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Mimi's Musings

Looking Back to Power Forward

By Micha Green
WI Managing Editor

With all the twists and turns of 2024, it might have felt like a whirlwind decade in many ways, and while I still can't believe I'm already typing this, it's that time again: Happy New Year!

As the end of the year winds down, some people are likely ready to be out with the old and in with the new, with statistics from the American Psychological Association (APA) revealing increased stress in U.S. adults in 2024 (43%) in comparison to 2023 (37%) and 2022 (32%).

According to the APA, the primary sources that can be attributed to increased anxiety and stress include: the economy (77%), the U.S. election (73%) current events (70%) and gun violence (69%).

However, leaning into the ideal of Sankofa, coming from the Twi word of the Akan tribe of Ghana, literally meaning "to go back and get it," considering the past is important. Sankofa values looking back and learning from history in order to move forward.

Despite literal storms ravaging the U.S., the political storm that continued thunderously until the general election on Nov. 5, and the potential government shutdown, it's certainly been a tough year, but there's also been a lot of achievements, moments to celebrate and valuable lessons to take away.

In a historic turn of events, President Joe Biden (D) had every intention of running for reelection, but put country and party over personal desires and stepped aside from the race, making way for Vice President Kamala Harris' (D) barrier-breaking campaign as the first Black and Southeast Asian woman to serve as the Democratic presidential nominee.

This was also a milestone year for The Washington Informer, which turned 60 in October. While much of The Informer's 60th celebration looks back at the past six decades of fearless and dedicated reporting, we're spending the next year hosting programming that uplifts the years of work and emphasizes plans and goals for the future.

For African Americans, there's a lot to pay attention to with the impending Trump administration and ideas proposed in Project 2025, which could threaten Black communities in the District and nationwide. The more than 900-page document proposes plans to relocate and eradicate government agencies and programming that have been critical in working toward equity, such as a promise to dismantle the Department of Education, with the goal of removing federal oversight over public education.

"This extreme proposal is designed to roll back progress, unravel justice, equality and fairness, and erode the most foundational ideals of our democracy," said NAACP Legal Defense Fund President Janai Nelson in a statement. "These disturbing and egregious measures include aims to severely diminish Black political power, threaten and subjugate Black communities within the criminal legal system and undermine every person's right to quality education and reproductive health care."

However, there's hope.

We know the plans and are on high alert. The Informer will keep a pulse on everything the community needs to know, hold leaders accountable by demanding answers, and tell the stories of both the people affected by policies—in hopes to improve circumstances and influence change—as well as the activists, politicians and residents fighting for justice for all.

No, 2024 has not been easy, but it has offered tools to prepare for 2025 and beyond. In many ways, this year was a wake-up-call that there's still much work to be done toward true equity, justice and freedom. However, knowledge and understanding of the past allows for planning for the future, and looking back on 2024 is a perfect way to prepare for the road ahead.

This year-end edition looks back at difficult, exciting and celebratory moments in the District and nationwide as a reminder of the strength and resilience it has taken to get through and a powerful push to move forward in 2025 with confidence and courage.

We're fearless storytellers ready to report on the important news that will not only inform, but empower.

So, again, Happy New Year! We look forward to giving you the answers you need, engaging you at events and through community programming, and empowering you with tools that will help you in 2025 and beyond. **WI**

January



▲ Despite the snow, residents warm one another with encouragement and positivity at the 2024 MLK Holiday Annual Rally, Peace Walk and Parade on Jan. 15. (Ja'Mon Jackson/The Washington Informer)

Snow Fails to Dampen King Holiday Parade

(Jan. 16, James Wright)

Despite sub-freezing temperatures and snow, the 2024 MLK Holiday Annual Rally, Peace Walk and Parade took place in Ward 8, warming residents by spreading encouragement, love, and positivity. The parade, sponsored by the 19th Annual MLK Observance Week 2024 and led by Washington Informer Publisher Denise Rolark Barnes and community activist Stuart Anderson, capped off a week of events preceding it that included a prayer breakfast, an essay contest, and religious services. **WI**

Davon McNeal's Legacy Lives On With Street Renaming

(Jan. 8, Sam P.K. Collins)

Days before what would've been Davon Thomas McNeal III's 15th birthday, his family and friends came together to honor his life. On July 4, 2020, Davon, an athlete and violence interrupter in training, was killed on the 1400 block of Cedar Street Southeast as his mother hosted a cookout. Less than four years later, the community honored his young, powerful legacy by ceremoniously renaming the same block where he was killed to: Davon T. McNeal III Way. **WI**

▼ Family and friends gather on the 1400 block of Cedar Street Southeast. (Robert R. Roberts/The Washington Informer)



Gas Explosion in Southeast D.C. Levels Convenience Store

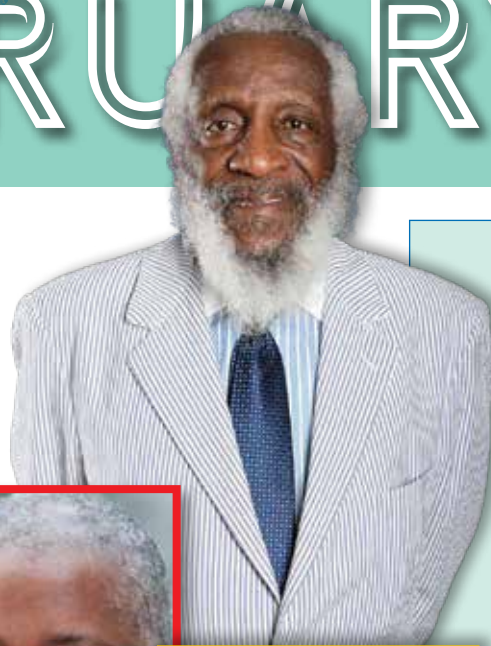
(Jan. 18, Kayla Benjamin)

A gas explosion on Marion Barry Avenue SE destroyed a convenience store on the morning of Jan. 18, causing minor injuries to one person hit with flying debris and requiring the rapid evacuation of over a dozen toddlers at the daycare next door, along with dozens of people working in buildings nearby. The gas leak appears to have been caused by a car crashing into a gas meter outside the building, and the fire was extinguished by late that afternoon, with work to clean and rebuild the area planned to begin soon after. **WI**

▲ A gas explosion on Marion Barry Avenue SE destroyed a D.C. convenience store on Jan. 18, causing minor injuries to one person hit by flying debris. (Ja'Mon Jackson/The Washington Informer)

February

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Month of Highlighting Black Arts in D.C.

(All Month, curated by Micha Green)

In joining the nationwide celebration of Black history, The Washington Informer used each week of February to highlight Black arts and honor African American creatives' contribution to arts and culture worldwide. The Association for the Study of African American Life and History (ASALH), the creators of Black History Month, focused on "African Americans and the Arts" for its 2024 theme; and through interviews with local artists, historians and research, Washington Informer reporters explored how Black artists in the District and nation have historically contributed to the arts and American culture as a whole.

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Local Mothers Organize 'Arrest CPS' Campaign

(Feb. 20, Sam P.K. Collins)

The African National Women's Organization (ANWO), a group of Black women in the D.C. area, has been working to demand the reunification of

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▲ Mashai Small (center right), D.C. chapter president of the African National Women's Organization and her partner Justice Jackson (center left) have been in a battle with Howard County, Maryland officials for custody of their two children. (Courtesy Photo)

Black children who’ve been separated from their families by the government. The ArrestCPS Campaign is an effort to expose the child foster care system’s role in criminalizing Black parents, breaking families apart, and siphoning state funds needed to sustain communities. The campaign includes court watch, during which members of ANWO, Operation Stop CPS, and other entities support mothers in their appearances before family court judges. It also involves banner drops, a process by which organizers hang up signs across the region targeting child and family service agencies and raising awareness about stories of mothers who say they have been unjustly separated from their children.

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Tired of Tires: Hundreds of Illegally Dumped Wheels Pollute District Woods

(Feb. 26, Kayla Benjamin)

While residents have made complaints to the Department of Public Works (DPW), and DPW, in turn worked to remove tons of debris, residents along the I-295 corridor were concerned about massive piles of tires left in the District’s woodlands and green spaces, which often slip through the cracks, leaving citizens to step in. Volunteers collected almost 250 tires — weighing about 5,000 pounds — during an MLK Day cleanup in Ward 7’s Pope Branch Park in January, according to Dolly Davis, president of the Pope Branch Park Restoration Alliance. In some cases, if they’re hidden or hard to get to, tires might just sit in the woods for weeks, months or even years. Residents and environmentalists advocate for stopping dumping and to encourage the quick removal of tires as the rubber leaches chemicals slowly into the soil and water, while also posing a serious fire hazard and — in warmer months — forming perfect mosquito breeding grounds.

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▲ A pile of tires sits off the northbound side of Interstate 295 in D.C., just past Pennsylvania Avenue SE. About 100 of them are sprawled around the woods at the spot. (Kayla Benjamin/The Washington Informer)

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March MARCH

▼ *The Francis Scott Key Bridge after a colossal ship clashed with the structure and caused it to collapse, unleashing tragedy for at least seven families and economic injury for many in the Mid-Atlantic region and beyond. (Anthony Tilghman/The Washington Informer)*

The D.C. Council Approves Secure DC Omnibus Package

(March 5, Sam P.K. Collins)

The D.C. Council approved the Secure DC Omnibus Amendment Act on Tuesday, March 5, during the second reading of the bill. A nearly 90-page bill, Secure DC Omnibus includes provisions that had residents, activists, and all those in between weighing in on elements of the legislation that sparked controversy. A part of the bill that ignited much discussion included allowing police officers to engage in vehicular pursuits and review body-worn camera footage, except in cases involving serious use of force. In approving the bill, the council approved, by an 11-2 vote, an amendment that Councilmember Trayon White (D-Ward 8), who was the sole “present” vote on the omnibus act, introduced to prevent the omission of police officers’ names from documents during adverse action proceedings. **WI**



▲ *D.C. Council member Brooke Pinto, Ward 2 Democrat (Roy Lewis/The Washington Informer)*



Baltimore's Francis Scott Key Bridge Destroyed in Collision with Container Ship

(March 26, Kayla Benjamin, Stacy M. Brown, Hamil Harris)

In one of the ultimate nightmares, the Francis Scott Key Bridge, an iconic lifeline for Baltimore's bustling metropolis, was ripped apart in a thunderous clash with a colossal container ship, unleashing chaos in and around Charm City and tragedy for at least seven families. When the ship, known as the Dali, hit the support column, the once-sturdy structure crumbled beneath the vessel's onslaught, sending people and vehicles plummeting into the icy depths of the Patapsco River at about 1:30 a.m. on Tuesday, March 26, halting key transports of goods and causing economic injury to many workers and businesses. Since the collapse, President Joe Biden and Maryland and federal leaders have pledged funding toward rebuilding the bridge. **WI**

Monumental Sports and District Leaders Reach New Arena Deal

(March 28, Sam P.K. Collins)

Three months, and one failed negotiation, later, and the Washington Wizards and Washington Capitals will in fact remain in Gallery Place-Chinatown for years to come. Ted Leonsis, owner of Monumental Sports & Entertainment, joined D.C. Mayor Muriel Bowser (D), D.C. Council Chairman Phil Mendelson (D), and a slew of other council members on March 27 to announce the new deal at Signature Club & Lounge at Capital One Arena. **WI**



▲ *The District of Columbia keeps Monumental Sports in town with a new lease ending in 2050 at Capital One Arena in Northwest. (Abdullah Konte/The Washington Informer)*

April APRIL

White House Easter Egg Roll Emphasizes 'Egg-ucation,' Black Families Celebrate and Reflect on Magnitude of the Moment

(April 3, Ashleigh Fields)

Local Mother Embarks on Anti-Bullying Crusade, Report Shows Less than 20% Compliance with Youth Bullying Prevention Act

(April 3, Sam P.K. Collins)

In the aftermath of her son's assault at a local public charter school, one mother is leading the charge for bolstering the quality of support services afforded to students with disabilities. Yolanda Corbett's son, a senior who's diagnosed with autism and ADHD, told her that a group of male students attacked him in the hallways during the transition between classes. Corbett counted among more than two dozen parents, community advocates and restorative justice coordinators who met with administrators at Washington Leadership Academy Public Charter School (PCS) on April 2 in demand of a safe academic environment for her son and others with Individual Education Programs, also known as IEPs. **WI**



▲ Supported by local community action groups, Yolanda Corbett meets with Washington Leadership Academy Public Charter School Administration to discuss bullying prevention. (Dr. Faith Gibson-Hubbard, Andrea Jones, LaJoy Johnson-Law-We, The Motherhood, Maya Martin-Cadogan, Elizabeth Reddick-PAVE, Kerry Savage-PAVE, Jacque Patterson - SBOE, Minetre Martin-Leaders of Color, DaSean Jones-PAVE, Nicole Johnson-Douglas - Ward 5 community parent/ AKA Sorority Inc, Alpha Beta Upsilon Omega Chapter, Kea Dupree- WLA Parent, Traci Barnes- WLA Parent, Sam Bonar- Zachary Parker Ward 5 constituent services) (Ja'Mon Jackson/The Washington Informer)

Despite the District's dreary weather on April 1, more than 40,000 attendees gathered for the White House Easter egg roll, brightening the day by donning pastels and smiles and continuing a tradition for American families since 1878. First lady Jill Biden centered activities around the theme of "EGG-ucation," encouraging young children to excel in the fields of science, technology, engineering and math. Among the groups in attendance were members of Jack and Jill of America Inc., a national leadership organization for African-American children and their mothers headquartered in Washington, D.C. Witnessing their children enjoy and engage with others on the White House lawn during the event, many Jack and Jill families weighed in on the magnitude of the moment and hoped it sparked interest in them about politics, voting and speaking up for interests important to Black communities around the nation. **WI**



▲ Children pose with their mothers from Jack and Jill of America while playing on the South Lawn. (Ashleigh Fields/The Washington Informer)

Solar Eclipse Inspires Celestial Themed Gatherings

(April 9, Jacqueline Fuller and Olivia Nicholson)

From the National Mall to Southeast D.C. and Bowie State University, residents, students and tourists flocked to outdoor watch parties around the DMV to look to the sky and witness a rare solar phenomenon on Monday, April 8. The rare occurrence was a total solar eclipse that crossed North America, passing over Mexico, the United States, and Canada. A total solar eclipse happens when the moon passes between the sun and earth, completely blocking the face of the sun. The last total solar eclipse visible in North America took place in 1979 and the next will be in 2044. **WI**



▲ Thousands of residents, tourists and students gather along the National Mall in D.C. on April 8 to witness a rare solar eclipse. (Ja'Mon Jackson/The Washington Informer)

May
MAY



▲ George Washington University students stand in solidarity with the millions of Palestinians who've been killed or displaced by the Israeli government. (Ja'Mon Jackson/The Washington Informer)

MPD Shuts Down GWU Encampment in the Early Morning Hours

Student Protesters Vow to Return, Question Campus Political Climate

(May 8, Sam P.K. Collins)

Just hours before sunrise on Wednesday, May 8, legions of Metropolitan Police Department (MPD) officers raided and shut down an encampment that student activists set up on the campus of George Washington University (GWU) in solidarity with the millions of Palestinians who've been killed or displaced by the Israeli government. This move put an end to an act of civil disobedience aimed at compelling: GWU's divestment from Israel and companies that support its government, the university's disclosure of endowments and investments, and protection of pro-Palestinian speech on campus.

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Police Chief Ministers Hold Community Walk to Support Parents of 3-Year-Old Fatally Shot

(May 8, Hamil Harris, with later reporting from Sam P.K. Collins)

After the tragic fatal shooting of 3-year-old Ty'ah Settles on Friday, May 3, politicians, local leaders, and dozens of pastors came together at the Metropolitan Police Department's (MPD) Seventh District to offer powerful prayers and community comfort on Tuesday, May 7. MPD Chief of Police Pamela A. Smith, who is also an ordained minister, offered condolences and words of encouragement, condemned the violence, and assured attendees that MPD, the Bowser administration, community leaders and local pastors would be working to improve public safety. In December, with the new year just weeks away, the Bowser administration is celebrating a significant reduction in violent crime to pre-pandemic levels.



▲ Politicians, local leaders, the Metropolitan Police Department and dozens of pastors come together to offer powerful prayers and community comfort on May 7. (Hamil R. Harris/The Washington Informer)

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Raising 12 Children: A District Mother's Journey

(May 8, James Wright)

Christina Jeter, a Congress Heights resident, has faced the joys and challenges that come with raising 12 children on her own. Despite trials such as the tragic loss of her son who was incarcerated in October 2023, Jeter and her family celebrated many triumphs Mother's Day 2024.

► Although times have not always been easy for Christina Jeter, a mother of 12, she will be celebrating her children's wins and the joys of motherhood this Mother's Day season. (Courtesy of Christina Jeter)



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June

D.C. Council Incumbents Hold Seats, Wendell Felder Emerges as Winner in Crowded Race

(June 5, 7, Sam P.K. Collins)

In the 2024 D.C. Primary Election, D.C. Council incumbents, including Ward 8 Councilmember Trayon White (D), emerged victorious; while the crowded bid to occupy Ward 7 Councilmember Vincent C. Gray (D)'s seat in Ward 7 culminated in a win for Wendell Felder. Despite a large victory gap, White's triumphant reelection became challenged when he found himself embroiled in federal bribery charges that sparked contentious debate among Ward 8 residents over write-in candidates and a Republican takeover.

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▲ Wendell Felder, a millennial and political maven, rose to the top of the Ward 7 council race, accumulating 22.9% of the vote. (Anthony Tilghman/The Washington Informer)

Groundbreaking Treatment Makes Way for Sickle Cell Patients

(June 5, Lindiwe Vilakazi)

Twelve-year-old Kendric Cromer became the first recipient of the groundbreaking stem cell gene therapy designed to cure sickle cell disease. Through a host of stem cell extractions, Cromer and his family, along with Children's National Hospital and his health team, will see if the federally approved therapy has shown positive results in leading him on his way of being cured of the debilitating disease.

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► Twelve-year-old Kendric Cromer has become the first person in the country to undergo a federally approved stem cell gene therapy designed to cure sickle cell disease. (Courtesy photo)



▲ D.C. Attorney General Brian L. Schwalb (Robert R. Roberts/The Washington Informer)

D.C. Council to Soon Consider Bill that Strengthens Accountability for DYRS

(June 11, Sam P.K. Collins)

D.C. Attorney General Brian Schwalb introduced the Recidivism Reduction, Oversight and Accountability for DYRS Act of 2024 (ROAD Act), legislation that ensures the D.C. Department of Youth Rehabilitation Services (DYRS) efficiently supports residents awaiting long-term placement. Following delayed readings and the fallout from Ward 8 Councilmember Trayon White's bribery scandal, which involved DYRS, D.C. Council unanimously approved the amendment during the council's final legislative meeting on Dec. 17. WI

July

JULY



Wise High School Community Remembers Promising Athletes, Newly Minted NFL Player Killed in Tragic Accident

(July 8, July 12, Richard Elliott)

Khyree Jackson, 24, who was recently drafted by the Minnesota Vikings, and his former Dr. Henry A. Wise High School teammates Isaiah Hazel, 23, and Anthony Lytton Jr., 24, were killed in a traffic accident on Pennsylvania Avenue in Upper Marlboro shortly after 3 a.m. on July 6. Hundreds of friends, family, and community members flocked to the Upper Marlboro high school on July 12, for a vigil to honor the lives of Jackson, Hazel, and Lytton Jr., three celebrated Wise alumni. After the vigil, two attendees were shot after 10 p.m., and one Shahid Omar Jr., was pronounced dead at a local hospital, while the other reportedly was recovering from non-life-threatening injuries. **WI**

▲ After proving victorious in the D.C. primary in June and general election in November, Wendell Felder is set to be sworn in as the D.C. councilmember for Ward 7 on Jan. 2. (Anthony Tilghman/The Washington Informer)

Thousands Support I-83

On July 1, dozens of people representing Make All Votes Count DC converged on D.C. Board of Elections (DCBOE) headquarters in Southeast with six black boxes sitting atop a red wagon that had 8,528 petitions with more than 40,000 signatures from voters representing all eight wards of the District in support of Initiative-83 (I-83). The initiative pushed to allow for voters registered as independent to participate in primary elections and to implement ranked-choice voting. While some political and community leaders spoke out against I-83—including D.C. Mayor Muriel Bowser—nearly 73% of District voters approved it in the November general election. **WI**



▲ On July 1, Lisa D.T. Rice, proposer of Initiative 83, and other members of Make All Votes Count DC at the D.C. Board of Elections headquarters in Southeast with more than 40,000 signatures. (Sam P.K. Collins/The Washington Informer)

Biden Withdraws, Harris Steps Up

(July 21, Stacy M. Brown, Hamil Harris)

In a stunning turn of events, President Joe Biden (D) announced that he would not seek reelection, and soon after endorsed Vice

President Kamala Harris (D) as the Democratic presidential nominee for the 2024 general election. This decision came after a growing number of Democratic Party members voiced concerns about Biden's suitability for office after a poor performance during the presidential candidates' June debate. While Harris immediately raised a record amount of money and garnered widespread support once Biden stepped down, she ultimately lost to now President-elect Donald Trump in the November general election. **WI**



▲ In their first joint public appearance after President Joe Biden ended his candidacy, he and Vice President Harris greet a crowd in Prince George's County, Maryland, before speaking about their efforts to lower prescription drug costs. (Robert R. Roberts/The Washington Informer)



▲ District of Columbia Democratic delegates on the floor of the Democratic National Convention. (Courtesy Photo/ Stuart Anderson)



REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS STRATEGIC PLAN

Academy of Hope Adult Public Charter School (School) and Academy of Hope Foundation (Foundation) is requesting proposals from strategic planning consultants. See full RFP for details and submission information at <https://aohdc.org/get-involved/jobs/>. Proposals are due 1/3/2025



REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FLEX SPACE CONSTRUCTION

Academy of Hope Adult PCS in Washington, DC seeks proposals for Flex Space Construction. Full RFP details and submission instructions are available at aohdc.org/get-involved/jobs. Proposals are due 1/6/2025

D.C. Councilmember Trayon White Faces Federal Bribery Charges

(Aug. 19, Sam P.K. Collins)

After being arrested by the FBI Sunday, Aug. 18, Ward 8 Councilmember Trayon White (D) was officially charged the following day on federal bribery charges. As a result, Council chairman Phil Mendelson (D) stripped White from the helm of the Committee on Recreation, Library and Youth Affairs, and recently, the council unanimously approved a motion to vote to expel him from the legislative body. The council tentatively plans to vote about White's expulsion in January 2025. His court trial is scheduled for January 2026, and he could face up to 15 years in prison if convicted. **WI**

► Following his arrest by FBI agents on Sunday, Aug. 18, Ward 8 D.C. Councilmember Trayon White is seen the next day leaving a federal courtroom, after he was officially charged with bribery. (WI File Photo/Ja'Mon Jackson)



DMV at the DNC:



Local Leaders Wow During Convention, Community Shares Importance of Convening and Offer Call to Action

(Aug. 22, Aug. 28, Ashleigh M. Fields, Micha Green, Hamil R. Harris)

From then Prince George's County Executive Angela Alsobrooks (D) taking the stage, to D.C. Mayor Muriel Bowser (D) proudly speaking on behalf of District delegates in support of Vice President Kamala Harris (D), the DMV region was on full display while in Chicago for the Democratic National Convention (Aug. 19-Aug. 22). While local leaders, including Maryland Gov. Wes Moore, were offered a platform on a national (and worldwide) stage, area residents also showed their DMV pride by advocating for District statehood and the election of now Senator-elect Alsobrooks. They also offered a call-to-action to mobilize voters outside of the DMV region to vote for Harris, as the nation inched toward the November election. **WI**

◀ Sheila Bunn, a member of the D.C. Democratic Party and third vice president of the Ward 8 Democrats, attends the Democratic National Convention in Chicago on Aug. 22. (Micha Green/The Washington Informer)

FedEx Field No Longer, Now Northwest Stadium

(Aug. 28, Richard Elliott)

The DMV landmark and home to the Washington Commanders known as FedEx Field is now Northwest Stadium, following the relinquishing of old naming rights and an early end to a 27-year sponsorship deal originally intended to last through 2026. **WI**

► The former FedEx Field is now Northwest Field. The partnership between the Commanders and Northwest Financial Credit Union will officially begin on Sep. 15. (Anthony Tilghman/The Washington Informer)



REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS GENERAL CONTRACTOR

Academy of Hope Adult PCS in Washington, DC seeks proposals for General Contractor. Full RFP details and submission instructions are available at aohdc.org/get-involved/jobs. Proposals are due 1/3/2025.

September SEPTEMBER

Community Remembers MPD Investigator Wayne David, Advocates Fight for More Answers After Justin Robinson Dies in Police-Involved Shooting

(Sept. 3, Sept. 10, Sam P.K. Collins)

With a few hours left in the Labor Day holiday weekend, dozens upon dozens of family, friends, neighbors and police officers gathered in honor of Wayne David, the Metropolitan Police Department (MPD) investigator who died Aug. 28, while working to retrieve a firearm in the line of duty. However, that same long weekend, Justin Robinson, a Cure the Streets violence interrupter, died in a police-involved killing while in his car, which had crashed at a McDonald's franchise on the 2500 block of Marion Barry Avenue Southeast. After his family and advocates demanded MPD release body-camera footage, police provided a redacted video, which has some people still calling for more answers and fighting for justice. **WI**



▲ On the evening of Sept. 5, hundreds of mourners, wearing black and white clothing with blue and orange balloons in tow, gather on the 2500 block of Marion Barry Avenue in memory of Justin Robinson, a violence interrupter shot and killed by police just days earlier. (Cleveland Nelson/The Washington Informer)



▲ Politicians, artists, media personalities, actors and community leaders listen as President Joe Biden speaks at the first White House Excellence Brunch. The White House South Lawn transformed into a historic celebration of Black beauty, boldness, strength, and resilience. (Courtesy Photo/Dawn Montgomery, NNPA Correspondent)



▲ Dr. Kate Sugarman, a family medicine physician at Unity Health, speaks with union members at the Sudhouse DC. (Ja'Mon Jackson/The Washington Informer)

The Fight for Unity Health Care Clinics

(Sept. 11, Lindiwe Vilakazi)

Union members of the District's leading health care clinic rally against upper management to correct inhumane scheduling and work conditions ultimately harming the health outcomes of patients who need them the most.

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White House Hosts Historic Celebration of Black Excellence

(Sept. 16, Stacy M. Brown)

While the Congressional Black Caucus Foundation hosted its annual conference in downtown, D.C. at the Walter E. Washington Convention Center, the White House South Lawn transformed into a historic celebration of Black excellence, bringing together actors, authors, politicians, television personalities, journalists, writers, activists, and artists. The Black Excellence Brunch on Friday, Sept. 13 marked the first celebration exclusively dedicated to honoring the achievements of African Americans that took place on the White House grounds, outside the context of Black History Month, the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day, or Juneteenth.

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Building a Healthier and Stronger Community

AARP DC Staff Report

Years of research shows that systemic inequities have blocked economic opportunities for some Americans and left others in poor health – even shortening their lives. These long-standing inequities include discrimination based on factors including age, race, ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation, geography, and income.

Regardless of the characteristic used to discriminate, disparities in the United States obstruct the health security and financial resilience that enable people to thrive equitably as they age, and at every decade of life. In the District, many older, Black District residents face hurdles to receiving high-quality, accessible, and timely healthcare.

That is why AARP is fighting at all levels to reduce disparities, especially among Communities of Color and other vulnerable groups, and reduce the impact of wealth and income gaps by race and other factors.

COMBATING HEALTH DISPARITIES IN THE DISTRICT

In the spring of 2021, AARP DC and Georgetown University's Department of Health Systems Administration released a comprehensive study on health disparities among Black older adults living in the District of Columbia. In the summer of 2023, AARP DC sought to update the study, *The District of Columbia: An Empirical Review of Health Disparities in Older Black Adults*. The updated review included data reflecting the state of health equity in the District.

KEY FINDINGS FROM THE 2023 REVIEW INCLUDE:

- A 15-year age gap in life expectancy between those living in Ward 3 (86 years old) and Ward 8 (71 years old)
- Preventable hospital admissions for Medicare enrollees are more than 4 times higher for older Blacks than older non-Hispanic white residents
- Overall cancer mortality in Black residents is 2 times higher
- Black women are 1.5 times more likely to die from breast cancer
- The number of Black residents over age 65 who live below the federal poverty level is almost 5 times higher

JOIN US IN BUILDING A HEALTHIER COMMUNITY

To better advocate for the quality and accessible healthcare District residents need, AARP DC is again seeking to hear directly from residents themselves. AARP DC developed a survey to gather information on the thoughts and experiences of Black men and women living in the District. The brief confidential survey is designed to collect information and guide advocacy and outreach.

The survey is available by visiting the link or scanning the QR code on the page below. AARP DC wants you to share with us your ex-

perience on accessing healthcare, the quality of the healthcare in your community, and obstacles to accessing healthcare. The survey will not ask information such as Social Security Number, phone, email or address.

Disrupting health disparities takes a lot of information and involvement from the community. AARP DC has been working to connect community members with their elected officials and provide feedback about the quality of the health services in their community.

The 2025 health assessment survey is aimed at understanding the community's health needs and concerns. Your participation is crucial in helping gather valuable insights that will guide our advocacy and outreach efforts in the new year to drive the improvement of health services and resources for all District residents.

AARP DC is committed to ensuring that every voice is heard and that this initiative reflects the diverse needs of our District. Please take a moment to share your experiences and perspectives. Together, we can build a healthier and stronger community.



We're in your corner.

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▲ Local leaders, activists and residents including Lil Chris of the go-go band TOB (back left), Ron Moten (center) and Councilmember Trayon White (right) advocate against the “Marion Berry Knots” at &pizza. After advocates argued the establishment’s marketing tactics disrespected the legacy of the late Mayor Marion Barry, &pizza apologized and decided to remove the menu item. (Cleveland Nelson/The Washington Informer)

&pizza Pulls 'Marion Berry Knots' from Menu After Community Criticism; Local Leaders Highlight Legacy of D.C.'s 'Mayor for Life'

(Oct. 23, Richard Elliott)

Peaceful protesting proved powerful and effective after Mike Burns, CEO of &pizza, agreed to pull a widely criticized new menu item, “Marion Berry Knots,” after many city leaders and residents took to social media and the streets to speak out against what many called disrespectful to the legacy of the late Marion Barry, former D.C. mayor.

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▲ Howard University's band performs during the homecoming centennial celebration. For 100 years, Howard's homecoming has exemplified the institution's cultural contributions and legacy, and highlighted the week of programming as a place for African Americans to reflect, collaborate and foster the next generation of Black leaders. (Abdullah Konte/The Washington Informer)

Gray Announces Dementia Diagnosis, Makes No More Votes for Rest of D.C. Council Term

(Oct. 24, Sam P.K. Collins)

Having already announced the end of his political career and supported his Ward 7 Council seat successor Wendell Felder, Councilmember Vincent C. Gray (D) continued to face health challenges that kept him away from legislative meetings. The two-time stroke survivor, who hadn't publicly expressed himself verbally in recent months, revealed he was diagnosed with early stage dementia and would not vote the remainder of his Council term.

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▲ D.C. Council member Vincent C. Gray speaking at an event. (Ja'Mon Jackson/The Washington Informer)

Howard Homecoming Creates Community, Celebrates Black Excellence, Fosters Next Generation of African American Leaders

(Oct. 16, Jada Ingleton)

Amid a looming presidential election and divided nation, Howard University's 100th homecoming anniversary brought generations of alumni and community members to the nation's capital to celebrate the university's rich history and cultural impact, as well as the universal value of historically Black institutions. WI

URBAN JOURNALISM WORKSHOP

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- Students in grades 9–12 are encouraged to apply.
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- Program runs from early March to late April.
- Graduating seniors eligible for academic scholarships.

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November

NOVEMBER

Angela Alsobrooks Declared Winner of Maryland Senate Race; First Black Woman to Represent the State

(Nov. 6, Richard Elliott)

While the nation voted for the next president of the United States on Election Day, in Maryland — a majority-blue state — the Senate race was undoubtedly the marquee ticket of the cycle. After a heated campaign season, then Prince George's County Executive Angela Alsobrooks (D) defeated former Governor Larry Hogan (R). Senator-elect Alsobrooks has since resigned as county executive and will be sworn in Jan. 3, when the new Congress begins.

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▲ Prince George's County Executive Angela Alsobrooks and her daughter greet supporters on election night. Alsobrooks is now the first Black woman elected to represent Maryland in the U.S. Senate. (Anthony Tilghman/The Washington Informer)

► Mayor Muriel Bowser and community leaders cutting the ribbon at the highly anticipated Go-Go Museum & Café in historic Anacostia on Monday, Nov. 18, marking the launch of the first institution dedicated to celebrating and preserving go-go, the heartbeat of D.C.'s cultural identity. (Ja'Mon Jackson/The Washington Informer)



Ceremonial Ribbon-Cutting Commemorates Long-Awaited Go-Go Museum

(Nov. 19, Sam P.K. Collins, Jada Ingleton)

During Go-Go Preservation Week, D.C. Mayor Muriel Bowser and other District politicians, musicians and community leaders cut the ribbon at the highly anticipated Go-Go Museum & Café in historic Anacostia, co-founded by Ronald Moten and Dr. Natalie Hopkinson. The event marked the launch of the first institution dedicated to celebrating and preserving go-go, the heartbeat of DC's cultural identity.

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One Decade After His Death, Family, Friends, Colleagues Commemorate Marion Barry's Life, Work With Legacy

(Nov. 25, Sam P.K. Collins)

In a labor of love, research, advocacy and education, and weeks after &pizza made a mockery of the late Marion Barry's legacy for marketing purposes, family, friends, former colleagues and District leaders gathered for the unveiling of a new mural in his honor. One of many commemorative works on display since the late politician's death, the latest mural was a collaboration between the Marion Barry Jr. Legacy Foundation, Creative-JunkFood LLC, and other District organizations to design a three-part installation chronicling the leader's life. The legacy mural currently hangs in the Marion S. Barry Jr. Building in Judiciary Square in Northwest, D.C.

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◀ Nabeeh Bilal, D.C. Council Chairman Phil Mendelson, former first lady Cora Masters Barry and District Mayor Muriel Bowser in front of the new Marion S. Barry Legacy Mural, unveiled on Nov. 23 in the government building that is also named in honor of the late mayor in Northwest, D.C. (Robert R. Roberts/The Washington Informer)



Fueling Lives Through Energy Assistance

Submitted by Washington Gas

For over 41 years, the Washington Area Fuel Fund (WAFF) has been a lifeline for families trying to make ends meet and keep their homes warm. Since its founding in 1983, Washington Gas has partnered with The Salvation Army to help vulnerable households across the DMV receive the support they need. As we close out another year, WAFF continues to serve families—one home, one story, and one dream at a time.

This year, WAFF's reach stretched further than ever before. With over 1,845 households receiving assistance in 2024, the program has helped more than 320,000 families since it began. When the winter season arrives, WAFF helps provide warmth and keep energy flowing, regardless of fuel source. WAFF-assisted households have relied on the program for electricity (77%), natural gas (24.1%), and other fuels such as propane and wood (4%).

"Our mission is simple: we're here when people need us most during energy-intensive winter months," said Program Manager Alexandra Balbuena Alleyne. "Our goal is to give families the peace of mind to focus on what matters most."

In 2020, the U.S. Energy Information Administration reported that 27% of U.S. households struggled to meet their energy needs, and 20% had to cut back on essentials such as food or medicine to afford heating and cooling. WAFF helps ensure families don't have to make those impossible choices.



STORIES OF HOPE

Behind the numbers are real people whose lives are changed by WAFF's support. Donations are not just dollars: they transform lives and help families overcome challenges on the way toward brighter futures.

Unexpected challenges can strike anyone anytime, from sudden job loss, illness, or emergency repairs that create tough financial choices. WAFF offers a lifeline, providing relief and helping to restore stability during critical winter months.

"The WAFF program was there for me when I didn't know where else to turn," said WAFF recipient Angela Tucker Farmer. "It made all the difference for my family and took a huge weight off my shoulders to keep us safe and comfortable."

BLUE JENKINS, PRESIDENT OF WASHINGTON GAS, ALSO REFLECTED ON THE PROGRAM'S IMPACT.

"We are honored to offer a program that helps offset the discomfort, danger, and discouragement of energy insecurity," he said. "Affordable, reliable energy is one of our most urgent goals, and WAFF shows what we can accomplish when we come together."

This year's success reflects our broader mission to create a resilient, balanced energy system, and we need your help to keep DMV families supplied with the energy they need. There are many ways to support WAFF: donating, volunteering, or sharing our story. Every little bit helps fuel dreams, empower families, and create brighter tomorrows.

If you or someone you know needs help, annual WAFF enrollment opens on Jan. 21, 2025. Visit <https://washingtonareafuelfund.org/> or apply online at SAHelp.me. You can also text SPREADWARMTH to 53-555 to receive a donation link.

Beyond WAFF, Washington Gas also offers a variety of programs to support families through life's ups and downs. Whether you need immediate help or want to improve your home's energy efficiency, we can help you focus on what matters most to your family. Learn more at washingtongascare.com.

Wishing you and your family a warm, safe, and happy holiday season!



Enhancing Safety and Reliability in Our Community

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WASHINGTON GAS CONSTRUCTION NOTICE

WARD 4 - DC PLUG

Safety is always a priority at Washington Gas. Washington Gas began a construction project in Ward 4, which was permitted through the DC Department of Transportation (DDOT). This project was created to coordinate with DC PLUG, a public-private partnership between Pepco and District Government agencies to improve electric service reliability and reduce the impact of storm-related outages in the District by placing vulnerable overhead distribution lines underground. Washington Gas will be replacing cast iron mains and affected service in advance of DC PLUG work.

The project began in November 2022 and was broken into multiple sequences corresponding to DC PLUG's anticipated construction schedule. Expected date of completion is Spring of 2025.

Affected Streets

- 6800 - 7000 block of 8th Street, NW
Majority of work completed
- 6800 - 7100 block of 9th Street, NW
Working
- 900 block of Aspen Street, NW
Majority of work completed
- 700 - 900 block of Butternut Street, NW
Complete
- 500-800 block of Dahlia Street, NW
Work remains at Dahlia Street, NW & Piney Branch Road, NW

Affected Streets (continued)

- 7000-7100 block of Piney Branch Road, NW
Majority of work has been completed

Work completed as of May 2024

Task	Designed	Completed	% of Design
Main Installed	6465	6124	95%
Main Abandoned	8009	3723	46%
Services	126	103	82%

Washington Gas' contractor will be conducting all construction activities in accordance with the guidelines set forth by DDOT. We will do our best to minimize the amount of disruption and impact to customers residing in the area. Construction work will entail the replacement of main and services between 9:00 am-4:00 pm, Monday-Friday, weather and construction conditions permitting.

Washington Gas values and is committed to a continuous improvement process. We are grateful for your patience and want to reassure residents that we will continue to communicate with our contractors. If you have questions regarding any of our construction processes, please call the **PROJECTpipes** Hotline at 202-624-6400, email Project_Pipes@washgas.com or visit washingtongas.com/projectpipes.

December DECEMBER



▲ As Senator-elect Angela Alsobrooks prepares to join the U.S. Senate on Jan. 3, she resigned from the Office of the County Executive, leaving room for a special election to determine Prince George's next leader. (Anthony Tilghman/The Washington Informer)

Hill-Bound Alsobrooks Resigns; Special Election Ahead for New Prince George's County Executive

(Dec. 2, Richard Elliott)

Fresh off a general election victory, U.S. Sen.-elect Angela Alsobrooks (D) resigned, making Tara Jackson, acting county executive for Prince George's. Jackson, who served as county administrator until her appointment, has made it clear she is not interested in making the title permanent, and a crowded field of candidates are vying to finish Alsobrooks' term, including Council Chair Jolene Ivey (D-At-large). In addition to seeking the county executive role, Ivey's former District 5 seat is now vacant. Prince George's has scheduled a special primary and general election March 4 and May 27, for the county executive and District 5 council seat. **WI**

Black Washingtonians, Entrepreneurs Troubled by City Vacant Property Law'

(Dec. 4, James Wright)

Entrepreneur Romeo Morgan and other advocates have been working to protect Black businesses on Georgia Avenue and the nearby area, as they navigate challenges such as government notices and feeling pressured to sell their properties to developers at a cheaper rate than the market would demand.

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▲ Romeo Morgan, owner of Morgan's Seafood, located at the intersection of Georgia Avenue and Kenyon Streets in Northwest, has been advocating for Black entrepreneurs who are dealing with what he calls false vacancy notices and unfounded complaints. (Roy Lewis/The Washington Informer)

The Collins Council Report: Council Period 25 Ends with Celebration, Difficult Conversations

(Dec. 18, Sam P.K. Collins)

As the District of Columbia Council wrapped its 2024 legislative season, there were a lot of tough conversations, particularly after an ad-hoc committee hearing moved a beleaguered Ward 8 Councilmember Trayon White closer to expulsion. While White awaits his fate on the council (with a council vote tentatively scheduled for January), his colleagues honored Ward 7 Councilmember Vincent C. Gray for his years of service, discussed oversight for the Department of Youth and Rehabilitative Services, and confirmed Kweli Sneed as executive director of the Office of Neighborhood Safety and Engagement. **WI**



▲ D.C. Council member Vincent C. Gray (Ja'Mon Jackson/The Washington Informer)

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Top Web
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Politics, Religion, Local Scandal Dominate Most Views
of The Washington Informer's 2024 Headlines

The past year has seen numerous headlines and breaking stories that shook up the news cycle—from Usher at the Super Bowl to Diddy's downfall, and even &pizza's controversial menu item. As The Washington Informer staff kept busy reporting the news, we also kept track of the headlines that had you the most engaged on washingtoninformer.com over the course of an eventful year. Here were the Most Viewed Stories of 2024.



▲ Bishop T.D. Jakes preaches at First Baptist Church of Glenarden on Jan. 5 and 6 during the institution's annual 'New Year's revival' event, sponsored by First Baptist Church of Glenarden and Greater Mount Calvary Holy Church. (Courtesy Photo)

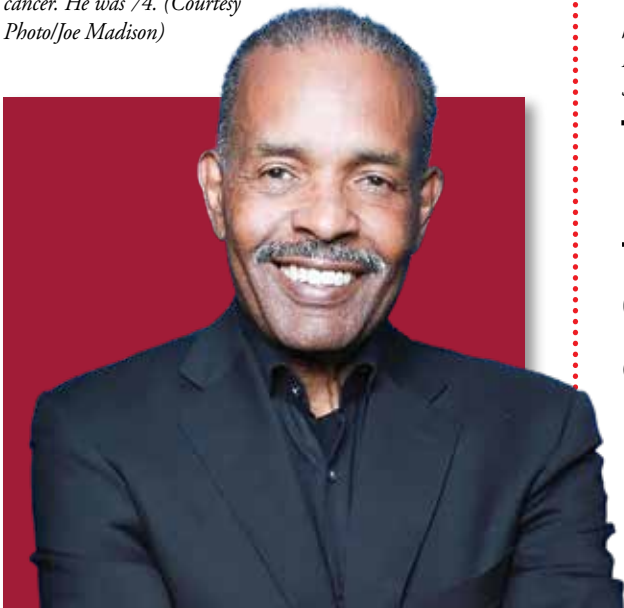
Bishop T.D. Jakes Pushes Prosperity
in 2024 Revival Sermons

(Jan. 10, Hamil R. Harris)

Remembering Joe Madison:
'The Black Eagle's' Legacy
and Fight for Justice

(Feb. 2, Stacy M. Brown)

▼ Talk show host and activist Joe Madison, known as "The Black Eagle," died on Feb. 1 after a lengthy battle with prostate cancer. He was 74. (Courtesy Photo/Joe Madison)



▲ Former President Donald Trump said at a private event he preferred to welcome immigrants from countries such as Denmark, Switzerland and Norway. (Courtesy Photo/Gage Skidmore, Wikimedia Commons)

Trump Doubles Down on
Racist Remarks, Advocates
for White Immigration
Only

(April 8, Stacy M. Brown)



Petition Urges Biden
to Pardon Former
Baltimore State's
Attorney Marilyn Mosby

(April 25, Stacy M. Brown)

◆ A petition is calling on President Joe Biden to grant a full pardon to former Baltimore State's Attorney Marilyn Mosby (pictured), who is facing 40 years in federal prison when she's sentenced next month on fraud charges. (WI File Photo)

Democrat's Victory in New York
Shrinks House Republican Majority
as Marjorie Taylor Greene Moves to
Oust Speaker Johnson

(May 1, Stacy M. Brown)



◆ Motion to remove House Speaker Mike Johnson (R-La.) by MAGA Rep. Marjorie Taylor Greene (R-Ga.) (pictured) amplified the deep-seated divisions within GOP leadership, even among other supporters of former President Donald Trump. (Courtesy Photo/Gage Skidmore, Wikimedia Commons)



▲ President Joe Biden and Donald Trump have agreed to debate on June 27 and Sept. 10 in publicly televised events. (WI File Photo/Robert R. Roberts)

Presidential Candidates Pull Out of Historic HBCU Debate, First Lady Jill Biden Weighs In

(May 29, Ashleigh Fields)

Michael Jackson's Estate Says Lawsuit Threat is \$213M Extortion Attempt

(Sept. 20, Stacy M. Brown)

► Michael Jackson (Courtesy Photo/Constru-centro, CC BY-SA 4.0 via Wikimedia Commons)



U.S. Marshals Sweep D.C. Region in Major Crime Operation, Arresting 826 Fugitives

(Oct. 21, Stacy M. Brown)



▲ The U.S. Marshals Service announced the results of Operation Nazare Wave, a multi-agency initiative targeting violent crime in the D.C. area, leading to the arrest of 826 fugitives between April and September. (WI File Photo/Jacques Benovil)



THE RELIGION CORNER: Thanksgiving Travel Warning for Black Women

(Nov. 26, Lyndia Grant)

▲ An exhibit with a statue of a Ku Klux Klan member is on display at the National Civil Rights Museum in downtown Memphis, Tennessee. (Adam Jones, Ph.D., CC BY-SA 3.0 via Wikimedia Commons)

Jehovah's Witnesses Mark 124 Years of Large-Scale Conventions in Philadelphia

(July 29, Stacy M. Brown)

► This year 3,300 delegates from 28 countries will attend the 2024 Convention of Jehovah's Witnesses in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania Aug. 2-4. (Courtesy Photo/Jehovah's Witnesses)



Top 10 Editorials of 2024

The Washington Informer editorial page is an opportunity for the publication to address issues, take a stance and offer calls to action for readers.

From speaking out on challenges in the District, nation and abroad, to endorsing candidates, check out the editorials that were most popular among readers on washingtoninformer.com in 2024.

Usher Uses His Super Bowl Performance to Celebrate the Beauty of Black Culture (Feb. 14)

Beyoncé's New Country Record Serves as a Reminder of the History of Black Country Artists (Feb. 14)

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How to Protect Yourself from Check Fraud During Tax Season

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During tax season, millions of Americans will send their annual income tax payments to the IRS, a fact not lost on fraudsters and thieves who are hoping to get a hold of your check and reuse it for their own financial benefit.

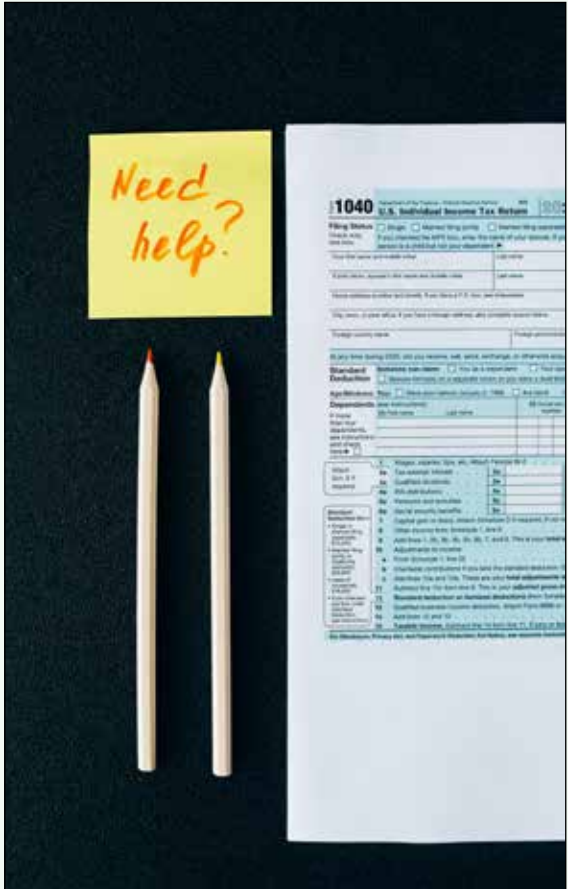
HERE ARE TEN TIPS TO HELP PROTECT YOURSELF FROM CHECK FRAUD:

1. When writing out your check, use permanent ink vs. a pencil to prevent fraudsters from being able to change your information.
2. When adding the payee's name on the check, make sure to fill out the whole line on the check, or draw a line to the end, so no one can add an additional name.
3. Fill out the dollar amount in numbers and be sure to use the right punctuation that matches the written amount. For example, One hundred dollars, \$100.00.
4. Sign your checks the same way every time.
5. Avoid writing just the word “cash” on a check if you don’t know the name of the business or person you are trying to pay, as this can make it easier for someone to deposit your check if it is lost or stolen. Remember, checks may take a longer time to process, so consider using other traceable payment methods, such as Zelle or electronic payments.
6. Monitor your account online to ensure your check is cashed and that no information was altered – for example, is the payee and amount are what you originally wrote? If not, contact your bank immediately.
7. Make sure you order your checks from a trusted and reliable source, such as through your bank.
8. When mailing a check, use only monitored and safe drop off places, or consider sending from your local post office.
9. Always store your check book in a safe place and don’t leave it out in public.
10. To help protect your account and monitor your transactions, sign up for alerts through your bank’s mobile app or website. By checking your accounts frequently, you can monitor transactions, see images of a deposited check to confirm accuracy and find copies of your statements. If you spot a suspicious transaction, be sure to immediately contact your bank for help.

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Guest Columnist

Dr. Barbara Reynolds

Warning: Palm Technology and Microchipped Hands Could Become an Obsession

New Age Palm technology and microchipped hands are the growing wave of the future but so are age-old Biblical prophecies of "The Mark of the Beast."

Burgundy Waller, recently known as "the Chip Girl" in her TikTok videos, has created a social media stir of 3 million followers by demonstrating how a microchip about the size of a

grain of rice implanted in her hand serves as a key to unlocking doors, closets and storage areas in her Las Vegas mansion.

While chipped hands might sound new, between 50,000 to 100,000 people globally are using implanted microchips as credit cards—or to store their medical and health information, gain access to gyms, and use public transportation, says the Journal of Hand Surgery. Furthermore, in 1998, British scientist Kevin Warwick (Captain Cyborg) made headlines using a hand-implanted microchip to operate

doors, lights and heaters around his office at the University of Reading.

For consumers looking for a non-surgical way to free themselves of the hardship of reaching in their wallets for plastic or tapping their phones on scanners, Amazon is also rolling out a plan which allows customers to simply hover their palms over an Amazon One device to pay their bills. On May 24, 2024, Amazon and its company-owned Whole Foods introduced palm technology that can be used for payments in over 500 stores.

Amazon uses consumers' palms

and their underlying vein structure to create a palm signature, which is produced with the help of generative AI and verified by Amazon One scanners for things like retail purchases and age verification. Amazon One scanners, once limited to Amazon stores, can now also be found in third-party locations including stadiums, airports and fitness centers. The new app lets users sign up for Amazon One through their phones instead of having to visit a physical location to take photos of their palms for enrollment.

Along with the excitement over the

new hand developments, however, are the age-old prophecies about a controversial "Mark of the Beast." The Mark of the Beast refers to Biblical references that during the last days of history a mysterious autocratic and diabolical Anti-Christ leader would rise to rule over an evil empire where Christians who do not bear his mark on their hands would perish because they would be denied life-sustaining goods, such as food or medicines. Although mostly ignored by mainstream news,

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Guest Columnist

Marian Wright Edelman

Prayers in an Advent Season

In many homes, this is the height of a long-anticipated season of celebrations, surprises, light and joy. It is also a moment when many people across faiths are taking extra time to consider how they can share joy with others, especially children. Even as millions of people are preparing to celebrate the birth of a poor, homeless child threatened by

Herod's violence whom Christians call Savior, there are fears about new threats to children and young people in our own land. The poor baby in a manger sometimes gets lost like so many others needing food, shelter, safety, education, and joy and hope for the future. This is an opportunity to recommit to service and justice and to act on God's call through the prophet Zechariah "to see that justice is done, to show kindness and mercy to one another, not to oppress widows, orphans, foreigners who live among you or anyone else

in need."

I share special prayers for this moment:

Lord, it is Christmas and Herod is searching for and destroying our children, pillaging their houses, corrupting their minds, poisoning their views, killing and imprisoning the sons, orphaning the daughters, widowing the mothers. Herod's soldiers are everywhere: in government, on Wall Street, in religious houses, schoolhouses and movie houses. Please lead us and our children to safety.

For Christians, the Advent season is a time to prepare for a coming, an arrival. The next prayer is from "Thankful Praise: A Resource for Christian Worship," edited by Keith Watkins.

"God, we confess that ours is still a world in which Herod seems to rule: The powerful are revered, The visions of the wise are ignored, The poor are afflicted, And the innocent are killed. You show us that salvation comes in the vulnerability of a child, yet we hunger for the 'security' of weapons and walls. You teach us that freedom

comes in loving service, yet we trample on others in our efforts to be 'free.' Forgive us, God, when we look to the palace instead of the stable, when we heed politicians more than prophets. Renew us with the spirit of Bethlehem, That we may be better prepared for Your coming." Amen.

The final prayer is one of the meditations collected in Howard Thurman's book "The Mood of Christmas and Other Celebrations." It is titled "Christmas Is Waiting to Be

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Guest Columnist

David W. Marshall

To Serve and Protect Federal Workers

The phrase "to serve and protect" has been the motto of the Los Angeles Police Department since 1963. The popularity of this phrase has led to its subsequent use by other police departments throughout North America. It means actively assisting and safeguarding others by providing service to the community and ensuring their safety. It signifies a duty to uphold the law

and protect citizens from harm.

While it is most commonly used in reference to law enforcement, it has a broader application in all fields of government public service. Technically, public or civil servants answer first to the government's interests, not to political parties, for the continuity of their institutional tenure, and knowledge will carry through periods of political leadership transitions and turnover. Whether they work on the local, state or federal level, they are tasked "to serve and protect" the government and the citizens within their districts

and jurisdictions. This would include any elected official and government employee. For the true public servant, there is a balance between maintaining a sincere concern for people and their well-being and carrying out the overall mission of the agency they represent. This balance is often the target of powerful influences from the private sector by way of big campaign donors and the elected officials they control.

The recent shooting of the UnitedHealthcare CEO has brought renewed focus and increased scrutiny of the health insurance industry. Before

the shooting, many of us were unfamiliar with the phrase "delay, deny, defend" regarding business tactics used by insurance companies. Insurers may delay processing claims to make policyholders give up or accept lower settlements. Insurance companies may deny claims outright or offer settlements significantly lower than what might be considered fair. If the delay and denial schemes do not deter the claimant, insurance companies may aggressively defend against the claim through a lengthy legal battle that can be financially and emotionally taxing

for the patient filing the grievance.

California government officials fined Anthem Blue Cross \$3.5 million this year for mishandling member complaints over denials and other issues. According to the state's Department of Managed Health Care (DMHC), the fine is due to the company's failure to handle more than 10,000 complaints from its members in a timely manner over a two-year period. Patient care advocate Linda Winkler Garvin said such behavior

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Guest Columnist

E. Faye Williams

War on Women

In case you haven't noticed, there is an uptick in the war on women. The tragedy is the war isn't just coming from men. The hate is coming from every direction. If you didn't notice it before, take a look at how many women voted in the Nov. 5, 2024 election. Vice President Kamala Harris supported women's rights at ev-

ery rally. She never failed to carry the concerns of women, but what did women do — except for Black women who always vote in our best interest? So many of our sisters with whom we have marched, protested and stood up for on rights they claimed were for all women, and we thought they were women in the struggle. It was a slap in our faces when you look at how so many voted in this last election. When there was such a contrast in who joined us and worked in

their best interest along with ours, it is clear that we must reassess where we spend our time and on which issues we concentrate. Once Donald Trump interfered and had his Supreme Court overturn Roe v. Wade — while Black women in larger numbers, as were made public, were dying — so many of our allies seemed to think that was OK and decided to vote for the man responsible for this tragedy. So many of our so-called allies turned away their attention from the issue. So what do they want? Choice

of what to do with our bodies is not the only issue on which we were deserted. Take a look at what is happening with smart and accomplished Black women around the country. Former Baltimore State's Attorney Marilyn Mosby worked brilliantly for the people under her jurisdiction in Maryland. She worked her heart out for justice for those in her community and helped her colleagues in other geographical areas. She was applauded by many. She did nothing wrong, but if

you read or listen to what is said in the news, you wouldn't know that she was selectively prosecuted for the great things she did! Trump and his allies, on the other hand, thrive on doing the wrong thing by continuing to threaten people who do the right thing — something that seems to be a foreign idea to him and his cohorts. I find the vulgar things he says and does and can still be chosen by so many people to be their leader, using

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Guest Columnist

Marc H. Morial

Urban League Movement Has Been Stronger and More Effective in 2024 Than Ever Before

Joy and pain are like sunshine and rain. These are the words of our brother Frankie Beverly, who sadly passed away this year. And they are the words that come to mind when reflecting on the past year's work of the National Urban League and our network of 92 affiliates across the country. The joy is that the Urban League

Movement is stronger than we have ever been. We are serving more people than ever before, nearly 4 million people a year. The combined operating budgets of our affiliate movement are the largest in history. Our Reclaim Your Vote initiative, which we just have completed for the 2024 election season, reached millions of people through the media and personal contact. Voters in every state were brought into the democratic process who might otherwise have been disen-

franchised or discouraged by racially discriminatory voting laws and misinformation campaigns. Our advocacy helped pass the largest road and bridge building program in American history. Our advocacy helped pass the largest investment in broadband connectivity in American history. Our advocacy helped pass the largest investment in manufacturing in American history. Our advocacy helped elevate, expand and make permanent the Minority Business Development Agency.

Our advocacy urged the Justice Department to launch dozens of investigations into brutal and corrupt law enforcement that brought the killers of Ahmaud Arbery and Breonna Taylor to justice. Our empowerment programs have helped people become homeowners. Helped people find good-paying jobs. Helped young people find a pathway to college. And helped returning citizens regain dignity and a good job. I'm so proud of what we have been able to accomplish, and we have accomplished it together. This is the

triumph of collective power, collective will, determination and commitment. Most joyful of all is the near-completion of our future home, the National Urban League Urban Empowerment Center in Harlem. We are about to launch the Mountaintop Campaign, the final push to raise \$15 million that will get us to the mountaintop of completing the most significant economic development project in recent Harlem history. It's significant because of its size —

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Guest Columnist

Ben Jealous

The Liberty in Laundry Act Sounds Like a Joke. Sadly It's Not.

The incoming Trump administration is supposedly interested in "efficiency." It has a whole quasigovernmental department — the Elon Musk- and Vivek Ramaswamy-chaired Department of Government Efficiency — purportedly ready to take aim at government waste. So why are the very same people going to such extremes to make

wasting energy one of their highest priorities? Among the final acts of the MAGA-led House of Representatives to end this Congress, was the passage of the absurdly named Liberty in Laundry Act. It prohibits the secretary of Energy from setting or enforcing energy efficiency standards for clothes washers and dryers. It is but one of several legislative attacks on energy-efficient home appliances, like dishwashers and refrigerators, advanced by the House's Republican majority. While the bill may have no chance

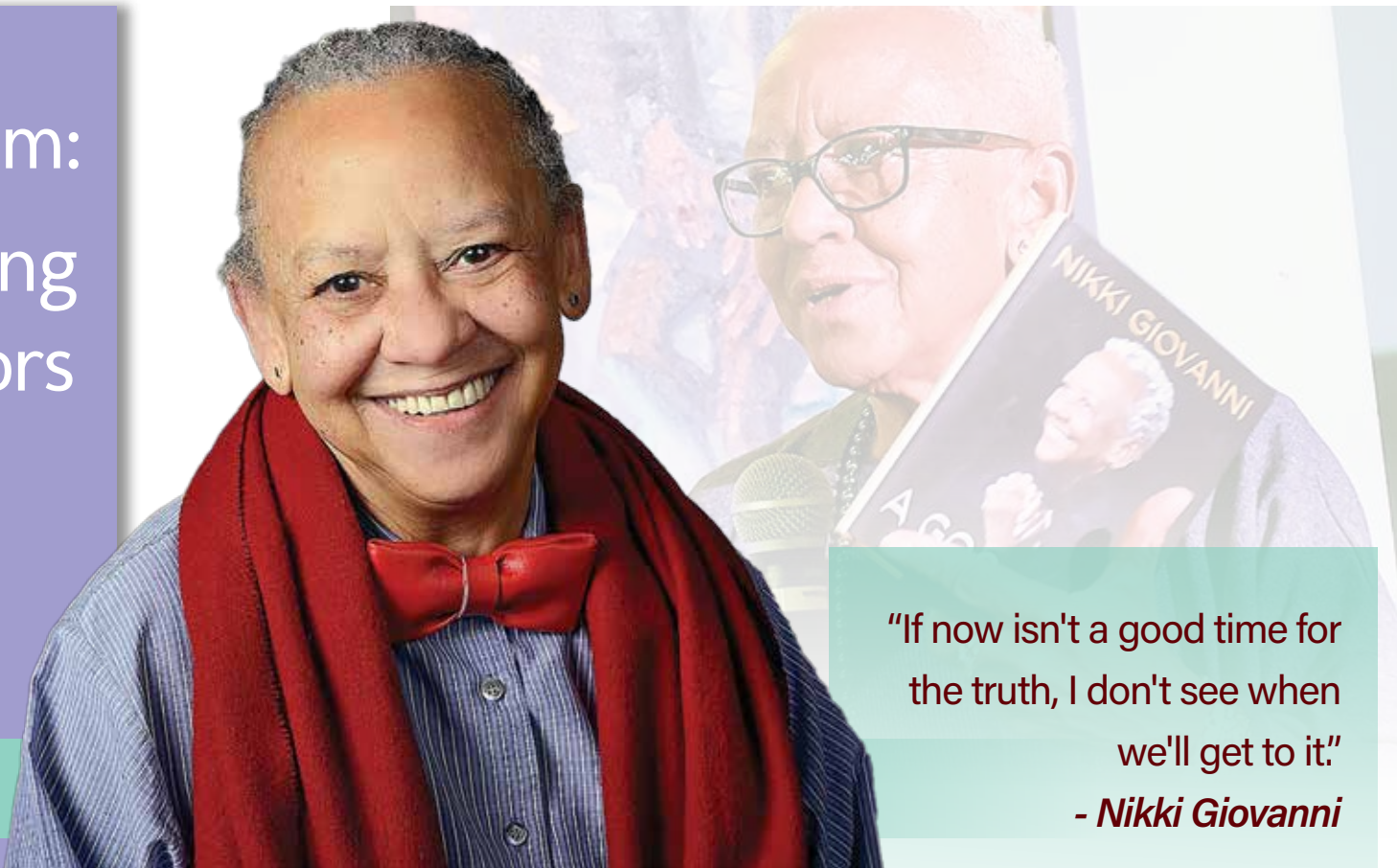
of passing in the Senate, this is a clear signal about the GOP's backward priorities in the next Congress. Energy efficiency simply means an appliance uses less energy to do its job. It not only can save households hundreds of dollars a year, it is one of the best — and most readily accessible — ways to reduce greenhouse gas emissions from homes and buildings, and mitigate our impact on the climate. Not only that, it is an area where the product manufacturers, sellers and climate advocates agree. The Department of Energy (DOE)

is required by law to regularly evaluate and set energy efficiency standards for a wide range of appliances. Yet every time the DOE wants to ensure we have options that meet at least a minimum standard, it seems there is an extremist politician or talking head ready to scaremonger about Big Government coming into your home to take your beloved appliances. In reality, energy efficiency standards simply provide consumers with better choices — more high-tech products that work even better than outdated inefficient models and will save households

money and reduce greenhouse gas emissions (a fifth of which in the U.S. come from people's homes). Donald Trump has railed against water-efficient toilets and showerheads, and against replacing inefficient lightbulbs that still use the same basic design from over 100 years ago and waste up to 90% of the electricity powering them. After all, Thomas Edison's invention was groundbreaking at the time, but technology has come a long way since then.

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In Memoriam:
Remembering
the Ancestors
Gained
in 2024



"If now isn't a good time for
the truth, I don't see when
we'll get to it."
- *Nikki Giovanni*



"Through nonviolence, courage
displaces fear; love transforms hate.
Acceptance dissipates prejudice;
hope ends despair. Peace dominates
war; faith reconciles doubt. Mutual
regard cancels enmity. Justice for all
overthrows injustice. The redemptive
community supersedes systems
of gross social immorality."

- *Rev. James Lawson*



Dexter King, 62
author, activist
(January 30, 1961–Jan. 22)



Joe Madison, 74
radio host, activist
(June 16, 1949–Jan. 31)



**Pastor Rosalind Thompkins
Lynch, 75**
religious leader
(August 1, 1948–Jan. 24)



Dr. Hage Geingob
president of Namibia, 82
(August 3, 1941–Feb. 4)



Romana Edelin, 78
activist, academic
(September 4, 1945–Feb. 19)



Dorie Ladner, 81
activist
(June 28, 1942–March 11)



James Washington, 73
publisher
(April 26, 1950–April 2)



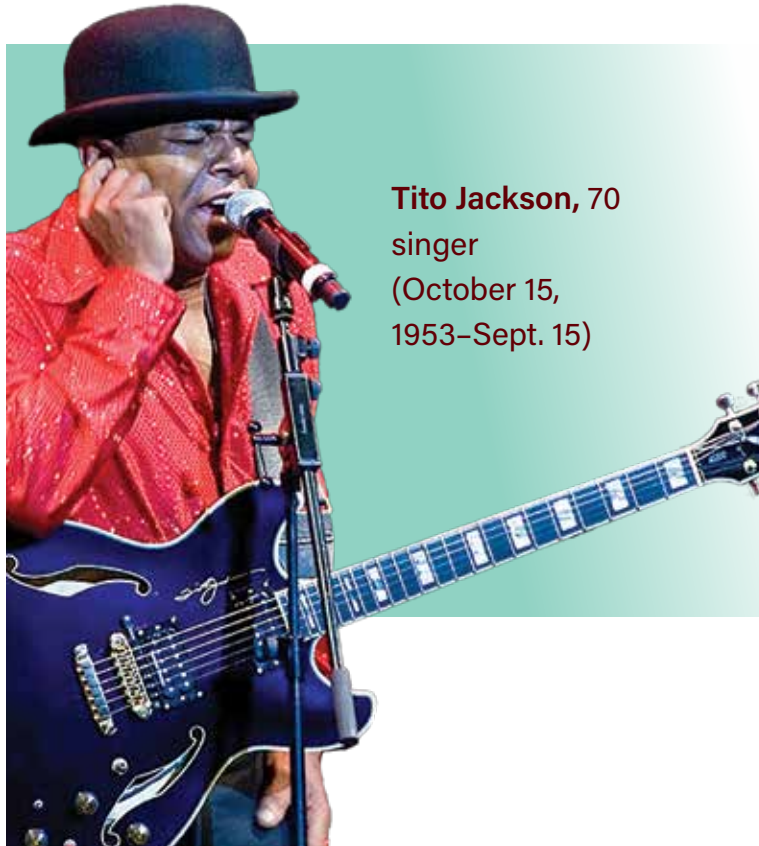
OJ Simpson, 76
football player, actor,
media personality
(July 9, 1947–April 10)



Rev. James Lawson, 95
activist, professor *
(September 22, 1928–June 9)



Bernice Johnson Reagan, 81
singer
(October 4, 1942--July 18)



Tito Jackson, 70
singer
(October 15, 1953–Sept. 15)



Cat Glover, 62
singer
(July 24, 1962–Sept. 24)



William Lucy, 90
activist, labor leader
(November 26, 1933–Sept. 25)



Rev. Dr. Cecelia Bryant, 77
religious leader
(October 31, 1946–Sept. 26)



Dikembe Mutombo, 58
basketball player
(June 25, 1966–Sept. 30)



***Quincy Jones, 91**
music producer, composer, arranger
(March 14, 1933–Nov. 3)



Judith Jamison, 81
(May 10, 1943–Nov. 9)



Charlie Fishman, 82
D.C. Jazz Festival founder
(1942–, Nov. 12)



Nikki Giovanni, 81
(June 7, 1943–Dec. 9)



Joe Bowser, 88
community leader
(October 5, 1935–Aug. 2)



James Amos, 84
actor
(December 27, 1939–Aug. 21)



James Earl Jones, 93
actor
(Jan 17, 1931–Sept. 9)



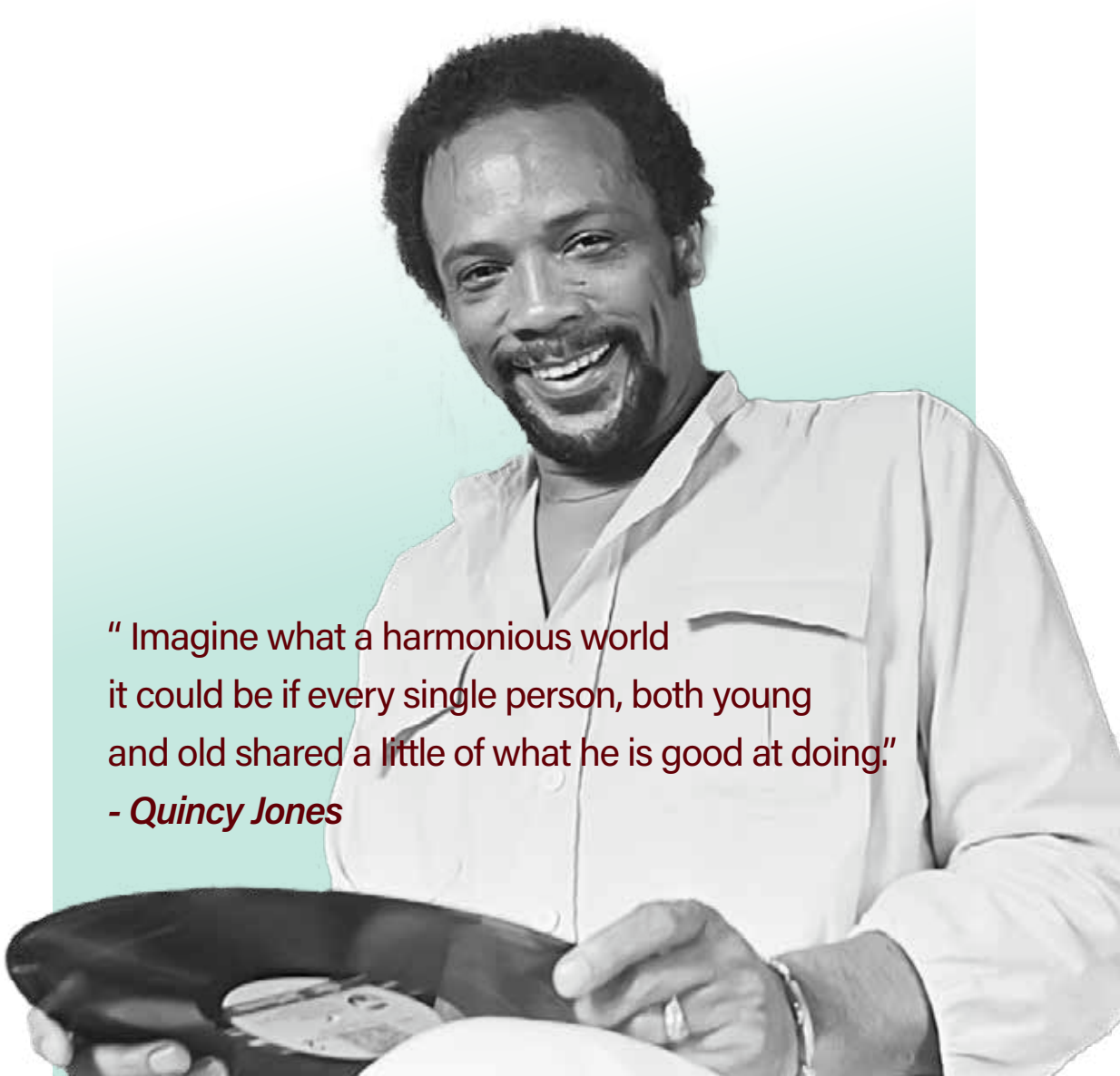
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Benny Golson, 95
musician
(January 25, 1929-- Sept. 21)



“Imagine what a harmonious world
it could be if every single person, both young
and old shared a little of what he is good at doing!”
- Quincy Jones



Rollbacks, Rallies, and Resilience: Black America's Battle for Equity in 2024

By Stacy M. Brown
WI Senior Writer

In 2024, Black Americans encountered a series of political events that tested their resilience and commitment to justice.

From court rulings affecting civil rights to landmark political milestones, 2024 was a year of challenges and pivotal achievements.

PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION AND KAMALA HARRIS'S HISTORIC NOMINATION

Vice President Kamala Harris made history as the first Black woman to lead a major party's presidential ticket.

Most experts viewed her nomination as a breakthrough in representation and a continuation of the fight for equity.

The vice president's campaign, which didn't begin until President Joe Biden dropped out of the race in July, focused on protecting voting rights, promoting economic justice, and addressing racial inequities.

Despite those efforts, the 2024 election resulted in Donald Trump's return to the White House. His campaign rallies were marred by controversy, including appearances in former sundown towns and speeches at Madison Square Garden laced with racially charged rhetoric. The return of Trump to power stunned pundits and raised alarms within Black communities about civil rights protections.

"Trump's rhetoric is dangerous, and

his choice of venues speaks volumes," said Dr. Benjamin F. Chavis Jr., president of the National Newspaper Publishers Association.

PROJECT 2025 AND ITS IMPLICATIONS FOR BLACK AMERICANS

Project 2025, a 900-page ultra-conservative roadmap drafted by Trump allies, details plans to restructure the U.S. government in ways that could severely impact Black Americans.

The Legal Defense Fund (LDF) released an in-depth analysis showing how Project 2025 would weaken anti-discrimination laws, dismantle the Department of Education, threaten Black political power, and exacerbate health disparities.

"The most important part of the report is how Project 2025 will have an impact on individual lives and how those individual lives will be upended through the policy proposals," Karla McKanders, director of the LDF's Thurgood Marshall Institute, explained.

The report warned that dismantling the Department of Education would harm programs like Head Start, where 28% of enrollees are Black children, and cutting Pell Grants would disproportionately affect Black college students.

The dismantling of agencies like the EPA and FEMA would leave Black communities vulnerable to environmental disasters.

"The resources that the federal government provides when there's a natu-

ral disaster are instrumental in getting communities back on their feet," McKanders noted.

ROLLBACKS ON AFFIRMATIVE ACTION AND DEI PROGRAMS

The Supreme Court's ruling in Students for Fair Admissions v. Harvard dismantled affirmative action policies in higher education, igniting a wave of state and corporate rollbacks targeting diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI) initiatives. In the months that followed, legislative efforts and legal challenges have accelerated the dismantling of these programs, further showing that opportunities for Black and brown communities are being systematically eroded.

In Florida, Gov. Ron DeSantis signed legislation banning the use of state funds for diversity and equity programs in public universities, leading to the immediate closure of DEI offices and the cancellation of diversity-related initiatives.

Texas quickly followed suit, eliminating diversity offices and mandatory diversity training, mandating that hiring practices in public institutions remain "color-blind and sex-neutral."

Civil Rights leaders said the erosion of DEI policies reflects a broader movement aimed at reversing gains made in racial and gender equity since the civil rights era. The rollbacks, framed by their proponents as efforts to ensure fairness, have drawn sharp criticism from advocates who view them as deliberate attempts to undermine progress.

"Without affirmative action, Black and brown students face higher barriers

to entry. These rollbacks are designed to push us backward," said NAACP President Derrick Johnson.

JUSTICE SYSTEM AND LEGAL FIGHTS

Civil rights attorney Ben Crump has remained at the forefront of the fight for accountability in 2024, securing justice in several significant police misconduct cases and advocating for systemic reforms.

In June 2024, Crump secured a historic \$45 million settlement for Richard "Randy" Cox, a Black man left paralyzed from the chest down after an arrest by New Haven police officers in Connecticut.

This settlement is the largest ever recorded in a police misconduct case, surpassing the previous record set in the case of George Floyd.

Crump also represented the family of Tyre Nichols, a 29-year-old Black man who died in January 2023 after being beaten by Memphis police officers during a traffic stop. In October 2024, three former Memphis police officers were convicted of obstruction of justice in federal court, though they were acquitted on the most serious civil rights charges.

"We can't allow these injustices to become normalized," Crump stated. "Every fight, every case, is about ensuring that we live up to the promise of equal justice under the law."

FANI WILLIS AND THE FIGHT FOR ACCOUNTABILITY

Fulton County District Attorney Fani Willis remained at the forefront of efforts to hold Donald Trump account-

able for alleged election interference in Georgia.

Despite political pressure and threats, Willis won re-election in November.

CONGRESSIONAL BLACK CAUCUS MILESTONES AND LOSSES

The Congressional Black Caucus (CBC) grew to a record 62 members, enhancing its legislative influence. The CBC also honored Shirley Chisholm, the first Black woman in Congress, for paving the way for current and future generation.

Tragedy struck with the death of long-serving Congresswoman Sheila Jackson Lee in July 2024 from pancreatic cancer. During her 15 terms representing Texas's 18th district, Jackson Lee was known for her fierce advocacy on civil rights, health care, and criminal justice reform. Her daughter, Erica Lee Carter, was elected to fill her seat, continuing her mother's legacy.

BALTIMORE AND MARYLAND PROGRESS

Baltimore Mayor Brandon Scott was re-elected for a second term, affirming community support for his public safety and youth development initiatives.

Maryland Governor Wes Moore issued pardons for over 175,000 individuals with low-level marijuana convictions. He posthumously honored abolitionist Harriet Tubman as a one-star general in the Maryland National Guard on Veterans Day.

SOCIAL UNREST AND EXTREMISM

Neo-Nazi marches in Ohio underscored the rise of extremist movements, while pro-Palestinian protests erupted on college campuses, including a high-profile occupation at Columbia University.

Hundreds of students were arrested after New York City officials ordered the dispersal of Pro-Palestinian protests, accusing demonstrators of antisemitism.

LOOKING AHEAD

Preparing for 2025 and the impending Trump administration, activists and justice leaders are still working toward equity.

"We're not asking for special treatment — we're demanding the equal justice that America promises to all," Crump remarked. **WI**

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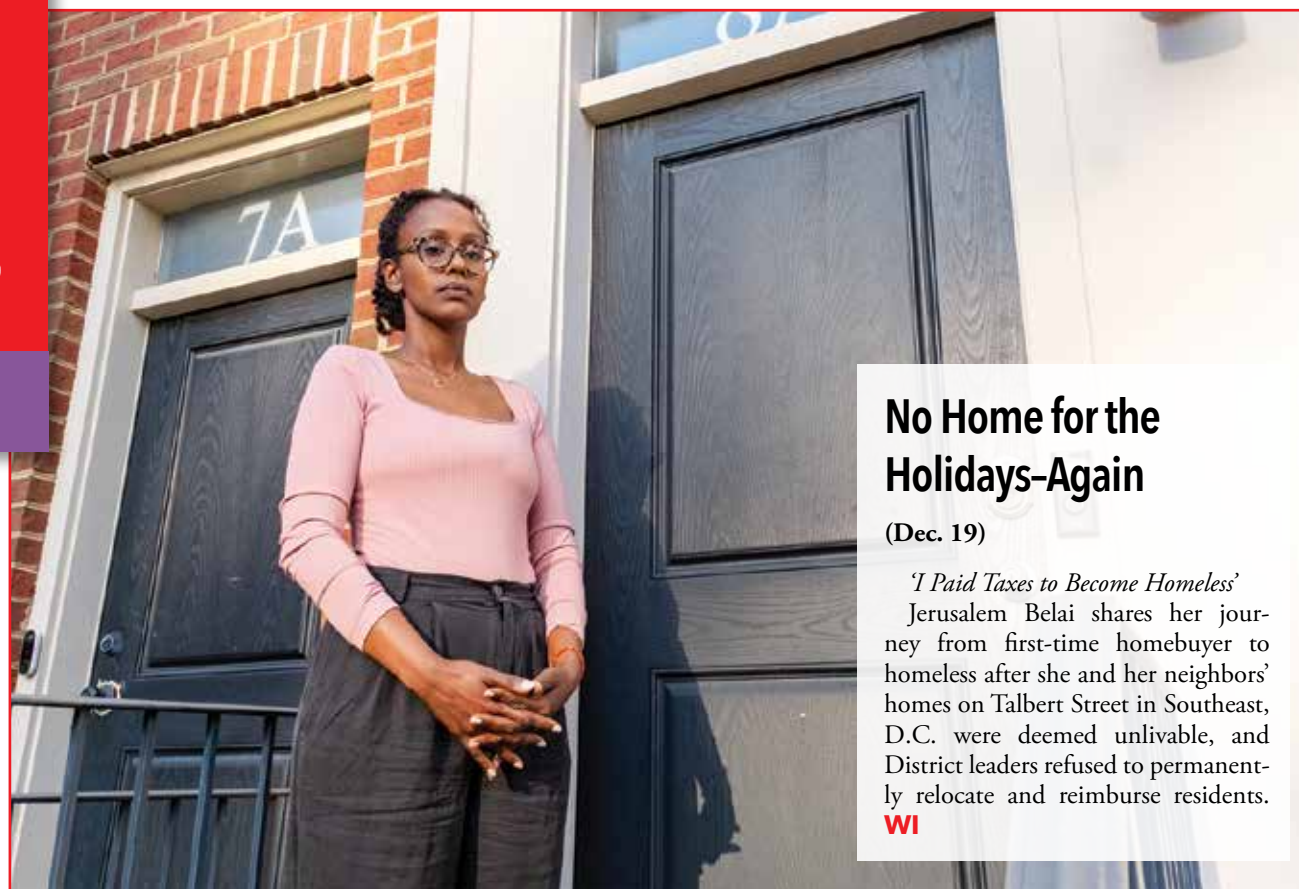


Our House Round up

Our House 2024: Tools, Plans, Navigating Challenges of Homeownership

When Our House DC relaunched this summer, the goal was to provide tools, resources and important information for current and aspiring homeowners.

From examining the Harris-Walz housing plan during the election, to homeowners navigating housing challenges in Southeast, D.C., this year The Informer has been all about telling housing stories that offer insight for the future and help work toward the ultimate goal of building generational wealth through homeownership. **WI**



▲ (Ja'Mon Jackson/The Washington Informer)

No Home for the Holidays—Again

(Dec. 19)

'I Paid Taxes to Become Homeless'

Jerusalem Belai shares her journey from first-time homebuyer to homeless after she and her neighbors' homes on Talbert Street in Southeast, D.C. were deemed unlivable, and District leaders refused to permanently relocate and reimburse residents.

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▲ Rasheedah Hasan, founder of Collective Impact Strategies, a legislative consulting firm based in Washington, D.C., says her journey toward homeownership has taken years of saving, participating in programs, and house hunting. (Ja'Mon Jackson/The Washington Informer)

American Dream or Pipe Dream: Harris-Walz Housing Plan

(Sept. 11)

The Harris-Walz campaign released a housing plan that was exciting, especially for first-time and first-generation homeowners. Millennial Rasheedah Hasan expressed her interest due to a several-years' long home-buying process, but wasn't banking on the housing plan.

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Sharing Space: East of the River Resident Explains What to Expect Before Considering Airbnb Hosting

(June 12)

In a Q&A, Ward 7 resident Synta Keeling offers Airbnb hosting tips in Washington, D.C., and the special requirements and expectations for District residents interested in becoming rental hosts and bringing in extra income. **WI**

◀ Synta Keeling, a lawyer and Airbnb host, finds that hosting on the vacation rental app has provided her with extra income, tax benefits, and a chance to meet interesting people, but she cautions potential hosts to research local regulations and manage expectations to attract renters. (Zerline Hughes Spruill/The Washington Informer)

Start Planning Now with D.C., Prince George's County Home Ownership Support

(Nov. 7)

There are various tools in the DMV and nationwide to support first-time and veteran home buyers alike. Learning about resources such as the Maryland Mortgage Program and D.C.'s Homeowners Purchase Assistance Program are important ways to help make first-time and veteran home purchasing more affordable.

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▲ D.C. and Maryland governments make purchasing homes easier with first-time and return home buyer programs. Image by WI Staff.

From Last Place To Potential Playoff Contenders: The Washington Commanders Make A Stunning Turnaround in the 2024-25 Season

Here Are 10 Washington Football Highlights From 2024 Ahead of the New Year

By Skylar Nelson
WI Contributing Writer

The Washington Commanders went from a devastating last place appearance to making a stunning turnaround in the 2024-25 season.

With an unforgettable Hail Mary win against the Chicago Bears in week eight, and the Sunday, Dec. 22 rematch victory against the Philadelphia Eagles (36-33), the franchise has exceeded all expectations this season, and now they find themselves inching closer to the playoffs.

Check out 10 Commanders highlights from 2024 ahead of the new year:

1. WASHINGTON REJUVENATED THE FRANCHISE WITH MAJOR STAFF OVERHAULS

- Commanders owner Josh Harris fired former Commanders coach Ron Rivera after a 38-10 loss to Dallas Cowboys, launching a massive franchise overhaul (Jan. 4).

- Harris replaced 50% of the franchise's staff, including hiring Adam Peters as general manager (Jan. 15) and Dan Quinn as the team's 31st head coach. (Feb. 3).

- Prominent hires also included Kliff Kingsbury as offensive coordinator and Joe Whitt Jr. as defensive coordinator (Feb. 4).

2. ROOKIE QUARTERBACK JAYDEN DANIELS HAS HISTORIC NFL DEBUT IGNITING THE COMMANDERS' FRANCHISE REVIVAL ERA

- The Washington Commanders selected former Louisiana State University quarterback and Heisman Trophy winner as the No. 2 pick in the NFL draft (Apr. 24). Daniels has exceeded all expectations this season, making history, and writing a new page in the book of Washington's franchise.

- Daniels recorded 3,000-plus passing yards and 650-plus rushing yards so far this season, becoming the third rookie quarterback in NFL history to reach both milestones along with Cam Newton and Robert Griffin III.

- Recognized as a growing dom-

inant force in the league, Daniels was voted Rookie of The Year in NFL Network Insider Tom Pelissero's Annual Early Awards survey and NFL Pepsi Zero Sugar Rookie of the Week nine times.

3. BRIAN ROBINSON JR. COMMANDS THE RUN GAME FOR WASHINGTON

- Despite missing three games so far this season due to hamstring and knee injuries, Robinson leads the Commanders offense in rushing, recording 705-yards on 159 attempts and eight touchdowns so far this season.

- Robinson has had several remarkable performances this season including a 40-yard run against New York Giants defense (Sept. 15) and a 40-yard touchdown run against the Tennessee Titans (Dec. 1).

4. THE HISTORIC, THRILLING HAIL MARY WIN

- The Washington Commanders notched a historic 18-15 win over the Chicago Bears at Northwest Stadium, capped by a thrilling Hail Mary touchdown from quarterback Jayden Daniels to wide receiver Noah Brown in the final seconds (Oct. 27).

- Despite the Bears taking the lead late in the fourth quarter, Daniels hauled a 52-yard pass down the field with no time left on the clock. The pass tipped off the hands of a defender, finding Noah Brown in the endzone, giving Washington an exciting victory that sent the stadium in a frenzy.

5. COMMANDERS



▲ Washington Commanders quarterback Jayden Daniels celebrates after the team's win against the Philadelphia Eagles on Dec. 22. (Abdullah Kontel/The Washington Informer)

REACH 7-2 RECORD FOR THE FIRST TIME SINCE 1996

- The Washington Commanders defeated the New York Giants 27-22 in Week 9, making it their first win at MetLife Stadium since 2021 (Nov. 3)

- This win improved Washington to a 7-2 record for the first time since 1996.

6. DEFENSE DOMINATION IN FULL STRIDE

- Linebacker Bobby Wagner, a 10-time All-Pro, nine-time Pro Bowler, and 2023 Super Bowl champion, has quickly become a pillar for this team, leading with 109 tackles and gaining recognition from Quinn as a "catalyst" in their tremendous 42-19 win over the Titans. He is also the Washington Commanders' Man of the Year Award and he served as one of three captains heading into the crucial Week 16 division battle against the Eagles.

- Linebacker Frankie Luvu has had a quietly dominant season so far this year, recording 82 total sacks and ranking second in sacks (8). Despite Washington's 26-18 loss against the Eagles on Nov. 14, Luvu stood out with 10 tackles and recorded a team-high of two sacks. As the season progresses he just keeps getting better.

- Rookie cornerback Mike Sain-

ristil, 2024 second-round pick from Michigan has become a go-to defender for Washington so far this season, leading the team with two sacks and earning a 90% rating from Pro Football Focus on defensive coverage in Week 11 against the Eagles. In that first Commanders Eagles matchup, Philadelphia wide receiver A.J. Brown was held to 31-yards on three targets by Sainristil.

7. TERRY MCLAURIN STAYED STRONG AND FINALLY GETS TO EXPERIENCE TEAM HAPPINESS AS A WIDE RECEIVER

- McLaurin is considered to be a valuable wide receiver within the Washington football franchise, catching passes from 10 quarterbacks since being drafted in 2019.

- Amid franchise challenges and exciting moments, McLaurin has stayed strong through it all, delivering solid performances and making history.

- He currently leads Washington's offense in receiving with 969 yards, 68 receptions, 11 touchdowns total, and four multi-touchdown games so far this season. He will continue to make franchise history.

8. A RESILIENT SAFETY INDEED: HIGHLIGHTING JEREMY REAVES

- Commanders safety Jeremy Reaves is the true meaning of resilience within the Washington franchise. Despite having to cut his 2023-24 season short in week five against the Bears due to an ACL tear, he has come back this season better than ever as a prominent leader within the special teams unit.

- He has been named the Commander's 2024 Salute to Service

Award nominee for his dedication in helping and honoring military communities. This was shaped by his upbringing in a military family with two parents that served.

9. COMMANDERS STILL UNDERGOING KICKER ISSUES AND UNEXPECTED CIRCUMSTANCES

- The kicker position has been one of the most frustrating aspects of Washington football this season. From injuries, accuracy, and serious lawsuits it is easy to say that this is a major issue. However, the kicking position in Washington has now faced an unexpected circumstance.

- Both Zane Gonzalez and Greg Joseph in Week 16 missed practice, due to their wives giving birth. Gonzalez and his wife had their baby a week ago, following a post on social media, however, there has been no word on Joseph and his wife. It is the first child for both couples.

10. RFK STADIUM CONTROVERSY

- The future of RFK Stadium became uncertain as businessman Elon Musk made a false statement claiming that the government spending bill included \$3 billion for a new Washington Commanders stadium. D.C. Mayor Muriel Bowser clarified Musk's claims, emphasizing that no federal funds are connected to the RFK transfer, which is about making D.C. better, not stadium construction.

- Despite the controversy, Congress made a surprise move early morning on Saturday Dec. 21, passing the legislation that transfers RFK stadium site control to D.C. The path has now been paved for a potential Commanders return back home for the first time since 1996.

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Commanders Roundup



KEMET'S KWANZA ACTIVITY SHEET



Hi Everyone!

My time machine, "Sankofa 82" and I took a trip back in time to visit Dr. Maulana Karenga in 1966. He was better known as Ron Karenga during his political activist days. I met with him at the time he was just coming up with the idea and principles of Kwanzaa. Wow, I learned so much. Dr. Karenga gave us so much insight into his beliefs and why he thought it was necessary to create "Kwanzaa".



WHAT IS KWANZAA?

Kwanzaa is a Swahili word originating along the coast of East Africa. It means "first" and signifies the first fruits of the harvest. The holiday is a seven day cultural celebration period practiced amongst many African-Americans and the Diaspora. This celebration lasts from December 26, through January 1, roughly coinciding with the celebration of Christmas and New Years. Because of its timing many people believe that Kwanzaa is a Christian Holiday. It is not a religious holiday. Kwanzaa is an African American and Pan-African holiday that celebrates history, values, family, community and culture and was founded in 1966 by Dr. Maulana Karenga.

YOUR BEST GUESS

What do you think the color of the candles represents? Choose from below and write it on the line.

[land and hope for the future, the struggle, people of African descent]

Red:

Black:

Green:



COLOR THE KINARA

Color the Kinara base brown or black. You will notice that there are 7 places for candles on the Kinara and the candles are 3 red on the left, 1 black in the center and 3 green on the right. These 7 candle place-holders represent the seven principles of Kwanzaa.

MATCH THE PRINCIPLES

Match the principle with its description and write the correct letter on the line.

____ Umoja
____ Kujichagulia
____ Ujima
____ Ujamaa
____ Nia
____ Kuumba
____ Imani

A. Self-Determination
B. Cooperative Economics
C. Creativity
D. Faith
E. Unity in the Family/Community
F. Purpose
G. Collective Work and Responsibility



THE SEVEN PRINCIPLES OF KWANZAA

- Umoja (Unity in the family, community)...
- Kujichagulia (Self-Determination) ...
- Ujima (Collective Work and Responsibility) ...
- Ujamaa (Cooperative Economics) ...
- Nia (Purpose) ...
- Kuumba (Creativity) ...
- Imani (Faith) ...

?? KWANZAA TRIVIA ??

Where did the word Kwanzaa originate?

What are the dates for the celebration for Kwanzaa?

Who should get the credit for making Kwanzaa an African American holiday?

The device that holds the candles in place is known as what?

HAPPY KWANZAA!



MATCH THE PRINCIPLES

E. Umoja
A. Kujichagulia
G. Ujima
B. Ujamaa
F. Nia
C. Kuumba
D. Imani

YOUR BEST GUESS

Red: the struggle
Black: people of African descent
Green: land and hope of the future

KWANZAA TRIVIA

Coast of East Africa
December 26 - January 1
Dr. Maulana Karenga
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Lifestyle Roundup

From Film, to Music, to Social Gatherings: The Year of Celebrating Black Artistic Excellence

Inspired by the 2024 theme for the Association for the Study of African American Life and History (ASALH), "African Americans and the Arts," The Washington Informer used this year to showcase Black artistic excellence in the District and nationwide. Like ASALH, the founders of Black History Month, highlighting African American history and achievements is important year round for The Informer, and 2024 allowed for great exploration of engaging stories about artists of the past and present who are forging paths not only in the arts, but for the world.

While we used February to highlight artists, particularly local ones, in theatre, dance, film, music and literature, we also covered shows, events, exhibits and restaurant openings that underscore the breadth of talent in the Black community and African diaspora.

2024 Films

"Origins"

(Jan. 16,
Brenda C. Siler)



▲ "Origins" explains how cultural systems worldwide have been formed. (Courtesy Photo)

"The Piano Lesson"

(Nov. 22,
Jada Ingleton)

► After seeing "The Piano Lesson," faith leaders reflect on the messages and intersection of religious and spiritual practices at Burke Theatre in Northwest D.C. on Nov. 12. (Micha Green/The Washington Informer)



"The Mecca of Comedy"

(May 29, Brenda C. Siler)



▲ Producer and director Parrish Smith with comedian and actor Tommy Davidson on set for the documentary "The Mecca of Comedy," which examines Black comedy history in D.C. (Courtesy Photo/Parrish Smith)

"The Six Triple Eight"

(Dec. 6, Micha Green)



▲ Michele Norris moderating a conversation with actresses Ebony Obsidian and Kerry Washington, and Tyler Perry, who directed "The Six Triple Eight," at the Smithsonian National Museum of African American History and Culture on Nov. 20. (Micha Green/The Washington Informer)

2024 Television

"Gospel" on PBS

(Jan. 31, Brenda C. Siler)



▲ Tyrell Bell and the Belle Singers are in "Gospel" by Henry Louis Gates. (Courtesy Photo/PBS, The Black Church)

"American Masters - Roberta Flack" on PBS

(Feb. 7,
Brenda C. Siler)

► This photo for Roberta Flack's first album "First Take" is taken at Mr. Henry's Georgetown location. The single "The First Time Ever I Saw Your Face" is on this album. (Courtesy Photo/Warner Music Group)



2024 Art Exhibitions



"With Love, George Clinton Brings the Funk to D.C."

(July 2, Brenda C. Siler)

▲ George Clinton admires the photos from the Parliament-Funkadelic exhibition curated by the D.C. Commission on Arts and Humanities. (Ja'Mon Jackson/The Washington Informer)



"Photographs of Gordon Parks Continue to Tell America's Stories"

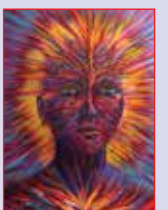
(July 2, Brenda C. Siler)

▲ Gordon Parks' camera portrait of legendary boxer, Muhammad Ali. Titled: "Muhammad Ali, London (1966)" from the Corcoran Collection (The Gordon Parks Collection). (Courtesy Photo/National Gallery of Art)

Duke Ellington School of the Arts Celebrates 50th Anniversary With a Collaborative Exhibit

(Sept. 18, Jada Ingleton)

► Second-year Duke Ellington School of the Arts teacher Blake Pierre's 2024 painting "Kristos" is one of the many featured artworks included in the exhibit "Ellington Works: 50 Years and the Next." The exhibit is one of the celebrations planned for Duke Ellington this school year, as the institution celebrates 50 years. Inspired by Christ-like figures and mythology related to Christ, the portrait interprets the psychological process of enlightenment in human beings. (Jada Ingleton/The Washington Informer)



2024 Theater



Arena Stage's "Tempestuous Elements" (Feb. 26, Brenda C. Siler)

► "Tempestuous Elements" at Arena Stage features Gina Daniels as Anna Julia Cooper, principal at the M Street High School in Washington, D.C., in the early 1900s. (Courtesy Photo/Tony Powell)



"Jaja's African Hair Braiding" at Arena Stage (Sept. 26, Micha Green)

► The cast of "Jaja's African Hair Braiding" at Arena Stage. (Courtesy of T. Charles Erickson Photography/Arena Stage)

Arena Stage's "The Other Americans" (Nov. 4, Brenda C. Siler)

► Trey Santiago-Hudson (Nick) and John Leguizamo (Nelson) in "The Other Americans." (Courtesy Photo/T. Charles Erickson Photography)



Second City's Dance Like There's Black People Watching" at Woolly Mammoth (Dec. 19, Micha Green)

► Jillian Ebanks, Breon Arzell, Max Thomas, Tamiaka Chavis and Arlietta Hall star in Second City's "Dance Like There's Black People Watching," running at Woolly Mammoth in Northwest D.C. until Dec. 22. (Courtesy of Teresa Castracane)



Step Afrika! Celebrates 30 Years, Performs Annual Holiday Show at Arena Stage (June 5, Dec. 19, Micha Green)

► In its 30th anniversary season, Step Afrika! has been celebrating and performing throughout the year, with plans to continue their work of spreading the art of step to the masses in 2025 and beyond. (Courtesy Photo)



2024 Music

"Ellington at 125" (April 15, Brenda C. Siler)

► Jason Moran, artistic director for the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts, plays Duke Ellington compositions against a backdrop of Gordon Parks' photos during "Jason Moran — Solo Ellington" at the Kennedy Center on April 10. (Courtesy Photo/The Kennedy Center)



Broccoli City Festival 2024 Brings People to D.C. in the Name of Music, Emphasizes Power of Black Unity, Community Engagement, Voting (July 31, Micha Green)

► Held for the first time at Audi Field in Southwest D.C., many guests celebrated the beauty and boldness of Black and D.C. culture at Broccoli City Festival 2024. (WI photo)

Kem and Ledisi Join NSO for Holiday Concert at Kennedy Center (April 15, Brenda C. Siler)

► Platinum and Grammy-nominated singer Kem performs with the National Symphony at the Kennedy Center, as part of a two-night concert special featuring Ledisi. (Courtesy Photo/Eric Bailey for the Kennedy Center)



Arena Stage Gala Welcomes Hana Sharif, Exudes Black Girl Magic (June 5, Micha Green)

► Arena Stage Artistic Director Hana Sharif stands in front of the Southwest, D.C. theatre. A party with a purpose, the May 22 Arena Stage gala raised funds for the organization and celebrated Sharif's new leadership. (WI File Photo/Matthew Bailey)

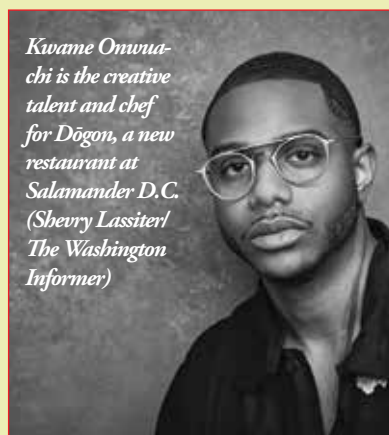


2024 Restaurants



Restaurant Dōgon by Chef Kwame Onwuachi Takes Salamander Washington to Next-Level Luxury Status (Sept. 11, Brenda C. Siler)

Kwame Onwuachi is the creative talent and chef for Dōgon, a new restaurant at Salamander D.C. (Shevry Lassiter/The Washington Informer)



Fine Dining Comes to the Southwest Waterfront Area" (Aug. 7, Brenda C. Siler)

► Hen Quarter Restaurant owned by Thompson Restaurants is located near Audi Field in the Capital Waterfront area of Southwest, D.C. (JaMon Jackson/The Washington Informer)

2024 Events



Inaugural RAMMYS Honors Celebrates Resilience, Annual Awards Unite (Micha Green, June 25, July 23)

► Restaurant Association of Metropolitan Washington CEO and President Shawn Townsend addresses the crowd at the 42nd Annual RAMMYS Awards Gala on July 21. (Shevry Lassiter/The Washington Informer)

Dream Gala Raises Funds for Hour Generation Foundation's Literacy Efforts (Jada Ingleton, Aug. 27)



► A magical moment to add to the fantasy land created at the Dream Gala for Hour Generation Foundation at Martin Luther King Jr. Library in Northwest, D.C. (Jada Ingleton/The Washington Informer)



Le Diner En Blanc Draws Thousands to RFK Stadium for Chic Celebration of D.C. Culture (Sept. 24, Micha Green)

► Guests do the electric slide at Le Diner En Blanc-Washington at RFK Stadium on Sept. 21. (Shevry Lassiter/The Washington Informer)



The Washington Informer Sends Local Students to Scripps National Spelling Bee

(March-May,
Richard Elliott, Sam P.K. Collins)

Once again, The Washington Informer sponsored two young spellers from the D.C. metropolitan area in the Scripps National Spelling Bee. Those spellers, Noah Rowe and Victoria McFetridge, bested hundreds of local spellers in competitions that took place in the District and Prince George's County, Maryland.

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▲ Winner 12-year-old Bruhat Soma, Grade 7 from, St. Petersburg, Florida, sponsored by Rays Baseball Foundation and Rowdies Soccer Fund. (Robert R. Roberts/ The Washington Informer)

The Washington Informer Turns 60, Engages With the Community, Continues Legacy

On top of covering happenings in the DMV region, the contentious election season locally and nationally, and hosting and sponsoring community programming, 2024 was a big year for The Washington Informer: we turned 60!

From the SMART Marketing event at Carlyle Room, to engaging with residents and local leaders at Safeway's Feast of Giving the day before Thanksgiving, The Washington Informer isn't just about strong storytelling, but being a robust presence in the community and celebrating the District's diverse, beautiful and bold culture.

Check out some of what we've been up to this year:



▲ Washington Informer Publisher Denise Rolark Barnes addresses the crowd about The Informer's past, present and future, and the way the publication works with the community. (Ja'Mon Jackson/The Washington Informer)

The Washington Informer Brings SMART Marketing to The Carlyle Room

(Feb. 29, Ra-Jah S. Kelly, Ja'Mon Jackson)

The Washington Informer hosted readers and business partners for a SMART Marketing workshop at the Carlyle Room on Thursday, Feb. 29. In an event that offered food, beverages and networking, speakers from BloomLab — a collaboration between the Knight Foundation and Local Media Association (LMA) — and staff from the publication discussed digital marketing strategies and the benefits of partnering with The Washington Informer.

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Washington Informer Charities Heritage Tour Takes Guests to Learn About the Black Presence at Tudor Place

(July 24, James Wright)

As part of the organization's annual summer tradition, Washington Informer Charities sponsored the African American Heritage Tour at Tudor Place in Georgetown on July 20. While at the historic Northwest, D.C. house and garden, guests learned about the free and enslaved African Americans who lived and worked there, through the exhibit: "Ancestral Spaces: People of African Descent at Tudor Place." WI



▲ Guests, including Washington Informer Publisher Denise Rolark Barnes (left), learn the history of Tudor Place in Northwest, D.C., during the Washington Informer Charities African American Heritage Tour on July 20. (Ja'Mon Jackson/The Washington Informer)

Celebrating 60 years of The Washington Informer's Legacy: 'If it is to Be, It is Up to Me'

(Oct. 16, James Wright)

The Washington Informer, founded by Dr. Calvin Rolark on Oct. 16, 1964, as a weekly print newspaper, marked its year-long 60th celebration. Highlighting six decades of publishing news across multiple platforms that uplifts the Black community, The Informer, led by second-generation publisher Denise Rolark Barnes, continues the founder's legacy through its dedication to strong, engaging and educational storytelling and keeping Dr. Rolark's motto at the forefront of the work: "If it is to be, it is up to me." WI



▲ Washington Informer founder and first publisher Dr. Calvin Rolark with his daughter Denise Rolark Barnes, the publication's current publisher. (WI File Photo)

Election Night at Sankofa, Coverage Throughout the DMV

(Oct. 16, James Wright)

With reporters on the ground at Howard University, in Prince George's County, and throughout the District, The Washington Informer hosted a live, three-hour, election night event from Sankofa Video, Books and Cafe on Georgia Avenue in Northwest, D.C. The event was an opportunity to talk to community leaders, politicians, entrepreneurs, students and correspondents from The Washington Informer and National Newspaper Publishers Association about the contentious local and national elections. Guests joined The Informer live and virtually as WI Publisher Denise Rolark Barnes and WI Managing Editor Micha Green conducted interviews and shared election results.

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Washington Informer Engages with Community at 25th Anniversary Safeway Feast of Sharing

(Nov. 28, Micha Green))

The day before Thanksgiving, Washington Informer staff took to the Walter E. Washington Convention Center, which transformed from a simple gathering and exhibition space, to a large site to engage with the community, provide warm meals, and spread joy, love and hope this holiday season for the 25th anniversary of Safeway's Feast of Sharing. **WI**



▲ Volunteers serve food at Safeway's 25th Feast of Sharing at the Walter E. Washington Convention Center in D.C. on Nov. 27. (Micha Green/The Washington Informer)

Looking Toward the Future

As we continue celebrating 60 years of dedicated storytelling, The Washington Informer has a lot more community programming planned for 2025. From annual events, such as the Martin Luther King Jr. Peace Walk and Parade and Spelling Bee, to special 60th anniversary festivities, The Washington Informer looks forward to more opportunities to engage with residents throughout the DMV region and is committed to telling important stories that offer insight, inspiration, and empowerment. **WI**



▲ Washington Informer Managing Editor Micha Green and Publisher Denise Rolark Barnes at Hen Quarter Restaurant in Southwest, D.C., during the publication's holiday party on Dec. 13. (Jada Ingleton/The Washington Informer)

Explore The Latest Exhibition From The Smithsonian's Anacostia Community Museum

Submitted by Smithsonian's Anacostia Community Museum

Outside the spotlight of the nation's major museums and galleries, and in a longtime segregated school system, African American artist-educators in 20th-century Washington were unified not by a singular aesthetic vision but by a bold and deeply held commitment to inspiring a love of the arts in young people. These artists shared their gifts with their students in the face of the seemingly insurmountable challenges of underfunding, overcrowding and being overlooked.

"A Bold and Beautiful Vision: A Century of Black Arts Education in Washington, D.C., 1900–2000," now on view at Smithsonian's Anacostia Community Museum, features captivating artworks, artifacts and rare video footage. It tells the story of the teachers, students and activists who made Washington, D.C., a center for Black arts education.

Washington produced some of the 20th century's most talented artists, including musical icons Duke Ellington, Billy Taylor and Madame Lillian Evanti; visual artists Alma Thomas, Elizabeth Catlett and James A. Porter; and was home to artist-educators Sam Gilliam, Georgette Seabrooke Powell and Lois Mailou Jones, among many others.

The exhibition draws heavily from the museum's collection and features more than 85 objects and artworks, including:

- Original prints from the first solo exhibit of Elizabeth Catlett (1915–2012), organized by one of the first Black-owned commercial art galleries in the nation, Washington's



Barnett-Aden Gallery; these same prints later hung for many years on the walls of Catlett's alma mater, Paul Laurence Dunbar High School.

- The custom-made Fischer piano of Madame Lillian Evanti (1890–1967), alumna of Washington's Armstrong High School, a teacher and the first African American opera singer to perform with a major European opera company.

- The mid-century paintbrushes and watercolor paint set of longtime Washington educator and renowned painter Alma Thomas (1891–1978), donated to the Anacostia Community Museum by David C. Driskell.

- A lifelike marionette that longtime Washington artist and art educator William Buckner (1888–1984) made with his Armstrong High School students in the late 1930s.

- Several artworks by Sam Gilliam (1933–2022), including from the period when he was teaching at McKinley Technical High School ("Long Green," 1965), another from much later in his career after he had been teaching college and was working on three-dimensional sculptures ("Daily Red," 1998) and a third that is a cut of canvas he donated to the Anacostia Com-

munity Museum (c. 1989) to make available to visitors who would be interested in learning about his techniques.

- Late 1960s silkscreen prints by Lou Stovall (1937–2023) and Lloyd McNeill (1935–2021) created for a weekly concert series organized by the Adams Morgan-based youth arts organization, The New Thing Art and Architecture Center.

- A study drawing of a young James Baldwin by David C. Driskell (1931–2020), alongside artwork by Driskell's mentors and longtime Howard University professors James A. Porter, Lois Mailou Jones and James Lesesne Wells.

Visitors are encouraged to learn more about the exhibition and upcoming events by visiting the museum's website: anacostia.si.edu

The Smithsonian's Anacostia Community Museum is located at 1901 Fort Pl SE Washington, DC 20020. It is open daily 10 a.m.–5 p.m. (except December 25) free of charge. More information about the museum's current exhibition and public programs can be found on the museum's website at anacostia.si.edu.





Q: How thick is whale blubber?
To find out, add the numbers along the correct path that leads the seal to the iceberg.

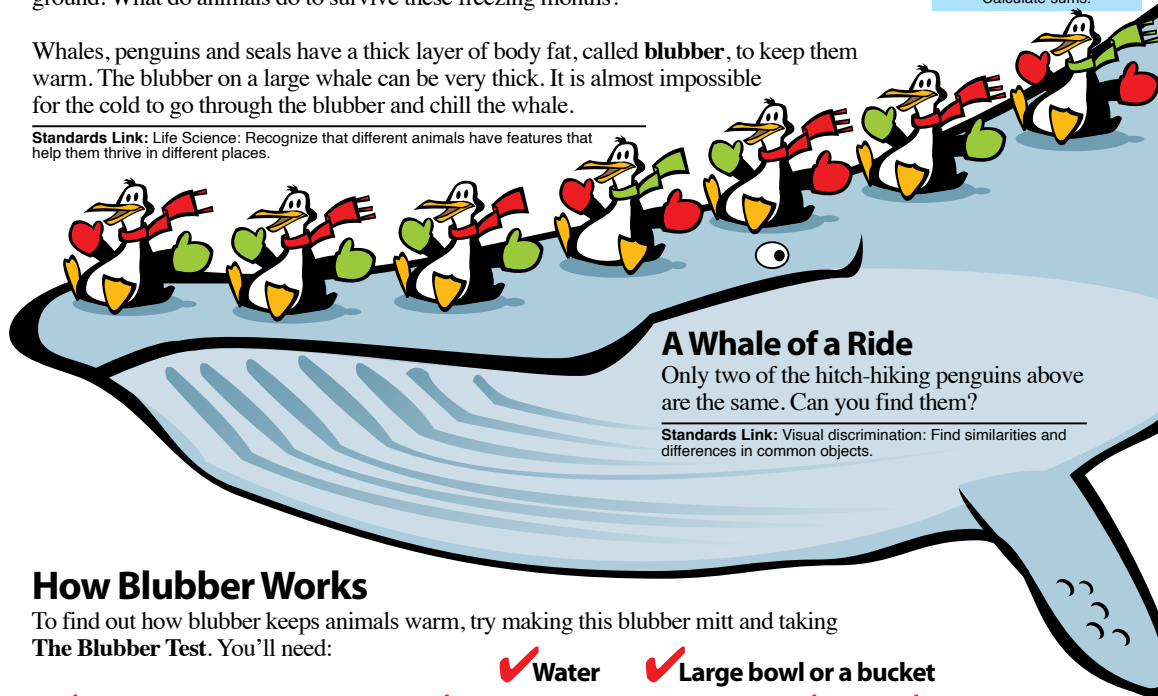
Standards Link: Math: Calculate sums.

THE BEAUTY OF BLUBBER

Some places are very cold in the winter. Icy winds blow. Water freezes and snow covers the ground. What do animals do to survive these freezing months?

Whales, penguins and seals have a thick layer of body fat, called **blubber**, to keep them warm. The blubber on a large whale can be very thick. It is almost impossible for the cold to go through the blubber and chill the whale.

Standards Link: Life Science: Recognize that different animals have features that help them thrive in different places.



A Whale of a Ride

Only two of the hitch-hiking penguins above are the same. Can you find them?

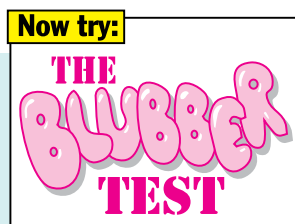
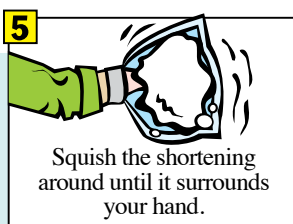
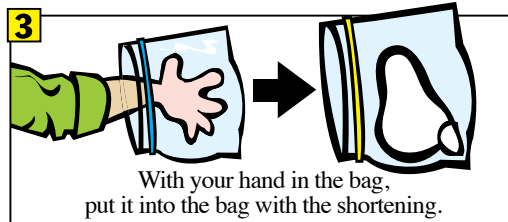
Standards Link: Visual discrimination: Find similarities and differences in common objects.

How Blubber Works

To find out how blubber keeps animals warm, try making this blubber mitt and taking

The Blubber Test. You'll need:

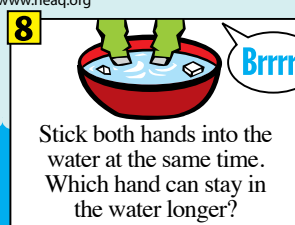
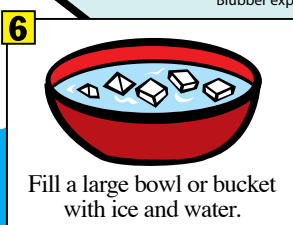
- ✓ 1 cup of solid shortening
- ✓ 3 zip-lock sandwich bags
- ✓ Water
- ✓ Large bowl or a bucket
- ✓ Ice
- ✓ Duct tape



Look through the newspaper for:

- 3 ways to stay warm
- 4 words that describe the weather
- 5 numbers that add up to 100

Standards Links: Reading: Skim and scan reading. Science: Classification by common attributes. Math: Finding sums to 100.

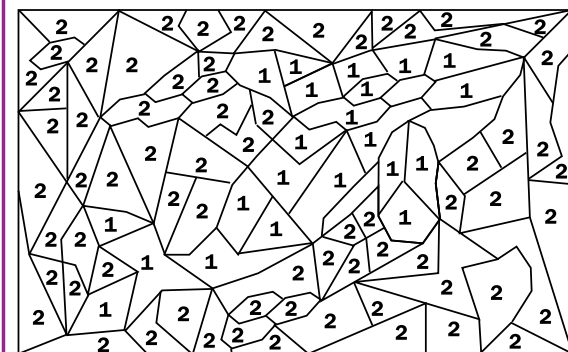


Standard Link: Science: Follow a set of written instructions for a simple investigation.

A: Whale blubber can be inches thick.

Kid Scoop Puzzler

I'm found in oceans all over the world, but especially in the coldest ones. To find out what I am, color each space that has a 1 in it **black** and each 2 space **blue**. Leave the blank spaces white.



Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Follow simple written directions.

Double Double Word Search

BLUBBER
WHALE
SQUISH
BODY
SLIP
PENGUINS
SEAL
CHILL
COLD
THICK
MITT
FREEZES
WATER
WARM
EMPTY

Find the words by looking up, down, backwards, forwards, sideways and diagonally.

A	L	E	M	P	T	Y	C	H	C
H	B	M	I	T	T	C	O	L	F
W	I	L	G	U	H	E	L	Y	R
A	S	Q	U	I	S	H	D	A	E
T	E	U	L	B	N	O	M	W	E
E	A	L	T	T	B	L	I	A	Z
R	L	W	H	A	L	E	T	R	E
M	S	T	H	I	C	K	R	M	S
I	P	E	N	G	U	I	N	S	E

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

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Hot and Cold

Students can work in pairs to play this game. Have one partner secretly select a picture in the newspaper. The other player then asks questions that can be answered "Yes" or "No" to determine the secret picture.

Standards Link: Cooperative Learning: Make predictions based on patterns of listening and observation.



Write On!



Wonderful Wiggly Walrus

Alliteration is when you use the same letter to start every word in a sentence. Write your own alliterations.

Best of Books 2024

By Terri Schlichenmeyer
WI Contributing Writer

Throughout 2024, there were many engaging books that offered insight about the world and allowed readers to escape to make-believe lands.

Check out the top books of this year, and even if you didn't pick them up in 2024, it's not too late to add them to your reading list for 2025.

NONFICTION

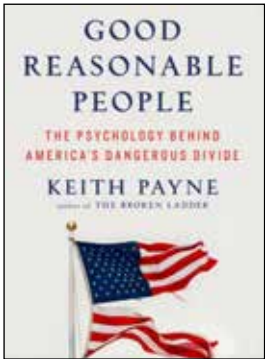
- “Good Reasonable People” by Keith Payne
- “Pets in the City” by Dr. Amy Attas
- “Selling the Dream” by Jane Marie
- “When Women Ran Fifth Avenue” by Julie Satow
- “The Witch’s Door” by Ryan Matthew Cohn and Regina M. Rossi

FICTION

- “Extinction” by Douglas Preston
- “Spirit Crossing” by William Kent Krueger
- “William” by Mason Coile
- “Fallen Fruit” by Shawntelle Madison
- “The Bullet Swallower” by Elizabeth Gonzalez James

YOUTH LITERATURE

- “Telephone of the Tree” by Alison McGhee (Ages 8-13)
- “How to Win Friends and Influence Fungi” by Dr. Chris Balakrishnan and Matt Wasowski, illustrations by Kristen Orr (Teens)

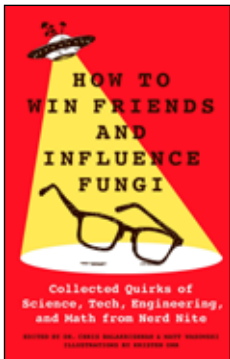


◀ “Good Reasonable People” by Keith Payne is a nonfiction book, offering insight about the dangerous divide in the United States of America. (Courtesy Photo)

▶ “Fallen Fruit” by Shawntelle Madison, is a fictional tale that combines history and fantasy about a woman who travels through time to end a multi-generational family curse. (Courtesy Photo)



◀ “How to Win Friends and Influence Fungi” by Dr. Chris Balakrishnan and Matt Wasowski, with illustrations by Kristen Orr, is a book suggested for teen readers. (Courtesy Photo)




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ARIES You'll be focused on ways you can strike a balance between your needs and those of a significant other or dear friend as the week begins. You might be inspired to get involved with a new form of activism alongside this person. The moment calls for pairing up and putting your joint energy toward a common cause you feel passionate about. *Lucky Numbers: 23, 28, 46*



TAURUS It could feel out of character, but you might want to shirk your typical professional duties and rebel early in the week. The energy of this transit could inspire you to shake things up in a way that feels good in the moment but could create problems down the road, so make sure to think through any major move before diving in. *Lucky Numbers: 3, 31, 34*




GEMINI At the start of the week, you might feel like the mundane demands of regular life are weighing heavily on you and you want to prioritize lighthearted fun with loved ones. You'll be driven to trust your gut and pursue your desires in a bold, no-holds-barred way. As long as you're being true to yourself, you can't go wrong. *Lucky Numbers: 10, 21, 45*



CANCER You could feel like you're being called to focus on work or to-dos that aren't in line with what your heart is craving early in the week. It could also feel tough to get a grip on the reality of the moment. Do your best to let the dust settle and gain clarity before making any major moves. Later, the cosmos amplifies your desire to connect on a deep level with your loved ones, significant other, or potential partner. *Lucky Numbers: 1, 9, 28*



LEO You might feel like it's tough to keep up with all the to-dos on your schedule and chores that have piled up on your list at the beginning of the week. Enlisting a friend or significant other can be a beneficial move at this time. Working as a team can help you feel more empowered. *Lucky Numbers: 15, 16, 23*




VIRGO At the start of the week, you might feel like it's tough to reconcile how you feel with the reality of a relationship matter. Coming from a place of deluded thinking or simply wearing rose-colored glasses could only serve to make a confusing situation worse, so you'll do well to hit pause on any major conversations at the moment. Later, the cosmos encourages you to speak up about your deepest, most heartfelt feelings. *Lucky Numbers: 13, 31, 39*



LIBRA You'll find yourself craving attention, feeling as though you wish you were more seen and heard as the week starts. Thankfully, the cosmos makes this an ideal time to speak up about your needs to your nearest and dearest. Being more assertive and direct can leave you feeling empowered. In fact, this could lay the groundwork for another powerful relationship-oriented influence that steps up your desire to share your thoughts on a one-on-one basis, be that with a significant other, dear friend, or close colleague. *Lucky Numbers: 32, 47, 55*




SCORPIO At the start of the week, you'll be inclined to indulge in escapist activities to pursue your fantasies. Letting go of reality for a bit and steering toward your deepest desires for a while can be incredibly liberating and make you feel even more in love or sure of what you want in love. Later, you might find yourself wanting to open up about your financial needs and concerns with a partner or loved one. *Lucky Numbers: 9, 12, 50*




SAGITTARIUS You and your team of colleagues could be close to the finish line on a major undertaking at the beginning of the week. And stepping up how much you're trading information and collaborating can get everyone on the same page. Later, although you're wired to love adulation and affection (and give it in copious amounts as well), you'll be in search of all of the above in spades. *Lucky Numbers: 10, 27, 36*



CAPRICORN You might feel in your element when higher-ups start serving plenty of recognition and perhaps even hitting you up for more work or an opportunity to step into the spotlight as the week starts. This could feel like a well-deserved peak in your professional trajectory. Later, you might also see amplified potential for cash flow, or, at the least, you'll be eager to speak about the possibility of that with higher-ups. *Lucky Numbers: 2, 11, 16*



AQUARIUS It always helps to have a plan, but now you have the ability to come up with ingenious solutions on the spur of the moment. Make an effort toward your goals and you'll be rewarded. Other people are likely to flock to your ideas, especially since you have more than your fair share of energy and charisma working for you at the moment. But there may not be room for everyone to climb aboard. *Lucky Numbers: 4, 16, 22*



PISCES You could feel like your heart is calling you to broaden your horizons and adopt new skills early in the week. Unfortunately, this isn't the best time to get cold, hard facts about how you can do that. However, allowing yourself to dream can help you gain clarity around the best way to follow your instincts down the road. *Lucky Numbers: 2, 30, 45*

RELIGION



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Service and Times

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Service and Times

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Service and Times

Sunday Morning Worship: 11:00 AM
Holy Communion: 1st Sunday
Sunday School: 9:45 AM
Men's Monday Bible Study: 7:00 PM
Wednesday Night Bible Study: 7:00 PM
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Washington, DC 20018
Office: (202) 529-6767 - Fax: (202) 526-1661

Service and Times

Sunday Worship Services: 7:30 AM and 10:30 AM
Holy Communion: 2nd Sunday at 7:30 AM and 10:30 AM
Sunday Church School: 9:20 AM
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Noon Day Prayer Service: Tuesdays at Noon
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Website: <http://isleofpatmosbc.org>
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(202) 265-6147 Office
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Service and Times

Sunday School: 9:30 AM
Sunday Morning Worship Service: 11:00 AM
Communion Service: First Sunday
Prayer Service/Bible Study: Tuesday, 6:30 PM

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Service and Times

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Sunday Morning Worship 11:00 AM
Tuesday: 7:00 PM - Kingdom Building Bible Institute
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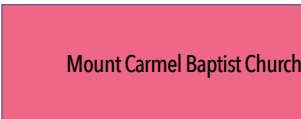
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Service and Times

Sunday Worship Service: 10:00 AM
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Service and Times

Sunday Worship Service - 8:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.
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Service and Times

Sunday Church School: 9:30 AM
Sunday Worship Service: 11:00 AM
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Wednesday Youth & Adult Activities: 6:30 PM

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Service and Times

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Sunday Worship Service: 10:45 AM
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Sunday School: 9:30 AM
Prayer & Praise Service:
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Holy Communion: 1st Sunday 7:30 AM & 10:00 AM
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT
TWENTY-SECOND JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
CITY OF ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI

STARRTRYNBA Q. REEBVES,)
)
Petitioner,) Cause No. 2422-CC06044
) Division 28
v.)
)
SWMW LAW, LLC, FELICIA BLACK,)
LASHANNA HALE, WILEY B. HALE III,)
LA-DALHA HALE FRITCHETT,)
SHANTERIA REED, RODRUIANNA)
HALE, ALREONNA BAILEY, a minor,)
DELLA HALE, a minor, ADDYCEN)
WILLIAMS, a minor, DEMBTRIUS)
HALE, TEVRLYN HALE, a minor,)
RANIYA CARUTHERS, as parent and)
legal guardian of RAMI HALE, a minor,)
and UNKNOWN HEIRS OF WILEY B.)
HALE, JR.,)
)
Respondents.)

NOTICE BY PUBLICATION

NOTICE IS GIVEN YOU, UNKNOWN MINOR OR ADULT LINEAL DESCENDANTS OF RODERICK HALE, SR., that a Motion to Allocate Settlement Proceeds in this case, which involves a claim you may have as a relative of Wiley B. Hale, Jr. to receive settlement funds, is pending before the Honorable Judge Rochelle M. Woodiest, St. Louis City Circuit Court, Civil Courts Building, Div. 28, 10 N. Tucker Blvd., St. Louis, MO 63101.

UNLESS YOU file your answer or otherwise file your appearance in this case in the office of the Clerk of this Court, within 30 days of the date of publication of this notice, A JUDGMENT MAY BE ENTERED ADJUDICATING YOUR RIGHTS AND THIS HEARING MAY PROCEED IN YOUR ABSENCE.

THOMAS KLOEPPINGER
CIRCUIT CLERK

Dated: _____ 11/13/2024
Clerk of the Circuit Court

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SUPERIOR COURT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
Probate Division
Washington, D.C. 20001-2131

2024 ADM 001129

Lorianna Constina Dudley
Decedent

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT, NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND NOTICE TO UNKNOWN HEIRS

Tykaria N. Watts, whose address is 840 Division Ave NE, Washington, DC 20019, was appointed Personal Representative of the estate of Lorianna Constina Dudley who died on August 9, 2024 with a Will and will serve without Court supervision. All unknown heirs and heirs whose whereabouts are unknown shall enter their appearance in this proceeding. Objections to such appointment (or to the probate of decedent's Will) shall be filed with the Register of Wills, D.C., 515 5th Street, N.W., Building A, Third Floor Washington, D.C. 20001, on or before 6/12/2025. Claims against the decedent shall be presented to the undersigned with a copy to the Register of Wills or filed with the Register of Wills with a copy to the undersigned, on or before 6/12/2025, or be forever barred. Persons believed to be heirs or legatees of the decedent who do not receive a copy of this notice by mail within 25 days of its first publication shall so inform the Register of Wills, including name, address, and relationship.

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Tykaria N. Watts
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Washington, D.C. 20001-2131

2024 ADM 001469

Estate of
Isabella V. Farrell aka
Isabella Farrell aka
Isabella Vashita Jefferson Farrell

NOTICE OF STANDARD PROBATE

Notice is hereby given that a petition has been filed in this Court by Shena Thompson-Jones and Gregory Douglass Farrell for standard probate, including the appointment of one or more personal representatives. Unless a responsive pleading in the form of a complaint or an objection in accordance with Superior Court Probate Division Rule 407 is filed in this Court within 30 days from the date of first publication of this notice, the Court may take the action hereinafter set forth.

Admit to probate the will dated March 22, 1997 exhibited with the petition upon proof satisfactory to the Court of due execution by affidavit of the witnesses or otherwise

In the absence of a will or proof satisfactory to the Court of due execution, enter an order determining that the decedent died intestate appoint an unsupervised personal representative

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Stephanie L. Royal, Esq.
5335 Wisconsin Ave., NW
Suite 440
Washington DC 20015
Petitioner/Attorney:

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SUPERIOR COURT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
PROBATE DIVISION
Washington, D.C. 20001-2131

2024 FEP 000130

August 21, 2022
Date of Death

Daisy M. Wilson aka
Daisy May Wilson
Name of Decedent

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT OF FOREIGN PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Clive A. Hutchinson whose address is 638 Kenyon St., NW, Washington, DC 20010 was appointed personal representative of the estate of Daisy M. Wilson aka Daisy May Wilson deceased, by the Orphans Court for Montgomery County, State of Maryland, on April 17, 2023.

Service of process may be made upon Clive A. Hutchinson 638 Kenyon St., NW, Washington, DC 20010 whose designation as District of Columbia agent has been filed with the Register of Wills, D.C.

The decedent owned the following District of Columbia real property.
638 Kenyon Street, NW, Washington, DC 20010. Claims against the decedent may be presented to the undersigned and filed with the Register of Wills of the District of Columbia, 515 5th Street, NW, Third Floor, Washington, D.C. 20001 within 6 months from the date of first publication of this notice.

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Clive A. Hutchinson
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2024 ADM 001299

Josephine A. Wineglass aka
Josephine Arkwright Wineglass
Decedent

Graner S. Ghevarghese
600 14th Street, NW, Fifth Floor
Washington, DC 20005
Attorney

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT, NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND NOTICE TO UNKNOWN HEIRS

Sheri LaDonna Wineglass, whose address is 6004 Mustang Place, Riverdale, MD 20737, was appointed Personal Representative of the estate of Josephine A. Wineglass aka Josephine Arkwright Wineglass who died on July 4, 2024 with a Will and will serve without Court supervision. All unknown heirs and heirs whose whereabouts are unknown shall enter their appearance in this proceeding. Objections to such appointment (or to the probate of decedent's Will) shall be filed with the Register of Wills, D.C., 515 5th Street, N.W., Building A, Third Floor Washington, D.C. 20001, on or before 6/12/2025. Claims against the decedent shall be presented to the undersigned with a copy to the Register of Wills or filed with the Register of Wills with a copy to the undersigned, on or before 6/12/2025, or be forever barred. Persons believed to be heirs or legatees of the decedent who do not receive a copy of this notice by mail within 25 days of its first publication shall so inform the Register of Wills, including name, address, and relationship.

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Washington, D.C. 20001-2131

2024 ADM 001391

Audrey V. Jones
Decedent

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT, NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND NOTICE TO UNKNOWN HEIRS

Dana Thomas, whose address is 5034 14th St. NE, Washington, DC 20017, was appointed Personal Representative of the estate of Audrey V. Jones who died on September 15, 2022 with a Will and will serve with Court supervision. All unknown heirs and heirs whose whereabouts are unknown shall enter their appearance in this proceeding. Objections to such appointment (or to the probate of decedent's Will) shall be filed with the Register of Wills, D.C., 515 5th Street, N.W., Building A, Third Floor Washington, D.C. 20001, on or before 6/12/2025. Claims against the decedent shall be presented to the undersigned with a copy to the Register of Wills or filed with the Register of Wills with a copy to the undersigned, on or before 6/12/2025, or be forever barred. Persons believed to be heirs or legatees of the decedent who do not receive a copy of this notice by mail within 25 days of its first publication shall so inform the Register of Wills, including name, address, and relationship.

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2024 ADM 001400

Helen M. Brown aka
Helen Merrill Brown
Decedent

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT, NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND NOTICE TO UNKNOWN HEIRS

Betty McCollum-Tate, whose address is 8208 Ashford Blvd., Laurel, MD 20707, was appointed Personal Representative of the estate of Helen M. Brown aka Helen Merrill Brown who died on October 3, 2024 with a Will and will serve without Court supervision. All unknown heirs and heirs whose whereabouts are unknown shall enter their appearance in this proceeding. Objections to such appointment (or to the probate of decedent's Will) shall be filed with the Register of Wills, D.C., 515 5th Street, N.W., Building A, Third Floor Washington, D.C. 20001, on or before 6/12/2025. Claims against the decedent shall be presented to the undersigned with a copy to the Register of Wills or filed with the Register of Wills with a copy to the undersigned, on or before 6/12/2025, or be forever barred. Persons believed to be heirs or legatees of the decedent who do not receive a copy of this notice by mail within 25 days of its first publication shall so inform the Register of Wills, including name, address, and relationship.

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Betty McCollum-Tate
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2024 ADM 001401

Larry Anderson
Decedent

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT, NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND NOTICE TO UNKNOWN HEIRS

Larry Dean Anderson, whose address is 145 Oxford Way, Martinsburg WV, 25405, was appointed Personal Representative of the estate of Larry Anderson who died on 8/12/2024 without a Will and will serve without Court supervision. All unknown heirs and heirs whose whereabouts are unknown shall enter their appearance in this proceeding. Objections to such appointment shall be filed with the Register of Wills, D.C., 515 5th Street, N.W., Building A, Third Floor Washington, D.C. 20001, on or before 6/12/2025. Claims against the decedent shall be presented to the undersigned with a copy to the Register of Wills or filed with the Register of Wills with a copy to the undersigned, on or before 6/12/2025, or be forever barred. Persons believed to be heirs or legatees of the decedent who do not receive a copy of this notice by mail within 25 days of its first publication shall so inform the Register of Wills, including name, address, and relationship.

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Larry Dean Anderson
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2024 ADM 001056

Mary Elizabeth West
Decedent

Patrick M. Klemz
1100 Wayne Ave., #825
Silver Spring, MD 20910
Attorney

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT, NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND NOTICE TO UNKNOWN HEIRS

Nadine Marie Wood, whose address is 20316 Waters Row Terrace, Germantown, MD 20874, was appointed Personal Representative of the estate of Mary Elizabeth West who died on April 10, 2022 without a Will and will serve with Court supervision. All unknown heirs and heirs whose whereabouts are unknown shall enter their appearance in this proceeding. Objections to such appointment shall be filed with the Register of Wills, D.C., 515 5th Street, N.W., Building A, Third Floor Washington, D.C. 20001, on or before 6/12/2025. Claims against the decedent shall be presented to the undersigned with a copy to the Register of Wills or filed with the Register of Wills with a copy to the undersigned, on or before 6/12/2025, or be forever barred. Persons believed to be heirs or legatees of the decedent who do not receive a copy of this notice by mail within 25 days of its first publication shall so inform the Register of Wills, including name, address, and relationship.

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2024 ADM 001389

Tyrone D. Jones
Decedent

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT, NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND NOTICE TO UNKNOWN HEIRS

Marcella E. Jones, whose address is 2210 Nicholson St., SE, Apt. #2, Washington, DC 20020, was appointed Personal Representative of the estate of Tyrone D. Jones who died on 7/6/2024 without a Will and will serve without Court supervision. All unknown heirs and heirs whose whereabouts are unknown shall enter their appearance in this proceeding. Objections to such appointment shall be filed with the Register of Wills, D.C., 515 5th Street, N.W., Building A, Third Floor Washington, D.C. 20001, on or before 6/12/2025. Claims against the decedent shall be presented to the undersigned with a copy to the Register of Wills or filed with the Register of Wills with a copy to the undersigned, on or before 6/12/2025, or be forever barred. Persons believed to be heirs or legatees of the decedent who do not receive a copy of this notice by mail within 25 days of its first publication shall so inform the Register of Wills, including name, address, and relationship.

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2024 ADM 001402

Ulysses S. Jones Sr.
Decedent

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT, NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND NOTICE TO UNKNOWN HEIRS

James A. Boyd, whose address is 1841 9th Street, NW, Washington, DC 20001, was appointed Personal Representative of the estate of Ulysses S. Jones, Sr. who died on July 24, 1999 without a Will and will serve without Court supervision. All unknown heirs and heirs whose whereabouts are unknown shall enter their appearance in this proceeding. Objections to such appointment shall be filed with the Register of Wills, D.C., 515 5th Street, N.W., Building A, Third Floor Washington, D.C. 20001, on or before 6/12/2025. Claims against the decedent shall be presented to the undersigned with a copy to the Register of Wills or filed with the Register of Wills with a copy to the undersigned, on or before 6/12/2025, or be forever barred. Persons believed to be heirs or legatees of the decedent who do not receive a copy of this notice by mail within 25 days of its first publication shall so inform the Register of Wills, including name, address, and relationship.

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Jacques Benjamin Russ, Jr.
Decedent

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT, NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND NOTICE TO UNKNOWN HEIRS

Brian L. Kass, Personal Rep. 4301 Connecticut Ave., NW, Suite 434 Washington, DC 20008 Attorney

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT, NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND NOTICE TO UNKNOWN HEIRS

Brian L. Kass, whose address is 4301 Connecticut Ave., NW, Suite 434, Washington, DC 20008, was appointed Personal Representative of the estate of Jacques Benjamin Russ, Jr. who died on 12/14/2021 without a Will and will serve without Court supervision. All unknown heirs and heirs whose whereabouts are unknown shall enter their appearance in this proceeding. Objections to such appointment (or to the probate of decedent's Will) shall be filed with the Register of Wills, D.C., 515 5th Street, N.W., Building A, Third Floor Washington, D.C. 20001, on or before 6/19/2025. Claims against the decedent shall be presented to the undersigned with a copy to the Register of Wills or filed with the Register of Wills with a copy to the undersigned, on or before 6/19/2025, or be forever barred. Persons believed to be heirs or legatees of the decedent who do not receive a copy of this notice by mail within 25 days of its first publication shall so inform the Register of Wills, including name, address, and relationship.

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Tom C. Korologos aka
Tom Chris Korologos
Decedent

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT, NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND NOTICE TO UNKNOWN HEIRS

Philip Korologos, Ann Bazzarone and Paula Lisbe, whose addresses are 43 Scannell Rd, Chatham, NY 12037, 1321 Merchant Lane, McLean, VA 22101 and 12012 Otsego St., North Hollywood, CA 91607, were appointed Personal Representatives of the estate of Tom C. Korologos aka Tom Chris Korologos who died on July 26, 2024 with a Will and will serve without Court supervision. All unknown heirs and heirs whose whereabouts are unknown shall enter their appearance in this proceeding. Objections to such appointment (or to the probate of decedent's Will) shall be filed with the Register of Wills, D.C., 515 5th Street, N.W., Building A, Third Floor Washington, D.C. 20001, on or before 6/12/2025. Claims against the decedent shall be presented to the undersigned with a copy to the Register of Wills or filed with the Register of Wills with a copy to the undersigned, on or before 6/12/2025, or be forever barred. Persons believed to be heirs or legatees of the decedent who do not receive a copy of this notice by mail within 25 days of its first publication shall so inform the Register of Wills, including name, address, and relationship.

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Philip Korologos
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Paula Lisbe
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Ulysses S. Jones Sr.
Decedent

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT, NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND NOTICE TO UNKNOWN HEIRS

James A. Boyd, whose address is 1841 9th Street, NW, Washington, DC 20001, was appointed Personal Representative of the estate of Ulysses S. Jones, Sr. who died on July 24, 1999 without a Will and will serve without Court supervision. All unknown heirs and heirs whose whereabouts are unknown shall enter their appearance in this proceeding. Objections to such appointment shall be filed with the Register of Wills, D.C., 515 5th Street, N.W., Building A, Third Floor Washington, D.C. 20001, on or before 6/12/2025. Claims against the decedent shall be presented to the undersigned with a copy to the Register of Wills or filed with the Register of Wills with a copy to the undersigned, on or before 6/12/2025, or be forever barred. Persons believed to be heirs or legatees of the decedent who do not receive a copy of this notice by mail within 25 days of its first publication shall so inform the Register of Wills, including name, address, and relationship.

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James A. Boyd
Personal Representative

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Jacques Benjamin Russ, Jr.
Decedent

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT, NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND NOTICE TO UNKNOWN HEIRS

Brian L. Kass, Personal Rep. 4301 Connecticut Ave., NW, Suite 434 Washington, DC 20008 Attorney

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT, NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND NOTICE TO UNKNOWN HEIRS

Brian L. Kass, whose address is 4301 Connecticut Ave., NW, Suite 434, Washington, DC 20008, was appointed Personal Representative of the estate of Jacques Benjamin Russ, Jr. who died on 12/14/2021 without a Will and will serve without Court supervision. All unknown heirs and heirs whose whereabouts are unknown shall enter their appearance in this proceeding. Objections to such appointment (or to the probate of decedent's Will) shall be filed with the Register of Wills, D.C., 515 5th Street, N.W., Building A, Third Floor Washington, D.C. 20001, on or before 6/19/2025. Claims against the decedent shall be presented to the undersigned with a copy to the Register of Wills or filed with the Register of Wills with a copy to the undersigned, on or before 6/19/2025, or be forever barred. Persons believed to be heirs or legatees of the decedent who do not receive a copy of this notice by mail within 25 days of its first publication shall so inform the Register of Wills, including name, address, and relationship.

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2024 ADM 1386

Wilhelmina M. Holton
Decedent

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT, NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND NOTICE TO UNKNOWN HEIRS

Dawn Holton, whose address is 5237 Ames Street, NE, Washington, DC 20019, was appointed Personal Representative of the estate of Wilhelmina M. Holton who died on April 25, 2024 without a Will and will serve without Court supervision. All unknown heirs and heirs whose whereabouts are unknown shall enter their appearance in this proceeding. Objections to such appointment (or to the probate of decedent's Will) shall be filed with the Register of Wills, D.C., 515 5th Street, N.W., Building A, Third Floor Washington, D.C. 20001, on or before 6/19/2025. Claims against the decedent shall be presented to the undersigned with a copy to the Register of Wills or filed with the Register of Wills with a copy to the undersigned, on or before 6/19/2025, or be forever barred. Persons believed to be heirs or legatees of the decedent who do not receive a copy of this notice by mail within 25 days of its first publication shall so inform the Register of Wills, including name, address, and relationship.

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Celina Eno Orudiakumo
Decedent

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT, NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND NOTICE TO UNKNOWN HEIRS

Stephanie Orudiakumo, whose address is 1375 Fairmont Street, NW Apt 102, Washington, DC 20009, was appointed Personal Representative of the estate of Celina Eno Orudiakumo who died on July 4, 2024 without a Will and will serve without Court supervision. All unknown heirs and heirs whose whereabouts are unknown shall enter their appearance in this proceeding. Objections to such appointment shall be filed with the Register of Wills, D.C., 515 5th Street, N.W., Building A, Third Floor Washington, D.C. 20001, on or before 6/19/2025. Claims against the decedent shall be presented to the undersigned with a copy to the Register of Wills or filed with the Register of Wills with a copy to the undersigned, on or before 6/19/2025, or be forever barred. Persons believed to be heirs or legatees of the decedent who do not receive a copy of this notice by mail within 25 days of its first publication shall so inform the Register of Wills, including name, address, and relationship.

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Eric Dana Williams
Decedent

Attorney Ethel Mitchell
8403 Colesville Road, #1100
Silver Spring, MD 20910
Attorney

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT, NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND NOTICE
TO UNKNOWN HEIRS

Diamond Tramaine Williams, whose address is 1309 S
Street, SE, Washington, DC 20020, was appointed Personal
Representative of the estate of Eric Dana Williams who died
on 6/27/2024 without a Will and will serve without Court
supervision. All unknown heirs and heirs whose whereabouts
no one should know shall enter their appearance in this proceeding.
Objections to such appointment shall be filed with the Register
of Wills, D.C., 515 5th Street, N.W., Building A, Third Floor
Washington, D.C. 20001, on or before 6/26/2025. Claims
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2024 ADM 001424

Howard P. Williams
Decedent

Attorney Ethel Mitchell
8403 Colesville Road, #1100
Silver Spring, MD 20910
Attorney

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT, NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND NOTICE
TO UNKNOWN HEIRS

Deirdre Williams Mercer, whose address is 321 Oglethorpe
Street, NE, Washington, DC 20011, was appointed Personal
Representative of the estate of Howard P. Williams who died
on July 19, 2021 with a Will and will serve without Court
supervision. All unknown heirs and heirs whose whereabouts
are unknown shall enter their appearance in this proceeding.
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decedent's Will) shall be filed with the Register of Wills, D.C.,
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20001, on or before 6/26/2025. Claims against the decedent
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Deirdre Williams Mercer
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2024 ADM 1406

Mary Ethel Wilkins-Lee
Decedent

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT, NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND NOTICE
TO UNKNOWN HEIRS

Rodney Wilkins, whose address is 111 W Jefferson Street,
Rockville, MD 20850, was appointed Personal Representative
of the estate of Mary Ethel Wilkins-Lee who died on March 2,
2021 without a Will and will serve without Court supervision.
All unknown heirs and heirs whose whereabouts are known
shall enter their appearance in this proceeding. Objections to
such appointment shall be filed with the Register of Wills, D.C.,
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20001, on or before 6/26/2025. Claims against the decedent
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Rodney Wilkins
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Ruth Walker
Decedent

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TO UNKNOWN HEIRS

Latrice Jenkins, whose address is 8904 Ardwick-Ardmore Road, Springdale, MD 20774, was appointed Personal Representative of the estate of Ruth Walker who died on July 24, 2024 with a Will and will serve without Court supervision. All unknown heirs and heirs whose whereabouts are unknown shall enter their appearance in this proceeding. Objections to such appointment (or to the probate of decedent's Will) shall be filed with the Register of Wills, D.C., 515 5th Street, N.W., Building A, Third Floor Washington, D.C. 20001, on or before 6/26/2025. Claims against the decedent shall be presented to the undersigned with a copy to the Register of Wills or filed with the Register of Wills with a copy to the undersigned, on or before 6/26/2025, or be forever barred. Persons believed to be heirs or legatees of the decedent who do not receive a copy of this notice by mail within 25 days of its first publication shall so inform the Register of Wills, including name, address, and relationship.

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Sarah Faison
Decedent

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TO UNKNOWN HEIRS

J. Anthony Concino III, Esq., whose address is 5335 Wisconsin
Ave., NW, Suite 400, Washington, DC 20015, was appointed
Personal Representative of the estate of Sarah Faison who
died on February 13, 2024 without a Will. All unknown heirs
and heirs whose whereabouts are unknown shall enter their
appearance in this proceeding. Objections to such appointment
(or to the probate of decedent's Will) shall be filed with
the Register of Wills, D.C., 515 5th Street, N.W., Building A,
Third Floor Washington, D.C. 20001, on or before June 26,
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social media are roaring aloud that, in the future, the hands of Christians – whether chipped or scanned – could play a role somewhat like how the Star of David was used by the Nazis to identify Jews for death during the Holocaust.

The specific reference of the Mark is found in Revelation 13:16-17: "He caused all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond, to receive a mark in their right hand, or in their foreheads: And that no man might buy or sell, save he that had the mark, or the name of the beast, or the 666 number of his name."

The story of the Mark and its role in today's technology was featured in my recently published book entitled "The Rise and the Fall of the Techno-Messiah: Artificial Intelligence and the End Times." This writer described how some respected theologians give credence to the Mark of the Beast prophecy as part of their eschatological doctrines dealing with the Second

Coming of Christ in the Last Days of history.

Consider the warning of J.F. Walvoord, the late president of the Dallas Theological Seminary: "There is no doubt that with today's technology a world leader in total control could keep a continually updated census of all persons and know precisely which people had pledged their allegiance to him and who has not. It is highly likely that chip implants, scan technology and biometrics will be used as tools to enforce restrictions on buying and selling without the Mark."

Too often when the End Times and the Mark are discussed it is usually contained in only conservative white institutions. Black churches and seminaries, however, also teach and preach the End Times prophecies resulting in the Second Coming of Jesus Christ. The recent pandemics, the possibility of nuclear wars, cataclysmic weather events, such as the frequency of hurricanes and flooding all fit in this apocalypse scenario.

In fact, this writer, an African

American woman, is among those who have taught on the End Times, including the Mark of the Beast at Calvary Bible Institute in Washington, D.C. Although it is surprising to some, there are 1,845 prophetic references to the Second Coming of Jesus, a factor of eight to one over references of His First Coming. In fact, Scriptures show Jesus speaking of His return 21 times.

The Mark of the Beast and the spirituality around it have also made their way into political circles. Mark Cole, a former member of the Virginia House of Delegates, once introduced a proposal to prevent corporations from forcing employees to submit to implants. He also said his concerns were based on the Book of Revelation which deals with the Mark of the Beast. Referring to the microchips, he argued, "they just might be that mark."

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Born."
"Where refugees seek deliverance that never comes And the heart consumes itself, as if it would live,

Where children age before their time, And life wears down the edges of the mind, Where the old man sits with mind grown cold, While bones and sinew, blood and cell, go slowly down to death, Where fear

companions each day's life, And Perfect Love seems long delayed. CHRISTMAS IS WAITING TO BE BORN: In you, in me, in all mankind"

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can be medically dangerous for patients and strain their mental health as well. Unknown to the public, the critical behind-the-scenes work by public servants such as those working for California's DMHC can easily be taken for granted. Businesses typically don't like regulations, but citizens and consumer advocates know that fair and reasonable regulation enforced by dedicated public servants is needed to protect the public's interests.

Some leaders from the private sector would love to purge the federal government of public servants who are in place to "serve and protect." Behind the rhetoric of cutting government waste is the true motive of eliminating the public servants who care about people rather than power, control and billion-dollar profits. Servants who stand in the gap between fairness to citizens and corruption from corporations. Those who are in place to fight for accountability and transparency. They are the whistleblowers. They are the checks and balances on the front line of the government. They are the everyday individuals who keep the nation functioning daily.

They represent a major thorn in

the side and a threat to billionaire oligarchs like Elon Musk, Vivek Ramaswamy and Donald Trump, who disdain systems of checks and balances and the true meaning of public service. Federal civilian employees are now the target of the new Department of Government Efficiency led by Musk and Ramaswamy. As private businessmen in nontraditional roles within the executive branch, they are in a high position to shape government policy decisions and cut what they deem to be wasteful government spending. The idea of conflict of interest has no meaning to those with the power to do as they wish without suffering the consequences of their actions. Musk, who leads companies with lucrative government contracts, called for eliminating the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau. While Musk and Ramaswamy may never suffer the full consequences of their actions, federal civilian employees and the American public will. "Millions of Americans should brace for massive cuts to benefits and services they rely on for their survival under plans to target government spending and operations," American Federation of Government

Employees National President Everett Kelley said in a Nov. 13 statement.

Republican Sen. Eric Schmitt blocked a request by Democratic senators to pass legislation to protect federal workers from civil service reforms. Public servants who normally serve and protect others now need others to protect and serve them. Trump's nominee to head the Office of Management and Budget, and a key Project 2025 architect, Russell Vought, has endorsed reclassifying federal workers to "Schedule F" to get around civil service protections that make it difficult to fire them. Work with the federal government has historically been a ladder to the middle class for millions of Americans of all races, but especially for Black citizens. The competitive pay scales of government employment have helped lift generations of Black families into the middle class. Black Americans make up 18.2% of the federal government workforce, which is higher than their percentage in the U.S. population (13.2%). Republican lawmakers, once they start hearing from their constituents back home, need to reconsider these irresponsible ideas. **WI**

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people who have no leadership skills, to be insane!

Look at some of the things happening or that recently happened to brilliant Black women, and we see either no or a smidgen of other women coming to their aid. District Attorney Fani Willis of Georgia has been stripped of her racketeering case against Trump and 18 of his aides and associates. This is a stunning ruling from a Georgia

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18 stories, 414,000 square feet — and because of the homecoming it represents: we're returning to the community that gave birth to our movement 115 years ago.

But its greatest significance — the greatest joy — is that it embodies the very heart of our mission. It is an investment into a culturally vibrant community, historically neglected by city, state and national leaders, that already is paying enormous dividends.

The Urban Empowerment Center represents the joy of home for the 170 families and individuals who now have a safe and affordable apartment. It represents the joy of fair employment for the thousands who were involved in the construction and finishing of the building and the hundreds who have

JEALOUS from Page 29

In 2023, far-right media and politicians tried to ignite a firestorm over gas stoves, peddling the falsehood that the Biden administration was trying to ban them. In reality, the DOE proposed improved efficiency standards for both gas and electric stoves that would not go into effect until 2027 and would help consumers save as much as an estimated \$1.7 billion. This is part and parcel of the myths being used to stoke outrage about regulations that would protect consumers — both their wallets and their health (don't forget that producing excess energy from fossil fuels adds to the climate crisis and the air and water pollution that kills and sickens millions of Americans every year).

While it seems utilities and energy companies might not mind consumers buying more of their product than they use or need, many electric utilities actually support efficiency measures. They bring down overall demand on their grids, reducing costs for them as well as their consumers.

Most news coverage of the issue highlights interest group opposi-

state appeals court to please the already-convicted-34-times Trump, with more cases on the horizon, but who is punished? DA Fani Willis!

Kim Foxx, Kim Gardner, Aramis Ayala — all punished for their great work. Monique Worrell has faced her challenges. New York Attorney General Letitia James is definitely doing her job, but Trump denigrates her because she's making him pay for his wrongdoing! All of these, and I'm

found permanent employment with our retail partners.

It represents the joy of history and heritage, as the first-of-its-kind Urban Civil Rights Museum in Harlem begins to take shape. It will be New York City's first museum dedicated to the American Civil Rights Movement and one of the only museums in the entire country to explore the history of the Civil Rights Movement in the North.

This year, of course, has also brought pain. The presidential election feels like a painful setback for the issues we in the Urban League Movement hold sacrosanct: An inclusive democracy. Reproductive freedom. Economic opportunity.

The first Trump administration began with an inhumane act of religious

tion from homebuilders. However, it seems the National Association of Home Builders (NAHB) may actually be inflating the upfront costs, while ignoring the savings on utility bills over time that more than make up for them. Those savings are especially important to low-income families, who carry a higher energy burden by spending a greater portion of their household income on energy bills. Low-income households are forced to spend as much as four times more on energy bills. And there is research that shows families that fall behind on their utility bills are at risk of the state taking their children away.

Of course, not all homebuilders subscribe to the NAHB's rhetoric. They know that homes can be constructed to be more efficient, solar-ready and in ways that cut costs and actually enhance quality of living. And for new construction of all-electric buildings, costs are even lower because there is no need to run a gas line, which saves tens of thousands of dollars.

But at the end of the day, opposition to energy efficiency standards is not just about doing the bidding of

sure there are more, were just doing their job. I'm left wondering where my sisters of another color are in standing up for them?

There's a war on women, but most of them seem to be Black women who are just doing their job. Please do the right thing for one Black woman. Go to justice-formarilynmosby.com and sign the petition to have President Biden pardon her now so she can go back to work!

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discrimination, banning immigrants from majority-Muslim nations. It ended with white supremacists parading the Confederate flag through the U.S. Capitol as part of a plot to overturn an election.

Many of us are puzzled, angry and upset by the results of the election — distraught at the prospect of having to fight the same battles over and over again.

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an industry group like NAHB. More than anything, based on the fallacious claims and outright distortions of what these regulations actually do, it seems to be simply about manipulating voters by making them angry. People do not like being told what to do. They do not like being told the products they like — or at least have no problems with — will be banned or taken from them. When framed in a way that means less choice — or "freedom" — for consumers, too many people are ready to take the bait and believe the lies. The truth is, these standards are simply about providing consumers with better choices on the shelf for when their existing appliances ultimately do need to be replaced.

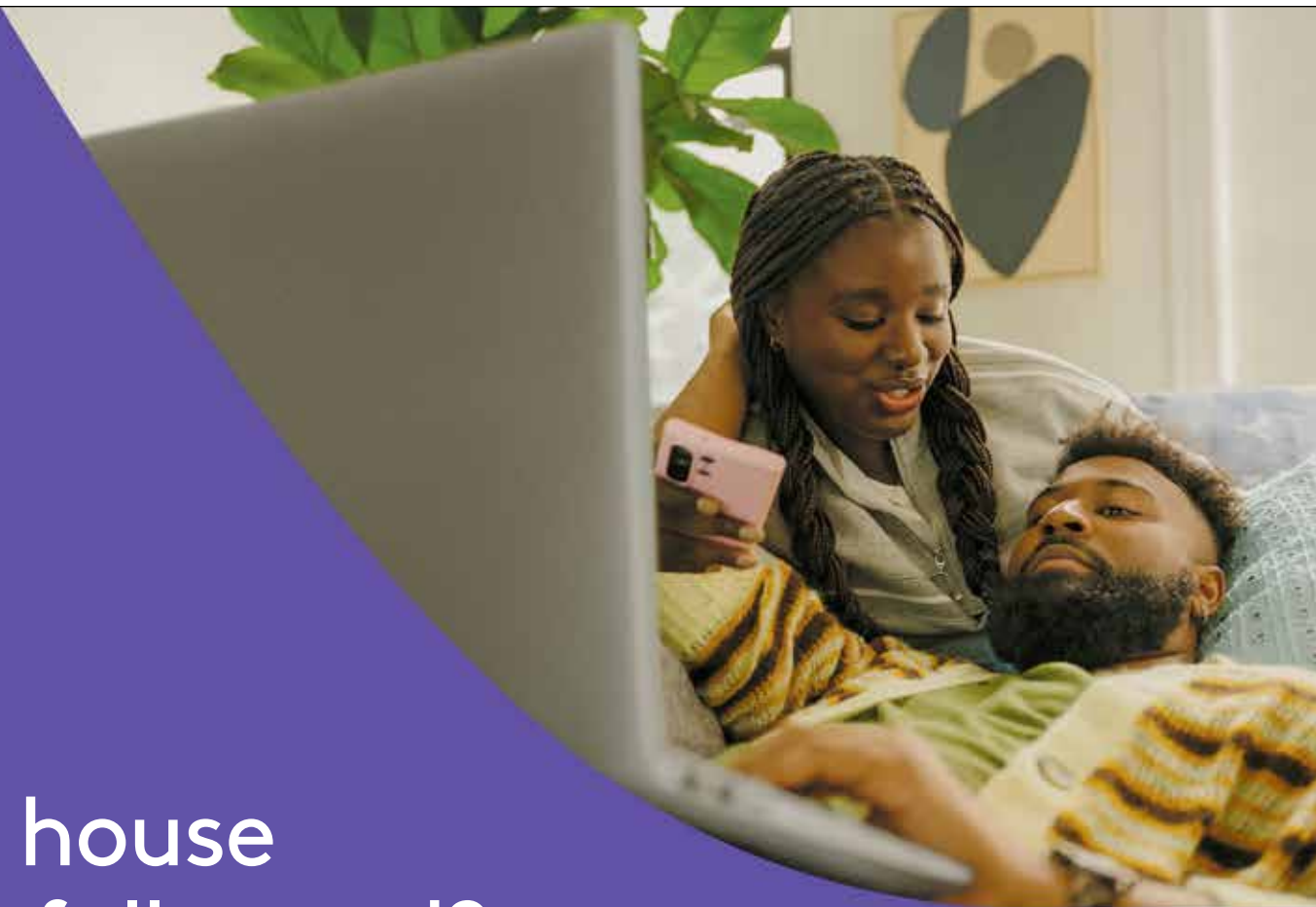
In Washington and state capitals alike, lawmakers need to put their constituents first, and not traffic in lies and misinformation. No one benefits from wasted energy other than the fossil fuel industry executives whose bank accounts get fatter with the selling and burning of an unnecessary excess of their product. Well, them and the politicians who benefit from misleading voters about what energy efficiency actually means. **WI**

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