who lost to Stein by a wide margin. Robinson's loss may have had a down-ballot effect, particularly in suburban and swing districts where voters may have been less inclined to support the GOP in the absence of a strong gubernatorial candidate.

With the GOP no longer able to push its agenda unchecked in the state House, the next legislative session promises to be more contentious and closely divided. The shift in power could have significant implications for key issues such as education, healthcare, and tax policy.

Republicans have long championed policies promoting school choice, including expanding private school scholarships and limiting public school funding. While the GOP may still push forward with these priorities, Democrats now have a stronger position to resist such measures, potentially leading to debates over the future of public education in North Carolina. State Republicans may attempt to push through additional school-choice opportunities and funding before the end of the year while they still hold control.

NC Republican lawmakers have made reducing taxes a centerpiece of their agenda in recent years, and it is likely they will continue to advocate for lower taxes and more business-friendly policies. On the other hand, Democrats, particularly under Governor-elect Stein, are expected to push for expanded healthcare access, including efforts to expand Medicaid, and a more progressive tax system that benefits working-class families.

In recent years, North Carolina's legislature has been a battleground for social issues, including abortion access, voting rights, and criminal justice reform. Democratic leaders, including House Minority Leader Robert Reives, have celebrated the shift in power, framing it as a victory for North Carolinians who want a more balanced approach to governance.

"This marks a monumental shift in the balance of power in North Carolina," Democratic Legislative Campaign Committee President Heather Williams said in a statement.

Senate leader Phil Berger said North Carolina voters continue to trust Republicans, who have controlled both chambers since 2011, to run the General Assembly. "Tonight's results affirm their continued support of policies that make North Carolina the best state in the nation to live, work, and raise a family," Berger said in a statement.

While the GOP remains in power in the state Senate and will continue to control the levers of power in the legislature, the upcoming session will likely be characterized by more collaboration, negotiation, and potential gridlock.

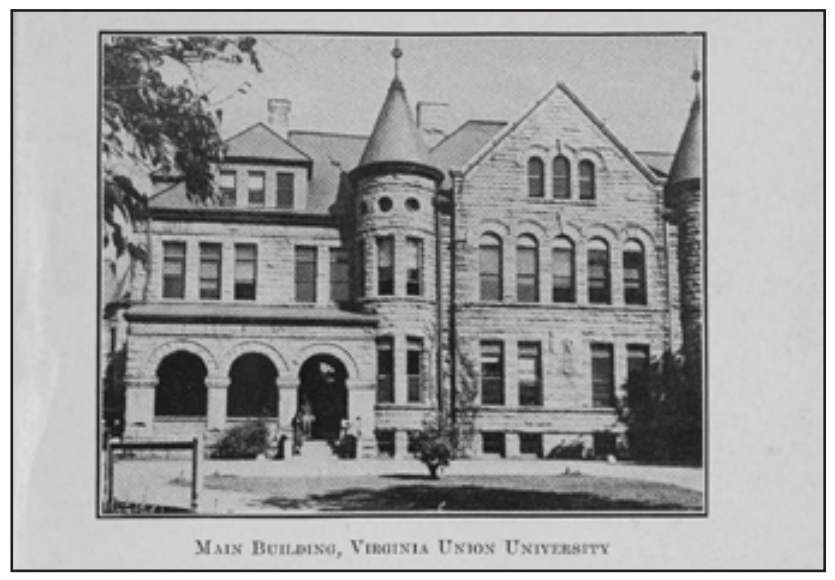
"I don't think it changes our agenda ... whether we're at 72 or 71 (members)," Hall said. "I don't know that it's going to substantially change what we end up doing," said Rep. Destin Hall (R-Caldwell), who is expected to be the next Speaker of the House.

Governor-elect Stein, for his part, has promised to work across the aisle in an effort to bring stability and progress to the state.

"The issues facing our state – rebuilding western North Carolina, creating good jobs, strengthening public schools, ensuring safe neighborhoods, and protecting personal freedoms – are not partisan issues; they are North Carolina issues. To build a brighter future for everyone in our state, we must come together across our differences and get to work. I'm ready to go," Stein said.

Despite the narrow shift in power, the GOP's control of the state Senate and the continued influence of conservative policies mean that the coming years will likely see continued political battles. Key districts, particularly in suburban and rural areas outside of Raleigh, Asheville, and Charlotte will remain crucial battlegrounds in future elections, with candidates often taking more moderate stances to appeal to a broader electorate.

The future of education funding, healthcare expansion, and social policy in North Carolina could hinge on how effectively lawmakers from both parties are able to work together—or clash in the face of partisan differences.



Main Building, Virginia Union University

Mary Lumpkin And The Creation Of An HBCU

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Mary Lumpkin, a woman who, despite enduring unimaginable suffering and trauma as an enslaved person, became an unlikely architect of an enduring legacy of education and empowerment for generations of Black students.

Lumpkin's story is tied to a site once infamously known as "The Devil's Half Acre" — a brutal slave jail in Richmond, Virginia, run by Robert Lumpkin, a notorious slave trader. In the mid-1800s, Richmond was a central hub in the U.S. slave trade, second only to New Orleans, and Lumpkin's Jail was a place of horrific torment. The jail was the place enslaved Africans were held before being sold at auction, and where those who attempted to escape were punished in the cruelest ways.

As Dr. Cleve Tinsley IV, executive director of the Center for African American History and Culture at Virginia Union University (VUU), describes it, "Many of those who were enslaved died of disease and mistreatment...It was a filthy, grimy place."

Lumpkin, born enslaved in 1832, was forced to bear Robert Lumpkin's children, but she also harbored dreams for a better future, not just for herself, but for her children. After Robert Lumpkin died in 1866, just a year after the Civil War ended, Mary inherited his property, including the infamous slave jail.

In an extraordinary act of vision and defiance, she leased the jail to Nathaniel Colver, a Baptist minister, and abolitionist searching for a location to start a school for newly freed African Americans as an opportunity for education of the mind in an ethical, religious environment. This lease marked the beginning of an educational revolution.

Colver converted the former slave jail into a schoolhouse, and what became known as "God's Half Acre" — a transformation from a site of pain to a site of hope — eventually grew into Richmond Theological Seminary, the precursor to Virginia Union University–one of the oldest Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) in the United States.

"Without Mary Lumpkin, Virginia Union University would not exist," said Dr. Tinsley, emphasizing the crucial role she played in creating the institution. "She was an incredibly courageous woman who not only survived unimaginable hardship but also ensured that the generations after her would have access to an education."

VUU's roots go beyond the initial lease of Lumpkin's Jail. The school arose from a merger of several institutions, all founded by the American Baptist Home Mission Society. These included Richmond Theological Seminary,

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Retired SC Justice To Black Teens: 'Never Be Intimidated'

SC Daily Gazette — South Carolina's most recently retired chief justice told a room full of Black and Hispanic teenagers there will be times when they're the only person of color at the table. In moments like that, he said, their voices matter that much more.

"Never be intimidated by being the only person of color in the room," former Chief Justice Don Beatty told about 300 students. "Trust me, your presence there is absolutely necessary."

Beatty's comments came as part of a question-and-answer session Thursday at Tri-County Technical College in the Upstate, put on by the college's Men of Color group.

For the past six years, the group dedicated to peer support and mentorship of minority male students and young professionals has put on speaker events for teens from area high schools.

Beatty was asked to share his experiences from nearly 30 years on the bench and five years representing Spartanburg in the state House before that.

Before retiring July 31, Beatty was the only Black justice on the state Supreme Court for 17 years.

He was only the second Black justice on the state's highest court since Reconstruction. Before Beatty was Ernest Finney, also a former legislator, who the Legislature elected to the Supreme Court in 1985 and made chief justice in 1994. Finney retired in 2000, seven years before Beatty's election to the high court.

And the state only recently elected its third ever female justice, Beatty noted.

One student wanted to know when they might see the next justice of color.

"Not for a while," Beatty responded.

After all, there are only five seats and hundreds of lower court judges hoping they might one day reach the state's highest bench. And the next seat isn't likely to come available for more than four years, when Chief Justice John Kittredge turns 72, the state's mandatory retirement age for judges.

"It's unfortunate that we are in a situation like that," said Beatty, who has preached the importance of diversity in the judiciary.

"All of us have different lived experiences. We see things differently," Beatty told the students.

That becomes important when cases that come before the court involve a diverse population.

What's reasonable?

The court has to weigh what a "reasonable person" would do under certain circumstances, he said, but what's considered reasonable has historically been from a white, male perspective. A Black person might think differently in that same situation, he said.

"That is never a consideration. But it should be," Beatty said.

As an example, Beatty referred to cases involving search and seizure. He specifically referred to his dissent in the state Supreme Court's 2020 split ruling in the case of State v. Spears, which upheld a 30-year sentence for trafficking crack cocaine.

Before trial, the attorney for Eric Terrell Spears, a Black man, sought to suppress evidence of the drugs seized by police, arguing the search had violated Spears' Fourth Amendment rights against unreasonable search and seizure. The trial judge dismissed the motion, and Spears was convicted and sentenced. The state Court of Appeals reversed the conviction. But that decision was reversed by the state Supreme Court.

Justices agreed with the state's attorneys that Spears' encounter with police was consensual, and his fiddling with his waistband gave police reasonable suspicion that he had a gun, justifying the frisking that found the drugs in Spears' pants.

In his dissent, Beatty argued the evidence should have been suppressed because Spears, due to his race, didn't feel that he was free to simply walk away from the encounter.

"Scholars have examined ad nauseam the dynamics between marginalized groups— particularly African-Americans — and law enforcement. African-Americans generally experience police misconduct and brutality at higher levels than other demographics," Beatty wrote.

"I shudder to think about the probable result had the defendant continued to walk and ignore the police," he wrote in conclusion. "An objective eye would acknowledge the fact that African-Americans are being reasonable when they respond in accordance with their collective experiences gained over two hundred years."

In a separate opinion, then-Justice Kaye Hearn wrote that she shared Beatty's concerns but voted to uphold the conviction anyway.

Beatty told the students that it's important for them to share their perspective regardless.

"If you don't contribute your thoughts, other people in the room will have no idea of whether or not they're making the right decision," he said.

'An investment in yourself'

Students also wanted to know if he had ever experienced racism in his career.

"You do know I'm a Black man?" Beatty responded. "That's a reality. Racism is something that I grew up with, and it's something that I will die with."

Beatty grew up in Spartanburg, one of seven children in a poor, working-class family, at a time when the school system was still segregated.

"But that does not mean that every person is a racist and that every situation you encounter is going to be a race-based situation," he stressed.

Beatty's advice to students was to let others get to know them as a way to break down racial barriers.

"If they know you, they'll talk about racism but they won't talk about you in that context," he said. "They'll see you ... not just your skin color."

Beatty also tried to leave the students with a message of encouragement.

"Don't let your current circumstances control what the future is going to look like," he said. "You can go anywhere from here. ... The biggest challenge is recognizing you can do it."

"All you need to do is prepare yourself, and preparation means education," Beatty added. "Education is an investment in yourself. You should get up every day and say, 'What can I do today that's going to invest in me, that's going to assist me in becoming the person I'm going to be later in life?"

Beatty described himself as his mother's most "mischievous" child. When he would get in trouble, his mother's answer was to require him to read.

Then, as a senior in high school, Beatty took classes at a technical school in the Spartanburg area to learn a trade. For a year, he studied electronics thinking he might become a lineman for Duke Power.

After high school graduation, he was set to join the U.S. Air Force but again his mother had other plans. She packed him up to attend South Carolina State University, the state's only public historically Black university.

Beatty would serve in the military — the Army for two years — between getting his bachelor's degree and enrolling in law school.

He called his time at S.C. State "the best thing that could have happened to me."

"I was in an environment where the professors cared about you," Beatty said. "The whole focus was education. You were nurtured ... I think it actually formed the basis for the person I am now."

Beatty told the students that preparation and education will put them in a position to take advantage of opportunities that come their way.

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Wayland Seminary, Hartshorn Memorial College (one of the first colleges for African American women), and Storer College. Hartshorn Memorial College eventually merged with VUU as well. Famous students in these institutions there included Dr. Booker T. Washington and Dr. Adam Clayton Powell, Sr.

The school moved to a different location by 1873 and Lumpkin sold the land. Lumpkin then operated a restaurant in New Orleans alongside one of her daughters before dying in 1905 in Ohio. A street at Virginia Union University was named in honor of Lumpkin.

In 2003, Hakim Lucas, President of Virginia Union University, stated that "Virginia Union University is the legacy of Mary Lumpkin, but it is also the legacy of every African American woman that's alive today and has lived and struggled before for her children... Mary Lumpkin represents the highest form of the ideal of what social justice means for us in our world today"

Today, Virginia Union University continues to honor its legacy by providing a comprehensive liberal arts education, with a particular emphasis on moral values and ethics. It has produced some of the nation's most prominent leaders, including Doug Wilder, the first Black governor of Virginia.

"We always tell the stories of our Black male heroes, but we don't hear much about our sheroes," Tinsley said, referring to Mary Lumpkin.

Lumpkin's story is a powerful reminder that even in the darkest of places, there is the potential for transformation and redemption. The land where enslaved people once suffered has been repurposed as a place of education and hope — a legacy that will continue to inspire for generations to come.

Racist Texts Spark A Multi-State Probe

WASHINGTON (AP) — Racist text messages invoking slavery raised alarm across the country this week after they were sent to Black men, women and students, including middle schoolers, prompting inquiries by the FBI and other agencies.

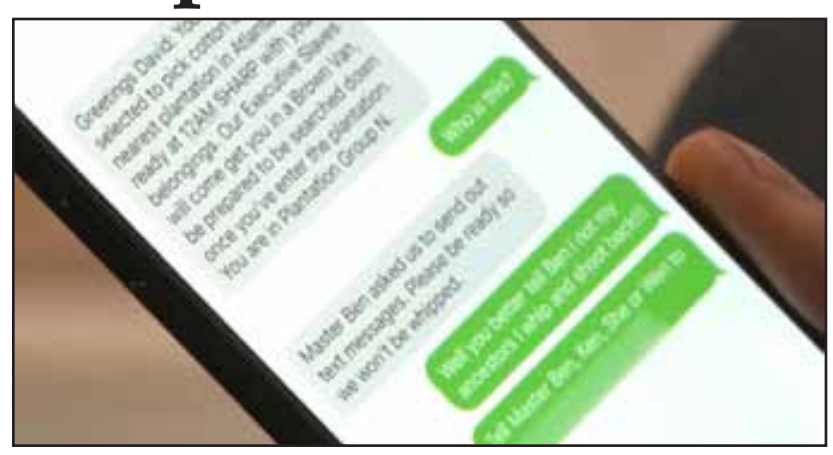
The messages, sent anonymously, were reported in several states, including New York, Alabama, California, Ohio, Pennsylvania and Tennessee. They generally used a similar tone but varied in wording.

Some instructed the recipient to show up at an address at a particular time "with your belongings," while others didn't include a location. Some of them mentioned the incoming presidential administration.

It wasn't yet clear who was behind the messages and there was no comprehensive list of where they were sent, but high school and college students were among the recipients.

The FBI said it was in touch with the Justice Department on the messages, and the Federal Communications Commission said it was investigating the texts "alongside federal and state law enforcement." The Ohio Attorney General's office also said it was looking into the matter.

Tasha Dunham of Lodi, California, said her 16-year-old daughter showed her one of the messages Wednesday evening before her basketball practice.



The text not only used her daughter's name, but it directed her to report to a "plantation" in North Carolina, where Dunham said they've never lived. When they looked up the address, it was the location of a museum.

"It was very disturbing," Dunham said. "Everybody's just trying to figure out what does this all mean for me? So, I definitely had a lot of fear and concern."

Her daughter initially thought it was a prank, but emotions are high following Tuesday's presidential election. Dunham and her family thought it could be more nefarious and reported it to local law enforcement.

"I wasn't in slavery. My mother wasn't in slavery. But we're a couple of generations away. So, when you think about how brutal and awful slavery was for our people, it's awful and concerning," Dunham said.

About six middle school students in Montgomery County, Pennsylvania, received the messages too, said Megan Shafer, acting superintendent of the Lower Merion School District.

"The racist nature of these text messages is extremely disturbing, made even more so by the fact that children have been targeted," she wrote in a letter to parents.

Students at some major universities, including Clemson in South Carolina and the University of Alabama, said they received the messages. The Clemson Police Department said in a statement that it had been notified of the "deplorable racially motivated text and email messages" and encouraged anyone who received one to report it.

Fisk University, a historically Black university in Nashville, Tennessee, issued a statement calling the messages that targeted some of its students "deeply unsettling." It urged calm and assured students that the texts likely were from bots or malicious actors with "no real intentions or credibility."

Missouri NAACP President Nimrod Chapel said Black students who are members of the organization's Missouri State University chapter received texts citing Trump's win and calling them out by name as being "selected to pick cotton" next Tuesday. Chapel said police in the southeastern Missouri city of Springfield, home of the university, have been notified.

"It points to a well-organized and resourced group that has decided to target Americans on our home soil based on the color of our skin," Chapel said in a statement.

Nick Ludlum, a senior vice president for the wireless industry trade group CTIA, said: "Wireless providers are aware of these threatening spam messages and are aggressively working to block them and the numbers that they are coming from."

David Brody, director of the Digital Justice Initiative at The Lawyers'

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Planned Factory Adds To Growing NC Role In 'Battery Belt'

Carolina Public Press—North Carolina is establishing itself as an indispensable loop on the so-called "battery belt" of southeastern states.

Forge Battery's gigafactory in Morrisville was already under construction — and set to be operational by 2026 — when the company received a $100 million grant from the Department of Energy through the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law.

The company doesn't expect that a Trump presidency will impact their access to that funding, Forge Battery spokesperson Will McKenna told Carolina Public Press on Friday.

The initial target for the lithium-ion batteries manufactured by Forge Battery in Morrisville was one gigawatt hour. The additional $100 million will allow the company to produce at three times that capacity.

"The Department of Energy saw that we have oversubscribed demand for the batteries that we'll be producing here, and so they are funding an expansion to three gigawatt hours," McKenna said.

"We had confidence in our ability to expand that facility to serve the US markets with a US-built lithium-ion battery coming out of North Carolina."

According to Matt Abele, executive director of the NC Clean Energy Association, the transition to clean energy is creating a huge bump in domestic manufacturing. "The concern about losing jobs overseas is unfounded," Abele told CPP. "We're seeing sort of an opposite effect of the clean energy transition."

The project is slated to create 280 permanent jobs. Two hundred of those will be manufacturing, while the other 80 will be highly skilled, technical positions.

According to McKenna, Colorado-based Forge Nano— Forge Battery's parent company — is not sharing salary information for these jobs yet. Because the company received $3.2 million in incentive grants from the state, it has to pledge certain salary levels over a designated period.

"The Forge Battery facility is a really good example of a public-private partnerships," McKenna said. "Significant private investments were made in this massive facility — a gigafactory — for new battery production.

"Those private funds being matched with federal and state

funding helps further incentivize manufacturing here in the state of North Carolina, which is already top of the class in regional attractiveness."

This federal investment in Wake County's clean energy economy comes at time when another major battery storage project was just announced to the east in Edgecombe County. Toyota operates a battery manufacturing plant to the west in Randolph County as well. Facilities that produce the supplies used by these factories pepper the state as well, creating a kind of self-sufficient supply chain in North Carolina.

Abele cites the low cost of living, robust university systems, forward-thinking policies, and the "brain trust" of the Research Triangle as reasons why clean energy companies are flocking to North Carolina.

"The last piece of the puzzle is having elected officials here in the state (who) work incredibly hard and collaboratively between the governor's office, legislative leadership and economic development partnerships," Abele said.

"They are all focused on creating an environment that is conducive to recruiting new investments in clean energy manufacturing by providing the right incentives, and by marketing and promoting the state in a way that is attractive to these companies."

US Rep. Deborah Ross, D-Raleigh, advocated for the DOE to send this money to Forge Nano. She, US Sen. Tom Tillis, R-Cornelius, and others wrote a letter to DOE in June asking them to approve the grant. According to Ross, the company wrote a very compelling grant application.

The company will be working with community colleges Wake Tech and NC Central on workforce development curriculum. They are dividing $700,000 of the $100 million grant amongst their 11 community partners in Wake and nearby companies.

"Forge has said that they would respect workers' rights, which not everybody in North Carolina does," Congresswoman Ross told CPP. "They will pledge neutrality in labor organizing, and pursue a community benefits agreement with local partners through the creation of a community advisory board."

Construction of the facility will create 550 temporary jobs.

"Today, the building is a shell — just four walls," McKenna said. "With the new funding, the facility will require additional construction to expand. We're building a second floor and adding an adjacent building to accommodate the increase in production capacity."

Electric vehicles like Teslas run on lithium-ion batteries, but those manufactured by Forge Battery in Morrisville will have non-consumer applications: aerospace, national defense, heavy trucking, and off-road vehicles. Think high-performance electric snowmobiles for government use.

"We do not in the US produce enough of these large-scale batteries," Ross said. "The idea is that you produce energy through wind or solar — maybe at a time when it's less expensive — and then store that electricity in a battery for use in an emergency or defense situation."

The facility is set to be at full production capacity by 2030.

Less Red Tape: What Trump Means For Key Global Industries

Donald Trump's victory in the US presidential election left investors and business leaders across the globe scrambling to assess what his return to the White House will mean.

Stock markets, the dollar and bitcoin rallied in the immediate aftermath of his win, while shares in defence companies, prison operators and Elon Musk's Tesla rose sharply. Meanwhile, renewable energy companies' and German carmakers' stocks fell. Here, we study the outlook for key industries.

Manufacturing and cars

Global manufacturers are firmly in Trump's sights. Threatened 10% tariffs on all goods imports – and up to 60% and 100% for China and Mexico respectively – would inevitably be passed on to US buyers, raising prices and depressing import volumes.

Pharmaceutical, automotive, and chemicals are the most exposed industries because they represent the lion's share of European exports to the US, according to Morningstar DBRS, a credit rating agency. The share prices of European carmakers including BMW and Mercedes-Benz dropped steeply on Wednesday.

Vaccine makers around the world such as Pfizer, BioNTech and GSK will be watching Trump's appointments closely, after the president-elect indicated he will discuss policy with antivax ally Robert F Kennedy Jr.

In the longer term, more international manufacturers may try to get inside the protectionist wall, by building US factories. Volkswagen's Audi and Porsche subsidiaries could be particularly vulnerable because they lack American factories.

"I want German car companies to become American car companies," Trump said at a rally last month. "I want them to build their plants here."

Technology

Tech is a key industry for the US economy and Trump has already signalled support for the cryptocurrency sector.

He has gone so far as to give a keynote speech at the annual Bitcoin Conference in Nashville where he pledged to "ensure that the US will be the crypto capital of the planet". He went on to promise that he will fire Gary Gensler, the crypto-sceptic head of the US financial regulator the Securities and Exchange Commission.

Trump has also indicated that oversight of artificial intelligence, which has been the focus of a multi-billion dollar investment boom, will be relaxed. There is also widespread expectation that Lina Khan, the head of the Federal Trade Commission and a champion of a tough approach to the big tech firms, will be replaced.

But the ever-mercurial Trump has also voiced hostility towards important players, for instance saying he would "do something" about Google's power, and threatening Meta's Mark Zuckerberg with jail. TikTok, previously in Trump's crosshairs, could be saved from a forced sale, however, with Trump pledging to "save" an app he had tried to ban during his first presidency.

Elon Musk will certainly be in Trump's favour. The Tesla CEO and owner of X – as well as SpaceX, Neuralink and xAI – is a "star", according to Trump.

Energy

Trump stormed to power with the promise to hand Americans the "lowest cost of energy of any industrial country anywhere on Earth".

His plan includes wringing as much oil and gas from the US as possible by removing red tape and opening up federal land for new fracking projects. The impact is likely to be more marginal than environmentalists fear, according to analysts.

But his plan to bring Joe Biden's burgeoning green economy to heel has already wiped billions from the market value of big European renewables developers.

Trump's election triumph slashed €17bn from Denmark's wind power giant Ørsted after its shares slumped by 11% on the Copenhagen Stock Exchange.

Vestas, a Danish wind turbine developer, lost 10% of its market value and is now worth €137bn. Shares in Spain's Iberdrola, a leading renewables developer and the owner of Scottish Power, slipped by 4% to shave over €3.4bn from its shares.

Experts believe it is possible, but unlikely, that Trump would repeal Biden's Inflation Reduction Act, which stands to inject about $433bn in grants, loans and tax incentives to healthcare, utilities and clean-energy companies and benefit many of the "red states" which helped him to power.

Aerospace and defence

Commercial aerospace companies could also be caught up in tariffs. Airbus, the world's largest planemaker, has already said it will pass them on to airline customers – as it did with tariffs imposed in 2020.

Robert Stallard, an analyst at Vertical Research Partners, said the US planemaker Boeing would also be vulnerable if tit-for-tat tariffs take their toll. "Whatever occurs, tariffs on new aircraft are very likely to mean higher airline ticket prices," he said.

Big Business Tips To Thrive On Small Business Saturday

Small Business Saturday has become a significant event for local businesses, with consumers showing strong support through their spending. Over the years, spending on Small Business Saturday has seen substantial growth. In 2023, U.S. Consumers spent an estimated $17 billion.

For small business owners, this day presents a golden opportunity to capture a share of the holiday shopping dollars. On average, shoppers are estimated to spend $305 per person during Small Business Saturday. This figure includes a variety of purchases, from smaller items to larger, high-ticket products. The average purchase amount can vary depending on the type of business and the products offered. This average provides a useful benchmark for planning sales strategies and inventory levels.

10 ideas to boost Shop Small Saturday sales

1. Collaborate with other businesses: Partnering with neighboring small businesses can create a more attractive shopping experience. Joint promotions, shared advertising, and cross-marketing can draw more customers to your area.

2. Promote on social media: Use social media platforms to create buzz around your participation in Small Business Saturday, even during the days leading up to the event. Share behind-the-scenes content, product teasers, and special offers.

3. Notify your email newsletter list: Segment your email list to target different customer groups with personalized messages. Create compelling content and attractive imagery to highlight your unique offerings and special promotions for the day.

4. Extend store hours: Consider extending your store hours to accommodate more shoppers. This can help you capture early risers and late shoppers, maximizing sales potential throughout the day. Pro tip: Consider some light refreshments to get guests to stay and shop longer.

5. Hold online or in-person contests: Engage your customers with contests that can run both online and in-store. Offer prizes that will attract attention and encourage participation, such as gift cards, extended sets, or exclusive products, for example.

6. Offer exclusive discounts: Make your discounts truly special and exclusive for Small Business Saturday. These should be offers that customers can't find at any other time, making them feel like they're getting something unique and valuable. This also includes loyalty discounts. Reward your loyal customers with additional discounts or perks.

7. Offer kits, bundles, or sets: Create attractive product bundles that provide more value to your customers. These can be themed kits or sets that make great gifts, encouraging higher spending per transaction.

8. Stock up on popular or high-volume items: Ensure you have ample stock of your best-selling products to avoid disappointing customers with stockouts. Sales forecasting and understanding expected sales volume in advance will let you avoid overselling. With these insights, your suppliers will thank you for giving them enough lead time prior to Small Business Saturday.

9. Test run and do mock checkouts: Before the big day, test your POS system to ensure it's fully operational. Perform mock checkouts to identify and fix any potential issues, ensuring a smooth shopping experience for your customers. Talk to your staff and make sure everyone is trained and confident. Discuss how to navigate potential problems if they happen to arise on that day.

10. Have gift cards stocked: Keep a good supply of gift cards available. Some customers may want to support your business but might not be ready to make a purchase decision on the spot. Gift cards offer customers a flexible option to buy later but still make them feel good for supporting your small business on that day.

Easy ideas for omnichannel e-tailers on Small Business Saturday

Small Business Saturday isn't just for solely brick-and-mortar companies; it's a great opportunity for those who double as online retailers as well. However, it comes with its own set of challenges.

First, especially for those who use centralized omnichannel inventory, hold inventory for your physical store aside from eCommerce orders ahead of Shop Small Saturday.

Look at last year's orders and compare the sales velocity against the preceding year and this year's trends. This will help you forecast and anticipate what to order from your suppliers.

Next, ensure your website can handle increased traffic. Test for load and speed, and make sure your site is mobile-friendly.

Focus on delivering an outstanding customer experience with live chat support, easy returns, and clear shipping info. Personalize the shopping experience by recommending products based on past behavior.
Promote your deals early via email and social media. Share sneak peeks, run interactive posts, and create buzz before the big day. Keep your inventory in check by analyzing past sales and stocking up on popular items.

Offer exclusive online deals like time-limited discounts or special bundles. Simplify the checkout process by offering various payment options and a secure, easy-to-navigate checkout page.

Showcase positive reviews and testimonials to build trust. Entice customers with offers like free shipping or special discounts. After the event, follow up with thank-you emails, encourage reviews, and invite customers to share their experiences. This helps build loyalty and keeps the connection going.

The main challenges for brick-and-mortar stores that also sell online include managing inventory across both channels, ensuring consistent pricing and promotions, handling logistics and shipping for online orders, maintaining a cohesive brand experience, and providing excellent customer service in both physical and digital spaces. Last, they should invest in technology and marketing to attract and retain customers in both environments.

Health and Wellness

Black Americans Still Suffer Worse Health. Here's Why?

NC Health News — One morning in late April, a small brick health clinic along the Thurgood Marshall Highway bustled with patients.

There was Joshua McCray, 69, a public bus driver who, four years after catching COVID-19, still is too weak to drive.

Louvenia McKinney, 77, arrived complaining about shortness of breath.

Ponzella McClary brought her 83-year-old mother-in-law, Lula, who has memory issues and had recently taken a fall.

Morris Brown, the family practice physician who owns the clinic, rotated through Black patients nearly every 20 minutes. Some struggled to walk. Others pulled oxygen tanks. And most carried three pill bottles or more for various chronic ailments.

But Brown called them "lucky," with enough health insurance or money to see a doctor. The clinic serves patients along the infamous "Corridor of Shame," a rural stretch of South Carolina with some of the worst health outcomes in the nation.

"There is a lot of hopelessness here," Brown said. "I was trained to keep people healthy, but like 80 percent of the people don't come see the doctor, because they can't afford it. They're just dying off."

About 50 miles from the sandy beaches and golf courses along the coastline of this racially divided state, Morris' independent practice serves the predominantly Black town of roughly 3,200 people. The area has stark health care provider shortages and high rates of chronic disease, such as diabetes, high blood pressure, and heart disease.

But South Carolina remains one of the few states where lawmakers refuse to expand Medicaid, despite research that shows it would provide medical insurance to hundreds of thousands of people and create thousands of health care jobs across the state.

The decision means there will be more preventable deaths in the 17 poverty-stricken counties along Interstate 95 that constitute the Corridor of Shame, Brown said.

"There is a disconnect between policymakers and real people," he said. The African Americans who make up most of the town's population "are not the people in power."

The U.S. health care system, "by its very design, delivers different outcomes for different populations," said a June report from the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine. Those racial and ethnic inequities "also contribute to millions of premature deaths, resulting in loss of years of life and economic productivity."

Over a recent two-decade span, mounting research shows, the United States has made almost no progress in eliminating racial disparities in key health indicators, even as political and public health leaders vowed to do so.

And that's not an accident, according to academic researchers, doctors, politicians, community leaders, and dozens of other people KFF Health News interviewed.

Federal, state, and local governments, they said, have put systems in place that maintain the status quo and leave the well-being of Black people at the mercy of powerful business and political interests.

Across the nation, authorities have permitted nearly 80 percent of all municipal solid waste incinerators — linked to lung cancer, high blood pressure, higher risk of miscarriages and stillbirths, and non-Hodgkin lymphoma — to be built in Black, Latinx, and low-income communities, according to a complaint filed with the federal government against the state of Florida.

Federal lawmakers slowed investing in public housing as people of color moved in, leaving homes with mold, vermin and other health hazards.

And Louisiana and other states passed laws allowing the carrying of concealed firearms without a permit even though gun violence is now the No. 1 killer of kids and teens. Research shows Black youth ages 1 to 17 are 18 times as likely to suffer a gun homicide as their white counterparts.

"People are literally dying because of policy decisions in the South," said Bakari Sellers, a Democratic former state representative in South Carolina.

KFF Health News undertook a yearlong examination of how government decisions undermine Black health — reviewing court and inspection records and government reports, and interviewing dozens of academic researchers, doctors, politicians, community leaders, grieving moms, and patients.

From the cradle to the grave, Black Americans suffer worse health outcomes than white people. They endure greater exposure to toxic industrial pollution, dangerously dilapidated housing, gun violence, and other social conditions linked to higher incidence of cancer, asthma, chronic stress, maternal and infant mortality, and myriad other health problems. They die at younger ages, and COVID shortened lives even more.

Disparities in American health care mean Black people have less access to quality medical care, researchers say. They are less likely to have health insurance and, when they seek medical attention, they report widespread incidents of discrimination by health care providers, a KFF survey shows. Even tools meant to help detect health problems may systematically fail people of color.

All signs point to systems rooted in the nation's painful racist history, which even today affects all facets of American life.

"So much of what we see is the long tail of slavery and Jim Crow," said Andrea Ducas, vice president of health policy at the Center for American Progress, a nonprofit think tank.

Put simply, said Jameta Nicole Barlow, a community health psychologist and professor at George Washington University, government actions send a clear message to Black people: "Who are you to ask for health care?"

Past and present

The end of slavery gave way to laws that denied Black people in the U.S. basic rights, enforced racial segregation, and subjected them to horrific violence.

"I can take facts from 100 years ago about segregation and lynchings for a county and I can predict the poverty rate and life expectancy with extraordinary precision," said Luke Shaefer, a professor of social justice and public policy at the University of Michigan.

Starting in the 1930s, the federal government sorted neighborhoods in 239 cities and deemed redlined areas — typically home to Black people, Jews, immigrants, and poor white people — unfit for mortgage lending. That process concentrated Black people in neighborhoods prone to discrimination.

Local governments steered power plants, oil refineries, and other industrial facilities to Black neighborhoods, even as research linked them to increased risks of cardiovascular and respiratory diseases, cancer, and preterm births.

The federal government did not even begin to track racial disparities in health care until the 1980s, and at that time disparities in heart disease,

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The Golden Years

By Judykay Jefferson

A BALM IN GILEAD

I don't know if it's because I'm older and I worry about fewer things or if I am more amazed and grateful for the grace shown me each morning I awaken but I have become a serious sermon-notes taker. I share these notes with my close friend and often we discuss the main points and scriptural references. This last Sunday was slightly different. I share with several people in different places, different churches, different denominations, some who attended in person, others who attended online (as did I). There seemed to be a prevailing thought amongst pastors with no political agenda that many of us; we the people, need a balm in Gilead.

In the days following the election, I spoke to many folks from the left and the right and the overall feeling was that of apprehension, fear, and trepidation. Many found it difficult to believe that so many women, not Black women, voted in opposition to their best interest and safety. Many women of color expressed feelings of outrage and betrayal by non-minority women across social media platforms. Even more felt the divide widening and isolated to protect themselves. Depression, lethargy, rage took their turns in playing worst case scenarios on a loop. Those who look to the heavens for answers turned to clergy for assurance. On Sunday, many pastors answered with scripture to remind us that God is still in control, nothing is impossible for Him, and He can even use this mess for His glory.

My pastor, as usual, acknowledged rather than admonished, the feelings of abandonment and chaos being experienced by a majority of our U.S. membership. His scriptural reference was Mark 4:26-29. He reassured us that like seeds scattered in soil, the growing, God's part in this, happens in the dark, independent of our awareness or contribution. He preached hard and as I watched the broadcast, it felt that those in attendance were intensely focused on absorbing the hope of a better day.

I too needed that hope, that lifeline, that buoy to keep from going under in the depths of helplessness and uncertainty. I am a generally positive person. I instinctively seek the lesson to be learned, look for the break in the clouds, rarely feeling the crushing burden of what-ifs. This almost took me out. I had to bake my way (in the words of George Clinton) "out of my constriction." I struggle with isolation. I am way too comfortable at home, alone. I recognize when it's too much alone time and reach out in search of social engagement. It took a few days last week. My emotions took over and I experienced a heaviness in my spirit that manifested as strange aches and pains. I thought of my mother and pushed myself out of bed, out of the house, and out of town. I have plans for my life and I refuse to allow something I can't remedy to interfere. I heard from friends and on TikTok and we as Black women are officially checking out. We need a break for bearing the weight of forgiveness and reconciliation for America. That is when the fog began to clear.

I have an old friend in Jackson, Mississippi, Reverend Eddie Lee McBride. Not only have I known Rev. McBride a long time but Rev. McBride is older than me, so he is really an old friend. For at least the last two decades, Rev. McBride has pushed an agenda built on the premise that "no one will save us but us." Rev. McBride is one of many activists with deep roots in the Civil Rights movement. In the past decade, Rev. McBride has authored several books; treatises on the need for Black leadership and clergy to coalesce around a plan to unify our communities, build a solid economic structure of producers and providers rather than simply consumers, and return to the practice of the community of voters selecting political candidates through consensus. In the last few days, I have become aware of a movement on social media Black Project 2025. Using the technology and resources at their fingertips, our younger people in their pro-activity are uniting, creating lists of Black owned products, businesses, institutions that support us. I'm here for it. And because Rev. McBride is not on social media, I will share it with him. I hope he finds some hope that the growth he has so long worked for is happening in the soil of survival for our people.

RACIST TEXTS

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Committee for Civil Rights Under Law, said that they aren't sure who is behind the messages but estimated they had been sent to more than 10 states, including most Southern states, Maryland, Oklahoma and even the District of Columbia. The district's Metropolitan Police force said in a statement that its intelligence unit was investigating the origins of the message.

Brody said a number of civil rights laws can be applied to hate-related incidents. The leaders of several other civil rights organizations condemned the messages, including Margaret Huang, president and CEO of the Southern Poverty Law Center, who said, "Hate speech has no place in the South or our nation."

"The threat — and the mention of slavery in 2024 — is not only deeply disturbing, but perpetuates a legacy of evil that dates back to before the Jim Crow era, and now seeks to prevent Black Americans from enjoying the same freedom to pursue life, liberty, and happiness," said NAACP President and CEO Derrick Johnson. "These actions are not normal. And we refuse to let them be normalized."

Arts & Culture

Raleigh's New Hyatt House And High Rail Rooftop Bar

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Raleigh's on the move, folks, and the latest addition to our vibrant downtown scene is gorgeous proof! Say hello to the Hyatt House Raleigh Downtown, a stylish new hotel that opened on October 10th right next to William Peace University at 11 Seaboard Avenue Raleigh, NC 27604.

This ain't your grandma's Hyatt. The entrance and common areas boast modern sophistication with stone, wood, and brass accents throughout. They've got four room types, all featuring kitchenettes and those extended-stay amenities that make you feel right at home, even if the home is on average $238 a night... but hey, breakfast is included!

Let's get to the real star of the show, High Rail! The rooftop bar officially opened on November 8th. Trust me, this place is worth the hype. The views? Unobstructed panoramic of our beautiful downtown skyline. The vibes? Airy, welcoming, and oh-so-chic. And the food? Don't even get me started! From seared tuna stacks to a North Carolina-inspired crab dip made with Red Oak Lager showing true local love! Their menu is a foodie adventure. Speaking of adventures, their cocktail menu is where the real fun begins. With 16 handcrafted concoctions, including a "Copperline" featuring 1792 small batch bourbon and a tableside martini service that's pure class, you'll be saying "cheers" to good times all night long.

What truly sets this place apart is the attention to detail. The design is a perfect blend of modern and timeless, with nods to Raleigh's railroad history woven throughout. The staff is top-notch! Kris the bartender was a total sweetheart, Trina gave us the warmest welcome, and Ingrid's kindness made us feel like VIPs. Honestly, everyone was fantastic which gives me confidence in staying at Hyatt House Seaboard Station.

Developed by Hoffman & Associates the masterminds behind Seaboard Station's transformation, Hyatt House Seaboard Station is managed by award-winning hotel pros Concord Hospitality. Featuring a sprawling 4,492-square-foot rooftop with an outdoor terrace High Rail is ideal for those perfect sunset moments. Perched on the seventh floor of the Hyatt House, overlooking the pedestrian-friendly retail corridor of Seaboard Station this location is ideal for private events and celebrations.

Seaboard Station is a Neighborhood on the Rise. This Hyatt House and High Rail are just the beginning of Seaboard Station's exciting revitalization. With plans for over a million square feet of mixed-use space, including apartments, shops, and restaurants, this neighborhood is shaping up to be a downtown destination. So, Raleighites, gather your crew and head on over to the Hyatt House and High Rail. It's time to experience the best of our city in a whole new way!

Meet Dr. Thomas Howard, Jr Executive Dir. Of KidzNotes

"Empowering youth through music and education, one child at a time."

As the Executive Director of Kidznotes, Dr. Thomas Howard Jr. is at the forefront of championing high-quality music education for children. His career spans three decades, marked by a deep commitment to enhancing educational experiences and outcomes for young learners.

Beginning his journey as a music educator, Dr. Howard has consistently blended his passion for music with a strong foundation in educational leadership. His role in establishing Music in Motion, a K-8 music education program, laid the foundation for a career dedicated to nurturing young talent. As a principal in various K-12 schools, he

excelled in creating environments where students thrived, combining academic rigor with creative opportunities.

Dr. Howard's tenure at Bronx Charter Schools for Better Learning and Boys & Girls Harbor Inc. highlighted his strategic and visionary leadership. He was instrumental in expanding programs, fostering community partnerships, and leading successful fundraising initiatives, raising over $1.6 million for youth programs.

"Thomas has an exceptional ability to connect with communities and lead with vision," a colleague remarks. "His work promoting STEM and integrating technology with music education is pioneering and impactful."

In his current role at Kidznotes, Dr. Howard is committed to building strong alliances with K-12 schools and community partners. His approach centers around the belief that every child has the potential to excel when given the right opportunities and support. This belief is not just a guiding principle but a measurable impact, evident in the increased accessibility to quality music education under his leadership.

Dr. Howard holds a bachelor's degree in Music Education from Winston-Salem State University, a master's in Education Administration from Rider University, and an EdD in Education Leadership from Nova Southeastern University. His academic background and lifelong interest in technology and music inform his innovative approach to educational leadership.

As he steers Kidznotes towards new horizons, Dr. Howard invites collaboration and support from like-minded individuals and organizations. Together, there is a shared vision of unlocking every child's potential through the transformative power of music and education.

McKee Homes Champions Local Art With A Gallery At The View

Durham, NC – McKee Homes, a leading North Carolina homebuilder, tonight hosted a successful unveiling event for The Gallery at The View in Durham. As part of the company's mission to enrich the communities in which it builds, art pieces from 25 Durham artists were purchased and displayed throughout the new model home in The View community. Attendees, ranging from community civic and cultural leaders to the artists themselves, enjoyed music, food, and fellowship while admiring the local art and collectively tapping into the vibrant spirit of Durham.

"We are proud to showcase the incredible talent of Durham's artists through The Gallery at The View," said Trish Hanchette, President of McKee Homes. "This event is a reflection of our commitment to building community connections and celebrating the cultural richness of the areas we serve. Through the initiatives of McKee Homes Community Embrace, we strive to make a meaningful impact by giving back to the communities that inspire and support us."

"Making Tracks" by Anne Gregory, "Symphony" by Jenny Blazing, "Settled Peace" by Linda Bailey, "Bridging the Gap" by Marni Goldschlag, and "Dreamscape" by Dona Nova are just a few of the pieces and artists being featured. The Gallery will continue to display the art up until an auction event slated at the time the community sells out. While McKee Homes purchased the art outright, each artist has also selected a charity that will receive the proceeds from the auction of their piece. Feed My Starving Children, Blind Spot Animal Sanctuary, Code the Dream, and Families Moving Forward are just a few of the charities that will benefit from the auction.

"As artists, we are always seeking opportunities to share our work with the community, and McKee Homes has provided a unique showcase for us to do that," said Roy Guerette, local artist whose work "Purple Marsh" is featured in The Gallery. "Their innovative idea not only supports our profession and creative calling but contributes even further through charitable giving. It's inspiring to see a homebuilder recognize the value of local talent and find ways to give back to the community in such a meaningful way."

Michael Jackson's Takeover Of An Iconic Music Catalog

By: Jordan Meadows
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Michael Jackson's legacy is not just defined by his groundbreaking music, electrifying performances, and record-breaking albums, but also by his shrewd business understanding, particularly in music publishing. The story of how Jackson took control of some of the most iconic songs ever written is one of vision and rivalry.

Jackson's and Paul McCartney's professional relationship began in the early 1980s with their hit collaborations, "The Girl Is Mine" from Jackson's "Thriller" in 1982 and "Say Say Say" in 1983. Their musical synergy was undeniable, and the pair became fast friends. However, beyond the studio, McCartney also taught Jackson a valuable lesson about the business of music.

In casual conversations, McCartney introduced Jackson to the lucrative world of music publishing, explaining how owning the rights to songs allowed artists to earn royalties whenever those songs were played, recorded, or used in other media. Jackson, inspired by this advice, began to seriously consider the idea of owning not just his own music but others' as well.

In 1985, Jackson made a move that would forever alter the music business landscape: he purchased the catalog of ATV Music for $47.5 million, which included the rights to 250 Beatles songs. The catalog included some of the most iconic songs ever written, such as "Hey Jude," "Yesterday," "Let It Be," and "Come Together."

Jackson's purchase was the culmination of months of negotiations, orchestrated by his attorney, John Branca. The acquisition allowed Jackson to collect royalties every time a Beatles song was played, recorded, or used commercially. It was a deal that would set him on a path to becoming one of the most influential figures in the entertainment business.

While Jackson's business move was a stroke of genius, it also caused a rift in his relationship with McCartney. Jackson's acquisition of the Beatles catalog was particularly awkward for McCartney, who had not been able to secure the rights himself.

The two would never collaborate again, and McCartney later admitted that he felt hurt by the way things unfolded. He had, after all, provided Jackson with advice that led to this monumental acquisition, only to find himself on the outside looking in.

In 1995, a decade after Jackson's purchase of ATV, Sony entered the picture. Jackson sold 50% of the ATV catalog to Sony for $95 million, forming the joint venture known as Sony/ATV. This deal expanded the catalog's reach, adding songs from artists like Bob Dylan, Marvin Gaye, and others, further increasing its value.

At its peak, the Sony/ATV catalog was worth well over $1 billion, and it became one of the most influential music publishing companies in the world.

After Jackson died in 2009, his estate continued to profit from his music catalog. In 2016, Sony Music bought the remaining 50% stake in Sony/ATV for $750 million, taking full control of the catalog. This deal included some of the most valuable music in history, including the Beatles catalog, along with songs from other legendary artists like Elvis, Little Richard, The Rolling Stones, Hank Williams, Bruce Springsteen, Cher, Eminem, and Lady Gaga. The catalog's value was estimated to be around $1.5 billion, a staggering 3,000% increase from Jackson's initial investment.

Despite Jackson's successful business maneuver, McCartney wasn't done with the Beatles catalog. In 2017, McCartney launched a legal battle under the U.S. Copyright Act of 1976, which allows songwriters to reclaim rights to their music 35 years after they transferred them to a publisher. McCartney was able to regain control over many of his Beatles songs, reaching a settlement with Sony/ATV after a lengthy legal process.

While McCartney didn't recover the entire catalog, his victory marked an important moment in the music industry, and he remains one of the last major figures in music publishing to successfully reclaim rights to such a valuable collection of songs.

Despite making one of the most lucrative deals in music history, Jackson was known for his lavish spending habits. In 1987, he purchased the Neverland Ranch in California for $20 million, a property that would later be valued at as much as $90 million. However, Jackson poured an additional $35 million into extravagant improvements, including a go-kart track, a private zoo, and a railway with a full-sized antique steam locomotive. Reports also indicate that Jackson frequently spent tens of thousands of dollars daily on luxury hotels, fine art, and designer clothing. Unfortunately, his excessive spending far outweighed his financial acumen, and by the time of his death, he was nearly half a billion dollars in debt.

Today, the Jackson estate continues to see substantial returns from his music catalog, which includes not just the Beatles songs, but also Jackson's own catalog of hits like "Billie Jean," "Thriller," and "Beat It."

With the rise of streaming since his death, Jackson's music has become even more valuable, as his songs continue to perform well on platforms like Spotify and Apple Music. In 2023, Jackson's music saw a 38.3% increase in on-demand streams outside of the U.S. Jackson's catalog remains one of the most valuable in the music industry, with some estimates placing its value at over $1.2 billion.

The Jackson estate has also diversified its income streams, with Jackson's music appearing in commercials, movies, and Broadway shows. Jackson's popularity has only grown since his death, with the increasing consumption of his music worldwide.

Michael Jackson's purchase of the Beatles catalog was one of the most significant moves in the history of the music business. It not only elevated his financial status but also revolutionized the way artists and their estates would approach music publishing for years to come.

Community

19Keys: A Talk With The Thought Leader

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Get ready, North Carolina, on November 17th at The Crown Coliseum 19Keys will be our keynote speaker for the first installment of Consistent Elevation a digital community conversation where people participate in the dialogue directly from their phones. The Carolinian is thrilled to give you an exclusive sneak peek into the mind of 19Keys, the renowned thought leader and entrepreneur. We sat down with 19Keys for a candid conversation about legacy building, personal transformation, and the future of entrepreneurship.

19Keys is a firm believer in the power of legacy building, and he's put his philosophy into action by creating a family business. "People always talk about not doing business with family," he says, "but that's because their family is dysfunctional. Mine is too, but I believe that part of getting that function together is putting people in positions where they can utilize their gifts, skills, or talents." This approach, he explains, fosters a sense of unity and purpose within the family. "It's not easy," he admits, "I've had to fire family members. But every person is responsible for their own actions." For 19Keys, legacy building is about creating something lasting and positive, starting with self-improvement and rippling outwards to impact the family and community.

19Keys' impact extends far beyond his own family. He's helped countless students achieve tangible success through his mentorship programs. "I've had students who learned cryptocurrencies with me and made hundreds of thousands of dollars," he shares. "I've had mentees who created new job opportunities, new businesses, and repaired relationships." The key to this transformation? A mindset shift. 19Keys teaches his students to approach challenges with a combination of psychological and metaphysical techniques. "What you feel reveals what you see," he explains. "If you want to create a quantum shift in your life, then you have to have an emotional shift."

While 19Keys champions financial literacy and entrepreneurship, he emphasizes the importance of inner work. "The inner work comes before everything," he states. "If I see somebody that is broke, it's because their mind is not working." He advocates for a daily practice of self-reflection and growth. "Every single day you should be growing 1%," he advises. This involves analyzing experiences, learning from them, and using those insights to fuel action. "It all starts in the domain of the mind," he emphasizes. "That's where we have the most power."

In a world saturated with self-proclaimed gurus, 19Keys stands out with his authentic and experience-driven approach. "My journey has been a journey of people seeing me execute," he says. "Some people have been following me for the last 10 years, so they've watched my journey step by step."

He's been a pioneer in the financial literacy movement, advocating for digital currencies and financial empowerment long before they became mainstream. His journey, filled with both triumphs and setbacks, has provided him with invaluable insights that he now shares with his mentees and the masses via YouTube on his highly viewed High Lvl Conversations.

19Keys encourages the next generation of entrepreneurs to become futurists. "Study the past to get insights of the present to get foresight into the future," he advises. He believes in anticipating change and mentally preparing for it to avoid future shock. "Take time to meditate on the future," he urges, "and be present in the moment."

This is just a glimpse into the wisdom and insights 19Keys has to offer. Join us at the Crown Complex for "Consistent Elevation: 19Keys to the Crown" and unlock your own potential for greatness. It's an event you won't want to miss! November 17th at 5pm VIP and general admission tickets are available on the Crown Coliseum website.

RALEIGH NURSERY SCHOOL, INC

Children lead the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States flag prior to Veterans' Day at Raleigh Nursery School, Inc. The School was founded in 1949 by the United War Mothers Chapter 1 Group from World War II. The school will be celebrating their 75th year of service on Saturday, November 23, 2024. Call the school @ (919) 834-2136 for details.

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infant mortality, cancer, and other major categories accounted for about 60,000 excess deaths among Black people each year. Elevated rates of six diseases, including cancer, addiction, and diabetes, accounted for more than 80 percent of the excess mortality for Black and other minority populations, according to "The Heckler Report," released in 1985. During the past two decades there have been 1.63 million excess deaths among Black Americans relative to white Americans. That represents a loss of more than 80 million years of life, according to a 2023 JAMA study.

Recent efforts to address health disparities have run headlong into racist policies still entrenched in health systems. The design of the U.S. health care system and structural barriers have led to persistent health inequities that cost more than a million lives and billions of dollars, according to the national academies report.

"When COVID was first hitting, it was just sort of immediately clear who was going to suffer the most," Ducas said, "not just because of differential access to care, but who was in a living environment that's multigenerational or crowded, who is more likely to be in a job where they are an essential worker, who is going to be more reliant on public transportation."

For example, in spring 2020, the North Carolina health department, led by current Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Director Mandy Cohen, failed to get COVID testing to vulnerable Black communities where people were getting sick and dying from COVID-related causes at far higher rates than white people.

And Black Americans were far more likely to hold jobs — in areas such as transportation, health care, law enforcement, and food preparation — that the government deemed essential to the economy and functioning of society, making them more susceptible to COVID, according to research.

Until McCray, the bus driver in Kingstree, South Carolina, got COVID in his mid-60s, he was strong enough to hold two jobs. He ended up on a feeding tube and a ventilator after he contracted COVID in 2020 while taking other essential workers from this predominantly Black area to jobs in a whiter, wealthier tourist town.

Now he cannot work and at times has difficulty walking.

"I can tell you the truth now: It was only the good Lord that saved him," said Brown, the rural physician who treated McCray and many patients like him.

Federal and state governments have spent billions of dollars to implement the Affordable Care Act, the Children's Health Insurance Program, and other measures to increase access to health care. Yet, experts said, many of the problems identified in "The Heckler Report" persist.

When Lakeisha Preston in Mississippi was diagnosed with walking pneumonia in 2019, she ended up with a $4,500 medical bill she couldn't pay. Preston works at Maximus, which has a $6.6 billion contract with the federal government to help people sign up for Medicare and Affordable Care Act health plans.

She is convinced that being a Black woman made her challenges more likely.

"Think about how many centuries the same thing has been happening," said Preston, noting how her mother worked two jobs her entire life without a vacation and suffered from health conditions including diabetes, cataracts, and carpal tunnel syndrome. Today Preston can't afford to put her 8-year-old son on her health plan, so he's covered by Medicaid.

"We consistently offer healthcare plans that are on par, if not better, than those available to most Americans through state and federal exchanges," said Eileen Cassidy Rivera, a Maximus spokesperson.

In email exchanges with the Biden administration, spokespeople insisted that it is making progress in closing the racial health gap. They said officials have taken steps to address food insecurity, housing instability, pollution, and other social determinants of health that help fuel disparities.

STATEWIDE TOY DRIVE

State Employees' Credit Union (SECU) is excited to announce that its third annual statewide Toy Drive is officially underway and will continue through December 6. All 275 branches will serve as drop-off sites for the drive to help spread the joy of the holiday season to local children and families.

Ag Grow Culture

How To Heat A Greenhouse For Your Winter Gardening

Ideally, a greenhouse — or the soil in a greenhouse — should be 37°F or warmer to support a garden. While it's more difficult to reach this temperature during the coldest months of the year, it's not impossible. Insulating your greenhouse and installing a heater are not the only heating methods available to you. There are ways to heat a greenhouse for winter gardening so you can have fresh veggies all year round.

1. Increase insulation

Insulation passively heats a greenhouse; rather than adding more heat, increasing insulation minimizes heat loss. While you can insulate the whole greenhouse structure itself, you can also focus on insulating the soil or individual plants. As long as the plants are at the right temperature, you can forgo insulating or heating the rest of the greenhouse.

Here are some ways to insulate your greenhouse, soil, or plants:

•Use bubble wrap

If you have a bunch of bubble wrap lying around, you can use it to insulate your greenhouse. Simply wrap the inside walls of the greenhouse in bubble wrap. So, the next time your Amazon package comes with a questionable amount of bubble wrap, keep it around for the winter months.

•Recycle fall leaves

Don't have bubble wrap? No problem! There's a cheap — even free — alternative homeowners like you can use: fallen leaves. Bags of fall leaves can be reused as insulation by piling them up against your greenhouse walls.

•Add mulch

Among the many benefits of mulch is the insulation it provides for your soil. Mulch helps keep the soil (and your plants) warm and toasty throughout the wintertime.

Don't think you need to spend money on fancy mulch, either. You can find free mulch even in your own backyard, such as fall leaves, grass clippings, or old paper products.

•Cover your plants

Covering your plants is one way to protect them from a freeze. Greenhouse plants can be covered in horticultural fleece (also known as gardening fleece), row covers (typically made of clear plastic), or cloches. The latter can be recycled drink bottles, old milk containers, or even mini greenhouses (hotboxes).

2. Add thermal mass

Thermal mass is the ability of a material to catch, store, and release heat energy, such as the heat from the sun. Increasing your greenhouse's thermal mass is as simple as adding more materials with a high thermal mass. These materials are heat sinks that trap the sun's heat in the morning and release it throughout the night.

Water, soil, clay, stone, bricks, and ceramics are some materials with high thermal mass that homeowners can easily find. Here are some ways to integrate them into your greenhouse:

•Place barrels or tanks of water, preferably black ones for maximum heat absorption, in the corners and along the north wall of the greenhouse. If you don't have much space, even small jugs of water can help.

•Add brick or stone paths and edging. This not only adds thermal mass but also adds style.

•Store extra bags of soil inside your greenhouse.

3. Make compost

Decaying organic material releases heat as it breaks down. So, making compost inside can help keep your greenhouse warm in the winter; as a bonus, you'll also get black gold to use in your garden. You can simply dig a trench and make a compost pile, but making a hotbed is a more useful and more aesthetically pleasing option.

Used to start seedlings in the winter, a hotbed is a raised garden bed that's filled mostly with composting materials topped with a growing medium (such as soil). Aim for a hotbed at least 20 to 30 cm deep and maintain a 3:1 ratio of compost to soil. You'll also need a good ratio of greens to browns. You can cover your hotbox with a cloche, row cover, or even an old window pane if you want even more heat.

4. Add a heating system

Installing a heating system is the most sure-fire way to heat a greenhouse. There are many sources of fuel, such as wood, coal, natural gas, propane, kerosene, electricity, and renewable energy (including solar energy).

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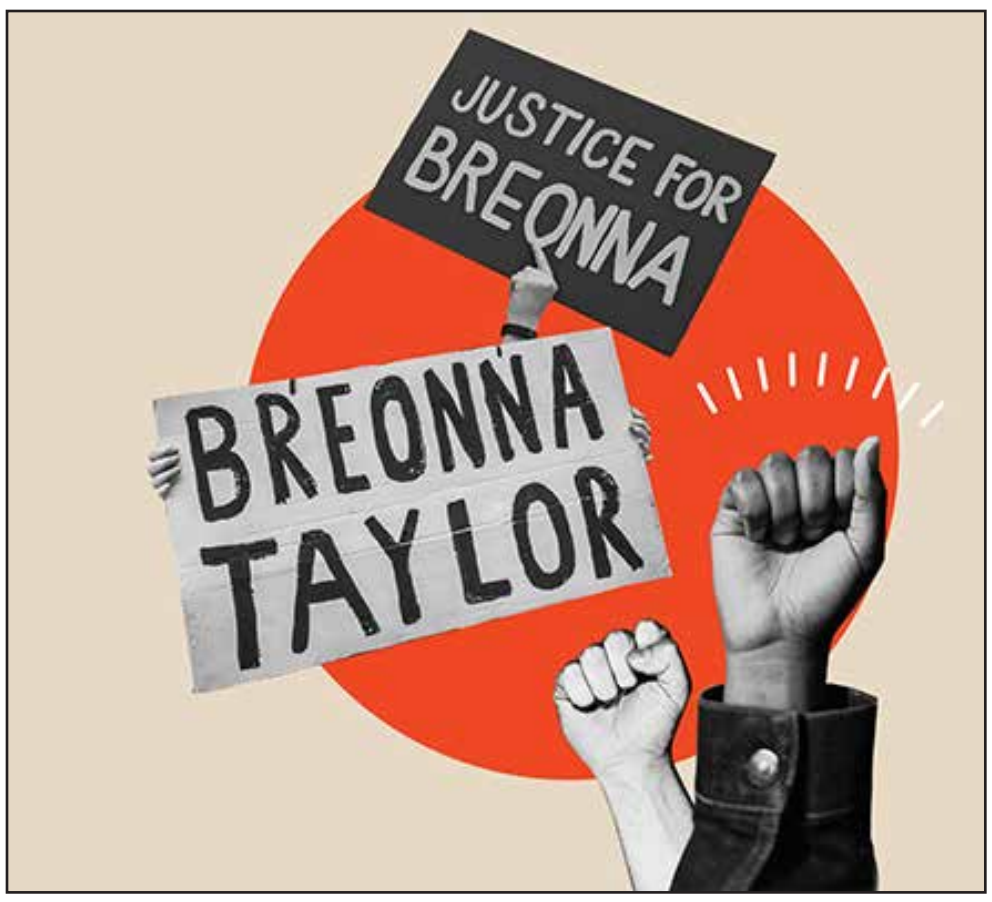
Editorials



Nearly Five Years After Breonna Taylor's Death, Justice Remains Elusive

By Jacob Sullum

On the night Breonna Taylor died, Detective Brett Hankison stood outside her apartment and blindly fired 10 rounds through a bedroom window and a sliding glass door, both of which were covered by blinds and curtains. Based on that reckless conduct, a federal jury in Louisville, Kentucky, last week convicted Hankison of willfully violating Taylor's Fourth Amendment rights under color of law.

Hankison did not kill Taylor, and his baffling behavior was just one of many things that went wrong before, during and after the deadly March 2020 raid, including a misleading and legally deficient search warrant affidavit that tied the 26-year-old EMT to drug dealing based on little more than guilt by association. But Hankison's case vividly illustrates the difficulty of holding police officers criminally liable for abusing their powers.

Hankison was fired three months after the raid. Acting Police Chief Robert Schroeder said the detective had "displayed an extreme indifference to the value of human life" by firing "wantonly and blindly" without "verifying any person as an immediate threat" or considering "any innocent persons present."

An indictment approved by a Kentucky grand jury in September 2020 likewise charged Hankison with three felonies for "wantonly" discharging his weapon "under circumstances manifesting extreme indifference to human life." The charges were based on bullets that penetrated an apartment adjoining Taylor's, endangering her neighbors.

In March 2022, a state jury, after deliberating for three hours, acquitted Hankison of those charges, suggesting how much slack jurors tend to give police officers who say they used deadly force in response to a perceived threat. Five months later, Hankison was indicted on two federal charges, alleging that he violated Taylor's rights as well as her neighbors'.

Last year, a federal judge declared a mistrial on those charges because the jury failed to reach a verdict. During his second federal trial, Hankison again testified that he was trying to help two fellow officers inside Taylor's apartment, Sgt. Jonathan Mattingly and Detective Myles Cosgrove, thinking they were under sustained fire.

Hankison was wrong about that. When police broke into the apartment around 12:45 a.m., Taylor's boyfriend, Kenneth Walker, who later said he had no idea the intruders were cops, grabbed a handgun and fired a single round, striking Mattingly in the leg.

In response, Mattingly and Cosgrove fired a total of 22 rounds down a dark hallway, where Taylor, who was unarmed, was standing near Walker. Hankison testified that he mistook his colleagues' gunfire for rounds from an AR-15 rifle that was "making its way down the hallway and executing everybody."

Even so, Hankison's response is hard to fathom. "He did exactly what he was supposed to do," defense attorney Don Malarcik told the jurors during his closing argument. "He was acting to save lives."

Not so, said Assistant U.S. Attorney Michael Songer. Hankison "violated one of the most fundamental rules of deadly force," Songer told the jury. "If they cannot see the person they're shooting at, they cannot pull the trigger."

According to Yvette Gentry, Louisville's former interim police chief, Cosgrove — who fired 16 rounds into the apartment, including the one that killed Taylor — did something similar. Gentry canned Cosgrove in December 2020, saying he had fired "in three distinctly different directions," which indicated he "did not identify a specific target."

An investigation by former Kentucky Attorney General Daniel Cameron nevertheless concluded that both Cosgrove and Mattingly had fired in self-defense, meaning criminal charges were not justified. So far Hankison, who was found guilty of the charge involving Taylor but acquitted of the charge involving her neighbors, is the only officer directly involved in the raid to be convicted of a crime.

Federal charges are still pending against former Detective Joshua Jaynes, who wrote the search warrant affidavit, and former Sgt. Kyle Meany, who approved it. But it is not hard to see why Attorney General Merrick Garland suggests that "justice for the loss of Ms. Taylor is a task that exceeds human capacity."

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A Different Voice

By Dorothy Shaw Thompson

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This is not the article that I thought I would be writing this week. It's also not the article that if I was asked last week to write it, I would have said no. But yes, today, this is the article I want to write. Last week, I thought Kamala Harris and Tim Walton would be sworn in as the leaders of this nation, at least governmentally. Clearly, God has other plans. All, or at least most, of the pundits are telling you why the Democrats lost the race for the presidency. Bless their hearts, they have all sorts of blame to pass around. To name a few: Biden should have stepped down sooner; they should have had a quick race to get another candidate; the Democrats have lost the common touch; she should have run a better campaign; it was the economy; it was immigration; they relied on abortion issues to carry the day; etc. It will go on and on.

I think differently. I think the answer is simple. I think the majority of the people who voted for Donald Trump want him to be President. They think he is a better person to lead the country. They don't want democracy. They think that people they don't like have rights that they don't want them to have, and they believe in white and male supremacy. Yes, and they love money, which the Bible says is the root of all evil.

I woke up one morning out of a dream and I heard, "It is going to be all right." I turned that statement into, "She's going to win." I was wrong, but the statement was true and it now comforts me. There is a scripture that has puzzled me until now: "If my people who are called by my name would humble themselves, cease their wicked ways, and pray, I will heal the land." The parts of this statement that confused me were "called by my name" and "wicked ways." Now I understand it better because we call ourselves and others Christians. It doesn't mean we are the majority that rule this election. There are a lot of people who call themselves Christians who aren't. How do we know? They are not living the model of Christ. Didn't he say, "Follow me"? Didn't he say, "Do unto others as you wish to be done unto you"? Didn't he ask us to feed his sheep, to pray for our enemies, to live together in harmony with each other, to judge not that you be not judged? That's the Bible I read. Those are the words I work to emulate. Are we not charged to bring the children to him? Are we not asked to treat them well and let them lead the way? Yet, what do we do? We enable bullies and allow bullies to go into classrooms and slaughter our children because we are too cheap to provide mental health therapies for sick people, and we choose to love guns more than to protect our classrooms. We love holding on to our money rather than providing food and healthcare for others who literally don't have it.

Leviticus 19:33-34 says, "When an alien resides among you in your land, do not mistreat them. The alien residing among you must be treated as your native-born. Love them as yourself." Do we do that?

Past President Jimmy Carter said, "If you don't want your tax dollars to help the poor, then stop saying you want a country based on Christian values because you don't." Isaiah 48:22 says, "Until they confess all the lies they said against you to gain favor, they'll never know peace." So many lies were told against Harris's campaign that people believed and voted against their own interests. Know this for it is true: people who don't have peace create chaos. Watch to see that this is true. People who don't have control over their own lives seek to control the lives of others. Watch to see that this is true.

Finally, my sisters and brothers, Kamala Harris and those who worked for her had a flawless campaign. Remember the joy. Remember the pouring of money into her campaign. She fought to preserve our Constitution. She fought to keep our democracy. She believes that women are as capable of running our government as men because she, as do I, believes it is the soul, not the body, that is what God made. She offered herself to this country to bring light to darkness. The majority who voted against her chose the dark. I am proved to be in the largest percentage of people who voted for her—92% of Black women voted for Kamala Harris. Brothers who didn't, whether you are Black, white, Hispanic, which one of you would have refused to follow Harriet Tubman out of slavery because she was a woman?

I am personally concerned. Can you intend to hear that voice that said, "It's going to be all right," especially since I know what it means? Be blessed and remember that you are here at this time to be a blessing to others. Stay woke and never fear the word. Finally, remember that on that hill far away near the old rugged cross, the crowd chose the thief. Now, run and tell that.

Guest Columnist

Armstrong Williams

AN OPEN LETTER TO THE LEFT'S UNREMARKABLE, BITTER, WOKE, VISIONLESS, OUT-OF-TOUCH LEADERSHIP

I'll be brief. You are experiencing a Nov. 5 concussion. Soul-searching is warranted, but the association with Christianity and disassociation with abortion would be anathema.

My unsolicited recommendations: You don't need a message. You need a vision. What's the difference between the two? A message is a soundbite or ad hominem attack devoid of substance. A vision is earmarked by content; for example, Make Americans First Again, a ceasefire and peace in the Middle East, ending the conflict in Ukraine, slashing illegal immigration, lowering interest rates, cutting taxes and ending wasteful spending.

Saving democracy is not a vision. We have a republic featuring checks and balances and separation of powers to forestall majoritarian tyranny. As Thomas Jefferson observed in his "Notes on the State of Virginia," "173 despots would surely be as oppressive as one. ... An elective despotism was not the government we fought for, but one which should not only be founded on free principles, but in which the powers of government should be so divided and balanced among several bodies of magistracy, as that no one could transcend their legal limits, without being effectually checked and restrained by the others."

Stop blaming the voters. I was howling on Wednesday night over folks such as MSNBC's Joy Reid and "The View's" Sunny Hostin lamenting voter stupidity in picking former President Donald Trump. What about soaring inflation, a languishing economy and 20 million illegal aliens invading and plundering the country?

Don't blame fundraising. I heard MSNBC apologists the day after the election insisting that Vice President Kamala Harris was "outspent." That's absurd. The Democratic Party raised $1 billion in a matter of weeks. Harris couldn't spend it fast enough.

Stop equating civil rights with erasing the distinction between boys and girls. America rejected transgenderism. Telling Jackie Robinson that he cannot play with the Brooklyn Dodgers because he is Black is not the same as telling him he cannot play on women's baseball teams because he is a man. That is a self-evident truth.

Identity politics is DOA. Votes are cast by candidate merit, not by candidate skin color. Latinos supported Trump at 45%. African Americans jumped from 8% in 2020 to 13% on Nov. 5. Asians climbed to 39%. Trump's support among women and youths inched up. These polychromatic voters are neither racist nor dumb, contrary to Reid, Van Jones and Joe Scarborough.

I have volumes of more wisdom to impart. But I must stop as a concession to the shortness of life. I leave you with this gem: Your party ran an untested candidate, without a message that connects with the plight of voters. Harris has run for president twice. Last week was her first election. She never won a primary. She made no attempt to break loose from President Joe Biden's albatross.

Politicians or political parties who fail to remember history are condemned to repeat it.

Corporate Housing—*CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1*

"This creates an incentive to overcharge both the government and the tenants while offering substandard living conditions."

Corporate investments in single-family homes over the past decade increased from 15% in 2021 to nearly a quarter of all purchases by 2021, Foushee and Ross noted.

The congresswomen noted the "significant increase" in housing prices that has occurred in the Research Triangle. From 2020 to 2023, median home prices increased by over 25% in Raleigh, Cary, Chapel Hill, and Durham, they said, citing a recent 24/7 Wall St., article.

"Wake County has seen an increasing share of properties purchased by institutional investors, with reports estimating that nearly 18% of all homes purchased in 2022 in the region were bought by such investors," they said. "These large firms, often backed by Wall Street capital, are able to outbid middle- and low-income buyers, leaving them with few options."

Foushee and Ross ask that the investigation include evaluation of:

•federal programs that provide incentives to institutional real estate interests, and recommendations to strengthen these programs so that they will serve their intended purpose

•the impact of institutional ownership on home prices and rental rates, regardless of participation in federal housing programs

•how investor-driven practices, such as rent inflation, are contributing to the displacement of middle- and low-income families

•exploitative business models of certain investors and their effects on tenants' rights, living conditions, and financial well-being

The letter comes a day after Ross joined a groundbreaking ceremony in Cary to announce $1 million in federal funding for construction of the Maynard Road Multifamily Housing Development. The award was secured by Ross as part of the 2023 government funding package. It will be used to construct a 126-unit housing development to provide affordable, mixed-income rental units at below-market rents.

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Obituaries

Judith Jamison, transcendent dancer and artistic director of Alvin Ailey company, dies at 81

NEW YORK (AP) — Judith Jamison, an internationally acclaimed dancer who later served as artistic director of the Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater for two decades, has died. She was 81.

Jamison died Saturday after a brief illness in New York, surrounded by close friends, Ailey company spokesperson Christopher Zunner confirmed to The Associated Press.

"We remember and are grateful for her artistry, humanity and incredible light, which inspired us all," Zunner said.

Jamison grew up in Philadelphia and trained there in ballet from a young age. At a time when Black dancers were rare in ballet, she began with the Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater in 1965.

Tall, graceful and expressive, she became one of the company's most famous performers and a muse for Ailey. Jamison had star turns in two of Ailey's signature dances, "Revelations" and "Cry." She danced with the Ailey company for 15 years before leaving to perform on Broadway and as a guest artist with other ballet companies.

Jamison later returned to the Ailey company as its artistic director for 20 years. She is widely credited with helping to make it one of the most successful dance companies in the U.S.

As a dancer, choreographer, director and speaker, her distinguished career leaped over barriers of race and gender.

"She was a unique, spectacular dancer who was majestic and queenly. She danced with eloquence and integrity," Sylvia Waters, Ailey II Artistic Director Emerita, said Saturday following the new of Jamison's death.

"To dance with her and to be in her sphere of energy was mesmerizing," Waters said. "I was fortunate to perform with her and she set the bar very, very high."

Jamison's directorship of the Ailey theater "sustained the company and helped it to grow. She was an eloquent speaker, strong leader and ran a tight ship," Waters said.

Striking images of Jamison including photos, video and a sculpture are currently displayed at an exhibition about the work of the Ailey company at New York's Whitney Museum of American Art in New York.

Jamison was awarded the Kennedy Center Honors in 1999. Other honors included the National Medal of Arts and the Handel Medallion, the highest cultural award from New York City.

World Overcomers Christian Church Prepares To Bless Over 1,000 Local Families With Meals

Durham, NC —World Overcomers Christian Church is excited to announce our annual Thanksgiving Meal Distribution, dedicated to spreading warmth and joy this holiday season by providing Thanksgiving meals to 1,000 local families in need. This year, we're continuing our mission to brighten the lives of those who could use extra support with an experience that allows families to "shop" for their favorite Thanksgiving essentials—entirely free.

With the support of our church members, community partners, and generous donors, we've been able to create an experience where families can pick up the ingredients for a memorable Thanksgiving meal in a welcoming, market-style setup. From turkey to sides and other essentials, we're dedicated to making sure everyone can celebrate the holiday with dignity and joy.

How to Get Involved:

- Know Someone in Need? Spread the word by sharing our recipient sign-up link, ensuring families who could benefit from a meal have access to this opportunity.
- Support Our Drive by Donating! Every donation directly contributes to bringing quality meals to the tables of local families, helping to create a sense of hope and connection during the Thanksgiving season.

Event Details for Recipients: Families in need are invited to join us on November 25, 2024, at 4 pm at World Overcomers Christian Church, where they can pick up all the ingredients for a complete Thanksgiving meal, completely free of charge. We are honored to be part of making this holiday season special for our community members.

This Thanksgiving, join us as we reach our goal of providing 1,000 families with a holiday meal, spreading gratitude, hope, and joy to homes throughout the community.

For more information, visit https://www.worldovercomers.church/events/thanksgiving-drive/ or contact 919-402-9622.

Practical Biblical Principles

THE STORM MADE ME DO IT

Read: Matthew 14:25-30

By John L. Caldwell, Pastor

New Jerusalem Baptist Cathedral

Jesus left the western area of the sea of Galilee by boat sailing eastward toward the eastern coast of the sea to a deserted place to rest. This He did following the death of John the Baptist, who was beheaded by Herod's son.

When Jesus left the area, He had a great following who followed Him along the shoreline some six or seven miles along the shore. And when Jesus saw them, He was moved with compassion and healed their sick (Matthew 14:14). It was late evening, and the disciples wanted to send them away. Jesus said, "no! you feed them." The disciples were shocked at the Lord's response because they knew they had no means to feed such a large crowd. Jesus was always looking for an opportunity to teach and reveal His divinity to the disciples. Like some Christians today, the disciples were slow learners. Jesus performed the miracle of feeding the mass of people on just two fish and five loaves of bread as the disciples distributed the food and it multiplied in their hands as they feed the people. And yet the disciples didn't have a clue that they were with the Son of God. Like us, the Lord didn't give up on His disciples.

Immediately after this episode Jesus made His disciples get into the boat and sail westward to the other side of the lake to Bethsaida. Then He dismissed the crowd and went up into the mountains by Himself to pray. Jesus knew what He was doing in that He was determined that His disciple see Him as the long-awaited Messiah, the Son of God. This is what God wants all of us to see, and that is Jesus is His son, the Messiah, Who came to save that which is lost. At this time, the disciples perceived Jesus, in a sense, as just good company.

Like some Christians today, they see Jesus as some kind of Santa Claus or water spicket whereas you turn Him on or off as you need Him. But do not see Him as Lord and Savior. Someone worthy of worship because He shed His blood on the cross in order to save us from a miserable life of sin.

What was about to happen next moved the disciples up to the next level of faith and they then saw the light, so to speak. As night-time fell, the cool wind came down the valley and began to blow upon the waters in the lake. The disciples could not make any headway with their rowing because the winds were contrary (Matthew 14:24). The boat was virtually at a standstill rocking and rolling in the water made for a very scary and dangerous situation. These men were fishermen and made their living on this lake. They knew the boat was in danger and their lives were at risk.

Jesus saw the situation. One can suspect that Jesus anticipated this situation. It was between three and six o'clock in the morning when the storm came up. Jesus came down from the mountain and begin to walk on the water towards the disciple's boat. The time was near Passover and the first moon was reflected upon the water. This is how the disciples were able to see Jesus as he walked toward the boat and were troubled. Having never seen anybody walking on water gave the disciples reason to believe they were seeing a ghost. Jesus gave the appearance that He was going past them only to test them and see if they would recognize Him and call for help (Matthew 14:26). Like trying times for us, this has all to do with testing our pride and ego.

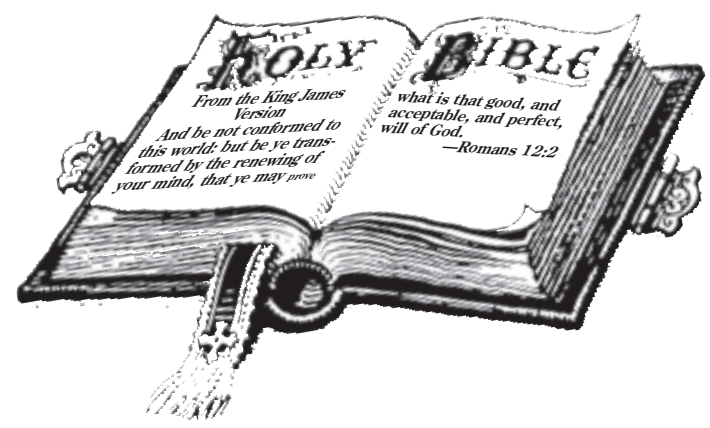
As Jesus came near to the boat, He calmed their fears and assured them that it was He and not a ghost. The boat was still rocking and why Peter requested to come out of the boat into the rough seas is questionable. None of the disciples questioned Jesus as to Him walking on the water at this time. They just knew that they were in good company once again. No doubt Peter was frightened and probably felt safer with Jesus no matter where Jesus was than staying in the boat. Jesus told Peter to come to Him on the water. Peter stepped out of the boat and began to walk on the water. And when Peter began to focus on the strong, blowing winds around him which were whipping up large waves Peter lost focus on the Lord and began to sink into the water. Peter cried out Lord, "Save me." Jesus immediately reached out and pulled Peter to safety with Him and brought Peter to the boat. And Jesus said to Peter, "O you of little faith; why did you doubt?" And the only thing Peter could say, if he said anything is, "Lord, the storm made me do it." And they both climbed into the boat and the wind and storm ceased and they were immediately at shore. Then their spiritual eyes were opened. They begin to worship Jesus saying, "Truly You are the Son of God. It was when they saw that Jesus had some kind of power over the wind and water, they realized that only God had such power over the natural forces of nature.

What is the take-aways in this event for us today? Faith requires focus. Our focus must always be on Jesus (Hebrew 12:22). Entertaining doubt while in the midst of our trials is a 'sinker,' so to speak (James 1:6-8). At times, the pressure of the trial causes us to lose grip (faith), and it seems like our trials overwhelm us. Letting Jesus ride aboard our boat, while in the midst of trial, brings assurance and we can feel the power of His presence if we let Him steer our boat (Matthew 14:27).

Peter's prayer for Jesus to save him gives us a life jacket in the time of storm. At times like these you do not want your prayers to be hindered. Therefore, our life beforehand must be acceptable to God before any trial begin.

At some point during our trials, we must step out in our faith seeking victory (Romans 10:13). We must always believe that Jesus stands ready to rescue us in times of trouble. And when we see Jesus as Lord and Savior, the Son of the living God, we are ready now and have reason to worship Him (Matthew 14:33). The take-home question for today is "What does Jesus have to do for us for us to believe that He is the great I Am?

SERMON of the WEEK



NO LIMITS

By Mother Belinda McKoy

Psalm 147:1-5 NIV

Praise the Lord.[a]

How good it is to sing praises to our God,

how pleasant and fitting to praise him!

2 The Lord builds up Jerusalem;

he gathers the exiles of Israel.

3 He heals the brokenhearted

and binds up their wounds.

4 He determines the number of the stars

and calls them each by name.

5 Great is our Lord and mighty in power;

his understanding has no limit.

AI No Limits

The Psalmist declares in Psalm 147:1-5 (NIV): "Praise the LORD. How good it is to sing praises to our God, how pleasant and fitting to praise him! The LORD builds up Jerusalem; he gathers the exiles of Israel. He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds. He determines the number of the stars and calls them each by name. Great is our Lord and mighty in power; his understanding has no limit."

We often find ourselves seeking fulfillment or assurance. Promises come from every corner: politicians during election time, companies, and individuals, all offering what they claim will be life-changing solutions. Many sincerely intend to help, while others simply seek something in return. Yet, regardless of intentions, all human beings face limitations. Our desires may be genuine, but our abilities are bound by the reality that we cannot always deliver. Limits restrain our actions, resources, and even our understanding.

However, God has no limits. Unlike humans, God's power and understanding are boundless. The Bible provides insights into God's limitless nature. Firstly, He is All-Powerful. In Genesis 17:1, God reveals Himself as "God Almighty," the one who created the universe and sustains it. Revelation 19:6 reminds us that the Lord God Almighty reigns forever. Because of His supreme power, nothing is impossible for Him. Jesus echoed this to His disciples, affirming that with God, all things are possible.

Secondly, God is All-Knowing. As Psalm 147:5 proclaims, "Great is our Lord and mighty in power; his understanding has no limit." God knows every detail, even the number of hairs on our heads and the sparrow's flight. Psalm 139 speaks of God knowing our thoughts and our ways before we even speak. This all-encompassing knowledge assures us that God understands our needs, even before we bring them to Him.

God is also Everywhere. Jeremiah 23:23-24 reveals that God fills heaven and earth, emphasizing that there is no place beyond His presence. King David also expressed that there is nowhere he could go to escape God. This boundless presence reassures us that God is with us at all times, regardless of where we are.

Furthermore, God is not constrained by time; He is eternal. His faithfulness knows no boundaries, and His promises are steadfast. The greatest demonstration of God's limitless nature is in His love for humanity. John 3:16 tells us that God's love for the world led Him to give His Only Son, offering everlasting life to all who believe. Had God's love been limited, redemption would not have been possible. Because of this, we are blessed with the chance to seek salvation.

Through God, we are empowered. We can proclaim, "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me." God's limitless power allows us to rise above limitations, to be more than conquerors, to be lenders and not borrowers, and to stand above, not beneath.

Today, God continues to save, to heal the brokenhearted, and to mend lives. We serve a God who knows no limits.

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Classifieds

DURHAM COUNTY

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
DURHAM COUNTY
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
In the General Court of Justice, Superior Court Division
Before the Clerk
File Number 24E002393-310

The Undersigned, having qualified as EXECUTOR of the Estate of MARTHA LILLIAN SMITH, 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 14th day of February 2025, 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 November 2024.
Mary Ann Chap, Executor
107 Gresham Avenue
Durham, NC 27704
11/14, 11/21, 11/28, and 12/5/2024
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
DURHAM COUNTY
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
In the General Court of Justice, Superior Court Division
Before the Clerk
File Number 24E002224-310

The Undersigned, having qualified as EXECUTOR of the Estate of HELEN PATRICIA JONES BOND, 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 14th day of February 2025, 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 November 2024.
Darian Craig Jones, Executor
4470 Oliver Lane
Douglasville, GA 30135-1965
11/14, 11/21, 11/28, and 12/5/2024
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
DURHAM COUNTY
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
In the General Court of Justice, Superior Court Division
Before the Clerk
File Number 24E002419-310

The Undersigned, having qualified as EXECUTOR of the Estate of PATRICIA LYNN SALDARINI, 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 14th day of February 2025, 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 November 2024.
Ross J. Saldarini, Executor
5022 Lady Fern Circle
Charlotte, NC 28211
11/14, 11/21, 11/28, and 12/5/2024
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
DURHAM COUNTY
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
In the General Court of Justice, Superior Court Division
Before the Clerk
File Number 24E002410-310

The Undersigned, having qualified as EXECUTRIX of the Estate of THERESA O'REILLY, 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 14th day of February 2025, 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 November 2024.
Valarie Pasieck-Reeves, Executrix
412 Green Turret Dr.
Rolesville, NC 27571
11/14, 11/21, 11/28, and 12/5/2024
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
DURHAM COUNTY
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
In the General Court of Justice, Superior Court Division
Before the Clerk
File Number 24E002383-310

The Undersigned, having qualified as ADMINISTRATOR of the Estate of DIANE W. DRAUGHON, 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 14th day of February 2025, 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 November 2024.
Timothy C. Draughon, Administrator
2221 Bayswater Dr.
Creedmoor, NC 27522
11/14, 11/21, 11/28, and 12/5/2024
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
DURHAM COUNTY
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
In the General Court of Justice, Superior Court Division
Before the Clerk
File Number 24E002265-310

The Undersigned, having qualified as ADMINISTRATOR of the Estate of WANDA DUKE LIPSCOMB, 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 14th day of February 2025, 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 November 2024.
Kimberley Clemons, Administrator
9910 Grettle Court
Raleigh, NC 27617
11/14, 11/21, 11/28, and 12/5/2024
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
DURHAM COUNTY
NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND DEBTORS OF NINA GRIFFITH MITCHELL (A.K.A. NINA JEAN MITCHELL)
File No. 24E001769-310

All persons, firms and corporations having claims against NINA GRIFFITH MITCHELL (A.K.A. NINA JEAN MITCHELL), late of Durham County, North Carolina, are notified to exhibit them to Warren D. Mitchell as Executor of the decedent's estate on or before February 7, 2025, c/o Brittany N. Porter, 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 7th day of November, 2024.
Warren D. Mitchell
c/o Brittany N. Porter, Atty.
TrustCounsel
1414 Raleigh Rd., Ste. 203
Chapel Hill, NC 27517
Durham, North Carolina 27717
11/7, 11/14, 11/21, and 11/28/2024
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
DURHAM COUNTY
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
File No. 23E001281-310

THE UNDERSIGNED, having qualified on the 4th day of October 2023, as Executor of the ESTATE OF JOYCE L. BETTS, 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 8th day of February, 2025 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 7th day of November 2024.
Ricky S. Betts, Executor
Estate of Joyce L. Betts
c/o Richard G. Long III, Attorney
Walker Lambe, PLLC
Post Office Box 51549
Durham, North Carolina 27717
11/7, 11/14, 11/21, and 11/28/2024
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
DURHAM COUNTY
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
File No. 24E002289-310

THE UNDERSIGNED, having qualified on the 11th day of October 2024, as Executor of the Estate of MARY ANN MARPLES, 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 8th day of February, 2025 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 7th day of November 2024.
Janis Reynolds f/k/a Janis Marples Sommers, Executor
Estate of Mary Ann Marples
c/o Shirley M. Diefenbach, Attorney
Walker Lambe, PLLC
Post Office Box 51549
Durham, North Carolina 27717
11/7, 11/14, 11/21, and 11/28/2024
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
DURHAM COUNTY
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
File No. 24E000449-310

The undersigned, Jacob Kutchma, having duly qualified as Administrator of the Estate of TRAVIS KUTCHMA, 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, within ninety days of the first publication of this Notice 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 7th day of November 2024.
Jacob Kutchma, Administrator
C/O Ronald G. Coulter, Attorney
3400 Croasdaile Drive Ste 205
Durham, NC 27705
1-919-246-5775
11/7, 11/14, 11/21, and 11/28/2024
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
DURHAM COUNTY
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
File No. 24E002207-310

Having qualified as Co-Executors of the Estate of JUANITA JONES JORDAN, deceased, this is to notify all persons, firms, and corporations having claims against the Estate of Juanita Jones Jordan to present them to the undersigned within three months from the date of the first publication of this Notice or same will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms, and corporations indebted to said Estate, please make immediate payment.

This the 7th day of November, 2024.
Brailsford Banks Jordan, Co-Executor
Christine Spruill, Co-Executor
Attorney for the Estate of Juanita Jones Jordan
c/o John W. Perry
Post Office Drawer 2051
Durham, North Carolina 27702
Telephone: (919) 683-8685
11/7, 11/14, 11/21, and 11/28/2024
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
DURHAM COUNTY
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
File No. 24E001924-310

Having qualified as Executrix of the Estate of CHARLES E. MELLO, late of Durham County, North Carolina, the undersigned does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate of said decedent to exhibit them to the undersigned at the offices of Davis Humbert Law, Attorneys for the Estate, 200 West Center Street, Mebane, NC 27302, on or before the 7th day February, 2025, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to the said estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This is the 7th day of November, 2024.
Patricia L. Mello
Executrix of the Estate
of Charles E. Mello
200 West Center Street
Mebane, NC 27302
11/7, 11/14, 11/21, and 11/28/2024
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
DURHAM COUNTY
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
In the General Court of Justice, Superior Court Division
Before the Clerk
File Number 24E002379-310

The Undersigned, having qualified as ADMINISTRATOR of the Estate of EVA CATES PETTIFORD, 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 7th day of February 2025, 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 7th day of November 2024.
Doris P. Bennett, Administrator
3818 Valleydale Dr.
Durham, NC 27703
11/7, 11/14, 11/21, and 11/28/2024
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
DURHAM COUNTY
NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION
In the General Court of Justice, District Court Division
File No. 24CV009082-310

To: JOSE DANIEL ESCOBAR RODRIGUEZ, 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 December 17, 2024 said date being at least forty (40) days from the first publication of this Notice, and upon your failure to do so, the Plaintiff, PAULA ISABEL LEON BENITEZ, will apply to the court located at 510 S Dillard St, Durham, NC 27701 for the relief sought.

This, the 7th day of November, 2024
Aneta Paval
Paval Law Offices, PLLC
7404 Chapel Hill Rd
Suite M
Raleigh NC 27607
Telephone: (919) 410-6690
11/7, 11/14, and 11/21/2024
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
DURHAM COUNTY
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
File Number: 24E002387-310

The undersigned having qualified as Administrator of the Estate of NAOMI THOMPSON JACKSON, 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 4th day of February, 2025, or this Notice will be in bar of their recovery.

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

This is the 31st day of October, 2024.
Elva Ann Utley, Administrator
Estate of Naomi Thompson Jackson, Deceased
Robert A. Idol, Esquire
IDOL LAW, PLLC
Attorney at Law
PO Box 51759
Durham, NC 27717
(919)401.5151
10/31, 11/7, 11/14, and 11/21/2024
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
DURHAM COUNTY
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
In the General Court of Justice, Superior Court Division
Before the Clerk
File Number 24E002143-310

The Undersigned, having qualified as ADMINISTRATOR of the Estate of KIMBERLY JAYE ALLEN, 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 1st day of February 2025, 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 31st day of October 2024.
Tracey A Bowen, Administrator
3534 Rawdon Drive
Durham NC 27713
10/31, 11/7, 11/14, and 11/21/2024
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
DURHAM COUNTY
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
In the General Court of Justice, Superior Court Division
Before the Clerk
File Number 24E002164-310

The Undersigned, having qualified as EXECUTOR of the Estate of DAVID ALLEN PAGE, 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 1st day of February 2025, 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 31st day of October 2024.
Zachary David Page, Executor
11712 Kilpartrick Lane
Charlotte, NC 28277
10/31, 11/7, 11/14, and 11/21/2024
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
DURHAM COUNTY
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
In the General Court of Justice, Superior Court Division
Before the Clerk
File Number 24E002384-310

The Undersigned, having qualified as EXECUTOR of the Estate of KAREN STINEHELFER, 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 1st day of February 2025, 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 31st day of October 2024.
Dennis Stinehelfer, Executor
484 Beech Drive
Leasburg, NC 27291
10/31, 11/7, 11/14, and 11/21/2024
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
DURHAM COUNTY
NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Having qualified as Co-Executors of the Estate of CLAYBORNE LEE EVANS, JR. of Durham County, North Carolina, the undersigned does hereby notify all persons, firms, and corporations having claims against the estate of said decedent to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the 1st day of February, 2025, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms, corporations indebted to the said estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This is the 31st day of October, 2024.

Andrea Kay Kubachko & Aysha J. Evans Ault, Co-Executors, c/o Milestones Law, 4 Consultant Place, Durham, NC 27707
H-S: 10-31, 11-07, 11-14 & 11-21, 2024
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
DURHAM COUNTY
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
File Number 23-E-1273

The decedent, RICARDO AGUILAR ALEMAN, who lived at 1101 Fairview St, Durham, North Carolina 27707 died July 18, 2023.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Ofelia Aguilar Baldwin, named personal representative or proposed personal representative, at 1101 Fairview St, Durham, North Carolina 27707, 9192246700 or to both the probate court and the named/proposed personal representative within 01/28/2025 after the date of publication of this notice.

This, the 31st day of October 2024.
Ofelia Aguilar Baldwin, Personal Representative for the Estate
1101 Fairview St.
Durham, North Carolina 27707
9192246700
10/31, 11/7, 11/14, and 11/21/2024
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
DURHAM COUNTY
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
In the General Court of Justice, Superior Court Division
Before the Clerk
File Number 24E001884-310

The Undersigned, having qualified as ADMINISTRATRIX of the Estate of HERBERT LEWIS BRODIE 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 24th day of January 2025, 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 24th day of October 2024.
Jacqueline Holland Brodie
Administratrix
5403 McCormick Rd.
Durham, NC 27713
10/24, 10/31, 11/7, and 11/14/2024
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
DURHAM COUNTY
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
File Number 24E002255-310

THE UNDERSIGNED, having qualified on the 30th day of September 2024, as Executor of the ESTATE OF HAROLD ROSS BAILES, 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 27th day of January 2025 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 24th day of October, 2024.
Judith Brewer Bailes, Executor
Estate of Harold Ross Bailes
c/o Shirley Diefenbach, Attorney
Walker Lambe, PLLC
Post Office Box 51549
Durham, North Carolina 27717
10/24, 10/31, 11/7, and 11/14/2024
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
DURHAM COUNTY
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
File Number 24E002307-310

ALL PERSONS, firms and corporations having claims against Edward Gordon, of Durham County, N.C., are notified to exhibit the same to the undersigned on or before January 24, 2025 or this notice will be pleaded in bar of recovery. Debtors of the decedent are asked to make immediate payment. This the 24th day of October, 2024.
Okoye Edward Gordon
2715 Ashe Street
Durham, NC 27703
10/24, 10/31, 11/7, and 11/14/2024
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
DURHAM COUNTY
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
File Number 24E001732-310

ALL PERSONS, firms and corporations having claims against Bertha Mae Hart, of Durham County, N.C., are notified to exhibit the same to the undersigned on or before January 24, 2025 or this notice will be pleaded in bar of recovery. Debtors of the decedent are asked to make immediate payment. This the 24th day of October, 2024.
Willis Reginald Hart
5319 Stanley Road
Durham, NC 27704
10/24, 10/31, 11/7, and 11/14/2024
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
DURHAM COUNTY
NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION
In The General Court Of Justice District Court Division
FILE NO. 24CV008005-310
DUKE UNIVERSITY FEDERAL CREDIT UNION, Plaintiff, vs. LINDA D. MARSH,Defendant.

TO: Linda D. Marsh
4307 Emerald Forest Dr.
Durham, NC 27713

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:

1. Judgment for the sum of $6,938.01 plus interest at the rate of 7.5% per annum from July 26, 2024 until the date of judgment herein, and interest thereafter at the legal rate of 8% per annum until paid in full.
2. Judgment for Plaintiff's reasonable attorney fees of $1,040.70.
3. For Plaintiff's costs.
4. All other relief to which Plaintiff is entitled.

You are required to make defense to such pleading no later than December 16, 2024 and upon your failure to do so, the party seeking service against you will apply to the Court for the relief sou ght.

This 16th day of October, 2024.
By: John M. Sperati
SMITH DEBNAM NARRON DRAKE SAINTSING & MYERS, L.L.P.
Attorneys for Plaintiff
P. O. Box 176010
Raleigh, NC 27619
10/31, 11/7, and 11/14/2024

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CHATHAM COUNTY

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
CHATHAM COUNTY
NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION
In the General Court of Justice, District Court Division
File No. 24CV001772-180
To: BRANDON ADONIAS CHAVEZ PEREZ, 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 December 17, 2024 said date being at least forty (40) days from the first publication of this Notice, and upon your failure to do so, the Plaintiff, BRELIN SUCELY PUAC OROZCO, will apply to the court located at 40 E Chatham St, Pittsboro, NC 27312 for the relief sought.

This the 7th day of November, 2024.
Aneta Paval
Paval Law Offices, PLLC
7404 Chapel Hill Rd
Suite M
Raleigh NC 27607
Telephone: (919) 410-6690
11/7, 11/14, and 11/21/2024

WAKE COUNTY

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
WAKE COUNTY
NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION
In the General Court of Justice, District Court Division
File No. 24CV017498-910
ALICIA MARTEL, Plaintiff v. ROWLAND MARTEL, Defendant
TO ROWLAND MARTEL:

TAKE NOTICE that a pleading seeking relief against you has been filed in the above-entitled action, by the Plaintiff herein, the nature which is as follows: ABSOLUTE DIVORCE. You are required by law to appear and make defense to such pleading no later than 30 days after the first publication of this notice. If you fail to do so, Plaintiff will seek the relief sought herein, and a Judgment for Absolute Divorce may be entered.

This, the 31st day of October, 2024.
Alicia Martel, Plaintiff
4509 Pleasant Grove Church Rd.
Raleigh, NC 27613
10/31, 11/7, and 11/14/2024
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
WAKE COUNTY
NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION
In the General Court of Justice, District Court Division
File No. 24CV001653-910
RAHAB W. KIMANI, Plaintiff v. EDWARD M. NGANGA, Defendant
TO EDWARD M. NGANGA:

TAKE NOTICE that a pleading seeking relief against you has been filed in the above-entitled action, by the Plaintiff herein, the nature which is as follows: ABSOLUTE DIVORCE. You are required by law to appear and make defense to such pleading no later than 30 days after the first publication of this notice. If you fail to do so, Plaintiff will seek the relief sought herein, and a Judgment for Absolute Divorce may be entered.

This, the 31st day of October, 2024.
Rahab W. Kimani, Plaintiff
3406 Sosa Road
Raleigh, NC 27610
10/31, 11/7, and 11/14/2024
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
WAKE COUNTY
NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION
In the General Court of Justice, District Court Division
File No. 24CV020721-910
BLANCA TOBAR SERRANO, Plaintiff v.
NARCISO DE LA O ACOSTA, Defendant
TO NARCISO DE LA O ACOSTA:

TAKE NOTICE that a pleading seeking relief against you has been filed in the above-entitled action, by the Plaintiff herein, the nature which is as follows: ABSOLUTE DIVORCE. You are required by law to appear and make defense to such pleading no later than 30 days after the first publication of this notice. If you fail to do so, Plaintiff will seek the relief sought herein, and a Judgment for Absolute Divorce may be entered.

This, the 31st day of October, 2024.
Blanca Tobar Serrano, Plaintiff
1313 Broken Branch Ct.
Raleigh, NC 27510
10/31, 11/7, and 11/14/2024
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
WAKE COUNTY
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
In the General Court of Justice, Superior Court Division
Before the Clerk
File Number 24E002724-910

The Undersigned, having qualified as ADMINISTRATRIX of the Estate of MARY S. WHITE A/K/A MARY SMITH WHITE A/K/A MARY SMITH CADE, 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 24th day of January 2025, 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 24th day of October 2024.
Gregory Fitzgerald Cade
Executor
1509 Cross Street
Raleigh, NC 27610
10/24, 10/31, 11/7, and 11/14/2024

UNION COUNTY

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
UNION COUNTY
NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION
In the General Court of Justice, Superior Court Division
File No. 2024-CVS-2955
JOSHUA DANIEL OXENDINE, Plaintiff, v. FIDEL VELASQUEZ RUIZ and MARCELINO VELASQUEZ CERVANTES, Defendants.
TO: Fidel Velasquez Ruiz

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 for personal injury to the Plaintiff that were incurred in an automobile collision involving you on 11/02/2021 in Union County, North Carolina.

You are required to make a defense to such pleading no later than December 17, 2024 (forty days after the first publication of this notice). Upon your failure to do so, the parties seeking service against you will apply to the Court for the relief sought.

This the 7th day of November, 2024.
William K. Goldfarb, Esq.
NC State Bar # 18194
Post Office Box 3200
Monroe, NC 28111
Phone: (704) 296-0055
Fax: (704) 296-0053
Attorney for the Plaintiffs
11/7, 11/14, and 11/21/2024

D/M/WBE

SUBCONTRACTORS/SUPPLIERS WANTED

T. A. Loving Company (NC General Contractor License No. 325) is seeking certified DBE subcontractors and suppliers for the following projects that bid for NCDOT:

Bid Date: 11/20/2024 at 2:00 PM

Project: Replace Bridge #14 Over Wiccacanee Swamp in Northampton County (Division 1)

Plans and specifications are available for inspection at the following locations: TA Loving Company, NC DOT Division office.

Potential subcontracting opportunities include but are not limited to surveying, demolition, clearing and grubbing, hauling, asphalt paving, striping, traffic control, earthwork, erosion control, seeding, linework, and directional drilling.

Please contact Justin E. Hill at our office as soon as possible if you are interested in submitting a proposal on any portion(s) of this project. Quotes may be emailed to **Justin E. Hill - jehill@taloving.com.** All quotations will be accepted up to the bid closing time of the bid date. Our address, phone number, and fax number is as follows.

T. A. Loving Company PO Box 919 Goldsboro, NC 27533 919-734-8400 (phone) 919-736-2148 (fax).

TA Loving Company is an Equal Opportunity Employer

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 **Whitehurst Station Water Main Extension** project for **Greenville Utilities Commission** which bids on **November 26, 2024, at 2:00 PM**. Plans and specifications for this project are available at the following locations: T. A. Loving Company; 400 Patetown Road; Goldsboro, NC 27530 * Greenville Utilities Commission; 3355 NC Highway 43; Greenville, NC 27834 * The East Group; 324 South Evans Street; Greenville, NC 27835.

Potential subcontracting opportunities include but are not limited to surveying, hauling, traffic control, erosion control, seeding, linework, jack & bore, and fencing. Please contact **Jeff Price** (jprice@taloving.com) if you are interested in submitting a proposal on any portion(s) of this project. Contact via phone 919-734-8400; fax: 919-736-2148; or email. All quotations will be accepted up to the bid closing time of the bid date. T. A. 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.

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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 **Southeast Service Area Wastewater Capacity Improvements – Contract No. 1 – Transmission System** project for **Onslow Water and Sewer Authority** which bids on **November 26, 2024, at 2:00 PM**. Plans and specifications for this project are available at the following locations: T. A. Loving Company; 400 Patetown Road; Goldsboro, NC 27530 * Onslow Water and Sewer Authority; 228 Georgetown Road; Jacksonville, NC 28540 * The Wooten Company; 120 North Boylan Avenue; Raleigh, NC 27603 * Dodge Data and Analytics website * ConstructConnect website.

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

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T. A. Loving Company (NC General Contractor License No. 325) is seeking certified DBE, MBE, and WBE subcontractors and suppliers for the **Berths 3 and 4 Crane Beam Improvements** project for **North Carolina State Ports Authority (NCSPA)**, which bids on **November 21, 2024, at 3:00 PM**. Plans and specifications for this project are available at the following locations: T. A. Loving Company; 400 Patetown Road; Goldsboro, NC 27530 * North Carolina State Ports Authority (NCSPA), Engineering Department; 2202 Burnett Boulevard; Wilmington, NC 28401 * Moffatt & Nichol; 4700 Falls of Neuse Road, Suite 300; Raleigh, NC 27609.

Potential subcontracting opportunities include but are not limited to surveying, demolition, hauling, asphalt paving, flatwork, CIPC, concrete forms, and concrete rebar. 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 the bid closing time of the bid date. T. A. Loving Company is an Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action Employer.

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ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

The North Carolina Department of Adult Correction has the following contract in Buncombe County out for bid: C- C11754 Tiantian Ma . The bid opening is scheduled for: Thursday, 12/19/2024 . To obtain the Notice to Bidders, any Pre-Bid Requirements, and any Addenda visit: https://evp.nc.gov/solicitations/details/?id=59feb147-6585-ef11-ac20-001dd806f97d

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 **Neuse River Resource Recovery Facility Sidestream Caustic Storage and Feed Facility** project for the **City of Raleigh Public Utilities Department** which bids on **December 5, 2024, at 2:00 PM.** Plans and specifications for this project are available at the following locations: T. A. Loving Company; 400 Patetown Road; Goldsboro, NC 27530 * City of Raleigh Public Utilities Department; One Exchange Plaza, Suite 620; Raleigh, NC 27601 * Hazen and Sawyer; 4011 West Chase Boulevard, Suite 500; Raleigh, NC 27607 * Dodge Data and Analytics website * ConstructConnect website * Construction Journal website * NC Institute of Minority Economic Development (NCIMED) website.

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

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NOTICE TO BIDDERS

FORMAL CONTRACTS

Sealed proposals will be received by the Town of Zebulon for providing labor, material and equipment entering into a Single Prime Contract for:

Old Bunn Road / Proctor Street (SR 2320) and Shepard School Road (SR 2406) Intersection Improvements.

Sealed Bids will be received until 2:00 P.M. on January 7, 2025, at Zebulon Public Works Facility located at 450 East Horton Street, Zebulon NC 27597. All contractors and subcontractors shall be NCDOT prequalified. All bids will be publicly opened and read starting at 2:00 P.M.

A mandatory pre-bid conference on December 5, 2024, at 2:00 P.M. at Zebulon Public Works Department located at 450 E Horton St, Zebulon, NC 27597.

Any addendum or approvals will be made available in writing no later than seven (7) days prior to bid date. Complete plans and specifications for this project can be examined at the following location:

WSP USA

434 Fayetteville Street, Suite 1500

Raleigh NC, 27601

(919) 836-4093

Ronyell.Thigpen@WSP.com

Complete plans and specification and contract documents can be obtained from Accent Imaging of 8121 Brownleigh Drive, Raleigh, NC at 919-782-3332, or by using their online plan room. Purchase of the entire bid set includes all plans and specifications, including addenda. The purchase cost of the Contract Documents is nonrefundable. Accent Imaging will maintain an official plan holders list. Please contact Accent Imaging to be added to this list if plans are received from any other source. Neither the Owner nor the Engineer will be responsible for full or partial sets of Contract Documents, including any Addendum obtained from any other source.

Contractors are hereby notified that they must have proper license under the State laws governing their respective trades and that North Carolina General Statute 87 will be observed in receiving and awarding contracts. General Contractors must have general license classification for General Contracting.

No bid may be withdrawn after the opening of bids for a period of 30 days. The Owner reserves the right to reject any or all bids and waive informalities. Bids shall be made only on the BID/ACEPTANCE form provided herein with all blank spaces for bids properly filled in and all signatures properly.

The Town of Zebulon has an affirmative policy of fostering, promoting, and conducting business with women and minority owned enterprises in all aspects of its construction program consistent with NCGS 143-8.

Town of Zebulon

Public Works Department

Chris D. Ray

Zebulon Public Works Director

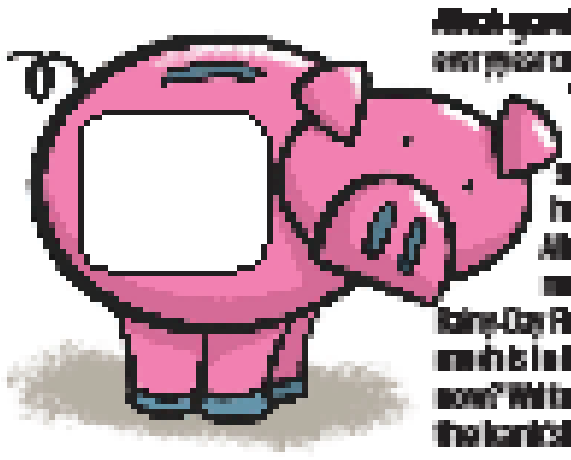
Kid Scoop

Save for a Rainy Day!

Why have a rainy-day fund?

By putting 75¢ each week, that much will be in Tiana's jar after one year!

How much is in Alina's bank?



Martina's Money Mistakes

Idioms

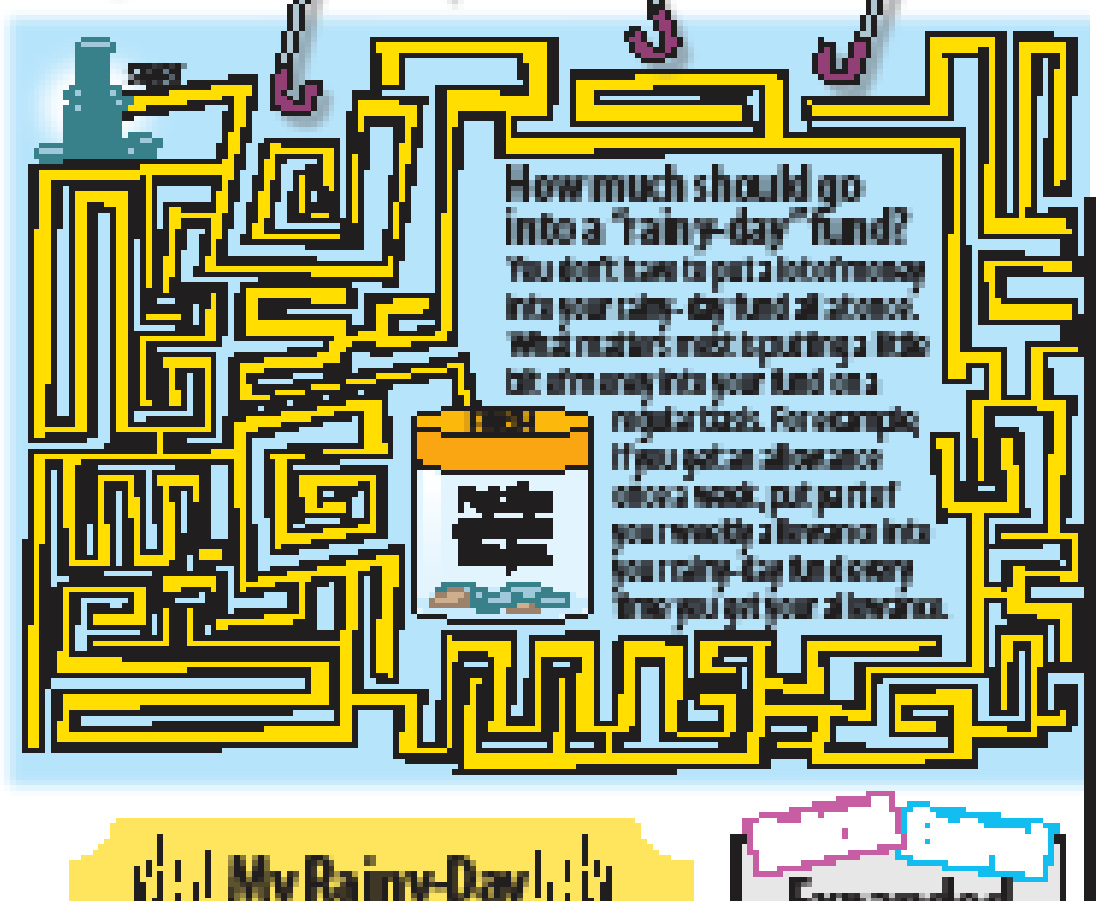
"Every day is a rainy day" is an idiom. An idiom is a phrase that doesn't mean what it says. Match each idiom to its meaning.

- Back to the drawing board
- Missed the boat
- Fit as a fiddle
- Costs an arm and a leg
- Wild goose chase
- Once in a blue moon
- By the skin of your teeth
- Piece of cake

Definitions

1. In good health
2. Just barely achieving
3. Starting over
4. Something very expensive
5. A task that's easy to do
6. Lost an opportunity
7. A rare occurance
8. A pointless activity

Can you draw lines to connect each umbrella's twin?



How much should go into a "rainy-day" fund?

You don't have to put a lot of money into your rainy-day fund all at once. What matters most is putting a little bit of money into your fund on a regular basis. For example, if you get an allowance once a week, put part of your weekly allowance into your rainy-day fund every time you get your allowance.

My Rainy-Day Fund Pledge

Name: _____

I will put _____ into my rainy-day fund each week. This money will come from:

- ☐ Allowance
- ☐ A weekly chore
- ☐ A weekly job
- ☐ Other _____

Expanded Numbers

Look through the newspaper for five 4-digit numbers. Rewrite each one in an expanded form using words instead of digits. For example:

4,862

Four thousand, eight hundred sixty-two

Coin Count

Alanda puts 50¢ into his Rainy-Day Fund each week. Amy puts 75¢ into her Rainy-Day Fund each week. Circle the coins that add up to 50¢ in savings. Circle the coins that add up to 75¢ in bills. Each coin can only be used once.

Word Search

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

ALLOWANCE
BANKBOOK
REGULAR
NUMBERS
EXPENSE
ACCOUNT
SAVING
PAINT
MONEY
CHORE
COINS
POOR
BANK
GIVE
RAISE

R	R	O	O	R	E	P	N	U	N
A	E	C	H	A	W	O	L	L	A
C	O	O	A	I	N	E	I	N	E
C	U	I	T	E	Y	O	R	T	R
O	L	H	T	I	I	A	D	O	O
U	A	O	O	O	I	A	O	O	E
H	R	P	A	N	D	E	N	I	O
T	T	P	T	N	T	R	A	P	O
E	O	H	E	P	E	E	N	E	T

Word Scramble

The word is EXPENSE

The added expense of snacks at the amusement park was something I forgot to plan on before the trip.

Try to write a sentence using this word. Tell your friend what it means.

Describe Dollars

Look through the newspaper for words that are used to describe money. How many can you find? How many positive? Do you think many of them describe you?

Word Scramble

What goes up when the rain comes down?

How I Earn Money

How do you earn money? Do you do chores? What kind of jobs do you do?