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Former NCCU chancellor opened first integrated law practice

In June 1964, Julius L. Chambers opened the first integrated law practice in Charlotte, in a cold-water walk-up on East Trade Street. A legal trailblazer, Chambers graduated first in his class from UNC School of Law and became the school's first Black editor-in-chief of the Law Review.

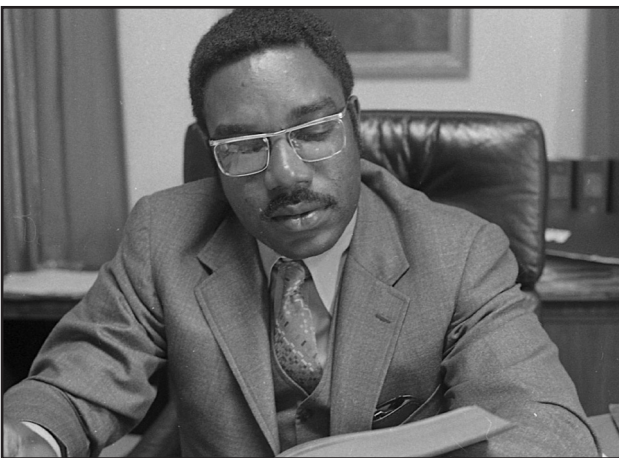
Alongside partners James E. Ferguson II and Adam Stein, and often working with the NAACP Legal Defense Fund, Chambers dedicated his practice to serving Black communities and challeng-

ing racial injustice.

His work helped shape landmark cases like Swann v. Charlotte-Mecklenburg, Griggs v. Duke Power and Albemarle Paper Co. v. Moody - decisions that transformed public education and employment rights across the nation.

Despite facing unimaginable violence, including the bombing and burning of his home and law office, Chambers never wavered. His legacy is one of service, courage and conviction.

Submitted by Harvey Gantt Center.



HARVEY GANTT CENTER

Julius Chambers at Robinson-Spangler Carolina Room, Charlotte Mecklenburg Library.



OBSERVER TRAIL OF HISTORY

Julius Chambers at his burned office in Charlotte.



COREY FLETCHER, REPAIRERS OF THE BREACH

A 50-mile march from Wilson to Raleigh concluded on Valentine's Day.

Thousands attend Mass Moral Assembly in Raleigh

STAFF REPORTS

RALEIGH — On Valentine's Day, and Frederick Douglass's chosen birthday, thousands of moral, faith and community leaders gathered for the Love Forward Together Mass People's Assembly & Moral March at the North Carolina State Capitol.

The rally follows a historic 50-mile, three-day march from Wilson to Raleigh through the recently gerrymandered 1st Congressional District, drawing attention to attempts to dimin-

ish the political power of the community. Organizers of the march called for a moral and loving policy agenda that guarantees fair access to the ballot, living wages, affordable health care and food assistance, especially after deep program cuts following the passage of the "big, deadly, ugly bill."

Led by Bishop William J. Barber II, president and senior lecturer of Repairers of the Breach and founding director of the Yale Center for Public Theology and Public Policy, and

dozens of advocacy organizations, the mass mobilization marked 156 years since the ratification of the 15th amendment.

"We do not come here today to negotiate or to plead for our rights because they do not come from Kristi Noem, President Trump and Pam Bondi, but from a higher power," said Steve Schmidt of Save America Movement. "We are not here to negotiate freedom of speech, the

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Wake County legislators discuss issues affecting residents

By Kylie Marsh

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RALEIGH - Housing affordability, health care accessibility and workforce development are key for Wake County legislators.

The 11 elected officials of the North Carolina General Assembly spoke at the Greater Raleigh Chamber of Commerce Elected Officials Breakfast last week. Chamber members also got networking time with the legislators. Many officials spoke on the significance of health

care, child care, and education on the workforce and quality of life in North Carolina.

Senator Gale Adcock began opening statements by urging business leaders to pay attention to legislation that impacts health care systems, which are the largest economic driver in Wake County. The county's hospitals provide over 34,000 part-and full-time jobs.

"That is more combined job creation than the state government, the Wake County Public

School System or Walmart," she said. "This provides \$2.8 billion in annual wages."

But North Carolina is still missing a state budget and is the only state in the country without one.

Senate Minority Leader Sydney Batch discussed the rising costs of health care at the expense of small businesses, especially with cuts to Medicaid. "If we cut Medicaid expansion, all of us are going to be paying the cost," she

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Jesse Jackson opened doors for many Black politicians today

Disease increased awareness for African Americans

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The Rev. Jesse L. Jackson, who turned protests into power, and whose dedication to fight for the rights of Black America, died Tuesday at the age of 84.

Jackson spent more than six decades as one of America's most recognizable moral voices — equal parts preacher, strategist, coalition-builder, negotiator and presidential trailblazer. He rose from the segregated South to the center of the civil rights movement, then carried its aims into boardrooms, ballot boxes and global diplomacy. In his later years, he continued to symbolize the unfinished work of democracy even as Parkinson's disease, and later a rarer neurodegenerative condition, limited his mobility and speech.

Jackson was born in 1941 in Greenville, South Carolina, in a world structured by legal segregation and everyday humiliation. After attending North Carolina A&T State University and moving to Chicago for theological study, he found his life's vocation at the intersection of faith and public action, where sermons were not separate from organizing, and hope was not a mood but a discipline.

Jackson's civil rights rise was closely tied to the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. and the Southern Christian Leadership Conference. He became a key figure in Operation Breadbasket, the SCLC's push for economic leverage — using boycotts and "selective patronage" to pressure companies to hire Black workers and do business in Black communities.

King appointed him national director in 1967, and the work brought Jackson's distinctive style into focus: confrontational where necessary, transactional when effective and always aimed at measurable change.

This economic emphasis mattered. Jackson helped broaden the popular understanding of civil rights beyond lunch counters and voting booths, toward jobs, contracts, wages and the right to thrive. It was civil rights as a full-life agenda.

After King's assassination, Jackson emerged as one of the most prominent heirs to the movement's public leadership, though never a simple "successor." Conflicts inside the SCLC eventually pushed him toward independent institution building. In 1971 he founded Operation PUSH, rooted in Black self-help, education and economic opportunity.

Jackson's presidential campaigns in 1984 and 1988 did not win the nomination, but they changed what seemed politically possible. His runs helped normalize

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Thousands attend Mass Moral Assembly rally

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freedom of assembly or the freedom of religion. We are here to declare that we are not indifferent to the suffering of a child on a cold concrete floor in a jail cell, in what amounts to an American concentration camp. We say, 'No.'"

The march and assembly brought together a multi-racial, multi-faith coalition of faith leaders, labor organizers and impacted people supported by the North Carolina Poor People's Campaign, Institute for Policy Studies, St. James Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), North Carolina Council of Churches, Union of Southern Service Workers, Invisible, Second Chance Alliance, Human Rights Campaign, SEIU, Public Schools First NC, and the Save America Movement, which provided daily coverage along the route.

"The cruel and deadly policies coming from our state and federal government are making us very tired," disability rights activist Sloan Meek said. "We are tired of being scared

for our lives, tired of being treated as disposable, tired of having our rights, our medical care and our support taken away, and then being told that if we ask for help, we are abusing the system."

The rally closed with Willie Nelson's new song, "What Is America," woven into a powerful video featuring imagery from the three-day march, for which Nelson granted special permission in support of the "Love Forward Together" movement.



Raleigh elected officials discuss the economy at a Chamber breakfast.

Wake County legislators discuss residents' concerns

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said. Batch said she pays \$8,000 a month in health care for her nine employees.

Senator Jay Chaudhuri lauded the success of the county. Wake County has the state's largest population at 1.2 million, and is among the top counties for teacher pay, as well as teacher certifications. It is also top in foreign international investment, higher education and corporate headquarters.

"I would remind you that North Carolina's success and the success that we've had in Wake County boards is because we had business and government and university work together," Chaudhuri said.

Representative Monika Johnson-Hostler spent 11 years on the Wake County Board of Education. Johnson-Hostler, who runs a nonprofit, said health care and child care are important for employing women.

"I understand as an employer the importance of health care and child care support," she said. She also said that it's important to collaborate with community colleges and provide more apprenticeships to prepare the workforce.

"Our workforce is no longer like me, where a clear pathway to a four-year degree and then a further degree is no longer the pathway," she said.

As a small business owner, Rep. Ya Liu said one of the biggest issues is affordability. Property taxes, homeowner's insurance and rising costs of groceries, as well as hiring workers and equipment, are all burdens on small business owners.

"I really want an environment where business can thrive and workers can feel safe in their communities and not feel discriminated by our federal agents," she said.

"What benefits the state of North Carolina and what benefits y'all as business owners and workers is basically the same thing," Rep. Tim Longest said. "The 30-billion dollar question that I'm wrestling with; and that I think all of us wrestle with, is whether and when we're going to pass a budget that meets the needs of the state of North Carolina."

Representative Phil Rubin discussed the unpredictability of the state and federal government.

"Chaos is costly," he said, advocating for more predictability. "For most of the people in the room, if you

don't know how much your goods are going to cost because tariffs are in, then they're out, then they're threatened, then they're back; it's just a really hard way to run a business," he said. "And the same thing when you don't know whether the state's going to pass a budget or what that budget is going to look like."

Representative Mike Schietzelt, the only Republican on the panel, said North Carolina is the top state for business and for workforce development in the country.

"We have a lot of things going for us right now," he said.

Representative Julie von Haefen said women are the majority population in the state and the issues should reflect that.

"There are so many issues in the General Assembly that affect women," she said, like child care, paid family leave, reproductive freedoms and minimum wage. "They're (representatives) not listening to us. We need you to tell your stories about how some of the policies that we're passing in the General Assembly are affecting you and the people that you know."

BUSINESS BRIEFS

- WALKING TOUR**
Flavors of the Bull announces its inaugural tour, Drafts of the Bull, Feb. 22. Learn more at www.flavorsofthebull.com.

GROUNDBREAKING
A groundbreaking for the redevelopment of Heritage Park is Feb. 25, 10 a.m. to noon, 416 Dorothea Drive. The public is invited.

AI SEMINAR
Durham Business & Professional Chain is hosting a free AI seminar Feb. 26, 6 p.m., Phoenix Event Center, 810 Fayetteville
- St., Suite 101. Register: www.eventbrite.com.

LAUNCH
NextGen Accelerator Launch Event: Growing a Business in a Changing World Luncheon is Feb. 26, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., NC State University Club, 4200 Hillsborough St. Register: nawbo-raleigh.star-chapter.com.

WORKSHOP
A grant writing workshop is Feb. 27, 1-4 p.m., The New Hope Collaborative, 1725 N. New Hope Road, Raleigh. Register: www.ohwci.com/training
- events.

BRUNCH
Black Chamber of Raleigh is hosting a Mimosa's & Menopause Brunch, Feb. 28, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., 3511 Maitland Drive, Suite 101. Register: eventbrite.com.

BUSINESS EXPO
Minority & Women-Owned Business Expo is Feb. 28, 1-4 p.m., Wake Forest Renaissance Center, 405 S. Brooks St., Wake Forest. Open to the public.

Send business briefs to info@triangletribune.com.

Jesse Jackson opened doors for Black politicians

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the idea that a Black candidate could compete seriously on a national stage, and they pushed issues like voting rights enforcement, poverty, and global human rights into mainstream party debate.

In his later decades, Jackson remained a reference point in American public life, showing up to march anniversaries, voting-rights actions, labor fights and civic flashpoints. He continued to argue that civil rights is not a chapter in a textbook, but a living struggle shaped by policy, courts and who gets heard.

Even near the end of his life, images of him at major public moments – frail, sometimes in a wheelchair – carried their own message: movements age, but their claims do not.

Jackson publicly disclosed in 2017 that he had been living with Parkinson's disease for years, framing the announcement not only as personal news but as a call to keep working and to support the search for better treatments and a cure. In subsequent years, his health challenges deepened. His organization later confirmed he had progressive supranuclear palsy, a rare neurodegenerative condition that can severely affect movement, balance, eye control and speech.

Parkinson's is often discussed as a disease of the brain, but in the United States, it also reflects the shape of inequality: who gets diagnosed, who sees a specialist, who gets the right medications and who gets recruited into clinical research.

The Parkinson's Foundation summarizes a consistent pattern: African American people with Parkinson's face later diagnoses, less access to specialists and barriers to participating in research, factors that can delay effective treatment and worsen quality of life.

Some studies have reported lower measured prevalence or incidence of Parkinson's in African Americans, but researchers caution that inequities in diagnosis and care may contribute to what gets counted. In other words: the appearance of lower prevalence can partly reflect who is missed, not who is spared.



Former Governor and U.S. Senate candidate Roy Cooper casts his ballot on the first day of early voting at John Chavis Community Center.

Cooper casts ballot on the first day of early voting

By Clayton Henkel
NC NEWSLINE

RALEIGH – Former Democratic Governor and U.S. Senate candidate Roy Cooper smiled broadly and exchanged pleasantries with poll workers at Chavis Community Center Thursday as he cast his ballot on the first day of early in-person voting in the 2026 primary.

Cooper is facing five primary challengers in the race to replace outgoing Republican Sen. Thom Tillis: Daryl Farrow, Justin E. Dues, Robert Colon, Marcus W. Williams and pastor Orrick Quick.

Cooper has not made many public appearances in the primary, but the two-term governor is widely expected to win the Democratic nomination on the strength of his name recognition and prolific fundraising.

Cooper encouraged voters to take advantage of early voting and to make their voices heard on issues of affordability. He pledged to be a strong, independent voice in Washington who would work with the president when it was possible and stand up to him when it was necessary.

"There's so many people in the middle class barely hanging on," Cooper said, citing the rising costs of groceries, rent, utilities and child care. "For a lot of families, there's just too much month at the end of the money."

Republicans have challenged Cooper's record on crime, pointing to the stabbing death of Iryna Zarutska by suspect Decarlos Brown Jr. on Charlotte light rail as an example of a failed criminal justice system when Cooper was gov-

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Roy Cooper casts ballot on first day of early voting

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error. At the polling place, several GOP demonstrators dressed in orange jumpsuits stood behind Cooper with signs that read “Crooks for Cooper” and “Soft on Crime Cooper.”

Cooper said he was not responsible for releasing Brown, who was actually released at the end of his sentence. He told reporters he is the only candidate in the Senate race who has spent a career prosecuting violent criminals and has worked with Republicans on legislation to prevent earlier releases.

“My opponent, Michael Whatley, has supported the DOGE cuts that actually cut help to local law enforcement, making families less safe,” he said.

Whatley, the former RNC chair, is also facing five challengers in the primary: Don Brown, Richard Dansie, Thomas Johnson, Michelle Morrow and Elizabeth Temple. He, too, is widely expected to win

the nomination based on President Trump’s endorsement and his ties to party insiders. Whatley has pledged to be an ally for President Trump and his “America First” agenda.

Cooper said he believes the country is not as divided as some politicians want the public to believe, and that there will be opportunities to break through Washington’s legendary gridlock during the final two years of the Trump administration.

“I believe that more Republicans are going to want to step up to reinsert the checks and balances that the framers of our Constitution intended,” Cooper said. “Congress needs to take back its constitutional authority on trade and tariffs, on the declaration of war, on budget matters where the executive branch is spending money that hadn’t been appropriated by Congress. I believe that we’re going to get some biparti-

san support on that.”

Cooper’s message resonated with Adam Holtzman, another early voter who was at Chavis during the former governor’s visit. “I’m a retired state employee, so I’m definitely middle class,” Holtzman said. “But the people who are struggling, I feel for them, because it’s getting tougher with the changes that the Republicans made this year on health care. I know people whose health care costs have just skyrocketed.”

But Holtzman said this year, he was voting early for more than just pocket-book issues. “I think our democracy is being threatened terribly,” he said. “My daughter’s in Minneapolis. You know, every day it’s like we’re in Germany in the 1930s. It’s pretty scary.”

Early voting for continues through Feb. 28. Election Day for the primary is March 3.

Towing company fined for discriminatory towing

STAFF REPORTS

RALEIGH – Attorney General Jeff Jackson announced Monday a judgment against David Jewel Satterfield and his Charlotte-based companies, A1 Towing Solutions and Automobile Recovery and Parking Enforcement, for allegations of racially targeting drivers, illegally booting and towing their vehicles, and price gouging.

The judgment, reached by the North Carolina Department of Justice’s Consumer Protection Division and Civil Rights Unit, is North Carolina’s first in a discriminatory towing case.

“We had evidence that the defendant broke price gouging laws and engaged in racially targeted towing,” Jackson said. “This judgment will force him to pay back the victims and it will set a clear precedent. If you run a towing company that breaks that law, we are going to take you to court, and we’re going to stop you.”

The Department of Justice sued Satterfield in 2020 for unlawfully booting and towing trucks that were delivering food, water and other medical supplies during the pandemic, and then charging upwards of \$4,000 for release of these vehicles. In some cases, the truck driver presented Satterfield with a written parking permit or parked their truck before he installed signs giving notice that their vehicles would be towed, but the defendant still towed their truck and charged them excessively high fees to release it.

Based on information obtained from the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Police Department, which maintains records of all tows within the county, the Department of Justice determined that Satterfield towed vehicles owned by



African Americans at an alarmingly high rate and almost exclusively operated in areas of Charlotte that have a majority Black population. Further, some African American consumers alleged that Satterfield called them racial epithets and assaulted them when attempting to tow their vehicles. Monday’s judgment prohibits Satterfield from engaging in any business practice that discriminates on the basis of race or color.

Also, Satterfield, and any current or future towing companies he owns or manages, are prohibited from taking several actions. Drivers whose vehicles were unlawfully towed or who were required to pay excessive prices to get their vehicles back will receive restitution totaling a combined \$30,000. In addition, the defendants:

- * Cannot tow vehicles without first getting permission from the owner of the property that the vehicle is on.
- * Cannot charge excessive amounts for towing.
- * Cannot put boots on

commercial vehicles like the trucks used to deliver food and water during the pandemic.

* Cannot threaten vehicle owners or drivers.

* Cannot tow vehicles from private lots unless the lots are clearly marked with signs.

* Cannot hold onto commercial cargo obtained through a nonconsensual tow.

* Cannot charge separately for towing and impounding the separate parts of a tractor-trailer.

* Cannot boot a vehicle while the driver is in it without first informing the driver or giving him a chance to move the vehicle.

* Cannot charge DMV filing fees when no such fee is required.

* Cannot require consumers to schedule a time to pick up their vehicle and then charge them for a delay in the pickup caused by the defendant.

If Satterfield violates the terms of this judgment, he will be required to pay the state of North Carolina \$110,000.



KYLIE MARSH

Melvin Mitchell holds Romare Bearden’s artwork that’s now in New York.

Durham couple discovers connection to Brown v. Board-inspired Bearden art

By Kylie Marsh

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DURHAM – Gail Jennings listens to the stories her husband, Melvin Mitchell, tells about growing up in Harlem, New York.

Mitchell’s father, Lofton Mitchell, was a playwright who was friends with legends Ossie Davis Jr., Ruby Dee, Harry Belafonte and Sydney Poitier during the 1950s and ‘60s.

“They supported each other as artists during what I call the ‘lean, hungry years,’” Jennings said.

The artists also came together for a cause. “As young people, invested and engaged in civil rights, they used their artistry and their time to speak up on behalf of their community,” Jennings said.

Not many know that the Brown v. Board of Education Supreme Court case was comprised of five cases from across the country.

One of the five was Briggs v. Elliott, which challenged school segregation in South Carolina.

South Carolina’s Black

community received economic backlash and reprisal. In 1949, the Reverend Joseph A. DeLaine circulated a petition for educational equality. Petitioners were fired from their jobs, and DeLaine’s home was burned to the ground. DeLaine fled to Charlotte and secured his wife with a friend, the aunt of Ossie Davis Jr.

Many Black farmers also couldn’t fulfill their crops because people wouldn’t rent them equipment.

Davis was a friend of Lofton Mitchell’s. He wrote a skit called “The People of Clarendon County,” which Mitchell adapted to become “A Land Beyond the River.”

“The play ran for about a year and a half, and they were able to send enough money down to South Carolina,” Jennings said.

Romare Bearden created a collage of the same title for the cover of the Playbill, which hung next to Melvin Mitchell’s fireplace in his family home.

“I was so curious about it, I said to him, ‘let’s take this to New York,’” Jennings

said. The couple went to New York in 2023 to have the artwork evaluated. The piece is now owned by ACA Galleries in New York.

“The value is in the family connection,” Jennings said. “The history and the values in what his father did to help bring about relief for the people down there; to bring the crowd that was dead set against any kind of integration.”

Jennings said her husband did not always know how significant the piece was. “When they told us the value, it was like six figures. I had to sit down,” she said.

The school desegregation fight is still ongoing; conversations about school choice continue into today’s politics. Having read “The Dawn of Desegregation,” a book which details the struggle for integration, Jennings is amazed to know that out of the five cases that went to Brown v. Board, her husband’s family was intimately connected.

“It really moved me deeply,” she said.



NCDOT TO HOLD VIRTUAL PUBLIC MEETING FOR MULTIMODAL CONNECTED VEHICLE PILOT PROJECT IN WAKE COUNTY

STIP PROJECT NO. HO-0001AA



RALEIGH - The public is invited to a meeting with the N.C. Department of Transportation to discuss the pilot project that is exploring the safety benefits of multimodal connected vehicle technology near N.C. State University.

For the project, crews updated road infrastructure, introduced a new mobile app for cyclists, pedestrians, and drivers, and used smart transportation systems to evaluate these technologies. The pilot aims to improve safety, mobility and environmental sustainability by boosting bus use and cutting down on car idling with better traffic light timing.

A virtual meeting will be held **6 -7:30 p.m. on Monday, March 9, 2026**. Interested residents can attend the meeting online or by phone to learn more about the pilot, ask questions and talk with NCDOT representatives. There will be a formal presentation beginning promptly at **6 p.m.**

Meeting registration and project details, including a map of the pilot area, can be found on the NCDOT project webpage at <https://publicinput.com/mmcvp-raleigh>.

People may also submit comments by phone, email or mail by **April 10, 2026** by contacting **NCDOT State Signal Equipment Engineer Keith Mims, PE at 919-814-4931; kmmims@ncdot.gov; or 1561 Mail Service Center in Raleigh.**

NCDOT will provide auxiliary aids and services under the Americans with Disabilities Act for disabled people who wish to participate in the virtual meeting. Anyone requiring special services should contact Aleksandra Djurkovic, Environmental Analysis Unit, at 1598 Mail Service Center in Raleigh; 919-707-6024; or andjurkovic@ncdot.gov as early as possible so arrangements can be made.

Persons who do not speak English, or have a limited ability to read, speak or understand English, may receive interpretive services upon request prior to the meeting by calling 1-800-481-6494.

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NOTICE OF LIEN HOLDER'S SALE OF REAL PROPERTY

In the Matter of Foreclosure of a certain Claim of Lien claimed against Shardae D. Brown and Shaheid Hasan dated 1/9/2018, and Recorded in the Office of the Clerk of Superior Court of Durham County, North Carolina as 18M000024-310,

Hope Derby Carmichael, Trustee,

Under and by virtue of the power and authority contained in that certain Declaration of Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions for Sherron Farms Homeowners Association, Inc. recorded in the Office of Register Deeds of Durham County, North Carolina at Book 7820, Page 742, and as supplemented and amended, and because of default in the failure of Shardae D. Brown and Shaheid Hasan to carry out or perform the stipulations and agreements therein contained, with particular reference to the covenant to pay assessments for the real property located at 623 Hiddenbrook Drive, Durham, North Carolina 27703 and pursuant to the Order of Clerk of Superior Court of Durham County, North Carolina entered in the above-captioned foreclosure proceeding, the Trustee will expose for sale at public auction on **February 24, 2026 at 10:00 a.m.** at the usual place of sale at the Durham County Courthouse, that certain real property (including any improvements thereon) located at 623 Hiddenbrook Drive, Durham, North Carolina 27703, Durham County, North Carolina, and more particularly described as all of **Lot 6 Sherron Road Tract, Phase 3, a/k/a Sherron Farms Subdivision.**

The sale shall be made subject to all prior liens, restrictions and easements of record, as well as unpaid taxes and assessments, if any. The record owner of the above-described real property as reflected on the records of the Durham County Register of Deeds not more than ten (10) days prior to the posting of this Notice is Shardae D. Brown and Shaheid Hasan. Pursuant to N.C.G.S. §45-21.10(b), any successful bidder may be required to deposit with the Trustee for the Association, immediately upon conclusion of the sale, a cash deposit of five (5%) percent of the bid or \$750.00, whichever is greater. If the successful bidder fails to make the required deposit, the property will be immediately reoffered for sale. Any successful bidder shall be required to tender the full balance of the purchase price so bid in cash or by certified check at the time the Trustee tenders to him a deed for the property or attempts to tender such deed, and should said successful bidder fail to pay the full balance of the purchase price so bid at that time, he shall remain liable on his bid as provided by N.C.G.S. §45-21.30. This sale shall be held open ten (10) days for upset bids as required by law.

If you are a tenant residing in the property, be advised that an Order for Possession of the property may be issued in favor of the purchaser. Also, if your lease began or was renewed on or after October 1, 2007, be advised that you may terminate the rental agreement providing written notice of termination to the landlord, to be effective on a date stated in the notice that is at least 10 days, but no more than 90 days, after the sale date contained in this Notice of Lien Holder's Sale of Real Property, as may be amended, provided that the Respondents(s) herein has/have not cured the default at the time the tenant provides the notice of termination.

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COURTESY

J. Locke, center, Pasupathy Thyagarajan, left, Ramakumar Revur and Rama Lakshmanan.

Blessing campaign helps churches with community outreach

By Freda Freeman
CORRESPONDENT

DURHAM - Benjamin Franklin is credited with saying, "In this world nothing can be said to be certain, except death and taxes."

Given that taxes are an inevitable part of life, international gospel recording artist J. Locke, of Raleigh, says they should help support churches, which, in turn, support the community.

Thus, Locke's \$50 Blessing Campaign, in which he encourages congregants to "turn your tax filing into a blessing for your church." Partnering with Liberty Tax of Durham, Locke is basing his program on the tax preparer's refer a friend program.

When people get their taxes prepared by Liberty Tax, rather than get \$50 for referring a friend, they can instead donate the money to a church of their choice.

"Churches have a lot of things that they're doing. There are churches that give to the community, there are churches that

have youth ministries, there are churches that have homeless ministries. I hope this is something they can use to put back into the community or put in other places in their church," Locke said.

"Nowadays, people may minimize the impact the role of the church in the community, but a lot of churches are in the community doing the work. They're headlining feeding programs, out there giving clothes away, out there talking to people, trying to give them hope and encourage them. We all have a role to play; if I can create an environment where we can make an impact, let's do something for other people."

Badhri Chellappa, owner of the Liberty Tax franchise at 4823 Meadows Drive, said the campaign is a community partnership that aligns business success with community impact.

"When Mr. Locke approached us with his \$50 Blessing Campaign, we saw it as a natural extension of our commitment to serve

not just individual clients, but the broader community as well," he said. "We partnered with Mr. Locke because we believe in giving back to the community we serve. Tax season is a time when families are thinking about their finances, and this campaign creates an opportunity for that financial activity to directly benefit local churches that are doing meaningful grassroots work in our neighborhoods."

Supporters of the campaign do not have to be a member of a specific church or a Durham resident.

"I think it's a beautiful way to maintain healthy relationships between businesses and churches," said Dorothy Drinkard, an associate of Locke's. "They have congregants, and it's something we can all relate to — taxes. It's one of those things where I can say if I'm already taking care of a financial obligation, I can be a blessing to my church at the same time."



SANJÉ JAMES

Artspace board member Brittany Bennett Weston, volunteer Brandee, and staff member Melissa Solis Small smile at the Arts on the Block info tent.

Artspace celebrates 40 years of connection through art in Raleigh

STAFF REPORTS

RALEIGH - 2026 marks 40 years of Artspace, a nonprofit visual arts center in downtown Raleigh.

In 1980, a group of community leaders approached the city of Raleigh for support in their idea to create an arts center and "cultural corridor."

In a 1981 letter of support, Raleigh Mayor Smedes York wrote, "The idea of locating artists' workspace and art display space in downtown Raleigh is an excellent one," noting the role such a space would play in revitalizing downtown and supporting locally-based artists.

Artspace opened in November 1986. It has grown steadily since then, expanding from informal classes and meet-ups to organized, large-scale events, recurring programs and

paid opportunities for artists.

Artspace was one of the founding organizations behind First Friday in Raleigh, helping to drive traffic to downtown and support artists with consistent foot traffic and sales.

"It was universally agreed that the arts were the magnet that would bring people downtown; that if the artists came, the people would come," said Sally Bates, Artspace's first executive director.

Artspace also began its summer arts program in 1990, offering weeklong youth classes led by professional artists, a program that continues today.

In 2005, president and CEO Mary Poole and the Artspace board led a successful capital campaign to purchase the building from the city, ensuring Art-

space's sustainability through Raleigh's booming growth and high rents.

Forty years ago, community leaders made a bold investment in contemporary art, working artists, and accessible art education as a catalyst for downtown Raleigh," Artspace President and CEO Carly Jones said.

"That decision has shaped creative careers, supported small businesses, and helped define our city's cultural identity."

This anniversary is both a celebration of legacy and a moment to look ahead with intention. Artspace is working throughout the year to share the stories of the community members. If you have a story about how Artspace has impacted you, your family or your art practice, visit artspace-nc.org.

AROUND THE TRIANGLE



KNIGHTDALE FESTIVAL

Heritage Fest at Haven is Feb. 22, 1-5 p.m., 8521 Bufaloe Road.

FORUM

Meet the Candidates forum for Wake County district attorney and at-large Wake County commissioner is Feb. 26, 6-7 p.m., The Sports Page, 835 N. Smithfield Road.

RALEIGH TROLLEY

Raleigh Trolley Black History Tour is Feb. 21 and 22, 1 and 2:30 p.m., Mordecai Historic Park, 1 Mimosa St. Call 919-996-4364.

LUNCHEON

A Pastors' Luncheon with Self-Help Credit Union is Feb. 25, 2 p.m., Self-Help Credit Union, 1405 Promise Beacon Circle.

EXPANSION

Advance Community Health is growing. The public can learn more Feb. 28, 10 a.m. to noon, Barwell Road Community Center, 5857 Barwell Park Drive. Register: survey.zoho-public.com/.

FUNDRAISER

Raleigh Firebirds' COZY CAVE for Cancer Awareness Concert is Feb. 28, 6-9 p.m., Kumbala Sports Bar & Grill, 3945 New Bern

Avenue. RSVP: raleighfirebirds@gmail.com.

CARY SUMMIT

Town of Cary's annual Youth Advocacy Summit is Feb. 28, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Cary Arts Center, 101 Dry Avenue. Register: go.ncsu.edu/YAS.

DURHAM TOWN HALL

Haitians of the Triangle is hosting a town hall Feb. 22, 2:30-5:30 p.m., Vintage Church Durham, 1305 W. Club Boulevard. Tickets: 919-410-8440.

DPS

Durham Public Schools students will showcase their talents at An Evening to Shine Feb. 24, 7 p.m., Durham Performing Arts Center. Tickets: shinedps.com.

YOUTH TALENT

"Young, Gifted and Black" will showcase Durham youth Feb. 26, 6:30 p.m., Southside Church of Christ, 800 Elmira Ave.

PARTY

The Art of the Party is Feb. 28, 6-9 p.m., Durham Arts Council, 120 Morris St. Tickets: www.durhamarts.org.

ROUNDTABLE

The next Community

Luncheon Roundtable is Feb. 26, noon, Elizabeth Street United Methodist Church, 1209 N. Elizabeth Street.

PROJECT

Merrick-Moore Oral History Project is Feb. 28, 11 a.m., Mount Zoar Baptist Church, 2423 Cheek Road. Public is invited.

GARDENING

The next gardening class at Stanford L. Warren Library is Feb. 28, 10 a.m. to noon, 1201 Fayetteville St. Call 919-560-7290.

HEART HEALTH

Heart Health Month wellness event is Feb. 28, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., Holton Career & Resource Center, Driver Street. For all ages.

CORNWALLIS

Cornwallis Community Clean-up Day is Feb. 28, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Weaver Street Recreational Center, 3000 E. Weaver St. Register: gdbcc.org.

FESTIVAL

For the Culture Food Truck Festival is Feb. 28, 3-10 p.m., Durham Central Park, 501 Foster St.

GALA

Empowered Parents in Community's gala is Feb. 28, Sheraton Imperial Hotel. Visit epic-nc.org.

What to know about cardiovascular complications and pregnancy

STATEPOINT

As you prepare for the arrival of your new baby, there's likely one item on the top of your wish list: optimal health for you and your newborn.

A new study in the American Heart Association's Circulation journal reports that cardiovascular-related complications during pregnancy may occur in as many as 1 in 7 pregnancies, even among people with no previous heart disease. This prevalence is on the rise due to increases in health risk factors for cardiovascular disease like obesity, high blood pressure, diabetes and high cholesterol.

Because risk factors sometimes go undetected, it's critical to engage with a health care provider about heart health before, during and after pregnancy, regardless of health status.

Getting proper care during pregnancy may require some self-advocacy. At 33 weeks pregnant, Molly McGuire experienced swelling, severe headache, vomiting and pain on the right side of her body. Her doctors dismissed her symptoms as a normal part of pregnancy and possibly the flu.

While attending a class on gestational diabetes, the instructor hooked McGuire up to a fetal heart rate monitor. She soon learned that her baby had died, and she was suffering from severe preeclampsia that had



morphed into HELLP syndrome, a life-threatening pregnancy complication involving destruction of red blood cells, elevated liver enzymes and low platelet count. Doctors told her family she may not survive, and if she did, could be at risk of stroke or seizure that could lead to lifelong disabilities.

Today, McGuire is part of the American Heart Association's Go Red for Women Class of Survivors, a group of national volunteers who share their stories to raise awareness of heart disease and stroke in women.

She advises any woman who is pregnant, or planning a pregnancy, to practice self-advocacy throughout her term and beyond.

"I knew something was wrong, but my concerns were not heard. You know your body best. Advocate for yourself and don't be afraid to get a second or even third opinion," she said.

Beyond individual heart-healthy choices women can make during pregnancy to reduce their risk of cardiovascular-related complications, advocates say that changes need to be made at all levels of government.

April Wallace, the National Strategy and Partnerships senior manager for the National Collaborative for Infants & Toddlers, knows firsthand how governmental policy decisions can support healthy moms and babies. After both her pregnancies, her blood pressure spiked to dangerously high levels.

"I was fortunate. I've worked for the American Heart Association for a decade, so I already knew the basics of blood pressure monitoring. Most new moms don't have that background, and they deserve clear, consistent education and support," Wallace said.

To learn more, visit ncit.org.

‘And the youth shall lead’ the CIAA tourney

The CIAA basketball regular season is almost over. Can you believe it?

The SIAC is too, but let's be real: even though it's not the sellout offer-up-your-first-born tournament as in years past, the CIAA is far superior to its Division II HBCU counterpart in basketball tournaments.

Although the conference office is still located in Charlotte, the event has found its home in Baltimore. The local business community has welcomed the tourney with open arms after the initial shock of being selected as the host city in 2021.

I remember a CIAA official saying that Baltimore's bid was submitted as a lark and no one seriously thought it had a chance. Folks were in complete shock when the announcement was made.

The tourney had worn out its welcome in Charlotte after 14 years and Raleigh said don't even think about coming back here. OK, those are my words, but that's what they meant.

Baltimore was given a major learning curve, and it's come a long way since.

The tournament bills itself as a family reunion, and it is. Older alumni are going to attend until their health gives out.

But the youngsters are leading the festivities nowadays. Under a previous administration, the conference almost waited too long to realize the tournament needed a youth revival.

Visit Baltimore interim president and CEO Kireem Swinton attended the tournament in Raleigh in the early 2000s. Yes, it grew to be a got-to-be-there event, but it was missing a key element.

"I remember that there was nothing for young people to do in Raleigh," said Swinton, an HBCU graduate and dad. "I never forgot that."

Things started to change in Charlotte, but promoters and out-of-control parties almost ruined the experience for those that just wanted to watch some good basketball. Residents couldn't wait for the tourney to leave.

The pandemic canceled Baltimore's first year as tourney host, but the city created an online experience to keep student-athletes engaged throughout the week. And officials have kept up the momentum since.

In Baltimore, you hear more about the educational aspect of the tournament than how many day parties are going on at one time. In addition to the traditional education day, step shows, hall of fame breakfast and fan fest, there are community service projects, town halls and symposiums on education, health, finances, careers and mental well-being. Over 32 events total during the week.

And you know the music is for a younger crowd when you can't pronounce the singers' names.

"Beyond the action on the court, this tournament is a celebration of Black excellence, a driver of meaningful economic impact for our local businesses, and a powerful way to bring our community together," Swinton said. "It's a privilege to showcase Baltimore as a city where culture and community are celebrated together."

We're living in a different world under an administration that only wants to see a select few succeed.

It's OK to have fun and act crazy with teammates and friends, but as that NCAA saying goes, "Most student-athletes are going to major in something other than sports," especially in Division II.

Baltimore is giving them the best of both worlds: vying for a conference championship on a national stage and learning about what comes afterwards so they can change the world.

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COURTESY

The CIAA women's tournament still goes through two-time defending champion Fayetteville State.

Grade time for CIAA teams!

The CIAA Tournament runs Feb. 24-28 at the CFG Bank Arena in Baltimore.

For those of us not traveling, the entire tourney will be streamed on ESPN+, and the championship games on ESPNU. Money well worth spending.

So, without further ado, let's get to it. And, for the 25th straight year, ladies first.

(Team division and conference records as of Feb. 17. An updated version will be posted online.)

NORTHERN DIVISION

* **Virginia State: B+.** The Trojans haven't skipped a beat under first-year coach Milette Green, a former Wake Forest assistant. Hiring a Division I assistant coach has not always been successful at VSU. Who will EVER forget the dreadful hire of men's basketball coach George White. OK, CC won't!

The Trojans (7-1 North, 11-3 CIAA) are tied for first with Bowie State, and have the third best conference record. VSU lost to Winston-Salem State and Claflin but defeated Fayetteville State in December. CC fully expects to see the Trojans in the semifinals.

* **Bowie State: B.** The Bulldogs family suffered a tremendous blow in the sudden death of vice president of athletics and recreation Clyde Doughty Jr. CC is sure the teams have dedicated the rest of the season to Doughty.

Coach Shadae Swan is in her 11th season. Bowie (7-1, 9-5) hasn't won a championship during her tenure, and the team's last postseason bid was in 2020. We say bid because the remaining season was canceled due to COVID-19. Bowie also hasn't won 20 games in a season since. Will fans and alumni start murmuring if the Bulldogs go out in the early round?

* **Virginia Union: C+.** The Panthers finished 21-9 overall and 13-3 in the conference last season but were denied a postseason berth. So, they decided to participate in the inaugural Black College Invitational Championship and lost to Clark Atlanta and Livingstone. They also lost head coach Tierra Terry to Winston-Salem State.

New coach Alico Dunk has kept the team (5-3, 8-6) together and respectable, but they lost back-to-back games to Shaw! 'Nuff said.

* **Bluefield State: C-.** The Big Blue (4-4, 7-7) are dis-

covering how tough women's basketball is in their third season in the conference. They gave VSU its only division loss so far, so they can't be overlooked early on. But there's not enough OOMPH to do any major damage.

* **Elizabeth City State: F.** What has happened to the Vikings? Did former coach Tynesha Lewis put some roots on the team before leaving for UNC Asheville? ECSU is 12-36 overall, 6-24 CIAA since losing to Fayetteville State in the 2024 championship game. The team has one conference win this season. Bye.

* **Lincoln (Pa.): F-.** Did the Lions get the same root doctor as the Vikings? After winning seven conference games last season, they are 0-10 and on a 14-game losing streak. Bye. Bye.

SOUTHERN DIVISION

* **Winston-Salem State: A.** The Rams' loss to Fayetteville State kept them from getting an A+, but what more can be said about WSSU under first-year coach and alumna Tierra Terry.

They are nationally ranked, have the most total wins (22) in program history and won 16 straight games before losing to the Broncos. They are tied with FSU in first place. About the only thing that could go wrong is the pressure gets too much. The program hasn't advanced to the semifinals since 2020.

Expectations are off the chain. Folks are talking national championship. The only way the tourney is not a bust is if they lose in the championship game to FSU, depending on how the seedings are. CC can't wait for this drama to unfold.

* **Fayetteville State: A.** The Broncos have been the hunted for the past two seasons, and they have defended themselves just fine. CC still gets ticked off at their postseason seeding last year. After advancing to the Sweet 16 in 2024, those racist NCAA pigs made sure they got a lower seed for a tougher opponent in 2025. C'mon, how do you win your conference tournament and DROP in the regional rankings, huh?!!!

With all the hoopla over the Rams, and deservedly so, nobody has beaten the Broncos in two years and until that happens, CC is going with the champs.

* **Claflin: C.** The Panthers (3-4, 8-5) finished second



Winston-Salem State women finished undefeated at home.



Coach Jay Butler and Virginia Union have higher aspirations than just a CIAA championship.



The pressure is on Shaw to get to Friday night.



Virginia State is peaking at the right time.

behind FSU in 2023-24; then Livingstone took second and pushed them to third in 2024-25, and this year it's WSSU that has pushed them to third again. Whatever the missing piece is to get them over the hump, they haven't found it.

* **Livingstone: D.** The Blue Bears surprised everyone last season with a second-

place finish. Now they're back to their losing ways (3-4, 5-8). Guess the university didn't share any of that donation money toward scholarships.

* **Shaw: D-.** After coach Jacques Curtis "retired," CC just knew the Bears would do the happy dance all the way to the top of the divi-

Please see **GRADE/7A**

Grade time for CIAA teams; tourney next week

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sion. Instead, Curtis is somewhere going “y’all thought it was me.”
It was him, but Shaw (2-6, 5-9) hasn’t looked any better without Curtis. The bad shooting, a lack of defense and discipline is still there. The Bears’ last two losses against the Broncos and Rams averaged 36 points.
* **Johnson C. Smith: D-** Welcome back to the CIAA, Vanessa Taylor. Recruiting season is right around the corner.

MEN
NORTHERN DIVISION
* **Virginia Union: A.** You knew the Panthers weren’t going to be down for long. After two subpar seasons, coach Jay Butler has VUU tied for first place (7-1) in the division and tied with Fayetteville State for the best conference record (12-2). And with a 23-3 overall mark, the team should get a decent NCAA seeding no matter what happens in Baltimore.
Folks are still talking about the Panthers’ win over West Liberty back in November, which had never lost to a CIAA team and is the conference’s nemesis in the postseason. Hope is high that if any team can FINALLY get out of the Atlantic Region, it’s the Panthers. Winning the CIAA Tournament still means a lot to teams and alumni, but something tells CC coach Butler and staff have much higher aspirations.
* **Virginia State: B+.** A month ago, the defending champs might have received a C-grade, especially after that 28-point loss to VUU in January. But leave it to a Lonnie Blow team to right the ship at the right time. VSU is 7-0 since that blowout loss to its rival. The rematch is this weekend in the regular season finale. Will the teams have anything left for the tourney?
* **Bluefield State: B.** Is anybody surprised that new coach Lou D’Alessio has Big Blue in contention? Being in third place is certainly no shame, not to mention Bluefield gave the Panthers their only divi-

sion loss. If there’s a team that can upset VUU or VSU, it’s D’Alessio. And, admit it, don’t you want to see a Bluefield vs. Fayetteville State matchup after the head coaches switched teams? Must see TV.
* **Lincoln (Pa.): D.** The 2024 tournament champs advanced to the semifinals last year before losing to the Trojans. This season is a different story. The Lions (2-6, 4-10) are on a six-game losing streak and sit in fourth place.
But with two final games against ECSU and Bowie State, they have an excellent shot at snapping that streak. Won’t matter in the tournament, though.
* **Bowie State: D-** The magic is gone from men’s basketball (1-7, 4-10). The Bulldogs haven’t advanced to the semifinals since the 2017-18 season.
On a positive - and somewhat sad - note, Jolisa Williams has been promoted to interim vice president of athletics and recreation.
* **Elizabeth City State: D-** So, did Lewis put roots on the men (1-7, 4-10) as well as the women?

SOUTHERN DIVISION
* **Fayetteville State: A.** Critics might say that new coach Devin Hoehn is winning with former coach D’Alessio’s players, but it wasn’t like Hoehn wasn’t successful at Bluefield State. That’s what got him the job in Fayetteville. That and politics.
Whatever is in the water at Fayetteville, they need to ship some to Lincoln and Elizabeth City State. FSU has all but wrapped up another division title with a two-game lead over second-place Claflin.
Hoehn led Bluefield State to the NCAA Tournament last season and almost upset West Liberty. FSU is on a 12-game winning streak, but its last two games are on the road at Claflin and Shaw, which aren’t givens.
And to repeat it again for the folks in the back row, who doesn’t want to see a Bluefield-Fayetteville matchup during tourney week?
* **Claflin: B.** The Pan-

thers will finish either first or second in the division for the last four seasons but have no championship ring to show for it. They did win the inaugural Black College Invitational Championship.
Claflin has the second-best conference record (13-3) so a deep run in the tourney won’t be a surprise.
* **Shaw: C+.** Two weeks ago, the Bears had a D-rating, but they’ve pulled up their jockstraps since then. Still, losses to ECSU and Bowie State are unacceptable for a team coach Bobby Collins swore during the preseason was his best one yet at Shaw.
The Bears (5-3, 7-7) have not advanced to the semifinals in Collins’ five-year tenure. They need to at least get that far or else it’s time for a change.
* **Johnson C. Smith: D+.** Former coach Steve Joyner Sr.’s shoes are still too big to fill. The Golden Bulls are 23-25 overall since Joyner retired.
Last season’s third-place finish looked hopeful for the program and took the interim tag off head coach Antwain Banks. But JCSU hasn’t looked any better this year (4-4, 6-8). Keep trying to wear those shoes.
* **Livingstone: D-** CC said last year that coach James Stinson has done more with less than any other coach.
But it’s obvious the university is not sharing any of those big donation dollars with basketball. If Stinson had more to work with, the Blue Bears (1-7, 4-10) would be a better team.
Livingstone’s last winning season was 2021-22. Stinson is in his 22nd year AND he’s deputy athletics director. It’ll be interesting to see what happens if the Blue Bears exit early.
* **Winston-Salem State: F+.** Don’t laugh. The plus is only because Cory Thompson is gone. Another bad hire down the drain.
The women’s success make the men look even worse than their 10-game losing streak. Fans already hollering for Chris Paul. Keep hollering!

NCCU NEWS



N.C. Central men's tennis coach D. Curtis Lawson

NCCU’s Lawson heading to tennis Hall of Fame

By Bonitta Best
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Since our “College Corner” is being taken over by the CIAA Tournament this week, North Carolina Central gets a separate section. The university will host the Athletes Unite Conference March 7 on campus. The national conference, founded by former student-athlete Classye James, focuses on student-athlete wellness, career exploration and life beyond sports.
Confirmed speakers include 9th Wonder, Kiersten Saunders, Rwenshaun Miller and more. Visit shakeoutinc.org to register.
WOMEN
N.C. Central
April Visser has been hired as the new compliance coordinator. Visser previously managed financial aid and scholarships at the University of Washington.
The basketball team is on the road for four of its last

five games: South Carolina State, Howard, Maryland Eastern Shore and Delaware State before the regular season finale against the Bulldogs March 5.
Howard still leads the conference with a one-game lead over three-time defending champs Norfolk State. The Eagles are in fifth place.
Softball went 1-3 at last weekend’s HBCU Collegiate Invitational. NCCU defeated Division II Fort Valley State. The team participates in the Tar Heel Invitational this weekend against UNC, Princeton, Rider and Appalachian State.
Tennis got in the win column with a shutout over Mount Olive. Sara Barbaric earned rookie of the week honors after winning her doubles and singles matches.
NCCU takes on Winston-Salem State and Longwood this weekend at Cary Tennis Park. Barton College and UNC Asheville come to Cary on Feb. 27.

MEN
N.C. Central
The Eagles moved into a tie with Morgan State for second place after defeating the Bears Monday night. Howard has a half-game lead. NCCU and the Bison meet this weekend in Washington. Howard won the first matchup in Durham.
Coach D. Curtis Lawson will be inducted into the 2026 Black Tennis Hall of Fame. Lawson enters as both a contributor and a regional legend. The Eagles alumnus is in his 26th season with the program.
“I am humbled and incredibly honored to be selected for induction,” said Lawson, NCCU’s director of tennis and men’s tennis coach. “I thank God and my family who are my inspiration to leave behind a meaningful legacy.”
Rodrigo Alves was named tennis player of the week after winning his singles and doubles matches in the Eagles 4-3 loss to Campbell. NCCU hosts Davidson Feb. 22 at Cary Tennis Park.

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INVENTORS AND INVENTIONS ACTIVITY SHEET

Hi Everybody!
I love inventors! Sankofa 82' was my invention. Let's talk about some notable inventors and their inventions. Let's identify some useful, practical, innovative and helpful creations invented by some amazing African Americans!

JUDY REED (1826-1905)

Reed invented a dough kneader and roller. She was the first African American woman to receive a U.S. patent and revolutionized the baking industry. She made preparing dough more efficient. She paved the way for more women and minorities to obtain patents and contribute to the commercial baking field.

MICHAEL CROSLIN (1933-1989)

Croslin invented the blood and pulse monitoring device. His invention revolutionized blood monitoring with its computerized technology. The Medtek 410 eliminated the guesswork, providing doctors with accurate and reliable data for making informed treatment decisions instead of relying on their instincts.

SARAH BOONE (1847-1904)

Boone invented the improved ironing board. Born into slavery, Boone built a curved ironing board with a narrower width, making ironing women's clothing easier. Her design of the ironing board was patented in 1892.

ALFRED L. CRALLE (1866-1920)

Cralle invented the ice cream scoop. Ladies and spoons were never meant to be the right tool for serving ice cream. He developed a purpose-built tool inspired while he was working at a hotel in Pittsburgh. Nobody knew he was the creative mind behind the design and he did not profit from his idea.

JOSEPH R. WINTERS (1824-1916)

Winters invented the fire escape ladder. From observing a firefighter struggling to unload a traditional ladder from a wagon during a fire emergency, he developed this ladder by mounting it on a vehicle. His invention was more efficient and safer. Winters' fire escape ladder invention and his contributions to the Underground Railroad helped countless lives and made him a significant figure in African American History.

BETTY WRIGHT HARRIS (1940-PRESENT)

Harris invented the TATB spot test, which stands for Triaminotrirobenzene (a high temperature explosive). During her career, Harris became a leading expert in hazardous water treatment, explosives and environmental remediation. Her most notable invention is the TATB spot test, a method for identifying explosives. She was awarded the patent for this invention in 1964. Harris's test allowed for rapidly detecting explosives in the field, greatly improving safety in various industries.

JOHN LEE LOVE (1889-1931)

Love invented the portable pencil sharpener. He aimed to make everyday tasks easier. Before the pencil sharpener, people used a knife to sharpen their pencils, but Love's invention offered a more affordable and practical solution.

JACK JOHNSON (1878-1946)

Johnson invented the wrench. He invented a wrench that could loosen and tighten fasteners. He was granted a patent for it in 1922. Johnson's invention of the wrench was significant and contributed to the development of modern tools. Jack Johnson was also a professional boxer and became the first African American World Heavyweight Champion.

LLOYD RAY (1860-1940)

Ray invented the dustpan. His invention was patented in 1897. Before the invention of the dustpan, dust and debris on the floor was swept up by hand using a broom or a brush. The dustpan as designed by Ray remains largely unchanged to this day. It has become an essential household tool in homes, offices and commercial establishments worldwide paving the way for future cleaning technology innovations.

MATCH ME!!

Match the correct inventor to the correct invention.

A. Judy Reed	B. Michael Croslin	C. Sarah Boone
D. Alfred L. Cralle	E. Joseph R. Winters	F. Betty W. Harris
G. John L. Love	H. Jack Johnson	I. Lloyd Ray

Dustpan _____	Wrench _____	Pencil Sharpener _____
TATB Spot Test _____	Fire Escape Ladder _____	Ice Cream Scoop _____
Ironing Board _____	Blood/Pulse Device _____	Knead Roller _____

ONE MINUTE MADNESS!

In one minute or less, unscramble the words.
The first letter of the word is in bold.

teaPnt _____
torvenIn _____
teareC _____
venIniont _____
buteCnortri _____
prolmve _____

KEMET, WHY IS THAT ELEPHANT TALKING TO SARAH BOONE?

BILLY, HE'S TRYING TO GET HER TO INVENT A RUBBER BLOOMING BOARD TO TAKE HIS WINGLES OUT!

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PNT35 will be built at the intersection of Sunnybrook and Poole roads.

Thirty-five townhomes planned in Southeast Raleigh

STAFF REPORTS

RALEIGH - Center Park Group will build PNT35, a new townhome community at the intersection of Poole Road and Sunnybrook Road in Southeast Raleigh. In partnership with Dukes Properties and Construction, owner and developer of the site, PNT35 is designed to serve families, first-time buyers and workforce earners within the 60% to 120% area median income range. The community maintains a strong focus on design, durability and livability for buyers who live and work in the Triangle.

"PNT35 sets an important precedent for what is possible through private investment in attainable for-sale housing," CPG

President Jason Esposito said. "This community shows that high-quality townhomes in a central Raleigh location can be delivered at an attainable price point, giving more Raleigh residents a real path to homeownership."

Homes are to be priced from the high \$300,000s to low \$400,000s. The three-story townhomes will average approximately 1,600 square feet and feature three bedrooms and three-and-a-half bathrooms, with open-concept living areas and modern finishes across three levels. Green spaces integrated throughout the community will encourage walkability and provide outdoor gathering areas for residents.

Located minutes from downtown Raleigh, PNT35

offers convenient access to nearby parks, the Raleigh Country Club, major employment centers, and a variety of dining and entertainment options. The community is also located within the Wake County Public School System, with nearby public schools serving multiple grade levels.

"Working with Center Park Group on PNT35 has been a collaborative and well-aligned process from the outset," said Nasir Dukes, Dukes Properties and Construction managing partner. "PNT35 reflects a shared commitment to building with clarity and discipline, and we are encouraged by that foundation being established as the project moves forward."

Durham Housing Authority interim CEO retires

By Greg Childress
NC NEWSLINE

Durham Housing Authority interim CEO Anthony Snell retired last week after just 14 months on the job to spend more time with his family.

Snell joined the agency in 2020 as director of real estate.

He was named interim CEO in December 2024 following the departure of Anthony Scott, who stepped down after he and the housing authority's board reached the decision "through a collaborative process." Scott served as CEO for 8-1/2 years.

Mayme Webb-Bledsoe, chair of the DHA Board of Commissioners, told NC Newsline that Snell's retirement was a "shock to us all."

"Things happen and things change, and sometimes they're in our control and sometimes they're not," Bledsoe said.

Ashanti Brown, the housing authority's chief operating officer, replaces Snell as interim CEO. She is the third leader since December 2024. The board will begin a national search for the next permanent CEO.

Webb-Bledsoe said the search could take as long as 18 months. "We're hoping that it doesn't take that long, but judging by how long it took to hire Anthony [Scott], it took at least that," she said.

The turnover in leadership comes amid challenging times at the housing



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Anthony Snell

authority. In June, the city of Durham approved an agency request for a \$1.5 million loan to help cover a revenue shortfall. At the time, more than 1,200 households were behind on rent and over 100 faced eviction.

Tenants stopped paying rent after the federal Department of Housing and Urban Development gave the agency permission to pause evictions during the pandemic. The agency also depleted its reserves after units in the McDougald Terrace public housing community experienced carbon monoxide leaks in 2020. Ordinarily, the reserve fund would be used to cover a shortfall.

Late last year, residents complained that the housing authority did not make repairs in a timely manner. The new CEO will face many challenges overseeing an agency that has 1,000 units of public housing, more than 500 units of affordable housing and administers over 2,700 Housing Choice Vouchers for area landlords.

"It's almost critical that anyone that we bring in understands that we have been under the gun for a long time, and that creates the type of culture in an organization that might force people to feel like, 'Oh God, will I ever get from under this cloud?'" Webb-Bledsoe said.

Leadership Academy joins Montague Plaza

The Heritage Collegiate Leadership Academy is coming to Montague Plaza in August. Founder Kashi Levette Bazemore will be educating grades K-6 at 2718 Rock Quarry Road.



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Kashi Bazemore and plaza owner James Montague met at his book signing last year at Barnes and Nobles.

What homeowners get wrong about security

FAMILY FEATURES

You have locks on your doors and windows, and you make sure they're secure before you leave the house or head to bed each night. You may even have a security system with an alarm or cameras to protect your home. Some locksmiths say that may not be enough.

Bryan McCabe, director of locksmith operations with KeyMe Locksmiths, the nation's leading provider of local locksmith services and No. 1 provider of key duplication kiosks, said homeowners should be mindful of common security vulnerabilities, many of which go unnoticed until it's too late.

A thief who wants to gain access to your home may do so by any means possible, including breaking windows or kicking in doors. However, those methods are loud and may attract attention. Instead, thieves will look to find the easiest house to enter. Consider these small changes you can make to deter thieves from your home.

* **Close the garage.** Leaving your garage door open may seem harmless, but it can signal easy access to

thieves. An open garage suggests relaxed security habits and can make burglars assume doors or windows might also be unlocked. Keeping it closed is a simple step that instantly makes your home more secure.

* **Make your home look lived-in.** Burglars often target homes that appear empty. Dark houses, especially after nightfall, can stand out as easy opportunities. Leaving a light or two on helps create the impression someone is home. If you want to level up, use light timers or smart bulbs to automatically turn lights on and off, even when you're away.

* **Keep your home visible from the street.** Thieves prefer to work unnoticed. Overgrown trees, tall bushes or dense landscaping near entrances can provide cover for someone trying to break in. Trimming greenery and maintaining clear sightlines from the street makes your home less appealing and more exposed, exactly what burglars want to avoid.

* **Upgrade entry points to improve security.** Some relatively minor updates can make a big impact to

ward protecting your home. Start by assessing all home entry points, including secondary points like sliding doors, garage entries and basement doors. In addition to checking door frames, homeowners should examine strike plates, hinge security and whether existing locks are outdated.

* **Add eyes to your front door with a doorbell camera.** Doorbell cameras are an affordable way to boost your home's security. Visible cameras can stop many would-be thieves as they don't want to be seen or recorded. Beyond deterrence, doorbell cameras let you see who's at your door, receive alerts and check on your home anytime, whether you're home or away.

* **Install smart locks for control and peace of mind.** Smart locks are another smart investment in home safety. They allow you to track who enters your home and when by assigning unique access codes. You can even lock (or unlock) the door remotely from your phone. With the ability to monitor, control and limit access, smart locks offer convenience and security.

DISCOVER DURHAM

Cara Rousseau has been named the new president and chief executive officer. Rousseau, Discover Durham's chief marketing officer, will succeed Susan Amey on July 1. "What a pivotal time for



Rousseau

Durham and the work of our organizations to grow visitation in ways that are intentional, inclusive and a force for community good," Rousseau said. "It is a dream position for me that I have a deep personal passion for, retaining and furthering Durham's character while driving economic growth. I am in awe of all that Susan has accomplished and overwhel-

mingly proud to be following her path."

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