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China's Investment In Africa: Colonialism Or Capitalism?



imperialism through funding develbecame the first post-COVID African state to "default on its Eurobonds," eliciting renewed concern about Chinese "debt-trap diplomacy." The fact that Chinese firms comprise "oneeighth of the continent's industrial output" is enough to question the equality of the China-Africa relationship. Yet, despite China holding US\$153 billion in African loans. the idea that China actively designs loans for national benefit assumes a perfectly calculated conspiracy to induce debt that simply does not exist in Chinese investment in Africa. Closer examination of the Zambian debt crisis, one of the more extreme examples of debt to China, reveals how a lack of development drives African loans, with chronic mismanagement by both China and Zambia creating today's crisis.

That is not to say that China's

(Reuters) - Charter Communi-

cations, one of the biggest cable

companies in the United States, is

locked in a battle with Walt Disney

in a distribution dispute that may

shape the future of television in the

ESPN, ABC and other Disney

channels disappeared from Charter's

Spectrum cable service on Thursday,

depriving its nearly 15 million video

subscribers of access to the U.S.

Open tennis tournament, college

While such "carriage disputes" are

commonplace in the media world,

with TV channels going dark as cable

companies negotiate with media

companies over how much its chan-

nels are worth and how to package

Media executives are trying to

build profitable streaming services

even as cable providers argue they

are subsidizing a business that can-

\$2.2 billion annually for the right to

channels, this fight is different.

nibalizes their own.

football and other programming.

(HIR)—Since the 2013 announce- lence. China's historical incentives tiative, worries of Chinese economic be ignored. After a period of isolation due to the Korean War, China ownership of their production.

> In Zambia, the copper mining industry represents 80 percent of economic production, but the collapse in copper prices in the 1970s led to the sale of Zambia Consolidated Copper Mine (ZCCM) to foreign companies like the China Nonferrous Mining Company (CNMC). The acquisition of 85 percent of the Luanshya and Chambishi mines, along with the Chinese Jinchuan Mining Group's "51 percent majority share in Zambia's only nickel mine," further deepened China's profit control over Zambia's economy. Furthermore, China's 2006 creation of the Forum on China-Africa Cooperation (FOCAC) formalized Chinese development of Africa by pledging further aid. The implications of this organization are insidious.

The Brookings Institute notes aid to Africa occurs out of benevo- that FOCAC's recent 2035 Vision

conference shares the same goals of ment of China's Belt and Road Ini- for engaging with Africa cannot international investment and development as the China 2035 Vision conference, in addition to the same opment projects have continued to sought economic and political continued to sought economic and political continued to inform Western opinions of China- nections with Africa, importing raw by 2035. Considering the promise Africa relations. In 2020, Zambia materials in exchange for greater of US\$60 billion by 2035, FOCAC's existence clearly reveals how China sees global development as the key to domestic growth. Chinese ownership of the mining industry and the process of providing loans clearly illuminates China's structural domi-

nance in this relationship. Western critics blame Chinese abuse of their power for Zambia's economic woes. Indeed, Chinese labor standards have come under fire for creating poor conditions for African workers. As of 2010, Zambian wages cost China just "0.093 percent of gross income" and health regulations have been criticized for threatening workers with longer hours and greater exposure to "acid ... noxious fumes and dust" than what is allowed by Zambian law.

The root of these problems appears to be China's ignorance of international standards of practice, but China's unchallenged power

bian demands for improved safety measures and healthcare, Chinese managers shot six protestors. The failure to provide potable water, higher wages, and protective equipment against silicosis stings particularly strongly considering China's willingness to spend US\$350 million on the new Chambishi Copper Smelter with computerized technology (HRW). China's unjust treatment of local workers reveals how China profits off of Zambian suffer-

Yet, this convenient narrative of Chinese neocolonialism falls apart upon analysis of the debt crisis seemingly driving Zambian dependence on China and Zambia's labor problems. Zambia has "the highest number of Chinese lenders" of all African states, and China owns 69 percent of the construction industry. However, Chinese debt only

clearly underlies the neglect of labor represents "17.6 percent of total rights. A concerning corollary of this external debt payments," showing control appeared in the 2006 Cham- that Zambian responses to foreign bishi riots, where Zambian workers investment in general need reform. protested a 2005 mining explosion African leaders are also complicit state that "[they] want to borrow that killed 46 workers in a CNMC in the accumulation of Chinese for infrastructure" and the people mine. Instead of recognizing Zam- development loans through elec- desire improved road, energy, and toral incentives. As Ching Kwan digital infrastructure. The historical Lee explains, politicians frequently receive kickbacks and votes for agreeing to development deals, with President Edgar Lungu raising bor-

rowing from China during a copper price collapse. More fundamentally, Zambian citizens do seek to benefit from development. Officials lack of African development, fueled by European colonialism, led to

(See CHINA, P. 3)



SUPPORTERS DEFEND NC SUPREME COURT JUSTICE

By Tyria Bourda

Staff Writer

To fight for her First Amendment right, NC Supreme Court Justice Anita Earls filed a federal lawsuit arguing that the judicial ethics commission panel is restricting her right to free speech. Earls said in her lawsuit that the North Carolina Judicial Standards Commission began a probe after she spoke to a legal news organization about her court's record on issues concerning diver-

Anita Earls, a former civil rights lawyer, was first elected to the North Carolina Supreme Court in 2018 and is one of two Black justices on the state's highest court.

In the Law360.com article, Earls was asked why the people making oral arguments before the court are overwhelmingly White males, despite diversity in the state bar and the state itself. She answered that she sees implicit biases in decisions made by the court due to "gender and race discrepancies." Earls said that White male advocates who appear before the court "get more respect" and are "treated better.'

Her comments resulted in a letter being mailed to her on August 15th stating that the commission plans to reopen an investigation based on Earls' comments. Therefore, Earls is asking the federal court to issue an injunction; stopping the commission from continuing to chill her right to speak on matters of public concern.

"I'm not suggesting that any of this is conscious, intentional, racial animus. But I do think that our court system, like any other court system, is made up of human beings and I believe the research that shows that we all have implicit biases," Earls said.

On Wednesday, August 30th, lawmakers joined attorneys and advocates to applaud and defend Supreme Court Justice Anita Earls in her fight to protect her seat on the bench and the credibility of our state judicial branch of

Earls' supporters gathered at the state legislature Wednesday morning accusing Republicans of trying to force the state's only Black female Supreme Court justice off the court.

Dawn Blagrove, executive director of Emancipate NC, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, shared her thoughts on the matter. "What we know is that (See STATE BRIEFS, P. 7)

What Is The Spectrum-Disney Dispute About?

and Los Angeles. Companies like Charter say rising distribution fees are forcing cable companies to increase prices, causing consumers to leave. This "vicious video cycle" has cost the industry 25 million customers the last five years, according to a Charter presentation.

The company wants a hybrid model that would slow the deterioration of its traditional business while giving subscribers access to new streaming services.

Charter President and CEO Christopher Winfrey indicated the company is willing to walk away from the traditional cable television business if Charter does not get acceptable terms.

"We're on the edge of a precipice," Winfrey told a press conference on Friday. "We're either moving forward with a new collaborative video model, or we're moving on.'

The nation's second-largest cable Charter pays Disney more than operator said viewership for Disney's sports, entertainment and distribute ABC, ESPN, FX and other children's programming has dechannels to subscribers, which inclined as the media conglomerate clude major markets like New York invested in its Disney+ streaming

Charter said it agreed to pay higher fees to carry Disney's channels, but in turn sought greater flexibility in how it bundles programming for subscribers, including an option to leave sports channels out of more packages. Charter also wants to make Disney's ad-supported streaming services available at no additional charge to its broadband customers.

Disney is trying to manage declining cable subscribers as it builds streaming offerings. The company counts on fees companies such as Charter pay to partly cover rising programming costs, including the rights to air sports such as the NFL and NBA. It wants to keep as many cable subscribers as possible while it prepares to offer ESPN directly to consumers on an app. Disney has balked at Charter's demand that it provide Disney+ for free.

Disney's public statements about turning the sports network into a streaming service made distributors nervous, SVB MoffettNathanson analysts said. Charter sought assurances from Disney that any future

ESPN direct-to-consumer service would be offered at no additional cost to its existing subscribers, an idea Disney rejected, according to SVB MoffettNathanson.

Charter also wants to offer subscribers a way to opt out of sports packages, LightShed analyst Rich Greenfield said. Under its previous Disney agreement, Charter carried ESPN as part of video packages taken by 80% of its subscribers, he wrote. Charter is seeking to reduce those so-called "penetration" requirements.

Streaming services have given consumers alternatives to cable packages. Disney is urging Spectrum customers to sign up for a live TV package from its streaming service Hulu that includes ESPN and dozens of other channels, similar to other streamers.

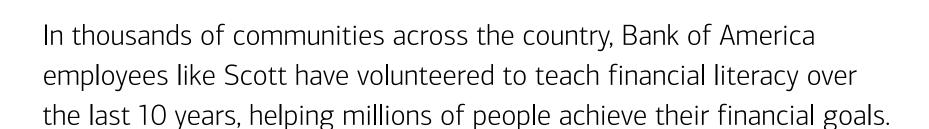
For Spectrum customers who do not want to switch, Disney-owned channels will remain dark until the sides reach an agreement. If the dispute stretches into next week, those viewers will not have access to the U.S. Open finals or the season debut of the NFL's Monday Night Football.

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Some US Cities Are Allowing Corps To Vote In Elections

By Katie Hawkinson

Business Insider

Just 340 people voted in Seaford, Delaware's latest election, according to CBS. For a small town of about 8,500 people, that's a voter turnout of only 4%.

A new bill now being considered in the small town, however, could help increase those numbers.

Seaford's town leaders want to give corporations based there the right to vote.

In April, Seaford Mayor David

council vote to amend the city's charter, giving business entities - ranging from small businesses ing to attract to our community, to large corporations — the right to vote in local elections. The bill must still pass through the state's legislature. On June 30, it passed the House and will appear before the Senate in the next legislative

giving businesses the right to vote would revitalize the Seaford community after the closure of a local

session, CNN reported.

station. "Why wouldn't we want to

gloom, according to CNN.

"These are the people we're trythat we're asking to invest, to hire," Grenshaw told WRDE, a local news give them a right to vote? I find it hard to believe, who wouldn't want that to happen?'

Despite Grenshaw's confidence, Grenshaw said he hoped that residents and voting rights activists worried about corporate influence in politics are skeptical.

Claire Snyder-Hall, executive di-

Grenshaw cast the tie-breaking city factory led to years of economic rector of Common Cause Delaware, the campaign itself. The ruling tions all over the country register a voting rights watchdog group, told CNN the law "puts the idea that corporations are people on ste-

Under the 14th Amendment, corporations are considered people, and throughout US history courts have continued to grant them constitutional protections. In the 2010 Citizens United case, the Supreme Court ruled that corporations can spend unlimited funds in the country. It has no sales tax, on campaigns — as long as they are not formally coordinating with

led to the creation of super PACs that have the ability to receive unlimited funds and independently campaign for candidates, which has raised concerns about the potentially outsized impact of wealthy donors on election outcomes.

Seaford isn't the first municipality in Delaware to pass this kind of law. Delaware is already one of the most business-friendly states no tax on intellectual property, and no corporate income tax. Corpora-

and keep addresses in Delaware for these reasons. The state, which has a population of just over 1 million, will likely soon be home to more than 2 million registered business-

In places outside of Seaford, where similar laws have been approved, it hasn't always gone smoothly. In Newark, Delaware, one property manager in charge of several LLCs voted 31 times in a single election, according to CBS, forcing the town to revise the law.

China's Investment In Africa-**—**CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

the desire to compensate with hy-

Zambia's lack of economic diversity lic's sense of entitlement to modern agreed to finance these projects sugand poor infrastructure, creating infrastructure and the government's willingness to indulge them clearly per-development. A 2012 Zambian contribute to the country's debt crireport found that "the public has sis. In their quest for infrastructure, totally unrealistic expectations... the Zambian government violated that all... roads should ultimately be existing regulations on foreign dipaved," and Lungu's Link Zambia rect investment, with increasingly 8000 plan for paved roads led the centralized decision-making leading government to take a US\$287 billion to the President and the Minister of loan from Chinese Eximbank. With Finance directly signing contracts US\$863 billion of road development without the parliament's approval. planned in 2020, the Zambian pub- Yet the fact that no other countries cent of energy contracts, and only has created "contracts with more that Chinese investment in Africa just economic exploitation.

gests that the global neglect of African development leaves countries like Zambia with few options in the fight for better infrastructure.

Despite the massive number of Chinese lenders supporting the road debt crisis, Zambia's energy industry lacks this predatory investment. Only the Chinese Sinohydro emerged as the contractor for the Kafue Gorge Project and 76 perimplemented since 1977. This single and Zambia, funding training trips company deal suggests that China to transfer knowledge to Zambian does not actually hope to gain Zam- cotton managers. During the 2008 bian assets through debt in the recession, around 100,000 Zambienergy sector. More broadly, these differences in behavior show that mining companies reduced and claims of Chinese economic imperialism cannot be generalized. In fact, China's economic support has, to Zambia's Non-ferrous Companyat times, benefitted Zambia. China-Africa Cotton, China's cotton firm,

ans lost their jobs when "Western even closed production," but CNMC stayed and even gave US\$10 million Africa, thus preserving the industry. More broadly, studies have found

four new power plants have been than 100,000 farmers" in Malawi increases business density and fosters entrepreneurship in 38 countries including Zambia. More recently, Chinese telecommunications company Huawei has provided Wi-Fi and digital interconnectivity in 40 African countries, loaning US\$280 million to build 808 telecommunication towers. Given that 60 percent of the African public views China's investments favorably, China's investment clearly provides more than

Maker Of Rapid-Fire Triggers Told Customers They Are Legal

(AP) A company that sold triggers that make semi-automatic, AR-15-style rifles fire like automatthat the devices were legal, and it continued selling them even after being warned by the U.S. government, a federal judge in New York ruled Tuesday.

The judge barred Rare Breed Triggers from selling any more of its forced-reset triggers until further notice — a blow to the company's defense against the government's civil fraud lawsuit, which remains pending.

"The Court concludes that the the merits of its claims," U.S. District Judge Nina Morrison wrote, adding the company "placed tens of thousands of their customers at risk of criminal prosecution and the loss of their right to own fire-

Rare Breed Triggers and its lawyers are disappointed by the ruling and are considering how to ic weapons likely misled consumers respond, said David Warrington, one of the company's lawyers. He also noted the ruling is not a final decision in the lawsuit.

"It is just a preliminary ruling made on a partial, truncated record," Warrington said in an email to The Associated Press. "This is just the beginning of a long fight and Rare Breed is assessing its next

Federal authorities sued the company in January, alleging its FRT-15 triggers qualify as illegal Government is likely to succeed on machine guns under federal law and regulations. The government's lawsuit seeks a permanent ban on selling the triggers.

Rare Breed argues the triggers are legal.

The classification of Rare Breed's FRT-15 triggers as machine guns



by the federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives also is being challenged in a lawsuit filed in Texas by the National Association for Gun Rights.

a number of accessories, including sold at just under \$400 apiece and bump stocks and auto sears, that increase the firing speed of semiautomatic firearms and have drawn concern from federal and local law enforcement officials worried about mass shootings and other

In court filings, the ATF said testing on Rare Breed's FRT-15s showed their rate of fire can meet or exceed that of the military's M-16 machine gun, which can fire 700 to 970 rounds a minute. The ATF says the triggers are machine guns because they fire more than one round with one pull of the trig-

Rare Breed Triggers, founded in Florida and now based in Fargo, North Dakota, has sold about 100,000 FRT-15s since December 2020, taking in \$39 million in revenue, according to court filings. Forced-reset triggers are among The devices have generally been to stop selling the triggers shortly

take only minutes to install.

Other representatives of Rare Breed Triggers, including its owner, Kevin Maxwell, and its president, Lawrence DeMonico, did not immediately return messages seeking comment Tuesday.

U.S. Attorney Breon Peace's office declined to comment.

In court documents, the company argues the ATF's classification of FRT-15s as automatic weapons is

Federal officials say Rare Breed knew a predecessor of the FRT-15 had been classified as a machine gun but went ahead and sold the triggers anyway without asking the ATF to evaluate the devices. The company said it consulted with former ATF officials who said they believed the triggers were legal.

The ATF ordered the company

after they hit the market.

The ATF has been asking FRT-15 owners to voluntarily turn them over to the agency. In the New York lawsuit, the U.S. attorney asked for an order requiring the company to create a refund program for customers to return the triggers for cash, but the judge denied that

At issue in the case is how to apply the National Firearms Act of 1934, as modified in 1968 and

The law currently bars the public from owning machine guns made in recent decades. It defines machine guns as firearms capable of firing more than one shot with a "single function" of a trigger. Rare Breed Triggers has argued that because its device forces the trigger to return to the start position after each shot, it satisfies the requirement of one "function" per round.

Black Astronauts Celebrate ISS While Reflecting On History

(Space.com)-Hundreds of people came together near Cape Cod in early August to celebrate Black excellence in space.

A Massachusetts event called "From STEM to the Stars," from the National Math and Science Initiative, brought together four Black astronauts who've already been to space, as well as a Black astronaut candidate. They shared their stories and also took part in activities for STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) designed to inspire students from elementary through high school.

Black astronauts are now scheduled to launch toward the moon and the International Space Station (ISS), following generations of work by their predecessors. After the Massachusetts event, two of those pioneers spoke about their experiences with Space.com: Joan Higginbotham, who spent 12 days in space on the space shuttle mission STS-116 in 2006, and Bernard days in space across the shuttle missions STS-55 in 1993 and STS-63 in 1995.

Higginbotham remembers her mission as the "mini-United Nations crew." It included two Black astronauts (herself and Robert Curbeam), along with astronaut representation in ancestry or citizenship from places like Korea, India, Switzerland and the Jewish community - and that's even before counting the backgrounds of the ISS crew they were visiting.

"When I talk about my flight, I talk in terms of humanity and harmony, and all these people with, I put in quotes, 'differences' working together for a common good," Higginbotham said. "We can do that when we're confined to this little tin can of a spacecraft. Why can't we all work harmoniously here on Earth, where there's so much more

Harris is former CEO of the National Math and Science Initiative, which hosted the STEM event; he helped to found that organization as well. His 1993 space mission was a joint effort with the European Space Agency and was a pioneering effort in international cooperation, Harris said, as two German astronauts joined the crew. The 1995 mission was the first space shuttle mission to the space station Mir, newly in the hands of Russia after the breakup of the Soviet Union.

"The highlight for me was, as we ful photo of Valeriy Polyakov that



Harris, who accrued more than 18 Left: Astronaut Joan E. Higginbotham, STS-116 mission specialist, settles in for a task on the aft flight deck of Space Shuttle Discovery during flight day three activities. Right: Bernard Harris and Michael Foale prepare to leave the airlock. (Image credit: NASA)

Week.' It was him in profile in the porthole of their viewing window of the station," Harris said.

He said the cosmonaut's photo remains moving today, as it's a symbol of how ISS collaboration has continued with that country despite the internationally condemned and ongoing invasion of Ukraine that Russia initiated in February 2022. (Most of Russia's other space partnerships have been severed as a result.)

Eighteen Black astronauts have flown into space, according to NASA statistics, out of more than 600 individuals who have flown to space worldwide. (The definition of where space begins varies considerably between entities, and will therefore influence the statistics.)

While the first Black astronaut (Arnaldo Tamayo Méndez) flew into space on a Russian Soyuz spacecraft in 1980, a generation after the first astronauts overall, efforts to bring Black representation came in sooner. Ed Dwight, who attended "From STEM to the Stars," took part in an early 1960s military astronaut training program. He was not selected, for complex reasons outlined in a lengthy Smithsonian Institution article written in 2020.

Then the first American Black astronaut, Robert H. Lawrence, were doing our rendezvous and our was selected for the military's close approach, I took this beauti- planned Manned Orbiting Laboratory (MOL) space station in 1967.

ended up on the cover of 'Aviation Sadly, Lawrence never flew in astronaut who died aboard the space, as he died in an aircraft accident in December 1967. The MOL program never got off the ground, but seven of Lawrence's colleagues were transferred to NASA in 1969 for eligibility to fly in the space shuttle program.

Some other milestones in Black astronaut history include the first astronaut on a space shuttle (Guion S. Bluford in 1983; the 40th anniversary of launch falls this week), the first woman astronaut (Mae Jemison in 1992), the first spacewalker (Harris, in 1995), the first pilot (Sian Proctor, on SpaceX's Inspiration4 mission in 2021) and the first long-duration ISS missions by a man (Victor Glover in 2020-21) and a woman (Jessica Watkins in 2022.)

That said, every person's pathway to space is a journey worth sharing, the astronauts Space.com spoke to emphasize, as diversity lifts everyone up - no matter their background.

"When you have people that bring diversity to the table, they come to the table and look at things through a little bit of a different lens [than] a group that is homogenous," Higgenbothom said. "So you have the ability to have the perspective of getting, maybe, eight different viewpoints. That just makes you a better community.'

Higginbotham shared a story from an event she attended honoring Ronald McNair, a Black space shuttle Challenger in 1986. McNair's alma mater, North Carolina A&T State University, holds a commemorative event every January, around the anniversary of the tragedy. (The historically Black university has also named a building after the fallen astronaut.)

This particular year, I was going (to the event), but I was going as my husband's plus-one. So I was being 'Mrs. Mitchell.' I wasn't astronaut Joan Higginbotham," she continued. The host of the event, however, asked to introduce a student with a "wicked engineering degree I didn't even understand,' Higginbotham said. The student immediately recognized Higginbotham even though the former astronaut wasn't wearing a flight suit or any other identifying infor-

mation, she said. That kind of blew me away, and then it was incredibly humbling for me to hear that I'm on her vision board," Higginbotham continued. The two have continued to stay in touch as the student continues her educational journey in graduate

"I tell that story because that's why representation matters; I'm kind of tearing up talking about it," she added. "Sometimes we (astronauts) don't realize the impact that we can have, but it's impactful what we've done. I am truly humbled and honored if someone

thinks that what I've done is moti-

Now new stories are being written in front of us. Glover followed up his historic long-duration flight with an assignment for the Artemis said. moon program: He'll become the first Black astronaut to leave low or five when Apollo 11 happened Earth orbit when Artemis 2 flies in late 2024 or so.

"Victor is going to be making history as an African-American man

that is going to be able to circumnavigate the moon. Unfortunately, he's not going to walk on the moon that's still yet to come — but yes, that will happen," Higginbotham

"Think of the kids that were four and they landed on the moon, she added, saying that Glover will make a similar impact with his own mission.



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Information Theft Is On The Rise, Particularly After Natural Disasters

theft is on the rise. Over 1.1 million people in the U.S. alone reported the crime to the Federal Trade Commission in 2022. When a thief opens accounts in your name or otherwise uses your data, you might feel powerless. But there are steps you can take to prevent the worst outcomes.

Colleen Tressler, a senior project manager for the FTC, has tracked consumer issues including identity theft for more than three decades. She said frauds and scams often emerge during specific emergencies such as the COVID pandemic, and in the wake of mation."

"They're imposters, so they're going after your personal information and your financial information however they can," she said. "They'll relate it to anything in their deck of cards - to COVID, to the weather."

People in a heightened emotional state in the wake of a wildfire or hurricane should be extra careful of impersonators asking for identifying details, Tressler said. Scammers might pretend to be from the utility company or the Federal Emergency Management Agency and ask to "verify infor-

them why they need that, and contact the company or agency directly, Tressler said. "They should have that information."

In the fall, when student loan payments resume, Tressler cautions that borrowers should be wary of anyone claiming to be a debt servicer and asking for private information. For example, your actual student loan servicer will never ask for your Federal Student Aid ID or your password, and neither will the Department of Education. You also never have to pay a third party to contact your servicer. The Federal Stu-

about avoiding identity theft online.

Medical ID theft and tax ID theft are also common, especially during tax season or Medicare re-enrollment

"Scammers are after your money," she said. "But very often your identity can be just as valuable.'

If you believe your personal information has been compromised, you should first go to IdentityTheft. gov, where the FTC will provide you with an individualized recovery plan. Prompts and questions will ask you what the thief has used your informa-

tion for — whether opening credit card accounts, getting car loans or leases in your name, or filing for government benefits.

"They could open debit, checking, or savings accounts, utility accounts, get Social Security, Medicare, or a drivers license," Tressler said. "Insurance or medical accounts too.

Here are step by step instructions to keep in mind when it comes to identity

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has been stolen. According to the FTC, signs include:

 Bills for things you didn't buy Debt collection calls for accounts

you didn't open - Inaccurate information on your

credit report Denial of loan applications Mail that stops coming to, or is

missing from, your mailbox A phone, electricity, or gas account opened in your name

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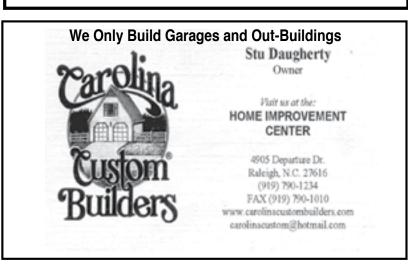
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Workers Pay the Price While Congress, Employers Debate

the heat makes you vomit, said Car-stroke on the drive home. "Whether men Garcia, a farmworker in the on a farm, driving a truck, or work-San Joaquin Valley of California. She and her husband spent July in the garlic fields, kneeling on the scorched earth as temperatures hovered above 105 degrees. Her husband had such severe fatigue and nausea that he stayed home from work for three days. He drank lime water instead of seeing a doctor because the couple doesn't have health insurance. "A lot of people have this happen," Garcia said.

There are no federal standards to protect workers like the Garcias when days become excessively hot. And without bipartisan support from Congress, even with urgent attention from the Biden administration, relief may not come for years.

President Joe Biden in 2021 tasked the Occupational Safety and Health Administration with developing rules to prevent heat injury and illness. But that 46-step process can take more than a decade and might stall if a Republican is elected president in 2024, because the GOP has generally opposed occupational health regulations over the past 20 years. These rules might require employers to provide ample drinking water, breaks, and a cool-down space in shade or air conditioning when temperatures rise above a certain threshold.

On Sept. 7, OSHA will begin meetings with small-business owners to discuss its proposals, including actions that employers would take when temperatures rise to 90 de-

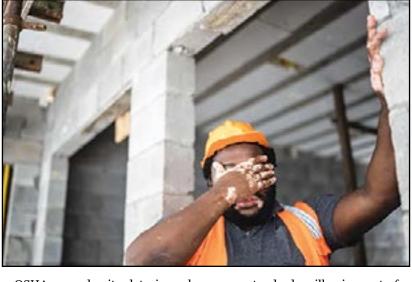
As this summer has broken heat records, Rep. Judy Chu (D-Calif.) and other members of Congress have pushed legislation that would speed OSHA's rule-making process. The bill is named after Asunción Valdivia, a farmworker who fell unconscious while picking grapes in California on a 105-degree day in gations and violations from 2018 to 2004. His son picked him up from 2021.

(KFF HealthNews)-Sometimes the fields, and Valdivia died of heating in a warehouse, workers like Asunción keep our country running while enduring some of the most difficult conditions," Chu said in a July statement urging Congress to pass the bill.

Trade organizations representing business owners have fought the rules, calling the costs of regulations burdensome. They also say there's a lack of data to justify blanket rules, given variation among workers and workplaces, ranging from fast-food restaurants to farms. The U.S. Chamber of Commerce, one of the most powerful lobby groups in Washington, argued that such standards are nonsensical "because each employee experiences heat differently." Further, the Chamber said, measures such as work-rest cycles 'threaten to directly and substantially impair ... employees' productivity and therefore their employer's economic viability.

"Many heat-related issues are not the result of agricultural work or employer mismanagement, but instead result from the modern employee lifestyle," the National Cotton Council wrote in its response to proposed regulations. For example, air conditioning makes it more difficult for people to adapt to a hot environment after being in a cold dwelling or vehicle, it said, noting "younger workers, who are more used to a more sedentary lifestyle, cannot last a day working outside."

The Forest Resources Association, representing forest landowners, the timber industry, and mills, added that "heat-related illnesses and deaths are not among the most serious occupational hazards facing workers." They cited numbers from OSHA: The agency documented 789 heat-related hospitalizations and 54 heat-related deaths through investi-



OSHA concedes its data is problematic. It has said its numbers "on occupational heat-related illnesses, injuries, and fatalities are likely vast underestimates." Injuries and illnesses aren't always recorded, deaths triggered by high temperatures aren't always attributed to heat, and heat-related damage can be cumulative, causing heart attacks, kidney failure, and other ailments after a person has left their place of

To set regulations, OSHA must get a grasp on the toll of heat on indoor and outdoor workers. Justification is a required part of the process because standards will raise costs for employers who need to install air conditioning and ventilation systems indoors, and those whose productivity may drop if outdoor workers are permitted breaks or shorter days when temperatures climb.

Ideally, business owners would move to protect workers from heat regardless of the rules, said Georges Benjamin, executive director of the American Public Health Association. "We need to do a better job of convincing employers that there is a trade-off between efficiency and sick workers," he said.

Garcia and her husband suffered

the symptoms of heat exhaustion: 2001 and 2018, based on workers vomiting, nausea, and fatigue. But their cases are among thousands that go uncounted when people don't go to the hospital or file complaints for fear of losing their jobs or immigration status. Farmworkers are notoriously underrepresented in official statistics on occupational injuries and illness, said David Michaels, an epidemiologist at George Washington University and former OSHA administrator. Researchers who surveyed farmworkers in North Carolina and Georgia found that more than a third of them had heat illness symptoms during the summers of their studies — far higher than what OSHA has registered. Notably, the Georgia study revealed that 34% of farmworkers had no access to regular breaks, and a quarter had no access to shade.

Even cases in which workers are hospitalized might not be attributed to heat if doctors don't make note of the connection. Many studies link occupational accidents to heat stress, which can cause fatigue, dehydration, and vertigo. In a study in Washington state, farmworkers were found to fall off ladders more often in June and July, among the hottest and most humid months. And in a 2021 report, researchers estimated that hotter temperatures caused approximately 20,000 occupational injuries a year in California between

compensation claims.

Heat-related kidney injuries also come up in OSHA's database of workers severely injured on the job, like an employee at a meat processing plant hospitalized for dehydration and acute kidney injury on a hot June day in Arkansas. But research finds that kidney damage from heat can also be gradual. One study of construction workers laboring over a summer in Saudi Arabia found that 18% developed signs of kidney injury, putting them at risk of kidney failure later.

In addition to quantifying the injuries and deaths caused by heat, OSHA attempts to attach a cost to them so it can calculate potential savings from prevention. "You've got to measure things, like what is a life worth?" Michaels said. To workers and their families, suffering has far-reaching consequences that are hard to enumerate. Medical costs are more straightforward. For example, OSHA estimates the direct cost of heat prostration — overheating due to heatstroke or hyperthermia - at nearly \$80,000 in direct and indirect costs per case. If this seems high, consider a construction worker in New York who lost consciousness on a hot day and fell from a platform, suffering a kidney laceration, facial fractures, and several broken

Medicines360's \$82M **Road To Birth Control**

(AP) - Drugs and medical devices rarely come from the nonprofit world. There are more than 2,600 for-profit pharmaceutical companies in the United States, but only three nonprofits have products on the American market. One of them is Medicines360, which in 2015 became the first nonprofit to introduce a medical device — an IUD. The genesis of the device came from an anonymous foundation that saw one of the most effective and reversible birth-control methods, the hormonal IUD, was too expensive for most women. Even insured women could be billed copays of up to \$1,000.

In 2008, the foundation (which Bloomberg reported was the Susan Thompson Buffett Foundation) partnered with pharmaceutical scientist and MacArthur fellow Victoria Hale and decided to make a six-year, \$82.2 million investment to develop a low-cost hormonal IUD through a nonprofit company.

"The real goal of the donor and of Medicines360 was to provide this product to safety net clinics at a very, very affordable price," said Medicines360's Autumn Ehnow, referring to healthcare sites that serve uninsured patients.

Medicines360 recently issued a report summing up what did and did not work in the seven years since it distributed devices for \$50 apiece. The organization recounts meeting its goals: It expanded access to the device and introduced competition to the market and thus lowered prices.

However, it also faced unanticipated roadblocks, including the discovery that a low-cost product did not necessarily guarantee market adoption. Substantial challenges included a tax code and Food and Drug Administration regulations unfavorable to nonprofit pharmacies, a lack of access to investment, middlemen who benefit from distributing drugs that are high-priced, and even Medicare and Medicaid programs whose policies do not necessarily favor low-cost

When Medicines360 launched in 2009, there was one hormonal and one copper IUD on the market in the United States, and patents had expired some time ago. These normally would make for ripe conditions for a generic product. However, for-profit pharmacies were not interested.

IUDs were saddled with a bad reputation in the United States due to a defective device, the Dalkon Shield, marketed in the 1970s, which caused severe infections and even deaths. Though other IUDs did not carry the risks of the Dalkon Shield, negative views of IUDs persisted for decades in the American market, and other manufacturers withdrew their products for fear of litigation and because of low demand and a strict approval process.

So although there was already an existing product, and patents for the product had expired, Medicines360 still had to conduct a large and expensive phase-three clinical trial to test the device's safety and efficacy and win Food and Drug Administration approval.

"We went through the same process that a pharmaceutical company would go through to bring a new product," said Tina Raine-Bennett, who became CEO

The nonprofit began by acquiring a hormonal IUD already in development, conducting tests for FDA approval, and creating a commercial partnership with a traditional pharmaceutical company. It made sure to retain ownership of the product to protect the product's public-health mission. It was a complex, yearslong journey, which explains the project's \$82 million cost. "The barrier to U.S. market entry was not IP," said Ehnow. "It was just purely no one had been interested or able to raise those kinds of funds.'

"What was shocking to me about this is seeing the whole price tag," said Alina Salganicoff, senior vice president and director of women's health policy at Kaiser Family Foundation. The cost demonstrates "what it takes to go through an FDA approval process.

After the product, Liletta, launched in 2015, Medicines360 continued to broaden its approved usage. Today, it is approved for all women of reproductive age, not just those who had born children, and last fall the FDA extended its use for pregnancy prevention for up to eight years.

"It's a really big deal that now they're hopefully going to be made available to much larger proportions of the population," said Rebecca Callahan, director of research and operations at FHI 360, an international health nonprofit in North Carolina, of hormonal IUDs.

A 2011 study showed that women confronted with an out-of-pocket expense of more than \$50 were less likely to choose an IUD. The study greatly influenced Medicines360's decisions on price. Yet the nonprofit's hypothesis that "if we build it, they will come," as Ehnow put it, turned out to be not quite accurate.

Though the nonprofit predicted it would sell 100,000 devices to safety-net clinics and hospitals in its first year, its actual sales were less than half of that. Obamacare was a complicating factor. Because of the Affordable Care Act,

clinics and hospitals knew they would be reimbursed so they had less incentive to keep purchasing prices low.

What's more, from the time the device leaves the manufacturer to the time it enters a clinic, it passes through many supply-chain intermediaries. Wholesalers, for example, charge a fee typically based on the list price of a drug and prefer higher-cost drugs because they make more money. However, for clinics that have a high proportion of uninsured patients, Liletta's low cost is still attractive.



Ag-Grow-Culture

Let's Talk About Tobacco Country's Dirtiest Open Secret

By Andrew Fiouzi

MEL Magazine

It doesn't take much to unravel the worst-kept secret in the heart of tobacco country. If you ever find yourself driving on a dirt road amid the leafy fields of green in Kentucky or North Carolina, all you have to do, according to Hampton Henton, a tobacco farmer and former USDA employee, is pull over and ask someone if they know a farmer scamming the government. "And they'll say, 'Well, yes, of course. The guy down the road does it all the time,'" Henton tells me. "He's farming the crop insurance system.

In the South, they're known as insurance farmers. The "classic way of doing it," explains Henton, is to report to the insurance company that you planted 10 or even 100 acres of tobacco (and it is, most often, tobacco). "The trick is to do a pretty bad job of farming," says Henton. "So you don't incur very many costs you put in half the seed, you put in half the fertilizer. You can even just throw some seeds onto the hillside with half a stand." Then, sometime in the summer, you're going to report that the weather was bad. You tell the insurance company that there was a hailstorm or the climate was too dry, or too wet, or the field was too flooded, and the crops were

If you don't have a hailstorm, well, then you make one up, like Robert and Viki Warren, who between the years of 1997 and 2003, swindled the government and insurance companies out of more than \$9 million in bogus insurance claims — all it took was a bag of cocktail ice and a disposable camera. "The way we did it, we was down taking pictures, out this row, and then we just stood behind it and throwed the ice over the top," Bobby Chambers, a former manager for Warren Farms, told NPR in 2005. "To me, it looked like a hailstorm." But just for good measure, according to Chambers, they then had another employee use a wooden tomato stake to beat the shit out of 16,000 tomato plants.

insurance adjuster — which, according to Henton, it almost always is, since the insurance adjuster is likely in on the scheme — the crop insurance company sends the farmer a check. It's no sweat off the back of



indemnity payout comes directly from government funds, i.e., tax dol-

"The [insurance] company says, 'Well, what do we care? It's not our money," Henton tells me. As such, there is little stopping the farmer, the insurance agent and the adjuster from running the same scheme the following year. "When I go to buy insurance next year, who am I going to choose?" asks Henton. "The guy that paid off like an ATM machine."

To be clear, there are a number of ostensibly self-correcting mechanisms in the program. For example, if you claim a loss, that reduces the amount that you can get in payments in future years. But all it takes, says Hampton, is changing one initial in your name and you're a new farmer. "The agencies all know it," Henton tells me. "But there are no real strong repercussions. They go after the farmer, but the agents are complicit in this. You'll find that that shows up in some of the stories, that people selling the insurance knew this was happening in a major

People like 63-year-old crop in-If the disaster is confirmed by the surance agent Debra Muse, who in 2018 was sentenced to five years in prison and ordered to pay \$1.6 million in restitution for crop insurance fraud. Muse, who doubled as an employee of Clay's Tobacco Warehouse – where a number of timeframe, so I think it took [the the insurance companies, since the insurance farmers hid away their USDA] a while to catch on, and then

- admitted that she created multiple false documents, including Clay's Tobacco Warehouse sale bills and shipping reports to help farmers hide their crop production from their insurance adjusters and falsify the quality of the tobacco. These false claims led to \$5,917,515 in crop insurance indemnity payments, split up between the farmers, insurance agents and adjusters in on the scheme - all backed by the federal government, of course.

Some of the payments also went to Roger Wilson, the former owner of the since defunct tobacco warehouse, along with farmers John D. and Kevin C. Watkins. In March, all three men were indicted as part of the same conspiracy. In part, because the scam became so facile, the conspirators got lazy: According to the indictment, Watkins allegedly used matching photos of damaged tobacco in separate claims.

These crimes, according to Bill Estep, a reporter for the Lexington Herald Leader, who's reported on 20 different cases of crop insurance fraud in the last three years alone, has been particularly "pervasive" and "widespread" in Kentucky. He tells me that anywhere there's crop insurance, there's potential for crop insurance fraud. "A lot of these cases that they're citing in Central Kentucky go back to the 2012, 2013

they started indicting them four or five years after that," says Estep.

Based on his reporting over the last few years, there's reason to believe that we're likely to see more insurance farmers prosecuted in the coming years. "I think the hope is that by busting 20 people and sending them to prison, that other people get the message," says Estep.

Prior to the last few years, however, per a reporter for AgWeb who requested to remain anonymous, the USDA didn't want people to know the full scale of the crop insurance fraud in this country. For example, he tells me that when he's doing a crop insurance fraud story and he asks the USDA certain questions, "they're basically going to tell you almost noth-"Every once in a while, you can get somebody to talk, an investigator to talk on a case that's done," he says. "Otherwise, they claim the payouts are fair." Because to admit otherwise, he explains, would "be very embar-

Crop insurance, to the uninitiated, is a fairly complicated criminal enterprise. It differs by crop and there are varying levels of coverage. But like any other bureaucratic web that links back to the government, it lends itself to a strata of organized criminal agents. At the most astute level, it typically begins prior to the farming season, whereby a farmer insures their crops. "Let's say it's a 1,000 pounds guarantee per acre how federal agents busted a record-

and the price the farmer gets is \$2 per pound," says Henton. "For every pound the farmer loses short of 1,000 pounds, the insurance agency will pay \$2 per pound."

For example, a farmer might grow 1,500 pounds of tobacco per acre (the average is closer to 2,300 pounds), but only report 500 pounds per acre. That leaves the farmer 1,000 pounds per acre short multiplied by a factor of \$2. Therefore, according to a legitimate crop insurance policy, the farmer is owed \$2,000 per acre of tobacco. Since the average farm size in Kentucky is 177 acres, that means the insurance company owes that farmer \$354,000 in indemnity payments.

Henton tells me that he has "outstanding yields," and therefore, he benefits from actually raising the crop. "We make more money raising the crop than with insurance," he says. But he concedes that not every farmer is in his position. "If you're on the lower end of the scale, there's some necessity for this," he admits.

What some farmers — even the most successful ones — also do is sell their tobacco at a warehouse like Clay's for X amount, or hide it in a barn or tuck it away out of sight, while also turning in an insurance claim on that same crop of tobacco. "So they're essentially double-dipping," says Estep.

In an AgWeb article detailing

breaking \$100 million crop insurance fraud ring in North Carolina, Don Doles, the lead investigator of the case, said that despite his record-breaking case, he and his fellow agents "touched about a tenth of those truly participating at some level," adding that "the scope of what happened is so much bigger than what could ever be included in a story." To that end, it's possible that crop insurance fraud costs taxpayers somewhere in the ballpark of a billion dollars a year.

For Doles, the most frustrating aspect of the case was just how involved the big tobacco companies were in the fraud scheme. "The person acting as dealer hauls off the unaccounted [for] tobacco, bought at half price and sells it to a big tobacco company that snaps up great tobacco for \$1.75, even though they know it's shady," Doles explained to AgWeb.

But it's not just Big Tobacco who's complicit: According to Patrick Westhoff, director of the Food and Agricultural Policy Research Institute at the University of Missouri, the USDA is also an unwitting accomplice. "The premium subsidy basically reduces the cost to the farmer buying the insurance, so the farmer only pays, on average, about 38 percent of the full cost of the policies that they're buying," says Westhoff. "The other 62 percent, on average, is covered by taxpayers.'

As for the crop insurance companies, Westhoff says, they make money too. "The basic notion is they can retain some of those policies for themselves, so that if there's not a loss experienced by farmers, they get to keep revenue in excess of any of the payments they have to pay out," he says.

In other words, when it comes to agricultural subsidies, some of which are allocated toward insuring crops, the government has a long history of placating struggling farmers and their communities with cash. Such was the case for the Warrens, who were paid more than \$2 million by the USDA to help them insure their tomatoes in the first place. Richard Edwards, the federal prosecutor in the Warren case who blew the whistle on the farmers, the agent and the adjuster, compared the entire crop insurance business to a bank robbery, with the government being the ones offering the

Miracle Plants With The Potential To Save The Planet: Hemp

By Jason Lindsay

One Year

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An estimated seventy-five percent

deficiency, which produces energy, muscle, and nerve functions, including nerve signal transmission to the brain and throughout the body. Within just 50-60mg. of hemp lies the recommended daily dose for the average adult. Yet, this is just the tip of the iceberg for hemp's nutritional diversity. The medicinal properties of hemp express themselves best in the seeds.

At-home hemp seed with water and preferred sweeteners produces milk with magnesium levels that satisfy the daily dose. Within more significant production, the shelf-life of hemp is eighteen months, with Almond milk being two months and pasteurized cow milk one. There are other ways hemp also transcends within its nutrient density, its oil.

Over a quarter of hempseed is oil. The oil itself is versatile, ranging from culinary to cosmetics. Hemp's skin care abilities are ignited from topical or oral application treating eczema, acne, psoriasis, and cradle cap. Using hemp oil on the skin is a shield of protection, strengthening the skin and building a natural resistance to infec-

Hemp oil can be used like coconut or olive oil in the kitchen. Yet unlike coconut and olive oil, hemp oil lowers blood pressure through its Omega-3 fatty acids, upholds heart health by reducing total cholesterol levels, and relieves pain with its antiinflammatory properties. Regarding pain, hemp treats rheumatoid arthritis (RA), irritable bowel syndrome (IBS), and multiple sclerosis (MS). This oil is also great for most pregnant women, aiding the baby's eyes and brain development and suppressing maternal depression. For non-pregnant women, hemp oil reduces the symptoms of PMS. It is an antioxidant that trims free radicals and reduces the likelihood of cell damage. Hempseed oil improves digestion, boosts immune health, and is a great vitamin E and plant-based protein source.

Though hemp exceeds the expectation of most dietary supplements, it

is considered high risk for folk with low blood pressure because, as noted, hemp oil lowers blood pressure. Again, it is essential to mention that

plants that serve the health of our soil



and environment are commonly also medicinal to the human body. Hemp is another example of this, just as lavender (see Miracle Plants with the Po-

tential to Save the Planet: Lavender).

Hemp is referenced as "nature's purifier," achieving extreme carbon fixation rates. 1.63 tons of carbon is sequestered by every ton of hemp, exceeding the fixation rate of trees. And alongside surpassing the carbon sequester rates of trees, hemp saves trees. Hemp paper is not just a cheaper, more sustainable option; it lasts longer than tree paper, weakening the demand for deforestation. Hemp holds a neutral or alkaline pH with extremely long fibers topping six feet, whereas cotton fibers range from 1in.-1.25in. These strong cellulose fibers make hemp paper more durable and long-lasting. Tree fiber lengths average from one to three millimeters; the harder the wood, the shorter the fiber. USDA published data that showed hemp to be four times more productive per acre than trees, and the United States Department of Agriculture has known this since 1916.

There's also hemp plastic. Annually, at least 14 million tons of plastic is thrown into the ocean, more than eighty percent of all marine debris. As of 2015, 5.25 trillion tons of plastic had been dumped into the sea, and in 2018 alone, 27 million tons of plastic were collected in landfills. Although almost every town and city hosts a recycling program, over ninety percent of plastic is not recycled. Plastic is a waste product of the oil and gas industry. With an extended carbon footprint, this fossilfuel product is not biodegradable, taking 20-500 years to decompose. Some plastics can take 1,000 years to decompose, and some plastics can keep their molecular structure indefinitely. Hemp plastic is not only environmentally proactive but is also biodegrad-

able, five times stiffer, two and a half times stronger than traditional plastics, not to mention heat resistant.

Another innovation of hemp is hempcrete. Used in the same manner as concrete, hempcrete can make our roads, sidewalks, homes, and businesses eco-friendly and carbon-negative (something that removes carbon dioxide from the atmosphere and stores it). Concrete is a tyrant to our environment. If the concrete industry were a nation, it would rank thirtynine for CO2 admissions among great pollution countries like the United States and China. Concrete structures do not respond well to the elements. When it is cold, trapped moisture expands while freezing, creating cracks, and when it is hot, concrete is known to heat our cities while damaging topsoil, creating runoff, erosion, flooding, and water pollution. Hempcrete, on the other hand, regulates temperature, making it long-lasting for our roads and mold and mildewresistant, making it ideal for homes

Even though hemp has the potential to do so much, hemp is no stranger to this land. In 1791, Thomas Jefferson spoke as the United States' first secretary of state, acclaiming hemp for being responsible for more American employment in its weak states than tobacco in its strong states, holding more versatility, and ultimately strengthening the people as a nation. Hemp would serve as sails and anchors ripe for the United States Navy, leading to the results of the Revolutionary War. Though hemp is the seam and fabric of this nation's tapestry of history, being the material used in Betsy Ross' thirteen-star flag and every American flag from 1775-1983, the United States does not hold

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and culture. We live not just connected to nature but as a part of nature. Our countryside bustled in abundance with what could still be considered advanced irrigation accommodations today, adjoining mature forest gardens. Our aligned ecosystems financed our elaborate cities. And amongst the natives of N. Americas and Central and Southeast Asia, hemp was a cornerstone of agrarian society, and if you understood the plant, you'll understand why.

In Southeast and Central Asia, hemp was used for almost everything it serves in the modern world: textiles, cordage, food, and medicine dating back 12,000 years. It was vital in China, where it was used to make everything from the essentials like clothes and fishing nets to accenting decor like

Hemp would reach Mediterranean nations as late as the Christian Era, advancing through the European Middle Ages. In 1600, Spaniards, the first European settlers in North America, would bring hemp seeds to find Native Americans were no strangers to hemp and had their own varieties that served in the same capacity as Asia species. The natives were making rope and thread as well for netting and snares, alongside capes, skirts, headdresses, hairnets, and ceremonial regalia. Hemp would hold its stronghold as a necessity within American society for another 350-plus years.

In 1619, the state of Virginia required every farmer to grow hemp. A hundred years later, Congress demanded that the American farmer produce all hemp used in the U.S. Navy. Fifty years later, Robert Diesel would showcase the diesel engine, which initially ran off hemp biofuel. Less than a hundred years later, hemp would be politically associated with marijuana and outlawed for the longest stretch in human history with the "Controlled Substance Act of 1971, listing it alongside cocaine and heroin. Hemp wouldn't become legal again in the United States until 2018.

What makes hemp such a powerhouse is its multifunctional ability to make us 25,000-50,000 uses of industrial production, from textiles to food and nutrition; hemp holds an answer that supersedes commodity crops and dismantles whole industries like fiberglass, insulation, and concrete. The benefits of hemp are genuinely a threat to existing sectors and potentially a savior to the environment, our communities, and small farms.

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North Carolina Central's Latrell Collier (5) steps across the goal line for the touchdown against the Winston-Salem State Defense during the first half. Winston-Salem State took on former CIAA rival North Carolina Central in a non-conference game in Durham, NC on September 2nd. North Carolina Central wins 47-21. Steve Worthy Photo

NC Awarded \$3.8M For Opioid Overdose Risks

Human Services' (HHS) Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) announced \$3,799,994 North Carolina to support key strategies to respond to the overdose risk from fentanyl and other opioids. These awards help advance President Biden's commitment to beat the opioid epidemic as part of his Unity Agenda for the nation.

U.S. Department of Health and 100,000 people die each year from further complicate access. The stigoverdose. Individuals who call rural communities home and who are experiencing opioid use disorder in awards to rural communities in including from fentanyl, heroin or other opioids – can face challenges in accessing treatment and recovery services. Geographic isolation and transportation barriers can make finding treatment particularly chal- and these deaths are felt deeply lenging and limited mental health across rural communities -- where and substance use disorder health often everyone knows someone lost

matization of substance use disorder and its treatments are additional barriers to access. HRSA's funding is targeted to helping communities address these critical needs and expand access to services.

"Far too many rural families have faced the devastation of overdose, Across the country, more than care providers in the community can too soon," said HRSA Administra-

tor Carole Johnson. "At the Health Resources and Services Administration, we know that funding based on population size or other broad-based rubrics can miss the vital treatment and response needs of rural communities. That's why the investments we are announcing today are targeted to rural communities and tailored to the unique challenges of helping rural health care leaders expand access to treatment and build recovery pathways to prevent overdose.

The Carolinian's Citizen Reporter



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By L. Lockley

I've been to many festivals in my life, but this one was different.

I walked down Fayetteville Street in downtown Raleigh, NC on Sunday afternoon-the first day of the African American Festival-and it felt like I'd stepped into a time machine. The smell of BBQ filled the air, and the sounds of jazz were everywhere. There were people everywhere admiring the beautiful paintings on display, and others admiring the clothing vendors and jewelry vendors who had set up shop there.

There was something for everyone: from T-shirts with your favorite celebrities on them (Fred Sanford's famous "You Big Dummy" was my favorite) to medallions crafted from headscarfs, jewelry, rugs, hats and very beautiful

It wasn't just about shopping for items; it was also about interacting with other people who came from all over North Carolina to celebrate our culture. There was talk about how long it took for each vendor to make their items or what kind of food they would be serving at lunchtime tomorrow-you could really feel the love and pride each person had for their heritage.



STATE BRIEFS

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the (judicial complaint) process is being bastardized in an effort to silence Black and brown people. And in this case, particularly, Justice Earls.

Blagrove added that it does not matter who filed the complaint but what really matters is why the complaint was filed. She emphasized that what is happening to Justice Earls is only a microcosm of what is happening to every Black, brown and marginalized person in NC.

"Throughout her tenure on the court, she has suffered blatant disrespect, thinly veiled racist attacks, and untold numbers of microaggressions; but she still does what is just what is right and what is fair. Justice Anita Earls is a representation of all of us who are not white straight men in our fight for justice, equity, and fairness," said Blagrove.

After speaking with many residents, they agree that Justice Earl has been the most liberal voice on the NC Supreme Court. She ran as a Democrat, she defeated a Republican incumbent in a State Supreme Court race in 2018. As well was also a civil rights lawyer and a top official in the civil-rights division of the U.S. Justice Department during the administration of President Bill

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Church

SERMON of the WEEK



COME ON' MAN!

Sometimes when people become irritated, agitated, or frustrated by what someone else does or says, they use a slang phrase to express their annoyance and dissatisfaction by saying, "come on' man!"

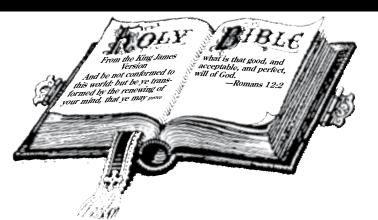
This saying is used quite often by various ESPN commentators, NBA and NFL analysis, and athletes as well. Moreover, former President Barack Obama used it on the campaign trail and President Joe Biden used it in a Town Hall Meeting.

Furthermore, you may hear people in the general public use it, for instance, "did you eat my last Granola Bar? Come on' man! Did you mistakenly throw my lunch in the trash that the janitor is walking out with?

Well, after reading Luke 18:9-14, "Come on' man" is exactly what I said after reading a prayer of a man that Jesus portrayed in a popular

The Parable of the Pharisee and the Tax Collector

To some who were confident of their own righteousness and looked down on everyone else, Jesus told this parable: Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee stood by himself and prayed: "God, I thank You that I am men praying in the temple was that Channel. Thank you!



not like other people—robbers, evildoers, adulterers—or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week and give a tenth of all I get.'

But the tax collector stood at a distance. He would not even look up to heaven, but beat his breast and said, God, have mercy on me, a sinner.'

"I tell you that this man, rather than the other, went home justified before God. For all those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted." NIV

Notice, the Pharisee started his prayer making a comparison of himself and other people and how proud he was of himself that he was not like them. He pointed out specifically several weaknesses and faults that others had but only mentioned good points about himself.

Some Biblical translations said that he looked down on others and despised them and held them in contempt. (Come on' man!) He didn't know that we are all sinners and (Come on' man!!). He didn't know that God has no respecter of persons (Come on' man!!!) the Pharisee talked to God about depravity seemingly to promote his good behavior but according to the parable, God only responded to the hated publican.

Important differences of the two

one knew who he was, what he was, and where he was, but the other was all about himself. The Pharisee did not show honor to God in his prayer, and he did not ask God for anything. He asked for nothing and got noth-

However, the despised man asked for one thing and received two. He was awarded the two most important things a person in this world can obtain from God; he asked for mercy but received grace and mercy because the parable ends saying he went home justified rather than the other. We have not, because we ask not. Make sure we seek the kingdom of God, and all other things will be added unto us. Ask and it shall be given, seek and we shall find, knock and doors will be opened.

Don't you want to hear God say come on man, come on woman, come unto to Me all that labor and are heavy laden and I will give thee rest. Also, let the children come, forbid them not because heaven belongs to them too! Come to Jesus. come to Jesus, come to Jesus, He will heal you, He will save you and if you ask and believe in your heart, He can do it right now!

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Shaw Univ. Mosque Reopens

Tyria Bourda

After more than three years of not being able to hold religious services at the mosque on Shaw University's campus, an organization is happy to be back in the facility.

Deputy Executive Director of the CAIR (Council on American-Islamic Relations), Edward Mitchell, shared with The Carolinian his thoughts on the reopening.

"Shaw University's closure of Masjid King Khalid and attempts to rezone the property raised overlapping concerns about gentrification, religious freedom, and the preservation of historically Black neighborhoods. The re-opening of the mosque is an important development for not only

those who worship there and the local Black Muslim community but also for everyone who cares about these issues. We applaud attorney Nigel Edwards, Masjid King Khalid and everyone else working to ensure that this house of worship stays upon for decades to come."

Since the peak of the COVID-19 outbreak, The King Khalid mosque on Shaw University's campus closed its doors and hasn't reopened for three years, leaving the Muslim community demanding answers. Mosque leaders shared with The Carolinian that their multiple requests to resume prayers have been denied for COVID-19 safety concerns. However, the nearby campus chapel is open to the public and routinely hosts religious services.

A board member of Masjid King Khalid, the mosque's nonprofit, Nigel Edwards said their requests were denied even though worship services were being held at the university's chapel. In response, the Muslim community started publicly protesting in January of this year.

Furthermore, the mosque's closing has been a point of contention amid Shaw University's effort to rezone its downtown Raleigh campus. The Raleigh City Council voted in favor of the rezoning in June which would allow for taller buildings in the area and enable the university to lease out parts of campus to developers. Some local Muslims called on city officials not to approve the rezoning plans until questions about the mosque's future had been resolved.

Obituaries

Hettie Roberta Nelms, 94, passed peacefully in her sleep in the early hours of the morning Friday, June 30th, 2023. A Raleigh native, Hettie was born on January 8th, 1929 the youngest of six to Jesse and Lela Wall. In January of 1944, Hettie married army private James Lee Nelms. They went on to be married for 43 years, till James' death in 1987, and have four beautiful chil-

Hettie was a skilled homemaker and caretaker that found a calling in caring for all of those around her. As a mother, she raised 4 successful children while also running a daycare out of their Raleigh home. She was known to take in extended family to care for during their illness and their children if they were too ill to care for them at home.

In her later years, after retirement from childminding, she often looked after her grandchildren during school breaks and minor illness-



es. Many family members have fond memories of staying at the Nelms ome over the years for Hettie to help care for them. Even till her last years, Hettie was a caretaker at heart and always asked after everyone she

Hettie is preceded in death by her susband of 43 years, James Lee; her youngest daughter, Jackie Culliton; her grandson, Eddie Nelms; her great granddaughter Jamilyn

Borbas; both of her parents, Jesse and Lela Harris Wall; and all of her siblings, Roy Wall, Leslie Wall, Effie Stone, Lela Mae Nelms, and Catherine Cannon. As well as many nieces, nephews, and extended family.

Hettie is survived by her sons, James Nelms and wife, Patricia (née Averett), Johnny Nelms; her daughter, Judy Nipper and husband Joe; grandchildren, Jan Corbett and husband, Bart; Joel Nipper and wife, Karen (née Borbas); Kimberly Culliton and husband, Paul Murphy; and Cynthia Stone and husband Robby; great grandchildren, Joey Nipper; Elizabeth Stone; and Paislee-Lynn Stone. As well as many beloved nieces, nephews, and cousins.

A celebration of Hettie's life was held with Visitation from 9am-10am at RM Ferguson Funeral service on Wednesday, July 5th, 2023 with a celebration of life to follow immediately. A graveside service will follow at Raleigh Memorial Park in Raleigh.

Practical Biblical Principles

MY BODY AND MY BLOOD -PART I

This issue and discussion of Jesus being the' bread of life' started

when the people followed Jesus by boat to the city of Capernaum after He had performed the miracle of feeding five thousand plus people (John 6:24). The people wanted to make Jesus their king after witnessing His feeding miracle on the other side of the lake (John 6:15).

When Jesus saw the crowd, He anedly, I say to you, you seek Me, not because you saw the signs (I Am sent from the Father) but because ing, who can understand it?"

Leviticus 17.13-147.

It appears that these Old Testament Commandments found in Genesis, Leviticus, and Deuteryou ate of the loaves and were filled. Do not labor for the food which perishes, but for the food which endures to everlasting life, which the Son of Man will give you, because God the Father has set His seal on Him.

Then they said unto Him, "what shall we do to work the works of God?" Jesus said unto them, "This is the work of God, that you may believe in Him whom He sent."

"For the bread of God is He who comes down from Heaven and gives life to the world. Then they said unto Him, "Lord give us this bread always." And Jesus said unto them, "I am the bread of life. He who comes to Me shall never hunger, and he who comes to Me shall never thirst. But I said to you that

Him, because He said, "I am the ter the flood. "Every moving thing bread which came from heaven (John 6:42). Most assuredly, I say to you, he who believes in Me has everlasting life. I am the bread of life (John 6:49). I am the living bread which came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this, He will live forever; and the bread that I shall give is My flesh, which I shall give for the life of the world (John 6:50-51). Whoever eats My flesh and drinks My blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up at the last day (John 6:54-57)." These swered them and said, "Most assurthings Jesus taught at the syna- (Leviticus 17:13-14).

"Therefore, I have said unto you that no one can come to Me unless it has been granted to him by My Father." From that time many of His disciples went back and walked with Him no more. Why did the disciples walk away? Many probably never returned to Him, even after the cross. Why was this teaching so difficult to understand by His disciples and by many Christians today?

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that lives shall be food for you... But thou shall not eat flesh with life in it, that is, its blood (Genesis

"When a man hunts and catches any beast or fowl that may be eaten, thou shall pour out the blood thereof and cover it with dust. For it is the life of all flesh. Its blood sustains its life. Therefore, I said to the children of Israel, "You shall not eat the blood of any flesh for the life of all flesh is its blood. Whosoever eats it shall be cut off

onomy were the reasons that the disciples had to leave Jesus' ministry. When Jesus taught the New Testament meaning of eating the flesh and drinking His blood, the poor disciples had trouble seeing this blood theology in the symbolic way and the natural or literal way. The fact they did not fully believe in Jesus and that He was not sent from Heaven blinded them to receive 'spiritual' understanding that Jesus was the 'real and true' Bread







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Supporting Justice Earls & Supporting Black Women Attorneys



By Dawn Blagrove

Emancipat

Being a Black lawyer in North Carolina, where, in many counties, you have to walk past Confederate monuments to even begin to extract fairness from a biased criminal justice system, requires very tough skin. Compound being Black with being a woman and the sea of racism, disrespect, and denigration that one has to swim through simply to do your job would be enough to deter anyone from this work. Despite all of that Black women attorneys walk into court rooms in North Carolina, and fight the good fight every single day. It is through this lens that I view the most recent attacks against North Carolina Supreme Court Justice Anita Earls.

Justice Earls is one of only two Black people currently sitting on the Supreme Court of North Carolina, and she is the only Black woman. Throughout her tenure on the court, she has suffered blatant disrespect, thinly veiled racist attacks, and untold numbers of microaggressions. Not only from outside, but also from her learned colleagues on the bench. Justice Earls consistently and unwaveringly stands on the side of justice for all people, not just the ones who have historically been deemed deserving of justice. Even when she is drowning in a sea of political extremism on the court and racism disguised as color blindness, she does what is just what is right and what is fair. Justice Earl stands in the gap for every marginalized community in North Carolina and now she is under attack. I call on those marginalized communities that she fights so tirelessly for to now stand in the gap for her.

This year alone, Justice Earls has been on the receiving end of two witch hunts, disguised as investigations by the Judicial Standards Commission, into her fitness to be a judge simply because she has the unmitigated gall to speak truth to power about the insidious and cancerous nature of systemic and institutional racism within the justice system. Just like she fights for all of us, today she filed a federal lawsuit to fight for her professional career and her right to be a Black woman on the highest court of North Carolina. Again it requires very thick skin to serve the people as a Black woman in North Carolina.

What is happening to Justice Earls is a microcosm of what is happening to every Black, brown and marginalized person in North Carolina at the hands of elected officials who are determined to drag this state back to the days of Jim Crow. In North Carolina, we have Phil Berger senior leading the North Carolina senate and Phil Berger Junior, orchestrating his father's bidding on the State Supreme Court. The collusion of two of the three branches of government that are supposed to work as checks and balances on one another is the ultimate attack on democracy. Without real checks and balances on the powers of our elected officials, we live under a dictatorship, not a democracy.

We are watching our general assembly, in cahoots with our supreme court, systematically strip away the power of marginalized communities by attacking our right to have access to the ballot, our right to protest against tyranny, our right to quality education, and the list goes on and on. Justice Anita Earls is a representation of all of us who are not white straight men in our fight for justice, equity, and fairness.

You are hereby challenged to stand with Justice Anita Earls as she fights for her dignity and right to be treated like a full human being. It is imperative that we rise to this challenge because Justice Earls is us and we are her. Together we have to fight back to maintain our humanity in the face of injustice. Together, we have to take a stand. We are HERE and will be unwavering in demanding equal access to all the rights and privileges enjoyed by North Carolinians.

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WHAT MAKES AN IDEAL FUNDRAISING LEADER?

Every day, in nonprofits across the country, the question is being asked – who can lead our fundraising campaign or manage our development office? What type of person does it take? What does the ideal look like today? If your list of qualifications starts and ends with the phrase experienced fundraising professional, we have a few suggestions for additional qualities to round out your list.

First you want someone who believes in the vision of your organization. Ideally their past personal and/or professional experience bears this out: you can see that they dedicate their time to priorities that are in sync with those of your nonprofit. We recommend looking for people who are self-starters, who can manage multiple priorities, and are technologically up-to-date. They should be a good listener, open to the ideas and thoughts of others, and quick to acknowledge and recognize good work. You want someone who can manage people, time, and money. Sometimes this is a juggling act, but all three resources are equally important.

Your ideal fundraising leader is transparent, accountable, and trustworthy. They do what they say they are going to do; they deliver on their promise. They seek out people with ideas that are different from theirs, knowing that we all need help from others to see what we cannot see. You want a proactive team player who demonstrates excellence by example, setting the bar through their actions. This includes managing with a sense of urgency and balancing that urgency with an understanding that most things take time and don't happen right away. Your ideal fundraising leader cares about their team members and doesn't frivolously burn people out with one high priority thing after another.

You want someone who does not need the spotlight to shine on them: the best fundraisers often work in the background, shining the spotlight on others. They are risktakers and innovators who don't like losing. At the same time that they are creative and willing to "push the envelope" they also know where the boundaries are and are sensitive to the pace at which an organization can adapt to change.

Here's a quality that can be easily overlooked: you want someone who likes people! Fundraising is all about people. It's the people you work with, the people you serve or advocate for, and the people who grow your organization's fundraising. If your fundraiser doesn't like people, it will show, especially in the little things, like demonstrating kindness or listening even when you are in a rush. Other things to look for are people who answer their phone, email, text messages, and other communications. You want a person who can plan and implement. Someone who can set goals, modify them when needed, and say "no." Most importantly, your ideal person needs to be willing. If they are only half-hearted about leading this important work, keep looking until you find someone who wants to work with you. Hiring isn't easy today, but it's easier if you know what you need.

A Different
Voice
By Dorothy Shaw Thompson

I AM JERELLE–WE ARE JERELLE Last week, Brad and a dear friend attended a celebration of the

efforts for freedom. In our state, the friend is a fellow class of 1964 JW Legion High School, Patrick Bryant. Recently, we have reconnected and it's been a great joy. When we went on our cross-country tour a few years back, we stayed a few nights in New Orleans. I had a chance there to visit with my friend, Tamika Key, and her darling children (who are back in Raleigh now). Had I known that Patrick was living there, we could have reconnected then but God had other plans. I wish my children had attended JW Legion Senior High School for it was a flower pot for the future. Those of us who lived in various parts of the city merged for our high school years in that one place. We were friends with common goals and common experiences. However, I've learned that Legion wasn't a melting pot for everyone. I've learned that some didn't feel that they fit in, but most of us experienced Legion as our glory days. So when Patrick called and said he was in town, we invited him over and talked. Reminiscing continued into our old folk's bedtime or in other words-a little past dark. Now forgive me, if my history isn't precise, it's going to be close enough. When Brad Tommy and I moved back to Raleigh in the early 70s, Brad, Patrick, and others were young (in their 20 somethings) and had community-minded missions. That's how they came to know each other. Brad is a chairman of the newly formed Human Relations Committee and Patrick, a member of the Raleigh Housing Board. Both had persistent revolutionary tendencies and often caused a stir for their boldness. Renters, you have Patrick to thank for your gift not to be put out of your homes at the whim of your landlord. Their ideas became law. Patrick moved on to New Orleans and frankly, I lost track of him then found out that he once wrote a column for the Carolinian. And now has a syndicated column in 3 papers. Okay, so I'm reminiscing, but this writing has a purpose

Patrick has a 52-year-old daughter here and his mother still lives here as well, so he often comes back home. Now he lives on a boat on the coast of Florida. Patrick's daughter, Jerell Perry sustained several strokes, was in a coma for a while, and is now a resident of a local

nursing facility. She is a paraplegic and in need of perpetual care. After attending the civil rights ceremony and on his way home, Patrick got an instinct to go to the nursing home and visit his daughter. When he got there by the grace of God, he found his daughter almost lifeless and struggling to breathe her blood pressure was 40 / 30, and when she got to the hospital, her vital organs began to shut down. Her body was experiencing what I understand is the excruciating process of returning her essence to heaven. In other words, she was dying. The cause, several competing infections diagnosed by the doctors. She is presently being treated and is still with us though. Whenever Patrick calls, I tend to brace myself for bad news. As you can see, Jarrell is in a precarious situation if she is returned to this nursing home as is. I've learned some things from this situation that I didn't know (1) Social services is responsible in this case, not her family, (2) There is a case worker Donna Augusta who is to ensure that she gets appropriate care though her families are advocates, it's my understanding that (3) the agency is responsible to the County Commissioners who are to be sure that the agency does its job. In my opinion, at the least, there need to be monitors for a person who can get in life-threatening stress. There has to be some monitoring of blood pressure, temperature, and other indications of difficulties such as choking or pain. Of course, there must be eyes. In these cases more than once a day. This I understand is a lady who had to be taken back to the hospital twice since being released a month or so ago. This says to me a change in action must be sought to save this life. I have a feeling that this is not the first or the last story of this kind. I'm not a social worker, county commissioner, nurse, or doctor but I am also responsible for the case because I'm invested as well. As I told Patrick, the situation is one that God is invested in. It is not just about drills that this experience is given to a revolutionary activist and an article writer. This is an alarm bell to those who read this

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The Golden Rule's application is not just about individual situations and individual patients and families. When we respond with the golden rule, it is to make our whole world a better place to live. For everybody, we are all responsible because our tax dollars are taken and applied to those we hire or vote for. We must be fiduciaries of our friends—all of us. We don't know what's down the road for us therefore we are Jerell. I don't know why you happen to be reading this, but if you care, you must respond. I've talked to legislators, called social workers, and written this article. I'd like to know if there are others in this situation. Jarrell is alive to wake us up for her and others for ourselves. This is for Patrick, but also for every other father, family member, church member, etc, out there who cares. You can care, and if you care, you must act. Prayer is a powerhouse, talk with your prayer group, friends, family, civic representatives, and whomever. As John Lewis says, "If you see (or hear) something, do something."

A GOOD EVENING? WELL, I'VE TIPPED VALET, COAT CHECK AND A GUY IN THE BATHROOM ALREADY, SO NOT REALLY.



"Always stick to what you believe they want you to say!"

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DURHAM COUNTY

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA **DURHAM COUNTY NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

All persons having claims against Arthur Watts Clark, of Durham County, North Carolina, who died on the 22nd day of June, 2023, are notified to present them to Claiborne Marshall Clark and Truist Bank, Co-Executors of the Estate of Arthur Watts Clark, in c/o Dean P. Broz, Attorney for the Estate, at Higgins, Frankstone, Graves & Morris, P. A., 1414 Raleigh Road, Suite 203, Exchange West at Meadowmont, Chapel Hill, NC 27517-8834 on or before November 17, 2023. Failure to present a claim in timely fashion will result in this Notice being pleaded in bar of recovery against the estate, the Co-Executors, and the devisees of Arthur Watts Clark. Those indebted to Arthur Watts Clark are asked to make prompt payment to the Estate.

This the 17th day of August 2023. Dean P. Broz Higgins, Frankstone, Graves & Mor-

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ESTATE OF JAMES ALAN GALLOWAY FILE NO. 2023 E 001027

All persons, firms, and corporations having claims against James Alan Galloway deceased, of Durham County, North Carolina are notified to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before November 19, 2023 or be barred from their recovery. Debtors of the decedent are asked to make immediate payment. This 17th day of August, 2023.

Barbara Partin Galloway Administratrix c/o Daniel B. Finch **Envisage Law** 2601 Oberlin Road, Suite 100 Raleigh, NC 27608 8/17, 8/24, 8/31, and 9/7/2023 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 22-F-125

The Undersigned, having qualified as ADMINISTRATOR of the Estate of DORIS VIRGINIA WEARING, 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 17th day of November 2023, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their

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

This the 17th day of August, 2023. Shalise Dixon, Administrator 204 W. Enterprise St. Durham, NC 27707 8/17, 8/24, 8/31, and 9/7/2023 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-1039

The Undersigned, having qualified as EXECUTOR of the Estate of JUNE V. GILLIARD, 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 17th day of November 2023, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their

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

This the 17th day of August, 2023.

John W. Perry, Executor 601 Fayetteville Street, Suite 300 Durham, NC 27701 8/17, 8/24, 8/31, and 9/7/2023 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-1031 The Undersigned, having

qualified as EXECUTOR of the 2023. Estate of CAROLYN ANISE Denise Byrd Shaver, Admin. CTA., RAHN HARRIS, 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 17th day of November 2023, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their

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

This the 17th day of August,

2023. Michael David Harris, Executor 4107 Kildrummy Ct. Durham, NC 27705 8/17, 8/24, 8/31, and 9/7/2023 STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA **DURHAM COUNTY**

NOTICE TO CREDITORS File Number 23 E 1016

All persons, firms and corporations having claims against LAM-BERTH READE GRAY, deceased, are notified to exhibit them to David Ronald McKee. Executor of the decedent's estate on or before November 17, 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 Executor.

This the 17th day of August,

David Ronald McKee, Executor of the Estate of Lamberth Reade Gray Coleman, Merritt, Murphy & Rainsc/o Katherine T. Merritt,

Attorney for Estate P.O. Drawer 1529 Hillsborough, NC 27278 (919) 732-2196 8/17, 8/24, 8/31, and 9/7/2023 STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA **DURHAM COUNTY**

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File Number 23-E-1022 The Undersigned, having qualified as ADMINISTRATRIX of the Estate of JOHNNY EWELL, 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 17th day of November 2023, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their

Estate will please make immediate Suite 203, Chapel Hill, N.C. 27517. payment to the undersigned at the below listed address.

This the 17th day of August, Alice Williams, Administratrix

930 Laurel Breeze Dr., #206 Knightdale, NC 27645 8/17, 8/24, 8/31, and 9/7/2023 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-1052 The Undersigned, having qualified as EXECUTOR of the Estate of THOMAS RICHARD GEERS, 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 17th day of November 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 17th day of August,

Karen Michelle Feaver, Executor 1206 Oval Drive Durham, NC 27705 8/17, 8/24, 8/31, and 9/7/2023 STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

DURHAM COUNTY NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Having qualified Administratrix CTA of the Estate of Patricia Jean Farrell-Byrd of Durham County, North Carolina, the undersigned does hereby notify all persons, firms, and corporations having claims against the estate of said decedent to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the 25th day of November, 2023, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms, corporations indebted to the said estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This is the 24th day of August,

c/o Richard F. Prentis, Jr., Stubbs Cole Law Firm, 4 Consultant Place, Durham, NC 27707 8/24, 8/31, 9/7, and 9/14/2023

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-1014

The Undersigned, having qualified as TESTAMENTARIX of the Estate of K EDWARD GREENE a/k/a KELLY EDWARD GREENE, late of Durham County, North Carolina, hereby wishes to notify all persons having claims against the Estate of said deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned at the below listed address on or before the 24th day of November 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 24th day of August, 2023.

Joan Powell Greene, Testamentarix c/o David A. Burns, Esq Wyrick Robbins Yates & Ponton LLP 4101 Lake Boone Trail, Suite 300 Raleigh, NC 27607 8/24, 8/31, 9/7, and 9/14/2023 STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

DURHAM COUNTY NOTICE TO CREDITORS

All persons, firms and corporations having claims against ENOCH HSUAN KUO SHIH, deceased, of Durham County, N.C., are notified to present such claims to Ezra Shih, personal representative of the Estate of Enoch Hsuan Kuo Shih (23-E-964), at c/o Brittany N. Porter, Trust Counsel, 1414 Raleigh Road, Suite 203, Chapel Hill, N.C. 27517.

Claims must be presented on or before November, 24, 2023, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of recovery. Debtors of the decedent are asked to make immediate payment.

8/24, 8/31, 9/7, and 9/14/2023 STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA **DURHAM COUNTY**

NOTICE TO CREDITORS All persons, firms and corporations having claims against AUSTRALIA POOLE, deceased, of Durham County, N.C., are notified to present such claims to Roxanna Hamilton, personal representative of the Estate of Australia Poole (23-E-963), at c/o Brittany N. Porter, All persons indebted to the Trust Counsel, 1414 Raleigh Road,

> Claims must be presented on or before November, 24, 2023, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of recovery. Debtors of the decedent are asked to make immediate payment.

8/24, 8/31, 9/7, and 9/14/2023 STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA **DURHAM COUNTY**

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

All persons having claims against EDITH KILANY of Durham County, North Carolina are notified to present them to Mona Kilany, Executor of the Estate of Edith Kilany, in c/o Dean P. Broz, Attorney for the Estate, at Higgins, Frankstone, Graves & Morris, P. A., 1414 Raleigh Road, Suite 203, Exchange West at Meadowmont, Chapel Hill, NC 27517-8834 on or before November 24, 2023. Failure to present a claim in timely fashion will result in this Notice being pleaded in bar of recovery against the estate, the Executor, and the devisees of Edith Kilany. Those indebted to Edith Kilany are asked to make prompt payment to the

c/o Dean P. Broz Higgins, Frankstone, Graves & Morris, P.A. 1414 Raleigh Road, Suite 203

Exchange West at Meadowmont Chapel Hill, NC 27517-8834 8/24, 8/31, 9/7, and 9/14/2023 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-411

The Undersigned, having qualified as ADMINISTRATOR of the JOSEPH PAUL NORMAND CUTLIP, late of Durham County, North Carolina, hereby wishes to notify all persons having claims against the Estate of said deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned at the below listed address on or before the 24th day of November 2023, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their Estate will please make immediate against the estate of decedent to payment to the undersigned at the exhibit them to the undersigned below listed address.

2023. Solomon Cutlip Administrator 208 Crestwood Drive Chilhowie, VA 24319 8/24, 8/31, 9/7, and 9/14/2023 STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA **DURHAM COUNTY**

NOTICE TO CREDITORS ESTATE OF REBECCA CORRY GROB

FILE NO. 2023 E 001094 All persons, firms, and corporations having claims against REBECCA CORRY GROB, deceased, of Durham County, North Carolina are notified to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before December 3, 2023 or be barred from their recovery. Debtors of the decedent are asked to make immediate payment. This the 31st day of August,

Jacob Ashman Grob, Administrator 1809 Marys Meadows Lane Palm Harbor, FL 34683 c/o Daniel B. Finch **Envisage Law** 2601 Oberlin Road, Suite 100 Raleigh, NC 27608 8/31, 9/7, 9/14, and 9/21/2023 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 20-E-1293

The Undersigned, having qualified as EXECUTOR of the Estate of FRANCIS ALBERT FREE, JR., late of Durham County, North Carolina, hereby wishes to notify all persons having claims against the Estate of said deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned at the below listed address on or before the 1st day of December 2023, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery.

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

This the 31st day of August, Susan Free, Executor c/o Vail Gardner Law, PLLC 732 9th St. #621 Durham, NC 27705 8/31, 9/7, 9/14, and 9/21/2023 STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA **DURHAM COUNTY**

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Having qualified as Executor of the Estate of JEWEL KAY KING aka JEWEL KING KING aka KAY Stubbs Cole Law Firm KING KING aka KAY K. KING of Durham County, North Carolina, the undersigned does hereby notify all persons, firms, and corporations having claims against the estate of said decedent to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the 1st day of December, 2023, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms, corporations indebted to the said estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This is the 31st day of August,

2023. Carol King Finch, Executrix, c/o Richard F. Prentis, Jr., Stubbs Cole Law Firm. 4 Consultant Place. Durham, NC 27707 H-S: 8-31, 9-7, 9-14 & 9-21, 2023 STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

DURHAM COUNTY NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Having qualified as the personal representative of the estate of MARY JANE FLOWERS, late of Durham County, NC, Marylu Flowers-Schoen, the undersigned, does hereby notify all persons, firms, and corporations having claims against the estate of decedent to exhibit them to the undersigned at 311 E. Main St., Durham, NC 27701, on or before December 1, 2023, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to the estate will please make prompt payment to the undersigned. This, the 18th day of August,

2023. Marylu Flowers-Shoen, Executrix Christopher Hill Attorney for the Estate Law Office of Marcus Hill 311 E. Main St. Durham, NC 27707 (919) 688-1941 8/31, 9/7, 9/14, and 9/21/2023 STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA **DURHAM COUNTY**

NOTICE TO CREDITORS Having qualified as the personal

representative of the estate of THOMAS A. SPRAGENS JR., late of Durham County, NC, Lynn H. Spragens, the undersigned, does hereby notify all persons, firms,

All persons indebted to the and corporations having claims December, 2023 or this notice will at 311 E. Main St., Durham, NC This the 24th day of August, 27701, on or before December 1, 2023, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to the estate will please make prompt payment to the undersigned.

This, the 31st day of August, 2023. Lynn H. Spragens, Executrix **Christopher Hill** Attorney for the Estate Law Office of Marcus Hill 311 E. Main St. Durham, NC 27707 (919) 688-1941 8/31, 9/7, 9/14, and 9/21/2023 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-1017 The Undersigned, having qualified as ADMINISTRATOR of the Estate of HARRY LEONARD MILES, 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

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.

address on or before the 1st day of

December 2023, or this notice will

This the 31st day of August, Wilbur L. Beck, Jr., Administrator 5114 Yadkin Rd., Suite 114 Fayetteville, NC 28303 8/31, 9/7, 9/14, and 9/21/2023 STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA **DURHAM COUNTY**

NOTICE TO CREDITORS Having qualified as Executor of the Estate of JULIA FIELDS MORTON of Durham County, North Carolina, the undersigned does hereby notify all persons, firms, and corporations having claims against the estate of said decedent to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before the 1st day of December, 2023, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms, corporations indebted to the said estate will please make immediate

payment to the undersigned. This is the 31st day of August,

2023. Oris Lee Morton, Jr., Executor c/o Richard F. Prentis, Jr., 4 Consultant Place Durham, NC 27707 8/31, 9/7, 9/14, and 9/21/2023 STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA **DURHAM COUNTY Superior Court Division** File No. 23 CVS 002364

In The General Court Of Justice **JESSICA NICOLE VANHOOK AND MAYA FREELON. Plaintiff VS. TRAVIES K. EDWARDS AND** TRAVIES KIMARL & CO., L.L.C., **Defendant**

To the defendent: IMPORTANT! You have been sued! A Civil Action Has Been Commenced Against You! You are notified to appear and answer the complaint of the plaintiff as follows: 1. Serve a copy of your written answer to the complaint upon the plaintiff or plaintiff's attorney within thirty (30) days after you have been served. You may serve your answer by delivering a copy to the plaintiff or by mailing it to the plaintiff's last known address, and 2. File the original of the written answer with the Clerk of Superior Court of the county named above.

If you fail to answer the complaint, the plaintiff will apply to the Court for the relief demanded in the complaint. This summons was issued 7-17-23 at 4:13 PM.

This the 31st of August, 2023. Jessica Nicole Vanhook and Maya Freelon, Plaintiffs c/o GRW-LAW 2232 Page Road, Suite 203 Durham, NC 27703 8/31, 9/7, and 9/14/2023 STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA **DURHAM COUNTY**

ALICE MURIEL LEBOEUF Clerk of Superior Court 23 E 993 NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Having qualified as Executor of the Estate of Alice Muriel Leboeuf, late of Durham County, North Carolina, the undersigned does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate of said decedent to exhibit them to the undersigned at Law Office of Ken Hirsh, 1821 Hillandale RD, Suite 1B-344, Durham, North Carolina 27705, on or before the 15th day of

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.

/s/ Cecile Leboeuf Warner, Executor of the Estate of Alice Muriel Leboeuf, deceased.

This the 31st day of August, Kenneth J. Hirsh

Law Office of Ken Hirsh 1821 Hillandale RD STE 1B-344 Durham, NC 27705 8/31, 9/7, 9/14, and 9/21/2023 STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA **DURHAM COUNTY**

In The General Court Of Justice **Superior Court Division Before the Clerk NOTICE TO CREDITORS** FILE NO. 23-E-821 IN RE: ESTATE OF HELEN **HOLLAND**

THE UNDERSIGNED having qualified co-Executors of the Estate of Helen Holland, Deceased, in the Office of the Clerk of Superior Court of Durham County, do hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the said Decedent to present them to the undersigned on or before November 30, 2023, said date being at least three months from the date of the first publication or posting of this Notice as indicated below, or the same will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said Estate, please make immediate payment.

This Notice is given pursuant to the provisions of G.S. 28A-14-1. This the 31st day of August,

ESTATE OF HELEN HOLLAND Kenneth Wade Holland, co-Executor 344 Warren Court

Lantz Ray Holland, co-Executor 106 Chase Avenue Chapel Hill, NC 27514 M. Wayne Holland, co-Executor 3601 Holland Way Chapel Hill, NC 27517 c/o Taylor Avioli NARRON WENZEL PA 5400 Glenwood Ave., Suite 201

Chapel Hill, NC 27516

Raleigh, NC 27612 8/31, 9/7, 9/14, and 9/21/2023 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 21-E-1688

The Undersigned, having qualified as ADMINISTRATRIX of the ANTONIO MAYE, late of Durham County, North Carolina, hereby wishes to notify all persons having claims against the Estate of said deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned at the below listed address on or before the 7th day of December 2023, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery.

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

This the 7th day of September, 2023. Linda Dean, Administratrix

2836 Beechwood Drive Durham, NC 27707 9/7, 9/14, 9/21, and 9/28/2023 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 22-E-510

The Undersigned, having qualified as EXECUTOR of the Estate of JAMES BLANCHES, late of Durham County, North Carolina, hereby wishes to notify all persons having claims against the Estate of said deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned at the below listed address on or before the 7th day of December 2023, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to the Estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned at the below listed address.

This the 7th day of September, Joseph A. Ravella, Executor 202 Red Mountain Rd. Rougemont, NC 27572 9/7, 9/14, 9/21, and 9/28/2023 STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

DURHAM COUNTY NOTICE TO CREDITORS

All persons, firms, and corporations having claims against JANET HILL LYNCH, deceased, of Durham County, North Carolina are notified to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before December 7, 2023 or be barred from their recovery. Debtors of

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DURHAM COUNTY

2023. Takita Meritt

266 Jared Drive Angier, NC 27501 STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA **DURHAM COUNTY**

File Number 23-E-986

The Undersigned, having qualified as ADMINISTRATOR of the LINWOOD EARL LYNCH, late of Durham County, North Carolina, hereby wishes to notify all persons having claims against the Estate of said deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned at the below listed address on or before the 7th day of December 2023, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery.

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

2023.

1110 First Edition Drive, Unit 1301 Durham, NC 27703 9/7, 9/14, 9/21, and 9/28/2023 STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA **DURHAM COUNTY**

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

The Undersigned, having qualified as EXECUTOR of the

deceased to exhibit them to the all persons, firms, and corporations Carolina, hereby wishes to notify all undersigned at the below listed address on or before the 7th day of December 2023, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery.

All persons indebted to the Estate will please make immediate in bar of their recovery. payment to the undersigned at the below listed address.

This the 7th day of September,

Will Rufus Holder, Executor 1421 Sherron Road Durham, NC 27703

ORANGE COUNTY

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payment.

James H. Thrall, Executor Estate of Homer Thrall, Jr., Deceased Robert A. Idol, Esquire

IDOL LAW, PLLC Attorney at Law PO Box 51759 Durham, NC 27717 (919)401.5151

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA **ORANGE COUNTY NOTICE TO CREDITORS**

of the Estate of ROY CHESTER BELON, deceased, this is to notify

having claims against the Estate of ROY CHESTER BELON to present them to the undersigned on or before the 24th day of November, 2023, or this Notice will be pleaded

All persons indebted to said Estate, please make immediate payment.

This, the 24th day of August, 2023. EDWARD J. FALCONE

Attorney for the Estate of ROY **CHESTER BELON** 120 E. Parrish Street, Suite 200 Durham, North Carolina 27701

(919) 682-9273 8/24, 8/31, 9/7, and 9/14/2023

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 Number 23E004375-910

The Undersigned, having qualified as ADMINISTRATOR of the Estate of ALBERT MORNING, 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 17th day of November 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 17th day of August, 2023.

Angela Morning Jones Administrator 1009 Belmont Jones Raleigh, NC 27610 8/17, 8/24, 8/31, and 9/7/2023 STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA WAKE COUNTY

NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION In The General Court Of Justice **Superior Court Division**

Before the Clerk

File Number 2022 E 004620 The Undersigned, having qualified as ADMINISTRATOR of the Estate of TRUMELIA HAWKINS, persons having claims against the Estate of said deceased to exhibit them to the undersigned at the below listed address on or before the 24th day of November 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 24th day of August,

Malik Hawkins, Administrator 3940 Griffis Glen Dr. Raleigh, NC 27610 8/24, 8/31, 9/7, and 9/14/2023 STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA **WAKE COUNTY**

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

In the estate of MARY BAYNE, deceased, late of Garner, North Carolina, who died on 12 Dec 2022. Take notice that all persons having claims upon the estate of the above named must file with the undersigned Estate Trustee on or before December 1, 2023 a full statement of their claims and of securities held by them. This the 31st day of August,

2023. Hillary Bayne, Administrator 109 Country Farm Ln Beulaville NC 28518 919-691-2187

8/31, 9/7, 9/14, and 9/21/2023 STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA **WAKE COUNTY NOTICE OF SERVICE**

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

File Number 23E004564-910

The Undersigned, having qualified as ADMINISTRATOR of the Estate of WAYNE WILLIAM STEWART, 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 1st day of December 2023, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to the

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

This the 31st day of August, 2023.

Lisbeth F. Wilmont, Administrator 2620 Amos Circle Raleigh, NC 27610 late of Wake County, North 8/31, 9/7, 9/14, and 9/21/2023

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ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

The North Carolina Department of Adult Correction has the following contract in Greene County out for bid: C- C11618 Security Netting - Greene Correctional Institution . The bid opening is scheduled for: Wednesday, 10/04/2023. To obtain the Notice to Bidders, any Pre-Bid Requirements, and any Addenda visit: https://evp.nc.gov/solicitations/ details/?id=207ed0f8-7e46-ee11-be6d-001dd804ec4b

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 Northern Regional Pump Station and Force Main - Phase A project for Cape Fear Public Utility Authority which bids September 19, 2023, at 11:00 AM. Plans and specifications for this project are available at the following locations: TA Loving Company, 400 Patetown Road, Goldsboro, NC 27530 * Cape Fear Public Utility Authority; 235 Government Drive; Wilmington, NC 28403 Carolinas AGC Website * Dodge Data and Analytics website ConstructConnect website * Construction Journal website * Hispanic Contractors Association of the Carolinas website North American Procurement Council, Inc. website * The

Potential subcontracting opportunities include but are not limited to surveying, clearing and grubbing, hauling, asphalt paving, striping, traffic control, erosion control, seeding, SCADA, linework, jack & bore, directional drilling, bypass pumping, and flatwork. Please contact Jeff Price (jprice@ taloving.com) if you are interested in submitting a proposal

Blue Book Building and Construction Network website.

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 Em-

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 New Hanover County Complex Waterline Extension project for New Hanover County which bids September 14, 2023, at 3:00 PM. Plans and specifications for this project are available at the following locations: TA Loving Company, 400 Patetown Road, Goldsboro, NC 27530 * New Hanover County Facilities Management Office; 200 Division Drive; Wilmington, NC 28401.

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

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

WANTED WBE, MBE & DBE BIDS

for the following jobs:

Town of Zebulon

2023 Pavement Resurfacing Program

Wake Co. Bid Date: Sept 12th **Town of Wake Forest**

Street Resurfacing Project

Wake Co. Bid Date: Sept 28th

These projects may involve some or all of the following

aspects of construction: construction survey, clear and grub, trucking, drainage, milling, paving, incidental concrete, fence and guardrail, signs, structures, traffic control, utilities, signals, pavement marking, erosion control and seeding. Bids can be emailed to stw.quotes@stwcorp.com

Please contact S. T. Wooten at 252-291-5165,

Fax 252-243-0900 no later than 5:00 p.m. the day before the bid date.

The North Carolina Department of Transportation, in

accordance with the provisions of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (78 Stat. 252, 42, US.C. 2000d to 2000d-4) and the Regulations, hereby notifies all bidders that it will affirmatively ensure that any contract entered into pursuant to the advertisement, disadvantaged business enterprises will be afforded full and fair opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, or national origin

in consideration for an award. In accordance with other related nondiscrimination authorities, bidders and contractors will also not be discriminated against on the grounds of sex, age, disability, low-income level, creed/ religion, or limited English proficiency in consideration for an award.

WANTED WBE, MBE & DBE BIDS

for the following jobs:

NCDOT Division Three Letting

DC00435 Duplin Co. Bid Date: Sept 7th

NCDOT Division Four Letting Johnston Co.

DD00435 Bid Date: Sept 12th **NCDOT Division Five Letting**

> Bid Date: Sept 13th Wake Co.

DE00368 **NCDOT Central Letting**

C204785 Harnett Co. Bid Date: Sept 19th

C204894 Franklin/Wake Co. Bid Date: Sept 19th C204896 Wake Co. Bid Date: Sept 19th

NCDOT Division Six Letting

Bid Date: Sept 20th DF00439 Harnett Co. DF00446 Harnett Co. Bid Date: Sept 20th

These projects may involve some or all of the following aspects of construction: construction survey, clear and grub, trucking, drainage, milling, paving, incidental concrete, fence and guardrail, signs, structures, traffic control, utilities, signals, pavement marking, erosion control and seeding. Bids

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age, disability, low-income level, creed/religion, or limited English proficiency in consideration for an award.

the decedent are asked to make immediate payment.

9/7, 9/14, 9/21, and 9/28/2023

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

All persons indebted to the This the 7th day of September,

Lakisha Forshea Moore Administrator

NOTICE OF SERVICE

File Number 22-E-873

WILLIE R. HOLDER, late of Durham County, North Carolina, hereby wishes to notify all persons having claims against the Estate of said

This the 7th day of September,

9/7, 9/14, 9/21, and 9/28/2023

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

NOTICE TO CREDITORS The undersigned having qualified

as Executor of the Estate of HOMER THRALL, JR., Deceased, late of Orange 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 20th day of November, 2023, or this Notice will be in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to the Estate will please make immediate

This is the 17th day of August,

8/17, 8/24, 8/31, and 9/7/2023

Having qualified as Administrator

for the following job: **Town of Rolesville**

WANTED WBE, MBE & DBE BIDS

Wake Co. Bid Date: Sept. 14th These projects may involve some or all of the following aspects of construction: construction survey, clear and grub, trucking, drainage, milling, paving, incidental concrete, fence and guardrail, signs, structures, traffic control, utilities, signals, pavement marking, erosion control and seeding.

Rogers Road Street Widening Improvements

Bids can be emailed to stw.quotes@stwcorp.com Please contact S. T. Wooten at 252-291-5165,

Fax 252-243-0900 no later than 5:00 p.m. the day before the bid date.

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religion, or limited English proficiency in consideration for

an award.

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 Aerial Crossing Repairs Phase II project for Fayetteville Public Works Commission which bids September 20, 2023, at 1:00 PM. Plans and specifications for this project are available at the following locations: TA Loving Company, 400 Patetown Road, Goldsboro, NC 27530 * Fayetteville PWC Procurement website * Fayetteville State University Construction Resource Office website * Construct-Connect website * NC Institute of Minority Economic Development (NCIMED) website.

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

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

