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N.C. Supreme Court halts voter verify ordered by lower court, for now

By Cash Michaels
Peacemaker Senior Contributor

The only unresolved election contest in the country, five months after the November 2024 balloting, is here in North Carolina, and its aftermath has taken another significant turn.

On Monday, the N.C. Supreme Court stepped in to temporarily stop an order by a three-judge panel of the N.C. Court of Appeals that would have compelled more than 60,000 North Carolina voters, many of whom are Black, to verify their voter registration in the race between incumbent state Supreme Justice Allison Riggs, a Democrat, and N.C. Appellate Court Judge Jefferson Griffin, a Republican.

The race between Riggs and Griffin was for Justice Riggs' state Supreme Court seat. After a post-election statewide recount last November, Justice Riggs reportedly won her race over Judge Griffin by 734 votes out of 5.2 million cast. But refusing to accept defeat, Griffin has contested Riggs' victory by challenging more than 60,000 votes already counted, alleging that those voters were not eligible to cast ballots because their registrations were invalid with incomplete Social Security or driver's license numbers.

Both the N.C. Board of Elections and a Trump-appointed federal judge already ruled that that information was no longer necessary for valid voter registrations, but that didn't stop Judge Griffin from pressing his case legally to work his way up to courts that might rule more in his favor.

Judge Griffin is hoping that by eliminat-

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Riggs



Griffin



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Hands-Off Rally participants on Market Street in front of Old Guilford County Courthouse, Greensboro.

Hands-Off Protest Rally

By Ivan Saul Cutler
Carolina Peacemaker

Intense political messages on thousands of primarily hand-lettered signs encapsulated the anger, rage and betrayal felt by more than 3,000 Guilford County residents, who participated in the Hands-Off Rally to protest the Trump Administration's dissembling federal government services, programs and civil servant employment.

Saturday's (April 5) rally was one of 1,200 similar protest events nationwide. Guilford County and area residents gathered at the Old Guilford County Courthouse in downtown Greensboro for nearly two hours, where they chanted and cheered in a festive and peaceful manner.

Spirited protesters lined both sides of Market Street from Eugene and Greene Streets. On the steps of the courthouse, a variety of speakers spoke to condemn the "reckless" job slashing and funding cuts to programs at dozens of federal agencies by the Trump Administration and his newly created Dept. of Governmental Efficiency (DOGE) led by Elon Musk, a native South African and billionaire. The Piedmont Rag-



Community organizer Terrill Dungee speaks during a Hands-Off Rally on the steps of the Old Guilford County Courthouse, Greensboro.

ing Grannies, a left-leaning political satirical chorus, sang ditties denouncing the silence of political leaders regarding the presidential administration's actions.

Participants waved signs. Many in the crowd expressed support for the event's or-

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Greensboro Police Department Introduces the Crime Harm Index

By Yasmine Regester
Peacemaker Staff Writer

The Greensboro Police Department (GPD) has rolled out a new tool to help the public better understand how crime affects the community. On April 8, the department unveiled the Crime Harm Index (CHI) — a data system that goes beyond simply counting crimes, by assigning weighted values based on the severity and impact of each offense.

According to Sergeant Norman Luper, the CHI provides a more accurate picture of the harm crimes cause, compared to the previous Incident-Based Reporting (IBR) system.

"If we say, 'There were 100 crimes.' In the old IBR system, that could be 90 thefts and 10 murders, or 90 murders and 10 thefts," said Luper. "Those crimes aren't equal, and they affect people and communities differently."

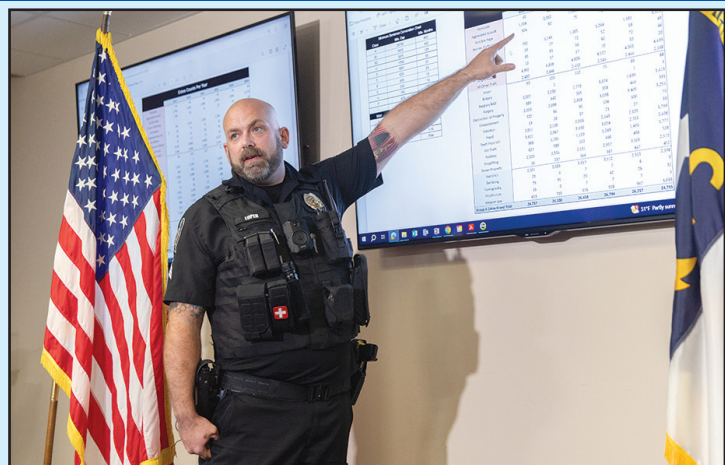
The Crime Harm Index assigns a weighted number to each crime based on the minimum sentence associated with

that offense. For example, homicide carries a score of 29,760 and larceny from a motor vehicle scores 155.

These scores reflect the relative seriousness of each crime, with the idea that more severe crimes cause greater harm to the community.

"The weight reflects the public's opinion on how harmful that crime is — as represented through sentencing guidelines," Luper explained.

In contrast, the previous IBR system placed crimes into general categories like petty or violent, offering limited in-



Ivan Saul Cutler/Carolina Peacemaker
Sergeant Norman Luper, Greensboro Police Dept.

sight into their broader impact.

The department has begun applying the new system to data from the past five years to evalu-

ate trends more meaningfully.

For example, in 2020, Greensboro saw 64 ho-

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Southeast's Newton is the GCS Employee of the Month

Courtesy
Guilford County Schools



Newton

Across our 120 schools, Greensboro Schools have staff members who choose to spend their entire careers in the same building. These educators interact with multiple generations of families, cultivating a positive community and long-lasting relationships.

At Southeast High, Coach Shawyn Newton is that educator. With a 30+ year career spent continually at Southeast, he has witnessed families grow throughout the years. From stepping up

to serve as Athletic Director to teaching horticulture classes, Newton is the man

to get things done. It is no surprise that he earned the title of Employee of the Month for April, with a multitude of nominations pouring in.

"Cars run on gas. Southeast High runs on Newton," says Southeast High teacher Michael Tidwell in one of several nominations for Newton. "He is everywhere doing everything all the time during his 30+ year career. 150 words cannot list all he does for the school and community. Coach lives, eats, sleeps and breathes Southeast High (Aggie Pride too!). No job is too big or too small.

He will help you get it done and when you can't, he will do it himself (probably with some of the FFA Students who love him too). His picture will be in the Southeast Falcon Hall of Fame under Dedication, Perseverance, Service and Excellence. I cannot think of anyone more deserving of recognition than Coach Newton (or who hates it more to be in the spotlight, which makes this nomination even more fun!) He did his tour in Iraq to keep us safe during his career here too. He is the Best of the Best."

Newton was surprised

with the news of his nomination in the Southeast media center, surrounded by students and fellow educators—including his wife who also works at the school. While he may be retiring at the end of this year, we know that he will leave a lasting impact and remain a pillar of the community.

Newton will receive a \$50 gift card courtesy of the Greensboro Jaycees. During the month of April, his photo will be displayed at the district's central offices, at Southeast High and in the Greensboro Jaycees office.

Job Skills Workshop for Teens

The Greensboro Public Library Career Resources Librarian is hosting "Jumpstart Your Summer: Job Skills for Teens" Thursday, April 17, from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. at the McGirt-Horton Branch Library, 2501 Phillips Ave. Teens and young adults, ages 15 – 24, are encouraged to get a jumpstart on finding a summer job by learning key skills for job seekers.

Participants will walk away with an eye catching resume and the skills to ace any interview. Lunch and snacks will be provided. To register, call (336) 373-3764.

For more information about Library events and resources visit: www.greensborolibrary.org.

Living After the Loss of a Parent

AuthoraCare Collective's Grief Support and Counseling Center will present Living After the Loss of a Parent, a six-session support group.

The in-person group will be held from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Tuesdays, April 22, 29; May 6, 13, 20 and 27 at the AuthoraCare Welcome Center, 2504 Summit Ave., Greensboro.

Adults who have experienced the loss of a parent will come together to:

- Share stories in a safe space with others experiencing the same type of loss.
- Come to a better understanding of the grief process.
- Find ways to cope with the many losses that have come with this one death.
- Remember and honor them.

NOTE: Please plan to attend each session.

Registration is required by Tuesday, April 15. To register, contact (336) 621-5565 or emailgriefsupport@authoracare.org

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ing those 60,000 plus votes, he will effectively win the race for the N.C. Supreme Court, taking Justice Riggs' seat.

Riggs is one of only two Democrats on the seven-member high court. Her loss would make it difficult for Democrats to regain the majority anytime in the near future.

A three-judge panel of the N.C. Appellate Court ruled in Griffin's favor last Friday (April 4) with a 2-1 decision, with the panel's two Republican judges - colleagues of Judge Griffin - ruling in his favor.

That panel gave the more than 60,000 voters in question 15 days to prove their eligibility or have their votes in the Riggs-Griffin contest thrown out, but the state Supreme Court stepped in Monday to temporarily block the order.

If Judge Griffin

is successful in having those more than 60,000 votes thrown out, experts say it would be unprecedented in U.S. electoral history. The votes of more than 60,000 otherwise qualified voters would be discounted through no fault of their own. By every metric, they followed the rules and qualified, and yet, their votes could be disqualified after they have been cast.

Griffin was able to successfully mount his legal challenges because he acted before Justice Riggs' 734 recount vote victory could be certified by the state Board of Elections.

According to election experts, other races those 60,000+ voters participated in aren't affected because they have been legally settled, certified, and the winners have taken office, so there is no going back regardless of the re-

sult of the Riggs-Griffin race, which has not been certified.

And there's another unsettling fact.

According to a January analysis of the challenged 60,000+ votes by the Raleigh News and Observer, "...Black registered voters were twice as likely to have their votes challenged as White voters. Voters aged 18 to 25 were the largest age group among the challenged voters, accounting for about 23 percent of all protests, despite making up about 12 percent of the electorate. And while Democrats and unaffiliated voters made up the majority of the challenged voters, the analysis found, about 22 percent of the challenged ballots were cast by registered Republicans."

In that same January N&O story, the Raleigh paper added, "When comparing the challenged voters to

the total registered voters of both racial groups, Black voters were twice as likely to have their ballots contested. That difference largely persists regardless of voters' party affiliation. Many of the challenged voters — about 38 percent — did not have a race designated on their voter registration. Chris Cooper, a political scientist at Western Carolina University, said this is likely part of a growing trend of voters not filling out optional demographic categories when they register to vote. Bob Hall, a longtime North Carolina government watchdog, noted that the state has been found to have enacted legislation that targeted Black voters in the past. He pointed to the 2016 ruling from the U.S. 4th Circuit Court of Appeals, which found that North Carolina's old voter ID law targeted Black voters with "surgical precision." "Over and over again, in these cases where Republican operatives and candidates and legislators are taking action to get more power — they're

doing it at the expense of Black voters," Hall said.

The N.C. GOP charged that the Democratic-majority state Board of Elections is actually responsible for the controversy by counting votes that should have been thrown out.

"The integrity of the ballot box is the cornerstone of our democracy. Jefferson Griffin's commitment to this process demonstrates his dedication to upholding the rule of law and protecting the voices of lawful voters," said State Republican Party Chair Jason Simmons.

The state Democratic Party has sued Judge Griffin and the state Republican Party, charging that they are trying to overturn a legally settled election.

On top of the week's developments, the Associated Press recently reported that while a student at UNC-Chapel Hill years ago, Griffin was photographed posing in a Confederate soldier's uniform in front of a Confederate battle flag. Judge Griffin acknowledged

the old Kappa Alpha fraternity photo when it was recently published.

"I attended a college fraternity event that, in hindsight, was inappropriate and does not reflect the person I am today," Griffin said in a statement. "At that time, like many college students, I did not fully grasp such participation's broader historical and social implications. Since then, I have grown, learned, and dedicated myself to values that promote unity, inclusivity, and respect for all people."

Kappa Alpha fraternity was founded in 1866 on the campus of Washington College (now Washington and Lee University), where Confederate General Robert E. Lee served as the college's president until his death (1865-1870). Published reports indicate that the fraternity has a reportedly well-known history of being a "lightning rod ...for the racist and insensitive actions of some of its members." The fraternity designated Confederate General Robert E. Lee as its "Spiritual Founder" in 1923.

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HEALTH

What is ADHD?

It's a Matter of Your Health



By Veita Bland, M.D.

It may be caused by genetics, a lack of good nutrition or environmental factors. It is interesting that a significant number of children who have ADHD will also have the condition in adulthood, but there are adults who did not have ADHD in childhood who manifest it as adults.

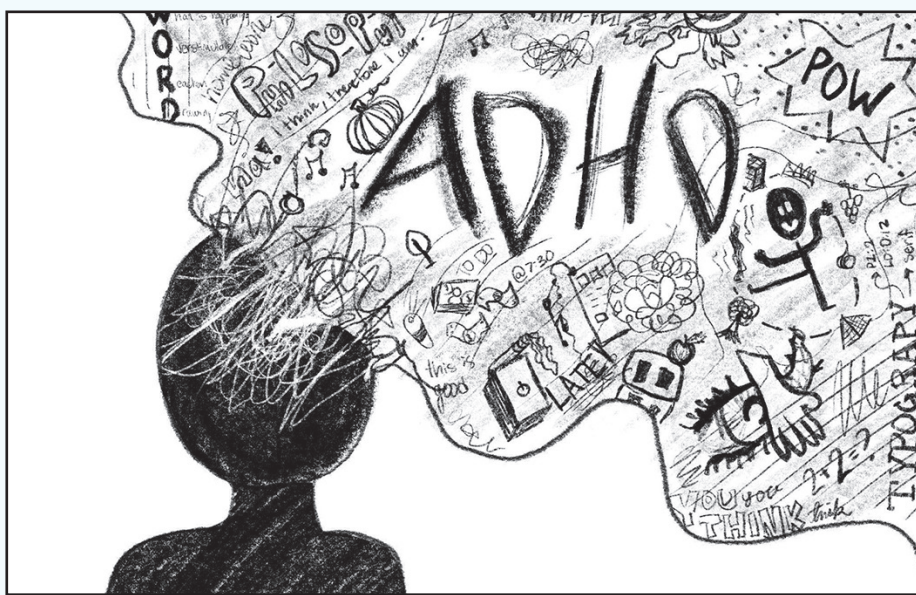
In children, one may notice excessive fidgeting such as tapping hands or feet or squirming in a seat. Remaining seated may be a problem. Some children may experience restlessness, inappropriately running around, difficulty playing quietly, or even climbing on younger children. They are difficult to keep up with and always seem to be on the go. They may talk excessively. There may be difficulty taking turns. Some may blurt out answers too quickly. They may interrupt or intrude upon others.

In adults, one may see another cascade of behaviors. These adults may have problems remaining focused on performing tasks. They may have difficulty organizing activities or prioritizing what tasks should be done. There may be problems with following through and completing tasks. These people may show forgetfulness and lack the ability to manage their time, thus missing appointments or deadlines.

This can cause problems in their lives. This is why proper diagnosis and treatment of ADHD is so important in children and adults.

Recent studies have looked at these individuals and noted that there are differences in life expectancy.

In males with ADHD, the life expectancy was shortened by 6.78 years,



Submitted Photo

Adults with attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD) may experience difficulty organizing activities or prioritizing tasks that should be done.

and in females, it was shortened by 8.64 years. The researchers postulated that these people had associated mental health issues, which included risky behaviors such as substance abuse, smoking or compulsive behaviors that resulted in early deaths.

The experts believe that only a small percentage of people with ADHD are actually diag-

nosed. Without diagnosis, an appropriate treatment cannot be instituted. Without appropriate treatment, these individuals may not have full lives.

If you feel you or a loved one may have ADHD, get screened by a healthcare provider and then get the necessary therapeutic treatment.

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.

Parents urged to ensure children are vaccinated against measles

As national cases of measles climb, the Guilford County Division of Public Health is strongly urging parents to ensure that their children—kindergarten to high school—are up to date on the measles, mumps and rubella (MMR) vaccination.

Measles is a highly contagious virus that can lead to serious health complications. Symptoms include fever, runny nose, cough, red eyes and rash. While there have been no reported cases of measles in North Carolina so far in

2025, public health officials encourage residents, schools, health care providers and child care centers to take the necessary precautions to protect themselves, their communities and those at highest risk, especially unvaccinated children.

The North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services (NCDHHS) states that children should receive the first dose of the MMR vaccine at 12-15 months and the second dose at 4-6 years of age. Older students who

have not been fully vaccinated should receive the MMR vaccine as soon as possible to ensure they are protected. Two doses of the MMR vaccine are approximately 97 percent effective in preventing measles, and one dose is about 93 percent effective.

Parents are encouraged to check their child's immunization records and schedule any necessary vaccinations as soon as possible. Parents of children who require the MMR vaccine will receive a letter from their child's

school with further information. The North Carolina General Statutes (G.S. 130A-152(a)) require immunizations for every child present in this state.

MMR vaccinations are available from local health care providers. Additionally, the Guilford County Division of Public Health will offer walk-in immunization clinics for Kindergarten through 12th grade students in Greensboro (1100 East Wendover Avenue) and High Point (501 East Green Drive) locations from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

on the following dates: April 8, April 10, April 14, April 15, April 16, April 17, April 29, April 30 and May 1. Please ensure that health insurance (including Medicaid) information and your child's immunization record are readily available. A parent or guardian will need to be present at the time of the visit.

For more information on measles prevention and vaccination resources, visit the NCDHHS website and see the page dedicated to measles and measles prevention

St. Augustine's University sued for \$18 M+

By Cash Michaels
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The drama at St. Augustine's University (SAU) continues a month after losing its academic accreditation.

Two tech companies are now suing the small, private HBCU in Raleigh for more than \$18 million for reportedly failing to pay for contracted services. That's \$18 million in addition to at least \$7 million St. Aug's owes the federal government in back taxes. The university owes millions more in fees to assorted vendors and probable millions more in pending lawsuits from former employees if the university loses

in litigation.

SAU officials did indicate that the university had secured a \$70 million land lease loan with a Florida developer. That deal ran into trouble with the state Attorney General's office, which was required to approve the terms because SAU is a nonprofit academic institution. Not much has been revealed about the status of that deal.

To add to the SAU drama, the embattled school is preparing to graduate the Class of 2025 next month, thanks to a temporary appeals accreditation period it has while fighting the March decision by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SAC-



St. Augustine's University.

SCOC).

However, after its upcoming May commencement, not much is known about how long SAU can, or will, remain open for another school year. Last August, SAU had only 200 students, down consider-

ably from a normal enrollment in years prior of at least 1,600 students per semester.

Filed a week apart, the two recent lawsuits accuse SAU of failure to pay for services rendered by two companies.

One company, SBA Connect, claims that SAU went into default on its agreement to provide wireless service last September 2024. One of SBA Connect's options to settle the outstanding debt is for SAU to pay \$16,860,597.50 plus interest.

The second company to file a lawsuit against SAU is Avaria. It maintains that the university has paid some of the debt it owes the IT firm. According to Avaria's lawsuit, SAU still owes \$448,067 in overdue bills since 2020, and \$884,520 for its contract balance.

Despite the litigation, Avaria is reportedly still providing IT services to SAU.

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homicides, up from 45 in 2019. While raw totals show a rise, the CHI places the 2020 homicide harm score at 1,904,640 compared to 1,339,200 in 2019.

"2023 and 2020 were our two highest years for

homicides," Luper said. "The Crime Harm Index gives us a clearer picture of those years compared to others when violent crime was lower — without being overwhelmed by petty offenses."

The department plans

to update the index quarterly and is inviting public feedback during this first phase of implementation.

Greensboro is the first law enforcement agency in the U.S. to adopt the Crime Harm Index,

a system developed by Stanford University and previously used only in the United Kingdom and Australia.

Luper said the department hopes other North Carolina cities will also adopt the system, which

could help create consistent statewide crime comparisons.

"The more departments using this index, the better our ability to understand and respond to crime patterns across communities," he said.

COMMUNITY



2025 Miss Jabberwock Pageant

The Greensboro Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. in partnership with Delta Research and Educational Foundation, will present seventeen young ladies at the 2025 Miss Jabberwock Pageant, which will be held on Saturday, April 12, 3 p.m. at the High Point Theatre, 220 E Commerce Ave.; High Point, N.C. This event is free and open to the public.



The theme for the evening is:
GLAMOUR & GRACE
A SHOWCASE OF DIVERSITY
AND HAIR-ITAGE

The pageant is an annual event for high school senior girls that provides cultural and educational experiences while allowing the opportunity to raise funds for college scholarships. Highlights of the pageant included Bonding: Sisterhood "Bond" Fire & More, Community Service: Salvation Army Ring the Bell and Greensboro Urban Ministry We Shelter-Meal Volunteers, Talent Showcase, HAIR-SPRAY: Loving Our Hair-itage, Father-Daughter, Top Golf Team Competition, and Mother-Daughter Lunch: Sip and Style Soiree, A Fashion Show Tea.

The president of the Greensboro Alumnae Chapter is Desirée F. Best and the president of the DREF Foundation is Renee L. Harper. The pageant tri-chairwomen are Tamara Caple, Teresa Lipscomb-Burney, and Karen Martin-Jones. Tanika Dean Harris serves as the pageant's production manager along with her choreography and technology team. Anessa M. Burgman serves as parent liaison. Photo credits:Rcheston-carter



Amiera Atinuke Alharazim, daughter of Mr. Misbah Alharazim and Mrs. Constance McGee-Alharazim, Middle College at UNCG. Escort: Christopher Porter, NC A&T State University, son of Mr. Daniel Porter & Mrs. Angela Porter.



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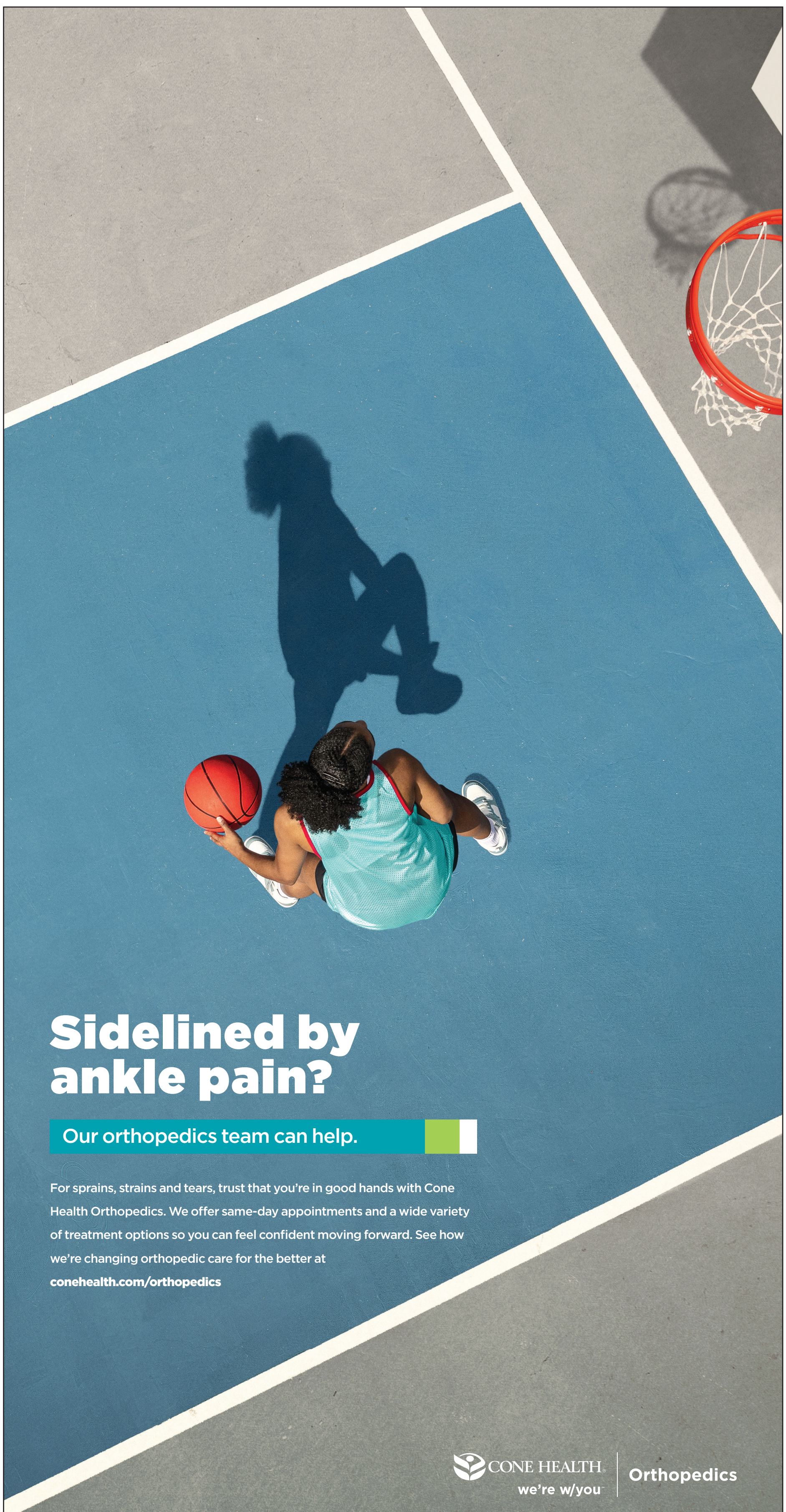
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"If there is no struggle, there is no progress. Those who propose to favor freedom, and yet deprecate agitation, are men who want crops without plowing up the ground. They want rain without thunder and lightning. They want the ocean's majestic waves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

— Frederick Douglass

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To Be Equal



Defend the Department of Education — Our children's future depends on it

By Marc Morial, Esq.

"Today's signing fulfills a longstanding personal commitment on my part. My first public office was as a county school board member. As a state senator and governor, I devoted much of my time to education issues. I remain convinced that education is one of the noblest enterprises a person or a society can undertake."

— President Jimmy Carter

President Carter's words, upon signing the bill to create the U.S. Department of Education in 1979, ring louder today than ever before.

In a stunning act of political retribution and ideological extremism, the Trump campaign and its allies have launched a crusade to dismantle the Department of Education. The attacks are not just symbolic — they are existential. Executive orders, lawsuits, and budgetary sabotage aim to gut the department's authority, revoke billions in funding, and leave America's students — especially our most vulnerable — without the federal oversight and protection they deserve.

The National Urban League categorically condemns this reckless and unlawful effort. In our most recent statement, we made it plain: eliminating the department of Education would not only be a disastrous policy, but a direct assault on educational equity, civil rights, and the future of economic mobility in this country.

Just this month, the department abruptly halted nearly \$3 billion in pandemic-era recovery funds meant to help districts recover learning loss, support mental health, and stabilize staffing. This sudden move, reportedly linked to political efforts to weaken the agency's power, puts millions of students at risk — disproportionately Black, Brown, and low-income

children.

Meanwhile, educators and civil rights organizations — including the NAACP and the nation's largest teachers' unions — have taken to the courts to block an executive order that would strip the department of its core responsibilities. In Congress, senators are demanding answers after reports surfaced that Trump-era officials may have engaged in illegal mass firings to gut the department from the inside.

Let's be clear: these are not isolated incidents. They are part of a coordinated campaign to roll back hard-won progress in American education — progress that has been essential to Black economic empowerment for more than a century.

From the creation of Freedmen's schools during Reconstruction to the expansion of historically Black colleges and universities, access to education has been central to the Black freedom struggle. Teaching was one of the first professional careers open to Black Americans, and education remains one of the clearest pathways to upward mobility. Pell Grants, desegregation rulings, Title I funding, and affirmative action — all of these federal tools have been critical in expanding access to opportunity.

The National Urban League has long championed these tools. Through our "Equitable Education for All" pillar and local affiliate programs, we are fighting to improve literacy rates, close achievement gaps, increase Black teacher representation, and ensure fair access to post-secondary success. Our Urban Youth Empowerment Program, Project Ready, and Community Schools initiatives all depend on a functioning Department of Education that works in partnership with communities, not

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By Ben Jealous

Trump's tariffs hurt workers. A smarter trade strategy could empower them

In the Trump era, economic policy often comes with more bluster than strategy. His latest round of tariffs is no exception. Slapped on a broad swath of imported goods without rhyme, reason, or regard for the people who will bear the brunt of the cost — American families and workers — these tariffs are a political stunt masquerading as industrial policy.

Let's be clear: tariffs can be a tool for economic transformation. But they must be wielded with precision, guided by vision, and paired with bold investments. What Trump is doing is none of that.

His scattershot approach will disturb the ongoing U.S. manufacturing renaissance and raise prices on everything from cars to appliances, hitting working families hardest. The administration's recently announced 25 percent tariff on all cars and auto parts not made entirely in the United States could drive up the cost of an average new car by thousands of dollars. And for what? There are no clear signals to industry, no long-term plans for job creation, no environmental guardrails — just chaos and chest thumping.

We've seen this movie before. During Trump's first term, similar tariffs on steel and aluminum were supposed to help revive American manufacturing. And they could have, had he invested in clean, safe, high-tech production and the

American supply chain. Instead, Trump opted for pain and scarcity. Less availability of metals had a negative downstream impact on the industries that relied on them. Prices on goods made with metals went up. And American metals makers didn't have a reason to invest in advanced manufacturing.

American manufacturing actually has been revived since then, but it was the Biden-Harris administration's Inflation Reduction Act and other initiatives like the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law that were responsible. The previous administration's trade policy was also smarter, with narrowly focused tariff increases specifically targeted to China and on sectors critical to the clean energy transition — solar panels, electric vehicles, EV batteries, semiconductors, and yes, steel and aluminum. Ideally, tariffs should be paired with investments in domestic manufacturing, particularly in facilities that are clean, unionized, and ready to meet the climate challenge. And tariffs should send a clear message to competitors that there will be consequences for polluting, relying on forced labor, and other harmful practices.

This is not just about economics; it is about justice. Low-income and working-class communities have borne the brunt of dirty industry and offshored jobs. Reindustrializing America has to be

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

A must see: Six Triple Eight

With all the insane things going on since Trump has been back in office, Tyler Perry came up with a film that will make you proud. It certainly makes every Black woman proud. The movie is called Six Triple Eight, starring Kerry Washington. I saw it on Netflix a few days ago. I don't want to tell you the details of the movie. I will only say, you must see it!

The movie will make you cry, so I would suggest you have your Kleenex nearby. You'll need them—but in the end, surely you will applaud every Black woman who accomplishes such great things even while being disrespected.

Malcolm X stood up for the Black woman when few others did. He once said, "The most disrespected person in America is the Black woman. The most unprotected woman in America is the Black woman. The most neglected person in America is the Black woman." As our sister, Maya Angelou said, "Still We Rise!" We've just concluded Women's History Month. I pray we'll not end discussing the history we've just heard about our sisters. I am so proud of the great things Black women and Black men accomplish under brutal circumstances.

We now have a President and his team who continue to try to humiliate and discourage us by cutting out Black History programs, taking down photographs and memorials of many of our heroes like Jackie Robinson, and alluding to the fact that they have their eyes on removing things from the Af-

frican American Museum in Washington, D.C. These ugly characters like the man with very few good accomplishments himself, if any, the man who thinks he's a king, will never take away our dignity. So, if they take one memorial down, let's put up two more.

I am proud to have worked with Dr. C. DeLores Tucker, Dr. Michelle Battle, Sculptress Artis Lane, the late Rep. Sheila Jackson-Lee to get a memorial of Sojourner Truth placed in the U.S. Capitol in 2009, making Truth the first Black woman to be honored there. I urge you to find places in your community where you can place memorials to Black people who've done great things in your area. You don't have to look very far to find Black people to honor because our people do the near impossible daily to make our lives better.

As others continue to operate with evil intent in an effort to destroy our cherished history, let's help each other to make even more positive history. I'm so proud to think of people like Fannie Lou Hamer, Frederick Douglass, Malcolm X, Rosa Parks, Sojourner Truth, Ella Baker, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr, Dr. Mary McLeod Bethune, Medgar and Charles Evers, Tyler Perry, Dr. Dorothy Height, Shirley Chisholm, Barbara Jordan, young sheroes and heroes like Congresswoman Jasmine Crockett, Congresswoman Summer Lee, Ayanna Pressley and an endless number of others who risk their positions for us daily. Don't

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different this time. We need a clean, equitable economy built with and for working families.

And here's the good news: it is possible. I have seen it. From my time crisscrossing the country opposing NAFTA 30 years ago to my current work with the Sierra Club, I have stood shoulder-to-shoulder with labor leaders, environmental advocates, and frontline communities. We agree more often than not. We want trade policies that lift wages, protect the planet, and rebuild domestic industries – not that rig the game for polluters and drive up prices on already-struggling consumers.

One step in the right direction is for trade agreements and tariffs to address pollution and include carbon border adjustment mechanisms – fees based on the pollution in imported goods exceeding U.S. levels. If your steel pollutes rivers in Mexico or your solar panels are made with coal power in China, you should not get a free pass in the U.S. market. These mechanisms level the playing field, give American manufacturers a reason to go green and become cleaner, and improve conditions for workers and manufacturing communities overseas.

We also need to update agreements like the United States-Mexico-Canada Agreement to include rapid-response mechanisms not just for labor abuses, but for environmental violations too. If a country undercuts us by trashing its air and water, we should be able to act quickly.

Trump's tariffs don't do any of that. They are about headlines, not outcomes. And we do not have time for empty gestures. The climate crisis is here. American workers are tired of being played. And families across this country cannot afford higher prices with no payoff.

We need a real plan. One that brings together labor and environmentalists, manufacturers and frontline communities. One that builds a new industrial vision—not just for profit, but for people and planet.

The path is clear. What we need now is the courage to walk it.

Ben Jealous is the executive director of the Sierra Club. He is a professor of practice at the University of Pennsylvania and author of "Never Forget Our People Were Always Free."

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against them.

The Department of Education is far from perfect, but it remains the only federal agency solely focused on ensuring every child, regardless of zip code, receives a quality education. We should strengthen it, not abolish it.

Education is not a political bargaining chip. It is a moral obligation and a constitutional right. Any effort to dismantle the Department of Education is an attack on our children, our communities, and the promise of America itself.

We will not stand idly by.

Marc H. Morial is the president and Chief Executive Officer of the National Urban League, the nation's largest civil rights organization.

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forget AOC and Ilhan Omar, too.

Remember to honor those in our neighborhoods who do miraculous things every day to make a way out of seemingly no way.

Don't let the dictator or his Atty. General, Pam Bondi, worry you while threatening you. If they close our schools or discontinue our history, let's do the work ourselves. Let's tell our history in our churches, in our organizations and homes. Sing our National Anthem and kneel if you wish whenever you wish.

Let's honor our heroes and sheroes. Above all, let's stop working against each other. Let's pray for each other, spend our money with each other, share what we have with each other, encourage each other when we're feeling a bit discouraged about what THEY're doing to us.

Together, let's help each other cross the finish line each day. That's what Black women in Six Triple Eight did to succeed.

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

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The war on DEI continues

Berger files bill banning DEI at N.C. Colleges

By Cash Michaels
Peacemaker Senior Contributor



Berger

Powerful Republican Senate Majority leader Phil Berger has now added his legislation to the growing opposition to Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) policies and practices. And if his bill passes, not only is DEI outlawed at public college campuses, but racial and gender bias complaints will also be prohibited.

On March 26th, Sen. Berger (R-Rockingham) filed Senate Bill 558, titled "Eliminating "DEI" in Public Higher Education."

"An act to demonstrate the General Assembly's intent that students, professors, administrators, and other employees of public institutions of higher education recognize the equality and rights of all persons and to prohibit public institutions of higher education

from promoting certain concepts that are contrary to the intent," SB 558's description reads.

DEI was once used by colleges and companies in the aftermath of the 2020 police murder of George Floyd as a way to ensure that qualified Blacks and other people of color were given equal opportunity to compete for educational and employment opportunities. However, in May 2024, the conservative majority of U.S. Supreme Court deemed the practice

unconstitutional in higher education.

Republicans in North Carolina have since labeled DEI a "divisive concept." A bill pending in the state House even makes it a criminal offense for public money to be used to promote DEI policies and practices.

The Rockingham County Republican makes clear in SB 558's language that it was inspired by Pres. Donald Trump's January 21st, 2025 executive order banning DEI "...to ensure that higher education recipients of federal funds comply with all applicable laws prohibiting illegal discrimination and comply with the decision of the United States Supreme Court in Students for Fair Admissions v. Harvard ..."

Because in the last fiscal year, North Carolina's public colleges and universities received \$2.4 bil-

lion in federal aid, and it's therefore the N.C. General Assembly's job to "protect the practice of higher education..." SB 558 mandates that the UNC Board of Governors adopt a policy not only banning DEI policies and practices, but also "...prohibiting (public colleges) from establishing, maintaining or otherwise implementing a group or committee designed to investigate a bias incident."

Bias incident in the bill is defined as "...any conduct, speech, or expression..." that the college, group or committee labels as "...intimidating, demeaning, mocking, degrading, or marginalizing an individual or group based on the perceived or actual identity of that individual or group."

Each public college or university will be required to certify annually in writing by September 1st to the

UNC Board of Governors that they are in compliance with the law, if passed.

SB 558's language adds, "For the certification due September 1, 2025, ... each public institution of higher education shall also include information on the initial implementation of this act, including reductions in force and spending, changes to job titles and position descriptions, and how savings achieved from these actions have been directed."

Critics of the measure warn that as written, SB 558 is overly broad and does not really define DEI. Those critics add that the bill would diminish free and open discussion on North Carolina college campuses.

The bill becomes law upon passage.

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ganizers, who were able to arrange the protest rally in a limited amount of time.

One protester holding a sign which read, "Hands-Off Edu-

cation-Jobs-Data-Trade," said, "This rally was a good place for people concerned about the policies (of the Trump Administration) to come together. It puts

pressure on elected leaders for change."

The crowd marched east on Market St. to Elm St., then gathered in front of the International

Civil Rights Center & Museum and returned to the Courthouse via February 1 Place.



Hands-Off Rally participants on Market Street in front of Old Guilford County Courthouse, Greensboro.



Lenora Billings-Harris models her protest garment during the Hands-Off Rally.



Tanya Richmond displays a Justice for Justice Riggs, Hands Off Our Vote sign.



Hands-Off Rally participants on Market Street in front of Old Guilford County Courthouse, Greensboro.



Michelle Gethers, right in green cap, joins a throng of Hands-Off protesters in front of the Old Guilford County Courthouse in Greensboro.

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Hands-Off Rally protesters marched from the Old Guilford County Courthouse to the International Civil Rights Center & Museum (above).

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WORLD BRIEFS

The UN marks anniversary of genocide in Rwanda

UN News

The United Nations on Monday (April 7) marked the 31st Commemoration of the International Day of Reflection on the 1994 genocide in Rwanda.

Addressing the commemorative ceremony at the U.N. General Assembly, Secretary-General Antonio Guterres said Rwanda's history reminds us that "no society is immune from hate and horror."

Guterres also called

on all countries to become parties to the Genocide Convention without delay and protect their populations from genocide, war crimes, ethnic cleansing and crimes against humanity.

Robert Kayinamura, Rwanda's U.N. ambassador, said the phrase 'never again' must go beyond symbolism. "It must guide our policies, actions, and be a litmus test to our collective morality and responsibility."

This year's event is overshadowed by the ongoing crisis in the eastern DR Congo, where the Rwanda-backed M23 militia has gone on a rampage against the authorities, seizing two major towns of Bukavu and Goma.

Locally known as 'Kwibuka', meaning Remembrance Day in Kinyarwanda, this year's event marked the 100th anniversary since the eastern African country began

commemorating the day in 1994.

On April 7, 1994, a day after the presidents of Rwanda and Burundi died in a missile attack on their aircraft, the moderate Hutu prime minister of Rwanda, Agathe Uwilingiyimana, and her husband were killed by Rwandan soldiers; in the 100 days that followed, Hutu extremists slaughtered hundreds of thousands of minority Tutsi and Hutu moderates.



UN News

Rwandan President Paul Kagame lights a memorial flame during a ceremony to mark the 30th anniversary of the Rwandan genocide in Kigali, Rwanda, on April 7, 2024.

Werede named the new interim president of the Tigray region



AP Photo

Lt. Gen. Tadesse Werede has been named the new interim president of the Tigray region, replacing Getachew Reda. Lt. Gen. Tadesse was the deputy president of Tigray's interim administration and head of the cabinet secretariat for peace and security.

AP Africa

Lt. Gen. Tadesse Werede was named the interim president of the Tigray region on Tuesday, replacing Getachew Reda.

Before his appointment, Tedese acted as the deputy president of Tigray's interim administration and head of the cabinet secretariat for peace and security.

He has been mandated to ensure the full return of the Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs) to their original homes.

In a one-page document he

signed, he is also expected to ensure the swift disarmament and reintegration of former combatants in line with the Pretoria Agreement.

The swearing-in ceremony was attended by key dignitaries from the government and the newly elected Chairperson of the African Union (AU), Mahmoud Ali Youssouf.

There were concerns in the region that the widening political split within the Tigray People's Liberation Front (TPLF) could lead to a full-fledged civil war like the one that ended in 2022 with the

signing of a peace agreement.

The party has been calling for the firing of Reda and others since last year, attempting to appoint a new set of its endorsed candidates and removing him and some cabinet members from party membership.

In March, armed soldiers loyal to the party took over the administrations of key towns, including the region's second biggest city, Adigrat, in what Reda termed as a "coup," and with escalating conflict, he fled to the capital, Addis Ababa.

Farmers warn Trump tariffs put 35,000 So. African citrus jobs at risk

AP Africa

The new 30 percent tariffs set to be imposed on South Africa by the Trump administration will threaten 35,000 jobs in the country's citrus-growing sector and the economies of entire towns, a farmers group said Tuesday.

The Citrus Growers' Association of Southern Africa said the impending reciprocal tariffs, due to come into effect on Wednesday, will be deeply damaging to South Africa's largest agricultural export.

The group said the

tariffs would likely make South African citrus fruits cost \$4.25 more per carton for American consumers. South Africa provides citrus to the U.S. market when it is out of season there.

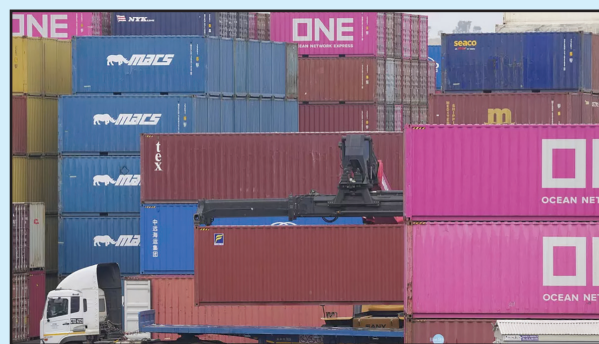
South Africa is the second-biggest exporter of oranges behind Spain and the world's fourth-largest exporter of soft citrus fruits, according to the World Citrus Organization.

South Africa sends around 5 percent to 6 percent of its citrus exports to the United States, which is more than 6.5 million cartons per year, the

growers' association said, but some rural towns were specifically geared to and heavily dependent on the U.S. market.

The farmers' group cited the case of the town of Citrusdal, near Cape Town, and said it faced major job losses and "maybe even total economic collapse" because it was built on exporting citrus to the U.S. It said there were other rural towns like it.

"There is immense anxiety in our communities," said Gerrit van der Merwe, the chairman of the Citrus Growers' Association



AP Photo

A truck is loaded with a container at a depot, in Johannesburg, South Africa, Thursday, April 3, 2025.

and a citrus farmer near Citrusdal.

The group said the tariffs were due to come into effect the same week the first citrus fruit of the South African season was being packed to be

exported to the U.S. It said it was urgently calling on the South African government to prioritize negotiations with the U.S. on tariff reductions or exemptions on citrus.

"Citrus is not pro-

duced in a factory," Citrus Growers' Association CEO Boitshoko Ntshabele said. "(South African) citrus growers do not compete with U.S. citrus growers. Quite the opposite. Our high-quality produce sustains consumer interest when U.S. local citrus is out of season, eventually benefitting U.S. growers when we hand it over at the end of our season."

South Africa, the most diverse economy in Africa, has been especially hard-hit by the policies of U.S. President Donald Trump.

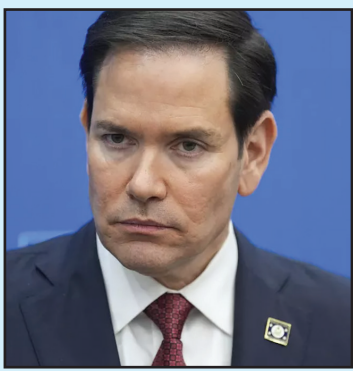
South Sudan calls U.S. visa revocation unfair

AP Africa

South Sudan has criticized the revocation of U.S. visas for all its nationals as unfair and said it was based on an incident that didn't involve one of its citizens but another African national.

U.S. Secretary of State Marco Rubio said Saturday that the decision to revoke all visas for South Sudanese came because the country's government failed to accept the return of its citizens being removed from the United States "promptly."

South Sudan's Foreign



U.S. Secretary of State Marco Rubio talks to reporters at NATO Headquarters in Brussels, Friday, April 4, 2025.

Ministry said in a statement Monday that the deportee

who was denied U.S. entry on Friday was found to be a Congolese national. He was returned to the U.S., and all supporting evidence was shared with American officials.

"The government deeply regrets that despite this history of collaboration and partnership, South Sudan now faces a broad revocation of visas based on an isolated incident involving misrepresentation by an individual who is not a South Sudanese national," the statement said.

South Sudan's Information Minister Michael

Makuei Lueth told The Associated Press on Monday that the U.S. was "attempting to find faults with the tense situation" in the country because no sovereign nation would accept foreign deportees.

The U.N. in March warned that South Sudan was teetering on the edge of renewed civil war. The country's vice president and prominent opposition leader, Riek Machar remains under house arrest on charges of incitement after an armed group allied to him overran an army camp and attacked

a U.N. helicopter.

It was not immediately clear how many South Sudanese hold U.S. visas. U.S. Deputy Secretary of State Christopher Landau said on social media that the dispute centers on one person, certified by South Sudan's Embassy in Washington, that Juba has refused to accept. That person was not named.

No new visas will be issued, the U.S. said, and "we will be prepared to review these actions when South Sudan is in full cooperation."

Bongo Flava: How a Tanzanian music genre won global attention

AP Africa

Born from a fusion of hip-hop, Afrobeat, and Swahili storytelling, Bongo Flava has become a symbol of Tanzanian pride.

Artists like Diamond Platnumz and Ali Kiba have turned it into a continental powerhouse, collaborating with icons from Chris Brown to Jason Derulo.

Yet, as the genre climbs globally, veterans like Abdul Sykes, a legend with 26 years in the game, warn of

stagnation.

"The knowledge of making money from streams came to us fairly recently, we don't have that education and the few that know it share it amongst each other for their benefit," said Skykes.

The introduction of audio cassettes in 1976 contributed to the ongoing issue of music piracy in Tanzania.

The challenge persists despite government interventions such as the Copyright Act of 1999 and the Tax Stamp system in-

troduced in 2013.

Bongo Flava, a significant cultural export, is negatively affected by piracy, as it limits artists' profits and their ability to manage their work effectively in the digital age.

"Streaming platforms are the future, but many artists don't understand royalties or contracts. Talent alone isn't enough, you need to be business savvy," said Dupy Beats, a music producer.

Despite the success



AP Photo

The Bongo Flava album cover, A Boy from Tanzania, by Tanzanian music sensation Diamond Platnumz.

of some artists, there is a growing demand for change within the industry. Abdul Sykes,

a prominent figure in the music scene, has highlighted some of the harsh realities

faced by artists in Tanzania.

"The agency managing my work brought me \$100 after years. Imagine. Without government support laws against piracy, and funding for studios, we'll keep losing," he said.

Music experts insist that Bongo Flava's rhythm pulses with potential, but its future hinges on protection and innovation.

As artists push for reforms, the beat goes on but not without a fight.

Sports, Arts & Entertainment

The Week of Thursday, April 10, to Wednesday, April 16, 2025

High Point University has eventful final day at VertKlasse

Courtesy HPU Athletics



High Point women's 4x100 team set a new school and meet record clocking 45.21 and earning first place. (L-R): Ashari Pearson, Dae'Nitra Hester, Gianna Paul and Quiana Williams.

Gianna Paul was crowned the winner of the women's high jump, jumping 1.72m. She then turned around and ran as the third leg of the



Photos Courtesy HPU Athletics

High Point men's 4x100 also set a school record with a time of 39.89. (L-R): Myles Darroch, Marquis Belle, Dominiq Northington and Keshon Sapp.

women's 4x100m relay team. She helped the team pick up a first-place win, clocking a 45.21 time for a new program record and meet re-

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UNCG softball extends win streak to seven with Furman series sweep

Courtesy UNCG Athletics



Emma White/UNCG Athletics

UNCG's Reese Byrd (senior) secures the win in Saturday's (April 5) victory over Furman.

The UNC Greensboro (UNCG) softball team defeated The Southern Conference (SoCon) foe Furman in a doubleheader on Saturday with scores of 9-4 and 5-2 to secure its second conference sweep of the season.

With the victory, UNCG also extended its win streak to seven.

UNCG improves to 30-10 overall and 7-2 in the SoCon and Furman falls to 13-25 overall and 3-6 in the conference.

Game 1: UNCG 9 – Furman 4

- UNCG got on top, 2-0, in the top of the second scoring two runs on Macy Michael's one-out double to left center.

- Hadley Gardner led off the frame with a single to left field and Nya

South drove the ball out to right field for Michael's RBI.

- Furman responded with two runs of its own in the bottom of the third to tie the game, 2-2, before stranding two Paladins on base.

- The Paladins took their first lead of the series in the bottom of the fourth as Caitlin Goldwait singled to second base to drive in

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Aggies honor Championship Team, SBU gets the win

Courtesy A&T Athletics

It was a special day on Saturday (April 5) for the North Carolina A&T baseball program as it honored a part of its glorious past on Saturday when the 2005 team returned to War Memorial Stadium to celebrate the 20th anniversary of their 2005 Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference (MEAC) tournament and regular-season championships.

However, it was not so great on the diamond Saturday. The Stony Brook University (SBU) Seawolves put together two massive innings, defeating A&T 17-4 in seven innings in Coastal Athletic Association (CAA) play. The loss drops the Aggies to 9-19 overall and 5-3 in the CAA. The loss also knocks A&T back into a third-place tie with the College of Charleston.

SBU leadoff man Evan Goforth went 2-for-3 and drove in three runs to help the Seawolves improve to 13-15 overall and 2-6 in league play. On Saturday, the Seawolves scored nine runs over the first three innings, and the Aggies never recovered.

A&T displayed some power on Saturday. In the A&T fifth inning, freshman Savoi Edwards hit his first career home run, a solo shot to left center field to put the Aggies on the board for the first time. A&T added two more runs in the sixth inning once the Seawolves took right-handed starter Ty Panariello (W, 2-1) out of the game for RHP Matt Sgambati.

Freshman Tyler Smith greeted Sgambati with a solo home run to right field to cut the Seawolves' lead to 9-2. Taylor's blast marked his third of the season. Sgambati

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Kevin Dorsey/ A&T Athletics

A&T's Savoi Edwards hits his first career home run of the season on Saturday (April 5).

"The Cost of Fear: Why Most Safety Advice is Sexist and How We Can Stop Gender-Based Violence" By Meg Stone

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WHY MOST SAFETY ADVICE IS SEXIST AND HOW WE CAN STOP GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE
OF FEAR
MEG STONE

A Book Review
By Terri Schlichenmeyer

The footsteps fell behind you, keeping pace.

They were as loud as an airplane, a few decibels below the beat of your heart. Yes, someone was following you, and you shouldn't have let it happen. You're no dummy. You're no wimp. Read the new book, "The Cost of Fear" by Meg Stone, and you're no statistic.

Ask around.

Query young women, older women, grandmothers and teenagers. Ask gay men, lesbians, and trans individuals, and chances are that every one of them has a story of being scared of another person in a public place. Scared – or worse.

Says Meg Stone, nearly half of the women in a recent

survey reported having "experienced... unwanted sexual contact" of some sort. Almost a quarter of the men surveyed said the same. Nearly thirty percent of men in another survey admitted to having "perpetrated some form of sexual assault."

We focus on these statistics, says Stone, but we advise ineffectual safety measures.

"Victim blame is rampant," she says, and women and LG-BTQ individuals are taught avoidance methods that may not work. If someone's in the "early stages of their careers," perpetrators may still hold all the cards through threats and career blackmail. Stone cites cases in which someone who was assaulted reported the crime, but police dropped the ball. Old tropes still exist and repeating or relying on them

may be downright dangerous.

As a result of such ineffectiveness, fear keeps frightened individuals from normal activities, leaving the house, shopping, going out with friends for an evening.

So how can you stay safe?

Says Stone, learn how to fight back by using your whole body, not just your hands. Be willing to record what's happening. Don't abandon your activism, she says; in fact, join a group that helps give people tools to protect themselves. Learn the right way to stand up for someone who's uncomfortable or endangered. Remember that you can't be blamed for another person's bad behavior, and it shouldn't mean you can't react.

If you pick up "The Cost of Fear," hoping to learn ways to protect yourself, there are two

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Peacemaker Sports Schedule

COLLEGE - BASEBALL

April 11		
NCA&TSU vs. Monmouth University		6 p.m.
UNCG vs. Wofford		6 p.m.
April 12		
Greensboro College at Brevard College		3 p.m.
Guilford College vs. Bridgewater College		12 p.m./ 3 p.m.
NCA&TSU vs. Monmouth University		2 p.m.
UNCG vs. Wofford		2 p.m.
April 13		
Greensboro College at Brevard College		1 p.m./ 4 p.m.
NCA&TSU vs. Monmouth University		1 p.m.
UNCG vs. Wofford		1 p.m.
April 15		
Guilford College at Carolina University		2 p.m.
NCA&TSU vs. High Point University		6 p.m.
UNCG at Elon		6 p.m.
April 16		
Guilford College at Averett University		3 p.m.

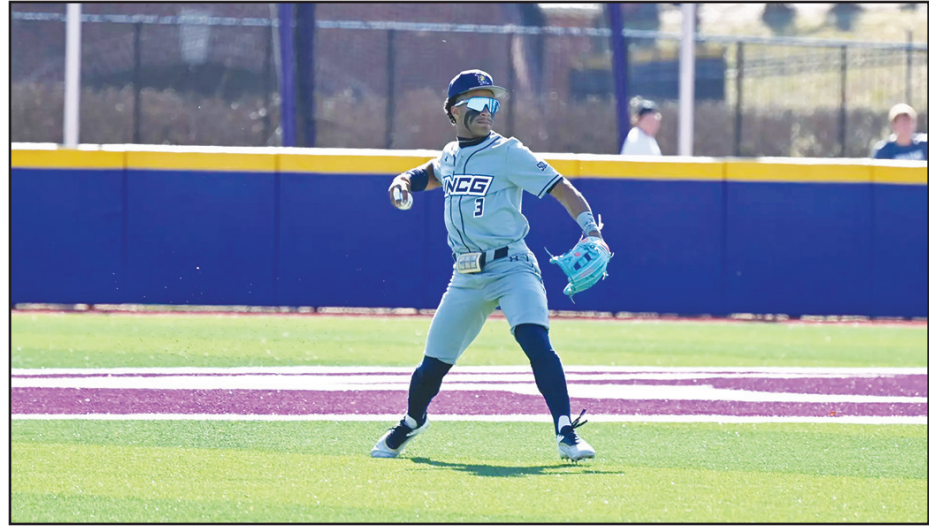
COLLEGE - SOFTBALL

April 11		
Fayetteville State vs. J.C. Smith		1 p.m./ 3 p.m.
Hampton at Campbell		5 p.m.
Livingstone at WSSU		2 p.m./ 4 p.m.
NCA&TSU at Univ. of Delaware		5 p.m.
Shaw vs. Claflin University		1 p.m.
April 12		
Greensboro College vs. Pfeiffer University		1 p.m./ 3 p.m.
Guilford College at East Mennonite		1 p.m./ 3 p.m.
Hampton at Campbell		1 p.m.
Howard at Coppin State		1 p.m./ 3 p.m.
NCA&TSU at Univ. of Delaware		3 p.m.
NCCU vs. M.E.S.		1 p.m./ 3 p.m.
Shaw vs. Carolina University		1 p.m.
UNCG vs. Samford		1 p.m./ 3 p.m.
April 13		
Guilford College at Shenandoah University		1 p.m./ 3 p.m.
Hampton at Campbell		12 p.m.
Howard at Coppin State		12 p.m.
NCA&TSU at Univ. of Delaware		1 p.m.
NCCU vs. M.E.S.		12 p.m.
UNCG vs. Samford		1 p.m.
April 15		
Livingstone vs. Carolina University		1 p.m./ 3 p.m.
UNCG vs. Coastal Carolina		5 p.m.
April 16		
Fayetteville State vs. Bluefield University		1 p.m./ 3 p.m.
Greensboro College vs. Southern Virginia Univ.		2 p.m./ 4 p.m.
Guilford College at Randolph College		2 p.m./ 4 p.m.
Howard at Maryland		6 p.m.
NCA&TSU vs. Presbyterian College		1 p.m./ 3 p.m.

GREENSBORO GRASSHOPPERS

Away		
At Winston-Salem	April 10	6:30 p.m.
At Winston-Salem	April 11	6:30 p.m.
At Winston-Salem	April 12	6:30 p.m.
At Winston-Salem	April 13	2 p.m.
Home		
Vs. Jersey Shore	April 15	6:30 p.m.
Vs. Jersey Shore	April 16	6:30 p.m.

UNCG baseball sweeps doubleheader at ETSU to win three-game SoCon Series



Connor Wachtel/UNCG Athletics
UNCG sophomore Brantley Truitt (#5), tossing the ball, had a stellar weekend at the plate hitting his first home run of the season

Courtesy
UNCG Athletics

JOHNSON CITY, TN.—The UNC Greensboro (UNCG) baseball team swept a doubleheader against the East Tennessee State (ETSU) Buccaneers on Saturday, April 5 with 5-4 and 3-2 victories to win the three-game Southern Conference (SoCon) series two games to one at Thomas Stadium.

GAME ONE: UNCG 5, ETSU 4

The Spartans struck first when Luke Jenkins doubled to the alley in left-center in the opening inning, which allowed Jeremy Wolf to score from first and make it 1-0. However, ETSU answered with three runs on two hits. After Blake Jacklin hit a one-out single to right, he advanced to third on a failed pickoff attempt before scoring on a groundout

by Cooper Torres. Grant Gallagher then launched a two-run homer out to left, which made it 3-1 after one inning at Thomas Stadium.

UNCG cut the deficit to one, 3-2, in the top of the fourth inning when JJ Parsons laid down a sacrifice bunt to score Jacob Budzik from third. ETSU countered with a run of its own when Axel Melendez lined out to right deep enough to score Lenny Montesano on a sacrifice fly. After four innings in Johnson City, ETSU led 4-2.

The sixth inning saw Wolf double deep off the wall in left to score Parsons from first with two outs.

The Spartans tied it, 4-4, in the seventh when Jenkins grounded out to second and Parker Wight scored from third.

grabbed a 5-4 lead and held it the rest of the game after Brantley Truitt lifted the ball over the wall in left for a solo home run.

Noah Chapman returned to the mound for the ninth and posted a perfect inning to secure the 5-4 victory for the Spartans.

GAME TWO: UNCG 3, ETSU 2

Wight sent the ball over the wall in left to get the scoring started in the top of the fourth during the second game for UNCG. ETSU quickly responded in the bottom half of the inning with JD Yakubinis doubling to left-center to score two runs and give the Buccaneers a 2-1 lead.

The Spartans scored again in the fifth inning to tie it, 2-2. After Brantley Truitt singled through

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A&T's winning streak ends at Elon

Courtesy
A&T Athletics

The North Carolina A&T women's tennis team saw its three-match winning streak end with a 6-1 loss to Coastal Athletic Association (CAA) opponent Elon at the Jimmy Powell Tennis Center.

The Aggies dropped to 8-7 this season. They fell to 0-2 against CAA opponents after an earlier loss to Campbell this season. Elon's matchup is the first of three straight matches against CAA schools.

Elon won the doubles point by winning all three matches, including a forfeit at No. 3 doubles. Elon's No. 1 Miray Konar and Helen Sarikulaya team defeated the A&T combination of junior Hana El Sherif and Randy Rakotoarilala 6-2. The El Shreif/Rakotoarilala combo dropped to 8-6 on the season.

With the doubles point in hand, the Phoenix completed the doubles sweep with a hard-fought win at No. 2 doubles. Heidi Bulgar and Madison Cordisco beat A&T freshmen Flavia Villegas and Juana Gomez Weiss 7-6, 7-2 in the tiebreaker. The game marked the first time the Villegas/Gomez Weiss team has lost a doubles match, falling to 3-1 this season.

The match turned to singles, with Elon taking a 2-0 lead. Bulgar defeated El Sherif 6-0, 6-1 at No. 4 singles to open singles play. Mariana Reding followed that, earning a 6-2, 6-3 win over Gomez Weiss 6-2, 6-3 at No. 2 singles. Gomez Weiss still leads the team in singles wins with 10. Wednesday's match clincher came at No. 5 singles. Cordisco beat Villegas 6-0, 6-3 as Villegas dropped to 9-4 this season.

A&T secured its only win at No. 1 singles. Rakotoarilala improved to 8-6 overall and 3-3 as the Aggies No. 1 singles player with her 3-6, 6-4, 1-0, 10-4 in the tiebreaker win over Simone Bergeron. The Aggies nearly had another win at No. 3 singles. A&T freshman Dorsa Cheraghi lost a tough three-setter to Sarikulaya.

Cheraghi beat Sarikulaya 7-5 in the first before Sarikulaya survived a tough second set by beating Cheraghi 6-4 before Sarikulaya won the tiebreaker 1-0 (10-4).



Kevin L. Dorsey/Carolina Peacemaker
Dorsa Cheraghi of A&T returns with a strong forehand against an Elon player.

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things to keep in mind.

First, though most of this book is written for women, it doesn't take much of a leap to see how its advice could translate to any other world. Author Meg Stone, in fact, includes people of all ages, genders, and all races in her case studies and lessons, and she clearly explains a bit of what she teaches in her classes. That width is helpful, and welcome.

Secondly, she asks readers to do something potentially controversial: she requests changes in sentencing laws for certain former and rehabilitated abusers, particularly for offenders who were teens when sentenced. Stone lays out her reasoning and begs for understanding; still, some readers may be resistant and some may be triggered.

Keep that in mind, and "The Cost of Fear" is a great book for a young adult or anyone who needs to increase alertness, adopt careful practices, and stay safe. Take steps to have it soon.

Terri Schlichenmeyer is the Peacemaker bookworm. She resides in LaCrosse, Wisconsin.

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Courtesy NCA&TSU

Hall of Fame sportswriter Rob Parker is bringing the Black Sportswriters Hall of Fame to the campus of North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University. The inaugural class will honor three of the nation's most respected Black sportswriters in a special induction ceremony, supported by N.C. A&T's student chapters of the National Association of Black Journalists (NABJ) and the Associated Press Sports Editors.

The public event will take place Saturday, April 12, in the Deese Ballroom at the Student Center, 1403 John W. Mitchell Drive. The official ceremony is from 6 to 8 p.m.

Jaelen Gilkey '17, sports anchor at WFMY-TV in the Triad, will serve as master of ceremonies.

Inductees are William C. Rhoden, columnist for ESPN's *Andscape*, former *New York Times* sports columnist and NABJ Hall of Fame member; Claire Smith, the first woman in the writers' wing of the Baseball Hall of Fame, known for her work at *The Hartford Courant*, *The New York Times* and *The Philadelphia Inquirer*; and Mike Wilbon, former columnist for *The Washington Post* and co-host of ESPN's *Pardon the Interruption*.

N.C. A&T becomes home to Black Sportswriters Hall of Fame



Rhoden



Smith



Wilbon

A&T's 4x400-meter relay team continues to excel



A&T's Fajr Kelly (center, #5) runs for a personal record in the women's 800 meters (2:05.18) on Saturday at the Florida Relays.

Courtesy A&T Athletics

GAINESVILLE, FL. – The North Carolina A&T men's and women's outdoor track and field teams had another successful day at the 2025 Florida Relays on Saturday (April 5) at the University of Florida's Percy Beard Track.

After moving to No. 5 in the country last week, the men's 4x400 relay team could claim the top spot after this weekend. Freshman Elijah Thomas and sophomores Xzaviah Taylor, Dymond Walker, and Isaiah Taylor took the lone win for the Aggies, with their impressive run of 3:03.10. Florida was holding the No. 1 rank in the nation at 3:04.30.

The other top performances for the men came from the field.

Senior Brayden Hodgest finished third in the men's shot put with a throw of 57 feet, 6 1/4 inches, and senior Carlos Alexander finished fifth at 57 feet, 3/4 inch. Freshman Ty'Heak Buie added another top-five finish for the men by placing third in the triple jump in 50 feet, 8 1/4 inches. His season debut could move him straight to No. 1 in the Coastal Athletic Association (CAA).

On the women's side, senior Lucheyona Weaver qualified fifth in the 100-meter hurdles, her lowest mark this season – 13.21. She also placed fifth in the finals after crossing in 13.24. Weaver is listed in the nation's top 20 and No. 1 in the CAA. Finding personal records and making moves in the conference ranks – senior Fajr Kelly, graduate student Julieth Nwosu, and junior Taylor Reagor also had a good day.

Kelly ran an 800m personal best (PR) of 2:05.18, landing her in 10th place. She could move from No. 2 in the conference to No.1, overtaking Hampton's Jordan Mozie (2:06.78).

Nwosu finished eighth in the women's discus event with her best throw landing at 161 feet, 2 inches, which could take the No. 3 spot in the CAA. Taylor Reagor threw a shot put PR of 48 feet, 1 1/4 inches that placed ninth. Reagor may join teammate Nwosu in the conference's top three for the shot put event.

The teams will contend closer to home next week when they participate in the Duke Invitational, April 10-12. Morris William Track and Field Stadium in Durham will host the event.

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the left side and advanced to second on a groundout, Tyler Steele drove him in with a single to center.

After Jacob Budzik tripled with two outs in the sixth, he scored on an RBI double lined sharply to left by Jacob Dille. After six innings, UNCG led ETSU, 3-2.

Danny Thompson Jr., who entered the game in relief of Grant Aycock for the Spartans during the fourth, finished the game in the ninth to lock down the 3-2 victory and series win for UNCG.

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ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

At the Movies



By Dwight Brown
NNPA Film Critic

Images of Jonathan Majors (Creed III) in a skimpy swimsuit, sporting a lean, muscular body that would shame Michelangelo's David don't portend what's to come.

Based on the male eye candy, some film fans may anticipate the joy of a comedy/drama like Magic Mike or the enthusiasm of the inspiring documentary Pumping Iron. Think twice. This isn't that kind of party. In fact, it isn't a party at all. It's a descent into mental illness, ultra violence and an odd take on body imagery and self-esteem that will leave most viewers scratching their heads and wondering who the hell dreamed this up?

Writer-director Elijah Bynum (Hot Summer Nights) has two talents. The writing part, as evidenced by this hugely demonic script, wants to tell a story about a man on a spiral that goes downward and never up. The premise is questionable, as it will not attract large audiences, nor please most. Unless they want to ambulance chase a reckless human being who's imploding and exploding. (Any comparisons to Taxi Driver are hype and not warranted.) The filmmaking part of Bynum's talent is better-developed, and his ability to show visually what he thinks a scene should look like is quite advanced.

Bynum's visions are carried

Magazine Dreams (★★)



Courtesy Briarcliff Entertainment

Jonathan Majors stars as lead character Killian Maddox in Magazine Dreams.

out perfectly by his cinematographer Adam Arkapaw (Emmy winner True Detective) who's sense of lighting, angles and composition is impeccable. Their efforts are aided by Freyja Bardell's bare bones production design, Bex Crofton-Atkins' simple costumes, a musical score (Jason Hill) that hits the right notes and Jon Otazua's editing that makes scenes as lean as the lead character. No fat. All muscle. Technically, this indie feature has its act together. Pity the story fails the team behind the camera and the cast.

In Los Angeles, the city of angels, Killian Maddox (Majors) is a mentally disturbed young man shooting steroids to fulfill his dream of winning a bodybuilder competition. Ultimate goal? Being a magazine cover model. He's driven: "You have to do something big and important, or nobody will remember you when you are dead."

On the one hand he's kind to his aging grandfather (Harrison Page), which shows his sensitive side. Flirts sweetly and awkwardly with Jessie (Haley Burnett), a gro-

cery store clerk. Gets along with Pink Coat (Taylour Page, Zola), a sex worker. But largely his volcanic emotions, demonic delusions and hostile threats drive him. That's his gasoline. That's what he uses as he goes from competition to competition experiencing defeats he can't digest.

In fact, he's more than willing to threaten judges, store clerks and anyone who evaluates him badly, defies or seemingly maligns him: "I'm gonna come down there, split your skull open and drink your brains like soap." Needless to say, having anger as an anchor emotion is tough on starting or sustaining relationships. That's why his idol, the professional bodybuilder Brad Vanderhorn (Mike O'Hearn), a lech, will regret the day he let the amateur into his life.

A shrink looking inside Maddox's brain might find him a fascinating study. But an audience, after one or two moments of his violent outbursts may ask themselves, "Where is this going?" That's where Bynum as a writer runs out of ideas. That's why this piece of desensitiz-

ing, ultra-violent, mayhem fades like a nightmare you don't want in your memory banks. Its repulsiveness adds up to nothing. And in the process, it presses the wrong buttons—including the angry Black man who can't control his rage, a stereotype, and a gay man who grooms another man, a trope. Potential Black audiences may flinch. While the Tarantino crowd, who never have enough grisly violence in one movie, may yawn.

Which segues into the elephant in the room. Jonathan Majors is a gifted, talent and skilled Yale School of Drama-trained actor. His filmography speaks for itself: Lovecraft Country, The Harder They Fall, The Last Black Man in San Francisco... Choosing a mean-spirited film with a devilish lead like this shows his range. He's a character actor who can weave himself into any scenario. In that way, this project provides a prime showcase. Maddox is a soul-torn, out of control monster and Majors conveys that down to his emotional core. Tough subject matter. Revolting character. Bad timing for a skilled actor looking for a comeback film and trying to shed a violent persona that this role perpetuates.

Elijah Bynum makes perfectly crafted footage because his visual and auditory instincts are impeccable. Pity he stumbles and spews an ugliness so vile it won't attract flies or vultures. Majors is a great thespian. Wrong movie. Wrong character. Wrong time. Beware of men in G-strings bearing false promises.

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ran into some more trouble when freshman JT Taylor doubled down the left field line, which was followed by an infield single from senior AJ Jones to put Aggies on first and third with one out.

After Jones' base hit, the Seawolves turned to RHP Ryan Dieguez. Dieguez started well,

striking out Edwards before a passed ball allowed Taylor to score and Jones to reach second. Dieguez then unleashed a wild pitch, moving Jones to third. But A&T's threat ended a ground out by Jason Campo.

Things got worse for A&T from there. The Seawolves put together

an eight-run seventh inning, where the Aggies had to use three pitchers to get through the frame. The Aggies entered the seventh trailing by 14 runs, which put them on the brink of having the game end early through the CAA's run-rule that ends games after seven of 6 1/2 if a team is trailing

by more than 10 runs.

A&T did add a run in the bottom of the seventh, but it would not be enough to move the game beyond the seventh. RHP Matt Murtagh (L, 0-3) got the start for the Aggies. Edwards and senior Enrique Wood had two hits apiece for A&T.

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Katie Peeler for a 3-2 advantage.

- After a scoreless fifth inning for both teams, UNCG broke open the game with five runs on five hits and one error.

- With runners on second and third with no outs, Jessie Shipley crushed a long ball over the left-center fence for a 5-3 lead.

- Following the first out, Michael singled to center field and Samantha Beck blasted the ball over the left-field fence for a 7-3 advantage.

- The Paladins pushed across one run in the bottom of the sixth, cutting the deficit to three, 7-4, on an RBI single from Goldwait.

- UNCG's offensive attack

persisted, scoring two more runs in the top of the seventh, the first on Betsy Eatmon's solo homer to left field and then Meredith Harwood's sacrifice fly for a 9-4 lead.

- In Furman's last at bats, Madison Petty hit a two-out double, but Reese Byrd secured the 9-4 win with a fly out.

Game 2: UNCG 5 – Furman 2

- UNCG was the first team to score, as Chartrand grounded out to second base in the top of the first, but Beck was able to cross the plate for a 1-0 lead.

- In the bottom of the frame with one out and a runner on

third, Burroughs doubled down the left field line scoring Goldwait to tie the game, 1-1.

- After a scoreless second inning, Chartrand hit a two-out three-run home run down the left field line extending UNCG's lead to two, 4-1.

- The Spartans put another run up on the board in the top of the fifth thanks to Grace Loftin's solo homer to left field for a 5-1 advantage.

- The Paladins' Perry hit a lead off double in the bottom of the seventh and moved over to third on an error, putting runners on the corners with no outs.

- Peeler then hit a sacrifice fly

to left center, cutting the deficit to three, 5-2. UNCG's defense was able to hold on for the win after a fielder's choice and a pop up to second base.

NOTES:

- This was the Spartans' 20th game with multiple home runs.

- Chartrand hit her seventh homer of the season and 21st of her career.

- Loftin tallied her 11th home run of the season and 40th of her career.

- Chartrand tossed her second complete game of the season and eighth of her career.

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cord. Along with Paul, the team consisted of Ashari Pearson, Dae'Nitra Hester, and Quiana Williams who took it home on the final 100m stretch.

Following up the women's first place school record in the 4x100m, the men's 4x100m relay team also broke the school record, breaking sub 40 for a 39.89 time. The group consisted of Myles Darroch, Marquis Belle, Dominiq Northington and Kes-

hon Sapp. Alex Constantinou added to the program records for the day in the men's high jump, clearing 2.16m to place first overall.

In the men's triple jump, Mobu Nwakor placed tenth with a 14.00m jump.

Williams had a strong run in the women's 100m race and clocked an 11.56 for third place. In the men's 110m hurdles, Doming Northington clocked a season-best 14.01 time to place

fourth.

Nikki Frail laid it all out on the track for the women's 800m race and broke the program record which stood since 2021. She also set a meet record with her 2:07.04 time to finish first. Pacing right behind her, Evie Wild crossed in third place with a personal best 2:11.47 time. In the men's 800m, Jake Weakland took third with a personal best 1:52.68 time.

In the men's pole vault, two Panthers re-

corded personal bests placing in the top 10. Jackson Toumey jumped 5.15m to place fourth while Jason Olivera Jr. placed eighth and cleared 5.00m. In Ricardo Montes de Oca's first outdoor meet, he placed fifth and cleared 5.15m. In the women's pole vault, Sydney Horn had the best day for the Panthers clearing 4.32m to take second place.

The men's 4x400m relay team placed first after gaining a large

lead through the final two laps. The team was led by Belle, Camerin Williams, Sapp and Tim Brown who helped clock a 3:09.66 time which was three tenths of a second shy from breaking the program record (3:09.33, 2001).

Aiden Morrison posted a first-place finish in the men's steeplechase with a 9:13.15 time. Crossing shortly after, Evan Mills placed second with a season best 9:38.27 time.

Rounding out the final running event of the day, Gavin Stevens took first place in the men's 5000m with a 15:00.66 time. Klaus Mangeot also placed in the top five with a 15:26.59 time.

UP NEXT:

High Point will be spread across three meets this weekend going to the Bryan Clay Combined Events meet in Azusa, Calif., the Duke Invitational in Durham, N.C. and the Southside Power Invite in Hickory, N.C.

ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

N.C. A&T's Theatre Arts Program presents: "The Wiz"

Courtesy NCA&TSU

North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University's Theatre Arts Program will close its 2024-25 season with one of the most popular musicals ever produced, "The Wiz", directed by Miller Lucky Jr., executive director of N.C. A&T's Paul Robeson Theatre.

"The Wiz" follows the journey of Dorothy, a young girl from Kansas who is swept away by a tornado and transported to a magical world. As she navigates this strange new place, she befriends a Scarecrow, Tin Man and Lion, all while searching for a way back home. To return, she must travel to the land of Oz and seek the help of the mysterious Wiz — facing challenges, including the wicked Evillene, along the way.

Guided by the iconic Yellow Brick Road, Dorothy encounters familiar sights like Munchkin Land, but in this unique production, she also ventures through Aggieland. Along her journey filled with unexpected twists, she discovers that the power to return home was within her all along.

This beloved and groundbreaking musical reimagines the classic "Wizard of Oz" story with

an entirely African American cast. With music and lyrics by Charlie Smalls and a book by William F. Brown, the musical made its Broadway debut in 1975, winning seven Tony Awards, including the prestigious award for Best Musical. Featuring a soul, R&B and jazz-infused score, the story follows the Yellow Brick Road route first laid out in L. Frank Baum's 1900 book, "The Wonderful Wizard of Oz."

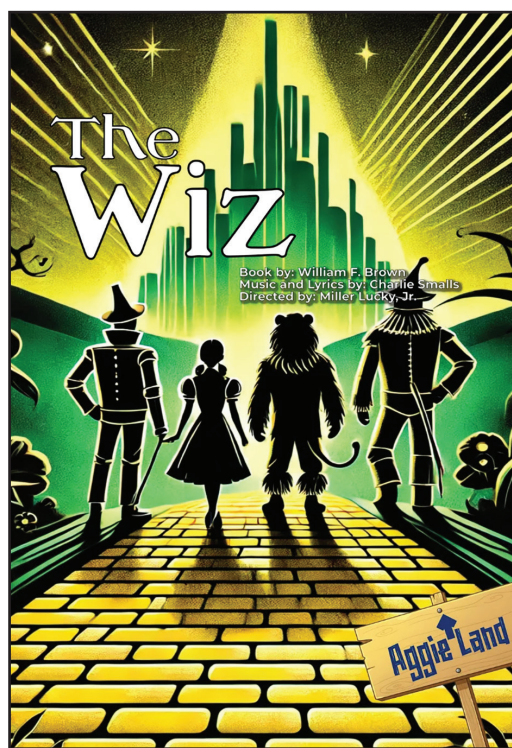
All performances will take place at Harrison Auditorium, 1009 Bluford St. Admission is \$17 for adults, \$11 for senior citizens and non-A&T students, and \$6 for children 12 and younger. A&T students receive free admission with their Aggie One Card. The performance dates and times are:

- Thursday, April 24 at 7:30 p.m.
- Saturday, April 26 at 3 and 7:30 p.m.
- Sunday, April 27 at 3 p.m.

For tickets, call (336) 334-7749 or visit <https://www.itzy.io/wiz2025>.

Harrison Auditorium Clear Bag Policy:

Be sure to bring an approved clear bag. Bag(s) must be 12" x 6" x 12" or smaller, and made of clear plastic, vinyl or PVC. Non-approved bags are not permitted.



The Wiz

Paul J. Ciener Botanical Garden Spring Plant Sale

Join in-person on Saturday, April 12 from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. for the Spring Plant Sale at the Paul J. Ciener Botanical Garden, 215 S. Main St.; Kernersville, N.C. Shop a selection of shrubs and herbaceous perennials for sun and shade.

Additional Vendors:

KW Homestead will once again be joining with herbs, vegetable starts, fruit trees, and other edible plants.

Pond Country will have a

variety of aquatic plants for sale.

Greensboro Beautiful will be here with a variety of native pollinator plants for sale.

Members of Paul J. Ciener Botanical Garden Foundation receive a 10 percent discount on purchases and an invitation to a member pre-sale to be held on Friday, April 11 from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.

All proceeds benefit future development of the garden.

While visiting, please:

- Respect the plants, no picking of flowers, stems, berries or leaves and do not step in the display beds.
- For the safety of plants and visitors, keep your children near.
- Pets are prohibited with the exception of Service animals.
- No Smoking. Keep our Garden smoke and tobacco free. Tobacco is a threat to the plants. Discarded cigarettes can cause mulch fires in our garden beds.

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This notice is hereby given to all individuals, firms, or corporations with claims against the estate of the deceased, Carol Elouise Vetter, aka, Carol Eloise Cassell Vetter, formerly of Guilford County, North Carolina. Please present your claims to the undersigned no later than June 27, 2025; 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 27th day of March 2025

Paul Lawrence Vetter, Executor
aka Paul L. Vetter
5120 Mockingbird Rd.
Greensboro, NC 27406

Publish dates: March 27, April 3, 10, 17, 2025

Peacemaker 0715

FILE NO. 25 E 000680-400 NOTICE TO CREDITORS

This notice is hereby given to all individuals, firms, or corporations with claims against the estate of the deceased, Ulysses Donnell, formerly of Guilford County, North Carolina. Please present your claims to the undersigned no later than June 20, 2025; 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 20th day of March 2025

Brenda Ann Shoffner Donnell, Executor
2056 Bishop Rd
Greensboro, NC 27406

Publish dates: March 20, 27, April 3, 10, 2025

Peacemaker 0712

NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF GUILFORD

The undersigned, Ashley Easley, having qualified as Administrator of the Estate of Zachary William Easley, Deceased, late of Guilford County, North Carolina, hereby notify all persons, firms, and corporations having claims against the Estate to present such claims to the undersigned in care of the undersigned's Attorney at their address on or before June 20, 2025 or this Notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms, and corporations indebted to the said Estate will please make immediate payment to the above named Administrator. This the 20th day of March 2025.

Ashley Easley, Administrator
Estate of Zachary William Easley

John Stephens, Esq.
Carolina Estate Planning
380 Knollwood St.
Suite 500
Winston Salem, NC 27103
Telephone: (336) 790-5107

March 20, 27, April 3 and 10, 2025

Peacemaker 0702

FILE NO. 25 E 000442-400 NOTICE TO CREDITORS

This notice is hereby given to all individuals, firms, or corporations with claims against the estate of the deceased, Fannie Mae Humphrey, formerly of Guilford County, North Carolina. Please present your claims to the undersigned no later than June 27, 2025; 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 27th day of March 2025

Fredericka Marsha Snipes, Administrator
2627 Pine Lake Dr.
Greensboro, NC 27407

Publish dates: March 27, April 3, 10, 17, 2025

Peacemaker 0714

FILE NO. 25 000511-400 NOTICE TO CREDITORS

This notice is hereby given to all individuals, firms, or corporations with claims against the estate of the deceased, Dustin W. Stephenson, formerly of Guilford County, North Carolina. Please present your claims to the undersigned no later than June 20, 2025; 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 20th day of March 2025

Alexandra Metcalf, Administrator
5113 Jennifer Court
Archdale, NC 27263

Publish dates: March 20, 27, April 3, 10, 2025

Peacemaker 0710

FILE NO. 25 E 000743-400 NOTICE TO CREDITORS

This notice is hereby given to all individuals, firms, or corporations with claims against the estate of the deceased, Jerome Harriott, formerly of Guilford County, North Carolina. Please present your claims to the undersigned no later than June 27, 2025; 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 27th day of March 2025

Lorena Harriott, Administrator
3975 Flannery Ln.
High Point, NC 27265

Publish dates: March 27, April 3, 10, 17, 2025

Peacemaker 0717

FILE NO. 25 E 000707-400 NOTICE TO CREDITORS

This notice is hereby given to all individuals, firms, or corporations with claims against the estate of the deceased, Hubert Edwyn Calvin, formerly of Guilford County, North Carolina. Please present your claims to the undersigned no later than June 27, 2025; 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 27th day of March 2025

Helen C. Caldwell, Administrator
1812 Amber Ln.
Greensboro, NC 27407

Publish dates: March 27, April 3, 10, 17, 2025

Peacemaker 0716

FILE NO. 25 E 000682-400 NOTICE TO CREDITORS

This notice is hereby given to all individuals, firms, or corporations with claims against the estate of the deceased, Kenneth Owen Davis, formerly of Guilford County, North Carolina. Please present your claims to the undersigned no later than June 20, 2025; 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 20th day of March 2025

Mykia Lenne Davis, Administrator
5305 Harvest Oak Drive
Greensboro, NC 27406

Publish dates: March 20, 27, April 3, 10, 2025

Peacemaker 0706

FILE NO. 25 E 000713-400 NOTICE TO CREDITORS

This notice is hereby given to all individuals, firms, or corporations with claims against the estate of the deceased, Thomas F. Krissak, formerly of Guilford County, North Carolina. Please present your claims to the undersigned no later than July 3, 2025; 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 3rd day of April 2025

Samuel B. Johnson, Limited Personal Representative
764 Chestnut Street
Greensboro, NC 27405

Publish dates: April 3, 10, 17, 24, 2025

Peacemaker 0746

FILE NO. 25 E 000693-400 NOTICE TO CREDITORS

This notice is hereby given to all individuals, firms, or corporations with claims against the estate of the deceased, Savannah G. Williams, formerly of Guilford County, North Carolina. Please present your claims to the undersigned no later than June 27, 2025; 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 27th day of March 2025

Ronald Williams, Administrator
4244 Shelton Country Rd.
Liberty, NC 27298

Publish dates: March 27, April 3, 10, 17, 2025

Peacemaker 0719

FILE NO. 25 E 000731-400 NOTICE TO CREDITORS

This notice is hereby given to all individuals, firms, or corporations with claims against the estate of the deceased, Kathryn L. Graves, formerly of Guilford County, North Carolina. Please present your claims to the undersigned no later than June 27, 2025; 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 27th day of March 2025

Kiesha G. Jones, Administrator
3907 Hunt Chase Ct.
Greensboro, NC 27407

Publish dates: March 27, April 3, 10, 17, 2025

Peacemaker 0722

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE COUNTY OF GUILFORD DISTRICT COURT DIVISION 25CV006282-400

NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION

SANTIAGA ANGUIANO JAIMES,
Plaintiff

VS

JIBER ENOCH GRAJALES
HERNANDEZ,
Defendant.

To: JIBER ENOCH GRAJALES
HERNANDEZ - Defendant

Take notice that a pleading seeking relief against you has been filed in the above-entitled action. The nature of the relief being sought is as follows: Complaint for Absolute Divorce. You are required to make defense to such pleading no later than May 13, 2025, and upon your failure to do so, the Plaintiff will apply to the court for the relief sought.

This, the 3rd day of April, 2025.

Signed: Melissa R. Buck [57731] –
Plaintiff's Attorney
Camino Law
413 S. Edgeworth Street
Greensboro, NC 27401

Peacemaker 0747

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Having qualified as Administrator of the Estate of Marian Hazel Briggs aka Marian B Briggs, aka Marian Benton Briggs, late of Guilford County, North Carolina, the undersigned does hereby notify all persons, firms, and corporations having claims against the estate of said decedent to exhibit them to the undersigned on or before July 28, 2025, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms, and corporations indebted to the said estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This the 3rd day of April, 2025.

Teresa Briggs West, Administrator
c/o L. Howard Law, PLLC
PO Box 2161
Greensboro, NC 27402
336-303-1284

[AD RUN DATES: 4/3/2025, 4/10/2025, 4/17/2025, and 4/24/2025]

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FILE NO. 24 E 004652-400 NOTICE TO CREDITORS

This notice is hereby given to all individuals, firms, or corporations with claims against the estate of the deceased, Mary Ann Senn, formerly of Guilford County, North Carolina. Please present your claims to the undersigned no later than June 20, 2025; 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 20th day of March 2025

Patrick J. Senn, Executor
aka Patrick Joseph Senn
2407 Old Towne Drive
Greensboro, NC 27455

Publish dates: March 20, 27, April 3, 10, 2025

Peacemaker 0703

FILE NO. 24 E 001352-400 NOTICE TO CREDITORS

This notice is hereby given to all individuals, firms, or corporations with claims against the estate of the deceased, Robert Chambers, aka, Robert C. Chambers, aka, Robert Charles Chambers, formerly of Guilford County, North Carolina. Please present your claims to the undersigned no later than June 20, 2025; 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 20th day of March 2025

Daphne Y McNair, Executor
12141 Harpley Ct.
Charlotte, NC 28215

Publish dates: March 20, 27, April 3, 10, 2025

Peacemaker 0705

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Pursuant to a resolution of the City Council adopted April 21, 1958, this announcement fixes Tuesday, April 15, 2025, at 5:30 p.m., as the time and the meeting will be held virtually and in person for the public hearing on the proposed amendment to the zoning map as follows:

“County AG (Agricultural) to City CD-R-3 (Conditional District Residential Single Family - 3) with permitted uses shall be limited to all uses allowed in the Utilities use group for the property at 1872 Andrews Farm Road, generally described as west of Andrews Farm Road and north of McConnell Road.”

As required by NCGS 160D-602 and Section 30-4-1.4 of the Greensboro Code of Ordinances, all owners of property included in the above-mentioned original zoning and also all owners within a 750 foot radius of the subject site as shown on the County tax listing will be notified by first class mail of the original zoning public hearing.

Please take notice that residents that wish to participate virtually via Zoom are required to pre-register by 5:00 p.m. the day prior to the meeting by using this form <https://form.jotform.com/202643500426041> In-person participants must sign up by 6:00 p.m.

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Any individual with a disability who needs an interpreter or other auxiliary aids, please contact Community Relations at 336-373-2723.

Publish: Peacemaker, T:843-3169 Publish on April 3, 2025 and April 10, 2025.

Peacemaker 0736

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Pursuant to a resolution of the City Council adopted April 21, 1958, this announcement fixes Tuesday, April 15, 2025, at 5:30 p.m., as the time and the meeting will be held virtually and in person for the public hearing on the proposed amendment to the zoning map as follows:

“County AG (Agricultural) to City CD-R-3 (Conditional District Residential Single Family - 3) with building height shall be limited to 20 feet for the properties at 4334, 4340 and 4342 Blackberry Road, generally described as west of Blackberry Road, west of Wild Wolf Drive and south of Old Randleman Road.”

As required by NCGS 160D-602 and Section 30-4-1.4 of the Greensboro Code of Ordinances, all owners of property included in the above-mentioned original zoning and also all owners within a 750 foot radius of the subject site as shown on the County tax listing will be notified by first class mail of the original zoning public hearing.

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Publish: Peacemaker, T:843-3172 Publish on April 3, 2025 and April 10, 2025.

Peacemaker 0739

FILE NO. 25 E 000826-400 NOTICE TO CREDITORS

This notice is hereby given to all individuals, firms, or corporations with claims against the estate of the deceased, Celestine Worthy, formerly of Guilford County, North Carolina. Please present your claims to the undersigned no later than July 3, 2025; 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 3rd day of April 2025

Thelma King, Administrator
3621 Sainsbury Lane
Greensboro, NC 27409

Publish dates: April 3, 10, 17, 24, 2025

Peacemaker 0754

NOTICE TO CREDITORS OF MABEL LONG OWEN

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF GUILFORD
FILE NO.: 24 E 004300-400

Wallace Bentley Owen and William Connolly Owen have qualified as Co-Executors of the Estate of Mabel Long Owen late of Guilford County, North Carolina. This is to notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate of said decedent to exhibit them to the undersigned at PO Box 999, Yanceyville, NC 27379, on or before the 4th day of July 2025, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of the recovery, pursuant to North Carolina General Statute 28A-14-1. All persons, firms and corporations indebted to the said estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned.

This the 3rd day of April 2025.

Wallace Bentley Owen and William Connolly Owen
Co-Executors of the Estate of Mabel Long Owen, deceased

GEORGE B. DANIEL, P.A. d/b/a DANIEL THOMAS LAW
John M. Thomas, Attorney at Law
P.O. Box 999
Yanceyville, NC 27379

(For Publication: 4/3/2025, 4/10/2025, 4/17/2025, 4/24/2025)

Peacemaker 0748

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Pursuant to a resolution of the City Council adopted April 21, 1958, this announcement fixes Tuesday, April 15, 2025, at 5:30 p.m., as the time and the meeting will be held virtually and in person for the public hearing on the proposed amendment to the zoning map as follows:

“R-5 (Residential Single-family - 5) to CD-RM-8 (Conditional District - Residential Multi-family - 8) with the following conditions: 1. Permitted uses shall be limited to: Single-family Detached Dwellings; Single-family Detached Dwellings, Zero Lot Line; Duplexes; Traditional Houses; Townhouses; and Twin Homes; 2. Building height shall be limited to 35 feet; 3. There shall be no vehicular access to Banner Oak Court or Valley Oaks Drive; for the property identified as 4401 Rehobeth Church Road, generally described as east of Rehobeth Church Road and south of Glendale Drive.”

As required by NCGS 160D-602 and Section 30-4-1.4 of the Greensboro Code of Ordinances, all owners of property included in the above-mentioned original zoning and also all owners within a 750 foot radius of the subject site as shown on the County tax listing will be notified by first class mail of the original zoning public hearing.

Please take notice that residents that wish to participate virtually via Zoom are required to pre-register by 5:00 p.m. the day prior to the meeting by using this form <https://form.jotform.com/202643500426041> In-person participants must sign up by 6:00 p.m.

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Publish: Peacemaker, T:843-3175 Publish on April 3, 2025 and April 10, 2025.

Peacemaker 0744

FILE NO. 2024 E 000137 NOTICE TO CREDITORS

This notice is hereby given to all individuals, firms, or corporations with claims against the estate of the deceased, Linda Larson, formerly of Guilford County, North Carolina. Please present your claims to the undersigned no later than July 10, 2025; 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 10th day of April 2025

Shawn Larson, Administrator
1111 Johnson Street
High Point, NC 27262

Publish dates: April 10, 17, 24, May 1, 2025

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Pursuant to a resolution of the City Council adopted April 21, 1958, this announcement fixes Tuesday, April 15, 2025, at 5:30 p.m., as the time and the meeting will be held virtually and in person for the public hearing on the proposed amendment to the zoning map as follows:

“County AG (Agricultural) to City R-3 (Residential Single Family - 3) for the property at a portion of Blackberry Road Right of Way, generally described as west of Blackberry Road, west of Wild Wolf Drive and south of Old Randleman Road.”

As required by NCGS 160D-602 and Section 30-4-1.4 of the Greensboro Code of Ordinances, all owners of property included in the above-mentioned original zoning and also all owners within a 750 foot radius of the subject site as shown on the County tax listing will be notified by first class mail of the original zoning public hearing.

Please take notice that residents that wish to participate virtually via Zoom are required to pre-register by 5:00 p.m. the day prior to the meeting by using this form <https://form.jotform.com/202643500426041> In-person participants must sign up by 6:00 p.m.

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Publish: Peacemaker, T:843-3173 Publish on April 3, 2025 and April 10, 2025.

Peacemaker 0740

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Having qualified as Co-Executors of the Estate of Aaron Neal Clinard, Sr. a/k/a Aaron Neal Clinard, 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 7, 2025, 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 3rd day of April, 2025

Lyl MacLean Clinard Kluttz and Aaron Neal Clinard, Jr.
Co-Executors of the Estate of Aaron Neal Clinard, Sr.
a/k/a Aaron Neal Clinard

Marion “Beth” McQuaid, Attorney
IVEY & EGGLESTON,
ATTORNEYS AT LAW
620 Green Valley Rd, Ste. 307
Greensboro, NC 27408
(336) 625-3043

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Peacemaker 0732

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Pursuant to a resolution of the City Council adopted April 21, 1958, this announcement fixes Tuesday, April 15, 2025, at 5:30 p.m., as the time and the meeting will be held virtually and in person for the public hearing on the proposed amendment to the zoning map as follows:

“County CZ-PD-R-SUP (Conditional Zoning Planned Development Residential with a Special Use Permit) to City R-3 (Residential Single Family - 3) for the properties at 2906 York House Road and 2806 Chillon Court, generally described as east of Castle Croft Road and north of Chillon Court.”

As required by NCGS 160D-602 and Section 30-4-1.4 of the Greensboro Code of Ordinances, all owners of property included in the above-mentioned original zoning and also all owners within a 750 foot radius of the subject site as shown on the County tax listing will be notified by first class mail of the original zoning public hearing.

Please take notice that residents that wish to participate virtually via Zoom are required to pre-register by 5:00 p.m. the day prior to the meeting by using this form <https://form.jotform.com/202643500426041> In-person participants must sign up by 6:00 p.m.

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Publish: Peacemaker, T:843-3170 Publish on April 3, 2025 and April 10, 2025.

Peacemaker 0737

FILE NO. 25 E 000398-400 NOTICE TO CREDITORS

This notice is hereby given to all individuals, firms, or corporations with claims against the estate of the deceased, Janie Ekere, aka, Janie I. Ekere, formerly of Guilford County, North Carolina. Please present your claims to the undersigned no later than June 20, 2025; 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 20th day of March 2025

Charles Ekere, Administrator
4006 Perth Place
Greensboro, NC 27405

Publish dates: March 20, 27, April 3, 10, 2025

Peacemaker 0713

FILE NO. 24 E 004464-400 NOTICE TO CREDITORS

This notice is hereby given to all individuals, firms, or corporations with claims against the estate of the deceased, Leroy Morehead, formerly of Guilford County, North Carolina. Please present your claims to the undersigned no later than June 20, 2025; 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 20th day of March 2025

Timothy E. Morehead, Administrator
4089 Clovelly Drive
Greensboro, NC 27406

Publish dates: March 20, 27, April 3, 10, 2025

Peacemaker 0711

FILE NO. 25 E 000650-400 NOTICE TO CREDITORS

This notice is hereby given to all individuals, firms, or corporations with claims against the estate of the deceased, Leon Lester Kortz, formerly of Guilford County, North Carolina. Please present your claims to the undersigned no later than July 3, 2025; 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 3rd day of April 2025

Nancy Elizabeth Kortz, Executor
2521 Cezanne Drive
Greensboro, NC 27407

Publish dates: April 3, 10, 17, 24, 2025

Peacemaker 0745

NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION

FILE NO: 25-E-000456-400
NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND DEBTORS

ON ESTATE OF: Jeffrey Richardson
ALL persons, firms and corporations having claims against Jeffrey Richardson, the deceased are notified to exhibit them to Deborah Harris Richardson, c/o Kenneth M. Johnson, P.A.

701 E. Market Street, Greensboro, 27401, Administrator for decedent's Estate, on or before the 20th day of June 2025, or be barred from their recovery. Debtors of the decedent are masked to make immediate payment to the above-named Administrator.

This 20th day of March 2025.

Deborah Harris Richardson
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 20th, March 27th, April 3rd and April 10th

Peacemaker 0704

FILE NO. 25 E 000765-400 NOTICE TO CREDITORS

This notice is hereby given to all individuals, firms, or corporations with claims against the estate of the deceased, Jermaine Michael Herbin, formerly of Guilford County, North Carolina. Please present your claims to the undersigned no later than July 3, 2025; 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 3rd day of April 2025

Carolyn Herbin, Administrator
603 2nd Street
Gibsonville, NC 27245

Publish dates: April 3, 10, 17, 24, 2025

Peacemaker 0749

NOTICE TO CREDITORS ESTATE OF MARY LONG JARRELL FILE 25E000652-400

The undersigned, having qualified as Executor of the Estate of Mary Long Jarrell, deceased, of Guilford County, North Carolina, does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the said Decedent to present the same to the undersigned on or before July 2, 2025, said date being more than three months from the date of the first publication of this Notice as indicated below, or the same will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said Estate are notified to please make immediate payment. This notice is given pursuant to G.S. 28A-14-1 this 27th day of March, 2025.

Jennie Jarrell Hayman, Executor, C/O Poyner Spruill LLP, 301 Fayetteville Street, Suite 1900, Raleigh, NC 27601.

Peacemaker 0723

NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF GUILFORD

The undersigned, James Davon Barksdale, having qualified as Administrator of the Estate of Tia LaTonia Rogers, Deceased, late of Guilford County, North Carolina, hereby notify all persons, firms, and corporations having claims against the Estate to present such claims to the undersigned in care of the undersigned's Attorney at their address on or before June 27, 2025 or this Notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms, and corporations indebted to the said Estate will please make immediate payment to the above named Administrator. This the 27th day of March 2025.

James Davon Barksdale, Administrator
Estate of Tia LaTonia Rogers

John Stephens, Esq.
Carolina Estate Planning
380 Knollwood St.
Suite 500
Winston Salem, NC 27103
Telephone: (336) 790-5107

March 27, April 3, 10 and 17, 2025

Peacemaker 0718

City of Greensboro

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5000244302	DONNELL M TINGLE	5314 RUNNING MEAD RD	\$3,934.12	2601992300	WYNNEFIELD LINCOLN GROVE	2003 SPENCER ST A	\$153.35
4202086300	WYNNEFIELD CONTRACTING SER INC	1912 PHILLIPS AVE	\$3,674.10	4900858301	ASHLEY CHEKIA WELCH	21 LEESFORD TRL	\$151.67
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3403221306	RANDY PIXLEY	3608 COUNTRY RIDGE RD	\$2,243.62	2601993300	WYNNEFIELD LINCOLN GROVE	2003 SPENCER ST B	\$139.05
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5000312302	LATOYA WATSON	3102 ESTESWOOD CT	\$1,898.45	2700566307	ELLIOTT E PEACE	1206 SHANAHAN CT	\$136.57
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THE PROVINCE-GSBO				2800926308	EDWARD LEE MCADOO	1 WILDROSE CT	\$114.33
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1501581301	LORENA BENITEZ	5707 YACHTSMAN CT	\$423.59	2201217302	ROBERT ANDERSON	215 ALOE RD	\$93.66
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2502970300	WYNNEFIELD LINCOLN GROVE	15 SNOWGOOSE CV	\$318.34	2502			

BRUNCH BASICS

Cheesy Baked Potato Casserole

- 5 pounds red potatoes, cubed
- 1 pound bacon, cooked and crumbled
- 1 pound cheddar cheese, cubed
- 16 ounces shredded cheddar cheese
- 1 yellow onion, chopped
- 1 cup mayonnaise
- 8 ounces sour cream
- 1 tablespoon minced chives
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon pepper

Heat oven to 325 F.

In large bowl, combine potatoes and bacon.

In separate large bowl, combine cheese, onion, mayonnaise, sour cream, chives, salt and pepper. Add to potato and bacon mixture until combined.

Pour into 9-by-13-inch baking dish. Bake 50-60 minutes until browned and bubbly.



Sweet Potato Breakfast Pizzas



Recipe courtesy of the North Carolina Sweet Potato Commission
Servings: 4

4 medium North Carolina sweet potatoes (about 2 pounds), divided

- 1 tablespoon, plus 1 teaspoon, olive oil, divided
- 1/4 teaspoon garlic powder
- 1/4 teaspoon onion powder
- 1/4 teaspoon paprika
- 1/8 teaspoon cayenne pepper
- kosher salt, to taste
- freshly ground black pepper, to taste
- all-purpose flour, for rolling out dough
- 1 pound whole-wheat pizza dough at room temperature, divided into four equal portions (4 ounces each)
- 1 cup freshly shredded Gouda cheese
- 4 large eggs
- 1/4 cup diced chives

Preheat oven to 400 F. Place 1 pound sweet potatoes directly on the rack and bake until soft, about 1 hour. Remove from oven and let cool 5-10 minutes. Peel and puree flesh until smooth; reserve 1 cup.

Increase oven heat to 450 F. Peel remaining sweet potatoes and dice into 1/2-inch pieces. Toss 2 cups

diced sweet potatoes with 1 tablespoon olive oil, garlic powder, onion powder, paprika, cayenne and salt and pepper, to taste; place in even layer on baking sheet. Roast until softened but not crisp, 15-20 minutes, stirring halfway. Remove from oven.

Lightly flour clean, flat work surface. Roll each ball of dough out to about 1/4-inch thickness (about 7 inches diameter).

With the remaining oil, lightly coat a rimless baking sheet. Transfer rolled out dough to baking sheet.

Spread pureed sweet potato over surface of each dough round, about 1/4 cup each, leaving about 1/2-inch border. Top each with 1/4 cup shredded Gouda. Add 1/2 cup roasted sweet potato cubes, leaving open space in center of pizzas.

Carefully crack one egg into center of each pizza; bake 15 minutes until crusts are golden brown on bottom, cheese is melted and egg whites are fully set. Carefully remove pizzas from oven.

Egg Tot Muffins

Recipe courtesy of "Cookin' Savvy"
Servings: 12

- Butter
- 36 thawed tater tots
- 10 eggs
- 1/2 cup heavy whipping cream or half-and-half
- 1/2 cup shredded cheese
- 2 teaspoons garlic powder
- 2 teaspoons onion powder
- 1 package (2 1/2 ounces) real bacon pieces
- salt, to taste
- pepper, to taste

Heat oven to 350 F.

Grease muffin tin with butter. Place three tots in each muffin hole and smash down.



In bowl, whisk eggs, cream, cheese, garlic powder, onion powder and bacon pieces. Season with salt and pepper, to taste. Fill each muffin hole completely with mixture.

Place cookie sheet under muffin tin to contain messes and bake 20-25 minutes.



Cranberry Strata

- 8 cups crusty French breadcrumbs
- 1 package (18 ounces) cream cheese
- 1/2 cup dried cranberries
- 6 eggs
- 2 1/4 cups milk
- 1/3 cup maple syrup, plus additional, for serving (optional)
- 1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon or nutmeg

In greased, 2-quart, rectangular baking dish, arrange about 4 cups bread pieces.

Cut cream cheese into 8-10 slices and arrange over bread chunks. Sprinkle cranberries over bread chunks. Top with remaining bread pieces.

In medium bowl, beat together eggs, milk and 1/3 cup maple syrup. Pour over bread. Sprinkle with ground cinnamon or nutmeg.

With back of spoon or spatula, lightly press down to saturate bread with egg mixture. Cover and chill up to 24 hours in refrigerator.

Heat oven to 350 F.

Bake, covered, 45 minutes. Uncover and bake 20 minutes.

Let stand 10 minutes. Serve warm and topped with maple syrup, if desired.

Cheesy Meatball Bombs

Recipe courtesy of "Cookin' Savvy"
Servings: 4

- 1 puff pastry sheet
- 12 thawed meatballs
- 1 package (8 ounces) shredded mozzarella cheese
- marinara sauce, for serving
- Buffalo sauce, for serving
- barbecue sauce, for serving

Heat oven to 425 F.

Use rolling pin to thin out puff pastry then cut into 12 squares.

Place one meatball in each square with cheese. Close pastries around cheese and meatballs. For visible meatballs, leave hole on top of pastries. Place each ball in hole of muffin tin.

Bake 10-15 minutes. Pastry should be golden brown. Remove from pan and serve with marinara, Buffalo and barbecue dipping sauces.

Tip: Recipe can be doubled or tripled, as needed.

