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Justice Ketanji Brown Jackson to speak at N.C.A&TSU



Brown Jackson

By Cash Michaels
Peacemaker Senior Contributor

U.S. Supreme Court Justice Ketanji Onyika Brown Jackson, 54, the first African American woman ever to serve on the U.S. Supreme Court, and one of that body's three liberal minority members, is scheduled to speak at North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University next week on Wednesday, Sept. 3rd at 6 p.m.

The event will be held in the university's Harrison Auditorium and is restricted to N.C. A&T students, faculty and staff.

Justice Jackson's appearance is part of her current tour to support her *New York Times* #1 bestselling book "Lovely One." The memoir chronicles her early life growing up in Miami, Florida, going on to earn her bachelor's and law degrees from Harvard, becoming a federal public defender and ultimately being appointed by President Joe Biden to the U.S. high court in 2022 after serving as U.S. District Court judge for the District of Columbia.

Her father, Johnny Brown, attended North Carolina Central University, graduating with a degree in history, and served as a school principal. He also earned a law degree from the University of Miami School of Law and became chief attorney for the Miami-Dade County School Board. Her mother was a school principal.

Beyond her chart-topping book, Justice Jackson is very much in the news lately for her fiery dissenting opinions on the 6-3 conservative majority Supreme Court.

Just last week, on the Supreme Court's last day of its current term, in a split decision on

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Greensboro residents attend the "Broken Budget Town Hall" at Barber Park Event Center on August 25.

Town hall meetings highlight concerns over federal budget cuts

By Yasmine Regester
Peacemaker Staff Writer

On Monday evening, the Coalition Against Right-Wing Extremism (C.A.R.E.) held its second "Broken Budget Town Hall Tour" stop at the Barber Park Event Center, where residents, advocates and local leaders voiced deep concerns over how the federal budget could harm working-class families.

The four-city tour — which also includes Charlotte, Raleigh, and Asheville — invites members of Congress and the public to examine the sweeping impacts of the federal reconciliation budget backed by the Trump administration. Advocates say the plan disproportionately benefits billionaires and corporations while stripping resources from struggling families.

The Greensboro event, staged beside life-size cardboard cutouts of U.S. Sen. Ted Budd and Rep. Virginia Foxx, 5th Congressional District, underscored the urgency residents feel as Congress debates the future of programs that millions rely on.

The proposed budget is projected to eliminate \$32 billion in Medicaid funding for North Carolina over the next decade. Dr. Bert Fields, a Greensboro sports medicine physician, ex-

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Basir Razzak, of Uncle B's Organic Farm and Gardens talks about food insecurity.

Marching forward: Commemorating the March on Washington on Wall Street

NNPA

WASHINGTON, D.C. - On Aug. 28, in solemn commemoration of the historic 1963 March on Washington, a united coalition of churches and the Black Press led by Dr. Boise Kimber, Bishop J. Drew Sheard, Dr. Samuel C. Tolbert, and Dr. Benjamin F. Chavis Jr, president and CEO of the National Newspaper Publishers Association (NNPA): The Black Press of America, will join Civil Rights

icon Rev. Al Sharpton, founder of the National Action Network, to lead a protest march on Wall Street in New York City, the epicenter of economic power and privilege. The march will feature prominent religious and Civil Rights leaders and activists, who will speak and much more.

As our communities face a mounting economic crisis disproportionately devastating African Americans and the marginalized, we declare that now is the time for the faith community to rise and speak with moral clarity. Just as Dr. King before us, today's religious leaders must

carry the mandate and mantle to fight for social and economic justice for all people.

The march not only honors the legacy of those who came before us but also confronts the urgent injustices of today. Economic disparity is not just a political issue; it is a moral one. We will not be silent. We will not yield to systems or policies that rob our people of opportunity, dignity and basic human rights.

This is more than a moment; this is a movement. Together, we will stand. Together, we will march. Together, we will speak. Together, we will

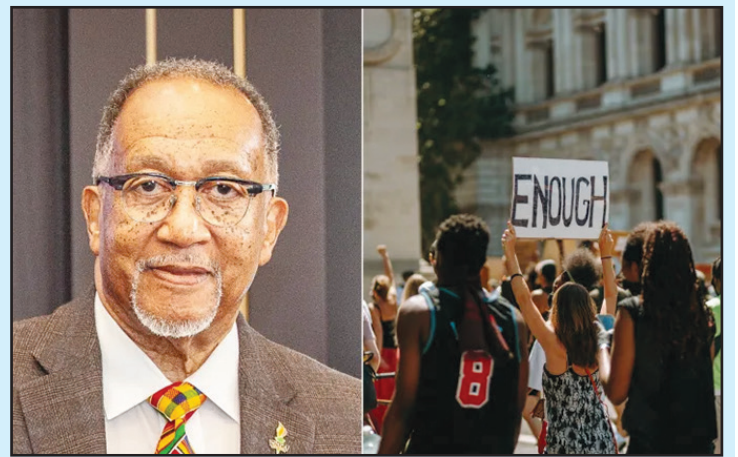


Photo credits/ Dr. Benjamin Chavis:

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Dr. Benjamin Chavis, president and CEO of National Newspaper Publishers Association, will help lead churches and the Black Press in a march on Wall Street Aug. 28. Demonstrators will use the march to demand equity and opportunity for marginalized communities.

rise. This statement was provided by the Joint Coalition of Churches and National Action Network via the NNPA Newswire.



BTS 2025

New GCS School Year 2025-2026

By Ivan Saul Cutler
Carolina Peacemaker

The 2025-2026 school year for Guilford County Schools began August 25 for the majority of the district's 68,000 students, attending 121 elementary, middle and high schools on the traditional academic calendar.

On August 5 and 6, 13 extended-year schools — including early and middle colleges and preparatory academies — began their academic year.

Across the district, the first day engendered many smiles, long car lines for student drop-offs and vehicular parking at the high schools,

and hundreds of happy reunions among students, staff, teachers and administrators. At many schools, students greeted new teachers and principals, including Principal of the Year Dr. Jonathan Brooks, formerly of Bessemer Elementary, now at Hairston Middle. Throughout

the first day of the current academic year, GCS Superintendent Dr. Whitney Oakley visited classrooms to welcome students at seven schools.

As the academic year began, the final two schools of six new facilities that voters approved in 2020 opened. Ribbon-cutting ceremonies for

Kiser Middle School and Peeler-Hampton Visual and Performing Arts Elementary School took place on August 18 and 19, respectively. New schools opening last year were Claxton Elementary, Brooks Global Studies, Peck K-8 Expeditionary

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Dr. Whitney Oakley, superintendent of the Guilford County Schools, meets with students at Hairston Middle on the first day of school. She visited several schools as classes began for the 2025-2026 academic year.



John McNeill Jr. walks with his daughter, Kindergartener Treasure McNeill, on the first day of school at Peeler-Hampton Visual and Performing Arts Elementary School.



Principal Dr. Shannon Peoples welcomes and guides a student on the first day of school at the new Peeler-Hampton Visual and Performing Arts Elementary School.



Members of area chapters of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated, served as welcoming cheerleaders on the first day of classes at Peeler-Hampton Visual and Performing Arts Elementary School.



Teacher Conella McCain welcomes Nella Dabel to her 3rd-grade class on the first day at Peeler-Hampton Visual and Performing Arts Elementary School.



Kiser Middle School cheerleaders welcome guests during the official re-opening of the school.



Greensboro resident James E. Avent Jr. integrated the then Kiser Junior High School in 1968. Above, he gestures to a commemorative plaque of his historic achievement on Kiser Middle School's the school's history-memory wall.

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the emergency docket, the conservative majority voted, without argument, to allow Republican President Donald Trump to cancel almost \$800 million in federal National Institutes of Health grants for medical and scientific research, Justice Jackson, said the majority's decision, "[R]ight when the Judiciary should be hunkering down to do all it can to preserve the law's constraints, the Court opts instead to make vindicating the rule of law and preventing manifestly injurious Government action as difficult as possible.

"This is Calvinball jurisprudence with a twist. Justice Jackson continued, referring to a children's comic strip game. "Calvinball has only one rule: There are no fixed rules. We seem to have two: that one, and this Administration always wins."

Justice Jackson concluded, "The court's Calvinball jurisprudence will have grim consequences. The forward march of scientific discovery will not only be halted — it will be reversed. That's what happens when you make up the rules as you go to help your side win."

Knowing that sometimes strong dissenting court opinions can sometimes have as much social impact as majority opinions, Justice Jackson has made clear that she is not afraid to use her voice. She has not been afraid to chide the court's conservative majority for strengthening and extending President Trump's executive powers, even ruling that he enjoys immunity from prosecution for most crimes committed while in office.

In July, during an appearance hosted by the Indianapolis Bar Association, when asked "What keeps you up at night?" Justice Jackson replied, "I would say the state of our democracy."

"I'm really very interested in getting people to focus ...and to pay attention to what is happening in our country and in our government," Justice Jackson added.

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HEALTH

It's a Matter of Your Health



By Veita Bland, M.D.

Did you know that a recent report noted that 17 percent of the U.S. population in this country is over the age of 65? This same report predicts that by 2040, 22 percent of the population will be over the age of 65. Hopefully, as we practitioners become more knowledgeable and develop more effective care methods, these numbers will continue to increase. We are referring to a significant portion of the country's population.

As this population increases, we are seeing how AI (Artificial Intelligence) is being implemented to deliver

better healthcare.

We are seeing how AI is helping healthcare providers improve their note-taking abilities. This allows the healthcare provider to interact more with the patient by looking at them and not having their eyes fixed on a computer screen. There are innovative skills that utilize AI to track the interactions of older patients. This is also very important as more older Americans live alone.

One such model focuses on controlling the blood glucose levels of patients. In this truly innovative model, blood glucose is tracked using sensors that monitor the frequency of door openings in the refrigerator and pantry, as well as the number of online food deliveries made. This data is aggregated, and then interventions can be made to prevent the patient from experiencing complications related to elevated blood sugar levels.

Will AI be the future of senior healthcare?

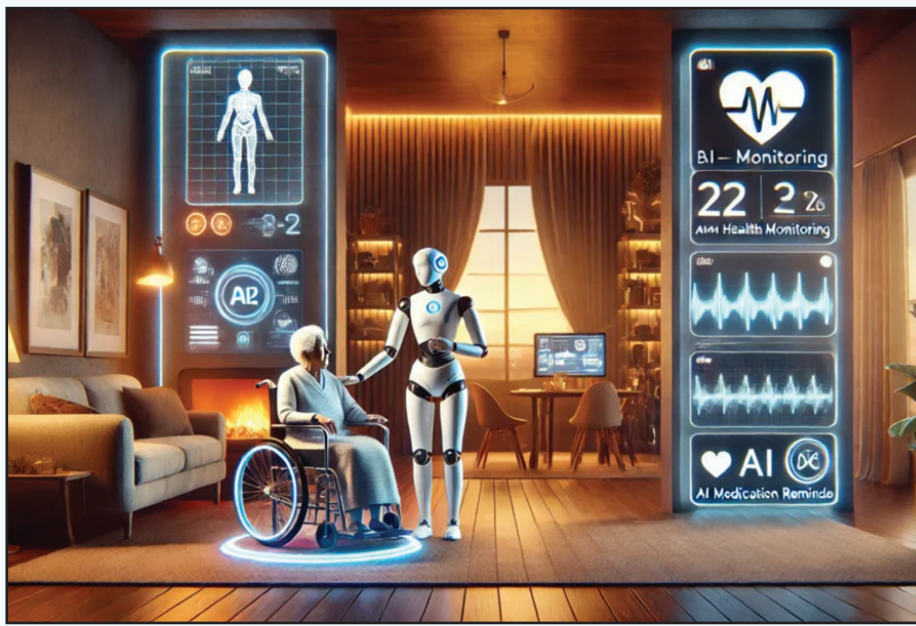


Photo courtesy of Mindful Diabetes.org

As the senior population increases, more AI (Artificial Intelligence) will continue to be implemented to deliver more efficient and effective healthcare.

Often, caregivers continue to work while caring for a loved one. These caregivers are taking on duties that they may not have been trained to do. So, how can AI aid in these caregiving tasks?

AI can manage the heavy appointment schedule of the person being cared for, it can keep an inventory of needed medications or materials. AI can manage documents.

AI can prompt patients to perform daily tasks of living, such as asking if they have had a bath, if they have eaten, and reminding them to take their medications.

AI can personalize the prompts and provide a person with early cognitive decline the ability to still live alone with dignity.

When examining mental health, AI can utilize cognitive behavioral

techniques to assist patients. It can help with meditation and mindfulness apps that can be particularly useful.

Now, as this technology is used more, there is a real issue of AI collecting an increasing amount of information. Of course, one must be cautious as AI continues to evolve, ensuring that privacy is considered and that AI does not replace human interaction.

As developers investigate this, they will hopefully consider people who may not be as tech-savvy, lack some manual dexterity, and are looking at their abilities to interact with speech, such as individuals who have had a stroke. So, elderly friendly AI is on the way. Let's hope the good potential is realized.

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.

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Learning and Foust Elementary Gaming and Robotics.

Under the GCS master plan, new schools currently under construction or undergoing rehabilitation include Allen Jay Elementary, Erwin Montessori (located on the former Archer Elementary site), new Katherine G. Johnson Elementary, Lindley Elementary, Sternberger

Elementary, Sumner Elementary, and Swann Middle. These schools are scheduled to reopen in 2027 and 2028.

Three GCS schools ranked in the Top 5 in North Carolina from U.S. News & World Report: Early College at Guilford, 1; STEM Early College at North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University, 2; and Phillip

J. Weaver Educational Center, 4.

GCS is the third largest school district in North Carolina, with more than 9,000 teachers, professional staff and administrators, managing a \$900 million budget funded primarily by Guilford County, State of North Carolina and federal government.

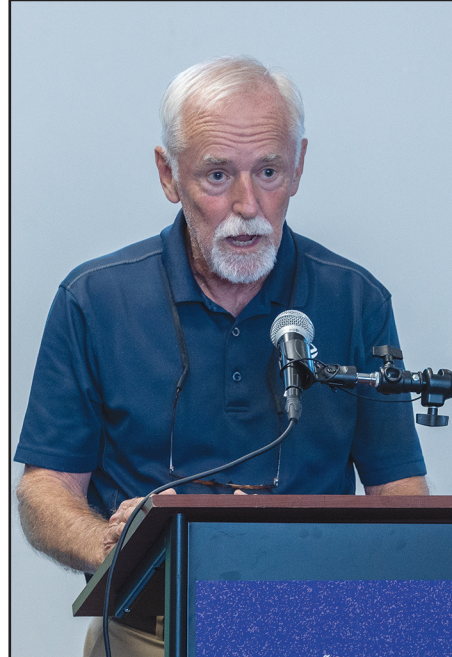
At the end of the current

academic year, GCS will close four underutilized elementary schools: Madison, Southern, Vandalia, and Washington. For more information on GCS schedules, school calendars and transportation: www.gcsnc.com.

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Shante Woody, manager of The People's Market, addresses concerns regarding federal cuts to SNAP benefits.



Dr. Bert Fields, sports medicine physician.



Photos by Ivan Saul Cutler/Carolina Peacemaker
Joanna Pendleton, GCS Librarian.

plained the devastating ripple effect.

"To set a broken bone starts at \$1,000," Fields said. "North Carolina has 1.3 million children and adolescents that are underage, and Medicaid allows us to get them the care they need without having to sacrifice food or shelter or other living essentials. Over half of my patients depend on Medicaid to afford their life-saving treatments."

The budget cuts extend beyond healthcare. The "Big Beautiful Bill"

also slashes funding for food assistance, public schools and clean energy credits. Shante Woody, manager of The People's Market, warned of the cascading effects on families and local vendors.

"SNAP is not just cutting federal money and food off the table, but it also allows people to sustain themselves and make a living," said Woody, a former vendor. "Look at the cost of food. SNAP benefits have never been able to cover a month's worth of groceries

for a household. It is only a supplement."

Educators and farmers echoed similar concerns. Guilford County Schools librarian Joanna Pendleton noted tighter restrictions on classroom libraries.

"What we're hearing from teachers is that there are a lot of restrictions on classroom libraries that weren't there before, which is really going to impact the freedom to read and learn," she said. "What they are really doing is stripping

away access."

Local gardener Basir Razzak, owner of Uncle B's Organic Farm and Gardens, linked the budget directly to food insecurity.

"How are people going to feed their families? Bills are already high, but this budget is going to make everything go up," said Razzak. "Our leaders have to be held accountable at the ballot box."

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NATIONAL

Rep. Adams blasts Trump's attacks on museums that inform about slavery

By Cash Michaels
Peacemaker Senior Contributor

Congresswoman and former college professor Alma Adams (D-1-NC) took high offense to Republican President Donald Trump's recent attack on the Smithsonian Museum, and particularly its National Museum of African American History and Culture in Washington, D.C., which he once visited in his first term and praised, for allegedly teaching about the horrors of slavery.

"The Smithsonian is OUT OF CONTROL," the president opined on his social media platform, Truth Social, last week, "...where everything discussed is how horrible our Country is, how bad Slavery was, and how unaccomplished the downturn have been — Nothing about Success, nothing about Brightness, nothing about the Future."

Rep. Adams, who taught art for forty years at Bennett College for Women in Greensboro, was having none of it.

"President Trump fundamentally misunderstands the role museums play in telling the story of America," Adams said in a

statement last week. "Museums are centers of preservation, of culture, of speaking unapologetically to the history of our country—its greatest achievements and its darkest moments. The eras of slavery, segregation, and internment cannot be whitewashed because they make some people uncomfortable. Museums were never built for comfort. They're built for learning, understanding, and chronicling the truth of our past."

According to The Independent, "The Trump administration is on a crusade against institutions of learning, from universities to museums, to ensure they align with a narrative that presents history in a way that glorifies the nation rather than documents and explains the American historical journey, warts and all."

Trump called museums in Washington, D.C. and throughout the nation "...the last remaining segment of 'WOKE,'" and threatened to have his attorneys review all museum exhibit materials to determine if they fit his cultural and historical narrative. If so, they'll be removed.

"...I have instructed my attorneys to



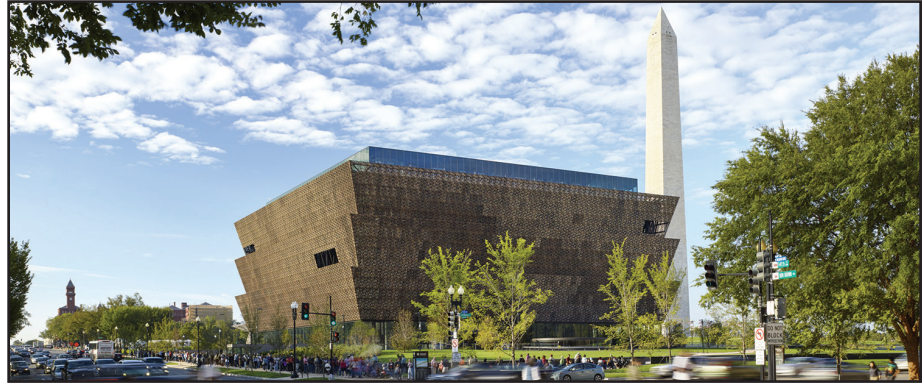
Adams

go through the Museums, and start the exact same process that has been done with Colleges and Universities where tremendous progress has been made." Trump stated.

"This Country cannot be WOKE, because WOKE IS BROKE. We have the 'HOTTEST' Country in the World, and we want people to talk about it, including in our Museums."

Trump's Truth Social posting came a week after The White House announced a "...sweeping review" of the Smithsonian Institution, which operates some of the nation's top museums, in a letter stating that it "aims to ensure alignment with the President's directive to celebrate American exceptionalism, remove divisive or partisan narratives, and restore confidence in our shared cultural institutions."

Trump's attack on museums that tell the true story of slavery has drawn an ava-



The National Museum of African American History and Culture in Washington, D.C.

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- U.S. Rep. Alma Adams of North Carolina

lanche of criticism, as well as plenty of MAGA supporting comments that tried to minimize the institution of slavery for its documented cruelty.

Sarah Weicksel, executive director of the American Historical Association, told WTOP News in Washington, D.C. that what the White House is doing is "appalling,"

and the president's directive "is the imposition of a single, ideological, highly partisan, politicized version of history. That is not an effort to ensure that content is in line with up-to-date scholarship, ... and would deprive Americans "access to a full, unvarnished version of the American past that is told

in all of its complexity and all of its messiness."

Rep. Adams added, "The president can try to remove our history from museums, but make no mistake, that will not silence the American people," she said. "We will keep acknowledging it, discussing it, and learning from it as we build for the future."

INTERNATIONAL

UN Observes International Remembrance of the Slave Trade

Editor's Note: The night of Aug. 22 to Aug. 23, 1791, in Santo Domingo – today Haiti and the Dominican Republic – saw the beginning of the uprising that would play a crucial role in the abolition of the transatlantic slave trade.

fronting our painful past is urgent—and because critics who erase suffering do so to keep oppression alive.

A people without the knowledge of their history, origin, and culture is like a tree without roots.

— Marcus Garvey

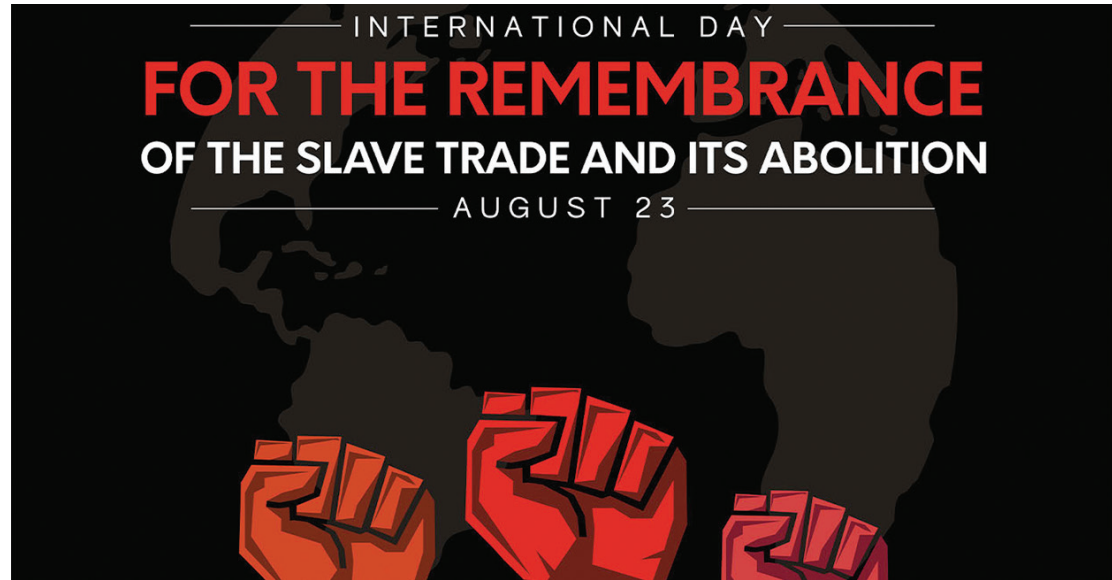
The Transatlantic Slave Trade is not just Black history—it is American history, and Black Americans lived it. Their ancestors were violently torn from their homes, forced into brutal labor, and stripped of basic humanity. That legacy of injustice echoes loudly in every aspect of our society—because the slave trade wasn't just cruel, it was foundational.

By Stacy M. Brown
NNPA

The night of Aug. 22 to Aug. 23, 1791, in Santo Domingo – today Haiti and the Dominican Republic – saw the beginning of the uprising that would play a crucial role in the abolition of the transatlantic slave trade.

The slave rebellion in the area weakened the Caribbean colonial system, sparking an uprising that led to the abolition of slavery and gave the island its independence. It also marked the beginning of the destruction of the slavery system, the slave trade, and colonialism. Each year, on Aug. 23, the United Nations hosts an International Day for the Remembrance of the Slave Trade and its Abolition to remind the world of the tragedy of the transatlantic slave trade.

U.N. officials said it provides an opportunity to think about the historic causes, the methods, and the consequences of the slave trade. Experts said



it's important to never forget. And, with the approaching 500th anniversary of the date Africans were first forced into slavery in America, many like Felicia M. Davis, the director of the HBCU Green Fund, which invests in sustainable campus solutions for historically Black colleges and universities, said she believes African enslavement demands re-examination.

"The fact that slavery was underway for a century in South America before its introduction in North America is not widely taught nor commonly understood," Davis said. "It is a powerful historical fact missing from our understanding of slavery, its magnitude, and global impact. Knowledge that slavery was underway for a century provides deep insight into how enslaved

Africans adapted," she said. Far beyond the horrific "seasoning" description that others have provided, clearly generations had been born into slavery long before the introduction in North America, Davis argued. "It deepens the understanding of how vast majorities could be oppressed in such an extreme manner for such a long period of time. It is also a testament to the strength and drive among people of African descent to live free," she said.

The history of the United States has often been described as the history of oppression and resistance to that oppression, said David B. Allison, the editor of the book, "Controversial Monuments and Memorials: A Guide for Community Leaders." Slavery and the resulting touchstones stemming from slavery

throughout the history of the United States run as a consistent thread that illuminates the soul and essence of America, said Allison, a historian with a master's degree in U.S. History from Indiana University-Purdue University at Indianapolis. "From the compromises and moral equivocation in the founding documents during the Revolutionary Era – statements like 'All men are created equal' were written by a man who kept Black men and women as decidedly unequal as slaves – to the Civil War and Civil Rights Movement, the tragedy and terror of slavery are fundamental to the history of the United States," Allison said.

Today, the fallout from the events of Aug. 2017 in

PET HEALTH

Dog Grooming Advice to Keep Pets Clean and Healthy

(Family Features) Regular grooming can keep your dog looking and smelling his or her best, but it's also important for maintaining health. If you choose to groom at home rather than opting for (often expensive) professional care, it's also an opportunity to examine your pet for potential concerns.

A proper grooming routine starts with the right tools. Consider these suggestions from The Humane Society of the United States:

- Dog-friendly nail clippers
- Rubber-bristled brush
- Dog-friendly toothbrush and toothpaste
- Dog-friendly shampoo and conditioner
- Cotton balls
- Blunt-ended shears or small clippers with guides
- Microfiber towel

Trimming Nails

When your dog's nails nearly touch the ground, it's time for a trim, typically every 3-4 weeks. Trimming the part of the nail that turns down helps prevent pain and damage to paws.

If your dog has white nails, avoid cutting the "quick," the pink part that's visible on white nails, which bleeds when cut. For dark nails, simply trim a bit at a time until evidence of the quick is visible.

Bathing and Brushing

Frequency for baths and brushing depends on your dog's coat type – be sure to research optimal grooming schedules based on his or her breed. In general, The Humane Society of the United States recommends these guidelines:

- Short, smooth or wiry coat: Brush once a week with a rubber-bristled brush.
- Long, silky or curly coat: Brush once a day with a rubber-bristled brush or wire slicker brush. Use a steel comb to prevent tangles or mats, if necessary.
- Double coat: Use an undercoat rake or de-shedding tool to gently de-shed once a week in addition to regular brushing routines.

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Charlottesville – brought about by a White supremacist rally and touched off the debate around the potential removal of a statue to a leader of the Confederacy – continues to weigh down the collective psyche of this nation, Allison continued. "Moreover, the rise in police profiling and brutality of Black men and the resulting rates of incarceration for African Americans highlight the ongoing oppression that was initially born in the crucible of slavery," he said. Allison added that it's "absolutely essential to understand and remember that 2019 is the 500th anniversary of slavery in the United States so that we can understand both how our country became how it is now and how we might envision a more just future for all citizens."

Each year, the United Nations invites people all over the world, including educators, students, and artists, to organize events that center on the theme of the International Day of Remembrance. Theatre companies, cultural organizations, musicians, and artists take part in this day by expressing their resistance against slavery through performances that involve music, dance, and drama. Educators promote the day by informing people about the historical events associated with the slave trade, the consequences of the slave trade, and promoting tolerance and human rights. Many organizations, including youth associations, government agencies, and non-governmental organizations, actively take part in the event to educate society about the negative consequences of the slave trade.

Here in America, many organizations, activists, and scholars are focused on 2019 as the anniversary of the arrival of the first Africans to be enslaved in Jamestown and 160 years since the last slave ship arrived, Davis said. Also, there's a growing list of apologies for slavery from colleges and universities, local governments, and corporations. Efforts are underway by the HBCU Green Fund to organize a national convening under the theme "Sankofa Remix" with three tracks: past, present, and future. The goal is to examine history from an African American perspective, explore current impacts, including backlash from the election of the first Black president, and craft a vision that extends at least 100 years into the future that features presentations from artists, activists, technology, scholars, and other creative energy. "It is encouraging to know that BlackPressUSA is focused on this topic. It is our hope that plans are underway to cover activities throughout the entire year," Davis said, noting that 2019 also marks the 100th anniversary of the Red Summer Race Riots.

"The U.N. Decade of African Descent 2015-2024 should also be highlighted as the BlackPressUSA leads this important examination of history," she said. "Interestingly, the first and last slave ships to arrive in the U.S. both arrived in August. The HBCU Green Fund is working to put together a calendar of dates and observances. "We would love to work with Black Press USA to promote a year-long observance that helps to reinvigorate and support the important role that the Black press plays in the liberation of Black people across the globe. "We would be honored to have Black Press USA as a Sankofa Remix partner organization and look forward to collaboration opportunities," Davis said.

When it's bath time, use a shampoo formulated for dogs and a damp cloth or cotton ball to clean around the eyes and ears without pushing anything into the eyes or ears. Dry with a microfiber towel or hair dryer on a low setting.

Cutting Fur

Be careful and work slowly to avoid mistakes and keep your dog calm and comfortable. Brush, bathe and completely dry prior to cutting fur with blunt-ended shears or small clippers with guide combs. Specifically trim hair covering the eyes and private areas and between your pup's paw pads. It may be helpful to watch a tutorial online to ensure success.

Brushing Teeth

You can prevent gum disease and plaque buildup by brushing your dog's teeth with a soft toothbrush and dog-friendly toothpaste. Make sure your pet is comfortable and start slow, staying on the outside surfaces of teeth and gently rubbing back and forth. Focus on the area where the tooth surface meets the gum.

Visit eLivingtoday.com to find more pet health advice.

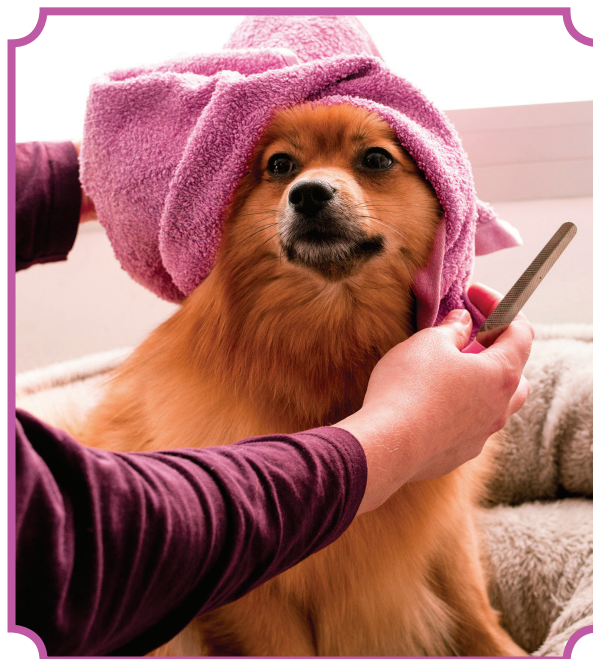

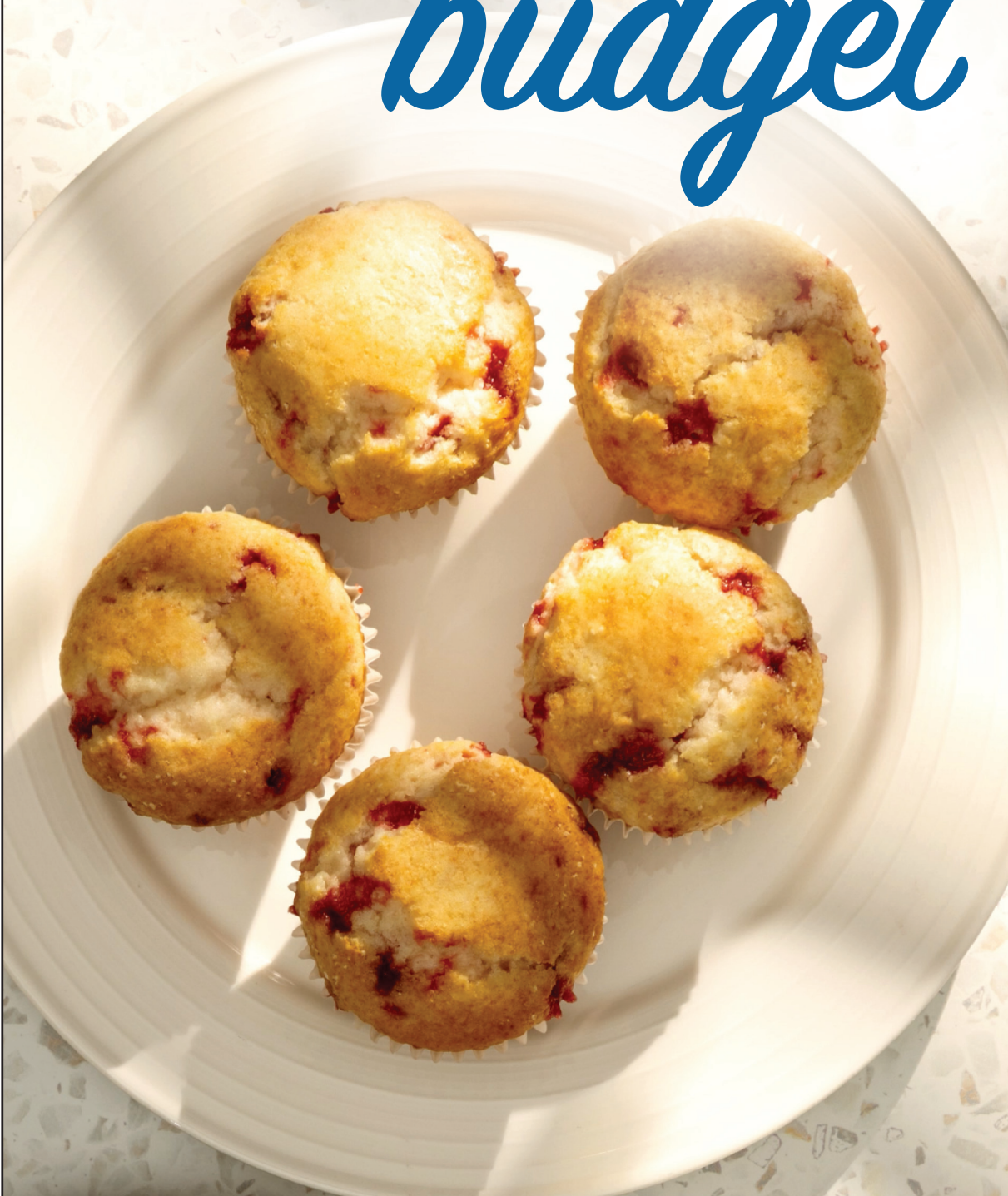


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"If there is no struggle, there is no progress. Those who propose to favor freedom, and yet deprecate agitation, are men who want crops without plowing up the ground. They want rain without thunder and lightning. They want the ocean's majestic waves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

— Frederick Douglass

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Child Watch



'The America That is Yet to Come'

By Marian Wright Edelman

This month marked the 60th anniversary of the Voting Rights Act of 1965, the historic legislation President Lyndon B. Johnson signed into law at the U.S. Capitol with many of the Democratic and Republican lawmakers who had helped secure its large bipartisan victory and civil rights leaders, including Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., John Lewis, and Mrs. Rosa Parks, by his side. In his remarks, President Johnson was very clear as he shared his views about the truth of American history that began in 1619 and led up to that moment:

"Today is a triumph for freedom as huge as any victory that has ever been won on any battlefield. Yet to seize the meaning of this day, we must recall darker times. Three and a half centuries ago the first Negroes arrived at Jamestown. They did not arrive in brave ships in search of a home for freedom. They did not mingle fear and joy, in expectation that in this New World anything would be possible to a man strong enough to reach for it. They came in darkness and they came in chains. And today we strike away the last major shackle of those fierce and ancient bonds. Today the Negro story and the American story fuse and blend."

President Johnson continued: "The stories of our Nation and of the American Negro are like two great rivers. Welling up from that tiny Jamestown spring they flow through the centuries along divided channels. When pioneers subdued a continent to the need of man, they did not take it for the Negro. When the Liberty Bell rang out in Philadelphia, it did not toll for the Negro. When Andrew Jackson threw open the doors of democracy, they did not open for the Negro. It was only at Appomattox, a century ago, that an American victory was also a Negro victory. And the two rivers—one shining with promise, the other dark-stained with oppression—began to move toward one another. Yet, for al-

most a century the promise of that day was not fulfilled. Today is a towering and certain mark that, in this generation, that promise will be kept. In our time the two currents will finally mingle and rush as one great stream across the uncertain and the marvelous years of the America that is yet to come."

After outlining concrete steps his administration would take next to do its part to fulfill this promise and enforce the law, President Johnson ended his remarks by returning to the American ideals the Voting Rights Act embodied: "The central fact of American civilization—one so hard for others to understand—is that freedom and justice and the dignity of man are not just words to us. We believe in them. Under all the growth and the tumult and abundance, we believe. And so, as long as some among us are oppressed—and we are part of that oppression—it must blunt our faith and sap the strength of our high purpose. Thus, this is a victory for the freedom of the American Negro. But it is also a victory for the freedom of the American Nation. And every family across this great, entire, searching land will live stronger in liberty, will live more splendid in expectation, and will be prouder to be American because of the act that you have passed that I will sign today."

The contrast between that moment and this one is abundantly clear.

When the Voting Rights Act was first enacted, I was in the trenches as a young civil rights lawyer directing the NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund (LDF) office in Jackson, Mississippi. As LDF and its current President and Director-Counsel Janai Nelson say, that battle has a new front today: "[W]e again find ourselves at a moment where Black people's political power is under severe threat, and the legitimacy of our democracy is undermined as a result. In recent

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To Be Equal



By Marc Morial, Esq.

Federal overreach seeks to undermine the success of America's Black mayors

"Public safety is people having a roof over their heads, good-paying jobs, strong schools, and accessible mental health care. That's what safety looks like."

— Brandon Johnson, Chicago Mayor

"The status quo has failed. We cannot police our way out of crime. We have to invest in people, prevention and healing."

— Brandon Scott, Baltimore Mayor

American cities reflect the soul of the nation. From their skylines and cultural institutions to their small businesses and neighborhoods, cities are where American identity is built, tested and transformed. They are global symbols of innovation, diversity, and resilience, and their leadership is central to the nation's future.

For generations, Black mayors have shaped that future by fighting for equity, accountability and justice. Their leadership has centered marginalized communities and expanded access to opportunity. Today, that legacy is as vital as ever.

This past week, misleading statements from national leadership describing the District of Columbia as overtaken by "violent gangs," "roving mobs of wild

youth," and "drugged-out maniacs" evoked a familiar and troubling pattern. Once again, fear-based narratives are being used to justify federal overreach and to undermine local governance, particularly in cities led by Black mayors. These attacks are not only factually inaccurate, but they are also politically motivated, racially coded and historically rooted.

Across the country, Black mayors are demonstrating that community-based leadership is effective and transformative. The work of mayors past and present illustrates a sustained commitment to justice, even in the face of systemic barriers and public criticism.

In the 1970s, Detroit Mayor Coleman Young eliminated the city's notoriously violent STRESS unit and implemented one of the earliest models of community policing. He understood that policing without accountability erodes public trust.

In New Orleans, my father, Ernest "Dutch" Morial, fought to integrate city departments and create more equitable access to public services. As the city's first Black mayor, he laid a foundation for representative governance at the local level.

During my own two terms as New Orleans mayor, our investments in innovative youth programs and a commitment to police

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

King Trump's takeover!

He's sent in more National Guard members—something he refused to do when his buddies, he told he loved them, trashed our Capitol and killed and injured other police officers—then hired one of them to a high-level position in the U.S. Department of Justice. He seems to believe in law and order only when he decides the definition of law and order. He has normalized anyone who is trained or not to act like police officers who are trained to handle our cities. He seems especially gleeful of taking over D.C. because our mayor and our police chief are Black women.

He has taken over our beloved Kennedy Center, expressing his grievance of never having been honored there. He said he wanted one, but never got one so maybe next year (with him in charge and being 98 percent in charge of what goes on there. He will serve as host as he takes over our beloved Kennedy Center. (I am not making this up.)

Now he's reviewing the Smithsonian Museum, including the African American Museum, to determine if the museums are displaying anything that conflicts with his views. The White House has targeted Smithsonian for historical rewrite.

God help us with the actions of what is called president who did warn us that we may never have an election again. We see as he beefs up his authoritarian helpers

(Pam Bondi, Pete Hegseth, Judge Jeanne Pirro—a television personality.)

He has federalized our police and said he can extend his invasion without Congress' approval. He's acting like the king the Supreme Court authorized him to be. Of course, the wise women (Justices Sonya Sotomayor, Ketanji Brown-Jackson and Elena Kagan) were not a part of that vote. Old Clarence was right up there with the Trumpers.

Following after that brother (Notice I used a small b) the one from South Carolina (another small brother with a small b) Tim Scott, instead of forgetting that Trump overlooked him for his cabinet, is right back in the game supporting bossman Trump. He actually texted to me (See Below)

"Friend, I'm gonna shoot straight with you. The Radical Left is moving like a bat out of hell to sabotage the President's agenda. And now we're staring down the barrel of a full-blown liberal takeover. That's why I'm reaching out to YOU, Friend...I'm not here to wring my hands, I'm here to fight. And I need you standing with me. So I'm launching an emergency survey for TOP America First allies and you've made the cut. I need your voice on record before the end of the night. Every response will help guide me and Senate Republicans as we fight back against reckless spending,

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open border chaos, and the ENDLESS attacks on American values.”
 Tim has the nerve to rush me to give his bosses an answer. He goes on with “But here’s the catch: I HAVE to send my first round of results to our leadership team before midnight and time is running out. Don’t sit this one out, friend. In the Bible it says, a house divided against itself cannot stand. We can’t afford to let the Left continuously divide the house we call America without a fight. We’ve got a country to save and it starts with the work we do here and now.”

Even if I were a friend of his, he’d know what I’d be saying to him now. This is a part of what we’re facing, but don’t be discouraged. We just have to work harder to find voters around the country who know right from wrong and will vote against Tim’s kind of foolishness.

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accountability slashed the rate of violent crime in half and transformed a corrupt law enforcement agency into a national model.

Washington, D.C.’s Mayor Marion Barry expanded youth employment and education programs, launching the city’s first summer jobs initiative and establishing a precedent for municipal investment in young people. Today, that legacy continues.

Baltimore Mayor Brandon Scott’s Group Violence Reduction Strategy, grounded in community engagement and public health, has contributed to the lowest levels of homicides the city has seen in more than 30 years. In Chicago, Mayor Brandon Johnson has prioritized early childhood education, youth employment, and mental health access, alongside a measurable decline in gun violence. Mayor Karen Bass in Los Angeles is advancing housing-first strategies to address homelessness and has pushed back against federal attempts to criminalize urban poverty and violations of the Constitution with the attempted ICE takeovers this June.

These leaders and many others are governing with urgency, guided by data and driven by the needs of their communities. They are not only responding to crises. They are reshaping systems.

This is not new. Black mayors have long served as a moral compass in American cities, advocating for marginalized populations, resisting federal overreach, and creating innovative local policies rooted in justice.

The challenges cities face, from public safety to housing, from education to economic inclusion, demand comprehensive solutions and collaborative leadership. What they do not need are politically charged narratives that undermine progress and demonize communities.

To be equal, America must trust the leadership of its cities. It must invest in their success. And it must recognize the historic and ongoing contributions of Black mayors who have turned local governance into a platform for transformative change.

Their legacy is not one of chaos. It is one of courage, care and commitment to what is right.

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

Letter to the Editor

No one should outstudy you

Dear Editor,

It is a well-known fact that Black students who receive all of their education at public schools today are being “shortchanged.”

I am “79” and can testify that, during complete segregation, we had all Black teachers, and they were “All Good”. There were very few drop-outs. If you dropped out, you didn’t sleep late or roam the streets; instead, you had to find a job and share whatever little money you made with your family.

Many teachers today are racists like Trump and his Secretary of Education, Linda McMahon. They don’t like Black students and show it by not teaching them. Black parents, relatives, neighbors, friends, coaches, entrepreneurs, and others must support these students.

The student going back to school needs a, “yes, I can” attitude. Many of the students in your school can outdo you in dressing, sports, rapping, writing, dancing, speaking, and performing in the arts and vocational classes, but no one should be able to outstudy you. Study simply takes determination and perseverance.

James Hankins
Wilmington, N.C.

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years, the legislative intent of the VRA was severely undercut by two Supreme Court decisions, rendering the law unable to fully protect those it was designed to empower. When coupled with the passage of regressive voting rights laws at the state level, it’s abundantly clear that American democracy is in crisis. States with a history of race discrimination in voting are continuing to suppress the votes of our country’s most marginalized groups in a concerted effort to consolidate power and further entrench white supremacy with sanction from a majority in Congress that refuses to act ... If we are to continue the pursuit of the multiracial democracy that the VRA set in motion 60 years ago and if we are to honor our republican form of government founded on representation by the people, we must be unwavering in our commitment to fulfill the promise of Selma, refuse to cede any further ground, and mobilize in support of equal voting rights and fair elections.”

Today LDF and Children’s Defense Fund are both among the more than 200 coalition members of the Leadership Conference on Civil and Human Rights calling on Congress to renew the commitment to protecting the freedom to vote by passing the John R. Lewis Voting Rights Advancement Act, and inviting Americans everywhere to join the same call. It is a reaffirmation of the fundamental American belief that freedom and justice and dignity are not just words and the unceded determination to fulfill the complete promise of the America that is yet to come.

Marian Wright Edelman is founder and president emerita of the Children’s Defense Fund. For more information, go to childrensdefense.org.

WORLD BRIEFS

International Kite Festival soars over Colombo

AP News

The skies above Sri Lanka's capital were transformed into a vibrant tapestry of movement and color on Sunday as the Colombo International Kite Festival returned after a five-year hiatus, symbolizing a nation's hopeful turn towards normalcy and tourism.

A multitude of kites in an astonishing array of shapes and sizes—from elephants, leopards, and pandas to birds, snakes, and sunflowers—danced in the wind.

Comic characters like Pinocchio floated alongside traditional designs, creating a spectacular visual display that drew crowds of delighted onlookers.

The event, organized by the Sri Lanka Tourism Promotion Bureau, served as a powerful destination branding initiative for Colombo.

It brought together approximately 500 local kite flyers and participants from 25 countries, including Germany, the Netherlands, France, Australia, China, India, Thai-



AP Photo

A participant flies his kite during the Colombo International Kite Festival in Colombo, Sri Lanka.

land, South Korea and Singapore.

The diverse international presence underscored the festival's

global appeal and its role in putting Sri Lanka back on the map for international events.

The festival, which

ran uninterrupted from 2015 to 2018, had been paused due to a period of significant challenges for the island nation.

Its return was hailed by officials as a clear sign of progress.

"Tourism in Sri Lanka has not been very favorable in recent years due to various reasons, such as political instability and the economic crisis," stated Ruwan Chaminda Ranasinghe, Sri Lanka's Deputy Tourism Minister. "However, I believe Sri Lanka has now fully returned to normal, allowing tourists to come

and enjoy."

The relaunch of the festival is more than just a cultural event; it is a calculated effort to rebrand Colombo and signal to the world that Sri Lanka is once again open for business and ready to welcome tourists to experience its unique attractions and hospitality.

The successful return of the kites to the sky serves as a potent metaphor for the country's own aspirations to soar once again.

Unregulated sex stimulants flood West Africa, health concerns high

AP Africa

As West Africa continues to be flooded by unregulated sexual stimulants, there are growing concerns about the health risks faced by the men who use them.

A *New York Times* report has found that products claiming to be 100 percent natural herbal remedies to improve virility are resulting in serious consequences.

These artisanal drugs are leaving men drooling uncontrollably, suffer-

ing from migraines and life-threatening erections, and facing a higher risk of heart attacks.

Public health officials in Ivory Coast found that so-called sexual stimulants, like the beverage Attoté, contain a drug commonly known as Viagra, but at levels eight times higher than the recommended dose.

The pills are manufactured in India and smuggled into the country, where they are crushed and mixed with other ingredients to form a drink



AP Photo

Sudanese practitioner Osman Al-kori Hassab Allah, 72, right, sells herbal treatments at a roadside market in Khartoum, Sudan, Thursday, June 27, 2013.

which is sold for \$1.50 do-

mestically. Available on Amazon and even Walmart, it is

sold for \$15 in France, and \$20 in the United States,

where they are advertised as "100 percent natural",

though the ingredients are not listed on the bottle.

The United Nations says up to half of the drugs in West Africa are unregulated and result in an estimated half a million deaths a year, with sexual stimulants like Attoté the most frequently reported.

While Ivory Coast suspended its production a few months ago, citing misleading advertising and health risks, including death, demand remains high.

Reporters Without Borders condemns latest killing of journalists in Gaza

AP News

International press freedom organization, Reporters Without Borders (RSF), has strongly condemned Israel's latest killing of journalists in Gaza.

There has been global outrage at the attack on Nasser Hospital in Khan Younis on Monday, during which five Palestinian media workers died.

In total, 20 people were killed in the double-tap strike, which is fatal for journalists who rush to the scene of the first one, only to be killed by the second.

Israel has barred international

media from covering the war. To show the world what is happening there, news organizations have to rely largely on local journalists in Gaza, as well as residents.

RSF says the Palestinian press members were deliberately targeted.

"We need to enable the opening of the Gaza Strip to the international press ... we need to end the impunity cycle of crimes committed against Palestinian journalists," said Thibault Bruttin, director of Reporters Without Borders.

The protection of journalists is guaranteed by international law, including during a time of war, but more than 200 have been killed

since the beginning of the conflict 22 months ago.

"About 40 of them have been targeted, according to the information collected by RSF. Where is it going to end?" said Bruttin.

The Committee to Protect Journalists says comparatively, 18 journalists have been killed so far in the over three years of Russia's war in Ukraine.

"Why is the movement of support toward Palestinian journalists still burgeoning within the media community? I think we need to hear stronger voices to hold Israel accountable," he says.



Reporters Without Borders Journalist Mariam Dagga who was working with the Associated Press and other outlets and was killed in Monday's strike

Kenya recognizes Rastafari as a religion

AP Africa

This rare event — opening a tabernacle made of wooden poles and roofed with iron sheets — illustrates the Rastafari's expanding ranks in Kenya, according to members of this congregation.

Kenya only recently accepted Rastafari as a legitimate religion. The turning point was in 2019 when a schoolgirl was expelled for refusing to cut off her dreadlocks, a symbol of her religion.

The High Court, then the Supreme Court, ruled that Rastafari was a legitimate religion which should be protected.

Rastafarians are members of a movement launched in 1930 with the coronation of Ethiopia's Ras Tafari Mekonnen as Emperor Haile Selassie I.

Rastafarians believe Selassie was the final incarnation of the biblical Jesus.

For Rastafarians, Ethiopia was a symbol of pride for its unbroken resistance to colo-



AP photo

A group of robed Rastafarian priests chant prayers while facing the direction of the African nation of Ethiopia at the Bobo Ashanti commune in Jamaica.

nizers and Selassie was Jah, the deity.

Selassie was removed by a 1974 coup by a military junta. He died a year later. But the Rasta movement, inspired by his rise to power, continues in countries ranging from the United States to Ghana.

In Kenya, the Rastafari is set up under three "mansions" or branches: Nyahbinghi, Bobo Ashanti and The Twelve tribes of Israel.

The "mansions" represent small groups of Rastafarians who meet to worship together in semipermanent struc-

tures made of poles and roofed with iron sheets.

Rastafarian Fedrick Wangai, aged 26, explains why he turned to the movement.

"As for me, I grew up in a Christian foundation, which led me to so much questioning of the faith because it was made by the White man, which is the colonial master who colonized my forefathers. Growing up, for me, in that religion was very difficult for me because religion, as I can say, brought division to we, the Black people."

R a s t a f a r i a n s

around the world have a reputation for their unique Afrocentric spirituality, and they are generally known to be peace advocates. They oppose oppression and gravitate to music and art. The Jamaican reggae singer Bob Marley was a famous Rastafari.

Christine Wanjiru is also a member of a Rastafari congregation.

She says Rastafarians used to be openly discriminated against in all walks of life.

"Most people never saw Rastafari as a good thing or a spiritual thing. We faced a lot of trials and tribulations back then. From family members to the government, the police, all around. Actually, even being discriminated against, not being employed, and lack of jobs and all that. But we endured and we are here today. Today, Rastafari is better, and more brethren have received this light and have come to Rastafari. In Kenya, we have so many Rastafari from all the

mansions," says Wanjiru.

There are still challenges, including those that stem from misunderstandings about the religion. Across East Africa, Rastafarians are often stereotyped as lazy and indulging in prohibited substances like marijuana.

Known to Rastafarians as ganja, marijuana is an important item in religious ceremonies.

Ng'ang'a Njuguna is a Rastafari Elder in Nyabingi Mansion:

"Rastafari is not a religion per se, it is a way of life. It is a spiritual way of life because, according to the elaboration of Haile Selassie, what is religion, he says religion is rules and regulations which were set to guide people so they can grow in spirituality. So, religion was not an end in itself it was meant to help people grow to the spiritual level. That is why Rastafarians are spiritual people. That is why we connect with nature, we connect with animals,

we connect with every living being because Rastafari is all about the spiritual world."

He says the way the Rastafari live appeals to younger people.

"One thing we have realized is that we have very many people who are ready, especially the young generation. They are coming up with that fire, they like how Rasta people carry themselves, how Rastafari people live, like our diet, art and skills. And also, because this generation is like a fourth generation. Those of ages of around 20 are like our forefathers who have reincarnated again and the war they were fighting that time is the same war we are fighting this time. So, it is like the same spirit coming up and looking for the positive way and the only positive way they are identifying with is Rastafari," says Njuguna.

It is unclear how many people identify as Rastafari in Kenya, a country dominated by Christians and Muslims.

Sports, Arts & Entertainment

The Week of Thursday, August 28, to Wednesday, September 3, 2025

A Classic Battle Between A&T and TSU

By Semaj Marsh
Peacemaker Sports



Saturday's game will mark the 26th meeting between the two schools (TSU owns an 18-6-1 lead in the series) and it will be held at Nissan Stadium, the home of the NFL's Tennessee Titans.

The last time the two schools played in this venue was in 1999 during the first round of the 1-AA playoffs. That year A&T shocked the world by upsetting a No. 1 ranked and previously unbeaten TSU team, which still remains the only playoff win in school history.

On Monday, Gibbs said he was still in the process of evaluating many of his key players on his roster but said fans should expect to see both redshirt sophomore quarterback Braxton Thomas and University of Maryland transfer Champ Long take the field against the Tigers on Saturday.

Talented sophomore Kevin White Jr. also factored in the quarterback competition but is still recovering from a broken leg suffered at the end of spring camp.

Regardless of who lines up behind center against TSU, no quarterback on the roster will have the benefit of a ton of game experience under their belt.

White might be considered the elder statesmen of the group and is the only quarterback

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sociation.

Gibbs knew his work was cut out for him when he took over this rebuilding project but admitted it was just in the last few weeks when he began to get excited about his team's progress.

"After spring ball I was scared to death," joked Gibbs. "I didn't know what we were going to be. I watched their progress through the summer and saw how they were working, but it wasn't until those first couple days of fall camp when I saw how they were working and coming together as a team."

John Coltrane Festival marks 14 years of Jazz & Blues

By Tracy A. Fields
Carolina Peacemaker

One of the Triad's most eagerly awaited musical events, the John Coltrane International Jazz and Blues Festival, takes place



Jazz musician Stanley Clark.

Courtesy photo

over Labor Day weekend.

As many as 10,000 fans will converge on lakeside Oak Hollow Park in High Point for the 14th edition of the annual extravaganza.

"It is rare that we get the international, global level of talent that comes to this area over one weekend in a two-day event," said Yvonne Anderson, media manager for the festival.

With stars ranging from Snarky Puppy to Stanley Clarke, this year's event appeals to a wide range of tastes.

"I think we try every year but this year we really do hit every genre imaginable that you would consider jazz," Anderson said.

The legendary Clarke, who performs on Sunday, is renowned as a co-founder – with the late Chick Corea – of jazz fusion innovators Return to Forever. This will be Clarke's second appearance at the festival; his first was with the late George Duke in 2012.

Saturday night's headliners are Snarky Puppy, a collective with rotating membership of at least 25, who work at other times with notables such as Kendrick Lamar and Erykah Badu. "At its core, the band represents the convergence of both Black and White American music culture with various accents from around the world," says its website, which suggests that listeners follow the advice given by *New York Times* jazz critic Nate Chinen in an online discussion: "take them for what they

are, rather than judge them for what they're not."

Clarke and Snarky Puppy have won multiple Grammy awards as has Meshell Ndegeocello, a multi-instrumentalist singer-songwriter who appears on Saturday. Also performing that day will be singer Lizz Wright, and the Headhunters, a fusion ensemble known for their work with Herbie Hancock.

The festival's opening day also will feature "From Withers to Wonder," a tribute to Bill Withers and Stevie Wonder by vocalists Nnenna Freelon, Take 6 and Clint Holmes.

On Sunday, trumpeter Rick Braun, saxophonist Richard Elliot and guitarist Peter White will thrill smooth jazz aficionados. Grammy-nominated Elliot has been a member of Tower of Power and of the Yellowjackets, which also featured the work of drummer Marcus Baylor. He and wife Jean Baylor, performing Sunday as The Baylor Project, blend jazz, blues and gospel.

Singer-songwriter Ruthie Foster won her first blues Grammy earlier this year. She too will appear on Sunday, as will the N.C. Coltrane All-Star Band. A festival staple, it is led this year by local favorite John Brown.

A bassist, Brown graduated from the school of music at UNCG and the law school at UNC Chapel Hill. Presently he is vice pro-

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The Bookworm Sez

"Mounted: On Horses, Blackness and Liberation"

By Bitter Kalli

A Book Review

By Terri Schlichenmeyer

One thousand, two hundred pounds and four legs.

Put that between your knees and you'll find out what real horsepower is. You're five feet off the ground, moving as fast as a car on a downtown street, hooves pounding as hard as your heart. Dangerous? Maybe. But as you'll see in **"Mounted"** by Bitter Kalli, your ancestors did it and so can you.

When they were a young child, "around the age of six or seven," someone gave Bitter Kalli a set of "pony books," the kind that appeal to young girls, mostly White ones. Kalli wasn't entirely comfortable identifying as a girl then but they adored the books, in part because the stories featured the kinds of friendships and acceptance Kalli wanted. After devouring those stories, they begged their parents for riding lessons from a nearby Brooklyn stable.

Fast forward to 2014, when Kalli was seventeen years old, an experienced equestrian, a trans individual, and a protester at college. During that protest, they watched the horses that carried the police, and wondered what

those animals saw in the crowd.

For that matter, what did horses see throughout Black history?

In times of slavery, it was not uncommon for fleeing slaves to steal a horse or two to get away faster. Kalli shares heart-pounding tales of escape, sharing examples of how human chattel was often compared to that of equines in newspaper ads, as slaveholders mourned the latter loss much deeper than the former.

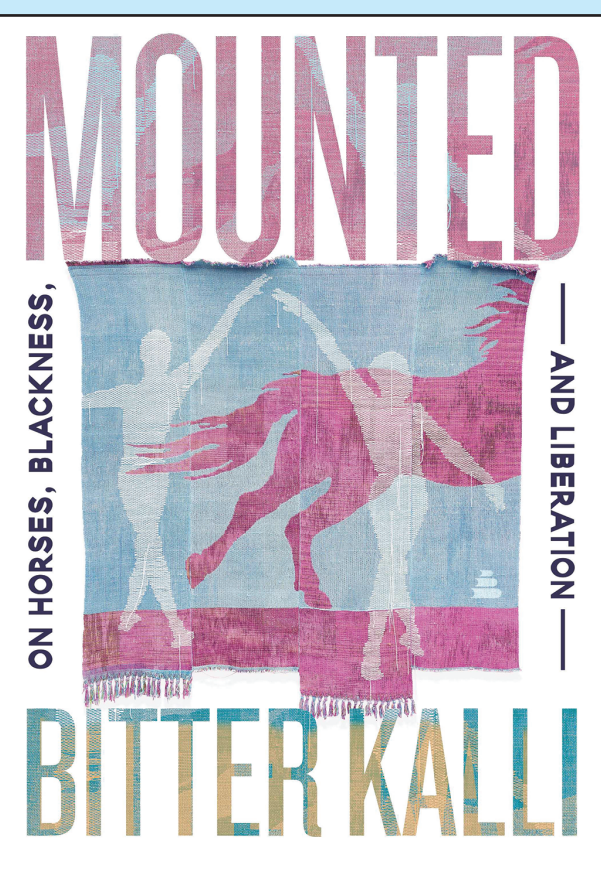
Many Americans are unaware of the rich contributions that African Americans made to the settling of the West. Kalli examines a popular movie, deconstructing it and adding real history to the Hollywood tale.

"What we know as the Wild West would not exist without the 182,000 enslaved people living in Texas in 1860..." they say.

Horses are featured in many of the world's religions. Horsey language lends itself to the erotic. Even, says Kalli, "Black and Brown youth in Brooklyn" understood the appeal of a good-looking Polo pony...

Take a good study of the cover of "Mounted." Appreciate the artwork, notice the design. Then add this book to your "Things I Never

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Peacemaker SPORTS SCHEDULE

MILB BASEBALL

August 28-31

Wilmington Blue Rocks at Greensboro Grasshoppers 6:30 p.m.
 Winston-Salem Dash at Rome Emperors

September 2-3

Greensboro Grasshoppers at Hudson Valley Renegades
 Greenville Drive at Winston-Salem Dash 6:30 p.m.

HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL

August 29

Southern Guilford at Smith 7 p.m.
 Andrews at North Forsyth
 Southeast Raleigh at Dudley 7 p.m.
 Williams at East Guilford 7:30 p.m.
 Grimsley at West Forsyth 7:30 p.m.
 Eastern Alamance at Northeast Guilford 7:30 p.m.
 East Forsyth at Northern Guilford 7 p.m.
 Northwest Guilford at Page 7 p.m.
 Western Alamance at Southwest Guilford 7 p.m.
 Ragsdale at Southeast Guilford 7:30 p.m.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

August 28

East Carolina at NC State	7 p.m.	Howard at FAMU	4 p.m.
Elon at Duke	7:30 p.m.	JC Smith at Morehouse (Neutral)	3 p.m.
Livingstone at Charleston	7 p.m.	NCA&TSU at TSU	TBA
		Albany State at Shaw	1 p.m.

August 29

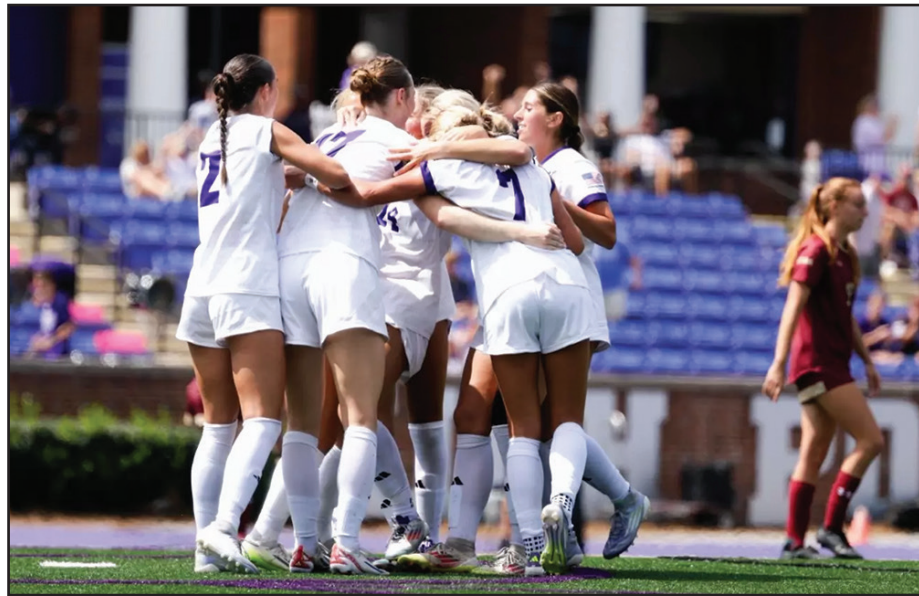
App State at UNCC	7 p.m.	August 31	
		WSSU vs. Tuskegee (Neutral)	7 p.m.

August 30

Elizabeth City at Chowan	6 p.m.	September 1	
Benedict at FSU	5 p.m.	TCU at UNC	8 p.m.
Hampton at JSU	TBD		

SPORTS

High Point women play to a draw on Sunday afternoon



Courtesy HPU Athletics

High Point will head to Buies Creek, N.C. for a meeting with Campbell University tonight, Thursday, August 28 at 7 p.m.

Courtesy HPU Athletics

HIGH POINT, N.C. – Morgan Wilcox netted her first career goal as the High Point University women's soccer team played to a, 1-1, draw against College of Charleston on Sunday afternoon.

Head Coach Aaron McGuinness said, "We showed a lot of character in the second half. We came out and challenged the group at half-time. Wanted to be more dominant and dynamic up top and to really battle for it. We did just that and it paid off. College of Charleston is a good team, they're athletic and quick on the dribble. We did a good job of defending that. In the second half we definitely found that space on the weak side and we were able to exploit it and get better opportunities than what we were creating in the first half."

The Cougars were able to work their way to an early 1-0 lead in the 22nd minute after taking control of possession most of the first half.

On the other side of the ball, Kylee Williams made a great stop on a Cougar corner kick to start the second half that would have extended their lead. It was after the Williams save that the Panthers really turned it on as HPU was more dominant with the

ball and created chances for its offense.

Right before the first HPU goal came, the Panthers set up Amelia Courbron for a perfect shot that the keeper just got her gloves on with a dive to her right. Coryn McDonnell was right there for the rebound, but the keeper made another save in front of the net to stop the Panthers' momentum inside the box.

It was just a few minutes later that Kasey Resker floated a ball into the box that led Wilcox to beat her defender and get a foot on it for the equalizer in the 76th minute. This was Wilcox's first career goal that put High Point on the board for the first time in the 2025 campaign.

High Point had a late surge in the final minutes in the Cougars' zone but ran out of time as the buzzer sounded. Wilcox's goal led to the 1-1 draw against the College of Charleston on Sunday afternoon in High Point.

Williams, the redshirt sophomore was credited with her first career start in net. Williams tallied a career-high five saves on 20 shots faced in her Panthers debut.

Up Next: High Point will head to Buies Creek, N.C. for a meeting with Campbell University on Thursday, August 28 at 7 p.m.

Montes de Oca Breaks Pan Am U23 record for Gold

Courtesy HPU Athletics

ASUNCIÓN, Paraguay – Ricardo Montes de Oca, a High Point University pole vaulter, continues to etch his name into the history books, this time in the Pan Am U23 record book.

On Friday, August 22nd, the High Point University men's pole vaulter, who is just entering his sophomore season, awed all in attendance behind his record-breaking performance. Landing a 5.45m clear on his third attempt, Montes de Oca earned a gold medal for team Venezuela at the Pan Am U23 (17 feet 8.598 inches) Championships held in Asunción, Paraguay.

Montes de Oca was joined by Brazil's Andreas Kreiss (second place) and Argentina's Agustin Carril (third place) on the podium. Montes de Oca was the only competitor to reach the 5.45m bar and was the last competitor standing after breaking the record on his 5.30m bar.

The next stop for Montes de Oca will be Tokyo for the World Championships, representing team Venezuela on September 13. HPU alum Austin Miller will also compete in Tokyo and will represent team USA.



Courtesy HPU Athletics
 Ricardo Montes de Oca

Dovlo's hat trick fends off VCU in 3-2 Victory

Courtesy UNCG Athletics

Junior Enzo Dovlo of the UNC Greensboro (UNCG) men's soccer team registered his first-career hat trick en route to the Spartans claiming a 3-2 victory over non-conference foe Virginia Commonwealth University (VCU) on Sunday at UNCG Soccer Stadium.

The Spartans' offense picked up right where it left off from last game. Following an initial cross that was punched out by the VCU goalkeeper, a red-hot Dovlo collected the loose ball and found the back of the net for a 1-0 advantage in the sixth minute. In the 10th minute, a pass from Daniel Longo found Dovlo 20 yards out and he slotted a shot to the bottom right corner to extend the lead to 2-0. This season, the Spartans have scored four out of their nine goals within the first 15 minutes of action of the game. UNCG protected the lead heading into half-time with the defense not allowing a shot on goal for the entire first half.

The second half saw the Rams wake up offensively and take a goal back in the 55th minute to cut the lead down to 2-1. However, Dovlo, from 25 yards, powered through a stunner of a goal in the top right corner to give the Spartans the 3-1 lead at 69:34. The Rams did not go away though, again taking a goal back in the 74th minute to keep the match within one goal. UNCG's defense buckled down in the last 15 minutes as the desperate Rams tried to equalize but the final cross was snatched out of the air by goalkeeper Seth Wilson ending the game 3-2.

By the numbers:

- VCU held the advantage in shots, 12-8.
- The Spartans maintained 53 percent possession of the ball through the entire game.
- This is the first career hat-trick for Enzo Dovlo, who has equaled his entire goal total from last season in two games (5) to start 2025.
- This is the second year in a row that UNCG men's soccer has started the season 2-0.

Up Next:

The Spartans will begin their 2025 regular season road slate with a trip to Florida for two games. First, they will take on South Florida on Thursday, Aug. 28 at Al Lang Stadium in St. Petersburg, Florida, for a 7 p.m. start. They will follow that game with a battle against UCF on Sunday, Aug. 31 in Orlando, Florida, with a start time of 7 p.m.



Enzo Dovlo



Sergio Guerra/UNCG Athletics
 UNCG Spartans' soccer players celebrate after a close 3-2 win over VCU.

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Really Thought About" list, because you'll think about it now. And you're going to want to read every delicious word.

Horses have been hiding in plain sight in Black history for centuries, but author Bitter Kalli pulls them to the forefront, turning each facet of the subject over for deeper examination and additional thought. Happily, you won't feel forced to do that; their writing comes across like an invitation to a warm, intimate conversation, the kind you get while casually hanging out with a new group of friends on the patio. What you learn is highly intriguing, and you won't ever see horses in the same way again.

Beware that this book has one explicit chapter inside, but it fits the narrative and you won't mind. You'll be too busy enjoying what you read and wanting more. For horse lovers and history lovers alike, "Mounted" is the perfect ride.

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

SPORTS

High School Football

Northern downs Reidsville in season opener

Northern 47
Reidsville 38

Peacemaker Sports

The Northern Nighthawks opened their football season by traveling to Reidsville to face the Reidsville Rams on Friday night for a battle on the gridiron. It was a game of retribution for the Hawks, ranked No. 2 in the Triad, as they defeated the Rams, ranked No. 3 in the Triad, 47-38 on the Rams' turf. These two teams last played each other in September 2016 when the Rams were the victors, 45-16.

Although the Rams were defeated by an agile Nighthawks team, they saw their sophomore quarterback, Braxton Johnson, show his talents. Johnson threw for 150 yards and three touchdowns.

Amare Akers scored two



Running back Amare Akers (#30) of Northern celebrates after scoring his second touchdown.

touchdowns for the Nighthawks. And, Northern's QB Jaxson Kemp went 8-19 for 94 yards passing and nine rushes for 49 yards with two TDs.

Both teams will see action this Friday, August 29, as Reids-



Northern cornerback Bobby Bah (#13) breaks up a pass to Reidsville wide receiver Frankie Galloway (#3).

ville will host George Washington and Northern Guilford will play East Forsyth. Both games will kick off at 7 p.m.

Photos by Kevin L. Dorsey/Carolina Peacemaker

Aggies get a tune-up against Norfolk heading into 2025 season

A&T's season opener is 6 p.m., Friday, August 29 against Bethune-Cookman at Corbett Sports Center

By Reiven Douglas
Special guest writer for
A&T Athletics

Approximately seven minutes before the North Carolina A&T volleyball team entered Moore Gymnasium through the customary back left door of the gym to do battle against Norfolk State in an exhibition match, their pre-match huddle behind that door was full of energy, with every player jumping around.

They carried this spark all the way through a 3-0 (25-13, 25-16, 28-26) victory on Saturday. It was a good tune-up for a season that begins for the Aggies on Friday, August 29 at 6 p.m., inside Corbett Sports Center against Bethune-Cookman.

After A&T won the first two sets by wide margins, the Spartans came close to claiming the third. The atmosphere in the gym buzzed with excitement despite Norfolk trailing by two sets. The Spartans forced 12 ties and five lead changes as they possessed the lead for most of the set.

They took a 10-6 lead. However, from that point,

the Aggies' determination started to take over, leading them to tie the match at 17 after a speedy top-spin serve by freshman right side hitter Cam Scott. A&T ended up right on the brink of sealing the deal with a 24-22 lead, but a couple of crucial errors allowed Norfolk to slip in and tie the game at 24.

Everyone watched on the edge of their seats as Spartans' outside hitter Gabrielle Gilbert sent a kill cross-court to put the Spartans one point away from forcing a fourth set. However, Aggie freshman outside Zariah Winton responded with a kill of her own to tie the set at 25.

Gilbert gave the Spartans the lead again with another kill and tried to land one more after her attack error tied the set at 26. But Lili Radnai got in her way with a dig. Her kill later in the sequence gave the Aggies a 27-26 lead. It was Scott who secured the A&T win with a dominant block that had everyone on their feet before the ball hit the floor.

"I was really proud of how they responded," said A&T head coach Hal Clif-



A&T Aggie freshman Daja Warren hits one of her seven kills in an exhibition match against Norfolk State on Saturday at Moore Gymnasium.

Kevin L. Dorsey/Carolina Peacemaker

ton, whose Aggies are predicted to finish fourth in the CAA in 2025. "They never panicked. We just had to focus on what's the next thing we need to do, and they held on, so that was nice to see."

CAA Preseason Player of the Year, Tyne Ross, led the Aggies with 12 kills and three aces.

The first set started competitively with the two HBCUs exchanging points up until sophomore outside hitter Lili Radnai tipped

the ball over the Norfolk blockers, where the coverage couldn't save it. Her twin sister, Luca Radnai, followed that play with another tip over the middle blocker, giving the Aggies an 11-8 lead. The Aggies forced a Spartan timeout after A&T junior Leonor Polezzi's serve sailed off the forearms of Isis Castille and out of bounds to give the Aggies a 15-11 advantage.

"We were just talking about staying steady," said

Clifton, the 2024 CAA Coach of the Year when asked about the message of the time out. "It's a lot of nerves, a lot of excitement. You have to control your heart rate, your adrenaline, and I thought we settled down pretty well."

Out of the time out, A&T gained offensive momentum, out-scoring the Spartans 10-2 to win the first set.

The Aggies took command of the second set after a Charlie Meadoweal service ace gave A&T a 10-6 lead. Ross added four kills, and Luca Radnai had an impressive kill at the Norfolk 10-foot following Meadoweal's ace to give the Aggies a 20-11 advantage, forcing a Norfolk time out.

After the time out, the Spartans could not eat into A&T's lead, as an attack error from Castille clinched the second set for A&T.

A&T's match on Friday against Bethune-Cookman will be a part of the Aggie/Phoenix Invitational. After facing the Wildcats, the Aggies will play Coppin State on Saturday, August 30, at 6 p.m., from Corbett.

UNCG women's soccer falls to Colorado, 8-0

BOULDER, CO. – The UNC Greensboro (UNCG) women's soccer team fell 8-0 in a matchup with the Buffaloes of Colorado on Sunday at Prentup Field in Boulder, Colorado.

Colorado struck first when Jordan Whiteaker passed the ball up to Hope Leyba along the left side of the field. Leyba dribbled down the field with defenders pacing and eventually found the back of the net to put the Buffaloes up 1-0 in the 12th minute. The Buffaloes added another goal at 23:04 for a 2-0 advantage. Colorado put up one more goal in the first half when Caley Swierenga passed the ball from the left side of the 18-yard box to Whiteaker on the inside.



UNCG Ryen Ortiz (#9) tries to work her way around Colorado defenders. Ortiz led UNCG with three shots on goal.

Photo by Carlos Morales

Whiteaker then passed through Spartan defenders to Jace Holley, who used her right foot to put the ball in the bottom center of the goal for the 3-0 lead in the 30th minute.

The Buffaloes contin-

ued their momentum in the second half. In the 49th minute, Swierenga launched the ball from about 30 yards out to Raegan Kotschau who headed the ball into the net from the top of the six-yard box

making it 4-0 Colorado. The Spartans had their best look of the game in the 50th minute when Merle Greulich sent an outswinger from the near corner to Rachel Poplin, who headed the ball into the cross bar, but good defense from Colorado kept UNCG from scoring. In the 54th minute, Vivi Zacarias passed the ball down field to Holley, who took on Emma Malone one-on-one. Zacarias struck the ball with her right foot to find the bottom center of the net, 5-0. Colorado scored again at 58:29 when Emerson Layne slipped the ball to Leyba for the 6-0 advantage. Colorado took a 7-0 lead in the 73rd minute when Maddie Sharer sent a

cross to Sami Fisher inside the six-yard box. Colorado tallied its final goal of the game at 82:32 to give the Buffaloes the 8-0 victory.

BY THE NUMBERS

- Malone's four saves and Morgan Shively's one save bested Colorado, 5-2.
- UNCG recorded five corner kicks to Colorado's two.
- The Spartans recorded nine shots in the game.
- Ryen Ortiz led UNCG with three shots.

UP NEXT

The Spartans return to Greensboro and will begin preparing to face No. 12 North Carolina on Thursday in Chapel Hill on Dorrance Field with a 4 p.m. start time.

who has logged more than two starts in their college career

Hopefully, the A&T signal callers will be able to

lean on a strong running game early on.

Redshirt senior Wesley Graves and junior Shimique Blizard were listed as the

top two running backs on the initial depth chart posted this week, but Gibbs cautioned not to look too much into that.

"In this program, you've got to battle each and every day," said Gibbs. "So that might say that on that piece of paper right now,

but then we might go out and have a great practice tomorrow and somebody else

ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

At the Movies



By Dwight Brown
NNPA Film Critic

They're gone. Just like that they disappeared into the night. At 2:17 a.m. Seventeen kids from a third-grade class vanished like ghosts. What the hell...

That premise in writer/director Zach Cregger's affecting horror/thriller is a seed that he grows organically. Starting with that mystery, then unraveling what happens afterwards in a compelling way that grabs any viewers' attention and holds it for 128 minutes until all is revealed. Wisely, methodically, like a supreme storyteller, Cregger reveals plot pieces in layers. Try as you will, you can't guess the ending. Nor seemingly can any of the characters in this wicked tale.

All the students in Justine Gandy's (Julie Garner, Netflix's Ozark) elementary school class have vanished. All except one. His name is Alex (Cary Christopher), and he doesn't remember much, though many try to pry info out of him. Justine is stumped too. At a town meeting, parents express their deepest fears for their missing kids and some rage uncontrollably. A dad named Archer (Josh Brolin) points at the teacher. Like she's a witch who's cast a spell and stolen his

child. Archer, screaming: "I don't understand at all. Why just her classroom? Why only hers!?" Fortunately, the school principal Marcus (Benedict Wong) calms the mob.

But who's going to solve this case? Archer pressures the police, who seem baffled. Then he does his own digging. Though warned not to, Justine tracks Alex down and wants to interrogate him. Something weird is going on. Hard to put your finger on it. It's like the whole town is caught in a trance over this case and evil spirits are holding their emotions hostage and mocking them too. Folks are traumatized, scared and looking for clues.

Cregger could have relied on straight-forward storytelling. Instead, what unfolds does so in a Rashomon format. A sequence happens with one character's perspective. Later it's repeated, but from another character's viewpoint. It's like a chain of voices that goes forward only after it's gone backwards. The script adds pivotal characters to this very captivating structure. Souls whose lives are intertwined: Justine's ex Paul (Alden Ehrenreich, Oppenheimer) a fairly stupid cop. James (Austin Abrams) a junkie who sees too much. Alex's mom (Callie Shuttera) and dad (Whitmer Thomas). And a visiting Aunt Gladys (Amy Madigan, Field of Dreams). Piecing the story together is a challenge. A good challenge. One that will keep audiences mesmerized.

As a director, Cregger has a smooth, engaging

Weapons (★★★½)



Photos courtesy Warner Brothers

Julie Garner star is the horror/thriller Weapons.

style. His guidance helps the entire cast give natural performances. He's got a nice feel for mood and movement. He knows how to build tension into an evolving mystery. Cregger works the audience's nerves in both obvious and subtle ways. In his hands, surprisingly, restraint and dread make the footage more tense and compelling than wall-to-wall gore could ever do. By the time violence and slaughter rear their head, you're so invested in and sensitive to the characters that any blood-letting feels exceedingly intense. It's a style more similar to Hitchcock than George Romero or John Carpenter. More psychological, less physical.

The filmmaker is aided greatly by Larkin Seiple's inobtrusive cinematography. His judicious camerawork goes indoors and outdoors seamlessly. Night shots under streets lights, classrooms, sundrenched front lawns. He makes it all look like we're watching middle America in crisis, up close. The biggest compliment anyone can give a production designer is saying "I can't tell whether the footage was shot in a studio or in real locations." In that way Tom Hammock's perceptive design work is invisible. Ditto costume designer Trish Summerville. Their version of suburban life rings true.

The musical score is creepy in all the right places. Credit Ryan Holladay, Hays Holladay and Zach Cregger for knowing when to go light with the piano music. When to go heavy with thundering

drums. Fray the nerves. Add fright. Accentuate the gore scenes with jarring sounds. They get it just right. As does editor Joe Murphy who makes every single second of the film accountable for conveying emotions, vital plot twists, revelations, rivalries, demonic rituals and a fight for answers that never abates. No fat. All lean scenes.

The entire cast makes the characters on the page rise above any preconceived notions. The dynamics between Justine and Archer, as played by Garner and Brolin, go from warring humans to disparate souls on the same mission. That's because the two actors don't overplay their hands as two determined protagonists not sure of what's happening around them or to them. Paul and James are the opposite kind of characters. Ehrenreich and Abrams portray the two men with overtly animated performances. Dim-witted cop. Dim-witted junkie.

Tied together by bad decisions and bad luck. The characterizations are perfect. However, not as perfect as Madigan's interpretation of Aunt Gladys. The veteran, Oscar-nominated actor knows how to get the most of a scene. Closeups of her face as she rages will be etched in viewers minds for a lifetime.

Beware when kids disappear. You never know where their vanishings will lead. And that's the strength of this well written, directed, filmed, acted and produced horror thriller. You never know until the script is ready to tell you what the hell just happened.

Visit Film Critic Dwight Brown at DwightBrown-Ink.com.

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vost for the arts, director of the jazz program and professor of music at Duke University. Anderson said he has invited Jose James, whose website describes him as "a jazz artist for the hip-hop generation," to serve as the band's vocalist.

Why is there a festival named for John Coltrane here? While the jazz giant was born in Hamlet, N.C., and made his way to fame in Philadelphia and New York, he spent his formative years and learned to play the saxophone in High Point. There's a bronze statue of him downtown.

Renee Saunders of Winston-Salem has volunteered at the festival since its beginning as a one-day



Courtesy photo
Trumpeter Rick Braun, saxophonist Richard Elliot and guitarist Peter White.

event. In addition to the music, she has enjoyed her fellow fans. "You get to chit-chat with people, different people from all over," she said, adding that

she has met people from as far away as Washington state and that Eastern areas such as New Jersey, Philadelphia and New York are represented too.



Jody Domingue
Ruthie Foster

"It's a great variety and it's an older crowd, because it is jazz, so you don't have to worry about the violence

or the fights or anything like that."

Anderson said gathering in love and enjoyment is one of the most important aspects of the festival.

"The music is the attraction but this is a community event where people come together, families come, friends meet there, and spend, you know, two days together listening and enjoying music.

"We reach out to the community to come and enjoy a community vibe that's like no other. It really is that and the music is the accent on it. The music tops it off."

For information about tickets, parking, food and more, visit coltrane-jazzfest.com.

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might win the position. But Wesley is starting right now because of the person he is. He's a savvy vet and he comes out to practice his butt off each and every day."

"And Blizzard is right there. He's another guy who's got a little more experience than the other backs. But Jailen Hicks and JT Smith are going to be really good players for us. That's a position I feel real good about and they're going to make some noise throughout the season."

Blizzard led A&T with 341 yards on the ground and three rushing touchdowns in 12 games. Graves played in just four games last year due to injury, finishing with 225 yards including the game-winning 16-yard touchdown run in overtime against Winston-Salem State for the Aggies' lone win of 2024.

Defensively, A&T will look to improve dramatically from a season ago when it finished near the bot-

tom of the CAA in most statistical categories.

Last year, the Aggies surrendered an average of 38 points and total 438.2 yards per contest – which both ranked dead last in the 16-team conference.

The woes were especially evident on the ground, where A&T's undersized front seven allowed 194.58 rushing yards per game and 35 rushing touchdowns.

A&T, however, won't be the only team on Saturday facing uncertainty.

TSU also enters the contest with plenty of question marks, the main one being how the team will respond to new head coach Reggie Barlow.

Barlow, a 15-year coaching veteran who most recently served as the head coach of the UFL's DC Defenders, replaces Pro Football Hall of Famer Eddie George who left TSU

after four years to become the head coach at FBS school Bowling Green.

Last year George led the Tigers to an Ohio Valley Conference title and an appearance in the first round of the FCS playoffs with a 9-4 final record.

However, the Tigers' roster has undergone major changes since George's departure and returns only five players who earned more than 200 snaps a season ago. Most recently, TSU's highly-touted defensive back Camani Cobbs, a pre-season HBCU All-America selection, announced on August 17 that he was entering the transfer portal.

"For me, I don't think week one is primarily about game plans, I think week one is about adjustments," said Gibbs. "We're going to watch the film from the UFL, from the XFL, from Virginia State, from Alabama State, just to try to get an idea what these guys are doing.



Peacemaker archives
A&T quarterback Braxton Thomas, November 11, 2024. He is expected to play in the game this Saturday.

But ultimately it is going to be about who is able to make those adjustments in-game and at halftime that will determine the outcome."

SPORTS

North Carolina Central rushes past Southern in MEAC/SWAC Challenge



A legion of NCCU defensive players tackle Southern freshman wide receiver Jerrod Hicks Maddox.



NCCU senior running back Chris Mosley tallied a career-high 180 yards on 17 carries. He scored a 49-yard touchdown run late in the second quarter.

Peacemaker Staff Reports

ATLANTA – The North Carolina Central Eagles made a powerful statement to open the 2025 season, defeating the Southern University Jaguars 31-14 in the Cricket MEAC/SWAC Challenge on Saturday night at Center Parc Stadium. The victory marked a career night for senior running back Chris Mosley and a defensive shutdown in the second half that secured the win for the Eagles.

The game, a showcase of HBCU

football and culture, was a ground battle from the start. Both teams had explosive plays on the ground, but it was North Carolina Central's consistent and methodical rushing attack that proved to be the difference. The Eagles tallied 234 yards on their first three drives.

Mosley, who had a breakout performance, led the way with a career-high 180 yards on 17 carries. His 49-yard touchdown run late in the



Photos courtesy NCCU Athletics

NCCU President Dr. Karrie G. Dixon (front, right), coaches and football team with the MEAC/SWAC Challenge trophy.

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Marton Fucsovics captures 2025 Winston-Salem Open Crown

Courtesy Winston-Salem Open

The sun has set on the 2025 Winston-Salem Open, and Marton Fucsovics is left standing as this year's champion.

The Hungarian surged his way to the 2025 title, fighting off a pesky comeback effort from Botic van de Zandschulp in Saturday evening's final to secure his maiden



Bruce Chapman/Carolina Peacemaker
Marton Fucsovics kisses his crystal Winston-Salem Open trophy.

Winston-Salem Open title and third career ATP Tour win.

Fucsovics was dominant in Winston-Salem from start



Photo courtesy WSO
Botic van de Zandschulp made a valiant comeback but eventually lost to Fucsovics.

to finish, with his run to the title including a

spotlight win over No. 2 seed Tallon Griekspoor in the second round.

"I'm speechless," Fucsovics said after the match. "I belong to the older generation but I'm still here winning."

The 33-year-old Fucsovics looked poised for a blow-out victory up 5-1 in the second set, but the Dutchman Van de Zandschulp

climbed back to even the match at 5-5 and eventually send the match into a second set tiebreak.

But Fucsovics put his foot down in the end, claiming the tiebreak 7-3 to secure his first hard court title.

"I can't wait to be back," he told the crowd after the match. "I will be here to defend my title."

Demon Deacons notch season opening victory over UCF

By Dylan Shackelford
Courtesy Winston-Salem University

WINSTON-SALEM, N.C. – The No. 6 Wake Forest men's soccer team opened the 2025 season on a high note, defeating UCF, 2-1, Sunday evening at Spry Stadium.

After a goalless first half that saw the Demon Deacons (1-0-0) out-shoot the Knights (0-2-0) 9-4, the Deacs broke the deadlock with two goals during the final 15 minutes of the match.

Sophomore Ryan Belal opened the scoring for Wake Forest in the 75th minute, capitalizing on a cutback from senior Basit Umar on the end line for his fifth-career goal. The goal came after Umar picked it off a UCF defender.

The Deacs doubled their lead seven minutes later as junior midfielder Jeffrey White carried the ball from midfield before unleashing a rocket into the top left corner from just outside the box for the second tally of his career.

Redshirt sophomore goalkeeper Jonah Mednard earned his first-career start in goal for the Demon Deacons, recording six saves in the win.

In the midfield, junior Jose Perez shined across 81 minutes of action in front of the center back duo of



Photos by Bruce Chapman/Carolina Peacemaker
Wake-Forest redshirt sophomore goalkeeper Jonah Mednard stops a goal. Mednard earned his first-career start in goal for the Demon Deacons and recorded six saves in the win.

sophomore Mason Sullivan and junior Travis Smith Jr., who both went the full 90.

Eight players made their Demon Deacon debuts as transfers Tate Lorentz, Harvey Sarajian and Ethan Subachan joined sophomore Jojo Davila and freshmen Alfred Debah, Chandler Young, David Nguema and Copeland Berkley.

With the win, the Demon

Deacons remained unbeaten all-time against the Knights at 5-0-1, including a perfect 5-0-0 record at home. Additionally, Wake Forest has now won eight of head coach Bobby Muuss' 11 season openers with the program.

Muuss became head coach prior to the 2015 season, Wake Forest has created the most difficult environment in college soccer at Spry Stadium each match-

day. With Thursday's victory, the Demon Deacons are now 112-19-12 at home under Muuss.

For the 36th time in the program's 45-year history and the eighth in Muuss' 11 seasons as head coach, the Demon Deacons opened the season with a victory.

Coach Muuss said, "As always, we had a phenomenal crowd out at Spry. I say it all the time, but we have the best fans in the nation. We



Wake Forest's Jeffrey White (#12) blows kisses to the crowd and teammate Amoni Thomas (#4) enjoys the moment.

had over 1,000 students out here on a Sunday night before the first day of class. It's just an unbelievable support group we have.

"Hats off to UCF, they had a tough weekend as they played against two pretty good teams, but they're going to be up there in the hunt with everybody else. That's a good side right there, and I'm proud that we are starting the season 1-0. That was a goal we had coming into this weekend, so I'm extremely proud. We have a lot to build off of as well."

Up Next

Wake Forest plays on Thursday at Spry Stadium, hosting Oral Roberts at 5:30 p.m. on ACC Network Extra. The match will be the first of a doubleheader with women's soccer taking on USF at 8 p.m.

SPORTS

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second quarter was a key moment, as it gave the Eagles a 17-14 lead that they would not relinquish.

Southern, which started Jackson State transfer Cam Ron McCoy at quarterback, had its own share of big plays in the first half. McCoy broke free for a 69-yard rush-

ing touchdown in the first quarter, and LSU transfer Trey Holly added an electrifying 80-yard touchdown run to briefly give the Jaguars a lead.

However, after halftime, the North Carolina Central defense took control, shutting out Southern's offense for the

entire second half. A crucial forced fumble by Eagles' defender Thomas Johnson near the red zone in the fourth quarter effectively ended any hope of a Southern comeback.

NCCU's offense, led by quarterback Walker Harris, was efficient and controlled

the clock, holding possession for more than 35 minutes. Harris quietly had a strong game, completing 22 of 27 passes for 189 yards and a touchdown.

NCCU racked up 409 yards on offense.

For Southern, the loss raises questions about the quarterback

position after McCoy's surprise start over the expected starter Jalen Woods. While McCoy had a solid rushing performance, the Jaguars' passing game struggled to find a rhythm.

The win not only starts NCCU's season with a decisive victory but also snaps

a three-game losing streak for the MEAC in the MEAC/SWAC Challenge series, improving the conference's all-time record to 12-7. The Eagles will look to carry this momentum into their home opener on August 30 against New Hampshire.

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Having qualified as Personal Representative of the Estate of Joyce Wells McFetters aka Joyce Ann Wells aka Joyce W. McFetters, 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 November 10, 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 7th day of August, 2025.

Terry McFetters Ball
c/o L Howard Law, PLLC
Lora M. Howard, Attorney
PO Box 2161
Greensboro, NC 27402
336-303-1284

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Having qualified as Personal Representative of the Estate of Doris Jones Yeattes, aka Doris J. Yeattes, 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 November 24, 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 21st day of August, 2025.

John F. Yeattes, III
c/o L Howard Law, PLLC
Lora M. Howard, Attorney
PO Box 2161
Greensboro, NC 27402
336-303-1284

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Peacemaker 0987

FILE NO. 25 E 002119-400 NOTICE TO CREDITORS

This notice is hereby given to all individuals, firms, or corporations with claims against the estate of the deceased, Van Lamont Johnson, formerly of Guilford County, North Carolina. Please present your claims to the undersigned no later than November 21, 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 21st day of August 2025

Dorothy Locke, Administrator
Aka Dorothy Locke
2516 Dunhill Drive
Greensboro, NC 27405

Publish dates: August 21, 28, September 4, 11, 2025

Peacemaker 0983

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Having qualified as Personal Representative of the Estate of Nancy Therese Sutherland aka Nancy T. Sutherland aka Nancy Sutherland, 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 November 24, 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 21st day of August, 2025.

Angela M. Goodson aka Angela Goodson
c/o L Howard Law, PLLC
Lora M. Howard, Attorney
PO Box 2161
Greensboro, NC 27402
336-303-1284

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FILE NO. 25 E 002118-400 NOTICE TO CREDITORS

This notice is hereby given to all individuals, firms, or corporations with claims against the estate of the deceased, Cynthia McGirt Johnson, formerly of Guilford County, North Carolina. Please present your claims to the undersigned no later than November 21, 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 21st day of August 2025

Dorothy Locke, Administrator
2516 Dunhill Drive
Greensboro, NC 27405

Publish dates: August 21, 28, September 4, 11, 2025

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FILE NO. 25 E 002113-400 NOTICE TO CREDITORS

This notice is hereby given to all individuals, firms, or corporations with claims against the estate of the deceased, Derrick Eltoro Turner, aka, Derrick E. Turner, formerly of Guilford County, North Carolina. Please present your claims to the undersigned no later than November 21, 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 21st day of August 2025

Tonekia N. Turner, Executor
710 Integrity Oaks Drive
Greensboro, NC 27401

Publish dates: August 21, 28, September 4, 11, 2025

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NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION FILE NO: 25-E-002076-400

NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND DEBTORS ON ESTATE OF: Tifanie Luetisa Rudd ALL persons, firms and corporations having claims against Tifanie Luetisa Rudd, deceased are notified to exhibit them to Lavel Jene Freeman, Administrator
c/o Kenneth M. Johnson, P.A.,
701 E. Market Street, Greensboro, NC 27401, for decedent's Estate, on or before the 14th day of November 2025 or be barred from their recovery. Debtors of the decedent are asked to make immediate payment to the above-named Administrator.

This 14th day of August 2025.

Lavel Jene Freeman, Administrator
c/o Kenneth M. Johnson
Attorney at Law
PO Box 21247
Greensboro, NC 27420
(336) 272-8273

Published: August 14, August 21st, August 28th and September 4th

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF GUILFORD

The undersigned, having qualified as Co-Administrators CT A of the Estate of Robert Lewis Borders, deceased, late of Guilford County, North Carolina, in Estate File No. 25 E 00 1120-400, does hereby notify all persons firms and corporations having claims against said estate to present them to the undersigned on or before November 14, 2025, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons, firms or corporations indebted to said estate will please make immediate payment to the undersigned. This the 14th day of August, 2025.

Travis Scott Lindsay, Co-Administrator
CTA
Demetrica Lynette Lindsay Jones, Co-Administrator
CTA
c/o 403 Blandwood Avenue
Greensboro, NC 27401

August 14, 21, 28, September 4, 2025

Peacemaker 0968

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Having qualified as Executor of the Estate of KATHARINE DAVIS BONISOLLI aka KATHARINE D. BONISOLLI, 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 November 20, 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 21st day of August 2025.

WENDY MICHELLE OLIVER
Executor of the Estate of
KATHARINE DAVIS BONISOLLI
Aka KATHARINE D. BONISOLLI

S. SCOTT EGGLESTON, Attorney
IVEY & EGGLESTON,
ATTORNEYS AT LAW
111 Worth Street
Asheboro, NC 27203
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FILE NO. 25 E 002080-400 NOTICE TO CREDITORS

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This is the 7th day of August 2025

Alan Shoaf Byerly, Executor
PO Box 1431
Garner, NC 27529

Publish dates: August 7, 14, 21, 28, 2025

Peacemaker 0966

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

The undersigned, having qualified as Co-Executors of the Will of Sallie Armfield McMillion, a/k/a Sallie A. McMillion, and Sallie McMillion, late of Greensboro, Guilford County, North Carolina, do hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the estate of said decedent to exhibit them to the undersigned at One West Fourth Street, Suite 1200, Winston-Salem, NC 27101, on or before the 7th day of November, 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 7th day of August, 2025.

ELIZABETH McMILLION ENGLAND and M. EVANS McMILLION, CO- EXECUTORS OF THE WILL OF SALLIE ARMFIELD McMILLION

Kimberly H. Stogner
Womble Bond Dickinson (US) LLP
One West Fourth Street – 12th Floor
Winston-Salem, NC 27101

August 7th, 14th, 21st, and 28th 2025

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NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
GUILFORD COUNTY
In the Superior Court Division:

Robin Hall,)
Plaintiff,)
vs.)
John Doe an Unidentified Driver,)

Defendant.)

TO: JOHN DOE, an Unidentified Driver

TAKE NOTICE that a pleading seeking relief against you has been filed in the above-entitled action in SUPERIOR COURT of Guilford County file number 25CV014511-400 the nature of the relief is seeking monetary damages from an accident that occurred on or about July 5, 2022.

You are required to make a defense to such pleading no later than September 29, 2025, upon your failure to do so, the party seeking service against you will apply to the Court for the relief sought.

Dated: August 14, 2025

Kenneth M. Johnson
Attorney for Plaintiff
PO Box 21247
Greensboro, NC 27402
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NORTH CAROLINA GUILFORD COUNTY IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE DISTRICT COURT DIVISION 25JT000230-400

K.A.R.
A minor female child born November 5, 2008 in Greensboro, Guilford County, North Carolina.

NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION

TO: The UNKNOWN putative father of the juvenile, Respondent Father

TAKE NOTICE that a Petition seeking to terminate the parental rights of the UNKNOWN FATHER of the above juvenile K.A.R.. was filed on July 23, 2025 with the Clerk of Superior Court, District Court - Juvenile Division, Guilford Co., NC. The mother's name is Natasha Danielle Sligh.

You must answer this Petition within 30 days of August 14, 2025, exclusive of that date. Upon your failure to answer the Petition within time prescribed, your parental rights to the juvenile(s) shall be terminated. You are entitled to attend any hearing affecting your rights. You are entitled to appointed counsel if you cannot afford to hire one; however, you must call the Juvenile Clerk at (336) 412-7555 immediately to request a court appointed attorney. The next hearing is scheduled to be heard on September 30, 2025, or as soon thereafter as the matter can be heard.

This the 14th day of August, 2025.

Jason F. Hicks, Attorney
P.O. Box 3427
Greensboro, NC 27402

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NORTH CAROLINA GUILFORD COUNTY IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE DISTRICT COURT DIVISION 25JT000244-400

Z.A.M.
A minor child born January 31, 2023 in Greensboro, Guilford County, North Carolina.

NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION

TO: The UNKNOWN putative father of the juvenile, Respondent Father

TAKE NOTICE that a Petition seeking to terminate the parental rights of the UNKNOWN FATHER of the above juvenile Z.A.M. was filed on August 1, 2025 with the Clerk of Superior Court, District Court - Juvenile Division, Guilford Co., NC. The mother's name is Neiya Ja'nea McCauley.

You must answer this Petition within 30 days of August 14, 2025, exclusive of that date. Upon your failure to answer the Petition within time prescribed, your parental rights to the juvenile(s) shall be terminated. You are entitled to attend any hearing affecting your rights. You are entitled to appointed counsel if you cannot afford to hire one; however, you must call the Juvenile Clerk at (336) 412-7555 immediately to request a court appointed attorney. The next hearing is scheduled to be heard on September 30, 2025, or as soon thereafter as the matter can be heard.

This the 14th day of August, 2025.

Jason F. Hicks, Attorney
P.O. Box 3427
Greensboro, NC 27402

Peacemaker 0970

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Having qualified as Executrix of the Estate of ROBERT J. JACOBS, deceased, aka ROBERT JOSEPH JACOBS, deceased, 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 the 20th day of November, 2025, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. This the 21st day of August, 2025.

Deborah Bost, Executrix, 3935 Starmount Drive, Greensboro, NC 27410.

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Peacemaker 0989

FILE NO. 25 E 001974-400 NOTICE TO CREDITORS

This notice is hereby given to all individuals, firms, or corporations with claims against the estate of the deceased, Cedric T. Morrow, Sr., formerly of Guilford County, North Carolina. Please present your claims to the undersigned no later than November 21, 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 21st day of August 2025

Cedric T. Morrow, Jr., Administrator
1614 Woodridge Avenue
Greensboro, NC 27405

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Having qualified as Administrator of the Estate of JAMES GARY WINTERS, 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 November 28, 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 28th day of August, 2025.

JAMESGARFIELD WINTERS
Administrator of the Estate of
JAMES GARY WINTERS

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

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Having qualified as Administrator of the Estate of JAMES RICHARD BAUGUESS, 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 November 20, 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 21st day of August 2025.

SUSAN RICHARD MCNEIL
Administrator of the Estate of
JAMES RICHARD BAUGUESS

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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NOTICE TO UNKNOWN BIOLOGICAL FATHER STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA GUILFORD COUNTY IN THE SUPERIOR COURT SPECIAL PROCEEDINGS

IN RE GASKIN 25 SP 000694-400 TO THE UNKNOWN FATHER OF THE ADOPTEE

Please take notice that a Petition for Adoption of a minor female child born to Octavia V. King on May 16, 2024, in Greensboro, North Carolina, has been filed. The child was conceived on or about the 16th day of August 2023, in or around Greensboro, North Carolina. The physical descriptors of the potential father are unknown. You are required to respond to the petition not later than October 1, 2025. Any parental rights you may have will be terminated upon the entry of the order of adoption.

This the 14th day of August, 2025.

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

Peacemaker 0985

FILE NO. 25 E 001994-400 NOTICE TO CREDITORS

This notice is hereby given to all individuals, firms, or corporations with claims against the estate of the deceased, Sarah Carter Thomason, formerly of Guilford County, North Carolina. Please present your claims to the undersigned no later than November 7, 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 7th day of August 2025

Kimberly Carter Johnson, Executor
2002 La Vista Drive
High Point, NC 27265

Publish dates: August 7, 14, 21, 28, 2025

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FILE NO. 25 E 0000947-400 NOTICE TO CREDITORS

This notice is hereby given to all individuals, firms, or corporations with claims against the estate of the deceased, Thomas Norman Koester, aka, Thomas N. Koester, formerly of Guilford County, North Carolina. Please present your claims to the undersigned no later than November 14, 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 14th day of August 2025

Elizabeth Thompson, Executor
7422 Moore's Mill Road
Stokesdale, NC 27357

Publish dates: August 14, 21, 28, September 4, 2025

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NORTH CAROLINA GUILFORD COUNTY IN THE GENERAL COURT OF JUSTICE DISTRICT COURT DIVISION 25JA000231

IN THE MATTER OF:
B.G.L., A female juvenile, born July 25, 2025 in Greensboro, Guilford County, North Carolina.

NOTICE OF SERVICE BY PROCESS OF PUBLICATION

TO: AMANDA JO LACAYO, biological mother of the juvenile.

TAKE NOTICE that a Juvenile Petition alleging neglect and dependency was filed on July 28, 2025, in the Office of the Clerk of Superior Court, Juvenile Division, Guilford County, North Carolina. A nonsecure custody order has been entered and the juvenile has been placed in the temporary custody of the Guilford County Department of Health and Human Services.

You must answer this notice within 30 days of August 28, 2025, exclusive of that date. You are entitled to attend any hearing affecting your rights. You are entitled to appointed counsel if you cannot afford to hire one; however, you must call the Juvenile Clerk at (336) 412-7555 immediately to request a court appointed attorney. The next hearing is scheduled to be heard on September 2, 2025, or as soon thereafter as the matter can be heard.

This the 28TH day of August, 2025.

Jason F. Hicks, Deputy County Attorney
PO Box 3427, Greensboro, NC 27402

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FILE NO. 25 E 001128-400 NOTICE TO CREDITORS

This notice is hereby given to all individuals, firms, or corporations with claims against the estate of the deceased, Mabel Rainey Copeland, aka, Mabel R. Copeland, formerly of Guilford County, North Carolina. Please present your claims to the undersigned no later than November 21, 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 21st day of August 2025

Martinique Copeland Williams, Executor
Aka Martinique C. Williams
1809 Bothwell Street,
Greensboro, NC 27401

Publish dates: August 21, 28, September 4, 11, 2025

Peacemaker 0981

FILE NO. 25 E 001651-400 NOTICE TO CREDITORS

This notice is hereby given to all individuals, firms, or corporations with claims against the estate of the deceased, Barbara Ann Capes, formerly of Guilford County, North Carolina. Please present your claims to the undersigned no later than November 21, 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 21st day of August 2025

Barbara Jane Smith, Executor
Aka Barbara Bullock-Smith
400 W Plantation Road
Virginia Beach, VA 23454

Publish dates: August 21, 28, September 4, 11, 2025

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON ZONING MAP AMENDMENT

The Greensboro Planning and Zoning Commission will consider ordinances to change the zoning classification of the following properties. Persons interested in any of these items are invited to attend the public hearing to be held on **Monday, September 15, 2025 at 5:30 p.m. in the City Council Chamber of the Melvin Municipal Office Building. This hearing will be held in person and online. Please note that the order of the agenda may be altered at the Planning and Zoning Commission's discretion based on the level of interest in each case.** Additionally, any individual with a disability who needs an interpreter or other auxiliary aids or services for this meeting may contact the Planning Department. The tentative agenda is as follows:

Z-25-09-001 408 Arlington Street (west of Arlington Street and north of East Lewis Street) – A rezoning request from O (Office) to CB (Central Business).

Z-25-09-002 1018 R1 and 1028 South Josephine Boyd Street (west of South Josephine Boyd Street and north of Hertford Street) – A rezoning request from R-5 (Residential Single-family – 5) to CD-RM-18 (Conditional District - Residential Multi-family – 18) with the following condition:

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.

Z-25-09-003 620 Brigham Road (east of Brigham Road and north of Cornerstone Drive) – A rezoning request from PUD (Planned Unit Development) to CD-RM-18 (Conditional District - Residential Multi-family – 18) with the following condition:

1. Permitted uses shall be limited to: Residential Uses.

Z-25-09-004 151 Wolfetrail Road and 231 Ritters Lake Road (south of Wolfetrail Road, north of Ritters Lake Road) – A rezoning request from CD-R-7 (Conditional District - Residential Single-family – 7) to CD-RM-18 (Conditional District - Residential Multi-family – 18) with the following conditions:

1. Only Residential uses allowed in the RM-18 district shall be allowed.
2. No more than 300 units shall be developed.

Z-25-09-005 A portion of Ritters Lake Road Right-of-Way and all of Cranford Road Right-of-Way and McCall Place Right-of-Way (west of South Elm-Eugene Street and east of Burns Street) – A rezoning request from CD-R-7 (Conditional District - Residential Single-family – 7) to RM-18 (Residential Multi-family – 18).

PL(P) 25-37 Z-25-09-006 4508 McKnight Mill Road (east of McKnight Mill Road and north of Interstate 840) – An annexation and original zoning request from County AG (Agricultural) to City R-3 (Residential Single-family – 3).

Annual Report: Annual Report regarding the Consolidated Annual Performance Evaluation Report: Public Hearing on the Draft City of Greensboro Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Consolidated Annual Performance Evaluation Report (CAPER). The public is invited to attend the public hearing and offer comments about housing and community development needs and review program performance for US Department of Housing and Urban Development funding administered by the City's Housing & Neighborhood Development Department during program year 2024-2025.

Interpreter services are available at no cost in accordance with Title VI. Servicios de intérpretes están disponibles sin costo de acuerdo a la ley del Título VI.

Any individual with a disability who needs an interpreter or other auxiliary aids, please contact Olivia Byrd at 336-373-2986. To request services needed, please make the request 3-5 days prior to the meeting. For additional information or assistance, please contact Gary Canapinno, ADA Coordinator at 336-373-2723.

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Project Name: Greensboro (Guilford Co.) – Southeast Feeder Main, Contract 3, Contract No. 2021-045C

Bid Date: Thursday, Sept. 11, 2025 @ 2:00 PM

Please provide your proposal by: 9-10-25 @ 5:00 PM

We are soliciting subcontract bids for the following trades. Work may include, but not limited to: Clearing & Grubbing, Boring & Jack, Erosion Control, Hauling, Milling Asphalt, Signage, Utilities & Utility Piping along with any incidentals & materials necessary for construction to complete the project.

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The work performed under this Contract shall include but may not be limited to: The furnishing of all labor, materials, equip. and services, whether specifically mentioned or not, that is required to complete the Construction of the Work of the project. All requirements of the State of NC and all pertinent administrative regulations shall apply to this project as if herein written out in full.

Please contact Daniel Lynch at dlynch@jrlynchandsons.com if you have any questions on the job link below.

The following Dropbox link will provide you with the digital Specs & Plans

https://www.dropbox.com/sc/fo1v074cs6voaqa7qo251bt/ADSMX10x_bVvFMGbuO8Eie1P?lkey=1ua0ijxz513xp4jdix0mtrf&st=kj65wz41&dl=0

You may view plans & specs at the following locations: JRL Office @ 314 S. Academy St. Pilot Mtn, NC. Also, Bidding Documents also may be examined at the following locations and All work will be in accordance with the Plans and Specs. which are on file in the office of "The City of Greensboro", Contact Ms. Kristen Kollgaard: Engineering Division, 300 West Washington St. Suite 322, Greensboro, NC 27401, telephone: (336) 437-7966, fax: (336) 373-2338, or email: engbids@greensboro-nc.gov

JRL is willing to review any responsible quote & will negotiate terms, if appropriate. We will notify your firm if your bid is accepted for this project. Please contact Daniel Lynch @ number listed below, if you have not heard from JRL by 9-18-2025 and I will inform you of the status of your bid. If you need assistance with equip, obtaining bonding (J.R.L. will furnish bonds for all projects & will help you obtain the proper certification, (if you are not certified.) loan capital, lines of credit, insurance or joint pay agreements, please see JRL terms below or contact us and we will review your needs and direct you to available agencies for assistance.

Bonding: It is Jimmy R. Lynch & Sons, Inc. policy NOT to require M/WBE subcontractors to provide bonding to Jimmy R. Lynch & Sons, Inc. for their portion of the work. All M/WBE subcontractors will be allowed to work under Jimmy R. Lynch & Sons, Inc Performance & Payment Bonds to the Owner.

If you would like to obtain a bond on this project to help build your bonding capacity, please let us know through email, phone call or specifying on your quote and we will put you in contact with our Bonding Agent.

Financial Assistance: Jimmy R. Lynch & Sons, Inc. will provide Joint Check Agreements to all M/WBE subcontractors. Please request a Joint Check Agreement in writing. We will work with you and the material vendor to develop a Joint Check Agreement to satisfy all parties.

Quick Payments: It is Jimmy R. Lynch & Sons, Inc. policy to provide Quick Payments to all M/WBE subcontractors. Jimmy R Lynch & Sons, Inc will provide payment to all M/WBE subcontractors on a weekly basis if the work for which payment is being requested is complete and accepted by the Owner.

JRL encourages 2nd tier M/WBE Subcontracting opportunities. We encourage our subcontractors to utilize 2nd and 3rd tier M/WBE Subcontractors. Please Submit Quote the Day Prior to Bid Opening.

Phone: 336-368-4047 Fax: 336-368-4613

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ADVERTISEMENT FOR BID PROPOSALS LEBAUER PARK PLAYGROUND POUR IN PLACE SURFACING REPLACEMENT PROJECT CONTRACT NO. 2024-0680 CITY OF GREENSBORO, NC

Sealed bid proposals will be received by the City of Greensboro, NC located at 514 Yanceyville Street, Greensboro, NC 27405 in the office of Facilities, until **2:00 p.m. local time, on Thursday, September 18, 2025** for the above listed contract. This is a bifurcated bid process."

The work in this contract will consist of the furnishing of all labor, materials and equipment related to the demolition and replacement of the existing poured in place surfacing, turf and landscaped areas of the Lebauer Park playground.

For further information along with instructions to obtain electronic and/or hard copies of the Plans and Specifications, contact Ms. Kristen Kollgaard, Engineering Division, 300 West Washington Street, Suite 322, Greensboro, North Carolina 27401, fax: (336) 373-2338, or email: engbids@greensboro-nc.gov

A pre-bid meeting will be held at **10:00 a.m. Thursday, September 4, 2025** onsite at the Lebauer Park playground located at 208 North Davie Street, Greensboro, NC.

The City reserves the right to waive any informality or to reject any or all bids or to award such contract as in its judgment is deemed to be in the best interest of the City.

SHAWNA TILLERY, MPA
PROJECTS DIVISION MANAGER
ENGINEERING & INSPECTIONS DEPT

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FILE NO. 25 E 000437-400 NOTICE TO CREDITORS

This notice is hereby given to all individuals, firms, or corporations with claims against the estate of the deceased, Terry Lynn Wells, formerly of Guilford County, North Carolina. Please present your claims to the undersigned no later than November 28, 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 28th day of August 2025

Gracen June McLain, Administrator
3701 Cotswold Terrace, 3D
Greensboro, NC 27410

Publish dates: August 28, September 4, 11, 18, 2025

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NOTICE OF SERVICE OF PROCESS BY PUBLICATION FILE NO: 25-E-001276-400

NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND DEBTORS ON ESTATE OF: Mamie Ruth Autry ALL persons, firms and corporations having claims against Mamie Ruth Autry, deceased are notified to exhibit them to Joyce Ann Cox, Administrator c/o Kenneth M. Johnson, P.A., 701 E. Market Street, Greensboro, NC 27401, for decedent's Estate, on or before the 28th day of November 2025 or be barred from their recovery. Debtors of the decedent are asked to make immediate payment to the above-named Administrator.

This 28th day of August 2025.

Joyce Ann Cox, Administrator
c/o Kenneth M. Johnson
Attorney at Law
PO Box 21247
Greensboro, NC 27420
(336) 272-8273

Published: August 28th, September 4th, September 11th and September 18th

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA COUNTY OF GUILFORD

All persons, firms and corporations having claims against TERRY AUNDRAY LLOYD, deceased, late of Guilford County, North Carolina, are hereby notified to present them to Annie Ruth Hill Lloyd, as Administrator of the decedent's estate, on or before November 28, 2025, in care of the undersigned's attorney, 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 28th day of August, 2025.

Annie Ruth Hill Lloyd, Administrator
Estate of Terry Aundray Lloyd

Steven W. Arrington, Esq.
The Arrington Firm, P.C.
P. O. Box 4753
Greensboro, NC 27404

August 28, September 4, 11, 18, 2025

Peacemaker 1001

FUEL UP FOR SCHOOL

SCHOOL DAY FUEL



FAMILY FEATURES

From packing lunchboxes to after-school snacking and evening meals, school days can get hectic in the kitchen – in a hurry. Saving valuable time is of the essence for busy families looking to stave off hunger without sacrificing nutrition or flavor.

To help make delicious yet nutritious meals a reality all day long, consider these recipes for Shrimp Spaghetti at the family dinner table, Potato Pizza Puffs for fuel after school and Celery and Whipped Ricotta with Drizzled Honey and Dried Apricots, perfect for sending in a lunchbox or enjoying while finishing homework.

For recipes that fuel families throughout the school year and beyond, visit Culinary.net.

Save School Night Dinners

Don't sacrifice flavor on those hectic weeknights. Instead, turn to this Shrimp Spaghetti recipe that keeps dinnertime simple and delicious while saving precious time for homework and special moments as a family.

Find more quick dinner solutions at Culinary.net.

- 1 teaspoon smoked paprika
- 1 cup chicken broth
- 1/2 cup grated Parmesan cheese
- 1/4 cup heavy cream
- 1 teaspoon onion powder
- 1 cup frozen or fresh spinach
- bread, for serving

Cook spaghetti noodles according to package instructions.

In skillet over medium heat, add butter, avocado oil and shrimp. Mix in 1 tablespoon garlic powder and paprika. Remove shrimp after they begin to turn pink; set aside.

Add chicken broth, Parmesan, heavy cream, remaining garlic powder, onion powder and spinach to skillet and mix well. Add shrimp back to skillet to finish cooking. Mix in noodles and serve with bread.

Shrimp Spaghetti

Recipe courtesy of "Cookin' Savvy"
Servings: 4-6

- 1 pound spaghetti noodles
- 2 tablespoons butter
- 1/4 cup avocado oil
- 1 package (12 ounces) raw shrimp
- 2 tablespoons garlic powder, divided



A Savory, Satisfying After-School Snack

When the school day ends, quick and nutritious snacks can help keep your kids fueled and focused to tackle homework and after-school activities. These Potato Pizza Puffs – a fusion of classic pizza flavors in a convenient, flaky vessel – are baked to golden perfection and served alongside a tangy marinara sauce that easily elevates the snacking experience to new heights.

Powered by energy-packed potatoes, which are an excellent source of vitamin C and have more potassium than a banana, these puffs are a surefire hit for pizza lovers everywhere. Plus, potatoes are naturally fat-free, cholesterol-free and sodium-free with only 110 calories per 5.3-ounce serving, meaning you can feel good about serving them to your kids as part of every meal of the day.

Find more recipes for the school year ahead at EatWisconsinPotatoes.com.

Potato Pizza Puffs

Recipe courtesy of Potatoes USA
Prep time: 10 minutes
Cook time: 8 minutes
Servings: 12

- 1 medium (5.3 ounces) Wisconsin russet potato
- 2 cups cold water
- 3 whole garlic cloves, crushed (optional)
- 1 sheet frozen puff pastry dough
- nonstick cooking spray
- 1/2 cup Parmesan cheese, grated
- 1 1/2 cups mozzarella cheese
- 1/2 cup pepperoni
- 1 tablespoon Italian seasoning
- 1 cup marinara sauce

Wash and scrub potato thoroughly. Pat dry and thinly slice into 1/8-inch rounds.

Place sliced potatoes in saucepan and cover with cold water. Add crushed garlic cloves to the water, if desired. Parboil potatoes 5 minutes until slightly tender.

Thaw puff pastry and roll out slightly with rolling pin. Cut into 12 equal strips.

On foil-lined tray generously sprayed with nonstick cooking spray, sprinkle with Parmesan and Italian seasoning then shingle 3-4 par-cooked potato slices with 3-4 pepperoni slices. Top slices with mozzarella followed by puff pastry strip. Push edges of pastry down onto foil to slightly "seal" puffs, keeping contents within pastry. In air fryer set at 400 F, bake 7-8 minutes.

Wait for cheese to cool before removing puffs from tray. Gently peel potato puffs off foil. Serve with marinara sauce.

Add This Nutritious Snack to Lunchboxes and After-School Menus

All that homework and those draining school sports practices sometimes require a little boost of energy from a fresh, delicious snack. To keep your little ones (or big ones) going, try Celery and Whipped Ricotta with Drizzled Honey and Dried Apricots for a quick bite that's equal parts filling and nutritious.

Packed with flavor and low in calories, celery is a smart choice for snacking in the afternoon or taking to school in a lunchbox. It's made up of 95% water and is naturally hydrating and high in fiber to keep students feeling full and refreshed.

Available year-round, Dandy Celery from Duda Farm Fresh Foods is a perfect solution as it redefines what celery can be – crispier, sweeter and less stringy – through a legacy of quality, innovation and consistency in celery cultivation since 1926.

Visit DudaFresh.com to find more quick and easy solutions for after-school snacking and meals throughout busy school days.

Celery and Whipped Ricotta with Drizzled Honey and Dried Apricots

Prep time: 5 minutes
Servings: 1

- Dandy Celery sticks (4-5 inches)
- 2 tablespoons whipped ricotta cheese
- 6-7 dried apricot slices
- 1 tablespoon honey

Using piping bag or freezer bag with one corner removed, fill celery sticks with ricotta cheese.

Place dried apricot slices evenly across top of spread. Drizzle honey on top. Chill until ready to serve.

