

PEOPLE OF NOTE

# Blount studies in Next Gen for gifted, talented students

Jonathan Blount of Concord is a participant in the Next Generation Venture Fund for supporting gifted and talented students from underrepresented neighborhoods.

Blount, who aspires to become a professional basketball player and ophthalmologist, is a sophomore at Jay M. Robinson High School where he is a honor student and member of the junior varsity basketball team.

In the seventh grade, Jonathan was recruited by Duke University to participate in their Talent Identification Program based on his SAT scores and academic achievement. The following summer Jonathan attended his first summer camp at the University of Kansas. In eighth grade, Jonathan earned an \$18,000 NGVF scholarship to help him maintain his academic standing. The fund provides an academic advisor from Duke who designs an individual education plan, two three-week summer programs held on university campuses, mentoring through the National Foundation for Teaching Entrepreneurship. He also takes distance education courses in mathematics or science (through Johns Hopkins, Stanford, or Duke), a PSAT and SAT preparation course, college counseling, and periodic career and leadership programs.

Calvin Murphy has been named president of the N.C. Bar.

Murphy, named to the position in October, was chair of the Disciplinary Review Committee, which examines the Bar's disciplinary process. The panel issued a report in July that recommended changes in rules and procedures for handling high-profile disciplinary matters.

Murphy, a graduate of Davidson College and N.C. Central Law School, is a criminal defense attorney.

Denisha L. Hendricks PhD has been named senior woman administrator at Johnson C. Smith University.

"I'm excited about the opportunities at JCSU and all they have to offer. I'm happy to be working with one of the most prestigious HBCUs in the country, and to lend a helping hand to ensure JCSU will always be number one in academics, athletics and service."

Hendricks, who is also JCSU's health and human performance coordinator, will serve on the senior management team and assist with the administration and governance of the department of athletics. She comes to JCSU from Livingstone College, where she served in the same capacity and was dean of the Academic Village.

"We are very pleased that Dr. Hendricks is joining the athletic department staff," said Dorothy Cowser Yancy, Ph.D., president. "Her varied sports background as well as her experience in the University of South Carolina and Auburn University athletics departments make her well suited for the duties she will be undertaking."

Calvin Davis has been named United States Tennis Association/North Carolina's high school tennis coach of the year.

Davis, who has coached at Charlotte Country Day School for 16 years, has won 25 N.C. independent school state championships and was head coach of the Southern Section Davis Cup team. He is also certified as a high performance coach by USTA.

# Sharpton pulls back from TV spots

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speech. The commercial was set to spread around the country during the Christmas season.

Corbett said in an interview that in response to his overtures, Sharpton invited him to teleconference on the issue.

"They take advantage of poor people who are desperate," Corbett says. "They

charge triple digit interest rates just like pay day lenders. In fact, it's worse because the people's mode of transportation is at risk and their most valuable assets."

Sharpton said he decided to wait for even more specific information from Corbett, but retains doubts about LoanMax.

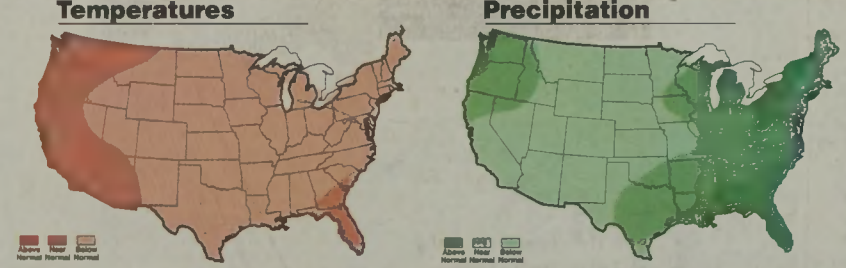
"You cannot have a country where only people with cred-

it can go to banks. I've got businessmen that can't get a bank loan and they have lucrative businesses," Sharpton says. "That's exactly my point. Now, if this company is the wrong company, we can debate that and I will not go forward. But, I'm not going to back down at all if the banks have driven people with alternative lending services out of business."

## AccuWeather.com 7-DAY FORECAST FOR CHARLOTTE, NC

Thursday	Thu. night	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
Rain, some ice early	Partly cloudy	Periods of sun, chilly	Periods of sun	A wintry mix possible	A chance of morning rain	Mostly cloudy	Partly sunny
40°	32°	46° 32°	52° 32°	40° 34°	46° 29°	47° 29°	46° 27°
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### REGIONAL CITIES

City	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	City	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Aiken, SC	44 34 r	56 31 pc	56 34 pc	48 37 r	Memphis, TN	48 31 pc	52 30 pc	48 35 pc	50 33 pc
Augusta, GA	46 30 r	56 28 pc	54 38 pc	48 38 r	Myrtle Beach, SC	55 45 r	56 37 pc	53 40 c	52 39 r
Charleston, SC	54 43 r	59 34 pc	60 38 c	54 42 r	Norfolk, VA	49 44 r	49 33 pc	46 32 pc	47 38 pc
Columbia, SC	44 36 r	57 31 pc	54 36 pc	47 36 r	Raleigh, NC	40 34 i	48 29 pc	46 30 pc	38 32 sn
Durham, NC	41 35 i	47 28 pc	48 31 pc	38 33 sn	Richmond, VA	41 38 i	46 28 pc	47 28 pc	43 29 pc
Greensboro, NC	36 32 i	45 28 pc	46 30 pc	38 31 sn	Roanoke, VA	32 31 i	39 27 c	44 26 pc	41 28 pc
Greenville, SC	38 33 r	52 30 pc	48 33 pc	41 33 sn	Savannah, GA	54 41 r	60 34 pc	60 41 c	53 43 r
Knoxville, TN	41 30 r	44 29 pc	46 29 pc	44 33 pc	Wilmington, NC	57 42 r	58 36 pc	56 37 c	52 39 r
Lynchburg, VA	31 30 i	41 22 pc	46 25 pc	41 25 pc	Winston-Salem, NC	38 32 l	44 26 pc	48 31 pc	40 31 sn

### U.S. CITIES

City	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	City	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Atlanta	42 33 r	52 34 pc	49 34 pc	44 36 r	Miami	80 65 t	78 68 sh	77 66 pc	81 68 pc
Boston	34 28 pc	38 31 sn	40 28 pc	39 27 pc	Minneapolis	26 16 sf	21 11 sf	19 7 sf	20 7 c
Chicago	32 24 sf	28 18 sf	28 14 sf	24 12 pc	New Orleans	59 40 c	57 43 pc	57 45 r	59 46 r
Cleveland	35 28 sn	33 26 sf	29 22 sf	29 23 pc	New York City	34 30 sn	41 32 sn	40 24 pc	41 31 pc
Dallas	55 30 s	52 32 r	47 30 sh	46 34 pc	Orlando	74 54 r	68 52 pc	72 56 pc	72 57 sh
Denver	33 5 pc	28 7 pc	33 12 pc	44 17 s	Pittsburgh	36 26 sn	34 24 sf	32 20 sf	30 15 pc
Detroit	32 26 sn	30 22 sf	30 18 sf	32 20 c	Phoenix	67 43 pc	67 43 pc	66 42 s	70 44 pc
Houston	64 38 pc	60 45 c	52 38 r	54 38 pc	San Francisco	56 44 pc	56 46 pc	56 47 pc	58 48 pc
Kansas City	38 20 pc	32 20 pc	30 18 pc	39 21 c	Seattle	40 28 c	42 30 pc	44 34 c	47 39 pc
Los Angeles	64 48 pc	66 48 pc	66 50 pc	67 48 pc	Washington, DC	36 32 sn	44 30 pc	44 26 pc	44 30 pc

### WORLD CITIES

City	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	City	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Amsterdam	47 39 sh	44 37 sh	41 38 sh	40 34 pc	Paris	45 37 sh	46 38 sh	40 33 pc	40 32 pc
Berlin	41 30 sh	38 26 sf	30 25 sf	32 26 sf	Rio de Janeiro	79 71 t	84 74 t	85 73 r	88 76 t
Buenos Aires	84 64 pc	83 62 t	70 61 pc	72 62 s	Rome	50 39 pc	52 41 pc	54 43 r	49 35 pc
Cairo	69 50 s	68 53 pc	66 50 s	67 47 s	San Juan	83 72 pc	84 72 pc	83 72 pc	83 73 pc
Jerusalem	66 44 pc	63 47 pc	57 45 s	61 44 pc	Seoul	26 11 pc	26 14 c	23 6 c	28 21 pc
Johannesburg	77 56 pc	79 57 pc	70 55 pc	73 55 pc	Sydney	77 73 s	94 74 c	87 68 c	73 63 s
London	47 38 sh	48 34 pc	40 30 c	42 37 sh	Tokyo	48 36 pc	48 33 s	50 31 pc	40 29 s
Mexico City	73 40 pc	74 39 s	76 41 s	72 40 pc	Toronto	28 27 sn	29 19 sn	28 13 sf	22 10 pc
Moscow	27 20 c	23 23 sn	33 32 sn	35 29 sn	Zurich	33 26 sf	33 26 sn	33 26 sf	29 26 sn

Weather (W) is sunny, po-partly cloudy, c-cloudy, sh-showers, t-thunderstorms, r-rain, sf-snow flurries, sn-snow, h-h-



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