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Court case on Voter ID to start May 6th

By Cash Michaels
Peacemaker Senior Contributor

After a five-year delay, and with North Carolina elections already using it, a federal trial on the constitutionality of voter I.D. has been ordered to begin on May 6th. It will be a bench trial with no jury.

Federal Justice Loretta Biggs, an African American, issued the order March 13th, denying a 2021 motion by the N.C. State Board of Elections for a summary judgment.

“State Board Defendants argue that Plaintiffs’ evidence does not show discriminatory intent,” Judge Biggs wrote. “Plaintiffs argue that there is more than sufficient evidence in the record for each factor to defeat summary judgment with respect to discriminatory intent. Plaintiffs are correct, at least with respect to the historical background and whether S.B. 824 bears more heavily on one race than another or its impact.”

Senate Bill (S.B.) 824 is the 2018 voter ID law plaintiffs are suing to stop, alleging that it was racially discriminatory. State lawmakers in the Republican-led N.C. General Assembly quickly passed the measure after voters ratified a Constitutional amendment mandating voter ID become law.

But plaintiffs allege that given North Carolina’s history of racial discrimination, and especially the racial bias the courts found in the passage of the 2013 voter ID law before knocking that down, this 2018 legislation was no different, and should be declared unconstitutional as well.

“Assessing whether Plaintiffs have shown that racial discrimination was a substantial or motivating factor behind enactment of S.B. 824 is fact-intensive, and at this stage, the Court cannot weigh the evidence or make credibility determinations,” Judge Biggs wrote. “Even after affording the state legislature a presumption of good faith, in light of the evidence in the record on the historical background and impact of S.B. 824, State Board Defendants have failed to show that there is an absence of evidence to support that racial discrimination was a

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Audience members in rapt attention to speakers.



Cassandra Williams as famed civil rights leader Fannie Lou Hamer, dreaming to be seated as a delegate at the 1964 Democratic National Convention.

Women of the Movement

By Ivan Saul Cutler
Carolina Peacemaker

The girding courage and power of women of the Civil Rights Movement reverberated in the searing personal testimony, dramatic spoken word and embracing song of their essential achievement in celebration of Women’s History Month.

At a Ladies’ Tea honoring the late Amelia Parker in the International Civil Rights Center & Museum whose development she helped guide and direct, women donning fashionable fascinators and stylish attire participated in a riveting program, Women of the Movement.

Serving as mistress of ceremonies, Gwen Bookman, Bennett College professor of political science, opened a series of presentations clarifying the prominent role of women in the civil rights era. She recognized the significant role of the Bennett Belles, the students who helped strategize and execute the famed Feb. 1, 1960, A&T Four sit-in at the

lunch counter of Greensboro’s F.W. Woolworth store that sparked the movement across the nation.

“Although those men (The A&T Four) were the first to come on February 1, we don’t want you to be unmindful of all the women and other men who collaborated on getting that wonderful achievement undertaken,” Bookman said.

Before the program’s primary speakers, educators and organizers Joyce Hobson Johnson and Deborah Barnes, Greensboro poet and author Sage Chioma requested all present say out loud names of women, living and dead, to honor their achievements, beginning with Amelia Parker and others known and unknown in advancing civil rights leaders. Chioma followed with an emotional poem about the virtues of Black women whose faith, passion, commitment and service sustains life and achievement.

Johnson said, “We’re not free y’all, especially women ... we still have work to do,” leading into a chronological



Photos by Ivan Saul Cutler

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Joyce Hobson Johnson, left, Gwen Bookman and Deborah Barnes.

recounting of her childhood filled with devotion and dedication while navigating the racism of segregated Richmond, Va., and subsequent journey into civil rights advocacy, education, impelling her to a calling of never-ending work for the “liberation of my people.”

Barnes said Black people, especially women, needed to know their authentic history, to teach others verifiable

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Rankin Elementary Reads

By Ivan Saul Cutler
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A community expression of the lifelong power of reading, the annual Rankin Reads attracted parents, tutors, elected officials

and literacy facilitators to read books of their choosing to most classes at Rankin Elementary School in Northeast Greensboro.

Readers began assembling early to choose their books and learn their classroom assignments at the Spry Avenue school, whose fac-

ulty and staff greeted the guests and provided refreshments in gratitude.

Rankin Curriculum Facilitator Kennish Wade said Rankin Reads is one of the most joyous times of the school year.



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Guilford County Commissioner Frankie Jones Jr. (center holding a book) stands with a fourth grade class after reading a book to them.



Guilford County Literacy facilitator Brianna Galbreath gestures to students as she reads to the Fourth grade class.



Kindergarten parent Anthony Washington (center with a book) celebrates reading with his son’s class.



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COMMUNITY

SEL Community Day



Guilford County Schools Board of Education member Bettye Jenkins (center, in black shirt) learns alongside program attendees how to make a stress ball using a latex balloon and sand.



Photos by Ivan Saul Cutler/Carolina Peacemaker Guilford County Schools Board of Education member Bettye Jenkins (center, black shirt) with the school district's Social Emotional Learning team members: Rashod Wells, coordinator of Positive Supports and Bullying Prevention; Shan Carter (left), coordinator for Positive Culture and Climate; Sharrone Honor, coordinator for Positive Support and Student Transition; Specialists Ronnie Armstrong and Dejanell Mittman; and Randi Howard (right), SEL and Character Education director.

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resources to help them thrive in Guilford County Schools (GCS). For a couple of hours on March 9 at James B. Dudley High School, SEL specialists and coordinators guided participants

Scores of students and their families attended the Social Emotional Learning Community Day (SEL) to access an array of

to dozens of community organizations presenting programs and activities to help students and adults acquire and apply knowledge, skills, and attitudes to develop healthy identities,

manage emotions and achieve personal and collective goals. The SEL Community Day "provided a space where parents/guardians learned about SEL and how to support their child's

social-emotional development at home," said GCS SEL Specialist Dejanell Mittman. "Specifically, we offered strategies around the five core SEL competencies: self-management,

self-awareness, social awareness, relationship skills, and responsible decision making."

Dramatic Presentation of "The Resurrection" at Wells Memorial Church



It's that time of year again, so everyone is invited to witness the big, dramatic presentation of "The Resurrection," during the 10 a.m. Sunday service, March 31st, at Wells Memorial Church of God in Christ; 1001 East Washington Street; Greensboro. Don't miss this free, Biblical reenactment by the Wells Memorial Fine Arts Ministry. Sister Gloria Darby is production coordinator and the church pastor is Dr. Herman Platt.

YWCA High Point offering Pedaling for Parkinson's class

The YWCA High Point is committed to offering the High Point community programs that increase the overall health and wellness of all members of the community. With that in mind, the YWCA is offering a Pedaling for Parkinson's class that is designed to help individuals with Parkinson's disease optimize their physical function by improving their gait, balance, speech, handwriting and overall endurance. The class begins April 16 and will be offered Tuesdays and Thursdays from 12 noon to 1 p.m. Participants must be diagnosed with Idiopathic PD and must receive approval from their doctor prior to attending.

Research conducted at the Cleveland Clinic found that individuals with Parkinson's can experience a 35 percent reduction in symptoms by riding an indoor stationary bicycle for one hour three days a week. While cycling is not a cure for Parkinson's disease, there is compelling evidence that shows pedaling a bicycle at a rapid pace may change the life of someone living with Parkinson's disease.

Learn how to feel better and build community by joining the Pedaling for Parkinson's class. For more information contact: Betsy Richter, (336) 882-4126 or email: brichter@ywcahp.com.

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'substantial' or 'motivating' factor behind the enactment of S.B. 824."

"Should Plaintiffs succeed in showing discriminatory intent, the burden would then shift to State Board Defendants

to show that S.B. 824 would have been enacted without racial discrimination." Biggs continued.

Even though the state Board of Elections are the defendants in the case, Republican legislative

leaders have also been allowed to file motions in defense of the 2018 voter I.D. law, thanks to a June 2022 ruling by the U.S. Supreme Court. The five-year delay in going to trial is the result of several

appeals that needed to be heard and determined in the case.

Judge Biggs also wrote that she saw things in the 2018 voter ID law that raised concerns in her mind.

"There is sufficient evidence in the record to suggest an inequality in the opportunities enjoyed by non-White and White voters to elect their preferred representatives," she wrote.

Public Comment Period
City of Greensboro- Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Draft
Annual Action Plan and Draft Funding Chart

Greensboro residents are encouraged to review and comment on the FY 2024-2025 Draft Annual Action Plan. The Public Comment Period will be from March 21, 2024-April 19, 2024. The Draft Annual Action Plan is available for review at www.greensboro-nc.gov/AnnualPlan. The Draft 2024-2025 Funding Chart is available at www.greensboro-nc.gov/FundingChart. Please call 336-373-4636 if hard copies are required. All comments will be considered prior to any further action by the City towards plan implementation.

The Annual Action Plan outlines how the City will use anticipated US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) funding to address affordable housing and community development needs in Greensboro and Guilford County, from the following programs: Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), Home Investment Partnerships Program (HOME), Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG), and Housing Opportunities for Persons with AIDS (HOPWA).

The funding chart includes the amount of assistance Greensboro expects to receive (including grant funds and program income) and the activities that may be undertaken, including the estimated amount that will benefit persons of low and moderate-income for the program year that runs July 1, 2024-June 30, 2025.

The City of Greensboro intends to submit the FY 2024-2025 Annual Action Plan to HUD on or before May 15, 2024.

Written and/or verbal comments may be submitted by 11:59 pm Sunday, April 19, 2024 to Shonta Fleming at Shonta.Lewis-Fleming@greensboro-nc.gov or 336-373-4636.

Persons requiring an interpreter or other services in order to participate in this public process should contact the Housing and Neighborhood Development Department 336-373-2349 (voice). Servicios de traducción disponibles en español (Translation services available in Spanish).

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HEALTH

New weight loss medications are helpful but require attention

It's a Matter of Your Health



By Veita Bland, M.D.

derful in just how successful they have allowed patients to be in their quest for improved health. Unfortunately, there are a few downsides to this weight loss. The loss of muscle or lean body mass and the loss of strength have been a casualty of this weight loss and that is important. Your muscle is known as the currency of aging. The loss of this muscle mass is thought to decrease the strength and functions of the body. That can equate to decreased quality of life and increased risk of death.

We reach our peak muscle or lean body mass around the age of 40 and then it is all downhill with men losing about 4.7 percent of their muscle mass each decade and women losing 3.7 percent of their muscle mass with each decade. As muscle goes so does strength.

When someone loses a large amount of weight, such as with bariatric surgery, it is estimated that 22 percent of the

We are witnessing a remarkable time with medications that are fabulous at aiding people on their weight loss journey. I am referring to the obesity and diabetic medications known as GLP1 (Glucagon-like peptide-1 agonists). To call them by name, semaglutide (Ozempic, Rybelsus and Wegovy) and tirzepatide (Mounjaro and) are the "wonder drugs" that have allowed so many people to lose weight and control their diabetes.

They do this by not allowing the stomach to completely empty and by occupying the satiety area of the brain, so the constant thought of food subsides. These medications have been won-



Submitted photo
Wegovy, Rybelsus and Ozempic are new weight loss and diabetic medications that work but using these medications may come with some muscle loss.

weight loss is muscle mass. With Semaglutide 34.8 percent of the weight loss is from muscle mass. Hopefully, the newer medications in this realm will not have as much muscle mass lost.

So, how does one support their muscle and prevent the loss of so much muscle and consequently strength?

When starting these medications, one should begin exercises designed to maintain strength. Know what strength training is. Hand grip, though it only looks at the upper body and does not ac-

cess the lower body, is important and it is a readily available tool to measure your strength and its progression.

You must also consume appropriate amounts of protein to maintain muscle mass and be able to do the strength training needed. It is recommended that 1.5 grams of protein per kilogram of weight per day is needed. So, if one weighs 150 pounds, that is 68.04 kilograms. Multiplying that by 1.5 will give you 102.6 grams of protein a day. An eight-ounce steak has 61 grams of protein. If you take in 4 ounce-

es of chicken breast, it has 23 grams of protein; four ounces of turkey breast has 27 grams of protein; and four ounces of shrimp has 24 grams of protein for a few examples of what you need to eat to get to that 102.6 grams. Protein type such as whey vs. soy, whey vs. pea or whey vs. casein does not matter.

Eating that protein at mealtime was indeed beneficial to the stimulation of protein growth.

So, these medications such as Semaglutide and Tirzepatide are indeed valuable at helping one be the best they

can be, but they come with considerable muscle loss that can be compensated for by regular muscle resistance training and maintaining appropriate protein consumption. We as healthcare providers need to emphasize the importance of this because there is no doubt that loss of muscle mass and strength equates to increased morbidity and possible mortality which is the exact opposite of what we are trying to do here.

Dr. Veita Bland is a board-certified Greensboro physician and hypertension specialist. Dr. Bland's radio show, "It's a Matter of Your Health," can be heard live on Wednesdays, 5:30 p.m. on N.C. A&T State University's WNAA, 90.1 FM. Listeners may call in and ask questions. The show is replayed on Sirius 142 at 5 p.m. on Wed. Email Dr. Bland at ideas@blandclinicpa.com.

TAKE CONTROL OF YOUR BLOOD PRESSURE

7 CHANGES TO HELP MANAGE YOUR HEALTH

FAMILY FEATURES

What you eat and drink, as well as your activity level and habits, affect your heart and brain health and are essential for managing blood pressure, cholesterol and more. High blood pressure (readings consistently higher than 130/80 mm Hg) is a leading cause and controllable risk factor for heart disease and stroke as well as other issues such as kidney failure, vision loss and sexual problems.

In fact, nearly half of all American adults have high blood pressure, or hypertension, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, but many may not even realize they have it unless they experience other complications. What's more, ethnicity can also play a role in your risk factors.

For example, Hispanic adults have some of the highest prevalence of poorly controlled blood pressure, according to the American Heart Association, which is one of the major risk factors for heart disease. Due to longstanding systemic barriers, such as a historic lack of access to health care and nutritious foods, the Hispanic and Latino community is disproportionately affected by heart disease and related health issues.



Photos courtesy of Getty Images



Additionally, Black women of child-bearing age are more than twice as likely to have uncontrolled blood pressure than their white counterparts, according to research published in a special Go Red for Women issue of the "Journal of the American Heart Association." Food insecurity, or lack of access to adequate healthy food options, is also higher among Hispanic and Black women compared to white women, and one of the social factors that may impact high blood pressure risk.

To help maintain blood pressure below 120/80 mm Hg and manage risk factors, the American Heart Association with national support from Elevance Health Foundation recommends these lifestyle changes.

Maintain a healthy weight. If you're overweight or obese, you're at increased risk of high blood pressure. Losing as few as 10 pounds (or 3-5% of your body weight) can provide health benefits, including lowering or preventing high blood pressure. Talk to your health care provider about a healthy approach to weight loss,

including caloric intake and activities that may help both lose and maintain weight.

Eat healthier. Eating fruits and vegetables, such as mangos, avocados and blueberries, can lower blood pressure over time. Other smart choices include nuts and seeds, whole grains, low-fat dairy, lean proteins and fish. The Dietary Approaches to Stop Hypertension, or DASH, eating plan is geared toward reducing blood pressure and helps create a heart-healthy eating style.

Reduce sodium. Americans consume up to 75% of their sodium from processed foods like soups, tomato sauce, condiments and canned goods. To help cut back, read labels when shopping and choose lower-sodium versions of your favorite foods, skip the table salt and consider spices and herbs as seasoning alternatives.

Manage stress. Stress is known to contribute to risk factors for high blood pressure like poor diet and excessive alcohol consumption. Practicing relaxation techniques, such as yoga or deep breathing,

practicing gratitude and doing things you enjoy can help reduce stress.

Get active. Physical activity not only helps control high blood pressure, it also aids in weight management, strengthens your heart and lowers stress levels. The American Heart Association recommends at least 150 minutes per week of moderate-intensity physical activity, such as brisk walking.

Limit alcohol. Drinking too much alcohol can raise your blood pressure. If you drink, limit consumption to no more than two drinks per day for men and one drink per day for women.

Quit smoking. Every time you smoke, it causes a temporary increase in blood pressure. Both smoking and exposure to secondhand smoke also increase the risk for plaque buildup inside the arteries, a process high blood pressure is known to accelerate.

Find more advice for managing your blood pressure at Heart.org/highbloodpressure.

NATIONAL

Descendants of 1811 Revolt Acquire Woodland Plantation to Preserve Black History



Jo Banner and Joy Banner, founders of The Descendants Project, have purchased the Woodland Plantation in LaPlace, Louisiana. They now hold stewardship over a property that witnessed one of America's largest uprisings of enslaved people.



The Woodland Plantation.

Photos Courtesy NNPA

By Stacy M. Brown
NNPA National Correspondent

LAPLACE, LA. - Jo Banner and Joy Banner, founders of The Descendants Project, have taken a significant step towards preserving the historical legacy of Black Americans by acquiring the Woodland Plantation in LaPlace, Louisiana. According to The Grio, their unwavering commitment stems from a deep-rooted understanding of the plantation's pivotal role in history and a determination to authenticate its story.

Raised on the West Bank of the Mississippi River, Jo Banner and her sister Joy Banner were steeped in the tales of their grandmother, who recounted the harrowing events of the 1811 revolt by enslaved people. The uprising, often overshadowed in historical narratives, saw the brave resistance of individuals like Charles Deslondes and approximately 25 others who

sought freedom amidst the brutal oppression of slavery.

The Banners' acquisition of the plantation marks a significant moment in the ongoing struggle to preserve Black history. After years of discussions with the previous owner, Timothy Sheehan, about safeguarding this heritage, the sisters finalized the purchase in January for \$750,000. With the transaction completed, they now hold stewardship over a property that witnessed one of America's largest uprisings of enslaved people.

Their nonprofit organization, The Descendants Project, focuses on preserving and protecting the Black descendant community in Louisiana's River Parishes. The Woodland Plantation, nestled in St. John the Baptist Parish, holds immense historical significance, encompassing 4,000 square feet of space on four acres of land.

According to Sharlene Sinegal-DeCuir, an associate professor of

history at Xavier University, the Banners' initiative is profoundly impactful. It provides an opportunity for descendants of the enslaved to reclaim their narrative, offering a counterbalance to historical accounts that often marginalize their contributions.

In addition to preserving the plantation's history, the Banners said they intend to use the space as a hub for community engagement. By offering genealogy resources and facilitating discussions on environmental justice, they aim to create a welcoming environment where Black voices are heard and honored.

The fight against environmental degradation in the region, epitomized by Greenfield Louisiana LLC's proposed construction of a grain elevator export plant, underscores the ongoing struggle for justice. For Jo Banner, the significance of their ownership extends beyond mere property rights. It

represents a reclaiming of space and identity, ensuring that future generations connect meaningfully with their heritage. As they embark on this journey, the Banners said they are determined to ensure that the Woodland Plantation remains a beacon of hope and empowerment for all who visit.

"Knowing that home's history and everything that happened, that our names are going to be put in the paperwork of this home, that you're going to see it going all the way from the 1700s and White ownership and all of a sudden that they got more melanin on that title history, we're already seeing how impactful that is for us to be in this space just as Black women," Jo Banner told The Grio. "We're going to provide access to the history in a way that Black people can feel welcome in the space."

Cone Health lifts visitor restrictions

Visitors are still asked to wear masks if they have respiratory symptoms or have been diagnosed with COVID-19 within the last 10 days

Cone Health joins other regional health systems in changing its policy on hospital visitation. Children aged 12 and younger can visit loved ones in hospitals without restrictions and masking is no longer required. (Some age restrictions may still apply in select locations as outlined in our visitor policy at [conehealth.com/visitors](https://www.conehealth.com/visitors).) These changes take effect Thursday, March 21, at 7 a.m.

People visiting a health care facility are still asked to wear a mask if they are experiencing respiratory symptoms like coughing or sneezing. Visitors who have COVID-19 should also wait to see their friends or family members for five days after their symptoms began. When they are fever-free and feeling better, they can visit with a well-fitting mask through day 10 of the illness.

Requiring visitors and staff to wear masks in certain areas of hospitals and asking that children under 12 not visit were steps that have been taken to reduce the risk of patients, visitors and staff getting COVID-19, flu or RSV. The number of people in this area with those illnesses has gone down dramatically.

"Let's not forget that COVID-19 is still out there — even though at a lower rate," says Cone Health Infectious Disease Specialist, Dr. Cynthia Snider. "And while it may not be a severe illness to most of us, people in the hospital are very sick. A COVID infection can be devastating for them."

The lifting of restrictions on March 21 is a coordinated effort with Atrium Health Wake Forest Baptist and Novant Health.

City seeks memorabilia about African American history in Greensboro

Anyone with old photos, postcards, church bulletins and other personal items that tell the story about African American history in Greensboro is encouraged to participate. The City of Greensboro is seeking memorabilia as part of its architectural survey of east Greensboro neighborhoods and nomination process of South Benbow Road Historic District to the National Register of Historic Places.

The City's Planning Department invites all to share items by bringing them to a community event 2 p.m. to 7 p.m., Thursday, April 4, at Hayes-Taylor Memorial YMCA, 2630 E. Florida St.

Items will be scanned and returned. More details about the scanning, such as what types of items should be brought for scanning, are on the following Web page: <https://www.greensboro-nc.gov/departments/planning/learn-more-about/historic-preservation/historic-memorabilia-scan-day>

This will be the second community scanning session. The first was last year and garnered more than 500 items.

"This project is literally helping to preserve Greensboro's African American history and heritage," said Mike Cowhig, senior planner with the City's Planning Department.

Representatives from the Conversations in Black: African American History and Heritage project are conducting this scanning session. The group includes staff from the city, UNC Greensboro, N.C. A&T State University, State Archives of North Carolina, Preservation Greensboro, Greensboro History Museum, Greensboro Public Libraries, and others including community residents.

The project was made possible by a grant from the National Parks Service's African American Civil Rights Program and city funding.

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STATE

Wake Public School System Considers Implementing Crown Act Protections

By Cash Michaels
Peacemaker Senior Contributor



If there is one thing Black students are proud of is their ability to self-express their cultural identity through varying hairstyles. But there have been times when school personnel who don't share the same need for cultural identity or expression have punished those students for violating a school district's dress or grooming code.

In Wake County, the Board of Education's Policy Committee has begun exploring how to allow students to express their race-based "individuality and culture" through their hairstyles by modifying the school system's dress policy, and adopting the Crown Act.

The proposed Wake policy language, if adopted by the entire Wake School Board, reads, "Students may dress and style their hair for school in a man-

ner that expresses their individuality and culture, including length, braids, locs, twists, tight coils or curls, cornrows, Bantu knots, afros, geles and headwraps."

The committee also wants the proposed student's freedom of hairstyle cultural expression policy to fall under an anti-bullying protective policy as well.

"Crown" stands for "Creating a Respectful and Open World for Natural Hair," and is part of a national movement to adopt such protections, primarily in the workplace.

According to published reports, more than 20 percent of Black women, ages 25 to 34 in the workplace

have been sent home because of cultural discrimination pertaining to their hairstyles.

Not yet a state or federal law, the Crown Act is designed

to prevent hairstyle discrimination in the workplace, and even in schools. Crown Act protections are already enforced in Durham Public Schools, as well as Wake, Durham and

Orange and Mecklenburg county governments.

Raleigh, Durham, Greensboro and Carrboro city governments have adopted Crown Act protections as well.

A bill to make the Crown Act state law was introduced in the N.C. House in February 2023 where it was passed, and then sent to the state Senate, where it has stalled.

In Wake County Schools, proponents believe Crown Act

protections would help Black students particularly, maintain a pride about themselves and appearances.

"This is really about creating a culture in our district where we are telling students from a strength-based approach of what we believe and also how we believe in them," Wake School Board Vice Chair Monika Johnson-Hostler told the *Raleigh News & Observer*.

WOMEN From Page 1A



Robin Easter sings Nina Simone's "I wish I knew how it would feel to be free."



Photos by Ivan Saul Cutler/Carolina Peacemaker
La'Tonya Wiley sings modern spiritual "Ordinary People."

truths intentionally omitted in history books and elected (White) leaders. "There's more than one way to tell the story," she said, "So, even though all these years we integrated schools and we even managed long after the fight to get Black History Month, we're telling those stories exactly the same way as our so-called oppressors ... talking about it which means that it completely erases and obscures among many things that Black women are invisible and so they are made invisible by the ways we tell stories."

Early in the program, the mood shifted to revival-style hand clapping, as Cassandra Williams, as Fannie Lou Hamer, sang her way in galvanizing attention, intoning the anthem of "This Little Light of Mine," which the heralded civil rights leader sang at the 1964 Democratic National Convention. As the revered civil rights leader, Williams delivered to rapt attention Hamer's dramatic testimony to the then convention's credentials committee about how her state of Mississippi's delegation intentionally denied inclusion of Blacks in violation of party rules.

Elon University's La'Tonya Wiley sang the modern spiritual "Ordinary People." At the conclusion, Robin Easter sang Nina Simone's "I wish I knew how it would feel to be free."

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COMMENTARY

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"If there is no struggle, there is no progress. Those who propose to favor freedom, and yet deprecate agitation, are men who want crops without plowing up the ground. They want rain without thunder and lightning. They want the ocean's majestic waves without the awesome roar of its waters."

— Frederick Douglass

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No one likes to be taken for granted

Realignment and transformation throughout our nation's political landscape is not new. Our country will always be divided over who gets the political upper hand and the fight to keep it. With today's polarization approaching Civil War levels, the division is no longer regional (North vs. South). It is more political (red vs. blue) but remains divided by culture, race and class. At one time, the Democrats were the conservatives, and the Republicans were the liberals. It is unlikely we will ever see the two parties flip again in ideology, but the internal political transformation on the state level will always take place.

Whenever I think of the Democratic Party, I see it as a big tent party of political inclusion. It generally welcomes a broad spectrum of views and beliefs, reflecting a nation of people with diverse backgrounds, experiences and cultures. Those making up the big tent may not always agree on every topic, but diverse ideas and backgrounds should always be welcomed. The Democrats, with its broad coalition of movements, face a greater challenge than Republicans in keeping their big tent intact from one election to another. Since people don't like to be taken for granted, the Democratic Party must work hard and focus on expanding the big tent and keeping it unified. Therefore, Democrats should have listened more to Tom Vilsack when he sounded the alarm as Agriculture Secretary in the Obama administration. Vilsack grew frustrated with a culture in Washington that often ignored rural America's struggles. "I just sometimes think rural America is a forgotten place," he often said.

The fact that many White, working-class voters turned decisively to the former reality TV star after supporting Barack Obama in 2008 and

2012 played a big part in electing Donald Trump as president. Before Trump's surprising victory, Vilsack complained loud and often that the Democratic Party had given up competing in large areas of the country that were necessary to win Senate seats, governor's races, and state legislatures. "Democrats need to talk to rural voters," Vilsack once warned. "They can't write them off. They can't ignore them. They actually have to spend a little time talking to them." Before Vilsack became Agriculture Secretary, he served two terms as governor of Iowa, which is 95 percent White. His eight years as governor should have been the national blueprint for the Democratic Party to follow in addressing the isolation of White working-class voters in rural America—now, rural America has become the heart of Trump's MAGA movement.

When Vilsack won his long-shot race for governor in 1998, it was the first time Iowa had elected a Democrat in 32 years. In eight years, he transformed the state's political landscape when he was followed by a Democrat governor who, for the first time in four decades, had a Democratic legislature. "I personally took over managing legislative races," Vilsack said. "We won the House and the Senate, and we had three of the five members of Congress." Vilsack's success was a boon for Barack Obama, whose 2008 victory in Iowa proved that he could attract the support of White Midwestern voters.

As the party of political inclusion, the Democrats were deaf to Vilsack's warnings. All the political gains in Iowa made at the state and federal levels and in presidential elections are now erased. Today in Iowa, Re-

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Child Watch



Ella Baker

By Marian
Wright Edelman

Until the killing of Black men, Black mothers' sons, becomes as important to the rest of the country as the killing of a White mother's son—we who believe in freedom cannot rest until this happens.

—Ella Baker

As Women's History Month continues, I wanted to highlight again another transforming woman whose name I hope young people will learn: Ella Josephine Baker. Ella Baker said this 60 years ago as she was speaking about the murders of Freedom Summer workers James Chaney, Andrew Goodman, and Michael Schwerner, who disappeared together in Mississippi in June 1964. During the nationally publicized weeks-long search for Chaney, who was Black, and Goodman and Schwerner, who were White, FBI investigators also found the bodies of several other murdered Black men whose disappearances had not received the same attention. Ella Baker's statement was a rallying cry that has never stopped resonating. She was a lifelong warrior against injustice and inequality, a mentor for my generation of civil rights activists, a powerful advisor to colleagues like Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., and always, always, unwilling to rest.

Sweet Honey in the Rock's Bernice Johnson Reagon featured those words in the stirring "Ella's Song"—we who believe in freedom cannot rest until it comes—and she and I were both among the hundreds of young people Ella Baker mentored. Ella Baker believed in servant leadership and shared leadership rather than charismatic leadership, and always encouraged young people to find and lift their own voices and join them with others.

Ella Baker grew up in Norfolk, Virginia, and graduated as valedictorian of her class at Shaw University in Raleigh, North Carolina, before moving to Harlem, where her life as an activist took root over several decades. She eventually worked with the NAACP as a field secretary, National Director of Branches, and di-



Baker

rector of the New York office, pushing for organizational structure just as she would do when she helped establish both the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) and the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee (SNCC).

She was the one who sat down with Bayard Rustin and Stanley Levison to discuss how to create a continuing movement out of the Montgomery bus boycott, leading to SCLC's formation. As the first SCLC staff member, she was the one who tried to put the new organization in operating order so that Dr. King was not just a leader who reacted to and jumped from one event to the next. She worked to give SCLC the capacity to plan and implement action. And Ella Baker was the one who convinced Dr. King to bring me and about 200 other Black college students who had been arrested for engaging in lunch counter sit-ins around the South to a meeting at her alma mater, Shaw University, in April 1960—the meeting where SNCC was founded. I was a senior at Spelman College, and my first plane ride ever was from Atlanta to Raleigh for that meeting. Ella Baker fought to make sure the students retained our own independent organization rather than simply becoming the youth arm of the SCLC. Julian Bond, Diane Nash, Bob Moses, and many other

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By E. Faye Williams,
Esq. (Ret.)

Black women still making history against great odds

Listening to the news one would think Fani Willis is the criminal, but let's get this straight. Donald Trump is the one with the 91 charges that he is on trial for in many states trying every conceivable trick to get out of the charges.

Atty. Nathan Wade did the honorable thing. To avoid further unfair challenges against him or D. A. Fani Willis, he stepped down.

After all, he came to the job after D.A. Willis made an effort to hire someone else to handle the Trump case. That is a highly respected former Gov., Roy Barnes, who served as a GA State Senator and State Rep., as well as Governor who D.A. Willis invited to serve in a lead role on the Trump case.

He understood what that would've been like and turned it down. It wasn't like D.A. Willis was just determined to hire Atty. Nathan

Wade. For those who were in such an uproar about his getting the job, just couldn't bear a Black male and a Black woman handling such a case that was so obviously a crime the entire world heard Donald Trump commit.

During Trump's attempt to pressure Secretary of State, Bradford Raffensperger, into changing election results, Trump said, "I just want to find 11,780 votes." That was the number needed for Trump to steal the election from Joe Biden who was fairly elected. That was the crime!

Another obvious criminal act was the Stormy Daniels "Keep quiet" case. Michael Cohen told us about it years ago. Unfortunately, he served time for Trump's un-lawful behavior. Why does Trump continue making others pay for his crimes? Look at what he did to Allen Weis-

selburg, Michael Cohen, Peter Navarro and others who have paid for protecting Trump. When will he pay for all of his crimes?

I'm proud of New York Atty. General, Letitia James, for finally getting a conviction for which Trump has to pay; for Atty. Roberta Kaplan, E. Jean Carroll's attorney for finally getting a conviction for Trump's RAPE against E. Jean. Manhattan D.A. Alvin Bragg, is working on another case against Trump. Judge Tanya Chutkan is on hold with an extremely un-American case against Trump for January 6th where Trump calls a group of his friends "good" people.

We're not sure about the woman judge in Florida who is handling the documents case that Trump claims are his—for no reason oth-

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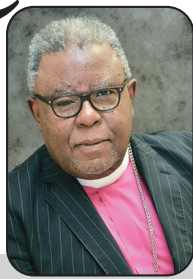
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fellow student activists and young activists were all influenced by her example, counsel, and convening, and we all shared a special debt of reverence and gratitude.

Ella Baker was tough and disciplined and demanded the best of the young and older adults around her. She understood that movement building was about more than protests and meetings and speeches—it was hard, daily, persistent, and sacrificial behind-the-scenes work. She was an institution builder and stressed the importance of strong institutions that could last over

time rather than reliance on a single strong leader. And as a woman, Ella Baker was fully aware of but unimpressed by the men she worked with who devalued the advice of women and sometimes resented her forcefulness, prodding, and “mothering.” She made no special effort to be ingratiating.

She labored at SCLC as she had at the NAACP to raise money, conduct voter registration drives, speak to citizen groups (sometimes ten times a day), and travel to community after community to help people help themselves. She warned against

SCLC becoming “a cult of personality” for Dr. King rather than an organized means of empowering others, and she eventually left SCLC after deciding that movement building was more important than the specific organization and personalities involved. At a gathering celebrating Ella Baker’s 75th birthday, Bob Moses called her the “Fundis,” the person in the community who masters a craft with the help of the community and teaches it to other people. Fundi became the title of a film on her extraordinary life and work.

Ella Baker remains my civil rights

generation’s Fundis. The Children’s Defense Fund Freedom Schools Ella Baker Child Policy Training Institute proudly honors her. Sixty years after she taught us that we who believe in freedom cannot rest until it comes, we can all honor her by keeping her belief in freedom and equality alive until it becomes the reality for every mother’s child.

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publicans dominate every aspect of state government while controlling both U.S. Senate seats and three of the four U.S. House seats. After Obama left office, Trump also won the state in the last two presidential elections. Duplicate this in pockets throughout the nation, and the Democrats are hard-pressed to keep the Obama-winning coalition together. It shows how the Democrats are losing the culture wars. Surprisingly, the Democrat’s big tent does not accept the rural White working-class voters in the same manner it accepts White working-class voters from urban areas who typically aligned themselves with unions. The political transformation saw Iowa change from red to blue and back to red. Today, Florida is in the midst of its own political transformation by building on a trend over the last decade that has pushed the state further to the right. Miami-Dade County has

long been a Democratic stronghold in Florida. If Republican success in expanding their support with Hispanic voters continues to gain momentum, it would likely take Florida out of play entirely for Democrats in future presidential elections.

Fernand Amandi, a Democratic pollster who worked on Obama’s successful 2012 presidential campaign, said that instead of working to counter the GOP’s outreach efforts, Democrats, by and large, ceded ground to Republicans, especially in Miami-Dade County. “The larger realignment has been accelerated by the lack of a comparable presence on the playing field by Democratic organizations and party efforts to try to maintain or regain the hold they had on Hispanic voters in 2016,” Amandi said. “They just left the playing field.”

As the Democrat’s political base shrinks in Florida with a growing number of Hispanic voters

flipping to the Republicans, the Democratic Party’s dependence on the Black vote becomes even more critical with future elections. No one likes to be taken for granted. As rural voters nationally felt ignored and taken for granted, Hispanic voters in certain areas of the nation are feeling the same way. The Democrats cannot afford to make the same mistake with Black voters.

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er than Trump saying he could do whatever he wanted to do with the documents.

He also claims he will be a dictator once he is elected again. Well, I have no problem knowing Black women will be the biggest supporters to prevent his dream of becoming a dictator. I pray that women of all racial and ethnic groups will join us and prevent him from getting to be president again. Remember, he wants to continue urging people to prevent women from controlling our own bodies, and he says he is proud for making it possible for his Supreme Court to overturn Roe v. Wade.

Now, let’s go back to Georgia. Thanks to Georgia Judge, Honorable Scott McAfee. He obviously knew who we date had nothing to do with the relation-

ship between our sister, D.A. Fani Willis, and Atty. Nathan Wade. She didn’t just say, “Let me give this job to Nathan.” She gave it to him after asking others and being turned down and because she found him to be a qualified attorney. He was not found to be guilty, nor was she. This case was all about Wade being a Black man and Fani being a Black woman who were capable of trying a case against Trump and more likely than not, to convict him and the other parties—some of whom have already pled guilty.

Dr. E. Faye Williams is president of the Dick Gregory Society and president emerita of the National Congress of Black Women, Inc. (NCBW).



Combatting Loneliness in Older Adults

FAMILY FEATURES

The bonds found in friendships and other relationships are an important factor in health and wellness – even science says so.

According to the American Psychological Association, forming and maintaining social connections at any age is one of the most reliable predictors of a healthy, happy and long life. Studies show having strong and supportive friendships can fend off depression and anxiety, lower blood pressure and heart rates in stressful situations and change the way people perceive daunting tasks.

However, statistics show approximately half of U.S. adults lack companionship and feel socially disconnected, according to the U.S. Surgeon General's Advisory on the Healing Effects of Social Connection and Community. In fact, 12% don't have anyone they consider a close friend, per the Survey Center on American Life. This "epidemic of loneliness," as coined by U.S. Surgeon General Dr. Vivek Murthy, can take a severe toll on mental and physical health.

As people age, the risks of isolation increase. With America's older population growing rapidly – the 65 and older population reached more than 55 million in 2020 – discussing how older adults can combat loneliness is relevant to public health and individual well-being.

Consider volunteering, which is one of the best and most rewarding ways to combat loneliness.

Volunteering Combats Loneliness

People often volunteer to find a sense of purpose, learn new skills, improve their



communities or establish new routines after retiring or becoming empty nesters. For many, making friends through volunteer work is a welcome bonus. The act of volunteering provides proven benefits for older adults.

Forming connections can make all the difference in a person's volunteer experience and sense of well-being. People who meet through volunteer work inherently share a

common interest and something to bond over. These friendships can carry over outside of volunteer work and lead to bonding over other hobbies and interests.

Connection-Focused Volunteer Opportunities

In addition to making friends with fellow volunteers, many older adults also form

relationships with the people they're serving, especially if those recipients are their peers.

For example, AmeriCorps Seniors is the national service and volunteerism program in the federal agency of AmeriCorps that connects adults aged 55 and up to local service opportunities that match their interests. Its Senior Companion Program pairs volunteers with other older adults or those with disabilities who need companionship or assistance. Volunteers may help with tasks such as paying bills, shopping or getting companions to appointments. In some cases, volunteers may also provide support and respite for family members caring for loved ones with chronic illnesses.

"We often think of volunteering as 'giving back,' but we've seen firsthand that it often becomes so much more than that," said Atalaya Sergi, director of AmeriCorps Seniors. "By spending a few hours each week with another older adult in need of support, our volunteers are not only giving back to others, but they're adding meaning to their own lives and establishing new connections. They're helping to fight the loneliness epidemic one visit at a time."

Growing older can come with challenges, but some of those can be minimized with a positive mindset and commitment to remaining connected and engaged – whether with friends, relatives or fellow community members. Fostering relationships is a key ingredient to a healthier and more fulfilling life.

For more information and to find volunteer opportunities near you, visit [AmeriCorps.gov/YourMoment](https://www.AmeriCorps.gov/YourMoment).

Meet Friends Who Connected Through Service

Ray Maestas felt unfulfilled post-retirement and began volunteering with the AmeriCorps Seniors Senior Companion Program. He was connected with Bob Finnerty, a man with blindness looking for assistance a few days each week. They quickly struck up a routine of errands, reading and conversation that's since become a friendship they both cherish.

"The Senior Companion Program has provided an avenue to enrich the lives of not only the participants but the people who are volunteering," Maestas said. "Bob and I have gotten to the point where he's a very important part of my life."

Finnerty echoed those sentiments and shared his own appreciation for Maestas' friendship. "I've always relished my independence and I feel Ray is not just a person who reads for me – he's a friend," Finnerty said.

In the last few years, Maestas moved and now serves with a different chapter of the Senior Companion Program. He and Finnerty keep in touch. Maestas said they talk about every third day.



Bob Finnerty and Ray Maestas

COMMUNITY

NCA&TSU and Cone Health to create health care options for East Greensboro residents

Entrepreneurship, jobs and better health are on tap for East Greensboro through a partnership between Cone Health and the North Carolina A&T Real Estate Foundation. Groundbreaking will be held in late April on the first phase of The Resurgent. It is a mixed-use development focused on revitalizing the area around East Market Street near Benbow Road, across from North Carolina A&T State University and close to Hwy. 29.

The \$32 million Resurgent project marks a significant economic and medical milestone for the region. Cone Health's Catch 5 in 5 initiative has identified the area as a place where people have 15 years shorter lifespans than people living in other areas. Low-incomes and a lack of easy access to health care are among the



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reasons for the gap. This project addresses both.

Cone Health will open urgent care and primary care medical offices on the first two floors of the four story, approximately 54,000 sq. ft. building. The health care provider expects 25,000 people a year to use those facilities. The other floors will house offices and an entrepreneur-

ship hub.

"The ability to have easy access to high-quality health care close to where people live and work cannot be overstated," says Cone Health CEO Dr. Mary Jo Cagle. "This innovative partnership with North Carolina A&T State University will make a profound difference in the life and health of this community,

and we are delighted to be part of it." Cone Health is a 40 percent owner of the project.

The Resurgent is poised to become a beacon of revitalization for the East Market Street corridor, stimulating economic growth and job creation. With an anticipated \$1.6 million in new annual payroll and the establishment of an entrepreneurial hub within the building, which will include the university's Center of Excellence for Entrepreneurship & Innovation, the project is set to empower local entrepreneurs and drive economic development.

"This joint venture epitomizes our shared dedication to innovation, collaboration, and community impact," remarked Kimberly Cameron, executive director of the North Carolina A&T Real Estate Foundation. "We believe

The Resurgent will serve as a catalyst for the redevelopment of East Market Street Corridor, fostering a vibrant ecosystem for economic prosperity."

The Resurgent project team includes:

- North Carolina A&T Real Estate Foundation, developer
- Cone Health, joint venture partner
- CJMW Architecture, architect
- Samet Corporation, general contractor
- River Ridge Capital, financial consultants
- Butler Snow, legal counsel

The project uses government New Market Tax Credits. Additional financing has been provided by Wells Fargo, The Innovate Fund, Partners for Common Good and the City of Greensboro.

Men Making Positive Changes



Rosa Foundation honoree Dr. Henry Smith and Greensboro Mayor Pro Tempore Yvonne Johnson.



Photos by Ivan Saul Cutler/Carolina Peacemaker Rosa Foundation's 2024 "Men Making Positive Changes" honorees are (L-R) Germaine Cousar, James Benton, Dr. Henry Smith and Greensboro City Councilmember Hugh Holston.

By Ivan Saul Cutler
Carolina Peacemaker

The Rosa Foundation honored four "Men Making Positive Changes," in recognition of their personal and professional contributions to improving the quality of life in Black and Brown communities.

In the foundation's fourth annual event, honorees included Greensboro Councilmember Hugh Holston, community leadership; Germaine Cousar, education and athletics; James Benton, youth advocacy; and Dr. Henry Smith, lifesaving achievements.

"Our aim is to redefine perceptions of men, particularly within the Black and Brown community," said James Rosa Jr., co-founder of the Rosa Foundation. "We are determined to showcase the presence of admirable men, devoted fathers and exemplary leaders in our midst."

Sheriff's department warns of phone scams

Sheriff Danny H. Rogers reports that the Guilford County Sheriff's Office has issued another fraud warning to citizens that scammers are pretending to be law enforcement officers and calling residents to scam them by demanding they pay fines to avoid arrest. There have been numerous reports from citizens regarding unknown persons who were calling and identifying themselves as Deputy Sheriffs. It has been reported that the scam callers are claiming to be law enforcement officers and in some cases are using actual local law enforcement officers' names from the Guilford County Sheriff's Office.

Many of these criminals are claiming that a court date or jury duty summons has been missed and a warrant has been or will be issued unless the person pays a fine via pre-paid cards. These scammers often speak quickly and use an authoritative tone to put pressure on the citizen so he or she will agree to send money without question. The numbers that the reported scammers have called from recently are "spoofed" numbers that begin with 336-641-**** which make it appear that it is an extension from the Guilford County Sheriff's Office. Often these criminals use "burner" phones and the numbers that they call from may change frequently to avoid detection.

The Guilford County Sheriff's Office will never ask that a citizen pay any fine by cash, credit card, pre-paid card, PayPal, CashApp,

etc. The Guilford County Sheriff's Office does not conduct this type of business over the telephone and citizens should be very cautious not to provide any personal or financial details over the telephone. If a person thinks that they owe a fine or has an inquiry about a warrant or arrest they should contact the sheriff's office directly by calling (336) 641-3690.

Anyone with information or questions regarding these scams is asked to contact the FBI by filing a report at www.ic3.gov or you can call the Guilford County Sheriff's Office at (336) 641-3690.

TIPS TO AVOID SCAMS:

- Don't answer calls from numbers you do not recognize.
- Don't return one-ring calls from unknown numbers.
- If you do answer and it's a robo-caller or believe it to be a scam, just hang up without saying anything.
- Don't press any buttons or give out any information.

As an additional reminder, the Guilford County Sheriff's Office will never:

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WORLD BRIEFS

Marrakech's botanical garden adapts to survive climate change

AfricaNews - Botanical garden in the Moroccan city of Marrakech has been feeling the effects of climate change as temperatures rise and rainfall patterns shift.

In response to the issue, the caretakers of Jardin Majorelle have implemented various solutions to mitigate the impact.

One of those adaptations involved reducing water-intensive features.

Gardeners began decreasing the number of bamboo plants and removing flowers and roses, which consume substantial amounts of water.

They also prioritized drought-resistant

flora to ensure sustainable water usage.

Since 2019, mulching has also become a fundamental practice at Jardin Majorelle.

Gardeners use "all that falls from trees—branches, leaves, anything cut by the gardening team—to crush it at a composting station in the garden itself and to apply what is known as mulch at the base of certain plants," explained Alexis Sornin, the director of the Yves Saint-Laurent Museum at the Garden.

By covering the soil with organic matter, they retain moisture, suppress weed growth and enhance soil fertility.

Water basins have



AfricaNews

Gardeners began decreasing the number of bamboo plants and removing flowers and roses, which consume substantial amounts of water at Marrakech's Jardin Majorelle.

been covered to minimize evaporation, and water-intensive grass has been replaced with low-maintenance small stones.

The use of wastewater was also implemented as an adaptation solution.

"This approach ensures that it is not

the city's water supply, which is in large demand, that sustains the garden, but rather water that is used, recycled," Sornin said.

Some visitors, like Sandrine Szajkao from France, have noticed the difference.

"I noticed, for example, there is no longer a lawn. Everything that is categorized as mineral is beneficial against climate change, and indeed, it raises the question of how long we can maintain this garden in its current state without wasting water," she said.

Despite the changes to adapt to the climate crisis, Jardin Majorelle keeps attracting visitors to its serene atmosphere.

The garden, which was opened to the public in 1947, was visited by more than a million people last year.

Women's stand-up breaking barriers in Africa



AfricaNews

Germaine Ololo is a renowned Congolese comedian.

AfricaNews - Germaine Ololo is a renowned Congolese comedian. Whenever on stage she raises awareness one joke at a time. Be it a scene on forced

marriage, violence against women or on the complicated situation of widows in society, there is no taboo issue for her.

The comedian

who is a mentor to younger counterparts, welcomes them every week at the headquarters of the Fief which can be translated as the In-

ternational Festival of Women's Speech. Together, the women prepare workshops and shows but they also discuss ways to promote women's empowerment in the field of art and culture.

"That's what art is all about, enrich the ordinary language to get a message across, I think that public speaking today, whether it's telling tales, being a slam poet or a stand UP comedian, all these forms of art must be tools to try to educate," Ololo says.

Stand up is a pop-

ular theatrical form of comic monologue. On the continent, the number of women comedian keeps increasing by the day.

Many African stars have become sources of inspiration for young women. Ivorian comedian Prissy La Degammeuse was in Pointe Noire for the second edition of the Stand up au Feminin Festival [Editor's Note: Women Stand Up Festival] (Mar. 8-Mar. 10).

"I am so happy, to be totally honest, I am still moved. I was able to get on

stage today and even talk a bit to Prissy," one spectator says.

Comedian Alex Cadi explains why she loves stand up: "I like [it] because through it, I can share my thoughts, my vision."

The 2024 International Women's Day theme, "Invest in Women: Accelerate Progress," has been largely welcomed by Congolese civil society group who call for a greater support for initiatives led by actresses in the field culture with the aim to contribute to women's empowerment.

Zimbabwe predicts a sharp decline in tobacco crop as El Niño takes toll

AfricaNews - Zimbabwe, Africa's largest tobacco producer, began its annual tobacco-selling season last week, with officials and farmers projecting a sharp decline in harvests and quality because of a drought blamed on climate change and worsened by the El Niño weather phenomenon.

From a record harvest of 296 million kilograms (326,000 tons) last year, the country is estimating that production will fall to about 235 million kilograms (259,000 tons) this season, said Patrick Devenish, chairman of the Tobacco Industry Marketing Board, at the official opening event in the capital, Harare.

"Most of our tobacco is grown by small-scale farmers. They depend on the rains, and a drought is not good for their crop," Devenish said. "The quality of some of the tobacco may also be affected"

He said Zimbabwe sells the bulk of its tobacco to China, although Western and Eastern Europe and



AfricaNews

Zimbabwean workers on the tobacco auction floor inspect a crop during the auction opening.

parts of Africa remain important markets. In 2023, it received a record \$1.2 billion from tobacco exports, up from \$975 million in 2022, according to the TIMB. Tobacco is one of the country's major foreign currency earners, along with minerals such as gold.

Agriculture minister Anxious Masuka said small-scale farmers, who lack equipment and depend on rain, produce about 75 percent of the crop. This makes the country's production vulnerable to weather conditions.

Like some of its

southern African neighbors, Zimbabwe is battling a devastating drought that aid agencies blame on El Niño and climate change.

Tobacco production had been rebounding in the tiny African nation, after plummeting from about 240 million kilograms (265,000 tons) in 1998 to less than 50 million kilograms (60,000 tons) a decade later following the eviction of several thousand White farmers who accounted for the majority of growers.

With last year's re-

cord harvest, Zimbabwe regained its spot as one of the world's top 10 exporters of tobacco, alongside mega producer China, India, Brazil, the United States and Indonesia.

China has been central to Zimbabwe's tobacco boom by establishing a grower contract system run by the state-owned China National Tobacco Corp., the world's largest cigarette producer. Under the system, the Chinese company provides seeds, fertilizers, food, and money to pay for labor and wood for curing the tobacco to Black

farmers, who now make up the majority of Zimbabwe's tobacco producers. The farmers, in exchange, are obligated to sell their crop to the Chinese company or its agents.

About 95 percent of Zimbabwe's crop is financed through the contract system, which is now also offered by some non-Chinese local and foreign companies. Farmers, many of whom are unable to get loans from banks due to a lack of collateral, say this financing system leaves them in a cycle of debt.

The country had hoped to increase its harvest to 300 million kilograms (330,000 tons) by the end of 2025 under a government-led tobacco transformation plan adopted in 2021.

But the drought has badly dented farmers' optimism this season.

"The drought is likely to cost farmers 20 percent or more of their usual earnings," said George Seremwe, president of the Zimbabwe Tobacco Growers Association, which represents Black small-scale farmers.

Likephone Makii,

a tobacco farmer from Madziwa, about 140 kilometers (90 miles) northwest of Harare, looked at the price he received at auction for one of his bales, just \$1.70 a kilogram because of its poor quality, and shook his head in dejection.

Makii, who has been growing tobacco for the last nine years, said he usually harvests 6,000-7,000 kilograms (6.6-7.7 tons) from his two-hectare (5-acre) plot, which relies on rainwater. He expects only 3,000 kilograms (3.3 tons) this season.

"It has been the toughest season for me and my fellow small-scale farmers," he said.

Reliant solely on tobacco for survival, Makii predicted his family would need food assistance to make it through the year.

He will join millions of others forced to rely on food aid as the drought takes its toll on families that grow cash crops such as tobacco as well as staple foods such as maize, according to aid agencies.

Sports, Arts & Entertainment

The Week of Thursday, March 21 to Wednesday, March 27, 2024

March Madness at Rankin Elementary

By Ivan Saul Cutler
Carolina Peacemaker

Exciting youth basketball filled the day at the first March Madness Classic, attracting several teams from Greensboro YMCA branches, plus two schools, Rankin Elementary and Washington Montessori Elementary.

In Rankin's cozy gymnasium packed with cheering and intensely engaged parents, seven teams played on March 9, ending in a championship contest between the YMCA's Mamba Squad defeating Washington Montessori.

Communities in Schools (CIS), Greensboro YMCA

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After grabbing a rebound, a Washington Montessori player (neon yellow jersey) passes the ball over the heads of YMCA Mamba Squad players (blue jerseys).



Photos by Ivan Saul Cutler/Carolina Peacemaker
A Washington Montessori player looks to pass the ball to a teammate.

N.C. State beats No. 4 North Carolina to win ACC Tournament

Courtesy The ACC

WASHINGTON, D.C.

With their pair of DJs spinning a winning tune, the N.C. State Wolfpack are going dancing in the NCAA Tournament after capping a historic run by knocking off fourth-ranked North Carolina.

DJ Horne scored 29 points, DJ Burns Jr. had 20, including the first 3-pointer of his college career, and N.C. State won the 2024 Atlantic Coast Conference Men's Basketball Tournament final, beating the Tar Heels, 84-76, on Saturday night.

The Wolfpack became just the second team to win any conference tournament as a double-digit seed, 10th out of 15 teams, and the first to win the ACC's with five victories in



The Tar Heels' Seth Timble guards the Wolfpack's Michael O'Conner, who tallied 10 points, four rebounds and two assists in N.C. State's win over rival UNC.

as many days.

"Winning five games in five nights is a miracle," emotional N.C. State coach

Kevin Keatts said. "We've

got to get some rest because, guess what, we're going to the NCAA tournament."

Horne starred while

playing 32 minutes through foul trouble, going

shot for shot with UNC's unanimous ACC player of the year RJ Davis, who was spectacular with 30 points.

As he encouraged cheers from the crowd, fans in red chanted, "DJ Horne! DJ Horne!" when he fouled out with 1:11 left.

"I can't even put it into words right now," Horne said. "Just a week ago, it was looking like our season was about to be over, and here we are now, man, on top of the world."

Fans then chanted Burns' name when he was named tournament MVP.

"We knew we were capable of it," Burns said. "It just doesn't feel real. It may eventually."

After Keatts said repeatedly his team was one of many needing to win the

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The Bookworm Sez

Books on getting older and enjoying life

By Various Authors

Book Reviews

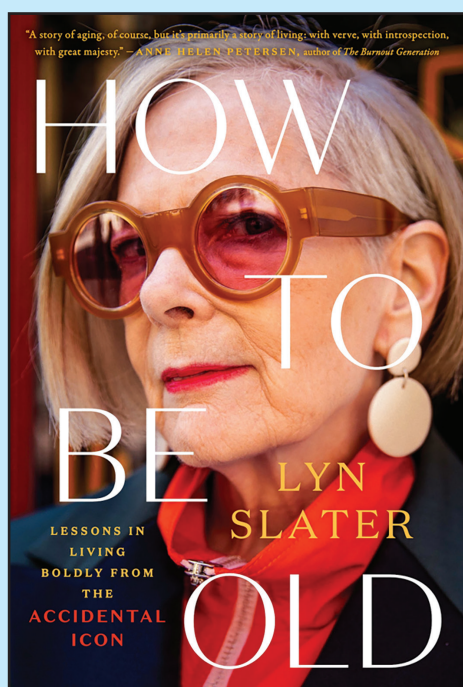
By Terri Schlichenmeyer

There's an alternative, but it's not always a good one.

You can grow old or... well, you could die. Other choices: remain grumpy in your chair, or look out the window and see what's outside. You can have joy or regrets. Gather your years or deny them, keep the gray or dye your hair, live or die. You can read these great books on aging, and ignore what's inside or carpe diem.

The year before she entered her sixties, Lyn Slater says she "couldn't find anything to wear." Nothing "inspired" her, which seemed to be a metaphor: what she put on her body "always helped me tell stories about myself."

She was excited to enter a fresh new decade of life, though, despite being inundated with reminders of her age, which only "served to provoke me." She decided to return to school, to take classes for fashion design, to create a new wardrobe and a new story, and in "How to Be Old" (Plume, \$28.00),



she writes of a decade of radical change.

On her first day of classes, Slater noticed that she was "the oldest person in the room" but nobody cared; they were more interested in what she wore. As time progressed and she learned that her experiences mattered, someone mentioned that she should have a blog. Slater began to dream. Soon, she began to blog.

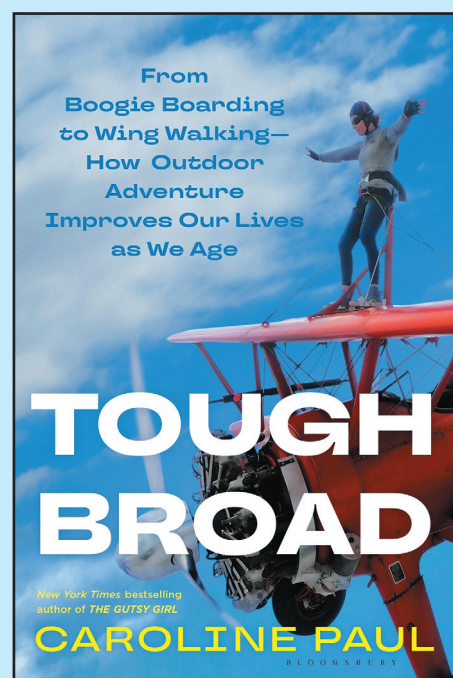
"How to Be Old" is a delight

that mixes a passion for fashion with glee for a second career and love at a later age. Readers will be well-served by heeding Slater's advice: "It's one thing to think about doing something; it's another to actually do it."

Keep that in mind, too, when reading "Tough Broad" by Caroline Paul (Bloomsbury, \$27.99), who was once a firefighter and has always taken the wild road. Why, she asks, do we associate skateboarding with youth? Who says you can't surf into your so-called senior years? Adventure seemed to be in Paul's DNA so why should life be any different as an older woman?

Here, she picks up her active life by following several women who've embraced their outdoor passions, never mind age. Paul goes BASE jumping a 52-year-old woman and deep diving with an 80-year-old. She tries to "keep up" with a 93-year-old fast-walker. She learns to wing-walk, to swim long distances, kayak, and paddleboard with women older than her mother.

And on that note, Paul thinks about her mother. Her mom was always willing to join in when something seemed like fun.



These memories help Paul learn where her adventurous streak came from, and new adventures help bring this book full-circle in a wonderful way. Readers will be charmed and inspired to try something new, to move and dive and breathe, no matter what their age.

Libraries and bookstore shelves are full of books about skincare, heart health, arthritis

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Peacemaker Sports Schedule

NCAA DIVISION 1 BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

Thursday, March 21

SOUTH Region

#4 Duke Vs. #13 Vermont
#6 Texas Tech
vs. #11 NC State

MID-WEST

Virginia vs. #10 Colorado
Montana
vs. #16 Grambling State

WEST

#1 UNC

vs. #16 Howard/Wagner Winner
#9 New Mexico vs. #11 Clemson

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COLLEGE BASEBALL (MEN)

**FRI, SAT, SUN,
MARCH 22-24**

Methodist @ Greensboro

Mercer @ UNCG

NCA&TSU

@ College of Charleston

Richmond @ HPU

Saturday, March 23

Guilford @ Randolph Macon

Tuesday, March 26

Guilford @ Roanoke College

NCA&TSU @ UNC

NC State @ UNCG

Radford @ HPU

NBA G - LEAGUE - GREENSBORO SWARM

**FRI, SAT, SUN,
MARCH 22-24**

Oklahoma City @ GSO Swarm

Monday, March 25

GSO Swarm

@ Westchester Knicks

Logan's walk-off homer leads A&T to win over George Mason

Courtesy A&T Athletics

Senior Michael Logan took the first pitch he saw from George Mason right-hander Kyle Menaker (L, 1-1) and punched a three-run walk-off home run over the left-field wall to lead the North Carolina A&T baseball team to a 5-4 win over the Patriots at War Memorial Stadium on Saturday.

"Last night, I got a first-pitch fastball from the same guy, so I knew they were going to come right back after me," said Logan. "I just put my foot down, and I was ready to go. I put my best swing on it."

The Aggies improved to 13-5 on the season and 8-0 at home in weekend series.

Logan finished 3-for-4 with two runs scored. All three of his RBIs came on the game-winning homer. Logan's heroics were set into motion after one was already out in the inning. Senior infielder Devon Rodriguez singled through the left side, and senior outfielder Shemar Dalton had a 10-pitch at-bat that led to another single.

George Mason called upon Menaker, who pitched an inning in A&T's Friday win at War Memorial. He threw only one pitch on Saturday as Logan crushed his first home run and the third of his career.

"It was an emotional game," said A&T head coach Ben Hall. "To come back like that in the ninth is obviously exciting. We didn't play our baseball, for sure. We left a boatload of runs up there in the early part of the game. But credit their pitcher, he did a good job of getting out of some jams."

A&T did not wait around early and came out aggressive in the first inning. Logan logged his eighth hit-by-pitch of the season and stole second base. Seniors Tatsunori Negishi and Chet Sikes also reached by a walk to load the bases. George Mason starter, LHP Konner Eaton, struggled with command throughout his start but



Courtesy A&T Athletics
A&T's Tatsunori Negishi at bat.

struck out junior AJ Jones to end A&T's first-inning threat.

Eaton also pitched out of a bases-loaded situation in the fourth before getting some offensive help from Reece Woody, who hit a solo home run in the fifth. Eaton's counterpart, junior RHP Diego Barrett, dealt all game long and gave the Aggies a phenomenal start. Barrett turned in six innings, allowing two hits while striking out two.

Barrett also received help in the fifth after the Patriots replaced Eaton with LHP Ty Uchman. Negishi continued his hot hitting, belting a two-run home run to give the Aggies a 2-1 lead. Senior RHP Jake Delisi (W, 2-1) battled with the George Mason offense over the last three innings. He came in with a runner on base during the seventh and limited the damage to one run as the Patriots tied the game at 2-2.

In the eighth inning, Connor Dykst hit a two-run double off Delisi to give the Patriots a 4-2 lead, leading to the Aggies' phenomenal ninth inning. Dalton had a hit on Saturday to increase his hitting streak to seven games and extend his reaching base safely streak to 14 games. Negishi reached base all four times he came to the plate, walking twice, hitting the home run, and a single.

Guilford Men's Basketball sees season end in National Semifinals to Hampden-Sydney

Burch, Dearman, and Proctor score 15-plus each as best season since 2010 concludes



Courtesy Guilford College Athletics
The Guilford College men's basketball team finished 26-5 and made the NCAA Division-III Men's Basketball Tournament for the first time since 2019.

Courtesy Guilford College

FORT WAYNE, IN. – It was a battle straight through the final horn, but ultimately the Guilford College men's basketball team fell in a battle of Old Dominion Athletic Conference (ODAC) foes to Hampden-Sydney College in the National Semifinals of the 2024 NCAA Division-III Men's Basketball Tournament, 62-57, on Thursday night (March 14) at the Allen County War Memorial Coliseum.

"Yeah, I thought it was a heck of a game," Head Coach Tom Palombo said. "That is a heck of a team in Hampden-Sydney, they made some plays down the stretch. I am really proud of our guys, we had a heck of a season and played a heck of a game, they were just a little bit better today."

With the loss the Quakers season comes to a close, but what a season it was, finishing 26-5, making the National Tournament for the first time since 2019 and reaching the Final Four and piling up their highest win total since 2010. The Tigers, meanwhile, advance to battle Trine in the National Championship game after improving to 31-2.

In a contest that featured nine ties and a dozen lead changes, it was ultimately H-SC's victory in the interior with 30 points in the paint against 19 for Guilford that was the difference. Neither team shot particularly well, with GC shooting 33.3 percent and 29.0 percent on their 31 three-point attempts. Hampden-Sydney shot 42.1 percent and 29.4 percent from range.

In what ended up as their final collegiate games, the tandem of Tyler Dearman (Greensboro, N.C.) and Julius Burch (Greensboro, N.C.) were tremendous. They each scored 16 points. Burch shot 6-of-9 and recorded his tenth double-double with 11 rebounds, including six offensive, with a team-high three assists and two steals. Dearman added four rebounds, a pair of assists, a game-high four steals.

Luke Proctor (Apex, N.C.) scored well, pouring in 15 points making five of his ten three-point attempts in addition to five boards. Rob Littlejohn (Columbus, Ohio) scored eight with two steals and three blocks.

Davidson Hubbard scored 16 to lead the Tigers making 6-of-12 from the field. Ryan Clements and Shane Fernald scored ten apiece with Clements also securing eight rebounds and Fernald contributing five assists off the bench.

The differentiator ended up being the balance for Hampden-Sydney who had three other players score six-or-more points outside of their trio of double-digit scorers, against just one such player for the Quakers.

The first ten minutes transpired exactly like a matchup be-

tween two of the five best defenses in Division-III should. The Tigers scored on their opening possession as after about 25 seconds of great defense, Josiah Hartley made a tough fadeaway jumper from just outside the restricted area. It took the Quakers a few minutes to get on the board as after Hubbard split a pair at the line, Proctor cashed in a straight-away three to even things at three. Burch made a pair at the charity stripe at precisely the 16-minute mark, giving GC the lead right out of it, 5-3.

Moments later, Burch fought through contact, earning three points the old-fashioned way giving Guilford an 8-7 edge, but that sparked a run by Hampden-Sydney as they countered with seven-straight. Dearman halted the stretch with a three and after a second-chance jumper with his foot on the line, by Alex Elliott, the Quakers made their move. A second-chance score by Burch, and a second-chance three by Littlejohn brought things even again. The seven-point spurt and the five-straight by Guilford that followed would constitute the longest run by either side in the half. Both teams found some comfort during the final six minutes of the frame, as suddenly this defensive slog that saw 32 combined points over 14 minutes of play, saw 27 across the final six minutes. It essentially was all in a punch-counterpunch pattern and as Burch fielded a missed shot and laid in put-back as the horn sounded, it gave GC a 30-29 lead.

Guilford made six threes against just two for H-SC and also scored eight points off six Tiger turnovers against three for the opposition. As a result, they still had the lead despite an 18-8 disadvantage in points in the paint.

A flurry of scoring over the first seven-and-a-half minutes of the second half brought the score to 40-37 before the Quakers struck. While spread-out, GC poured in ten-straight on a second-chance midrange shot by Burch, a layup from Dearman, the first career three-pointer of Burch's career, a second-chance look as the shot clock expired, and even more second-chance points, on a three by Proctor extended the lead to three possessions for the first time all night by either side at 47-40.

H-SC responded with consecutive threes out of the hands of Elliott and Hubbard, then another two by Hubbard and a turnaround basket by Adam Brazil. A Dearman layup only temporarily stopped the bleeding, as Clements made a three, Hubbard got a second-chance layup, and Clements threw down a dunk making the score 57-49 and unfortunately, the Quakers would not be able to get it to a one-possession game the rest of the way, falling, 62-57.

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and joint care, and other physical issues of aging. But if you want a book about your inner life, these tales of embracing your age are nice alternatives.

Terri Schlichenmeyer is the Peacemaker bookworm. She resides in LaCrosse, Wisconsin, where it's still snowing but spring will arrive soon.

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Howard University wins 2024 Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference (MEAC) Men's Basketball Championship

Courtesy The MEAC

NORFOLK, VA. - The Bison of Howard University are the 2024 Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference (MEAC) Men's Basketball Champion after defeating the Hornets of Delaware State University in a nail-biter of a finale with a final score of 70-67.

The Bison claimed their second championship title in the last three seasons and clinch the MEAC's automatic bid to the NCAA Championship Tournament.

Jordan Hairston had 18 points to lift Howard to a 70-67 win over a scabby Delaware State team Saturday to win its second consecutive Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference (MEAC) title.

The Bison, the tourney's fourth seed, also got 16 points each from Seth Towns and Bryce Harris, and 15 from Marcus Dockery in the win. Howard improved to 18-16 on the year.

Towns also pulled down eight boards to tie for game rebounding honors in the win, while Harris added



Courtesy The MEAC

Howard University will open play on Thursday, March 21 against Wagner. The winner will play #1 UNC in the NCAA West Region.

seven boards and Isiah Warfield six in the win.

The Hornets, who had played the role of "giant-killer" with wins over third-seeded South Carolina State and North Carolina Central, the second seed, was led by Jevin Muniz with 24 points and Martaz Robinson with 16, along with eight rebounds and three assists in the loss. The Hornets ended their season at 15-18.

Delaware State was in the MEAC finals for the first time since 2015 and was seeking its first tournament title since the 2005 campaign. How-

ard will be making its second straight appearance in the "Big Dance." The Bison lost to Kansas last season.

Howard took an early 19-9 lead in the game with 13:54 on the first-half clock and took a 40-34 lead at the half. The Hornets, who had come from behind in their earlier wins in the quarterfinals and semifinals, made another comeback and seized a 42-40 edge with just under 17 minutes left, before Harris, who had been limited to just four free throws in the opening half, got his first field goal of the game with 16:22 on the clock to give his

team a 44-42 cushion.

The Bison increased their lead to 47-42 but Muniz led a Hornet charge that gave his team a 50-49 edge with 13:10 showing. Delaware State grabbed a 55-49 lead with a 5-0 spree with 10:50 remaining but the seesaw battle continued and was deadlocked at 56-all after Harris made one of two from the line for Howard with 7:26 to play.

Following three ties, the last at 60-60 with 4:39 on the clock, Delaware State went over four minutes without a point as Howard took a 66-60 lead, one it would not relinquish. Delaware

State could only get to within two, 68-66, the rest of the way.

Howard's Blakeney praised the play of Coach Stan Waterman's Hornet squad and the fight the underdogs brought to the contest, and lauded the play of his team, especially Harris down the stretch.

"First of all, I'd like to give kudos to Coach Stan Waterman and his team," Blakeney said. "In all of my years of coaching and being around basketball, I have not seen a season like this. We used 13 different lineups due to injuries and COVID.

"We really shot the 3-point basket well in

the first half, but they made adjustments at the half," he continued. "This allowed Bryce more room inside and that proved to be very effective for us down the stretch."

Waterman praised his team's effort and noted the experience of Howard, which he said was key in the outcome of the contest.

"A huge factor was the experience of Howard," Waterman said. "They have been here before. My hats off to Coach Blakeney and his team and we wish them well in the NCAA playoffs."

A&T falls in CAA semifinals

Courtesy A&T Athletics

WASHINGTON, D.C. - With two of the best guards in the Coastal Athletic Association (CAA) saddled with foul trouble early, the CAA tournament semifinal women's basketball game at the Entertainment & Sports Arena between the North Carolina A&T Aggies and the Stony Brook Seawolves Saturday afternoon came down to who could survive the respective personnel losses.

It was the top-seeded Seawolves as they advanced to the conference tournament final by eliminating the Aggies with a 59-51 win over the Aggies. SBU improved to 27-3 overall, and A&T dropped to 20-11.

SBU survived with efficiency, converting on 20 of its 49 shot attempts. The Aggies took 71 shots, making only 21 to shoot 29.6 percent on the afternoon. Red-shirt sophomore center Chaniya Clark secured her third double-double in four games by finishing with 13 points and 12 rebounds, including six offensive rebounds. Senior guard D'Mya Tucker finished with 13 points and seven rebounds.

But A&T's first-team All-CAA

guard Jordyn Dorsey picked up her second foul with 4:05 remaining in the first half and her third foul with 5 1/2 minutes remaining in the third quarter, limiting her effectiveness for the Aggies. She did not score until the final second of the ballgame, going 1-for-12 from the floor. The Aggies also had 21 offensive rebounds.

On the flip side, referees called CAA player of the year Gigi Gonzalez for her second foul at the outset of the second quarter. She played only 21 minutes, scoring nine points. Yet, the Seawolves managed to maintain the lead for nearly three-fourths of the game.

"They can play bad and look good," said A&T head coach Tarell Robinson. "We forced them to 21 turnovers. We forced them to 15 turnovers in the second half, but they were still steady and never got rattled. Even with having to keep our conference player of the year, Ms. Gonzalez, on the bench, they still found a way to stay within the game, and they were able to win this game ugly. Hats off to them."

Gonzalez's second foul came when she made contact with D'Mya Tucker on a turnaround jump shot that Tucker converted for an attempt at a 3-point play. Tucker



Erin Mizelle/A&T Athletics Aggie senior guard D'Mya Tucker had 13 points and seven rebounds in Saturday's CAA semifinal loss to Stony Brook.

missed the free throw, keeping the game knotted at 18-18, but Gonzalez had to go to the bench. The two teams fought through three ties over the next five minutes. Along the way, Dorsey picked her second foul, but senior guard Maleia Bracone gave the Aggies the lead with a crossover dribble that led her down the lane for a layup and a 28-26 A&T lead.

It marked A&T's final lead of the game. The Seawolves scored the final six points of the half to take a 32-28 halftime lead. Dorsey fouled Gonzalez 4 1/2 minutes into the second half, sending Gonzalez to the free throw line. She made

one of two, Dorsey went to the bench, and Sherese Pittman netted a three from the corner to give the Seawolves a 40-30 lead.

The Aggies fought back, going on an 8-2 run culminating in Clark putting back a Dorsey miss to cut SBU's lead to 42-38. But before the end of the third quarter, Zaida Gonzalez hit a three to push SBU's lead to seven. SBU grew its lead to 11, 53-42, on two Gigi Gonzalez free throws with 4 1/2 minutes remaining in the game.

Tucker responded by swishing a 3-pointer and knocking down two free throws to get the Aggies to within six. But layups from Victoria Keenan and Khari Clark put the game away, leading to the Seawolves playing in the conference championship game versus Drexel on Sunday. Clark led the Seawolves with 14 points.

"We are earning and gaining respect," said Robinson about his team completing its second year in the CAA. "We want to continue to recruit the type of young women that want to represent this university and this program and want to be coached by me. If we do that, we will continue to put an excellent product out there."

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conference tournament to make the NAAs, his Wolfpack (22-14) won the ACC Tournament for the first time since 1987 under Jim Valvano, when it was played outside Washington in Landover, Maryland.

That one came in a similar fashion: against the top-seeded and regular-season champion Tar Heels, who had beaten the Wolfpack twice that season, just like this year.

The Wolfpack snatched an automatic NCAA bid, bursting someone's bubble and giving the ACC

at least a fourth team in the NCAA Tournament along with locks UNC, Duke and Clemson.

"Like I said from the jump, man, why not us?" Horne said.

UNC (27-7) likely shored up a top seed for March Madness by reaching the final with a rout of Florida State, then getting a starring performance from Davis to beat Pitt in the semifinals. Davis, Armando Bacot and their teammates won the ACC regular-season title but went cold down the stretch on Saturday, missing 12 consecutive shots down the

stretch.

"We didn't play our best basketball," Davis said. "Coach (Hubert) Davis always talks about response and how we're going to respond when we get knocked down, so going into the March Madness, we're going to have to prepare, come together as a group and fix the mistakes that we made tonight."

The fatigue of playing a fifth game in as many days, including overtime in the semifinals against Virginia, was noticeable at times. But N.C. State muscled through it, with plenty of bulk inside from

Burns, a 6-foot-9, 260-pound fifth-year senior.

In addition to backing down Bacot for several baskets and tying his career high with seven assists, his 3-pointer with the shot clock running out in the first half was his first from beyond the arc in his 160th college game. He shimied back down the court, flexed toward the crowd in the final minutes and his next action will be in the NCAA Tournament.

ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

At the Movies

Bob Marley: One Love (★★★)



By Dwight Brown
NNPA Film Critic



Courtesy Paramount Pictures
Kingsley Ben-Adir stars as Bob Marley in One Love.

It's like Bob Marley never left this earth. Credit his infectious music for keeping his legacy alive.

When you hear a Marley song, you get a fresh feeling. Like you're listening to it for the first time, even though you're not. Forty-three years after the reggae king's death, his essence, love, wisdom and social concerns are alive and well in his verses, choruses, lyrics and melodies. The power of Marley's music will lift viewers spirits for 1h 44m, as his story unfolds.

The script by Terence Winter, Frank E. Flowers and Zach Baylin isn't a cradle-to-grave recollection. Instead, it largely features snippets of his childhood, some adolescent years with most of the focus on his adulthood. This cliff notes version will satisfy the casual Marley fan. Those wanting a deeper dive should view the informative 2h 44min doc Marley, which was released in 2012 or read the detailed 464-page biography So Much Things to Say – The Oral History of Bob Marley, published in 2017.

Director Reinaldo Marcus Green (King Richard) brings Marley back to life like a griot telling a story to his village. The peaks, valleys, family, friends and music industry associates are depicted in a professional manner. This isn't an art film, though

that might have been the approach of a director like Steve McQueen (Lovers Rock). It's a traditional music bio/film, with some flashbacks. Just enough to fill in Marley's background and give audiences a way to understand his mental and emotional state.

As a teen Bob Marley (Quandajai Henriques), born and raised in the town of Nine Mile, in the parish of St. Ann, Jamaica, meets his sweetheart Rita (Nia Ashi). They're kindred souls. Fellow outcasts. She's maligned for being dark skinned: "They called me Blackie too-too." His light-skinned features draw derision too: "They called me Yellow boy." A bond holds them tight as the grown-up Marley (Kingsley Ben-Adir, One Night in Miami) and his crew The Wailers become famous reggae musicians worldwide and Rita (Lashana Lynch, The Woman King) leads their backup singers.

The drama on view isn't the deepest, even as it shows an attempted assassination (December 3, 1976),

pressure from the divisive government and threats levied by the island's gang leaders. The PG-13 rating means that the violence, romance and adult situations won't be graphic. Good news for wider audiences. Maybe disappointing for adults looking for stark realism.

Through the ups and downs, one element prevails, and it's Marley's music. An effect so strong it feels like it's in every frame, even when it isn't. A new generation will hear the love songs: "Could You Be Loved," "No Woman No Cry," and "Is this Love." The defiant, socially conscious ones: "Get up Stand up" and "Exodus." And the very circumspect "Redemption Song." This grace and power shouldn't be underestimated.

Embodying Marley's larger-than-life spirit is no small task. First, Ben-Adir doesn't look like the legend. Second, he can't sing like him either, which is likely why he's often lip-syncing. But by the end of the film, he's created an illusion so strong you're convinced that the world-famous reggae singer is in the house. Lynch plays Rita as the strong woman who'll correct her man when he's off the rails. Especially when his superstar career and expectations from politicians, fans and citizens of his homeland overwhelm him. One night in London at a swank party, they head outside to an alley to clear the air. After screaming, yelling and a face being slapped, they have words.

Rita: "I always liked your songs. Don't let what they did to us take away that side of you." Later in a very sad part of the film, closer to Marley's death in 1981, she lovingly restates her purpose in their relationship: "All I ever wanted to do was carry half the weight." From the crescendos to the decrescendos, Ben-Adis and Lynch find ways to keep the audience glued to the couple's enduring love.

Marley's outward feelings are different from the insecurities and trauma he holds inside. A haunting, evocative image of him as a kid running away from a burning field is a recurring nightmare. It's an eerie visual (cinematographer Robert Elswit, There Will be Blood; set designer Chris Lowe). As Marley accepts the Rastafarian way of life and its serenity, that metamorphosis is reflected in those visions. It's a nice touch.

Green films mega concert scenes well. Intimate moments in studios, when Marley, Peter Tosh (Alexx A-Game) and other musicians work out songs and melodies for his legendary Exodus album, are captivating too. Shots of Marley driving his BMW Bavarian car down dirt roads, with family and friends aboard, capture the unfettered country life in Jamaica.

With Rita and Ziggy Marley as producers, this condensed version of a musician who lived a storied, complicated life, is about as authentic and detailed as it can be. Only a mini-series or five-hour film could include everything. Don't be surprised if those more encompassing formats are produced and released someday in the future.

Bob Marley: One Love is a worthy addition to the features, docs, series and books that will continue to explore facets of the reggae superstar's existence. This may not be the ultimate Marley narrative, but this project respectfully keeps his memory and mission alive.

Come for the film, walk away humming the music.

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NAACP urges Black student-athletes to reconsider Florida colleges amid DEI funding controversy

By Stacy M. Brown
NNPA National Correspondent



NAACP President, Derrick Johnson.

NAACP president and CEO Derrick Johnson has called on Black student-athletes to reconsider their decisions to attend public colleges and universities in Florida. The call comes in response to a new state policy preventing institutions from utilizing government funds for diversity, equity and inclusion (DEI) programs.

In a letter sent to current and prospective student-athletes of the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) on Monday, NBC News reported that Johnson urged them to “choose wisely” amidst the ongoing debate surrounding DEI funding in Florida. He emphasized the crucial role of diversity, equity and inclusion in ensuring equitable and effective educational outcomes, noting that Black athletes’ value to large universities is unmatched.

The controversy stems from a bill signed by Florida Governor Ron DeSantis last year, restricting public colleges and universities from using state and federal funds for DEI programs. “If these in-

stitutions are unable to completely invest in those athletes, it’s time they take their talents elsewhere,” Johnson declared, according to NBC News.

The University of Florida’s recent decision to eliminate all DEI positions, complying with the state rule, drew condemnation from NFL Hall of Famer Emmitt Smith, an alum of the school. Smith emphasized the need for minority athletes to be aware and vocal about such decisions.

The trend against DEI programs has heightened, with Republican politicians in more than 30 states introducing bills to restrict or regulate such efforts. Texas Governor Greg Abbott, for instance, signed a law last year ordering the closure of DEI offices at state-funded colleges and universities.

The NAACP’s call

comes on the heels of a similar message from Birmingham, Alabama, Mayor Randall Woodfin, who asserted that if his state passed a bill blocking funding for DEI in public colleges, he would encourage student-athletes to explore programs in other states.

Florida’s significance in Division I athletics and its central role in college sports business are one issue the NAACP zeroed in on. According to the U.S. Department of Education, the University of Florida’s sports teams generated over \$177 million in revenue from July 1, 2021, through June 30, 2022.

“If any institution is to reap the benefits of Black talent, it is only right that they completely invest in Black futures,” Johnson argued.

History Museum celebrates local Women’s History

Visitors can discover centuries of women’s successes and struggles as part of Lifted Voices: Women’s History from 12 p. m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, March 23 at the Greensboro History Museum, 130 Summit Ave. The much-loved living history series, Lifted Voices, returns with costumed interpreters sharing stories of prominent female figures from the history of the Gate City and North Carolina.

Lifted Voices is a family-friendly program that offers history in the first person. Visitors can learn about 1940s Greensboro USO organizer Min Klein; 1930s Bennett Belle and Hollywood actress, Maidie Ruth Norman; 1970s politician Margaret Keesee-Forrester, and many more.

Little Lions: Snacks, Selfies & Leading Women begins at 3 p.m. with plenty of fun for children, Pre-K to 3rd grade. Families can enjoy a craft activity and a chance to meet the costumed interpreters. All activities are free and fun for the whole family.

The Greensboro History Museum is located in Downtown Greensboro’s Cultural District, the museum is open Tuesdays–Saturdays 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sundays 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. Learn more at www.greensborohistory.org.

ECO Bus Open House

Lake Brandt will host an open house to showcase some of the animal ambassadors of the ECO Bus from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Saturday, March 23, at the marina, 5945 Lake Brandt Rd.; Greensboro. This event is free and individuals who plan educational programs for schools, nursing homes, or day cares are encouraged to attend.



Come see and touch some native and non-native animals and learn interesting facts about each species. This is a great opportunity for formal and non-formal educators to speak to Parks and Recreation staff about environmental education programming opportunities.

City invites Greensboro students to enter Model Water Tower Competition

Join the Piedmont’s first ever Model Water Tower Competition hosted by the City of Greensboro and NC One Water. Registration closes Friday, April 12. A complete list of competition guidelines and rules can be found at www.greensboro-nc.gov/ModelWaterComp.

Individuals or teams of up to four elementary (3rd, 4th and 5th grades) and middle school students (6th, 7th, and 8th grades) must register in advance. Middle school and elementary school participants should not combine on one team. Participation is free, and students/teams can win prizes!

Model Water Tower Competition Information

- Date: Saturday, May 4
- Time: Competition check-in is from 9 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.

Bring the following materials:

- Completed Model Water Tower (one per team)
- Completed Registration Form and Materials List (one per team)
- Completed Participant Release Forms (one per student)

Location: Craft Community Recreation Center, 3911 Yanceyville St.

The completion aims to educate and engage youth about water resource engineering, infrastructure, water treatment and water conservation and spark an interest in future related professions.

The Greensboro Symphony presents Video Games Live!

Attention gamers and music enthusiasts. The Greensboro Symphony Orchestra (GSO) is gearing up to electrify the stage at the Steven Tanger Center for the Performing Arts on March 23, at 8 p.m., as they proudly present the #1 touring video game concert in the world: Video Games LIVE!

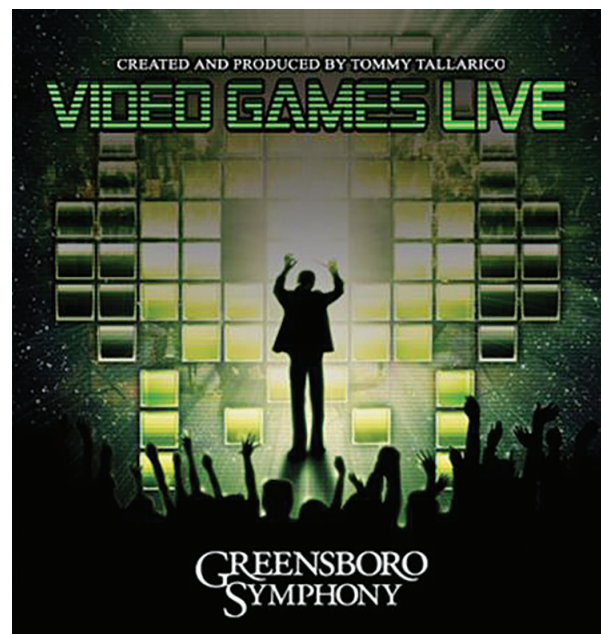
Get ready to embark on an unforgettable journey through the mesmerizing realm of video game soundtracks as the GSO, under the baton of Principal Guest Conductor Evan Feldman, goes on a symphonic adventure like no other. Be immersed in the magic as award-winning multimedia collides with the symphonic brilliance of the GSO, creating an experience that will leave everyone breathless. Hailed as “Captivating, Bombastic” by the *New York Times* and “Simply breathtaking” by IGN.com, Video Games LIVE! features the full force of the GSO, a choir, and talented soloists, all coming together to deliver an explosive performance that transcends boundaries and delights audiences of all ages.

Experience the pulse-pounding energy of a rock concert fused with the captivating visuals and interactivity of favorite video games such as Mass Effect, Kingdom Hearts, Skyrim, Halo, The Last of Us, and more. Prepare to be dazzled by popular internet solo performers, electronic percussion, live-action segments, and unique interactive experiences that will transport the audience directly into the heart of the gaming universe. With exclusive synchronized video footage, electrifying music arrangements, and state-of-the-art lighting and effects, Video Games Live promises to be a spectacle of the senses for seasoned gamers and non-gamers alike.

This exciting concert represents a partnership between GSO and UNCG Esports.

Tickets available at greensborosymphony.org/TangerCenter.com/ticketmaster.com/

Or GSO Box Office: (336) 335-5456 x224.



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Rankin Elementary School Rams’ cheerleaders exhibited their school spirit and also volunteered with food concessions.



Photos by Ivan Saul Cutler/Carolina Peacemaker
At the top of the key, a YMCA Mamba Squad defender (blue) attempts to block a Washington Montessori player (yellow) headed towards the basket.

and other local organizations sponsored the inaugural event, which organizer Crystal Black, the Rankin Elementary CIS coordinator, said will be repeated next year for the after-school teams.

“More than anything, the March Madness Classic was fun for all,” Black said, explaining that it raises funds to support after-school sports and cheerleading activities.

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This 29th day of February, 2024

TAKEKO M. CARTER and LISA VIVIAN CARTER JOHNSON Co-Administrators of the Estate of ALBERT MARVIN CARTER

S. SCOTT EGGLESTON, Attorney IVEY & EGGLESTON, ATTORNEYS AT LAW 111 Worth Street Asheboro, NC 27203 (336) 625-3043

PUBL/DATES: 02/29/24 03/07/24 03/14/24 03/21/24

Peacemaker 9924

FILE NO. 2023 E 002941 NOTICE TO CREDITORS

This notice is hereby given to all individuals, firms, or corporations with claims against the estate of the deceased, Alton Frank Gross, formerly of Guilford County, North Carolina. Please present your claims to the undersigned no later than June 16, 2024; failure to do so will result in the barring of recovery. Additionally, any persons indebted to the estate are kindly requested to make prompt payment to the undersigned.

This is the 14th day of March 2024

Vicky Hardy Gross, Executor 8407 Point Oak Drive Colfax, NC 27235

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NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION FILE NO: 24-E-1305 NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND DEBTORS

ON ESTATE OF: Edward McAdoo ALL persons, firms and corporations having claims against Edward McAdoo, deceased are notified to exhibit them to Margaret Vanhook, c/o Kenneth M. Johnson, P.A. 701 E. Market Street, Greensboro, NC 27401, Administrator for decedent's Estate, on or before the 14th day of June 2024, or be barred from their recovery. Debtors of the decedent are asked to make immediate payment to the above-named Administrator.

This 14th day of March 2024.

Margaret Vanhook c/o Kenneth M. Johnson 701 E Market Street Greensboro, NC 27410

Kenneth M. Johnson Attorney at Law PO Box 21247 Greensboro, NC 27420 (336) 272-8273

Publish: March 14, March 21st and March 28th and April 4th

Peacemaker 9961

FILE NO. 2024 E 000987 NOTICE TO CREDITORS

This notice is hereby given to all individuals, firms, or corporations with claims against the estate of the deceased, Stuart Kaplan, formerly of Guilford County, North Carolina. Please present your claims to the undersigned no later than May 31, 2024; failure to do so will result in the barring of recovery. Additionally, any persons indebted to the estate are kindly requested to make prompt payment to the undersigned.

This is the 29th day of February 2024

Alan M. Kaplan, Executor Alan Kaplan 629 Elizabeth Ln Matthews, NC 28105

Publish dates: February 29, March 7, 14, 21, 2024

Peacemaker 9930

NORTH CAROLINA NOTICE GUILFORD COUNTY

The undersigned, having qualified as Executor of the Estate of GEORGE REITZEL CONRAD A/K/A GEORGE R CONRAD, deceased, hereby notifies all persons, firms and corporations having claims against said Estate to present them to the undersigned on or before June 16TH, 2024, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to said Estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This the 14th day of March, 2024. Jeffrey D Anderson A/K/A Jefferey Dean Anderson Executor Marion "Beth" McQuaid, Attorney Ivey & Eggleston, Attorneys at Law 1810 Westchester Drive High Point, NC 27262

Publication Dates: March 14th, March 21st, March 28th, April 4th, 2024

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FILE NO. 2023 E 002918 NOTICE TO CREDITORS

This notice is hereby given to all individuals, firms, or corporations with claims against the estate of the deceased, Florence Martin, formerly of Guilford County, North Carolina. Please present your claims to the undersigned no later than May 31, 2024; failure to do so will result in the barring of recovery. Additionally, any persons indebted to the estate are kindly requested to make prompt payment to the undersigned.

This is the 29th day of February 2024

James Martin, Co-Administrator 2604 Deer Place Greensboro, NC 27407

Shelia Martin, Co-Administrator 4661 Langdon Drive Morrisville, NC 27560

Publish dates: February 29, March 7, 14, 21, 2024

Peacemaker 9925

FILE NO. 2023 E 002054 NOTICE TO CREDITORS

This notice is hereby given to all individuals, firms, or corporations with claims against the estate of the deceased, Gloria Ann Tyson, aka, Gloria Tyson, formerly of Guilford County, North Carolina. Please present your claims to the undersigned no later than June 9, 2024; failure to do so will result in the barring of recovery. Additionally, any persons indebted to the estate are kindly requested to make prompt payment to the undersigned.

This is the 7th day of March 2024

James Robert Tyson, Administrator 504 Ray Street Greensboro, NC 27406

Publish dates: March 7, 14, 21, 28, 2024

Peacemaker 9954

FILE NO. 24 E 1158 NOTICE TO CREDITORS

This notice is hereby given to all individuals, firms, or corporations with claims against the estate of the deceased, Marilyn Costabile, formerly of Guilford County, North Carolina. Please present your claims to the undersigned no later than June 16, 2024; failure to do so will result in the barring of recovery. Additionally, any persons indebted to the estate are kindly requested to make prompt payment to the undersigned.

This is the 14th day of March 2024

Deborah Zdanowski, Executor 7100 Mackintosh Place Summerfield, NC 27358

Publish dates: March 14, 21, 28, April 4, 2024

Peacemaker 9962

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Having qualified as Administrator of the Estate of MATTHEW PAUL DAVIS, late of Guilford County, North Carolina, the undersigned does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate of the decedent to exhibit them to the undersigned at the office of Ivey & Eggleston, Attorneys at Law, 111 Worth Street, Asheboro, North Carolina 27203, on or before June 07, 2024, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms or corporations indebted to said estate should make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This 7th day of March 2024

ELIZABETH LAWSON DAVIS Administrator of the Estate of MATTHEW PAUL DAVIS

MARION E. MCQUAID, Attorney IVEY & EGGLESTON, ATTORNEYS AT LAW 111 Worth Street Asheboro, NC 27203 (336) 625-3043

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Peacemaker 9946

NOTICE TO CREDITORS ESTATE OF KATIE W. SYDNOR GUILFORD 24E950

ALL PERSONS, firms and corporations having claims against Katie W. Sydnor, deceased, of Guilford County, NC, are notified to exhibit the same to the undersigned on or before June 3, 2024 or this notice will be pleaded in bar of recovery. Debtors of the decedent are asked to make immediate payment. This the 29th day of February 2024. Willard Wright, Executor, in c/o Kellie Corbett, Attorney, at Carolina Family Estate Planning, 201 Commonwealth Court, Suite 100, Cary, NC 27511.

Publication Dates: February 29, 2024 March 7, 2024 March 14, 2024 March 21, 2024

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NORTH CAROLINA IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE SUPERIOR COURT DIVISION BEFORE THE CLERK GUILFORD COUNTY 23 SP 1849

RIGOBERTO LESSO SANCHEZ and JOSEFINA LESSO SANCHEZ (sister) Petitioners vs. CYNTHIA MORALES SALAZAR Respondent.

TO: CYNTHIA MORALES SALAZAR

TAKE NOTICE that a pleading seeking relief against you has been filed in the above-entitled action. The nature of the relief being sought is as follows:

Petition for Partition of Real Property: 1908 Taylor Street, Greensboro, NC 27405.

YOU ARE required to make defense to such pleading no later than April 30, 2024, and upon your failure to do so, the party seeking service against you will apply to the court for the relief sought.

This the 7th day of March, 2024.

Signed Robert E. Probst

PROBST LAW FIRM PA By: Robert E. Probst 4413 W. Market Street Suite B Greensboro NC 27407

PUBLISH: March 07, 2024, March 14, 2024, March 21, 2024.

Peacemaker 9949

NORTH CAROLINA NOTICE GUILFORD COUNTY

The undersigned, having qualified as Executor of the Estate of LOUISE Y HINES AKA THELMA YARBOROUGH HINES AKA THELMA LOUISE HINES, deceased, hereby notifies all persons, firms and corporations having claims against said Estate to present them to the undersigned on or before June 10th, 2024, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to said Estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This the 7th day of March, 2024. Steven Kirk Hines and Judith Hines Cox Co-Executors S. Scott Eggleston, Attorney Ivey & Eggleston, Attorneys at Law 1810 Westchester Drive High Point, NC 27262

Publication Dates: March 7th, March 14th, March 21st, March 28th, 2024

Peacemaker 9948

NORTH CAROLINA NOTICE GUILFORD COUNTY

The undersigned, having qualified as Executor of the Estate of MARGARET L. BOWMAN, deceased, hereby notifies all persons, firms and corporations having claims against said Estate to present them to the undersigned on or before June 10th, 2024, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to said Estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This the 7th day of March, 2024. Corey M. Small AKA Corey Burgio-Small Executor S. Scott Eggleston, Attorney Ivey & Eggleston, Attorneys at Law 1810 Westchester Drive High Point, NC 27262

Publication Dates: March 7th, March 14th, March 21st, March 28th, 2024

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NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION FILE NO: 23-E-3207 NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND DEBTORS

ON ESTATE OF: Susie Anne Pass ALL persons, firms and corporations having claims against Susie Anne Pass, deceased are notified to exhibit them to Robyne Pass Morgan, c/o Kenneth M. Johnson, P.A. 701 E. Market Street, Greensboro, NC 27401, Administrator for decedent's Estate, on or before the 14th day of June 2024, or be barred from their recovery. Debtors of the decedent are asked to make immediate payment to the above-named Administrator.

This 14th day of March 2024.

Robyne Pass Morgan c/o Kenneth M. Johnson 701 E Market Street Greensboro, NC 27410

Kenneth M. Johnson Attorney at Law PO Box 21247 Greensboro, NC 27420 (336) 272-8273

Publish: March 14, March 21st and March 28th and April 4th

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FILE NO. 2024 E 000129 NOTICE TO CREDITORS

This notice is hereby given to all individuals, firms, or corporations with claims against the estate of the deceased, Timmy Dean Brady, formerly of Guilford County, North Carolina. Please present your claims to the undersigned no later than June 16, 2024; failure to do so will result in the barring of recovery. Additionally, any persons indebted to the estate are kindly requested to make prompt payment to the undersigned.

This is the 14th day of March 2024

Michael Scott Rush, Executor 4707 Hidden Oak Ct. Greensboro, NC 27407

Publish dates: March 14, 21, 28, April 4, 2024

Peacemaker 9960

FILE NO. 2024 E 000007 NOTICE TO CREDITORS

This notice is hereby given to all individuals, firms, or corporations with claims against the estate of the deceased, Jeffrey T. Jones, Administrator DBN 301 S Elm Street, 10th Fl, Suite 1001 Greensboro, NC 27401

This is the 14th day of March 2024

Jeffrey T. Jones, Administrator DBN 301 S Elm Street, 10th Fl, Suite 1001 Greensboro, NC 27401

Publish dates: March 14, 21, 28, April 4, 2024

Peacemaker 9968

FILE NO. 23-E-1147 NOTICE TO CREDITORS

All Persons, Corporations, Firms, or other entities having claims against William Brooks, Jr., deceased, of Guilford County North Carolina, are notified to exhibit the same to the undersigned on or before ninety days from March 7, 2024, the date this ad is scheduled to begin running, or this notice will be plead as a bar to recovery. All persons indebted to the said estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This is the 29th Day of February 2024.

Antoinette B. and Frank Barksdale 5902 Kensington Ave Richmond, Va 23225

Peacemaker 9942

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

This notice is hereby given to all individuals, firms, or corporations with claims against the estate of the deceased, Jessie Carolyn Walton, formerly of Guilford County, North Carolina. Please present your claims to the undersigned no later than June 16, 2024; failure to do so will result in the barring of recovery. Additionally, any persons indebted to the estate are kindly requested to make prompt payment to the undersigned.

This is the 14th day of March 2024

Evette Bethea, Administrator 501 Bennett Street Greensboro, NC 27406

Publish dates: March 14, 21, 28, April 4, 2024

Peacemaker 9955

FILE NO. 2023 E 001664 NOTICE TO CREDITORS

This notice is hereby given to all individuals, firms, or corporations with claims against the estate of the deceased, Phyllis Lee Whitt Lowe, formerly of Guilford County, North Carolina. Please present your claims to the undersigned no later than June 16, 2024; failure to do so will result in the barring of recovery. Additionally, any persons indebted to the estate are kindly requested to make prompt payment to the undersigned.

This is the 14th day of March 2024

Tammy Renee Lowe, Administrator CTA 2541 Cottage Place Greensboro, NC 27455

Publish dates: March 14, 21, 28, April 4, 2024

Peacemaker 9963

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Having qualified as Executor of the Estate of ETTA BAKER ROBERTS, late of Guilford County, North Carolina, the undersigned does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate of the decedent to exhibit them to the undersigned at the office of Ivey & Eggleston, Attorneys at Law, 111 Worth Street, Asheboro, North Carolina 27203, on or before June 21, 2024, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms or corporations indebted to said estate should make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This 21st day of March, 2024

ELIZABETH P. ROBERTS aka ELIZABETH PARKER ROBERTS Title of the Estate of ETTA BAKER ROBERTS

S. SCOTT EGGLESTON, Attorney IVEY & EGGLESTON, ATTORNEYS AT LAW 111 Worth Street Asheboro, NC 27203 (336) 625-3043

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Peacemaker 9969

FILE NO. 2023 E 002977 NOTICE TO CREDITORS

This notice is hereby given to all individuals, firms, or corporations with claims against the estate of the deceased, Amy Parrish Haynes, formerly of Guilford County, North Carolina. Please present your claims to the undersigned no later than June 23, 2024; failure to do so will result in the barring of recovery. Additionally, any persons indebted to the estate are kindly requested to make prompt payment to the undersigned.

This is the 21st day of March 2024

Kelly Haynes Roy, Executor Kelly Ripley 906 McDowell Dr. Greensboro, NC 27408

Publish dates: March 21, 28, April 4, 11, 2024

Peacemaker 9971

FILE NO. 2024 E 001217 NOTICE TO CREDITORS

This notice is hereby given to all individuals, firms, or corporations with claims against the estate of the deceased, William Christopher Ellingham, formerly of Guilford County, North Carolina. Please present your claims to the undersigned no later than June 23, 2024; failure to do so will result in the barring of recovery. Additionally, any persons indebted to the estate are kindly requested to make prompt payment to the undersigned.

This is the 21st day of March 2024

Stephany Ellingham, Executor 9505 Oakbrook Ridge Rural Hall, NC 27045

Publish dates: March 21, 28, April 4, 11, 2024

Peacemaker 9972

Employment

City of Greensboro's E&I Department is seeking qualified applicants for an Engineering Specialist Pos 8108 position. The Hiring Salary Range: \$50,020 - \$65,816. For further information regarding this position and in order to apply, please visit: https://lnkd.in/b/EG6qJ Resumes and cover letters will not be accepted in lieu of the City application. The closing date is 4/2/2024.

Peacemaker 9970

A small climate justice nonprofit in Durham is looking for a FT membership coordinator to manage membership recruitment, volunteer engagement and fundraising activities and a FT outreach coordinator to manage projects and partner relationships in communities across NC. Pay commensurate with experience. Benefits include PTO, retirement, health insurance. Submit cover letter and resume to ncwarn@ncwarn.org by April 15. We encourage applicants from marginalized and underrepresented groups. Visit www.ncwarn.org for full job description.

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Having qualified as Executor of the Estate of Larry Douglas Johnson aka Larry D. Johnson, late of Guilford County, North Carolina, the undersigned does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate of the decedent to exhibit them to the undersigned at the office of Ivey & Eggleston, Attorneys at Law, 111 Worth Street, Asheboro, North Carolina 27203, on or before July 2, 2024, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms or corporations indebted to said estate should make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This 21 day of March, 2024

Gregory Douglas Johnson
Executor of the Estate of
Larry Douglas Johnson aka Larry D. Johnson

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FILE NO. 24 E 1409
NOTICE TO CREDITORS

This notice is hereby given to all individuals, firms, or corporations with claims against the estate of the deceased, Leslie Garrett-Young, aka, Leslie Garrett Young, formerly of Guilford County, North Carolina. Please present your claims to the undersigned no later than June 23, 2024; failure to do so will result in the barring of recovery. Additionally, any persons indebted to the estate are kindly requested to make prompt payment to the undersigned.

This is the 21st day of March 2024

Christopher D. Pritchett, Administrator
6702 Brenock Ct.
Greensboro, NC 27410

Publish dates: March 21, 28, April 4, 11, 2024

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FILE NO. 2024 E 001059
NOTICE TO CREDITORS

This notice is hereby given to all individuals, firms, or corporations with claims against the estate of the deceased, Ann H. Gernstl, formerly of Guilford County, North Carolina. Please present your claims to the undersigned no later than June 23, 2024; failure to do so will result in the barring of recovery. Additionally, any persons indebted to the estate are kindly requested to make prompt payment to the undersigned.

This is the 21st day of March 2024

Heidi Frost, Executor
Heidi Holt
5211 Sweetwater Ct.
Greensboro, NC 27407

Publish dates: March 21, 28, April 4, 11, 2024

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FY 2024-2025 CITY HOMELESSNESS PREVENTION REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS



The City of Greensboro's Housing & Neighborhood Development Department (HND) requests proposals to provide emergency shelter, rapid rehousing and support services with federal Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG), Housing Opportunities for People with AIDS (HOPWA), and local Nussbaum Housing Partnership (NHP) funds.

Proposals are due by Friday, May 3, 2024 at 5:00pm EST.

Estimated available funds and activities are subject to change after City Council approval.

Mandatory RFP workshop for all applicants will be held virtually Wednesday, March 27, 2024 at 11 am. Workshop attendance is required for City funding.

Interested homeless service provider agencies can seek additional information at www.greensboro-nc.gov/HNDRFPs.

Questions? Email Elizabeth.Alverson@greensboro-nc.gov or call 336-373-7960.

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Table listing various locations for picking up the paper, including Greensboro, High Point, and Jamestown, with addresses and store names.

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City of Greensboro

NOTICE OF ADVERTISEMENT

DELINQUENT PUBLIC UTILITY SERVICES, NUISANCE ABATEMENTS, BOARDING UP OF STRUCTURES AND DEMOLITION OF SUBSTANDARD STRUCTURES

UNDER AND BY VIRTUE OF THE POWER VESTED IN ME BY THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA AND PURSUANT TO AN ORDER OF THE CITY COUNCIL, THE FOLLOWING LIENS ON REAL PROPERTY, DESCRIBED BELOW, ARE HEREIN ADVERTISED DUE TO NON PAYMENT OF PUBLIC UTILITY SERVICES, NUISANCE ABATEMENT CHARGES, BOARDING UP OF SUBSTANDARD STRUCTURES, AND DEMOLITION OF SUBSTANDARD STRUCTURES FOR THE YEAR 2024 AND/OR PRECEDING YEARS. THE NAME OF THE OWNER, PARCEL DESCRIPTION AND AMOUNT OF SAID LIENS ARE SET OUT BELOW. THE AMOUNTS ADVERTISED WILL BE INCREASED BY INTEREST AND COST AND THE OMISSION OF INTEREST AND/OR COST FROM THE AMOUNTS ADVERTISED WILL NOT CONSTITUTE WAIVER OF THE CITY'S CLAIM FOR THESE ITEMS. THE REAL PROPERTY TO WHICH LIENS HAVE ATTACHED MAY BE FORECLOSED AND SOLD TO SATISFY THE CITY'S CLAIM.

CITY OF GREENSBORO

DORIAN LANIER, DEPUTY TAX COLLECTOR

NUISANCE ABATEMENT

Table listing nuisance abatement cases with columns for file number, owner name, address, and amount.

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BOARDING UP OF STRUCTURES

Table listing boarding up cases with columns for file number, owner name, address, and amount.

DEMOLITION OF SUBSTANDARD STRUCTURE

Table listing demolition cases with columns for file number, owner name, address, and amount.

UTILITY LIENS

Table listing utility liens with columns for file number, owner name, address, and amount.

City of Greensboro

1501461303	MOHAMED AHMED EID SAADELDIN	6721 FORSYTHIA DR	\$511.96	3102843300	MRS DOROTHY S DAVIS	1518 UPLAND DR	\$238.71
1501720303	CITI GROUP INVESTMENT	620 GUILFORD COLLEGE RD B	\$193.99	3103091302	NC RENTALS 24/7 LLC	1301 CYPRESS ST	\$138.14
1502034302	PAMELA HARKER LANDYSHEV	6203 W FRIENDLY AVE	\$183.01	3200004308	GRETCHEN CART WILLIAMS	1603 N O HENRY BLVD	\$190.52
1502184308	NOSABA NAVEED	207 OVERMAN ST	\$91.91	3200041309	WILBERT C ARTS ESTATE	1802 TEXTILE DR	\$141.87
1502407300	MARK D PATRAW	5653 HORNADAY RD D	\$315.62	3200105313	BRASON PROPERTIES	1700 BALL ST	\$118.07
1502599305	KARL L HORTON	814 GUILFORD COLLEGE RD 206	\$248.60	3200150308	SOUTH LLC	1720 BOONE ST	\$165.62
1502791300	BRIAN TILLMAN	802 SPRULL CT E	\$245.12	3200225316	ONE NORTH HUNDRED LLC	1508 BARTO PL	\$14,032.10
1503881300	JESS CLAR LLC	3104 HORSE PEN CREEK RD	\$382.67	3200742317	LISA WOOD CARLSON	3108 HENRY ST	\$230.90
1503966300	G PARTNERSHIP LLC	1220 PLEASANT RIDGE RD	\$3,409.26	3200900306	YOSEF HEFETZ	1313 JOYCE ST	\$127.99
1503968300	G PARTNERSHIP LLC	1212 PLEASANT RIDGE RD	\$785.52	3201109302	ELISABETH NEWMAN	1809 JOYCE ST	\$51.46
1503969300	G PARTNERSHIP LLC	1224 PLEASANT RIDGE RD	\$1,595.36	3201189301	GLADYS MOORE	1913 RAYSTON DR	\$836.18
1601613302	SRICHANTRA LEE	21 BROOKGLEN LN	\$375.39	3201227303	LILLIAN JAMES	2014 SHARONBROOK DR	\$109.85
1602186300	GARY B BROWN	5823 FLEMING TERRACE RD	\$91.58	3201239306	SADYE ROSE	2024 ASHLEY RD	\$440.63
1603339305	FARZANA S SHUBARNA	15 MEADOWOOD GLEN WAY C	\$62.72	3201477308	FUNDERBURK PROPERTIES INC	614 ELWELL AVE	\$217.65
1603808301	DING KING SHU	5621 DAVID CHRISTIAN PL	\$58.69	3201507300	WILLIAM M BUTLER	908 HERN AVE	\$599.27
1701689301	S ABDELRASOUL HAMID	1303 WESTRIDGE RD	\$63.66	3201628305	GOLDEN ELEPHANT INVEST GROUP LLC	4228 KILDARE DR	\$355.93
1702227300	MOROCCO AUTO CENTER INC	112 MONTLIEU AVE	\$491.30	3201755301	PLATINUM BUILDERS OF NC, INC	3522 BURLINGTON RD	\$938.35
1703363302	SIMPLY SOLD PROPERTY	1225 RAIL ST	\$181.06	3202283300	TONY M MARTIN	9 PARTNERSHIP CT	\$131.62
1703750304	TRACEY CLARKE	5 LAKE BLUFF CT	\$96.89	3202387300	MILLI ENTERPRISES LLC	1705 E CONE BLVD	\$113.12
1800046313	MARCUS PAYNE	1710 RAINBOW DR	\$51.02	3202413301	FELTS REALTY	3003 N O HENRY BLVD	\$543.95
1800486303	PYE BARKER FIRE & SAFETY INC	1225 RAIL ST	\$103.27	3202767302	TAH HOLDING LP	501 BRUSHY CREEK DR	\$655.51
1800519302	MILLI ENTERPRISES LLC	1505 MERRITT DR	\$108.89	3203058306	VICTORIA PITCHFORD	801 CALEDON DR	\$119.27
1800533311	HARRY G GORDON	1309 JUNIPER ST	\$4,352.96	3203291301	SAAH TAMBA	817 STOCKPORT WAY	\$50.05
1801351311	ETHAN HAYWORTH	1303 LARSON ST	\$259.13	3203477301	PINNACLE CONSTRUCTION SOLUTIONS	3589 SYDNEY OAKS DR	\$200.18
1801664300	MARY E STEPHENSON	915 FIR PL	\$296.42	3203804302	SFR JV-2 PROPERTY LLC	904 REDLAND DR	\$87.61
1801804301	ODILON DEL ANGEL CRUZ	3506 EUCLID ST	\$355.50	3203812302	CANYON RESIDENTIAL LLC	513 OFERRELL ST	\$136.45
1802103304	GUADALUPE EVARELY DE BLAS	4515 SWIFT ST	\$110.31	3204162301	DEVEN DIVAD WHIDBEE	4134 EASTLAND AVE	\$53.57
1802229303	HARRISON G ROOKS	4229 EDITH LN F	\$201.04	3300403325	GREENSBORO MULTIFAMILY INVEST LLC	1612 SEVENTEENTH ST C	\$124.85
1802269302	OCEAN LANE INC	4217 EDITH LN A	\$91.80	3300524314	ASHLEIGH PARK	3100 UTAH PL C	\$78.25
1802497301	KAREN BURTON VILLAREAL	721 SHELBY DR A	\$51.46	3300636310	ASHLEIGH PARK	1808 MCKNIGHT MILL RD B	\$132.63
2100106321	GOLD MOUNTAIN LLC	714 DILLARD ST	\$698.34	3301183308	TWIN CREEKS REALTY LLC	3703 OAK GROVE AVE	\$76.37
2100283308	NICHOLAS HENDERSON	1013 MCCORMICK ST	\$3,532.96	3301388300	CINTHIA ARANGO-SOSA	803 HOLT AVE	\$339.62
2100448320	HILAL A SHAWKAT	209 WILEY ST	\$158.33	3301458309	STEPHEN B SUMMERS	709 MCPHERSON ST	\$93.61
2100510309	PAMELA ATWOOD	414 BURTNER ST	\$176.97	3301458310	STEPHEN B SUMMERS	709 MCPHERSON ST	\$68.48
2101272300	LENNON KENNETH LEVERN	1015 SILVER AVE	\$371.57	3301607316	HOLDEN RIDGE, LLC	3320 BECK ST A	\$109.51
2102149301	GERTRUDE GUY AVERY	1016 CALDWELL ST	\$222.71	3301746300	EAST MARKET CHICKEN TALLA SOW	3000 E MARKET ST	\$92.50
2102169306	ST. CHARLES ROCK PROPERTIES LLC	1219 RANDOLPH AVE	\$66.49	3302270301	NORMAN A JONES	2223 BRIARLEA RD	\$219.21
2102174303	BLANCA HERNANDEZ	505 ANDREW ST	\$243.10	3302613305	MERCIEENNE MUKAMUGEMA	1503 LORD FOXLEY DR	\$90.55
2102439318	JUSTIN WARREN	1903 LARKIN ST	\$78.93	3302771301	ANNIE H WILLIAMSON	1401 WAYSIDE DR	\$1,161.26
2102440308	WARREN EVOLUTIONS LLC	1909 LARKIN ST	\$729.48	3302924300	DOMINIQUE LEVON BLACKWELL	500 PENRY RD	\$249.32
2102750302	BOBBY F BLAKENEY SR	1107 OMAHA ST	\$451.67	3304121301	SFR JV-2 PROPERTY LLC	2209 OSPREY LN	\$51.46
2102766304	NICHOLAS DAVIS	603 JULIAN ST	\$449.33	3304138301	ARIEL BROOKS	2209 RAPTOR WAY	\$72.45
2102777300	ALVIN RIVENS	726 JULIAN ST	\$646.05	3400037323	O'SHA DENISE GILLEN	3206 SPRING ST	\$162.54
2102878302	TERRA N JONES	1014 E BRAGG ST	\$135.66	3400462314	HPH PROPERTIES	3925 YANCEYVILLE ST	\$89.17
2102902300	TENESSA H NEWSOME	906 REID ST	\$1,212.94	3400476322	ABDUL INVESTMENT PROPERTIES LLC	2700 RICHARD ST	\$1,961.06
2102912305	NRT PROPERTY MANAGEMENT LLC	841 BROAD AVE	\$73.84	3400755311	SECU*RE INC	4712 LITTLE RD	\$252.56
2102932304	ELIZABETH STOKES	854 BROAD AVE	\$118.68	3400827309	NC RENTALS 24/7 LLC	4803 BLADEN RD	\$79.50
2103095300	STONEWALL LLC	807 E BRAGG ST	\$252.08	3400832303	BRASON PROPERTIES	207 BERRYMAN ST	\$156.45
2103123305	ALICIA ALDANA	704 MARTIN ST	\$166.24	3400948302	C CHRISTINE BRUNES	1911 ALLYSON AVE	\$2,939.98
2103430312	BANNER AVENUE APTS	1017 LOGAN ST B	\$71.44	3401385306	FELTS FAMILY REALTY	3300 HARTE PL	\$103.08
2103622300	OCTAVIA MCDONALD	1205 SLOAN ST	\$85.87	3401464305	LISETTE GOFFREDO	3418 N CHURCH ST	\$53.42
2103720309	BONI FRITTS	449 MCADOO AVE	\$133.00	3401863303	CHARRISSE M ROWE	1415 SPRY ST	\$191.17
2200362322	JCNC LLC	1800 KILDARE WOODS DR	\$83.28	3402234306	MICHAEL C DENNIS	1823 GLENSIDE DR	\$168.23
2200474302	AHMAD ISSA	5121 HARTRIDGE WAY	\$228.54	3402514300	MIGUEL MOTA FLORES	2005 OWENS ST	\$110.09
2200851303	BRYAN MATTHEWS	2604 CROMWELL RD	\$1,804.11	3402749310	ELIUM & ASSOC INC	1740 SPRINGMONT DR	\$56.65
2200851304	BRYAN MATTHEWS	2604 CROMWELL RD	\$155.17	3403678306	HANSEN DEFREITAS	204 KINNEY CT	\$64.56
2201263300	RODOLFO GARCIA JR	4702 CAROLWOOD DR	\$82.87	3500054302	WILLIAM MCCLARY GRAHAM	1800 CARLISLE RD	\$376.89
2201351304	KENIA M RIVAS	4715 PENNOAK RD	\$80.98	3500158312	LEXINGTON COMMONS	2300 GOLDEN GATE DR G	\$91.45
2201386300	DAVID F ENSLEY	4919 CHAUCER DR	\$2,146.53	3500172316	LEXINGTON COMMONS APTS.	2314 GOLDEN GATE DR C	\$317.08
2201907302	ROBERT M CAMPBELL	5403 BRANDERMILL CT	\$214.15	3500532301	JACOB HOPKINS	1 LOCH RIDGE DR	\$63.12
2202443304	ALEXANDER FERNANDEZ	5 CREKSTONE CT	\$123.19	3500537301	JACOB HOPKINS	1 LOCH RIDGE DR	\$185.58
2202729302	MARCUS CAMPBELL	7 FAWNWOOD CT	\$138.79	3501198304	JEFFREY H TUCKER	1805 ROSELAND ST	\$115.71
2300076309	SANTIAGO F LOZANO	1815 ELWOOD AVE	\$109.11	3501888300	JANICE LOWMAN TANKSLEY	309 PARKMONT DR	\$5,304.06
2300143301	BRENDA REQUENO PORTILLO	2209 HUBERT ST	\$136.22	3502912305	JERALD K NEELY	8 LOCH RIDGE CT	\$439.48
2300268306	ANN A VENABLE	2000 CRESTRIDGE RD	\$1,877.31	3503121301	ROBERT E WARMUTH	3 SOMMERTON CT	\$84.56
2300905319	STEVE GALLOP	1114 FULLER ST	\$86.74	3503618305	MONARCH WILLIAMS	2714 WILD POPLAR WAY	\$281.72
2301056309	JOSE ESPITIA	1811 ELWOOD AVE	\$138.22	3503699301	TIFFANY N DAVIS	7 CHAPEL BEND CT	\$90.55
2301130301	JOHN M MURPHY JR	2202 CAMEO DR	\$1,850.48	3600245301	BOYD W WATKINS	3102 SHAMROCK DR	\$90.51
2301262302	YOUSIF H ELHASSAN	2004 VAN WERT ST	\$64.15	3600527308	AISHA NICOLE SOLIMAN	117 ARCARO DR	\$4,040.37
2301375304	HIEP MINH LE	2500 CELESTE ST	\$162.43	3600696304	RAPHAEL MCGEE	3011 WINDSOR CREEK WAY	\$150.42
2301751300	RICHARD M PATTERSON	2209 WOODBERRY DR	\$473.21	3600875303	LEVAIL BOOKER	102 VALENTINE CT	\$54.74
2301907300	C L FOSTER	1405 LEXINGTON AVE	\$152.15	3600932301	SFR JV-2 PROPERTY LLC	3501 THROUGHBROOK CT	\$51.46
2302236314	KENNETH S LUCAS JR	1535 WILLOWMORE ST	\$1,483.85	3601106304	CATHERINE TAYLOR EGERTON	1904 INDEPENDENCE RD	\$64.53
2302322303	CUSTOM PROPERTY DEV LLC	807 GARRETT ST	\$93.97	3601140300	TIMOTHY JOSEPH MENARD	21 INDEPENDENCE CT	\$66.74
2400507306	YONG-CHUN ZENG	3607 MCCUISTON RD 22	\$77.29	3601386301	J & J PROPERTIES	3406 WILSHIRE DR	\$91.31
2401067300	ROSA S PINNIX	2110 MERRITT DR	\$77.18	3602129300	ROYAL SYBIL	2226 LANE RD	\$1,157.42
2401081312	OVERLAND HTS APTS	3800 OVERLAND HTS A	\$207.17	3602401300	LISA ANGELA FAUAT	2903 MARTINSVILLE DR	\$115.64
2401753308	COLTS RUN APARTMENTS LLC	3911 WINTERGARDEN LN G	\$62.91	3602896300	SAMER MUSHAHWAR	2127 TARRYWOOD DR	\$307.20
2401920303	ANDY T SEK	4319 W GATE CITY BLVD	\$320.22	3603812306	TRIAD INVESTORS REALTY INC	105 QUEENSBERRY CT	\$535.44
2402079306	HILAL A SHAWKAT	3911 GILMORE DR	\$153.82	3604870302	JAMILLA PINDER	10 PISGAH FOREST CIR	\$71.17
2402846300	KATHERINE J KRAEMER	9 BELLOWS CT	\$1,213.96	3700385309	SALMAN AZHAR	8 BROOKSHIRE CT	\$242.14
2402889304	WHITNEY MONTGOMERY	3253 ANVIL PL	\$78.02	3700686301	LEI JIN	807 NORTHERN SHORES LN	\$98.19
2402905300	MCPROPERTIES2 LLC	3212 ANVIL PL	\$149.89	3701113300	JENNIFER L KAPPUS	4 AMBERHILL CT	\$284.20
2403327303	BIANCA A INGRAM	4211 TRISTON DR	\$109.37	3701369300	QUIGLEY JACQUELINE H MRS	2100 REGENTS PARK LN A	\$53.32
2403602301	SFR JV-2 PROPERTY LLC	2805 ALERT CT	\$192.35	3701476306	CHIARA ODDONO	3413 COTSWOLD TER	\$106.68
2500321306	CLARENCE M ROULHAC	379 E MONTCASTLE DR D	\$76.07	3701728309	HATEM F ABDALLA	3503 REGENTS PARK LN	\$1,345.32
2500545304	PEDRO H ROSALES	703 LOWDERMILK ST	\$190.75	3701746300	DONALD MCINTYRE	6 GREAT CASTLE CT	\$154.19
2500770320	FOUR CORNERS PROPERTY MANAGT LLC	306 AVALON RD D	\$112.74	3702140301	STEVEN B PIKE	4101 KING EDWARD CT	\$198.15
2500937328	SARAMIR CORP INC	3917 EASTLAND AVE	\$52.22	3703788305	SHEMSIJE DULLOVI	4198 CYPRESS GROVE LN	\$52.51
2501932300	CHARLES C MCCULLOUGH JR	5 WOODCLUB CT	\$2,812.97	3800521312	GREAT BASIN MOBILE HOME PARK LLC	1613 HERALDRY LN	\$110.95
2502002301	WINDMILL FACTORIES LLC	377 E MONTCASTLE DR F	\$109.68	3801328302	ALLISON ROWLEY	1115 GRAYLAND ST	\$73.92
2502137307	MARILYN SHARPLESS	303 E MONTCASTLE DR B	\$187.64	3801706300	MARISSA SZAFRAN	810 NOTTINGHAM RD	\$218.49
2502561301	ALFONSO IBARRA TELLEZ	3800 NASH ST	\$187.22	3801925301	ALEXANDER H TISDALE	1107 SUNSET DR	\$1,096.28
2502570301	ALEJANDRO E MOYA FERRERAS	308 HAZELWOOD DR	\$128.40	3802078305	ALVIS FEWELL	2315 PATRIOT WAY C	\$119.76
2502763301	BETTY ARCHIE	406 LOWDERMILK ST	\$74.45	3802351302	FARKHONDEH SHARGHINAMIN	2409 COTTAGE PL	\$80.54
2502876308	CAMEL COURT APTS	306 W CAMEL ST C	\$51.45	3802379303	BBT	4012 RIDGEDALE DR	\$222.39
2503798301	JAMES SHEPHERD	1525 HAMILTON HILLS DR	\$75.72	3802824306	AMY ECHOLS ILLIANO	5206 SOUTHWIND RD	\$101.85
2503868300	3200 RANDLEMAN PLAZA LLC	3230 RANDLEMAN RD A	\$147.72	4100548300	WHITEHURST TOWNHOMES	3405 WHITEHURST RD	\$859.36
2600206311	NATHAN JOHN FROST	1005 HACKETT ST A	\$135.51	4101060301	QUICK ON THE WAY N ELM STREET	2007 N ELM ST	\$2,176.74
2600696304	CHRIST CHURCH ASSOCIATION	2726 MCCONNELL RD	\$130.56	4101999301	SEGAL P M & CO	3700 W WENDOVER AVE	\$1,760.16
2600848301	KIMBERLY L WHITE	812 PINE ST	\$125.86	4200077306	FOUR SEASONS APTS LLC	501 SAVANNAH ST	\$904.17
2600962316	LEHTI INVESTMENTS LLC	303 WINSTON ST B	\$82.84	4200085306	FOUR SEASONS APTS LLC	506 SAVANNAH ST AF	\$862.67
2601037305	KARL F BURROWS	216 MARSHALL ST	\$68.54	4200086306	FOUR SEASONS APTS LLC	408 SAVANNAH ST AF	\$1,055.08
2601108301	MONIQUE ROBINSON	1510 PERKINS ST	\$253.11	4200087306	FOUR SEASONS APTS LLC	406 SAVANNAH ST AF	\$688.37
2601435301	RELIABLE SERVICES LLC	1116 DUKE ST	\$138.88	4200088306	FOUR SEASONS APTS LLC	404 SAVANNAH ST	\$1,211.27
2601453320	RON GREENE	1006 EAST SIDE DR B	\$67.86	4200089306	FOUR SEASONS APTS LLC	402 SAVANNAH ST	\$339.14
2601535300	ROYCE SHOFFNER	914 WILLOW RD	\$590.20	4202065302	PARTNERSHIP HOMES INC	2701 N O HENRY BLVD	\$369.80
2601539300	RALPH LASH	913 WILLOW RD	\$174.66	4202066302	PARTNERSHIP HOMES INC	2701 N O HENRY BLVD	\$560.70
2601608303	EMERALD GROUP LLC	1407 LINCOLN ST	\$886.13	4202066303	PARTNERSHIP HOMES INC	2701 N O HENRY BLVD	\$476.20
2601762308	JEREMIAH JOHNSON	1628 DUNBAR ST	\$143.16	4202066304	PARTNERSHIP HOMES INC	2701 N O HENRY BLVD	\$499.60
2602116300	DIANA MOORE	1709 WILLOW RD	\$223.31	4202164301	MELON LLC	817 SUMMIT AVE	\$4,515.70
2602144304	RNC HOLDINGS	1614 QUINCY ST	\$85.76	4202743304	KRESS LLC	212 S ELM ST 100	\$1,532.96
2602218300	ELMER G GALLOWAY	1501 BROWN BLVD	\$1,282.36	4900284301	RAYMONE ISAIAH GARNES	6620 GLENNVILLE DR	\$360.99
2602518301	BETTY E JACKSON	1825 MUNCEY LN	\$190.63	4900660300	RONALD LEE PEGRAM JR	2124 LYNWOOD DR	\$394.49
2603016300	CARL WILLIS HARRIS	1507 AVALON RD	\$447.77	4900909301	TOMMY E MCNEIL	5319 CHANDLER OAKS LN	\$80.16
2603072306	TAP INVESTMENTS						

COMMUNITY

Easter Egg Hunt for Dogs

Greensboro Parks and Recreation will host Fetch: Dog Egg Hunt from 9 a.m. to 12 noon, Saturday, March 23, at the Griffin Dog Park, 5301 Hilltop Rd.; Greensboro. Admission is free, but registration is required. Sign up to participate in the egg hunt or costume contest. Go to: <https://www.greensboro-nc.gov/Home/Components/Calendar/Event/109489/23>.

The costume contest will begin at 9:15 a.m.. Winners will be chosen for most original, best homemade, funniest, most creative, best group and best overall costumes. Dogs will be able to hunt for treat-filled eggs within Griffin Dog Park between 9:15 a.m. to 11 a.m., depending on their time slot. There will also be vendors on-site and a take-home craft to do with your dog.

All canine visitors must arrive leashed and up-to-date on vaccinations. No female dogs in heat or unneutered male puppies.

Astronomy professor to speak about light pollution at GTCCs

The Guilford Technical Community College Foundation and the Stellar Society will present a free lecture featuring Daniel Caton, Ph.D. professor of astronomy and director of observatories at Appalachian State University, Friday, March 22 at 7 p.m. in the Koury Auditorium on the Jamestown campus.

Caton's lecture, "Defending Dark Starry Skies: battles with LEDs on the ground and satellite constellations above," will discuss light pollution from LEDs and the thousands of satellites filling the skies leaving streaks in astronomical photos.

Weather permitting, the GTCC Cline Observatory will hold a viewing session after the talk.

The GTCC Jamestown Campus, Koury Auditorium, is located at 621 East Main St.; Jamestown, N.C.

For more information, visit: gtcc.edu/events/2024/03/stellar-society-lecture.php.



Appalachian State University astronomy professor Daniel Caton, Ph.D. will lecture on light pollution. There will be an observatory viewing session after the talk, weather permitting.

Guilford County Parks Hosts Summer Hiring Event

Entry-level lifeguard positions pay \$15 per hour

Dive into an exciting opportunity with Guilford County Parks as it gears up to fill lifeguard and pool manager positions at Bur-Mil Park in Greensboro, Hagan-Stone Park in Pleasant Garden, and Northeast Park in Gibsonville.

Lifeguard Positions: Starting at a competitive rate of \$15 per hour, lifeguard positions offer an excellent entry point for individuals aged 15 and older. As part of our commitment to safety, the county will provide free American Red Cross Lifeguarding Certification and CPR/AED training.

Pool Manager Positions: Experienced lifeguards with two years of practical lifeguarding experience and one year of supervisory experience are invited to apply for pool manager positions, offering a starting pay of \$18.50 per hour.

To secure a spot at the hiring event, all applicants must apply for vacant positions online at <https://bit.ly/24GCPSumJobs> prior to attending a hiring event.

Hiring Event Dates:

- Saturday, March 23

In-Person Interviews: 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Location: Truist Building, 3rd Floor, McAdoo Room

201 W. Market St.; Greensboro

"Lifeguards are an essential part of a safe and enjoyable aquatic experience for the public," said Anthony Ellison, parks assistant director. "Lifeguarding teaches teenagers and young adults a great deal of responsibility and makes for a great first job to lay the foundation of what is to be expected in the work force."

For more information about Guilford County Parks, visit www.guilfordparks.com.

Step into the Cosmic Groove: Intergalactic Soul

Mark Your Calendar! GreenHill invites all to experience a mind-bending fusion of Hip-Hop beats, captivating multimedia, and soul-stirring spoken-word performances, all inspired by the boundless realms of cosmic science fiction and Afro-futurism. Best of all, it's FREE for all. Secure a spot now. it's an event you won't want to miss at the Van Dyke Performance Space, March 23, 5 p.m. to 7 p.m., 200 N. Davie St.; Greensboro.



How to Host a College Hoops Watch Party



(Family Features) It's tournament time, and that's the perfect reason to gather with your fellow fans and watch both the top-seeded teams and Cinderella stories shoot their way to the top.

Get ready to host this season's most memorable college basketball watch party with these tips:

Show Your Colors: Get your house game ready and show your team spirit by decorating in the colors of the team you'll be cheering to victory. Since the tournament spans multiple rounds, you don't need to go all out; just grab some simple decorations like streamers, balloons and disposable tablecloths to add some energy. If you'll have guests cheering on both sides of the court, mix and match your decor and let guests pick their plate and cup color to root for their favorite team.

Break Out the Brackets: The entire tournament hinges on brackets, so be sure your guests have a chance to fill out their own bracket to predict the winning teams. You can find printable versions online and make copies for everyone. For a little extra fun, have everyone chip in a set amount to play, and the person who predicts the most winning teams wins the pot.

Take a Seat: When the game is underway, gathering everyone around the screen can get crowded. Make sure everyone is comfortable by offering additional seating. You can use stools, chairs from other rooms and even folding chairs or camping chairs if you need to create more space. If you need to resort to floor space for seating, make it extra comfy with



some pillows or blankets for padding.

Multiply the Screen Time: Chances are high your guests will scatter throughout your home, spilling out of the living room into your kitchen and dining spaces, or maybe even outdoors. Set up extra screens to show the game in multiple rooms, whether that's extra TVs, monitors or laptops. That way, even if someone steps away from the main screen, he or she won't miss any of the excitement.

Make Snacks a Slam Dunk: Every party needs a menu, but you can keep it simple for a

watch party. Guests typically want quick bites they can grab during timeouts and commercial breaks, so stick to finger foods and apps guests can self-serve quickly. Wings are a party staple, and chips and dip are always a hit. Be sure to offer some indulgent options, as well as foods for those who have special dietary needs. You can also make your food game easier by asking everyone to bring a dish to share instead of taking it all on yourself.

Find more entertaining tips and advice at eLivingtoday.com.



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EASTERTIME

GET CREATIVE WITH EASTER SWEETS



Kid-friendly crafts that bring loved ones together



Kids Krafty Easter Cake Pops

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Recipe courtesy of "Cookin' Savvy"

- 1 box cake mix
- 1 can frosting
- 1 bunny chocolate mold
- 1 cakesicle mold
- ice pop sticks
- 1 bag white chocolate chips or melting chips
- cake pop sticks
- 1 bag orange melting chips
- 2 tablespoons canola or coconut oil, divided
- 1 bag green melting chips
- pastel sprinkles
- 1 piece hard foam (optional)
- edible markers

Bake cake according to package instructions and let cool completely.

Crumble cake and mix with 1/2 can frosting until dough forms. Add more frosting, if needed. Using small cookie scoop, form dough into balls and set aside. Place dough in bunny molds then pop out and set aside with balls. Place

dough in cakesicle mold, insert ice pop stick in each slot and freeze 5-10 minutes.

Melt handful of white melting chips. Stick tip of each cake pop stick in chocolate then insert into every cake ball and bunny until each has one stick. Set aside to dry.

Remove cakesicles from freezer and pop out of molds. In bowl, melt orange melts then mix in 1 tablespoon oil and transfer to cup. Dip cakesicles and scrape off excess using rim of cup. Place on parchment paper to dry.

In bowl, melt green melts then place in zip-top or piping bag. Cut tip off bag, pipe carrot leaves onto piece of parchment paper and let dry.

Melt remaining white melts and mix in remaining oil. Transfer to cup and dip ball-shaped cake pops and bunnies then tap stick on edge of cup to remove excess.

Over separate bowl, sprinkle ball-shaped pops with pastel sprinkles. To keep ball shape, let dry by sticking in piece of hard foam. Bunnies can dry face side up on parchment paper. After bunnies are dry, use edible markers to make face and color in ears.

When carrots and leaves are dry, remelt orange melts and place in piping or zip-top bag. Cut off tip and drizzle orange over carrots. Add small line of orange on each ice pop stick and place leaves on each stick. Let dry.

FAMILY FEATURES

Holiday hams and deviled eggs may take center stage at Easter gatherings, but edible crafts offer a reminder of the magic of the season that's found in moments spent together. Simple recipes that call for a dose of creativity are perfect ways to bring the kids to the kitchen, made even easier when all that work leads to sweet treats.

While plastic eggs may have led to a decline in good, old-fashioned egg-dyeing, there are still fun ways to bring crafts back to Easter celebrations. Consider these Kids Krafty Easter Cake Pops, which call for little ones to help dip seasonal shapes in chocolate, use cake molds and more.

Children of virtually any age can relish in the joys of using cookie cutters and decorating Easter Sugar Cookies, all with a little supervision and short list of instructions. This version shows how to make the cookies and homemade icing so you can create any color you desire for maximum creativity.

Remember, these delicious crafts don't have to be perfect – having fun and making memories that last a lifetime are what make Easter truly special.

Visit Culinary.net to find more Easter inspiration and recipes from "Cookin' Savvy."

Easter Sugar Cookies

Recipe courtesy of "Cookin' Savvy"

Icing:

- 1/3 cup meringue powder
- 1/2 cup warm water, plus additional for thinning (optional), divided
- 3 tablespoons vanilla
- 1 bag (2 pounds) powdered sugar
- 2 tablespoons corn syrup
- assorted food coloring

Cookies:

- 2 sticks unsalted butter, at room temperature
- 1 cup sugar
- 1 egg
- 1 tablespoon vanilla
- 2 teaspoons baking powder
- 1 dash salt
- 3 cups all-purpose flour

To make icing: Mix meringue powder, 1/2 cup warm water, vanilla, powdered sugar and corn syrup. Separate into bowls and add food coloring; mix with water, as needed, to thin for piping.

To make cookies: Heat oven to 350 F. Cream butter and sugar. Mix in egg, vanilla, baking powder and salt. Mix in flour 1 cup at a time to form dough. Roll dough out to 1/4-1/2-inch thickness.

Cut into shapes, place on baking sheet and freeze 10 minutes. Bake 8-12 minutes. Cool completely before icing.

Place icing in zip-top or piping bags and cut off tips. Put cookies on parchment paper. Trace outline first then fill in middle. Use toothpicks to smooth out.

Let dry 6 hours and finish decorating with different icing colors or edible markers.



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