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The Unlikeliest Of Allies Find Common Ground

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Sixteen months out from the next Presidential election with voter dissatisfaction at an all-time high and the presumed candidates from both major parties clearly not representing the centrist middle American. Can a viable third party break the stronghold the major parties have on the American electorate in 2024?

In addition to the usual players including the Green and Libertarian parties, No Labels that grew out of the U.S. Congress Problem Solvers Caucus makes a very compelling case, offering "common sense, bi-partisan solutions to America's problems."

The No Labels website asks the following questions:
 •Feeling politically homeless?
 Tired of the extremes on the left and the right?
 •Looking for common sense solutions for all American problems?

For many Americans, the answer is, "yes!" Recent polling indicates that 60+% of American voters want more political choices. No Labels, a bi-partisan organization founded in 2009 by Nancy Jacobson, is working to grow a "national movement of common-sense Americans pushing (our) leaders to solve our country's biggest problems."

Never heard of No Labels? Neither had I. Left up to the two major parties you never will, but two native North Carolinians, one Black, one White; one Democrat, the other Republican, are serving as national co-chairs for this bold answer to the widespread frustration and alienation of America's centrist voters. Former North Carolina Governor Pat McCrory and Civil Rights activist Dr. Ben Chavis are proving that focusing on the common goal of offering the American voter "better choices" through viable bi-partisan representation is more in line with the American people.

In a June 19, 2023, Fox News interview No Labels founder & CEO Nancy Jacobson, was asked if No Labels goal

was to be a 'spoiler.' Jacobson replied, "If it's clear that they (the American people) don't want the choices and this is a winning ticket and we can win and not spoil, we're gonna' go do it. If it looks like we're going to spoil, we'll step down. We're just people who want to give Americans the choice and they'll decide."

I sat down with No Labels National Co-Chairs, Gov. McCrory and Dr. Chavis, to ask a few questions: Is either major party delivering on the promises they make to voters? Are both parties fighting to maintain their stronghold on the American voters?

Dr. Chavis responded, "The question is equal access to the ballot in NC. All North Carolinians have the right to have choices not just of who they vote for but what they vote for. Gov. McCrory continued, "I think it's both sides. In North Carolina, I think the Democrats are more likely to hold onto it. But the Republicans voted to delay (No Labels') access to the bal-

lot."

On July 6, 2023, No Label issued a press release accusing the North Carolina State Board of Elections of voter suppression by deliberately delaying North Carolinians' right to more choices in their elections. North Carolina law requires 13,865 validated signatures for a new party's candidates to appear on the ballot in 2024. On July 6, 2023, according to the press release, 14,797 signatures submitted by No Labels were publicly declared valid however, the Board of Elections has, in No Labels' words, "chosen to arbitrarily and capriciously move the goalposts back once again, announcing that they will delay certifying our ballot access while the Board Chair conducts an additional review process that has no precedent and no objective standard."

Governor McCrory and Dr. Chavis explained that each state has its requirements for ballot access. "Our attorneys and staff follow each state's

election laws meticulously to insure we comply to existing state laws. That's what we did in North Carolina. That's why we're confident we will be able to get ballot access on August 13th. It should have been granted before now. The reason we put out the press release is because of these unnecessary and politically motivated delays in granting the access. Our goal is to get on 20 or so ballots by the end of the year and then more in time to be eligible to run a potential Presidential/Vice-Presidential ticket in all 50 states once we make that decision after Super Tuesday. Right now, 60-70% of the people are not satisfied with the leading contenders and want another choice. We're doing what the American people want. We think the people deserve better. Right now, our nation is very divided, and we need people who are working to solve problems and get results. Now, more than ever."

Although No Labels was able to get

more than the required signatures certified for ballot access, the powers that be, namely the State Board of Elections, has failed to grant ballot access. Gov. McCrory explained the plan, assuming ballot access is granted. "After Super Tuesday, if Biden and Trump are the two candidates, we're going to present a slate with a Presidential and Vice-Presidential candidate on a third-party ticket. We're getting on the ballots to make sure we have that leverage. We are going to have a convention in Dallas in April (2024)." Dr. Chavis continued, "Between Super Tuesday and the convention in April, a unity ticket will emerge, a Democrat and a Republican. To move forward, we have to see a clear pathway for them to win enough electoral college votes. This is not a protest vote. We're in this to win. The reason we refer to this as an insurance policy is we're putting the infrastructure in place in case we need it. That's why we need ballot access."

Both Gov. McCrory and Dr. Chavis emphasize a return to civility as a crucial component to revising our governing structure and cite Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. as role models. Dr. Chavis served as State Youth Coordinator for Dr. King and the Southern Christian Leadership Conference from 1963 - 1968, working directly with Dr. King. "I feel that No Labels is the fulfillment of Dr. King's concept of the 'beloved community' where we work together in a bi-partisan way; Black and White, Native American, Asian-American and Latino. Americans should be working together. The more I work with Gov. McCrory, the more we dialogue together, the more we have civility together, the more we discover our common interests. No Labels isn't new. No Labels is 13 years old. It started in the United States Congress with the Problem Solvers Caucus. They have a great track record of finding bi-partisan solutions to our nation's problems. That's why I joined No Labels. I'm very pleased with the progress we're making in all the states. If the North Carolina Board of Election does what it is statutorily responsible to do, they will grant ballot access to No Labels on August 13th. In the meantime, Gov. McCrory and I will continue to work together across the country to get people to hopefully return to civility, to focus on what's good for all Americans. We're putting the nation before party. We're putting the future of American democracy before party. That's why we call ourselves No Labels. We're not trying to demonize the other side, across the aisle because they may have a different political perspective. The Civil Rights Act of 1964 was only made possible by bipartisanship. The Voting Rights Act of 1965 was only made possible by bipartisanship. The recent infrastructure bill and all the progress made in Congress recently is because of bipartisanship. We believe there are more bipartisan, common-sense solutions to our nation's problem. (See ALLIES, P. 2)

Judge Dismisses Lawsuit Over 1921 Tulsa Race Massacre

An Oklahoma judge has thrown out a lawsuit seeking reparations for the 1921 Tulsa Race Massacre, dashing an effort to obtain some measure of legal justice for survivors of the deadly racist rampage.

Judge Caroline Wall on Friday dismissed with prejudice the lawsuit trying to force the city and others to make recompense for the destruction of the once-thriving Black district known as Greenwood.

The order comes in a case by three survivors of the attack, who are all now over 100 years old and sued in 2020 with the hope of seeing what their attorney called "justice in their lifetime."

Tulsa Mayor G.T. Bynum said in a statement that the city has yet to receive the full court order. "The city remains committed to finding the graves of 1921 Tulsa Race Massacre victims, fostering economic investment in the Greenwood District, educating future generations about the worst event in our community's history, and building a city where every person has an equal opportunity for a great life," he said.

A lawyer for the survivors - Lessie Benningfield Randle, Viola Fletcher and Hughes Van Ellis - did not say Sunday whether they plan to appeal. But a group supporting the lawsuit suggested they are likely to challenge Wall's decision.



"Judge Wall effectively condemned the three living Tulsa Race Massacre Survivors to languish - genuinely to death - on Oklahoma's appellate docket," the group, Justice for Greenwood, said in a statement. "There is no semblance of justice or access to justice here."

Wall, a Tulsa County District Court judge, wrote in a brief order that she was tossing the case based on arguments from the city, regional chamber of commerce and other state and local government agencies. She had ruled against the defendants' motions to dismiss and allowed the case to proceed last year.

Local judicial elections in Oklahoma are technically nonpartisan, but Wall has described herself as a "Constitutional Conservative" in past campaign questionnaires.

The lawsuit was brought under Oklahoma's public nuisance law,

saying the actions of the white mob that killed hundreds of Black residents and destroyed what had been the nation's most prosperous Black business district continue to affect the city today.

It contended that Tulsa's long history of racial division and tension stemmed from the massacre, during which an angry white mob descended on a 35-block area, looting, killing and burning it to the ground. Beyond

those killed, thousands more were left homeless and living in a hastily constructed internment camp.

The city and insurance companies never compensated victims for their losses, and the massacre ultimately resulted in racial and economic disparities that still exist today, the lawsuit argued. It sought a detailed accounting of the property and wealth lost or stolen in the massacre, the construction of a hospital in north Tulsa and the creation of a victims compensation fund, among other things.

A Chamber of Commerce attorney

previously said that the massacre was horrible, but the nuisance it caused was not ongoing.

Fletcher, who is 109 and the oldest living survivor, released a memoir last week about the life she lived in the shadow of the massacre. It will become widely available for purchase in August.

In 2019, Oklahoma's attorney general used the public nuisance law to force opioid drug maker Johnson & Johnson to pay the state \$465 million in damages. The Oklahoma Supreme Court overturned that decision two years later.



DUKE UNIVERSITY'S ANSWER TO THE AFFIRMATIVE ACTION RULING

Beginning this fall, Duke University will provide full tuition grants for admitted undergraduate student residents of North Carolina and South Carolina whose families have a total income of \$150,000 or less. For Duke students from North Carolina and South Carolina with total family incomes of \$65,000 or less, the university will provide full tuition grants, plus financial assistance for housing, meals and some course materials or other campus expenses, without the need for student loans. This additional financial aid for undergraduates reflects Duke's commitment to our students from the Carolinas. By providing more equitable access to a Duke education, and ensuring students have the additional support and resources they need to truly thrive while here at Duke, we will also make our campus community stronger.

NC MEDICAID DELAYED AGAIN FOR PEOPLE WITH MENTAL ILLNESS AND DISABILITIES

RALEIGH, N.C. (AP) - North Carolina's planned managed care program for Medicaid enrollees who also need services for behavioral health or intellectual or developmental disabilities is being delayed again by state officials. The start date for these "tailored plans" that will cover roughly 160,000 people had been last Dec. 1. The state Department of Health and Human Services then pushed back its implementation to April 1, then to this coming Oct. 1. DHHS announced Tuesday that it wouldn't meet the October start date either, but this time didn't give a new date, saying it was "still to be determined." The department has given several reasons for the delays, including the need to locate enough contract service providers for these beneficiaries and technical challenges for the regional behavioral health organizations already in place that would coordinate the managed care. While technical matters are improving, gaps remain in provider networks, and getting from state lawmakers the tools needed to carry out well the tailored plans is "still a work in progress," a DHHS news release said. This combined with ongoing negotiations at the General Assembly over the state budget, which was supposed to take effect July 1 and includes Medicaid funding, made the open-ended delay necessary, according to the agency.

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Councilman Addresses Affordable Housing

By Tyria Bourda
 Staff Writer

Raleigh, Mayor Pro Tem Corey Branch led a District C neighborhood meeting on recently updating residents on affordable housing in Southeast Raleigh. The event comes as the City of Raleigh's commitment plans to create thousands of affordable housing units by 2026.

To know more about the councilman's plans for district C, we spoke with Branch. He shared that affordable and low-income housing are egregious concerns of his. After speaking with community residents, he learned that many residents make at or just above a living wage and are in need of housing options as well.

Knowing that, Branch stated that there are two housing projects already in place; with one close to completion. The first affordable housing features 180 units which

are all below 80% of the AMI (Annual Median Income). Whereas the second housing project is a tax credit project which is currently under construction. As well as Summit at Sawyer, a 154 unit apartment complex developing in Southeast Raleigh soon.

"My goal is to continue to attract projects like these that are centered around creating jobs and amenities for the community. This will be a priority as we approach the site formerly home to the DMV. I am passionate about maintaining and acknowledging the rich history of our neighborhood. That is vital. I also believe we need to open our minds and hearts to the potential improvement that comes through growth and perpetuates our communities," said Branch.

Moreover, residents are concerned about paying high property taxes due to the gentrification. Branch added that the community continues to have needs and we

have to meet them somehow. He plans to continue to seek ways of funding these needs with as little financial impact on citizens and finances as possible.

"I work with the city, county, state legislators, and their staff to balance our needs for development with good protection and affordability for our most vulnerable citizens."

Being that he is while addressing affordable housing Branch stated that the city recently purchased properties at the corner of New Bern Avenue and Raleigh Boulevard, including the former Zack's Grocery Mart. The next step is to reconfigure the property, and the goal is to bring more and affordable housing to the area.

Additionally, Branch addressed the ongoing housing project which hopefully bring single family homes and townhomes to East College Park. However, market challenges have delayed the develop-

ment of the 80 townhomes.

"Sixty percent of those are supposed to be part of our affordable housing program and then 40% will be market rate," he said.

Lastly, many residents have raised concerns about the Transit Overlay District (TOD) facilitating gentrification. A resident who lives in an apartment on Davie Street said many of his Black neighbors are moving out, and the TOD seems like "it's more of an encouragement without a lot of teeth."

Member of the Friends of Shaw U. organization, Eugene Myrick stated that the BRT seems like an extreme response in regards to increasing bus lines.

"We put more buses out, but those buses are still going in the same traffic," Branch said. What BRT does, it takes the bus and puts it in a dedicated lane and it takes our lights and triggers other traffic to kind of stop to give the bus priority."

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Expected recipients of tailored plans would have otherwise received notices later this month of the changes, and “the delay will minimize confusion,” DHHS said, adding that the agency remains committed to implementing the plans.

Consumers to participate in tailored plans, including people with traumatic brain injuries, keep receiving care through their existing plans during the delay.

In July 2021, the state moved two-thirds of North Carolina’s then-2.5 million Medicaid recipients from a traditional fee-for-service system to one in which several statewide health plans and one multiregional plan received monthly payments for each patient they enrolled and treated. But such changes were postponed for people with severe disabilities and mental health needs, for whom a complicated array of conventional care and specialized services are needed.

The delay doesn’t directly affect a state law that Democratic Gov. Roy Cooper signed in March that expands Medicaid to hundreds of thousands of low-income adults. But the law says such coverage can’t be implemented unless a state budget law is enacted.

House Speaker Tim Moore said Tuesday that House and Senate Republicans are still negotiating on a consensus two-year budget “but we are not there yet.” Remaining differences include the extent of future tax cuts and how much revenue will be earmarked for capital projects, Moore told reporters.

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lems, but we have to demonstrate that by working together. That’s what No Labels is doing.”

Gov. McCrory expressed concern that the division and lack of civility our country is experiencing will lead to anarchy and ultimately, violence. “Where we are now reminds me of 1968. A presidential candidate and a civil rights leader were killed, and there were violent protests of the Vietnam war across the country. We are experiencing that type of division again. We’re fighting the status quo. We’re breaking from the labels both of our parties have given us. They want to put us in buckets; we have to be extremist or radical, left or right, Democrat or Republican. Dr. Chavis and I are taking every issue on its own merit and refusing to be put in a bucket. I had an impression of who Dr. Chavis was based upon his brand in the media and I’m sure he had an impression of who I was; whether I was a right-wing extremist or a left-wing RINO (Republican in name only), depends in who you’re talking to. We’re realizing that when we have conversations with each other, issue to issue, we realize we can have civil discourse and even reach consensus on most things on how to solve these complex problems. What concerns me about the Election Board is that this is the third month they have delayed action. In May, the excuse was new board members. In June, the agenda was too full. Now the delay is some arbitrary interpretation of No Labels. Dr. Chavis and I are saying, ‘Enough.’ The good news is they stated on the record we have fulfilled all our obligations to getting the signatures and they

have been certified. All of a sudden, they said ‘however, we can’t make a decision’ and then the meeting ended. No questions from our attorneys or other board members, Republican or Democrat. No questions from the media were allowed. We (the people) have to have trust in the political system and the only way to have that trust is to ensure the Board isn’t being political and they’re being transparent. We are extremely disappointed in the lack of action over the past two months. We’re not going to let up. Sadly, it’s happening in other states, where Washington power brokers are trying to maintain the status quo and not allow for any competition. I don’t think that’s right.”

The frustration felt by No Label aligns with the frustration experienced by Americans who feel unrepresented and powerless. Widespread dissatisfaction with ballot choices increasingly leads to apathy and low voter turnout.

When asked about the use of the term, voter suppression, terminology used in the fight for African American voting rights throughout the Civil Rights era, Dr. Chavis explained, “I chose my words very guardedly because they do apply to the current situation. Denying ballot access is a form of voter suppression. I want to see North Carolina move forward, not move backwards. I believe the will of the people of North Carolina will ultimately prevail and No Labels will be granted ballot access.”

This is not North Carolina’s first charge of voter suppression in recent elections. In August 2022, U.S. District Court Judge James Dever III or-

dered the State Board of Elections to add The Green Party to the mid-term ballot after a months-long submission and validation process.

Jeff Moore, NCGOP’s Communications Director clarified the state Republican Party’s position on “3rd party” ballot access. “The NCGOP welcomes more and more people to the political process. When it comes to the No Labels group, we understand what the thrust is there. We wear our label proudly because the label represents the values that we hold and the kind of policies we like to effect on the local, state, and federal level. We see that movement obviously paying attention to those kind of things. When you have a cohort in North Carolina of unaffiliated voters that outnumber the Democrat registered voters and the Republican registered voters, those are groups you have to speak to. Even though we are the North Carolina Republican party, we’re not just speaking to North Carolina registered Republican voters. We’re speaking to them, and everyone else about the values, the ideas, and the policies we want to promote up and down the ballot through our candidates. I imagine No Labels is looking at those growing segments of unaffiliated voters and thinking they’ll go fishing in that pond as far as getting political support. I find that even if you are an unaffiliated voter and you’re “independent” it does not necessarily mean you don’t identify with one party or the other or you don’t identify with at least that value set that would put you in one camp or the other.” Moore acknowledged that the squabbling within the major parties has proven to alienate voters and admitted that

some voters like to “avail themselves of the opportunity to evaluate people (candidates) individually. That’s what I hear most often. I’m unaffiliated because I like to vote for the man or the woman, and not necessarily the party. That tells me they still have the value set. I want to make sure we still have a label as Republicans because it expresses our value set for those unaffiliated voters who hear our message and pull the lever for Republicans in the voting booth. I think we can do that more effectively than any other group in the state.”

It is not clear whether No Labels, or any of the “3rd parties” is the answer to the massive dissatisfaction Americans have with our current governing structure or with the assumed Presidential candidates in 2024 but it is undeniable that like everything else, the political process must evolve. The timeframe of that evolution is seriously impacted by the unwillingness of those in power to concede, or even share that power.

In the familiar words of Lord Ash-ton, “Power corrupts, and absolute power corrupts absolutely.” With those holding almost absolute power in a stranglehold, not to mention control of the resources upon which we, the people depend, and through their power wielding of the media and education, attempt to control what we can and cannot know, it will indeed be an epic battle. Be assured, evolution will happen.

Note: as of press time, the North Carolina Democratic Party and the State Board of Elections have remained silent when asked about ballot access for 3rd parties.

U.S. Applications For Jobless Benefits Are Up

The number of Americans applying for unemployment benefits last week rose to its highest level since October 2021, but the labor market remains one of the healthiest parts of the U.S. economy.

The Labor Department reported Thursday that U.S. applications for jobless claims were 261,000 for the week ending June 3, an increase of 28,000 from the previous week’s 233,000. Weekly jobless claims are considered representative of U.S. layoffs.

The four-week moving average of claims, which evens out some of the weekly variations, rose by 7,500 to 237,250.

Despite last week’s sharp increase in filings for unemployment aid, some analysts cautioned against concluding that layoffs are picking up across the economy. They noted that the weekly figures are prone to revision and that last week’s numbers might have been distorted by the three-day Memorial Day weekend.

“The latest reading reflects a holiday-shortened week (Memorial Day), which ought to raise suspicions that the big move was more noise than sig-

nal,” said Stephen Stanley, chief U.S. economist for Santander. “I am eager to see next week’s reading before I draw any conclusions.”

The U.S. economy has added jobs at a furious rate since the pandemic purge of more than 20 million jobs in the spring of 2020. Americans have enjoyed unusual job security, despite the Federal Reserve’s aggressive campaign to cool the economy and labor market in its bid to stifle persistent, decades-high inflation.

In early May, the Fed raised its benchmark lending rate for the 10th time in a row. There have been scattered signs that the Fed’s actions are working, but broadly, the job market continues to favor workers.

U.S. employers added a robust 339,000 jobs last month, well above expectations. Last week’s report painted a mostly encouraging picture of the

job market but there were some mixed messages. Notably, the unemployment rate rose to 3.7%, from a five-decade low of 3.4% in April, the highest unemployment rate since October.

In April, employers posted 10.1 million job openings, up from 9.7 million in March and the most since January. Economists had expected vacancies to slip below 9.5 million.

Those reports, along with the jobless claims numbers, could help sway Fed officials one way or the other with regard to its next rate hike move. Most economists are predicting that the Fed will pause its rate hikes at its meeting next week, though the strong labor market could convince the central bank to stay the course with another small quarter-point increase.

The U.S. economy grew at a lackluster 1.3% annual rate from January through March as businesses wary of

an economic slowdown trimmed their inventories. That’s a slight upgrade from its initial growth estimate of 1.1%.

Though the labor market remains strong, there have been notable high-profile layoffs recently, mostly in the technology sector, where many companies now acknowledge overhiring during the pandemic. IBM, Microsoft, Salesforce, Twitter, Lyft, LinkedIn, Spotify and DoorDash have all announced layoffs in recent months. Amazon and Facebook parent Meta have each announced two sets of job cuts since November.

Outside the tech sector, McDonald’s, Morgan Stanley and 3M also recently announced layoffs.

Overall, 1.76 million people were collecting unemployment benefits the week that ended May 27, about 37,000 fewer than the previous week.

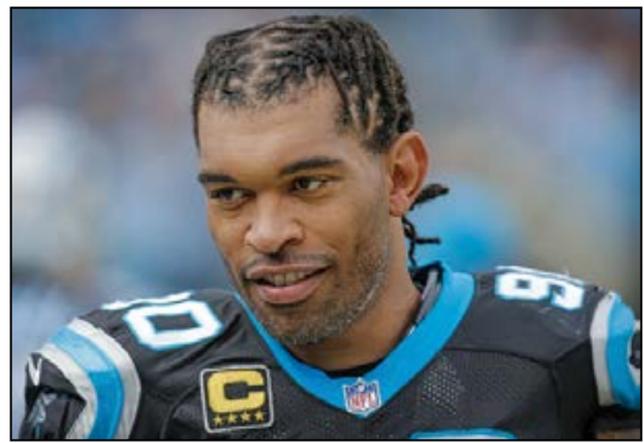
Peppers, Muhammad Receive Honors

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (AP) — The Carolina Panthers will induct defensive end Julius Peppers and wide receiver Muhsin Muhammad into the team’s Hall of Honor.

The inductions will take place at Bank of America Stadium during halftime of the Oct. 29 game against the Houston Texans, the team announced Monday.

Peppers, the No. 2 pick in 2002 draft, played 10 of his 17 NFL seasons with the Panthers and was selected to the league’s All-Decade Team in the 2000s and 2010s. He was a three-time All-Pro selection and ranks fourth in NFL history with 159 1/2 sacks, finishing in the top 10 in the league in sacks six times. He remains the only player in league history with at least 150 and 10 interceptions.

Muhammad spent 11 of his 14 NFL seasons with Carolina and was chosen All-Pro in 2004. He remains second in franchise history with 696 receptions, 9,255 receiving yards and 50 touchdowns behind only Steve Smith Sr. Muhammad caught an 85-yard touchdown pass in Super Bowl 38 against New England, setting a record for the longest catch in Super



Bowl history.

Both are Walter Payton Man of the Year award team winners.

“Muhsin Muhammad and Julius Peppers were drafted by the Panthers. Both became All-Pro’s here. Both came back to Carolina to finish their careers. This is another homecoming, a permanent one,” Panthers owner David Pepper said in a re-

lease.

Peppers and Muhammad join previous members in the Hall of Honor, including former team president Mike McCormack in 1997, linebacker Sam Mills in 1998, the team’s PSL owners in 2004, and Smith, quarterback Jake Delhomme, offensive tackle Jordan Gross, and tight end Wesley Walls in 2019.

Honda Creating 280 New Jobs In NC

GREENSBORO, N.C. (AP) — Honda Aircraft Co. will develop and build a longer-range version of its light aircraft in central North Carolina, generating 280 additional jobs, Gov. Roy Cooper’s office announced Tuesday.

The company said last month that it would produce for commercial use the proposed HondaJet 2600 model, which it had unveiled two years ago. The new model is billed

by the company as the first light jet able to fly nonstop across the continental U.S., with up to 11 occupants.

The production decision means Honda Aircraft, which is headquartered at Piedmont Triad International Airport in Greensboro, will invest another \$56 million in Guilford County.

The minimum average salaries for the new jobs will be over \$88,700, or \$31,000 above the Guilford

County average, according to state officials.

“We are thrilled that North Carolina will be home to the new Honda light jet that represents the next chapter of our skyward mobility,” company CEO Hideto Yamasaki is quoted as saying in a Cooper news release.

The project will create production lines for the HondaJet 2600, while significant research and development also will be required, the release said.

Honda Aircraft already has spent more than \$245 million on its hub at the airport and has more than 800 full-time or contract workers in Guilford County. The company builds a smaller model under the HondaJet Elite name.

The company could receive from the state up to \$3.4 million in cash payments over 12 years if it meets investment and job-creation requirements through the state’s Job Development Investment Grant program. A state committee approved the award agreement Tuesday.

A document summarizing the agreement said Honda Aircraft considered Greensboro and Albertville, Alabama, as finalists for the project.

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ATTENTION SUBCONTRACTORS

Clancy & Theys Construction Company is hosting an information session for the Pleasant Plains Elementary School project. Session will be held on Thursday, August 10, 2023, 5:30PM– 7PM at the Chapel on Dix Park Campus, 1030 Richardson Dr., Raleigh, NC 27603.

Should you have any questions, please email Lisa Horton, Supplier Diversity Specialist at lisahorton@clancythey.com.

The Prodigy vs. The Legend
July 20th

Golf prodigy Paul Ross and NC State Basketball Legend Derek Whittenburg will go head to head in a 9-hole challenge at Lonnie Poole Golf Course. The match will take place on July 20th. The purpose of this match is to raise funds to help Paul compete in the many golf tournaments that he has been invited to around the world. This summer Paul has received invitations to play in Ireland, Germany, Brazil, Mexico, United Arab

Emirates, Kenya and Australia.

CHOOSE YOUR PLAYER, CHOOSE YOUR TEAM, SHOW YOUR SUPPORT

Team Paul and Team Derek are competing in golf and in fundraising, with bragging rights on the line. When you make your contribution, put TEAM PAUL or TEAM DEREK in the subject line of your cashapp to \$PaulRossGolf.

All donors will receive a link to watch the match live-streamed on July 20th.



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Threats Of A Strike Are Heating Up

By Tom Krisher

AP News

Whenever the United Auto Workers union begins negotiating a new contract with Detroit's three automakers, threats of a strike are typically heard on the floor of the old Chrysler transmission plant in Kokomo, Indiana.

This year, the talk is a little louder. Besides the usual haggling over wages, pensions and health care, the union has set its sights on a more consequential goal: It is determined to secure a foothold in the joint-venture plants that will manufacture electric vehicle batteries in the years and likely decades ahead.

As the industry undergoes a historic transition from internal combustion engines to EVs, the automakers will likely need many thousands of workers to staff electric-battery plants. The UAW, representing 146,000 employees of the automakers, sees this year's contract as a crucial opportunity to ensure representation in the industry's jobs of the future.

"I've got almost 30 years in, and this contract seems a little different," said Michael Hunter, a tool inspector who fixes gauges on the Kokomo plant's equipment. "I think it's a very strong possibility of a strike."

Contract talks will begin this week



between the union and two of the automakers, Ford and Stellantis, a company that was formed from the 2021 merger of Fiat Chrysler and PSA Peugeot. Negotiations with the largest U.S. automaker, General Motors, will start next week.

At the union's behest, gone is the traditional friendly handshake between UAW bargainers and auto executives, a sign that the talks will be even more contentious than usual. Four-year contracts between the union and the companies will expire at 11:59 p.m. on Sept. 14.

The negotiations will be the first big test for Shawn Fain, who took office

this year as the first UAW president to be chosen by a direct vote of members. Fain, who himself began his career in Kokomo — as an electrician at a Chrysler metal casting plant — has laid the groundwork for the union's position: He has said the UAW will seek general pay raises, the elimination of wage tiers and the restoration of cost-of-living pay and pensions for new hires that were eliminated years ago when the automakers were struggling financially.

He also wants to halt any plant closings in the wake of Stellantis' plan to shutter a factory in Belvidere, Illinois, to cut costs. But paramount to Fain

is getting a foot in the door at battery plants and then securing wages that exceed the top assembly-line wage of \$32 an hour now paid at UAW-represented plants.

"A new industry is being born," Fain said in a video message to UAW members. "This is our defining moment. Our communities and our country deserve good, safe, living-wage union jobs."

All three automakers have announced plans to build joint-venture factories with battery companies, in Indiana, Michigan, Kentucky and Tennessee. Once gas-powered vehicles are phased out, the union sees these plants as places where the automakers will move thousands of workers who now make engines and transmissions. Industry analysts expect EV sales to surge from 7% of U.S. new-vehicle sales to about 40% by 2030.

Workers who now assemble vehicles may also need other places to work, and some might lose their jobs altogether. Because EVs are simpler to build, it takes as many as 40% fewer workers to produce them.

Harley Shaiken, a professor emeritus specializing in labor at the University of California Berkeley, suggested that the industry is undergoing a

(See **STRIKE**, P. 4)



Nirdé Named Director Of The N.C. African American Heritage Commission

RALEIGH— N.C. Department of Natural and Cultural Resources Secretary Reid Wilson announces the appointment of Adrienne Nirdé director of the North Carolina African American Heritage Commission.

"Adrienne Nirdé has been an integral part of the African American Heritage Commission staff for the past three years," said Secretary Wilson. "She brings a background and expertise in interpreting African American history and culture and a real passion for this work that will serve the commission well."

"On behalf of the NCAAHC Commissioners, I am delighted to welcome Ms. Adrienne Nirdé to her new role as Director of the NCAAHC," said Dr. Valerie Johnson, chair of the African American Heritage Commission. "We offer Adrienne our support as well as our congratulations."

Nirdé holds a master's degree in museum studies from Indiana University-Purdue University, Indianapolis as well as bachelor's degrees in history and anthropology from Indiana University and a certificate in diversity, equity, and inclusion from Cornell University. She has served as the N.C. African American Heritage Commission associate director since 2020, and previously worked at the department's President James



K. Polk State Historic Site. She has spent nearly 10 years working in museums and cultural institutions.

"I am incredibly honored to continue my work with the African American Heritage Commission and serving the people of North Carolina," Nirdé said. "The commission plays an integral role in the department and across the state preserving, protecting, and promoting African American history, art and culture. I look forward our continued collaborations with practitioners, commission staff, and commissioners in this important work."

Nirdé lives in Wendell, N.C. with her husband, a high school social studies teacher.

Mosley New Managing Attorney, Co-Director At Legal Aid

Raleigh— Legal Aid of North Carolina is excited to announce Atiya Mosley as the new managing attorney and co-director of The Child's Advocate, a project of Legal Aid NC. Mosley will join co-director Suzanne Chester, who has successfully led the project for the past 10 years.

With 17 years of experience as a Legal Aid attorney and vast involvement in the legal community, Mosley is the ideal leader to fill this role. In addition to bringing commitment, ability and passion to this position, Mosley participated in the advisory committee when Sally Scherer founded The Child's Advocate.

Mosley expressed her enthusiasm in being selected as the co-director, stating, "I am grateful for the opportunity to co-lead a team that I have thoroughly enjoyed working with for the past 6 years. I am honored to be stepping into this role with Suzanne

Chester, who has long been a mentor and friend. The Child's Advocate holds immense importance in advocating for the rights and well-being of some of the most vulnerable children in our community and I am excited to be leading its growth."

Mosley's legal journey began at George Washington University Law School and in 2005, she joined Legal Aid NC as a Domestic Violence Prevention Initiative attorney in the Raleigh office. Since 2017, she has been a vital part of The Child's Advocate team, expanding the project to Durham County.

Ashley Campbell, CEO of Legal Aid NC, expressed her utmost excitement for Mosley, stating, "We are thrilled to have Atiya leading The Child's Advocate. Her extensive experience, exceptional skills, and unwavering dedication make her the perfect fit for this role."



Atiya has served in numerous leadership roles, including implementing Legal Aid NC's strategic plan as Strategy Manager. She actively contributes to the Wake County Bar Association (WCBA) Foundation's Steering Committee and has

been involved in public relations efforts through the WCBA Professionalism Committee, recently writing a blog post on cultural competence. Mosley has also presented many Continuing Legal Education (CLE) programs on topics like lawyer well-being, ethics, domestic violence and family law. Her outstanding work in the field has been recognized, earning her the prestigious Attorney Child Advocate of the Year award in 2003 and the distinction of being selected as the first Wake Woman of the Year by the Wake Women Attorneys in 2016.

Legal Aid NC is excited to promote Mosley to the position of managing attorney and co-director of The Child's Advocate. In her new role, she will be dedicated to expanding the project and introducing it to other critical regional sites across the state.

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Threats Of A Strike Are Heating Up—CONTINUED FROM PAGE 3

seismic shift akin to the introduction of the moving assembly line, with new competitors and huge capital outlays for electric vehicles.

The companies, he noted, are investing billions while initially losing money on EVs. At the same time, the continuing work on combustion engines is paying the bills. Though the automakers clearly don't want a strike, Shaiken said, they're determined to contain battery costs, including wages, to remain competitive with nonunion companies.

"They are likely to take a hard line on key issues like the battery plants and the other issues like getting rid of second-tier wages," he said.

Already, workers have voted to join the union at GM's Ultium Cells plant near Warren, Ohio, a joint venture with LG Energy Solution. But the union says the plant is paying just \$16.50 per hour to start, with a top wage of about \$20 after seven years. That's far lower than UAW production workers make. Contract negotiations at the plant are already under way.

"That is a race to the bottom," Fain said of the pay. "These should be higher wages than our production standards, not lower."

Ahead of the talks, Fain's messaging has been much more combative than in years past, when union leaders generally avoided speculating about

strikes. Seeking to place the burden on the automakers Fain has argued that any strike would ultimately be caused by the companies themselves, which collectively generated net income of more than \$164 billion over the past decade. Last month, Fain suggested that workers were in a position to score major gains "but only if our members get organized and are ready to strike."

The companies generally contend that their wages, profit sharing, health care and other benefits are the best in the industry. In addition, executives have argued that they're under huge financial pressure to develop electric vehicles and to pay billions for EV and

battery factories.

"What the companies are not going to want to do is to, in the electrification facilities that they're developing, have to pay labor costs that are uncompetitive," said Marick Masters, a business professor at Wayne State University in Detroit.

Masters suggested that Fain will have to navigate a lot of "cross-currents" in the union after having been elected in March in the aftermath of a federal bribery and embezzlement scandal that ensnared multiple union leaders. Workers in some other industries have won big contracts, at times rejecting agreements negotiated by their leaders.

"I think that regardless of who was at the helm at this round of negotiations, there is a distinct probability of a strike just simply given the difficulty of resolving the issues in dispute," Masters said.

Given the expectations of UAW members, Fain will be under pressure to deliver on the issues he has raised. Yet the companies won't give in to everything, Masters said.

"What might be possible is to grant some of them and do what you can do to protect job security and the internal combustion part of the companies' operations at the present time so that the transition to electrification is less painful," he said.

Some workers say they fear that Fain might have over-promised. If so, Masters says that could cost him when he's up for re-election in three years.

Andrea Repasky, who works in the body shop of GM's pickup truck plant in Fort Wayne, Indiana, noted that wages haven't risen much in the past decade. She doesn't think the union will get everything back in one contract. But she's hoping for a significant raise, cost-of-living increases and an end to the wage tiers.

"I would probably say that they're going to have to maybe meet us halfway," she said of GM. "Because we really gave up a lot to keep the company afloat."

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Health & Wellness

Positive Parenting Can Help Protect Against Childhood Stress

By Jamie Hanson and Isabella Kahhale

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Warm and supportive parenting may buffer against the effects of stress during childhood and adolescence. That is the key takeaway of our recent study, published in the journal PNAS Nexus.

Some children and adolescents who experience stressful events such as physical abuse or neglect have less tissue in a brain region called the hippocampus. The hippocampus plays a critical role in learning and memory and is also highly susceptible to stress.

However, in our study, we did not find a link between increased stress and reduced brain tissue in the hippocampus for young people who reported more warmth from their caregivers.

Positive parenting includes a range of warm and supportive techniques such as providing praise for doing something well, emotional support and affection. Contrast this with harsh parenting techniques, such as shouting and physical punishments.

As a first step, we explored whether positive parenting protected against a connection be-



tween childhood stress and behavioral problems in children.

We analyzed brain scans of almost 500 children between 10 and 17 years old using data from a project called the Healthy Brain Network. We measured brain tissue using structural magnetic res-

onance imaging, or MRI, a technique that allows us to look at the size of brain regions. To measure stress, we asked children about the number of negative life events they had experienced across family, community and school contexts and how distressed each of those events made them.

Results showed that positive parenting had protective effects

against the connection between stress and behavior; in other words, children who had experienced more distress from negative events, but who also perceived their parents as being warm and supportive, exhibited less challenging behavior such as rule-breaking or aggression. We next examined how parenting buffered against a known biomarker of

stress in the brain: less tissue in the hippocampus.

Consistent with prior research, we found that more childhood stress correlated with smaller hippocampal volumes. However, we found that children's perception of having received positive, supportive parenting served as a buffer against the biological effects of stress. Even when young people reported high levels of distress from negative life events, those who perceived their parents as more supportive did not have reduced brain tissue in the hippocampus.

In contrast, we did not find this same protective effect when we looked at what caregivers thought of their parenting. In other words, if parents said they were supportive and positive in their parenting but the child didn't see them that way, we did not see this protective effect.

Past research has found that the hippocampus is smaller in children and adults exposed to high levels of stress in childhood. These smaller volumes are in turn associated with behavioral problems, learning and memory challenges and increased vulnerability to future stress.

Our study highlights the importance of nurturing parenting in promoting healthy brain develop-

ment and resilience in children. By fostering an environment of warmth and support, caregivers can help children cope with stress more effectively. Dozens of studies have found that positive parenting practices – such as helping children name emotions and providing a space for them to disclose feelings without judgment – can help kids get through difficult events.

Our team's work and that of others underscores that stressful experiences can have a detrimental impact on development. Many researchers are trying to understand which aspects of stress matter and how.

For example, experiences that are threatening, like violence, may influence the brain and behavior differently from experiences of deprivation, like not having enough food.

At the same time, while researchers think that certain types of stress have particular characteristics, the person experiencing the stress may not feel that way. That is, not having enough food might feel very threatening to the person going through it. Our study indicates that it is critical to center the perspectives of those directly affected by the stress in this area of research.

Cheek Week Kicks Off African American Bone Marrow Awareness Month

ATLANTA—Did you know that a simple cheek swab can help cure blood cancer like leukemia or blood disorders such as sickle cell disease? Cheek Week, now in its fourth year, kicks off today in support of African American Bone Marrow Awareness Month. With events planned in Atlanta and Houston, Cheek Week is once again calling for the participation and inclusion of donors from different ethnic backgrounds through the Be The Match Registry.

During the month of July, Be The Match works to raise awareness of the health disparity on the national blood stem cell registry impacting Black and African American patients in need of life-saving cell therapies. Patients in need of a transplant are most likely to find a matching donor in someone who shares their heritage or ethnicity. However, for Black or African American patients the odds of finding a match is only 29% compared to a 79% chance for white patients.

"This month provides a wonderful opportunity to remind people of the power we have to literally cure someone of cancer," said Erica Jensen, Senior Vice President of Marketing at Be The Match. "Every patient deserves an equal chance of finding a matching donor on the Be The Match Registry. However, many people don't know that ethnicity is a factor in finding a matching donor, and more Black donors are needed to help save Black patients."

Justice Brooks, a 20-year-old from Atlanta with sickle cell disease, has been working with Be The Match to advocate for more diversity on the registry. He has been searching for a matching donor so he can have a marrow transplant, the only cure for sickle cell disease. Justice was diagnosed with sickle cell disease a few months after he was born, and over the years has spent his life in and out



of the hospital dealing with pain crisis. As Justice describes it, every year that goes by the more hospital admissions he has. While he is waiting, he is on a drug that is minimizing the amount of pain crisis he experiences. "We are making progress in our efforts to diversify the registry," Justice said. "When I first began searching for a donor, I only had a single potential match. I experienced serious illness during preparation for transplant that required I postpone this treatment option. I recently searched the registry again to determine if a match was available and we discovered there are now seven potential matches, which means more Black and African donors are signing up, and this gives me so much hope."

An Oregon County Pauses Plan To Distribute Tin Foil, Straws For Fentanyl Users

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP) —A plan by Oregon's largest county to distribute tin foil and straws for fentanyl users and glass pipes for methamphetamine and crack users has been halted after opposition from Portland's mayor and other officials.

"Our health department went forward with this proposal without proper implementation protocols," Multnomah County Chair Jessica Vega Pederson said in a statement to KGW-TV. "And in that light, I am suspending the program pending further analysis."

The Multnomah County Health Department earlier this month updated its harm reduction program to include the distribution of smoking materials to people using drugs after noticing a drop in the number of drug users who sought out clean syringes from county workers. The workers also provide the opioid overdose reversal drug Narcan and attempt to point users to possible treatment options.

"If they're not coming into any health services at all, if we're not engaging them at all, quite honestly people die in the shadows," Jessica Guernsey, Multnomah County's public health director, told KGW-TV, "and that's what we're trying to avoid."

Like many states around the country, Oregon has grappled with a surge in opioid overdose deaths. In Portland, the county seat, police this year have investigated more than 130 overdose deaths – many of them fueled by fentanyl, a highly addictive and potentially lethal drug.

On July 7, the Multnomah County Health Department confirmed plans to begin distributing smoking materials and "snorting kits" to those who inhale drugs.

But high-ranking government leaders in Portland – including Mayor Ted Wheeler and Commissioner Rene Gonzalez – soon opposed the plans.

"There was no notification to me or to any of my colleagues," Wheeler told KGW-TV. "Obviously, this is something we would have wanted to have a voice in. We would have opposed it."

In a statement following the pause, a Multnomah County Health Department spokesperson said the office would focus on "expanding our legal analysis to deepen our confidence and assurance in the scope of our operations."

Ag-Grow-Culture

Getting To The Root Of A Hovering Food Crisis, Literally!

By Jason Lindsay

Staff Writer

Most of humanity's experience on this planet has aligned with nature. Our agrarian pathways traveled roads to shelter from materials sourced around us, even under our feet, and nations rose. We found clothing to protect us from the elements and shoes to make our trail-blazing efforts easier. To fuel us, we found food, and the vine's fruit also inspired us to be fruitful. For millenniums indigenous peoples have lived with nature as adequate contributors to the ecosystems we lived in and depended on to sustain the nations.

Yet, in the pillage of colonial conquest, indigenous practices were suppressed, and the affection for nature and cultural understanding of our responsibility in our interdependence with the environment was lost. So lost that today most people don't understand what it means when we hear things like "we are facing a global food crisis."

The food chain begins in the soil with organic matter, bacteria, and fungi. From there comes your nematodes or earthworms and arthropods, which comprise most of the insect population. Though not all arthropods live in the soil, they make up 75 percent of the insect population. The food chain continues to small animals like rodents, snakes, and birds all the way to the top, where humanity ruins.

Understand our societies are a part of our environment. So, if humanity, the top of the food chain, is feeling the pressures of a lingering global food crisis, where does this crisis begin on the food chain? And



the answer is at the beginning.

To simplify, our insect (arthropods) population is dramatically dropping off. It is estimated that ten percent of all insect species have been lost. The most unfortunate part about this is the rates are accelerating. Other research shows an approximate 60 percent decline in flying insects since 2004.

But there's more to understand. The conditions created to promote such declines in the insect population are more conducive for pest insects like biting flies, gnats, and mosquitoes. While the world's insect population is in danger, the mosquito population is rising. In some parts of the U.S., mosquito populations are ten times more than just a decade ago, and globally mosquitoes cause a million deaths annually, making them the deadliest animal on the planet.

With insects like mosquitoes and

ants increasing, and more beneficial insects appearing on the endangered list, attention is being captured throughout our society. A popular campaign is "Save the Bees," the more broadly pollinator campaign. This campaign was made famous by the capitalistic agenda of the honeybee industry, which was too endangered. Though the attention was brought on by money, not the well-being of humanity, the "Save the Honeybees" campaign highlighted the bigger issues with insects, including pollinators.

According to USDA, "One out of every three bites of food, including fruits, nuts, veggies, chocolate, coffee, and spice, is created with the help of pollinators. 75 - 95 percent of all flowering plants and 75 percent of global food crops rely on pollinators. It is important to note that the form of agriculture in which the United States of America



has chosen to invest in has literally depleted the food chain at the root. Instead of starting with arthropods (insects), industrial agricultural lands are reckoning with the death or dominance of beneficial bacteria and fungi.

As with insects, beneficial insects diminish, pest insects increase within chemical agricultural fields, fungi are dwindling, and ag. land is bacteria dominated, leaving it more susceptible to erosion and desolation. To make matters worse, 26 percent of the planet's above-ground surface is cultivated by industrial (chemical) agriculture practices.

Big ag. contributes more cons to the environment with the use of chemicals. Many research reports show chemical pesticides linked to cancer and even premature mortality, yet the sickening nature of chemical pesticides starts long before the human body in the insect

population. Californian beekeepers claim they cannot keep bees in grape vineyards, areas that use synthetic inputs. Grape vines have male and female reproductive parts that self-pollinate, so the pesticide used on the crop does not consider bees simply because industrial agriculture's first priority is money above all.

Agriculture, the very practice that sustains food systems, is killing the life in the soil (beginning of the food system) and devastating the beneficial insect population. As for the pest population, chemical-based agriculture has morphed an unnatural chemical adaptation known as "pesticide resistance." Industrial ag. has crafted chemicals that target certain insects. In the "best" cases, the chemical significantly reduces the pest population, giving the crop a chance to reap harvest. Yet, over time some pests survived the poisoning and built immunity to the pes-

ticide. Because chemical pesticides do not fix the problem of why the pest is eating the crop, the answer for pest control becomes more pesticide. Because pests adapt and build immunity to the pesticide, they are made more potent and concentrated, making it more of a health hazard.

The world's insect population decreasing is the start of a domino effect. Next are the birds, who have fallen in numbers by 29 percent since 1970 in North America, fresh water and shoreline fish species who rely heavily on insects, continuing from small to large mammals.

Nature is our first and greatest teacher. It is our responsibility to pay attention to what she has to say. Our insects are a part of the voice of nature's governing. What does a true friend do when they find a friend in need? Why is the covenant's blood thicker than the whelm's water? Because it is our responsibility to cater to each other's needs in a way that genuinely enriches us all. Modern society has forgotten this to the point that ecologist like E. O. Wilson stated that "if all mankind were to disappear, the world would regenerate back to the rich state of equilibrium that existed ten thousand years ago..." Popular society has forsaken its throne as responsible stewards of the earth, results that essentially make industrialized society a pest to the planet and all that lives on it, including ourselves. Nature operates in a mold that is the embodiment of harmony and abundance. E. O. Wilson goes on to say, "If insects were to vanish, the environment would collapse into chaos," a friend in need without a friend.

Black Farmers Are Tired Of Waiting For The USDA To Level The Playing Field



By Aalyah Wright

Capital B

Third-generation farmer Cary Junior has spent the past three years trying to figure out how to ensure that Black farmers can benefit from the programs and financial resources within the United States Department of Agriculture.

As a member of USDA's minority farmer advisory committee, Junior set out to address the effectiveness of the existing programs and whether the agency improved on racial equity, and introduced ways to help build trust with farmers.

Instead of making progress, he, along with other committee members, found themselves at a standstill. When the group first met in 2020, they inherited a workload from previous committee members and years of built-up frustrations with the agency. At the same time, the committee barely got a chance to meet in-person due to disruptions caused by the COVID-19 pandemic.

"We're still trying to figure things out because we've been delayed for the three years, not really getting anything done," said Junior, founder and manager for SouthEast Michigan Producers Association (SEMPA).

Nearly 15 years after the inception of the Advisory Committee on Minority Farmers, some Black farmers question whether their voices are being heard, since the agency has only partially or fully implemented about 4% of the committee's recommendations.

The committee submitted a total of 135 recommendations over its lifetime of existence, but only six recommendations from 2012 have been fully or partially implemented, according to data from a FOIA request submitted by Capital B.

Some of the fully implemented suggestions include requiring the

Secretary of Agriculture to provide a comprehensive annual report to Congress and the public on the scope and effectiveness of the section 2501 program and its outreach services, and providing multiyear funding to the most effective grantees of the program to allow them to plan and develop more effective programs for socially disadvantaged farmers and ranchers. The 2501 program — created in the 1990 Farm Bill — awards grants to community-based and nonprofit organizations, institutions of higher education, and tribal entities to ensure underserved farmers and ranchers get access to USDA programs.

"The agency implementation [of recommendations] may be infrequent because advisory committees only advise and recommend," the statement in the FOIA request said. "Implementation of recommendations is discretionary."

This year marks the first time farmers such as Junior say they've felt a renewed sense of energy because they've been able to meet consistently, hear from USDA officials across the agency, and build rapport among the advisory members.

But that optimism may be short-lived.

"The other issue is we're in the middle of appointment season," Junior said. "We're at least hoping that they're gonna allow some continuity so we can move forward."

As the USDA is looking to usher in a new advisory committee in August, Junior and the others fear their work will be disrupted again because of the new appointment cycle. While members can serve up to two years, individuals can be reappointed to serve more terms. They also wonder whether their suggestions will be considered by the Secretary of Agriculture because of the overlap with a recently formed equity commission with similar goals. Dewayne Goldman, senior advi-

sor for racial justice and equity to the Secretary of Agriculture, said he understands the concerns of advisory members, but the inability to meet and inactivity caused the committee to miss out on a chance to do "meaningful work."

While there are questions around the need for a committee and commission, Goldman said the work of both should complement each other. The equity commission, which is funded by Congress, builds on the work of other committees, including the advisory committee, to take recommendations from suggestions to implementation, he said.

"There's a definite role that they both play, and we need to have them both in place as we go forward. The Advisory Committee for Minority Farmers, as you know, has been around going on 15 years now," Goldman said. "When you look at some of the disparities that exist, I think it's going to be important to at least have that external piece to continue to evaluate how the department is doing from an equity standpoint."

ACCESS TO USDA PROGRAMS STILL LIMITED

At the end of President George W. Bush's tenure, his administration established the first minority farmers advisory committee in an effort to improve access to USDA programs for socially disadvantaged farmers and ranchers, which include Black farmers. Once President Barack Obama got elected into office, the committee met for the first time, providing recommendations, and even getting some of the proposals approved. Under President Donald Trump's administration, leadership refused to allow the members to meet in an effort, members say, to "disband the committee."

Created from the Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008, also known as the Farm Bill, the

advisory committee's mission is to produce recommendations that eliminate or improve policies to increase participation of minority groups in its 2501 program and agency operations. The members of the committee, which are farmers and education, civil rights, or nonprofit professionals, are appointed by the Secretary of Agriculture.

But, some members feel they haven't served full terms because they rarely got a chance to meet. Since 2013, the committee met only about nine times, agency reports show, despite the committee's charter requiring up to four meetings a year. More than half of the meetings occurred from 2020 to 2023.

Instead of terminating the committee, which happens if the charter isn't approved every two years, the department — under the supervision of Sonny Perdue, secretary of agriculture under the Trump administration — stopped them from meeting altogether, said Harvey Reed, former chairperson and founder/CEO of the Louisiana Association of Cooperatives. Reed and other members said they feel the Trump administration did not care about equity for Black farmers.

"When you're going through the process and when you're dealing with career people and everybody's sensitive about their position, they don't want to look bad or what have you, but it's not our job to make anybody look bad. Our job is to do what we're supposed to do according to our charter," Reed said, before resigning as chairperson in July. "We find things that need to be addressed that nobody has addressed."

Goldman, who also served on the advisory committee for three terms, said one of the reasons that some recommendations haven't gotten passed is because there's not a level of accountability attached to them.

"In some cases, there may be rec-

ommendations that have budgetary impacts. And in other cases, there may be some that require legislative changes in order to be implemented," Goldman said. "I think we could have done a better job in defining what would actually be required to implement those recommendations and possibly have some follow up with making sure those things get considered."

Archie Hart, director of the office for small farm policy at the North Carolina Department of Agriculture, served on the committee from 2011 to 2013 — the only period recommendations were approved. Hart says the reason they were able to get recommendations passed was because the USDA had Black leadership — such as Pearl Reed, former USDA assistant secretary of agriculture, and Lloyd Wright, former advisor to the USDA secretary — working aggressively on their behalf.

"I don't think we've had a person at that level that would not be afraid or had the wherewithal to really implement stuff," Hart told Capital

B. "I think that might have been the difference is that we had somebody at USDA who could take what we got and take it forward."

But, Harvey Reed said he thinks some people feel the committee is going to "disrupt everything" because the goal is to level the playing field for people of color, and some people may be fighting against it.

In spite of the years of disorganization, one of the advantages of being a member is learning about the existing USDA programs and resources to share with Black farmers in their network, Junior said. While agency officials have overlooked them in the past, he said, he thinks they're going to be more receptive in the future.

"We're having meetings with each of the agencies within each of the departments and asking questions. That's our job. We know one or two of them for sure have a bad reputation with Black farmers," Junior said. "We're just trying to make sure that, again, that everybody gets the same opportunity everywhere."

Dr. Liang Both Teaches And Leads By Example

By Amanda Hadden

Special To The Carolinian

Dr. Chyi Lyi Liang, a Kellogg distinguished professor at North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University works across the state helping minority farmers. Born in Taiwan, she grew up in an entrepreneurial family that taught her to respect farmers and treat food as a human, not as a thing. Using the values instilled in her from a young age, she is helping others understand that there are unlimited opportunities, even if they don't see them.

Dr. Liang has 11 funded research projects that are all related to a theme of sustainable and resilient food systems. Her background is in entrepreneurship and multifunctional agriculture, food systems and rural development. Most of her research helps socially disadvantaged farmers in limited resource communities see new opportunities and do something different, creating a higher profit for themselves and doing something good for the environment.

Dr. Liang has been able to make a lasting mark on farmers by introducing them to specialty crops. With a market saturated with produce from large scale producers who own thousands of acres, she works with farmers on their smaller parcels of land, teaching them how to be sustainable. She is the only person in the country who teaches multifunctional harvest: put one seed in the ground, harvest multiple things, multiple times.

She helps farmers gain a competitive edge by building a base in specialty crop markets. Specialty crops include artichoke, bitter melon, kohlrabi and snow peas. Her work doesn't stop there, she also teaches farmers how to prepare specialty crops. She helps farmers create a sustainable business plan that begins with knowing who is eating what.



She believes it doesn't help if people can grow a crop but not know how to prepare it, so they can sell to niche markets. Another piece of education she provides is what the price point should be. She gets price points and tracks price patterns. She connects farmers with local specialty restaurants and markets. She has connected over 300 farmers.

By educating farmers of color in rural communities, she is also able to help them eat healthy. Another component of her research is teaching consumers the importance of diversifying their health profile. This means eating more than tomatoes, cucumbers and lettuce. Bitter melon, one of the vegetables she promotes, helps combat high cholesterol, hypertension, high blood pressure and cancer; preventing cells from forming and restricting current cells from growing.

When she is not educating others, you can find Dr. Liang in Goldsboro at the Cherry Research Farm. It is here that she cultivates her own vegetables that she teaches others about. She believes this brings a deeper appreciation when she shares information with farmers, because she has done it herself.

Community

Spread Your Wings & Launch

By Tyria Bourda

Staff Writer



Bella's Butterflies, a 501C3 non-profit organization held its first butterfly launch recently. By highlighting Black Maternal Health, Executive director Teresa Pope founded the organization in memory of the loss of her daughter, Isabella Jeanie due to Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS). While dealing with the loss of her baby, Pope began to focus on preventing, educating, and eradicating SIDS by learning the how, why, and what behind it. Thankfully, through support, love, prayer and research, she has begun to understand she can still survive.

Sudden Infant Death Syndrome is the unexplained death of a seemingly healthy baby less than a year old. SIDS usually occurs during sleep, with no signs of suffering, which often makes it more difficult for families to comprehend. Despite extensive research, the exact cause of SIDS remains unknown, but several risk factors have been identified.

Knowing that it is an unexplained death, Bella's mission states: Unity In the Journey of Healing. By doing that, there are three foundational wings beginning with SIDS Education programs and campaigns. Secondly, mutual aid is offered by focusing on self-empowerment, direct actions, and solidarity. Lastly Holistic Healing equips individuals with the knowledge, skills and tools for healing.

Board member Kerwin Pittman shared that this event signifies a light that has been dimmed in many communities, and that is

sudden infant death syndrome awareness.

"Bella's Butterflies will be a beacon of light and hope for our community when it comes to educating, healing and resources pertaining to SIDS."

Moreover, when individuals join the organization, they are also supporting other families that need help navigating their grief. Pope and her team adamantly shared that the organization provides a safe space for sharing experiences, offering comfort, and learning from each other. They understand that while every person's grief journey is unique, by sharing stories, the team can provide solace and contribute to healing.

"I founded Bella's Butterflies out of the loss of my daughter Isabella and not wanting other parents to experience what I've experienced due to the loss of my child, but also provide resources to parents who have experienced a loss of a child due to SIDS. I'm turning my pain into my purpose," said Teresa Pope, founder/executive director of

Bella's Butterflies.

Furthermore, when a parent joins the organization, they're provided resources to understand the syndrome and cope with grief. Beginning with the American SIDS Institute, parents are given the latest research and education about SIDS to promote safe infant sleep practices. Secondly, bereavement support and services offers support groups for parents, siblings, and grandparents who have experienced the loss of a child. Lastly, the still mothers resource which offers a community for women who no longer have living children which offers blog posts, resources, and support.

In sum, a butterfly means hope. In the Bible, butterflies symbolize new beginnings, transformation, and change; just as we can visualize the transformation of a caterpillar thinking of our old selves as the caterpillar, the cocoon being the transformation where Jesus is working on us and the butterfly being the new you or your new beginning.



On this past week, July 5-9, 2023, The Wendell TLOD, Inc. Chapter of Distinction, received 5 Star Status in ALL 5 Levels of Service at The Biennial National Synlod Conference in Los Angeles, California. This was the highest award granted based on Service to Youth & Adults in the Community. A Top Lady from the Chapter was also chosen to represent the Area as The Area's Senior Diva. All 6 geographical TLOD Areas of the Country were presented. The Wendell Chapter is a part of the Area that includes all of the 7 Southern States & Jamaica. The Theme of the conference was "Transforming Lives One Moment in Time...Acknowledging the Service, Recognizing the Traditions, & Continuing the Legacy". The organization is a National, nonprofit, humanitarian, professional one, providing service to Senior Citizens, enhancing the status of women, community beautification & community partnership. It's major thrust is to mentor Top Teens of America. It also participates in several designated National Projects. The Wendell Chapter has maintained & granted 5Star Status at least for the past 10 years, but it was a challenge during the past pandemic years. A special tribute is being paid to The Wendell's late Organizer, Lady Marlene Fullwood.



NC COURAGE U23 WIN SOUTHERN DIVISION TITLE

The North Carolina Courage U23 in the USL-W Summer league won the Southern Conference Title 3-0 Over the Tampa Bay United in the Southern Division Finals. The Courage U23s scored twice in the first half, added a third goal in the second and frustrated the Tampa Bay offense with a dominating defense. *Steve Worthy Photo*



The Leaders of Tomorrow program held its end of year celebration. In addition to the regular annual festivities, they are also celebrating their award winning Business Case Strategy team who for the last three years has placed notationally and won over \$30k in scholarship funds. They have successfully competed and defended their strategies for Dominoes, Netflix and P&G (Proctor and Gamble).

The NMBBAA Leaders of Tomorrow program has 25 youth on the roster with 18 consistently participating! They provide programs for them over Five Pillars leadership, Financial Skills, Life Skills, Career and College Prep. They meet every 2nd Saturday of the month from 10am to 1pm at the beautiful campus of RTI.

Since its inception in 1991, the NMBBAA® Leaders of Tomorrow® Program has mentored more than 8,000 talented youth aspiring to leadership roles in professional fields. The LOT® Program is a comprehensive programmatic approach for providing leadership development to high school students. The program offers participants resources, knowledge and opportunities in the way of mentoring relationships, scholarships, and internships.

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J.W. Ligon High School Class Reunion

JW LIGON HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI REUNION RETURNS—Hundreds of J.W. Ligon High School Alumni were in attendance at our recent Alumni Association Picnic. The gathering was held on Saturday, July 1st at the Barwell Road Community in Raleigh, NC, and featured good friends, good music, good food, and a good time for all. We congratulate Alumni Association officials for their efforts in continuing this very worthwhile celebration in our community. *Paul R. Jervay Jr. Photos*



Church

Honoring The Remarkable Life Of Ann Hunt Jones Smith



Ann Hunt Jones Smith departed this life on April 21, 2023 in Decatur, GA. Born January 12, 1937 in Raleigh, Ann was the only child of two educators, William Earl Hunt and Carol Louise Walker. Ann served her community and beyond as a public school music teacher, composer, playwright, Civil Rights activist and internationally acclaimed clinician and authority in "Black Music in Historical Perspective."

Ann graduated from J. W. Ligon High School, Raleigh. She furthered her education in music composition at Virginia State College, Petersburg, VA and earned a Masters in Music from the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor. Ann's first job was at Norwayne High School, Goldsboro. She then taught at her alma mater, Ligon High. In 1967 she founded the Ligon Jubilee Singers who traveled throughout the east U. S. sharing the African American story of faith and resilience from slavery through the civil rights movement. She wrote and directed the music for the outdoor drama, "Pathway to Freedom", Snow Camp, NC. Ann taught at West Cary High, Mary Phillips High, Ligon Junior High, and Garner Middle Schools. Also, she served as the Choral Director for the NC Correctional Center for Women for five years and authored over 11 music-related publications. Upon retiring, Ann was awarded the Order of the Long Leaf Pine for service from the Office of the Governor of North Carolina.

Ann is survived by two daughters, Carol Jones Hunter (Anthony) and Joniese Jones White (Gregory), five grandchildren, three great-grandchildren and a host of cousins. For the last 30 years, Ann's quiet times were devoted to writing, reading and pondering over the Holy Scriptures, journaling through Psalms, and interceding for family, friends, and the Body of Christ.

A Memorial Service will be held on July 22, 11 AM, Brooks Avenue Church of Christ, 700 Brooks Ave, Raleigh, NC.

The North Carolina Museum of History has piece written by Mrs. Ann Hunt Smith in its archives. It is titled *Personal Reflections* and was written published back in 2004. Here is an excerpt:

Personal Reflections: Lest I Forget the Civil Rights Movement, the Ligon Jubilee Singers, and Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.
By Ann Hunt Smith

Tell me, do you dream? I know you do.

Dreams, how real they seem.

That's why I dream.

One of my fondest dreams became a reality when, in September 1967, I became the vocal music teacher at my high school alma mater, John W. Ligon, in Raleigh. My former teacher, Emily May Morgan Kelly, had taught music for more than forty years in the city's only high school for blacks. Mrs. Kelly had dedicated her life to exposing African American children to the best of classical choral literature.

During the 1950s, when I was a student at Ligon, it was considered an honor to be a part of a chorus and, especially, to be selected for one of the special ensembles. When I returned to Ligon as a teacher, that was no longer the case. European classical music had little appeal to many of the students. Some students' interests were sparked by the new electives that were designed to prepare them for a world of advancing technology. And a group of underprivileged and disadvantaged youth was being snared into a false vision of hope and fulfillment through the use of drugs such as marijuana and heroin. But an amazing number of drug users came from prominent families in Raleigh. They knew that when tested for the military draft into the Vietnam War, they would be rejected if a trace of any illegal substance were found.

Shocked, slightly bewildered, and overwhelmed, I faced a challenge to recruit young people to the choral program. Since class schedules had become final before school

ended the previous year, I had to create a group that would meet before the regular school day began. I designed a class that exposed students to the rich cultural heritage of traditional African American music. An outgrowth of the class was the development of a pageant-like music-drama presentation entitled "Black Music in Historical Perspective." Auditions were held to select thirty-eight talented students—the number that could fit on a chartered bus with two chaperones when we traveled to perpetuate the singing of black music. Including members of the morning group and my regular chorus enrollment, one hundred voices sang at our first performance of Peter Wilhousky's arrangement of "The Battle Hymn of the Republic," on the stage of the Raleigh's Memorial Auditorium. The mission to revive an interest in the choral program at Ligon High School was accomplished.

The classes in the regular music curriculum—Mixed Chorus, Boys' and Girls' Ensembles, and Music Appreciation—were filled to capacity. The early-morning group became the Ligon Jubilee Singers, who performed throughout the city of Raleigh at schools and churches in black and white communities. Leading soloists and sectional leaders, to the surprise of teachers and students, were also star athletes, cheerleaders, and others. Between 1968 and 1971, before the integration of the school, the Ligon Jubilee Singers performed concerts in Virginia, New Jersey, New York, and Massachusetts, captivating audiences with selections ranging from plantation work songs and "signal songs" used along the Underground Railroad to concert arrangements of traditional spirituals. (The Fisk Jubilee Singers, from whom the Ligon Singers got their name, introduced the spiritual to the world in 1871.) William Dawson, Nathaniel Dett, Jester Hairston, and H. T. Burleigh were favorite black composers whose arrangements the Ligon Jubilee Singers performed. Some of my most unforgettable experiences occurred during my years as music director of the Jubilee Singers. In this article, I hope to convey the impact that the Civil Rights movement and the death of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. had on my life and on the lives of my music students.

At sunset on April 4, 1968, a shot rang out. Dr. King, who had been standing on the balcony of his room (No. 306) at the Lorraine Motel in Memphis, Tennessee, lay sprawled on the balcony floor. He had traveled to Memphis on a mission to lead a march in the city in support of striking sanitation workers. Walter Cronkite had almost completed his report on the CBS Evening News when he received the news that Dr. King had been wounded. All over the city of Raleigh, as in cities throughout the United States, families huddled together to hear the final word. It was after seven o'clock on April 4 when King was pronounced dead. CBS interrupted regular programming as Cronkite discussed King's life and his contributions to the Civil Rights movement. The network presented footage of King's speech "I've Been to the Mountaintop," which he had delivered in Memphis on April 3 at Mason Temple, the headquarters of the Church of God in Christ. (This address has been called "prophetic," as King had hinted at the end of the speech that he might not live to see the end of the Civil Rights movement.) No television reporters were on the scene when King was shot, because of an official curfew imposed in Memphis in an attempt to prevent civil rights violence. However, as soon as the media announced his death, riots and disturbances reportedly broke out in more than 125 cities in America. Students from St. Augustine's College paraded through the neighborhoods in east Raleigh (where I lived), chanting words of protest.

On the afternoon of April 5,



The Ligon Jubilee Singers were featured in the Ligon High School yearbook titles *The Echo* in 1970

1968, students at Ligon High School could hear a crowd of angry voices chanting, "Burn, baby, burn!" Later we learned that students from nearby Shaw University ran down Fayetteville Street in outrage. Hudson Belk, a department store close to the Shaw campus, was set ablaze. Sirens drowned out the angry voices as smoke fumes filled the air. It would have been difficult to contain my students in the classroom if the principal had not announced over the intercom that students leaving the building would be expelled for the rest of the year. I don't remember discussing with other teachers how they calmed their students, but I exclaimed to my students' watchful eyes and attentive ears, "You know those rioting must not be from Raleigh. Why would Raleigh citizens want to destroy their own property?" It angered me to see Dr. King's principle of nonviolent resistance being cast aside so soon. Then I began to share with the students some historical facts about the Civil Rights movement. The first SNCC (Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee), an offshoot of the SCLC (Southern Christian Leadership Conference), had been organized on Shaw's campus in April 1960. The SCLC had been founded and led by Dr. King, who sought to promote harmony among blacks and whites as a war was waged against all forms of injustice. By the time of King's assassination, groups had formed in opposition to his philosophy of nonviolent resistance. We were witnessing this rejection in the cry for "black power" from militant students.

Some of Raleigh's civil rights leaders joined the group to calm the angry mob. When school was dismissed at Ligon, parents were waiting to escort their children home. Students who had to travel by public transportation were alarmed to see the National Guard patrolling the downtown area, using bayonets to control the actions of the protesters. Fear hovered over the city that day and persisted throughout the period until King's funeral.

Two of my talented Jubilee Singers lingered at the close of the day with questions about the Civil Rights movement and comments about their parents' involvement in the movement. I shared with them my involvement with the college

students at Shaw University and St. Augustine's College from 1960 to 1962 in strategic workshops that prepared us to "sit in" and "stand in." We picketed in downtown Raleigh and protested nonviolently against segregation at lunch counters, public parks, theaters, and swimming pools. Once we were drenched with water sprinklers as we paraded on the lawn in front of the segregated Howard Johnson motel. I also told the students that renowned civil rights leaders had visited our city to outline plans for the 1963 March on Washington. I will always remember James Farmer, founder of the Congress of Racial Equality (CORE), because he ate dinner in my house after one of our strategy workshops at the Davie Street Presbyterian Church. A bus of Freedom Riders had stopped in Raleigh to aid our civil rights leaders in organizing citizens for picket lines. Some of the Freedom Riders camped out at the farm of a local white citizen who was active in the movement. Others slept at the homes of involved Raleigh citizens. Some people, afraid of losing their jobs for publicly protesting, contributed to the cause by providing meals for the weary marchers. Not until they arrived in South Carolina did the Freedom Riders experience trouble, and some were jailed, though they protested peacefully.

"Do you think that King's dream of racial equality will become a reality?" asked one of my students. I did not give an answer. I remember walking to the piano, sliding along the piano bench, skimming over the keys in a jazz-blues progression. For the first time, a melody with lyrics emerged. As I sang, the other student rushed to get a tape recorder. Was I being inspired from hearing the speech "I Have a Dream"? Could it have been surfacing—my own dream, which I envisioned after living one year in an International House with thirteen women from different cultures around the world? (In 1958 segregation laws prohibited my attending the University of North Carolina for graduate study. The state had to award me a grant to attend a university of my choice, and I chose the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor.)

I wish it were possible for you to hear the soulful melody that I composed on that day, April 5, 1968.

Practical Biblical Principles

The Church - The Living Body Of Christ Read: 1 Corinthians 12-13

When our Lord stated that He will build the church and the gates of hell will not prevail against it, Jesus knew the church would have an enemy from hell fighting against the church. Jesus prepared the church for such interference when He provided the church with certain spiritual gifts, when used correctly, would serve as a strong defense against any attack the devil may wish to throw at the church. The church is the body of Christ which includes individual certain members which possess the spiritual gifts Christ has given to the church. The spiritual gifts God gave to His church came on the day of Pentecost and when the Holy Spirit came to abide with men on a permanent basis until Christ returns to earth for the final time.

The gifts are listed in 1 Corinthians 12:27 - Apostles, prophets, teachers, miracles, gifts of healing, helps, administration, and varieties of tongues. When Paul asked the question, "does everyone in the church have these gifts? The answer is No. Paul raised this question in the church of Corinth because certain Christians, who had such spiritual gifts, were misusing them by attempting to be more important than others in the church. The devil has made it his life-time work to foul up the church any way he can if he can find any Christian not using his/her gifts according to scriptures and within the bounds of God's love which will result in God receiving glory.

Paul chastised the church of Corinth by reminding them they had left off the most important aspect of exercising all spiritual gifts, and that is in the realm of agape' love. "And yet I show you a more excellent way

in which to use your spiritual gifts which have been given to you." Paul began to explain the inner workings of agape' love in the church. Some individuals received such instructions, and some did not. This resulted in creating trouble in the body of the church. This is the main reason Christ needed to have John write the Seven letters to the universal Seven churches in Asia Minor (Turkey). These letters apply to any and all churches today, regardless of its location.

The devil cannot go against the church in any way except through a disobedient, selfish, and ignorant Christian. Do not forget our personal bodies are the temples of God, which God calls the church. We, the body of the church, are the only true defense the church has against the devil. It is not by accident that we have trials and tribulations in our personal lives. If the devil can pick us off one by one, then he will eventually destroy the church Christ died for. This is the reason the Holy Spirit, which Christ promised us, will not leave us or the earth until Christ takes the church home during the Rapture. When the church leaves the earth, the Holy Spirit will leave at the same time. And there will be no one or nothing left behind to restrain the Anti-Christ, who will then reveal his identity as the Anti-Christ in the newly built third temple. He will then stop all on-going, animal sacrifices in the temple and declaring himself to be the one and only God. This will be the Abomination of Desolation (that which displeases God) which will start the Tribulation Period—a time of destruction and evil on earth which the earth has never experienced. The devil will begin his all-out war against the church and all the people on the earth. God will protect His church from the wiles of

the devil during the devil's tirade. God will now also get revenge for all the saints who have been set against and murdered while working in His church vineyard.

The world will wonder what will happen next and what will happen to them. Jesus then appears on heaven's scene to reveal to the world what will happen during the breaking of the Seven Seals by Christ up and until His return. The Jews have not been saved at this point. God now prepares 144,000 Jewish preachers (12,000 from each Jewish tribe), plus two witnesses (Moses, Elijah), who are already in heaven, and sends them over the earth to preach the gospel to all who have been left behind after the Rapture. The unbelieving Jewish community and others will hear the Gospel and declare Jesus as Lord and Savior. The church is now finally complete—the Jews and Gentiles are now in the church fulfilling God's original plan for unity and love.

Now all those left upon the earth is now at the mercy of God and His great wrath. A wrath which comes from those left behind and who rejected Jesus as their Lord and Savior and never repented of their sins, even though Christ died to set them free from their sins.

God now prepares to pour out His seven bowls, vials, and trumpets of wrath upon those who are left on the earth. God will now dispose of the devil and of all his cohorts at this time.

The church body is now home and is safe sitting by Christ's side. Never to be bothered any more by evil influences.

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Editorials

Female Entrepreneurs Rely On IP, Currently At Risk Under The TRIPS Waiver Expansion

By Natalie Buford-Young

Nearly 10 years ago, American society crossed a gender rubicon. In 2014, for the first time in history, more women than men graduated with a four-year college degree.

Yet while women are an ever-increasing presence in boardrooms and C-Suites, there is one critical area where things seem stuck in time. That's venture funding for women-led startups, especially in tech.

That's why I'm worried about an upcoming decision at the World Trade Organization. Without meaning to, global policymakers could take action that makes it harder for women entrepreneurs – especially in the life sciences – to attract venture capital.

In the United States and elsewhere, strong protection for intellectual property rights is key to innovation. That's what start-ups start with -- a discovery or invention that's securely their own, either because they themselves own the patent or have licensed it on an exclusive basis. When a talented entrepreneur seeks investors, she is pitching her IP as much as she is pitching the idea that she wants to take from the lab to the marketplace.

Right now in Geneva, the WTO is debating a petition to waive intellectual property protections for COVID-related therapeutics and diagnostics. Because many treatments being developed for COVID-19 have potential application to many other diseases and conditions, acceding to the WTO proposal could undermine the confidence in IP security on which venture funding depends.

To inform its position, the U.S. is currently studying the anticipated effects of such a waiver. The study should reveal how damaging such a move would be.

My organization, Springboard Enterprises, has been working for 23 years to help women entrepreneurs innovate in technology and life sciences through access to resources, sources of capital, and a powerful community of investors, industry leaders, and tech specialists.

Venture capital financing for women-owned startups peaked in 2019 at a mere 2.8% of total venture funding. Since then, the level has actually declined, to 2.3%. There's good reason for concern that a blow to the innovation economy, such as the TRIPS waiver extension, will hit marginalized groups such as women and minorities hardest.

What a loss that would be. Despite the persistent funding biases against them, our Springboard partners have managed to build and scale companies making great contributions to the economy and our social well-being.

For example, Springboard partners lent their expertise and agility to transform a home-testing kit for food sensitivities into one of the earliest and most widely available COVID-19 home testing kits.

Right now, women entrepreneurs are working to decentralize clinical trials, allowing patients to participate from their homes or other remote locations, thereby reducing the burden of participation. Democratizing clinical testing by making trials more accessible and efficient accelerates research and improves patient outcomes.

Springboard partners are also developing a proprietary platform for delivering therapeutic genes to treat diseases such as Pompe, hemophilia, and Parkinson's.

Many proponents of the TRIPS waiver seem to be focused on railing against large pharmaceutical companies. But the waiver would harm all innovators who are creating novel solutions in life sciences, therapeutics, and diagnostics -- innovators like our Springboard women. The extension of the TRIPS Waiver would threaten the viability of their enterprises -- and countless others innovating to make ours a better and more caring world.

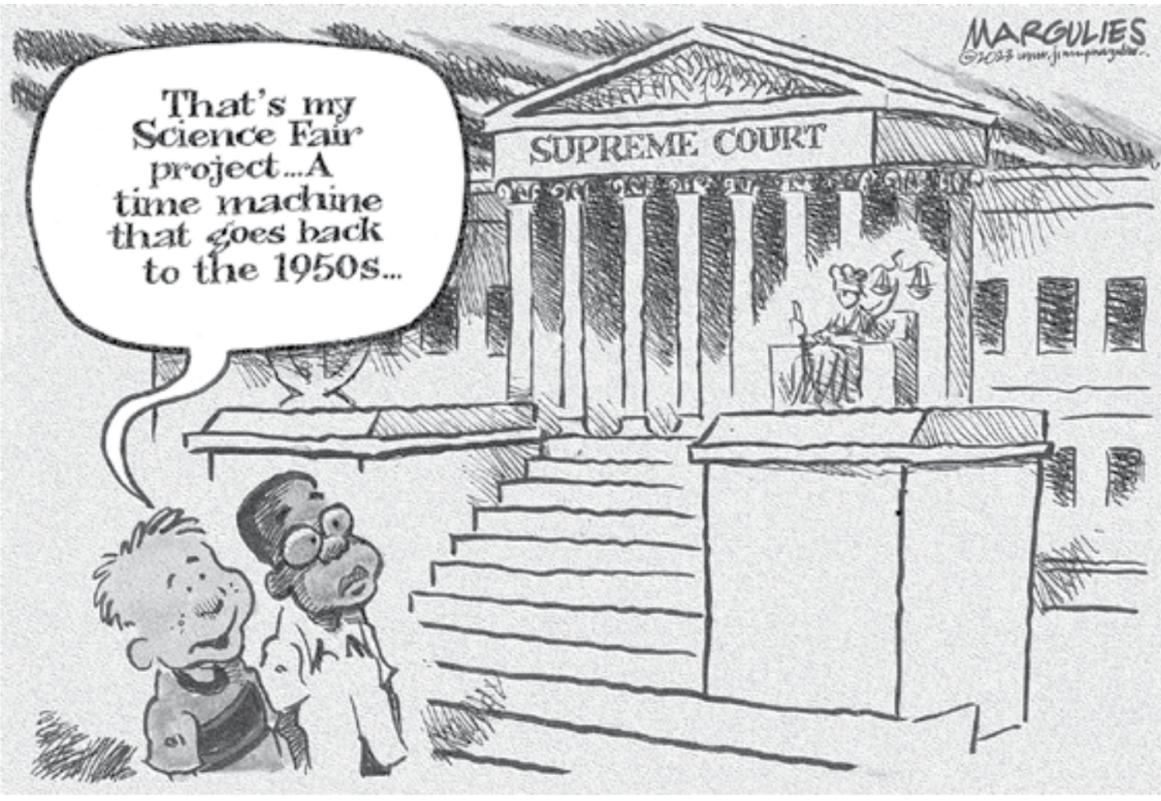
Natalie Buford-Young is CEO of Springboard Enterprises, a network of influencers, investors, and innovators dedicated to building companies at scale led by women who are transforming industries in technology and life science.



Talk To Us

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

With most people living paycheck to paycheck, is it reasonable for panhandlers to expect the same level of generosity that they have enjoyed for the past few years?



FUNdraising Good Times
By Mel & Pearl Shaw Saad & Shaw

BENEFITS OF HAVING A CASE FOR SUPPORT

Most organizations work from the premise that the only time they need a case is when they are preparing to engage in a major fundraising campaign. During such a campaign, the case is reserved for use with donors at the highest levels. We believe that any organization that depends on fundraising needs a case for support. And it is important to remember that all but the luckiest of nonprofits are in a perpetual state of fundraising. The case is your essential marketing material that you must have to support your efforts.

If you are new to fundraising, or not involved in fundraising management, you may be wondering, "what is a case for support?" Here is our working definition. The case for support is not a literary piece – it is a sales and marketing document that clearly and concisely communicates what you are raising money for, why someone should give, and what the impact of their gift will be. It is rooted in the organization's mission, reflects its values and place in the market, and is based on financial projections." The case can be communicated using a deck or PowerPoint, as a brochure, as a video, or a simple letter or document. We recommend investing in graphics or video, but at a minimum you need a clear, concise, and compelling document.

While it can take time to build consensus on exactly how much your organization needs to raise, how the funds will be used, and what the anticipated impact will be. But there are so many benefits. A case:

- Mobilizes your organization both internally and externally as you work together to define and agree on what you want to accomplish.
 - Highlights your accomplishments and track record, and in so doing, it demonstrates your capacity.
 - Demonstrates that all parties are on the same page.
- Educates and communicates to your donors, prospects and supporters where you are going.
- Highlights your financial position – whether positive or negative.
 - Defines you as an organization.
 - Establishes your uniqueness in the marketplace.
 - Communicates your goals, vision, values, and mission.
 - Highlights your collaborators and partners.
 - Serves as a recruiting tool for volunteer leadership and potential future board members.
 - Shows how you are meeting a need.

A Different Voice
By Dorothy Shaw Thompson

NO CHARGE NOURISHMENT

I have no remembrance of how much school lunch cost when I was a kid. Anyone who remembers give me a call. I do remember that from the second grade until the ninth grade, I carried my lunch in a metal lunch box with the exception of Friday's. Friday was a special day on which we had hot dogs and homemade (cafeteria made) vegetable soup. I think we also had two baked sugar cookies. Milk was two cents for plain or chocolate. But I never got it because I saved that two cents until I got a dollar and would order disappointing things out of comic book ads (such as 100 dollars for a dollar, at one point, I was trying to get a monkey in the teacup, a live monkey.) So much for the magical thinking of a child. I couldn't have a dog, what did I think I was going to do with a monkey? This was the beginning of my self-taught belief in saving money. I honestly don't remember what the meals were in the cafeteria nor do I remember how many kids were like me and carried their lunch. I do remember that I either had bologna and cheese or peanut butter and jelly sandwiches, a fruit snack, and a cookie. By 10th grade at Ligon, I didn't eat lunch. I was saving my mother's money for her and I wasn't the only one who was outside or in the library at lunch time. When I became an adult and during my teaching years, I began to question the public education on the systems' lack of responsibility for providing food for the students they require to attend schools. In my mind, it is as much of a responsibility as providing a nurse, teachers, books, etc. I believe that public education is a right and a necessity in a civil society. It, to me, is a public benefit just as I believe that we all benefit from healthcare for all.

Yes, we've grown up in public education to realize that children do better when they've eaten breakfast and can have lunch midday and so we have federal programs and state programs that children living in homes, where the household income is thought to be such that those students are provided with breakfast and lunch. I've

heard that there is a stigma attached to this. Sometimes by other students and even unfortunately, some adults. I hear that there are astute children who don't partake of the eligibility out of embarrassment. Let me hasten to say that though I've never been concerned about this (it seems like forever) I've never thought to make it more than a conversational issue. So for me, it was a surprise to find out that others have similar ideas and that they have organized and made it a legislative issue. My friend, Thea Monet called me and alerted me to what is going on with this effort. We had a lunch meeting with a sister, Delores Blue who is an expert in this area. As we were sitting waiting to be served, we got into a conversation with a young man who just happened by. We each shared information with him about our meeting, and he shared what he was doing there. This guy is a father whose children attend school here in Wake County. He was immediately interested in the idea of no charge meals for all students and told us what it was like for him as he was a young student and also what it has been like for his children during his family's take off to grow more prosperities in providing for his children. He shared that there have been times when the cost of school lunches have been a concern, yet his family would not be eligible for no charge lunches.

I attended a meeting with a fine group of people who are working each in their own way to make this a state and national effort. Those who know me know I don't like meetings and endeavor to avoid them, so when I say this was a meeting I'm glad to have attended, consider this fact. I learned things that I had not previously known, such as the fact that there are students in some charter schools who, though eligible for no charge lunches, do not get them because the charter program does not have to provide this service. In my opinion, we are at a crisis in public education. Aside from the ever-present reality that we don't pay our teachers enough, making it more difficult to retain the teachers. We are also reportedly having difficulties with discipline in far too many schools. Ponder with me how many misbehaving children are also hungry children. We need to stop believing that children are somehow born differently than in the past, and begin searching for solutions to the problems of whatever causes failure in a place where so many human beings at some time in their life (and for some, all of their lives) at their crucial stages, find themselves.

To Be EQUAL
By Marc H. Morial
President, National Urban League

FORMER V.P. PENCE CLAIMS THERE'S NO RACIAL INEQUITY IN EDUCATION. HE'S VERY, VERY WRONG. (AND UNLIKE PENCE, WE KNOW THE NUMBERS)

Former Vice President and current Presidential candidate Mike Pence, who presided during the most aggressive rollback of civil rights in more than a century, brazenly told the nation this week he doesn't believe there is racial inequity in the nation's education system.

Confronted with evidence to the contrary, he ducked the question. "I haven't seen your studies. I don't know the numbers."

We do know the numbers. And Pence is dead wrong.

The National Urban League's most recent Equality Index™ for education was 74.3. Inspired by Three-Fifths Compromise of 1787, which counted Black Americans as "three-fifths" of a person, the Equality Index is the National Urban League's semi-annual calculation of the social and economic status of Black Americans relative to whites. Under full equality, the Index would be 100.

Because of the lag in data collection and analysis, the most recent Equality Index does not capture the full effect of the learning disruption during the COVID-19 pandemic, which hit Black students the hardest. But even before factoring in the pandemic, Black students lost ground since 2005, when the education Index was 77.2.

More than 100 separate metrics are used to calculate the education Index, and Black Americans have achieved parity with whites in almost none of them. About twice as many Black students are taught by unqualified or underqualified teachers. Black boys are twice as likely as white boys to be suspended from school, and Black girls are three times as likely. Black students are more than twice as likely as white students to live in a home without broadband internet access.

A more recent study found that school districts where the majority of students enrolled are students of color receive \$23 billion less in education funding than predominantly white school districts. Districts with a high percentage of students of color receive, on average, 16 percent, or about \$2,200, less per student than largely white districts.

Unsurprisingly, the relative lack of resources and heavier disciplinary burden for Black students contribute to a persistent racial achievement gap: pre-pandemic, fewer than 15% of Black 8th-graders were reading at or above proficiency, compared to 42.5% of white 8th-graders. Only 13.6% of Black students were at or above proficiency in math, compared to almost 44% of white students.

Whether Pence really doesn't "know the numbers" as he claims, we cannot say. But his choice not to acknowledge racial inequity in education aligns with the so-called "anti-woke" movement some extremist politicians have embraced, hoping to capitalize on a wave of white grievance and racial resentment.

Fortunately, a solid majority of Americans still reject the notion that racial inequality doesn't exist. But if Pence and his fellow distorters of history have their way, the next generation of Americans will grow up oblivious to the effects of historic and systemic racism and allow white supremacy not only to persist but flourish.

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DURHAM COUNTY

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
DURHAM COUNTY
**NOTICE OF SERVICE
OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION**
In The General Court Of Justice
Superior Court Division
FILE NO. 23 SP 534

ROBERT E. LEVIN,
Public Administrator of the
Estate of VIRGIE H. WILLIAMS
DECEASED
Petitioner,
v.
ALL PERSONS IN ESSE AND
NOT IN ESSE WHO MAY CLAIM
TO HAVE AN INTEREST IN THE
ESTATE OF VIRGIE H. WILLIAMS,
DECEASED
Respondents.

TO: All Persons In Esse And Not In
Esse Who May Claim To Have An
Interest In The Estate of Virgie H.
Williams, Deceased

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

You are required to make
defense to such pleading no later
than the 1st day of August, 2023,
which is 40 days from the first
publication of this notice. Upon
your failure to file a pleading by the
above date, party seeking service
against you will apply to the Court
for the relief sought.

This the 22nd day of June, 2023.
Robert E. Levin
Petitioner

HAYWOOD, DENNY & MILLER, L.L.P.
P.O. Box 51429
Durham, NC 27717
Telephone: 919-403-0000
6/22/23, 6/29/23, 7/6/23, 7/13/23
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
DURHAM COUNTY

**NOTICE OF SERVICE
OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION**
In The General Court Of Justice
Superior Court Division
FILE NO. 23 SP 224

ROBERT E. LEVIN,
Public Administrator of the
Estate of DONNIE W. LASSITER,
DECEASED
Petitioner,
v.

ALL PERSONS IN ESSE AND
NOT IN ESSE WHO MAY CLAIM
TO HAVE AN INTEREST IN THE
ESTATE OF DONNIE W. LASSITER,
DECEASED
Respondents.

TO: All Persons In Esse And Not In
Esse Who May Claim To Have An
Interest In The Estate of Donnie W.
Lassiter, Deceased

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

You are required to make
defense to such pleading no later
than the 1st day of August, 2023,
which is 40 days from the first
publication of this notice. Upon
your failure to file a pleading by the
above date, party seeking service
against you will apply to the Court
for the relief sought.

This the 22nd day of June, 2023.
Robert E. Levin
Petitioner
HAYWOOD, DENNY & MILLER,
L.L.P.
P.O. Box 51429
Durham, NC 27717
Telephone: 919-403-0000
6/22/23, 6/29/23, 7/6/23, 7/13/23

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Having qualified as Administrator
CTA of the ESTATE OF BETTYE
L. SMITH AKA BETTYE E. SMITH
deceased, of 3015 NC 55 Hwy
Durham, Durham County, North
Carolina, 27713 the undersigned
does hereby notify all persons,
firms and corporations having
claims against the estate of said
decedent to exhibit them to the
undersigned at the office of the
attorney for the estate on or before
23rd day of September 2023, or
this notice will be pleaded in bar of
their recovery.

All persons, firms and
corporations indebted to the said
estate will please make immediate
payment to the undersigned.

This the 22nd day of June, 2023.
Jeffrey L. Austin
Administrator CTA
c/o Jeffrey L. Austin,
Attorney for the Estate
Law Office of Jeffrey L. Austin
PLLC
411 W. Chapel Hill Street
Suite C-2
Durham, NC 27701
6/22/23, 6/29/23, 7/6/23, 7/13/23
NORTH CAROLINA

DURHAM COUNTY
**ESTATE OF CLAIBORNE
WALLACE THOMPSON**
File No. 2023 E 000535

All persons, firms and
corporations having claims against
Claiborne Wallace Thompson,
deceased, of Durham County, N.C.,
are notified to exhibit the same
to the undersigned on or before
September 26, 2023, or this notice
will be pleaded in bar of recovery.
Debtors of the decedent are asked
to make immediate payment.

This the 22nd of June 2023.
Debra June Cogswell, Executrix
2302 Sunrise Blvd, 1-205
FT. Pierce, FL 34982
6/22, 6/29, 7/6 and 7/13/23
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
DURHAM COUNTY

**NOTICE OF SERVICE
OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION**
In The General Court Of Justice
Superior Court Division
Before the Clerk
File Number 23-E-804

The Undersigned, having
qualified as EXECUTOR of the
Estate of LINDA E. JAMES, late of
Durham County, North Carolina,
hereby wishes to notify all persons
having claims against the Estate of
said deceased to exhibit them to
the undersigned at the below listed
address on or before the 22nd day
of September 2023, or this notice
will be pleaded in bar of their
recovery.

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

This the 22nd day of June, 2023.
Tonya J. Miller
Executor
10509 Rougemont Rd.
Bahama, NC 27503
6/22, 6/29, 7/6, and 7/13
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
DURHAM COUNTY

**NOTICE OF SERVICE
OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION**
In The General Court Of Justice
Superior Court Division
FILE NO. 23 SP 524

ROBERT E. LEVIN,
Public Administrator of the
Estate of DONNIE W. LASSITER,
DECEASED
Petitioner,
v.

ALL PERSONS IN ESSE AND
NOT IN ESSE WHO MAY CLAIM
TO HAVE AN INTEREST IN THE
ESTATE OF DONNIE W. LASSITER,
DECEASED
Respondents.

TO: All Persons In Esse And Not In
Esse Who May Claim To Have An
Interest In The Estate of Donnie W.
Lassiter, Deceased

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

You are required to make
defense to such pleading no later
than the 8th day of August, 2023,
which is 40 days from the first
publication of this notice. Upon
your failure to file a pleading by the
above date, party seeking service
against you will apply to the Court
for the relief sought.

This the 29th day of June, 2023.
Robert E. Levin
Petitioner
HAYWOOD, DENNY & MILLER,
L.L.P.
P.O. Box 51429
Durham, NC 27717
Telephone: 919-403-0000
6/29, 7/6, 7/13, and 7/20/23
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
DURHAM COUNTY

**NOTICE OF SERVICE
OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION**
In The General Court Of Justice
Superior Court Division
Before the Clerk
File Number 23-E-813

The Undersigned, having
qualified as ADMINISTRATRIX of
the Estate of GREGORY KEITH
TAYLOR, late of Durham County,
North Carolina, hereby wishes
to notify all persons having
claims against the Estate of said
deceased to exhibit them to the
undersigned at the below listed
address on or before the 29th day
of September 2023, or this notice
will be pleaded in bar of their
recovery.

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

This the 29th day of June, 2023.
Joyce P. Price
Administratrix
317 Crestview Drive
Durham, NC 27712
6/29, 7/6, 7/13, and 7/20/23
NORTH CAROLINA
DURHAM COUNTY

NOTICE OF CREDITORS

THE UNDERSIGNED, having
qualified on the 16th day of June,
2023, as Executor of the ESTATE
OF NORMAN HERBERT KRAUSE,
Deceased, of Durham County,
North Carolina, does hereby notify
all persons, firms and corporations
having claims against said Estate
to exhibit them to the undersigned
on or before the 30th day of
September, 2023, or this Notice
will be pleaded in bar of their recovery.
All persons indebted to said
Estate will please make immediate
payment to the undersigned.

This, the 29th day of June, 2023.
ALLIN H. PIERCE, JR.
EXECUTOR
ESTATE OF NORMAN HERBERT
KRAUSE
c/o Stephen C. Rhudy, Esq.
Walker Lambe, PLLC
Post Office Box 51549
Durham, North Carolina 27717
6/29, 7/6, 7/13 and 7/20/23
NORTH CAROLINA
DURHAM COUNTY

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
23 E 802
All persons, firms and
corporations having claims against
ALICE KECK ADAMS a/k/a ALICE
JANE ADAMS deceased, are
notified to exhibit them to Randall
L. Baker and Cynthia B. Clark, Co-
Executors of the decedent's estate
on or before September 29, 2023,
c/o Katherine T. Merritt, Attorney
for the Estate, at P. O. Drawer 1529,
Hillsborough, North Carolina 27278,
or be forever barred from their
recovery. Debtors of the decedent
are asked to make immediate
payment to the above named Co-
Executors.

This the 29th day of June, 2023.
Randall L. Baker and Cynthia B.
Clark, Executor of the Estate of
Alice Keck Adams
c/o Coleman, Merritt, Murphy &
Rainsford, P.C.
Katherine T. Merritt,
Attorney for Estate
P.O. Drawer 1529
Hillsborough, NC 27278
(919) 732-2196
6/29, 7/6, 7/13, and 7/20/23
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
DURHAM COUNTY

**NOTICE OF SERVICE
OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION**
In The General Court Of Justice
Superior Court Division
Before the Clerk
File Number 22-E-774

The Undersigned, having
qualified as ADMINISTRATOR of
the Estate of SHERRY RENE
SADDLER, late of Durham County,
North Carolina, hereby wishes
to notify all persons having
claims against the Estate of said
deceased to exhibit them to the
undersigned at the below listed
address on or before the 29th day
of September 2023, or this notice
will be pleaded in bar of their
recovery.

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

This the 29th day of June, 2023.
William Christopher Saddler
Administrator
1014 Rhode Island Ave
Kannapolis, NC 28083
6/29, 7/6, 7/13, and 7/20/23

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
FILE NO. 23 E 806

All persons, firms, and
corporations having claims against
the estate of KARIN JILL GLEITER
deceased, of Durham County,
North Carolina, are notified to
present the same to the personal
representative listed below on or
before the 25th day of September,
2023 or this Notice will be pleaded
in bar of
their recovery. All debtors of the
said estate are asked to please
make immediate payment.

This the 29th day of June, 2023
SUSAN H. LEWIS
Executrix
P.O. Drawer 4825
Chapel Hill, NC 27515
6/29, 7/6, 7/13, and 7/20/23
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
DURHAM COUNTY

**NOTICE OF SERVICE
OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION**
In The General Court Of Justice
Superior Court Division
Before the Clerk
File Number 23-E-812

The Undersigned, having
qualified as ADMINISTRATOR of
the Estate of VAUGHN AVERY
BOOKER, late of Durham County,
North Carolina, hereby wishes
to notify all persons having
claims against the Estate of said
deceased to exhibit them to the
undersigned at the below listed
address on or before the 29th day
of September 2023, or this notice
will be pleaded in bar of their
recovery.

All persons indebted to the

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

This the 29th day of June, 2023.
Vaughn Booker
Administrator
c/o Bagwell Holt Smith, PA
111 Cloister Court, STE 200
Chapel Hill, NC 27514
6/29, 7/6, 7/13, and 7/20/23
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
DURHAM COUNTY

**NOTICE OF SERVICE
OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION**
In The General Court Of Justice
Superior Court Division
Before the Clerk
File Number 23-E-329

The Undersigned, having
qualified as EXECUTOR of the
Estate of SHIRLEY GRAY
FERRELL, late of Durham County,
North Carolina, hereby wishes
to notify all persons having
claims against the Estate of said
deceased to exhibit them to the
undersigned at the below listed
address on or before the 29th day
of September 2023, or this notice
will be pleaded in bar of their
recovery.

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

This the 29th day of June, 2023.
Aileen Thomas
Executor
2113 Eastwood Drive
Durham, NC 27703
6/29, 7/6, 7/13, and 7/20/23

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
ESTATE OF BARBARA C.
CLARKE

Barbara C. Clarke died on
February 27, 2023, in Durham,
NC. John G. Clarke qualified
as her Executor with Durham
County, NC Clerk of Superior
Court file 23 E 612. All persons,
firms or corporations indebted
to Barbara C. Clarke will please
make immediate payment. This
is to notify all persons, firms, and
corporations having claims against
Barbara C. Clarke to present them
before October 13, 2023, or this
Notice may be pleaded to bar their
claim. Claims and payments may
be filed with Deborah H. Shartle,
Attorney for the estate at Arges
Law Firm, 3200 Crossdaile Drive,
Suite 706, Durham, NC 27705.
07/06, 07/13, 07/20, 07/27/2023.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
The undersigned having qualified
as Executrix of the Estate of
RUFUS A. DENSON a/k/a RUFUS
ATKINS DENSON, Deceased, late
of Durham County, North Carolina,
this is to notify all persons, firms
and corporations having claims
against the Estate to exhibit them
to the undersigned at the office of
IDOL LAW, PLLC, PO Box 51759,
Durham, North Carolina 27717, on
or before the 9th day of October,
2023, or this Notice will be in bar
of their recovery. All persons
indebted to the Estate will please
make immediate payment.

This is the 6th day of July, 2023.
Judy Dillard, Executrix
Estate of Rufus A. Denson a/k/a
RUFUS ATKINS DENSON
c/o Robert A. Idol, Esquire
IDOL LAW, PLLC
Attorney at Law
PO Box 51759
Durham, NC 27717
(919) 401.5151
7/6, 7/13, 7/20 and 7/27/23
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
DURHAM COUNTY

**NOTICE OF SERVICE
OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION**
In The General Court Of Justice,
District Court Division
Before the Clerk
File No:20 CVD 141
[CHILD CUSTODY PROCEEDING],
QUANDA NEWELL, Plaintiff
v.

SHERNERIA MCLEAN &
NATHANIEL NEWELL, Defendants.

To the parents of A. McLean, a
female child born on 4/25/2012.
TAKE NOTICE that a pleading
seeking relief against you has
been filed in the above-entitled
action. The nature of the relief
sought against you is an award
of permanent legal custody of the
aforementioned child to Quanda
Newell. You are required to make
defense to such pleading with the
Durham County Clerk of Court no
later than 8/16/2023, said date
being forty (40) days from the first
publication of this notice. Upon
your failure to do so, the parties
seeking relief against you will apply
to the Court for the relief sought.

This, the 6th day of July, 2023,
Katherine S. Moye, JusticeMatters,
Inc., Attorney for Plaintiff,
P.O. Box 58058
Raleigh, NC, 27658
919/794-7511 Ext. 9.
7/6, 7/13, and 7/20/23

NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND

DEBTORS OF ALFRED LEBEAU
All persons, firms and
corporations having claims
against ALFRED LEBEAU, late of
Durham County, North Carolina,
are notified to exhibit them to
Dorothy K. Lebeau as Executor of
the decedent's estate on or before
October 7, 2023, c/o Gregory
Herman-Giddens, Attorney at
Law, 1414 Raleigh Rd., Ste. 203,
Chapel Hill, NC 27517, or be barred
from their recovery. Debtors of
the decedent are asked to make
immediate payment to the above
named Executor.

This the 6th day of July, 2023.
Dorothy K. Lebeau, Executor
c/o Gregory Herman-Giddens, Atty.
TrustCounsel
1414 Raleigh Rd., Ste. 203
Chapel Hill, NC 27517
7/6, 7/13, 7/20, and 7/27/23
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
DURHAM COUNTY

**NOTICE OF SERVICE
OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION**
In The General Court Of Justice
Superior Court Division
Before the Clerk
File Number 23-E-740

The Undersigned, having
qualified as TESTAMENTRIX of the
Estate of MARY LOUISE JONES,
late of Durham County, North
Carolina, hereby wishes to notify all
persons having claims against the
Estate of said deceased to exhibit
them to the undersigned at the
below listed address on or before
the 6th day of October 2023, or
this notice will be pleaded in bar of
their recovery.

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

This the 6th day of July, 2023.
Shelia V Jones
Testamentrix
6036 Framingham Road
Raspeburg, MD 21206
7/6, 7/13, 7/20, and 7/27/23

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Having qualified as Executrix
of the ESTATE OF LLOYD
HUMPHREY, deceased, of Durham
County, N.C., the undersigned does
hereby notify all persons, firms,
and corporations having claims
against said estate to exhibit them
at the office of the attorney for the
estate on or before the 12th day of
October 2023, or this Notice will
be pleaded in bar of their recovery.
Debtors of the decedent are asked
to make immediate payment.

This 13th day of July 2023.
Eileen Worley Humphrey, Executrix,
c/o David B. Alexander, Attorney
for the estate, The Law Firm of
David B. Alexander, P.C., 5003
Southpark Drive, STE 230, Durham,
NC 27713

7/13, 7/20, 7/27, and 8/3/2023
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
DURHAM COUNTY

**NOTICE OF SERVICE
OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION**
In The General Court Of Justice
Superior Court Division
Before the Clerk
File Number 23 E 878

The Undersigned, having
qualified as ADMINISTRATOR
of the Estate of MCOR EISHEL
GRADIN, late of Durham County,
North Carolina, hereby wishes
to notify all persons having
claims against the Estate of said
deceased to exhibit them to the
undersigned at the below listed
address on or before the 13th day
of October 2023, or this notice will
be pleaded in bar of their recovery.

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

This the 13th day of July, 2023.
Robert J. Mermelstein
Executor
3808 Evander Way
Raleigh, NC 27613
7/13, 7/20, 7/27, and 8/3/2023
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
DURHAM COUNTY

**NOTICE OF SERVICE
OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION**
In The General Court Of Justice
Superior Court Division
Before the Clerk
File Number 23-E-868

The Undersigned, having
qualified as ADMINISTRATOR CTA
of the Estate of CONSTANCE
DENISE JACKLEY, late of Durham
County, North Carolina, hereby
wishes to notify all persons having
claims against the Estate of said
deceased to exhibit them to the
undersigned at the below listed
address on or before the 13th day
of October 2023, or this notice will
be pleaded in bar of their recovery.

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

This the 13th day of July, 2023.
Ka-Quana Jackley

Administrator CTA
4801 Danube Lane, Apt. 1403
Durham, NC 27704
7/13, 7/20, 7/27, and 8/3/2023
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
DURHAM COUNTY

**NOTICE OF SERVICE
OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION**
In The General Court Of Justice
Superior Court Division
Before the Clerk
File Number 23-E-810

The Undersigned, having
qualified as EXECUTOR of the
Estate of ROSALIE S. MANDEL
A/K/A ROSALIE IRMA MANDEL,
late of Durham County, North
Carolina, hereby wishes to notify all
persons having claims against the
Estate of said deceased to exhibit
them to the undersigned at the
below listed address on or before
the 13th day of October 2023, or
this notice will be pleaded in bar of
their recovery.

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

This the 13th day of July, 2023.
Marcia A. Mandel, Executor
c/o Marion Law Office, PLLC
2741 University Drive
Durham, NC 27707
7/13, 7/20, 7/27, and 8/3/2023
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
DURHAM COUNTY

**NOTICE OF SERVICE
OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION**
In The General Court Of Justice
Superior Court Division
Before the Clerk
File Number 23-E-632

The Undersigned, having
qualified as EXECUTOR of the
Estate of BERYL ROSSER WALP,
late of Durham County, North
Carolina, hereby wishes to notify all
persons having claims against the
Estate of said deceased to exhibit
them to the undersigned at the
below listed address on or before
the 13th day of October 2023, or
this notice will be pleaded in bar of
their recovery.

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

This the 13th day of July, 2023.
Allison Walp Dimsdale
Executor
4 Ontario Court
Durham, NC 27713
7/13, 7/20, 7/27, and 8/3/2023
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF DURHAM

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

THE UNDERSIGNED, having
qualified on the 9th day of May,
2023, as Executor of the ESTATE
OF SHIRLEY MORGAN RIGSBEE,
Deceased, of Durham County,
North Carolina, does hereby notify
all persons, firms and corporations
having claims against said Estate
to exhibit them to the undersigned
on or before the 16th day of
October, 2023 or this Notice will
be pleaded in bar of their recovery.
All persons indebted to said
Estate will please make immediate
payment to the undersigned.

This, the 13th day of July, 2023.
STEPHEN R. RIGSBEE
EXECUTOR
ESTATE OF SHIRLEY MORGAN
RIGSBEE

c/o Richard G. Long III, Attorney
Walker Lambe, PLLC
Post Office Box 51549
Durham, North Carolina 27717
7/13, 7/20, 7/27, and 8/3/2023
NORTH CAROLINA
DURHAM COUNTY

**NOTICE OF SERVICE
OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION**
In The General Court Of Justice
District Court Division
File No. 23 CVD 598
[CHILD CUSTODY AND DIVORCE
PROCEEDING]

Claudia Reyes Vega, Plaintiff v.
Jose Flores Bueso, Defendant.

To Jose Flores Bueso, father of

Carla Jasuary Flores Reyes, born
December 16, 2008 in Honduras.
Take notice that a pleading
seeking relief against you has been
filed in the above-entitled action.
The nature of the relief being
sought is as follows: absolute
divorce and that permanent legal
custody of the aforementioned
child be granted to Claudia Reyes
Vega. You are required to make
defense to such pleading not later
than 22nd of August, 2023, said
date being forty (40) days from
the first publication of this notice,
and upon your failure to do so the
party seeking service against you
will apply to the court for the relief
sought.

This, the 13th day of July, 2023.
Mary Elizabeth Reed, JusticeMatters,
Inc. Attorney for the Plaintiff
P.O. Box 199
Durham, NC 27702
(919) 794-7511
7/13, 7/20, and 7/27/23

Classifieds

DURHAM COUNTY

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
DURHAM COUNTY
NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION
In The General Court Of Justice
Superior Court Division
Before the Clerk
File Number 23-E-886

The Undersigned, having qualified as ADMINISTRATRIX of the Estate of PERCELL MCNAIR, late of Durham County, North Carolina, hereby wishes to notify all persons having claims against the Estate of said deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned at the below listed address on or before the 13th day of October 2023, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery.

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

This the 13th day of July, 2023.

Annie M Sims
Administratrix
1343 Maplewood Dr.
Durham, NC 27704
7/13, 7/20, 7/27, and 8/3/2023

Judgment for Absolute Divorce. You are required to make defense to such pleading no later than August 8, 2023, forty (40) days from the first date of the publication of this Notice, and upon your failure to do so the party seeking service against you will apply to the court for the relief sought.

This, the 29th day of June 2023.
Mark Ramsey Johnson
Plaintiff

3622 Pine Knoll Drive
Raleigh, NC 27604
6/29, 7/6, and 7/13/23
NORTH CAROLINA
WAKE COUNTY

IN THE MATTER OF: ESTATE OF SUE AMOS DEVAUL, DECEASED.

In The General Court Of Justice
Superior Court Division
Before the Clerk

File Number 22 E 000337
NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The undersigned having qualified as the Co-Executors of the Estate of SUE AMOS DEVAUL, deceased, late of Wake County, North Carolina, does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against said estate to present them to the undersigned on or before the day of September 29, 2023, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery.

All persons, firms or corporations indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This the 29th day of June, 2023.
Steven Kirkman and Janice E. Hardison.

Co-Executors of the Estate of Sue Amos DeVaul, Deceased
c/o Lawrence J. D' Amelio, III
Attorney for Estate

1834 Pembroke Rd Suite 2
Greensboro, NC 27408
Telephone: (336) 615 8367
6/29, 7/6, 7/13, and 7/20/23
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
WAKE COUNTY

NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION
In The General Court Of Justice
Superior Court Division
Before the Clerk

File Number 23E003267-910

The Undersigned, having qualified as ADMINISTRATOR of the Estate of WILLIE FOGGIE JR., late of Wake County, North Carolina, hereby wishes to notify all persons having claims against the Estate of said deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned at the below listed address on or before the 29th day of September 2023, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery.

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

This the 29th day of June, 2023.
Margaret Foggie Kimber
Administratrix

221 South Selma Road
Wendell, NC 27591
6/29, 7/6, 7/13, and 7/20/23
NORTH CAROLINA
WAKE COUNTY

NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION
In The General Court Of Justice
District Court Division
Before the Clerk

File No. 23CV008377-910

Mark Ramsey Johnson, Plaintiff
V.

Jamilah Shamane Lawson
Johnson, Defendant

TO THE DEFENDANT:

Take notice that a pleading seeking relief against you has been filed in the above entitled action. The nature of the relief being sought is as follows: The Plaintiff has filed a Complaint for

above entitled action. The nature of the relief being sought is as follows: The Plaintiff has filed a Complaint for Judgment for Absolute Divorce. You are required to make defense to such pleading no later than August 15, 2023, forty (40) days from the first date of the publication of this Notice, and upon your failure to do so the party seeking service against you will apply to the court for the relief sought.

This, the 6th day of July 2023.
Sheila Avery, Plaintiff

107 Ruben Ct, Apt C1
Cary, NC 27610
7/6, 7/13, and 7/20/23
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
WAKE COUNTY

NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION
In The General Court Of Justice
Superior Court Division
Before the Clerk

File Number 23E001557-910

The Undersigned, having qualified as EXECUTOR of the Estate of JOHN SANDERS, JR., late of Wake County, North Carolina, hereby wishes to notify all persons having claims against the Estate of said deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned at the below listed address on or before the 13th day of October 2023, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery.

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

This the 13th day of July, 2023.
Karen Sanders
Executor

106 New Rand Rd.
Garner, NC 27529
7/13, 7/20, 7/27, and 8/3/2023
NORTH CAROLINA
WAKE COUNTY

NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION
In The General Court Of Justice
District Court Division
File No. 23CV017612-910

Timothy Lee Johnson, Plaintiff
VS. Charlene Johnson, Defendant

To The Defendant: Take notice that a pleading seeking relief against you has been filed in the above entitled action. The nature of the relief being sought is as follows: The Plaintiff has filed a Complaint for Judgment for Absolute Divorce. You are required to make defense to such pleading no later than August 22, 2023, forty (40) days from the first date of the publication of this Notice, and upon your failure to do so the party seeking service against you will apply to the court for the relief sought.

This, the 13th day of July 2023.
Timothy Lee Johnson, Plaintiff

1521 Rose Lane
Raleigh, North Carolina 27610
7/13, 7/20, and 7/27/23
NORTH CAROLINA
WAKE COUNTY

NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION
In The General Court Of Justice
District Court Division
File No. 22CVD016047-910

Fariha Nashik, Plaintiff VS.
MD Mobinur Rahman, Defendant

To The Defendant: Take notice that a pleading seeking relief against you has been filed in the above entitled action. The nature of the relief being sought is as follows: The Plaintiff has filed a Complaint for Judgment for Absolute Divorce. You are required to make defense to such pleading no later than August 22, 2023, forty (40) days from the first date of the publication of this Notice, and upon your failure to do so the party seeking service against you will apply to the court for the relief sought.

This, the 13th day of July 2023.
Aneta Paval

Paval Law Offices, PLLC
7404 Chapel Hill Rd, Suite M
Raleigh NC 27607
Telephone: (919) 410-6690
7/13, 7/20, and 7/27/23

NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION
In The General Court Of Justice
District Court Division
File No. 23-CVD-514

To: LUDY SUKEYLY ORTIZ UR-BINA, Defendant.

Take notice that a pleading seeking relief against you has been filed in the above-entitled action. The nature of the relief being sought is for child custody. You are required to make defense to such pleading no later than August 22, 2023 said date being at least forty (40) days from the first publication of this Notice, and upon your failure to do so, the Plaintiff, HERRY DAVID CASTILLO SANCHEZ, will apply to the court for the relief sought.

This, the 13th day of July, 2023
Aneta Paval

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7/13, 7/20, and 7/27/23

Notice that a pleading seeking relief against you has been filed in the above entitled action. The nature of the relief being sought is as follows: The Plaintiff has filed a Complaint for Judgment for Absolute Divorce. You are required to make defense to such pleading no later than August 22, 2023, forty (40) days from the first date of the publication of this Notice, and upon your failure to do so the party seeking service against you will apply to the court for the relief sought.

This, the 13th day of July 2023.
Faniha Nashik, Plaintiff

100 White Bluff Lane, Apt 1E
Cary, NC 27513
7/13, 7/20, and 7/27/23

CHATHAM COUNTY

NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION
In the General Court of Justice
District Court Division
File No. 23-CVD-514

To: LUDY SUKEYLY ORTIZ UR-BINA, Defendant.

Take notice that a pleading seeking relief against you has been filed in the above-entitled action. The nature of the relief being sought is for child custody. You are required to make defense to such pleading no later than August 22, 2023 said date being at least forty (40) days from the first publication of this Notice, and upon your failure to do so, the Plaintiff, HERRY DAVID CASTILLO SANCHEZ, will apply to the court for the relief sought.

This, the 13th day of July, 2023
Aneta Paval

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7/13, 7/20, and 7/27/23

NORTH CAROLINA CHATHAM COUNTY NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION
In the General Court of Justice
District Court Division
File No. 23-CVD-513

To: JOSE LUIS MAZARIEGOS VASQUEZ, Defendant.

Take notice that a pleading seeking relief against you has been filed in the above-entitled action. The nature of the relief being sought is for child custody. You are required to make defense to such pleading no later than August 22, 2023 said date being at least forty (40) days from the first publication of this Notice, and upon your failure to do so, the Plaintiff, MARITZA NOEMI MARTINEZ CRUZ DE MAZARIEGOS, will apply to the court for the relief sought.

This, the 13th day of July, 2023
Aneta Paval

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FORECLOSURE

NORTH CAROLINA DURHAM COUNTY NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE 23 SP 393

Under and by virtue of a Power of Sale contained in that certain Deed of Trust executed Sarah Blakenship, which was dated June 22, 2016 and recorded on June 22, 2016 in Book 7959, Page 260, Durham County Registry, North Carolina.

Default having been made of the note thereby secured by the said Deed of Trust and the undersigned, Satterfield Law, PLLC, having been substituted as Trustee in said Deed of Trust, and the holder of the note evidencing said default having directed that the Deed of Trust be foreclosed, the undersigned Substitute Trustee will offer for sale at the courthouse door of the county courthouse where the property is located, or the usual and customary location at the county courthouse for conduct of the sale on July 27, 2023 at 10:00 AM, and will sell to the highest bidder for cash the following described property situated in Durham County, North Carolina, to wit:

Being all of Lot 20 as shown on plat entitled "Jubilee Land Subdivision", recorded in Plat Book 143, Page 124, Durham County Registry, to which plat reference is hereby made for a more particular description. See also plat book 139, Page 170, Durham County Registry.

This property is commonly known as 2804 Jubilee Lane, Durham, NC 27707

Third party purchasers must pay the excise tax, and the court costs of Forty-Five Cents (\$0.45) per One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) pursuant to NCGS 7A-308(a)(1). A cash deposit (no personal checks) of five percent (5%) of the purchase price, or Seven Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$750.00), whichever is greater, will be required at the time of the sale. Following the expiration of the statutory upset bid period, all the remaining amounts are immediately due and owing.

Said property to be offered pursuant to this Notice of Sale is being offered for sale, transfer

and conveyance "AS IS WHERE IS." There are no representations of warranty relating to the title or any physical, environmental, health or safety conditions existing in, on, at, or relating to the property being offered for sale. This sale is made subject to all prior liens, unpaid taxes, any unpaid land transfer taxes, special assessments, easements, rights of way, deeds of release, and any other encumbrances or exceptions of record. To the best of the knowledge and belief of the undersigned, the current owner(s) of the property is/are Sarah Blakenship.

An Order for possession of the property may be issued pursuant to G.S. 45-21.29 in favor of the purchaser and against the party or parties in possession by the clerk of superior court of the county in which the property is sold. Any person who occupies the property pursuant to a rental agreement entered into or renewed on or after October 1, 2007, may, after receiving the notice of sale, terminate the rental agreement upon 10 days' written notice to the landlord. The notice shall also state that upon termination of a rental agreement, the tenant is liable for rent due under the rental agreement prorated to the effective date of the termination.

If the trustee is unable to convey title to this property for any reason, the sole remedy of the purchaser is the return of the deposit. Reasons of such inability to convey include, but are not limited to, the filing of a bankruptcy petition prior to the confirmation of the sale and reinstatement of the loan without the knowledge of the Trustee. If the validity of the sale is challenged by any other party, the Trustee, in their sole discretion, if they believe the challenge to have merit, may request the court to declare the sale to be void and return the deposit. The purchaser will have no further remedy.

Satterfield Law, PLLC
Substitute Trustee
Daron D. Satterfield, Attorney for Substitute Trustee
Satterfield Law, PLLC
307 Meadowlands Drive, Suite 101
Hillsborough, NC 27278
(984) 229-8584, phone
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Publication Date: 7/13 & 7/20/23

WAKE COUNTY

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
WAKE COUNTY
NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION
In The General Court Of Justice
Superior Court Division
Before the Clerk
File No. 23E003109-910

The Undersigned, having qualified as CO-EXECUTOR of the Estate of JAMES WILLIAMS HAWKINS, late of Wake County, North Carolina, hereby wishes to notify all persons having claims against the Estate of said deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned at the below listed address on or before the 26th day of September 2023, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery.

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

This the 22nd day of June, 2023.
Joyce Hawkins Mayo, Co-Executor

3408 Dover Wood Lane
Fuquay-Varina, NC 27526
Ida Hawins Perry, Co-Executor

728 Carlisle St.
Raleigh, NC 27610
6/22, 6/29, 7/6, and 7/13/23
NORTH CAROLINA
WAKE COUNTY

NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION
In The General Court Of Justice
District Court Division
Before the Clerk

File No. 23CV008377-910

Mark Ramsey Johnson, Plaintiff
V.

Jamilah Shamane Lawson
Johnson, Defendant

TO THE DEFENDANT:

Take notice that a pleading seeking relief against you has been filed in the above entitled action. The nature of the relief being sought is as follows: The Plaintiff has filed a Complaint for

D/M/WBE

SUBCONTRACTORS/SUPPLIERS WANTED

Pipeline Utilities, Inc. (NC General Contractor License No. 325) is seeking certified DBE, MBE, and WBE subcontractors and suppliers for the North and Central Campus domestic Waterline Replacement project for North Carolina State University which bids July 19, 2023, at 3:00 PM. Plans and specifications for this project are available at the following locations: Pipeline Utilities, Inc.; 2204-F Associate Drive; Raleigh, NC 27603 * RMF Engineering; 8081 Arco Drive, Suite 300; Raleigh, NC 27617.

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

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

D/M/WBE

SUBCONTRACTORS/SUPPLIERS WANTED

T. A. Loving Company (NC General Contractor License No. 325) is seeking certified DBE, MBE, and WBE subcontractors and suppliers for the Grace and Chestnut Street Water and Sewer project for CFPWA which bids July 18, 2023, at 2:30 PM. Plans and specifications for this project are available at the following locations: TA Loving Company, 400 Pate-town Road, Goldsboro, NC 27530 * Cape Fear Public Utility Authority; 235 Government Drive; Wilmington, NC 28403 * Carolinas AGC Website * Dodge Data and Analytics website * ConstructConnect website * Construction Journal website * North American Procurement Council website * The Blue Book Building and Construction Network website * Hispanic Contractors Association of the Carolinas website.

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

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NOTICE TO SUBCONTRACTOR

ADVERTISEMENT TO BID FOR THE Raleigh-Durham Airport Authority

Airport Operations Center

Owner: The Raleigh-Durham International Airport Authority
Morrisville, North Carolina

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BID: Sealed proposals will be received by Right Build International, from prequalified subcontractors for the Raleigh Durham International Airport's: Airport Operations Center at 2:00pm on Thursday, September 7, 2023 (Refer to Bid Manual for specific bidding procedures). Bids not meeting these requirements will not be accepted. Bids will be opened and read at a location that will be determined later. A pre-bid conference will be held from 2:00pm - 4:00pm Tuesday, August 8th, 2023 on the 5th Floor of the Airport Operation Center at 1050 Cargo Dr, Morrisville, NC 27560. copies of project documents are available through Accent Imaging production@accentimaging.com. Please contact Dayshon Bynum dbynum@rightbuildint.com to obtain a digital copy of project documents.



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