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City OKs contract for Samet extension

BY PAT KIMBROUGH
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HIGH POINT — Construction is set to begin on a road project that has long been a city of High Point priority.

The City Council on Monday voted unanimously to award a \$4.29 million contract to Triangle Grading and Paving of Burlington to extend Samet Drive from W. Wendover Avenue to Penny Road.

The city has long wanted

the connection built to help with traffic flow through the busy commercial area, and the previous council in 2021 agreed to have the city fund construction of the road to accommodate the proposed Palladium South mixed-use development on a 35-acre site that will be served by the half-mile extension.

Palladium South developer Dennis Bunker of Charlotte in 2021 assembled the acre-

age at the southeast corner of the intersection and got it zoned by the city to accommodate his plans, which may include a 55,000-square-foot anchor store, 288 multifamily units and 11 outparcels.

No specific uses or tenants have been announced.

The contractor will have a year to complete the project, which also includes installation of water, sewer, and stormwater utilities, side-

walks, a roundabout intersection, turn lanes and traffic signal improvements.

The council also approved a request from staff to engage on-call engineering consultant Michael Baker International of Greensboro for \$275,000 to assist with inspection work on the extension as it's constructed.

In a separate matter, the council on Monday took a step toward the planning for

a proposed new City Hall on the site of the First Baptist Church campus downtown, which the city bought last year for \$11 million.

The council awarded a \$120,000 contract to Trademark Properties of Raleigh, which will advise the city on financing options, cost estimates and how to integrate parking and private development into the plan for a new city facility.

Thomasville band students get surprise



LAURA GREENE | HPE

Students in the Thomasville High School band display their new T-shirts after Pastor Kelvin Sellers, left, with Ministers United for Christ Thomasville and Vicinity, along with other members from the organization, surprised the students last week. The ministry learned the band did not have uniforms after seeing them perform at the High Point Holiday Parade in November and bought the T-shirts for the school band. The students plan to wear the shirts during special performances as the school works on buying new uniforms for the band.

1 killed in crash on Interstate 85 Business

BY ENTERPRISE STAFF

GUILFORD COUNTY — One person was killed and at least three people were injured late Monday morning in a crash along Interstate 85 Business at the intersection with Riverdale Drive.

A work van and a passenger vehicle were stopped in the southbound lanes of I-85 Business, also known as U.S. 29, at the traffic signal at Riverdale just before 11:40 a.m. when a box truck traveling south failed to reduce speed and ran into the rear of the passenger vehicle, forcing it into the rear of the van, the N.C. State Highway Patrol said.

One person died at the scene of the wreck. The person's name and gender were not released, pending notification of the person's family.

People who were in the work van, the passenger vehicle and the box truck all

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NC braces for more problem gambling

BY TYLER DUKES
THE NEWS & OBSERVER

Mental health experts expect the launch of sports betting across the state will bring a rise in problem gambling. And they warn that college students are particularly vulnerable.

Legalized under a bipartisan bill state lawmakers passed in 2023, sports betting is expected to draw nearly \$4 billion in wagers during the first full year of operation. It all begins with the launch of a dozen online sportsbooks that will accept the first bets days ahead of the ACC and NCAA men's basketball tournaments in March.

In-person betting at stadiums and other venues will eventually follow. By 2027, state officials project taxes on sports gambling will contribute more than \$40 million to North Carolina's general fund every year.

But addiction counselors and

others are preparing for a rising demand in treatment for problem gambling, a spectrum of behaviors that range from a growing preoccupation with betting to those that result in serious legal or financial problems.

The risks are greater for young adults, who experience the highest rates of problem gambling, said Amanda Winters, who heads the state's Problem Gambling Program.

"They're more prone to take risks than older adults. They may also be less aware of the concept that, regardless of if there's skill involved, it's still gambling," she said. "You can never out-skill chance."

State leaders have taken steps to address an expected increased need for services. Lawmakers tripled the Problem Gambling Program's budget, adding \$2 million annually starting in the next fis-

cal year, funded by an 18% tax on sports betting revenue. That \$2 million accounts for 2 to 3% of what the state expects to clear from sports betting.

But unlike the \$15 million to \$22 million state law will allocate to college athletic programs each year, the state Problem Gambling Program allocation won't increase with additional gaming revenue.

A fund to "encourage and promote the attraction of major events," by comparison, is expected to draw anywhere from \$16.9 million to \$26.9 million a year from taxes on sports wagering, according to state budget analysts.

Although its budget has been stagnant since the creation of the state's lottery in 2005, the Problem Gambling Program has seen a steady uptick in requests for help

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A Simple Gesture sets record for food donations

BY ENTERPRISE STAFF

HIGH POINT — A Simple Gesture, a nonprofit organization that collects food donations across the greater High Point area, set a record in 2023, collecting 110,835 pounds of nonperishable food — equivalent to 138,543 child-size meals — for High Point partner organizations.

"The food we've collected for our High Point partner pantries in 2023 is valued at over \$190,000," said Leslie Loyd, president and COO of A Simple Gesture. "Even with high inflation, food

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Senate border bill would upend U.S. asylum

BY JAVIER ARCIGA AND
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JACUMBA HOT SPRINGS, Calif. — Nearly every day since September, hundreds of migrants from China, Colombia and other countries have wiggled through openings in the border wall with Mexico and walked dirt trails to surrender to U.S. agents and seek asylum. Some days, more than 1,000 arrive in the boulder-strewn mountains near San Diego, alone.

While they wait to be processed and given a court date, they live in tents and makeshift structures of tree branches in scattered campsites. These encampments would likely vanish under

a Senate bill that would make sweeping changes to immigration laws, including allowing a border emergency authority that would restrict asylum when arrests for illegal crossings hit certain thresholds.

In addition to the emergency authority, the bill released Sunday aims to have asylum officers screen applicants within 90 days of their arrival in the country using a tougher standard and, for those who pass, decide cases within another 90 days. Cases would ideally be decided in six months instead of six years, as is common in a court system backlogged with more than 3 million cases. It would do so largely by

spending \$4 billion to hire more than 4,300 asylum officers who would take on the work now reserved for immigration judges.

The \$118 billion bill, which combines border security with aid for Ukraine and Israel, faces opposition from Donald Trump and his allies, who consider it weak, and from some Democrats and progressives who think it would gut the asylum process at grave human cost. If it overcomes long odds, the legislation would radically upend how asylum is handled at the border. Asylum, once a policy afterthought, is now the border's dominant challenge.

Overwhelmed border



Gregory Bull/AP Photo

Border Patrol agents ask asylum-seeking migrants to line up in a makeshift, mountainous campsite after the group crossed the border with Mexico on Friday near Jacumba Hot Springs, Calif.

agents have been unable to quickly process surrendering migrants in Jacumba Hot Springs and elsewhere along the bor-

der, forcing them to wait outside for hours or days. In fierce winds on Friday, they rubbed their hands over small campfires

and sat closely together in tents to generate body heat. Paramedics aided a young crying girl with a high fever.

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since the COVID-19 pandemic, Winters said. The program's hotline

(1-877-718-5543), which connects people to trained counselors by phone or text around the clock at no cost, went from 200 to 300 calls in 2019 to more than 800 so far this year.

"No other states have really published their helpline data from the expansion of sports gambling," Winters said. "We know other states have gotten more calls, but we don't know what

to expect in terms of a hard number."

More than 35 states now allow legal sports betting in one form or another — a rapid expansion in gambling prompted by a U.S.

Supreme Court decision in 2018.

But efforts to study the broader impacts of that growth are still in the early stages, said Michelle Malkin, assistant professor of crimi-

nal justice and criminology and director of the Gambling Research and Policy Initiative at East Carolina University.

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FOOD

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donors have continued filling their green bags, giving what they can to help their hungry neighbors."

Food donors receive a green, reusable grocery bag to use for donating food. On a scheduled pickup date, the donors put their bags on their front porches, and A Simple Gesture's volunteers pick those up and take them directly to one of a dozen partner food pantries. The volunteers also leave an empty green bag for the next pickup.

The nonprofit currently partners with the following High Point area food pantries: Open Door Ministries, West End Ministries, Ward Street Mission, Burns Hill Community Food Pantry, First Christian Five Loaves Two Fish Food Pantry, First United Methodist Church's A Shared Blessing Food Pantry, Drawers of

Hope, Greater First United Baptist, Grace Point, COAT, Northwood Community Center, One Step Further, High Point Community Clinic and BackPack Beginnings.

A Simple Gesture also provides food for mini-pantries based in public schools, Head Start facilities, medical offices and health clinics.

"Food pantries in High Point rely on A Simple Gesture," said Gale Vitamvas, pantry director at Northwood Community Center. "Knowing we can count on those food deliveries means we can serve more clients and make sure our neighbors aren't going to bed hungry."

To date, A Simple Gesture has more than 5,300 food donors across Guilford County — including more than 1,200 in High Point — and more than 800 volunteer drivers and warehouse volunteers.

To learn more about the organization, visit <https://asimplegesturegso.org>.

STOCKS OF LOCAL INTEREST

Name	Symbol	Last	Chg.	High	Low
AT&T	T	17.73	-0.10	17.86	17.58
Aetna	AET	-	-	-	-
Alcoa	AA	26.84	-2.65	28.59	26.74
Allstate	ALL	156.83	-0.54	157.44	155.70
Amazon	AMZN	170.31	-1.50	170.55	167.71
AmEx	AXP	205.94	-0.47	206.70	203.47
AIG	AIG	68.93	-0.70	69.28	68.72
Ameriprisel	AMP	390.07	-0.62	390.86	385.85
Analog Devices	ADI	192.56	+0.46	193.99	190.41
Aon Corp.	AON	296.61	+4.21	298.50	292.08
Apple	AAPL	187.68	+1.83	189.25	185.84
Avon	AVP	-	-	-	-
Axalta Coating	AXTA	32.12	-0.50	32.40	31.88
Beasley Broadcast	BBGI	0.8900	-0.0400	0.9380	0.8900
BB&T Corp.	BBT	-	-	-	-
BP	BP	34.24	-0.40	34.50	33.93
Bank of America	BAC	32.99	-0.48	33.29	32.86
Bassett Furniture	BSET	15.50	-0.25	15.89	15.50
Best Buy	BBY	74.21	-1.48	74.70	73.46
Boeing	BA	206.63	-2.75	207.34	202.72
British Am. Tobacco	BTI	29.71	-0.31	30.00	29.70
CBI & Asso.	CBL	23.24	-0.46	23.60	23.18
Century Link	CTL	-	-	-	-
CSX Corp.	CSX	36.73	+0.20	36.93	36.21
CVS Caremark	CVS	72.44	-0.65	73.24	71.59
Capital One	COF	135.24	-1.24	135.72	133.93
Caterpillar Inc.	CAT	321.40	+6.31	334.87	315.91
Chevron Corp.	CXV	152.33	+0.09	153.51	150.79
Cisco Systems Inc.	CSCO	49.51	-0.67	50.15	49.26
Citigroup	C	54.50	-1.04	55.14	54.11
Coca-Cola	KO	60.04	-0.50	60.38	59.88
Colgate-Palmolive	CL	84.09	-0.53	85.11	83.75
Corning Inc.	GLW	32.01	-0.24	32.15	31.73
Culp Inc.	CULP	4.9000	-0.0100	4.9299	4.8365
Daimler AG	DDAIF	-	-	-	-
Deere & Co.	DE	386.03	-6.57	393.64	383.15
DDSD Inc.	DDS	382.14	-9.42	387.17	377.00
Dillard's Inc.	DIS	96.65	-0.48	97.37	96.49
Domino's Pizza	DPZ	418.05	-4.01	421.13	414.29
Duke Energy Corp	DUK	95.25	-0.97	96.07	94.79
Enbridge	ENB	34.58	-0.72	35.12	34.55
Entercom	ETM	-	-	-	-
Exxon Mobil Corp	XOM	101.55	-0.42	102.38	100.57
FNB Corp	FNB	12.97	-0.11	13.06	12.82
Facebook	META	459.41	-15.58	471.76	459.22
FedEx Corp	FDX	238.31	-4.05	241.60	237.96
First Citizens Bank of NC	FCNCA	1,534.43	+14.78	1,539.56	1,509.14
Ford	F	11.59	-0.55	12.08	11.54
Fortune Brands	FBHS	-	-	-	-
Gap Inc.	GPS	19.97	+0.16	20.07	19.28
General Dynamics	GD	265.52	+0.25	267.07	262.63
General Electric	GE	137.71	+1.17	138.62	135.79
General Motors	GM	37.79	-1.12	38.69	37.68
GlaxoSmithKline	GSK	41.57	+0.85	41.89	41.41
Google	GOOG	144.93	+1.39	146.67	143.94
Hanesbrands	HBI	4.4300	-0.3300	4.6700	4.4200
Harley-Davidson	HOG	33.88	-0.31	34.17	33.37
Hewlett-Packard	HPQ	28.33	-0.35	28.58	28.17
Home Depot	HD	355.14	-2.09	356.07	350.76
Hooker Furniture	HOFI	23.56	-0.18	23.74	23.28
Intel	INTC	42.77	+0.17	43.15	42.42
IBM	IBM	183.42	-2.37	185.78	183.26

Name	Symbol	Last	Chg.	High	Low
International Paper	IP	32.97	-0.49	33.32	32.92
JP Morgan Chase	JPM	174.50	-0.23	175.09	172.92
Kellogg	K	54.12	-0.94	54.99	54.11
Kimberly-Clark	KMB	120.98	-1.28	122.45	120.89
La-Z-Boy	LZB	35.49	-0.16	35.63	34.91
LabCorp	LH	219.64	-1.90	221.26	218.93
Legg Mason	LM	-	-	-	-
Leggett & Platt	LEG	22.92	-0.30	23.03	22.75
Lincoln National	LNC	26.60	-0.09	26.76	26.04
Lowe's	LOW	218.01	-1.48	218.33	214.88
McDonald's	MCD	285.97	-11.08	291.44	283.33
Medtronic	MDT	86.75	-0.88	87.78	86.74
Merck	MRK	126.18	-0.23	127.80	125.70
MetLife	MET	65.81	+0.38	66.18	64.61
Microsoft	MSFT	405.65	-5.57	411.16	403.99
Mohawk Industries	MHK	106.35	-2.58	108.27	104.78
Morgan Stanley	MS	85.89	-1.38	86.58	85.09
Motorola Mobility	MMI	36.29	-1.03	36.69	35.98
NCR Corp.	NCR	-	-	-	-
New York Times Co.	NYT	47.66	-0.97	48.37	47.47
Norfolk Southern	NSC	248.48	-2.60	252.87	248.30
Novartis AG	NVS	103.47	-0.25	103.96	103.32
Nucor	NUE	182.31	-1.08	183.24	181.23
Old Dominion	ODFL	414.44	+5.75	415.56	403.00
Office Depot	ODP	51.64	+0.15	52.06	50.17
PPG Industries	PPG	137.57	-2.52	138.83	137.49
Pinnacle Financial	PNFP	81.36	-1.60	82.39	80.10
J.C. Penney	JCP	-	-	-	-
Pfizer	PFE	26.57	-0.36	26.94	26.52
Pepsico	PEP	170.92	-0.05	171.58	169.04
Polo Ralph Lauren	RL	147.43	-0.34	147.53	144.85
Procter & Gamble	PG	158.21	+0.12	159.00	157.62
Qorvo, Inc.	QRVO	107.33	+3.74	108.13	104.03
Qualcomm	QCOM	144.03	+2.34	144.65	141.21
Red Hat	RHT	-	-	-	-
RBC	RY	96.44	-1.00	97.15	96.03
SCM Micro	INVE	7.73	+0.01	7.74	7.53
Scholastic Corp	SCHL	37.46	-0.22	37.59	37.02
Sears	SHLDQ	-	-	-	-
Sherwin-Williams	SHW	304.49	-5.50	308.04	302.87
Southern Company	SO	67.18	-1.47	68.30	67.07
Sprint Nextel	S	27.56	+0.01	27.77	26.62
Starbucks	SBUX	92.51	-0.48	92.87	91.90
Steelcase Inc.	SCS	12.43	-0.19	12.48	12.34
SunTrust Banks	STI	3.0300	-1.5000	3.0300	2.4700
Sysco Corp.	SY	80.84	-0.64	81.47	80.29
Tanger	SKT	25.83	-0.35	26.07	25.67
Target	TGT	142.33	-3.16	144.88	141.50
3M Co.	MMM	92.73	-2.14	94.22	92.58
Twitter	TWTR	-	-	-	-
Unifi Inc.	UFI	6.09	-0.02	6.10	5.94
UnitedHealth Group	UNH	502.96	-7.27	514.20	500.05
UPS Inc.	UPS	139.08	-2.77	141.26	138.90
VF Corp.	VFC	16.53	-0.14	16.79	16.12
Verizon	VZ	41.38	-0.75	42.18	41.28
Vodafone	VOD	8.45	-0.29	8.60	8.40
Vulcan Materials	VMC	229.65	-4.79	234.15	227.66
Walgreens	WBA	22.16	-0.48	22.51	21.80
Walmart	WMT	168.66	-0.91	169.94	168.07
Wells Fargo	WFC	48.70	-0.46	48.92	48.25
WestRock Co.	WRK	38.66	-0.17	38.95	38.51
Willamette Vineyards	WVVI	5.11	-0.10	5.21	5.11

CRASH

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were taken to medical centers throughout Guilford County.

suffered injuries and

No other details had been released by mid-afternoon. The southbound lanes of I-85 Business at Riverdale Drive were closed for hours while crews worked to clear the wreckage.

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NORTH CAROLINA

DAY
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Pick 4: 0-8-2-6-9

NIGHT
Pick 3: 2-1-4-3
Pick 4: 2-2-8-5-2
Cash 5: 15-23-25-31-33

VIRGINIA

DAY
Pick 3: 1-6-2 FB: 1
Pick 4: 6-9-2-6 FB: 9

NIGHT
Pick 3: 5-8-5 FB: 3
Pick 4: 3-2-3-8 FB: 9
Cash 5: 4-11-26-29-38

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