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TRUMP AND 1,000 BOTTLES OF BABY OIL

by Aframnews

North Carolina's 2024 General Election early voting begins October 17th. Election Day November 5th.



While we cannot say whether music mogul Sean Combs aka "Diddy" is guilty or not. We do know that Donald Trump was found guilty on all charges of business fraud in New York on May 30, 2024 and is free, while his sentencing has been postponed until after the 2024 presidential election. Does money and status only affect freedom if you are a white criminal? Both Diddy and Trump have charges that involve sex workers, both have a racketeering charge but only one man is behind bars while they await trial and only one of these men is running

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Kamala Harris

Donald Trump

Josh Stein

Mark Robinson



Betty Jenkins

Carley Cooke

Maurice "Mo" Green

Winston Braxton

Allison Riggs

Candidates for elected office throughout North Carolina are in their final weeks of their campaign. This is a presidential election year and North Carolinians support for president may determine the outcome of a few of the

competitive races. Here is a snapshot of the local and statewide candidates running for office.

Vice President Kamala Harris and former president Donald Trump are competing for President of the United

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Voter Suppression Makes The Racist Anti-Worker Southern Model Possible

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From the abolition of slavery until now, Southern white elites have used a slew of tactics to suppress Black political power and secure their economic interests—including violence, voter suppression, gerrymandering, felony disenfranchisement,

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NEWS NOTES

US Rep. Alma Adams backs Parent PLUS loan relief for parents

by Herbert L. White



U.S. Rep. Alma Adams introduced a bill that would ease loan debt for borrowers who pay for their children's college education.

Adams, a Charlotte Democrat and U.S. Sen. Chris Van Hollen (D-Md.) introduced the Parent PLUS Parity Act, for parents who help their children pay for school. An estimated 3.9 million borrowers have outstanding Parent PLUS loan balances totaling \$112 billion.

While Parent PLUS loans allow parents of dependent undergraduate students to borrow to cover costs not included in a student's financial aid package, federal law excludes Parent PLUS and Federal Family Education Loan borrowers from most income-based repayment plans.

"This legislation is about fairness for families, so that more parents can help their children through college without worrying about how to make ends meet at their current salary level," Adams said in a statement. "If we can amend the law to allow income-based repayments then we should, especially for payees who are disabled or retired. It's unconscionable that disabled and retired

individuals on limited incomes are having their incomes garnished to cover student loan debt."

The Parent PLUS Parity Act makes parent borrowers eligible for repayment plans created by the U.S. Department of Education. The bill was introduced after Van Hollen encouraged his Senate colleagues in 2022 and earlier this year to provide financial relief to parent borrowers as part of Democratic efforts to address the student debt crisis.

"Millions of parents who struggled to help their kids pay for college are now trapped in unsustainable debt – and it's not just hurting them, it's holding back our entire economy," Van Hollen said. "While the Biden-Harris administration has taken important steps to expand income-based repayment options so students can pay off their loans, parent borrowers have been excluded from these programs, offering them little to no recourse. Our legislation will help those families chart a path to clear their debt and regain their financial footing."

In addition to Adams, the House bill is cosponsored by Reps. Bonnie

Watson Coleman of New Jersey and Maxine Waters of California. In addition to Van Hollen, the Senate bill legislation is co-sponsored by Democrat Alex Padilla (D-Calif.) and colleagues Cory Booker (New Jersey), Tim Kaine (Virginia), Peter Welch (Vermont), Tina Smith (Minnesota), Elizabeth Warren (Massachusetts). Independent Bernie Sanders of Vermont, who typically caucuses with Democrats, is also a sponsor.

"Parents taking out loans to help their kids pay for higher education deserve the same loan forgiveness and relief options as other borrowers," Padilla said. "More and more low-income families, especially Black and Latino parents, rely on the Parent PLUS program every year but have limited loan repayment options. By expanding parents' access to the same repayment benefits their kids would receive, we can help close the racial wealth gap and expand debt relief for underserved families."

Parent PLUS loans, introduced in 1980, were initially intended to help more affluent families with college costs, but as tuition spiked and Pell Grant awards have fallen, low-



Tannessa Dukes shown here with Rev. Al Sharpton, seated at the historic Sit Ins lunch counter during Sharpton's visit to the International Civil Rights Center & Museum on July 25, 2024.

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States. Recently, Harris unveiled a new agenda for Black men that include to provide 1 million fully forgivable loans to Black businesses up to \$20,000.00. Create opportunities for more than 500,000 federal jobs without college degrees by eliminating unnecessary degree requirements. More Black male teachers and has launched a n National Health Equity Initiative focused on Black men. She also supports affordable childcare, and paid family leave, the woman's right to choose, gun control, fight against price gouging by corporations and support voting rights laws. Donald Trump plans include to eliminate Obamacare, push voter suppression by falsely claiming the need to combat voter fraud, end teaching about racism, and let parents elect principals, restrict and or ban abortions, He has called social security a "Ponzi Scheme" and suggested raising the age for full retirement to 70 and privatizing the system and is open to cutting social security and medicare at some point. Trump says: " My first acts as your next President will be to close the Border, Drill , baby ,drill and free the January 6, hostages being wrongfully imprison!" He wants to extend the tax cuts that went to the wealthy he enacted in 2017.

The candidates for North Carolina Governor are Lieutenant Governor Mark Robinson and North Car-

olina Attorney General Josh Stein. Mark Robinson supports making affordable housing more accessible in North Carolina by increasing funding for housing programs and reducing barriers for home ownership. He supports Black Business contracting opportunities and development. He advocates for school choice for parents. Robinson supports increased funding for Historically Black Colleges and Universities, support police to ensure public safety and support re-entry programs to help those incarcerated to re-integrate into society successfully. Josh Stein supports more funds for teachers, public schools and childcare centers. He would invest in "a clean energy economy" to address global warming, Supports access to abortion and contraceptives, supports an independent redistricting commission to protect voting rights. Josh Stein supports an independent redistricting commission to protect voting rights. Stein wants to raise the minimum wage and cut taxes for working families.

Other raises include North Carolina Supreme Court Justice races. There are two candidates Jefferson Griffin and Allison Riggs. Riggs presently serves on the Supreme Court and as a lawyer was a was a civil rights and voting rights attorney. She is committed to "equal justice under the law". Guilford County Board of Education members

are seeking re-election. A long time community activist in Greensboro, Jenkins supports initiatives promoting career development and technical education. Carly Cooke, Mary Beth Murphy and Brandon Gray Hill are seeking re-eclection to the Guilford County Board of Commissioners. Cooke supports mobile clinics and Every Baby Guilford to "eliminate racial disparities" in infant mortality. Mary Beth Murphy says: "Witnessing firsthand the stark differences in resources and opportunities available to students fueled my commitment to equity in education. Brandon Gray Hill is the incumbent representing District 8, "is working to create a Guilford County that welcomes and supports all people". There are three African Americans running for Noth Carolina Council of State offices, Jessica Holmes, North Carolina State Aditor and Maurice Mo" Greene, Superintendent of Public Instruction and Braxton Winston, NC Commissioner of Labor. "Mo" Greene received high marks as an excellent leader in education as former Superintendent of Guilford County Schools. Jessica Holmes is current North Carolin's State Auditor and former member of the Wake County Board of Commissioners. Braxton Winston, is the former Mayor Pro Tempore of the Charlotte City Council. He is a member of the Internationa Alliance of Theatrical

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and local preemption laws.



Black voter disenfranchisement remains a key fea-

ture of the racist and anti-worker Southern economic development model today.

However, periods of progress toward Black political empowerment, such as during Reconstruction and the Civil Rights Movement—though met with fierce suppression—show that targeted policy action has the power to dismantle racist barriers to political participation and disrupt the cycle of political suppression and economic exploitation.

While significant advances have been made over the last century, a resurgent backlash underscores the need to strengthen civil rights protections and ensure all Southern workers and their families can enjoy political and economic equality.

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for the President of the United States of America.

Donald Trump has more in common with the millions of Americans in this country unable to vote due to their felon status than the other portion of the population who he is attempting to gain votes from. Prosecutors seeking the detention of Diddy have argued that "he poses an ongoing danger to the community..." which may be true but the false claims of Donald Trump are equally as dangerous for members of the community specifically with his comments during the September 10th debate where he said that immigrants of the

Springfield, Ohio community were eating "the pets" which put many Haitian immigrants at risk, forcing schools, government buildings and hospitals to evacuate due to bomb and mass shooting threats. This is not the first time and likely not the last that Donald Trump will incite violence. The January 6, 2021 attack on the U.S Capitol is a great place to start, with the danger that Donald Trump poses on the community. A criminal is a criminal in America unless you're a white man with money, or the illusion of money and power.

Publisher's View



Earl Jones, Publisher

**Voting 2024. Vote Early: Oct. 17th-
Nov.2nd. Election Day: Nov. 5th**



I strongly encourage all the citizens of Greensboro, High Point and Guilford County to exercise your right to vote in this upcoming election. Without a doubt it is the most important election in this, the 21st century. Elections preserve the right of people to participate in collective governance, instead of being ruled by dictators or tyrants. Please note voting dates, times, and locations listed below. Please vote.

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Sunday October 27 All Locations 10 am—4 pm	Monday October 28 All Locations 8 am—7:30 pm	Tuesday October 29 All Locations 8 am—7:30 pm	Wednesday October 30 All Locations 8 am—7:30 pm	Thursday October 31 All Locations 8 am—7:30 pm	Friday November 1 All Locations 8 am—7:30 pm	Saturday November 2 All Locations 8 am—3 pm
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The Shout-Out Line

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Hello, I'm calling to commend the Guilford County Commissioners for supporting financially the State's Minority Diabetes Prevention Program. The recently approved state program effort covers several Piedmont Triad counties including Guilford, Alamance, and Rockingham counties. According to part of the mandate of the program, it is to focus on culturally relevant approaches and tailored interventions to effectively engage minority populations. A few of my family members and friends have and have had diabetes and it is a terrible, painful and life threatening illness. I'm not a professional, but there are two things I know from personal experience and observation that will help people almost immediately toward major improvement. Start some regular, consistent light to moderate exercise and stop, cold turkey, drinking sodas. I call sodas, sugar water. But those two things alone will help improve your condition relative to diabetes. I do hope that Guilford County and the State do the necessary outreach to make Black people aware of the program and get them to participate.

Shout-Out

What up, G-Times, I'm a Carolina Panther fan and who has called before about my Panthers, and I'm back. We are practically in the middle of the NFL football season, and we just keep losing, losing, losing. This has been happening every since they fired Steve Wilks in January of 2023. They fired him after he had come in as interim coach in the middle of the season and turned the team around bringing them back from a losing season into playoff contention and gaining support of players and fans. The panther organization hired Frank Reich, who is white, and was a losing coach at Indianapolis 6 months earlier, to replace Wilks. Race is the only factor that makes sense for the Panther organization to make such a irrational, wrongheaded, reckless decision. No common sense at play in making that decision. But you know racism is a mental illness and the Panther organization is infected with it. I think what is going on now, is a curse on the Panthers for their January 2023 decision to fire Wilks. How do they lift the curse? Hire a Black coach and ensure that he is treated fairly? I don't know, but it is obvious that there is a curse on the team. Their record is proof of that. With Wilks they would have a winning team now. Wilks became the defensive coach for the San Francisco 49'ers last year and help the team make it to the Super Bowl. That could have been the Panthers.

Shout-Out

Hello, the covid pandemic under Trump's watch, the United States mortality rate rose well above that of comparable countries. As of February 2021, Covid deaths were 40% higher in the United States than in Canada, Germany, Italy, Japan, Nigeria and the United Kingdom. This is according to the British Medical Journal and the worldwide health organization of the United Nations. The US health outcomes during the Pandemic were worse than that in virtually all other high income countries around the world. Letting Trump off the hook for hundreds of thousands of unnecessary deaths because of his incompetence in mishandling the Covid crisis is political malpractice on the part of the Harris for President campaign and the national Democratic Party leadership.

Shout-Out

Good Morning and Happy Saturday, y all! I am sitting at my desk, feeling very blessed! I woke up this morning with a roof over my head, and a job to report to! Counting my blessings, big and small, good or bad, there are reasons for them all! God is good all the time....."

Shout-Out

G-times, what kind of upside down world is this. Mark Robinson has become the boogie man for the Democrat and Republican Party while the man at the top of the Republican ticket, Donald Trump, has been convicted of 34 felonies, has criminal indictments in multiple jurisdictions, been found liable for sexual abuse, he verbally denigrate and desrepects women, is a serial liar, incited an insurrection to take over the government resulting in the deaths and injury of several people including law enforcement officers. Robinson, no indictments, no sexual assaults, no convictions, not under any criminal investigations, haven't scammed people out of money, but he's the big boogie man. Only in racist America.



Tim Walz Is Right: The Electoral College Should Be Abolished

**It's undemocratic, unpopular,
and racist.**

by Ari Berman

At a pair of fundraisers last week, Gov. Tim Walz called for abolishing the Electoral College. “I think all of us know, the Electoral College needs to go,” he told Democratic donors at the home of California Gov. Gavin Newsom. “We need a national popular vote.”

The Harris campaign said that it did not support Walz’s position and the New York Times wrote that his statement risked “rocking the boat for the Harris campaign as it tries to deliver a message focused on economic concerns, abortion rights and the threat of former President Donald J. Trump.” Trump’s campaign posted on X, “Why does Tampon Tim hate the Constitution so much?”

But the Democratic vice presidential nominee is right—the Electoral College should be abolished. Sixty-three percent of Americans agree with that position, according to a recent Pew Research Center poll.

Here are five reasons why the Electoral College “needs to go”:

(1) It’s fundamentally undemocratic.

Every sports fan knows that the team that scores the most points wins the game. But that’s not how America elects its president. The US is the only major democracy where you can lose the popular vote but win the Electoral College (or that even has an Electoral College). Not only is the Electoral College out of step with the rest of the world, no other major elected office in America, at the federal or state level, uses a similar system. It violates the most basic notions of “one person, one vote.”

(2) It excludes the vast majority of Americans from counting.

The seven swing states that will decide the 2024 presidential election represent 15 percent of the country’s population. That leaves 85 percent of Americans with little incentive to vote for the nation’s highest office, whether you’re a Republican in California or a Democrat in Tennessee. That impacts down-ballot races as well and depresses voter turnout across the country.

(3) It’s unrepresentative of the country.

The tiny handful of battleground states are whiter and more Republican than the rest of the country. Eighty-three percent of voters in Wisconsin, Michigan, and Pennsylvania in the 2020 election were white, according to the New York Times, compared with 69 percent of voters elsewhere. Wisconsin, the tipping-point state in 2020, is also 3.5 points redder than the country as a whole. University of Texas political scientists estimated in 2019 that in a 50–50 popular vote election, the Republican candidate had a 65 percent chance of winning the Electoral College.

(4) It incentivizes election rigging.

Joe Biden won the popular vote by 7 million votes in 2020 but carried the three closest states in the Electoral College by just 44,000 votes. Trump never could have attempted to overturn the results—and there would have been no insurrection—if the United States had a system in which every vote mattered equally in presidential elections.

The system remains dangerously vulnerable to partisan manipulation. Just recently, the Trump campaign tried to change the way Nebraska allocated its electoral votes, which could have led to a tie in the Electoral College, throwing the election to the House and leading to a full-blown constitutional crisis. The plan failed when one Democrat-turned-Republican state senator opposed the move. It’s never a good thing when the fate of American democracy comes down to one state rep from Omaha.

(5) It’s racist and antiquated.

Most of the founding fathers, who wanted to protect the power of an elite, white male, propertied minority, opposed the direct election of the president. Both the small states and the slave states argued that a popularly elected president would threaten their influence. Virginia’s James Madison, the most influential drafter of the Constitution, said at the Constitutional convention that “the people at large

was in his opinion the fittest” way to choose the president, according to a record of the debates. But, he added, “there was one difficulty however of a serious nature attending an immediate choice by the people. The right of suffrage was much more diffusive in the Northern than the Southern States; and the latter could have no influence in the election on the score of the Negroes.”

The South would be at a major disadvantage in a popular election, Madison was admitting, because its enslaved population could not vote. Pennsylvania’s James Wilson, who had initially proposed a popular election of the president, then recommended a complicated alternative where electors—either chosen by the states or the voters—would select the president. The number of electors a state received would be based on their representation in both houses of the legislature, which gave a huge boost to the small states because of equal representation in the Senate and to the slave states because of the three-fifths clause in the House. Even though electors now generally follow the will of their state’s voters, the Electoral College remains biased toward the same groups it favored at its inception.

There are two ways to get rid of the Electoral College. A Constitutional amendment requires the support of two-thirds of Congress and three-quarters of states. A constitutional amendment to abolish the Electoral College almost passed in 1970 with huge bipartisan support, but it was filibustered by racist Southern senators who believed that previously disenfranchised Black voters would have more power in a direct popular election.

Then there’s the National Popular Vote Interstate Compact, an agreement among states to award their electoral votes to the winner of the popular vote. It needs 270 electoral votes to go into effect and currently has the support of states with 209 electoral votes. Last year, Walz signed legislation adding Minnesota to the compact.

North Carolina Bar Association Legal Practice Hall of Fame Class of 2024: Greensboro's Joseph A. Williams



Attorney Joseph "Joe" Williams, is a retired trial lawyer. A Vietnam war veteran, he graduated from North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University and North Carolina Central University School of Law. Upon graduation he served as an assistant district attorney in Guilford County until Governor James Hunt appointed him the first black male District Court Judge in the history of Guilford County North Carolina. In 1980, he entered into the practice of law with his life long friend and fellow member of Dudley High School class 1963; Mike Lee. He subsequently founded his own law firm in 1982. He has served on numerous boards of directors including; North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University, Branch Bank and Trust (local Board), First Citizens Bank (local board), Greensboro National Bank, Greensboro Chamber of Commerce (legal advisor to the executive committee), Greensboro Bar Association (first African-American president in its history), North Carolina Association of Trial Lawyers, the American Board of Trial Advocates.

Over the years, he has been a member of numerous social, professional and fraternal associations including The Guardsmen (past president), Beta Epsilon Boule (charter member), CW Lawrence Masonic Lodge (founding member), United Supreme Council DC (3 3 Mason, charter member and Grand Chancellor), Greensboro Men's club (past president), Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, The Simkins PAC, the NCBA, The 4th Circuit Judicial Conference (member since the 1980's), The Trial Lawyers Million Dollar Roundtable and National Trial Lawyers top 100. He along with Don Vaughn, Paul Coates and Kenneth Johnson, successfully represented thousands in a class action lawsuit. He has received many honors

including; Order of the Long Leaf Pine, NAACP Man of the Year (Greensboro Chapter), the North Carolina Association of Black Lawyers Community Service Award, Greensboro Bar Association "Distinguished Service Award 2019". He, along with many of the class of 1963, was arrested in May of 1963 for blocking the entrance to the S&W cafeteria. Fourteen years later he was a District Court Judge. While serving as a District Court Judge, he and his mentor the late Judge Elrita Alexander (the first African American Judge in Guilford County history) were accused of unlawfully dismissing cases involving young people who were charged with minor offences. The two were "hailed" before the North Carolina Supreme Court on a Writ of Mandamus to explain what "monkey shines" they were engaging in. Many members of the country club set whose children were beneficiaries, along with numbers of disadvantaged children, of the contested dismissals were in court. When the Justices found out that the parents were there to support Alexander and Williams, they called a recess and never resumed court. The general assembly subsequently passed legislation that mirrored the "Judgement Day" process. Williams has travelled in 30 countries and as a child lived with his parents in Indonesia.

He is married to the former Georgia Guest of Greensboro (President of the Guest-Williams Scholarship Foundation) and they have two children: Joseph (CEO of IAM Health Cloud) and Andria Williams Patterson (senior vice president and associate General Counsel of Bank America). It should be noted that Andria W. Patterson clerked at both the North Carolina Court of Appeals and the North Carolina Supreme Court. They have three granddaughters.

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er-income families have increasingly turned to Parent PLUS to make up the shortfall. As a result, more borrowers have become burdened by the student loan debt, with the number of Parent PLUS recipients under the federal poverty rising by 350% between 1996 and 2018.

In 2020, the average Parent PLUS debt was \$37,970, a 40% in-

crease since 2000.

"If we fail to address intergenerational debt experienced by families with Parent PLUS loans, we will fall short of fixing our broken student loan system," Booker said. "The Parent PLUS Parity Act will bring parents much n There is absolutely no reason why PP loans should not be eligible for Income Based Repay-

ment plans. This bill could make a life changing difference for people like me who are already struggling to pay the higher payments on ICR.

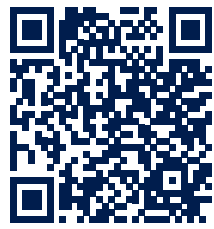
I am a white woman with a huge parent plus loan debt that I was talked into getting and will die before its paid off.its hard while you watch others get relief and you dont
Posted on September 27, 2024

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Kamala Harris Has a Plan for Black Men. Trump Never Did

VP Harris wants to help Black men build wealth, provide for our families, and lead our communities. Trump wants to use us as political pawns.

by Keith Boykin - October 14, 2024



“Black Vote, Black Power,” a collaboration between Keith Boykin and Word In Black, examines the issues, the candidates, and what’s at stake for Black America in the 2024 presidential election.

On Monday Kamala Harris unveiled a new agenda for Black men. The plan is extensive, but I want to highlight 10 specific steps she would take as president that would empower Black men with the tools we need to build wealth, provide for our families, and lead our communities.

Number 1. Business Loans. Black Americans are twice as likely to be denied credit by banks, so Harris would provide 1 million fully forgivable loans of up to \$20,000 to Black entrepreneurs and others who have historically faced barriers to starting a new business or growing an existing one.

Number 2. More Jobs Without College Degrees. Harris would eliminate unnecessary degree requirements and promote pathways for those without college degrees for 500,000 federal jobs.

Number 3. More Black Male Teachers. As a former high school English and social studies teacher, I know it’s important for young Black males to see Black men in front of the classroom as role models and mentors. Only 1% of public school teachers are Black men, so Harris would create pathways for more Black men to become teachers, including apprenticeship programs and loan forgiveness.

Number 4. Health Care. My uncle, who had sickle cell disease, died last year, and I know several Black men my age who have been recently diagnosed with prostate cancer. And don’t get me started on the mental health needs of the Black men in my family and community. I see it every day. We’ve been traumatized by an unfair criminal justice system and a world that demonizes us instead of understanding us. Fortunately, Harris would launch a National Health Equity Initiative focused on Black men that addresses sickle cell disease, diabetes, mental health, and prostate cancer.

Number 5. Weed Equity. Black men have been disproportionately arrested and incarcerated for marijuana-related charges. Now that cannabis is becoming more socially acceptable and profitable, it’s only fair that we benefit from the changing system that hurt us. Vice President Harris not only wants to legalize recreational marijuana but also create opportunities for Black Americans to succeed in this new industry.

Number 6. Ban the Box. I have a law degree, and yet when I lived in Harlem, I was still stopped on the street, arrested, and locked up in jail. I know Black men have been targeted by a racist criminal justice system. Harris would work with Congress to require businesses to limit the unnecessary use of criminal arrest histories, convictions, and credit scores in employment decisions.

Number 7. Mentorship Programs. Harris would expand funding for community mentorship programs with a proven track record of helping young Black men succeed. She will also support programs like My Brother’s Keeper.

Number 8. Support Black Farmers. Harris would continue to support Black farmers and ranchers who have been denied access to capital. As vice president, she already distributed funding to thousands of Black farmers and ranchers in a \$2 billion relief package.

Number 9. Relieve Medical Debt. My stepfather passed away in April 2020, with a mountain of medical debt. Vice President Harris plans to work with states to relieve medical debt, which is the leading cause of bankruptcy in America, and disproportionately hurts Black Americans.

And Number 10. Crypto Protection. More than 20% of Black Americans, including me, have owned cryptocurrency assets. I lost money in crypto, but the high-risk, high-reward crypto markets provide opportunities outside of the existing stock market for many Black men. A Harris administration would support a regulatory framework for cryptocurrency and other digital assets to protect Black men who invest in these assets.

So, let me answer a few questions I’ve already seen from critics. Question 1. Why didn’t she do this in the last four years? Because she’s not the president. She’s the vice

Legal Beat

Exonerated 'Central Park Five' sue Trump for defamation after debate comments

Donald Trump incorrectly said at the Sept. 10 presidential debate that the men pleaded guilty and the victim in the 1989 attack died.

By Marlene Lenthang



Former president Donald Trump has been sued for defamation by the Central Park Five, the group of men who were wrongfully convicted in a New York City rape case as teenagers, over false statements he made during last month's presidential debate.

Yusef Salaam, Raymond Santana, Kevin Richardson, Antron Brown and Korey Wise claim Trump knowingly acted with "reckless disregard" when, during his September face-off against Vice President Kamala Harris, he stated they pled guilty to 1989 assault and rape of a woman in New York's Central Park. The Republican nominee for president also falsely claimed the group killed someone—not only was that not true, it was never alleged.

"They admitted—they said, they pled guilty," said Trump, according to the debate transcript. "And I said, well, if they pled guilty they badly hurt a person, killed a person ultimately."

"Trump's statements were false and defamatory in numerous respects," reads a statement of claim for the men, who are now in their 50s, filed in Philadelphia federal court. "Plaintiffs never pled guilty to the Central Park assaults. Plaintiffs all pled not guilty and maintained their innocence throughout their trial and incarceration, as well

as after they were released from prison."

"None of the victims of the Central Park assaults were killed," the statement added. "Trump falsely stated that Plaintiffs killed an individual and pled guilty to the crime. These statements are demonstrably false."

The lawsuit says that, as a result of Trump's comments, the men were made to "suffer severe emotional distress." They are seeking both compensatory and punitive damages. The juveniles, who were pressured into making false confessions in the case, were exonerated in 2002 when a man confessed to the rape, which was confirmed by DNA evidence.

Three members of the Central Park Five stand behind their lawyer after winning a \$41 million settlement from New York City in 2014.

Raymond Santana, Jonathan Moore - one of the lawyers for the other three - Yusef Salaam and Kevin Richardson, three of the five men wrongfully convicted of raping a woman in Central Park in 1989, speak at a press conference on city halls' steps after it was announced that the men, known as the "Central Park Five," had settled with New York City for approximately \$41 million dollars on June 27, 2014.

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After their sentences were vacated, the men sued the city and won a \$41 million settlement in 2014. At the time, Trump called the settlement a "disgrace."

Trump went on to claim, during his 2016 run for president, that he still believed the men were guilty.

In fact, his bellicose posturing about the attacks goes as far back as the Central Park case itself.

Just weeks after the teens were charged for 1989 sexual assault, Trump took out full-page ads in New York area newspapers calling for the reinstatement of the death penalty in New York. While he did not name the defendants, his ads made clear reference to the Central Park case.

He declined to apologize for the ads in 2019 and claimed the Central Park Five "admitted their guilt."

Their 2024 lawsuit notes Trump's 1989 ads "alluded to the assaults in Central Park without specifically identifying the suspects and called for the City of New York to 'send a message loud and clear to those who would murder our citizens and terrorize New York—BRING BACK THE DEATH PENALTY AND BRING BACK OUR POLICE'"

Salaam is now a member of the New York City Council and Wise has gone on to be a prominent advocate for criminal justice reform.

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Stage Employees Union. If elected he will be the first union member elected as N C Commissioner of Labor. There are two African Americans seeking to serve on two of the three seats open for the N C Court of Appeals. Carolyn Thompson currently serves on the Court of Appeals, Seat 12 and Martin Moore, a former Buncombe County Commissioner and former public defender is candidate for seat 15 of the Court of Appeals.

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president. Trump was actually a president, and he did none of these things in his four years in office.

Question 2. But why do some of these policies say Black men "and others"? Why aren't they all Black-specific? Well, because Trump's Supreme Court Justices and federal judges keep striking down programs that focus on Black people? Trump's Supreme Court ended race-specific affirmative action in college admissions. A Trump-appointed federal judge forced the Minority Business Development Agency to help white people. Another Trump-appointed federal judge blocked a disaster relief program for Black farmers. And two Trump-appointed federal judges in Georgia blocked a private program by the Fearless Fund to help Black women in business.

If Trump's judges won't allow a private group of Black women to help each other, do you think they're

going to let a government program that only helps Black men and excludes others? No. But this is what happens when we don't vote. So we have to create clever ways to get around the Trump MAGA Republican bans on helping Black people.

Question 3. Yeah, but why does it feel like Democrats only care about Black women? Yes, Joe Biden elevated two very prominent Black women in the past four years: VP Kamala Harris and Supreme Court Justice Ketanji Brown Jackson. But the Democratic Party is filled with Black men in positions of power and leadership. The highest-ranking Democrat in the U.S. House of Representatives is Minority Leader Hakeem Jeffries, who will become the first Black Speaker if Democrats win the House in November. The highest ranking leader in the military is Lloyd Austin, the first Black Secretary of Defense. Two of the three Democratic Black U.S. senators — Raphael Warnock and Cory Book-

er — are Black men. The Democratic governor of Maryland, Wes Moore, is a Black man. The mayors of New York City, Chicago, and Atlanta are all Black men in the Democratic Party. And the only Black person ever elected president, Barack Obama, is also a Black man.

And Question 4: But isn't Trump better for Black men? Was he better for Antron McCray, Kevin Richardson, Yusef Salaam, Raymond Santana, and Corey Wise — the Exonerated Five teenagers who went to prison when Trump led a lynch mob against them for a rape they did not commit, and then refused to apologize after they were exonerated by DNA evidence? Was he better for the Black casino workers who sued him for racial discrimination? Was he better for Colin Kaepernick and the NFL players he attacked for taking a knee? Was he better for Eugene Goodman, the Capitol Police Officer who had to fend off a mob of angry white Trump supporters who tried to

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Former NCCU Football Player Becomes 2nd in World to Receive Total Artificial Heart



URHAM, NC – In a remarkable medical breakthrough, Donavan Harbison, an Alamance County resident diagnosed with heart failure, has become the second person in the world to receive a total artificial heart. This innovative device has allowed him to regain enough strength to undergo a heart transplant successfully.

Harbison, an education consultant from Graham and former offensive lineman at North Carolina Central University, joined a clinical trial at Duke University Hospital in August of this year. During the trial, his heart was removed and replaced with a BiVACOR Total Artificial Heart (TAH), which circulated his blood while he awaited a donor's heart.

The BiVACOR TAH effectively replaced Donavan's entire heart and restored normal circulation. He was able to be successfully transplanted 10 days later.

"Duke Health is the reason I'm still here," Harbison stated.

At just 34 years old, Harbison is an active father of three, with a fourth child on the way. He was diagnosed with heart failure in January, with his condition traced to a gene mutation that hindered his body from producing the protein necessary for proper heart function.

"I was told by my doctors, 'When things get bad for you, it's going to get bad really fast,'" Harbison recalled. And indeed, they did.

"It was shocking," added his wife, Lindsey Harbison.

Dr. Adam DeVore, a transplant cardiologist at Duke, praised Harbison's bravery throughout the ordeal. "He continued to get sicker and sick-

er, but BiVACOR is a total artificial heart incorporating new technology. It replaces all four chambers of the heart and provides strong support, enough to keep him healthy while waiting for a transplant," DeVore explained. "He was able to get up and walk around, giving his organs the support they needed, and he felt much better."

After ten days with the BiVACOR Total Artificial Heart, Harbison's condition stabilized, and he received a donor heart, marking a second chance at life.



er, but the donor's wishes," Harbison expressed. "I encourage others to become organ donors." "I want to thank the family who honored the donor's wishes," Harbison expressed. "I am beyond grateful. No one deserves a second chance at life, but I got one. I encourage others to become organ donors."

Dr. DeVore emphasized the significance of successfully implanting the device in humans. "The message to patients and families dealing with heart failure is that new technologies are emerging all the time," he said. "There are places that are innovating and investing in these programs. We're [Duke Health] one of those.

We aim to offer this therapy and transplant options to as many patients in need as possible



my kids, my wife—just doing the things you often take for granted, like putting my kids to bed at night," Harbison concluded.

The BiVACOR device has been implanted in four patients nationwide, with the fourth procedure occurring recently in Cincinnati. Duke doctors are preparing to perform the procedure on a fifth patient soon, following the first successful implantation in Texas.

"Now, I'm looking forward to making memories with my family—my kids, my wife—just doing the things you often take for granted, like putting my kids to bed at night," Harbison concluded.

Photos Courtesy of Duke Health

“We Ride, We Vote”: Pragmatism Fuels Greensboro Cycling Club’s Approach to the Polls

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GREENSBORO, NC — Cyclists took to the streets of Greensboro in a spirited 20-mile ride called “We Ride, We Vote,” aiming to amplify voting power in the community this fall.

“We don’t endorse a particular candidate, but we do encourage people to educate themselves on issues that matter to them,” said Stefenee Richardson, treasurer of the Major Taylor Cycling Club North Carolina (MTCCNC).

The ride began at Bessemer Elementary School and included a tour of areas affected by gerrymandering, such as North Carolina A&T State University, the nation’s largest historically Black university, which was previously split into two congressional districts to dilute Democratic votes.

Following the Greensboro ride, the cycling club took “We Ride, We Vote” to Raleigh on September 15. “With our group, cycling is important to us. Getting out on the road and returning home safe is important,” Stefenee Richardson added.

Jeannette Richardson and James Davis founded the MTCCNC in 2021 to bring people together outdoors during the pandemic. The inaugural “We Ride, We Vote” took place in 2022. Tragically, on June 7, 2023, Davis was struck by a motorist while cycling with a group, leading to his death two days later due to head trauma.

“This highlights the importance of cyclists participating in local elections and building relationships with their local officials, so they understand the necessity of safe roads

for riding,” Stefenee Richardson stated.

Davis also established the Major Taylor Cycling Club in South Carolina.

According to Mikalya Massey, the Triad regional coordinator for the North Carolina Black Alliance, understanding an individual’s motivations and engaging with people in comfortable settings are crucial for mobilizing voters. She and teammates Taron Lilly and Tramaine Davis supported the event with voter engagement resources.

“Meeting people where they’re at is incredibly important,” Massey said. “Accessibility of information is key, especially for Black voters. It’s about communicating in a way that resonates with people and addressing the issues they care about.”



Major Taylor Cycling Club North Carolina engages with people in comfortable settings, crucial for mobilizing voters.

Before the ride, Massey discussed various issues, including voting rights and public education,

highlighting the large number of Title I schools in Guilford County that serve low-income students. These schools stand to gain millions in settlement funds from the *Leandro v. State of North Carolina* case, which affirmed that every child in the state has the constitutional right to a sound, basic education.



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Massey noted that candidates on election ballots significantly impact public education, underscoring the importance of voting.

The MTCCNC is named after the late Marshall Walter “Major” Taylor, who became the world cycling champion in 1899. Despite his success, he faced racial segregation that tarnished his achievements.

“We ride in his honor and strive to live the life he was denied,” Stefenee Richardson expressed. “While many feel disheartened by the state of the country, it’s crucial to maintain pride and exercise our right to vote.”

The MTCCNC welcomes both novice and experienced cyclists. More information about the club can be found at majortaylorccnc.org and on Facebook.



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Abortion. As a Christian, my faith is important to me. I believe that life begins at conception, and I believe in the sanctity of human life. Life is a gift from God, and taking innocent life violates the commandment "Thou shalt not kill." Psalm 139:13-14 (NIV)

Affordable Housing. I am committed to making affordable housing more accessible in North Carolina by increasing funding for housing programs and reducing barriers to homeownership.

Supporting Black Business Contracting Opportunities & Development. As a candidate for governor and a Black man, I support growing Black-owned businesses in North Carolina by making it easier for them to get funding.

Education. I am a strong advocate for school choice, including private charter schools, to ensure every child has access to quality education tailored to their needs. I believe that empowering parents to choose the best educational path for their children will drive excellence and academic performance in our schools.

North Carolina is home to 11 Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs), the most of any state, and we must actively support these vital institutions. HBCUs play a crucial role in providing quality education and opportunities for African American students, and investing in them is investing in the future of our state. We need to ensure they have the resources and support to continue their legacy of excellence and impact.

Criminal Justice. I firmly support our police and believe in maintaining strong law enforcement to ensure public safety. I also advocate for effective prison and reentry programs to help individuals reintegrate into society successfully -- unlike my opponent, Josh Stein, who has unfairly kept people, like Ronnie Long and others who look like us, in prison who were later found innocent.

Ronnie Long was imprisoned for 44 years for a crime he didn't commit. Josh Stein says he doesn't regret it.



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