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### SW Guidance Center director talks about state's new mental health plan

**By ROBERT FRANK**

Charlotte, N.C. (The Charlotte Observer) — The Southwestern Behavioral Health Authority's director of services, Dr. Robert Frank, says the state's new mental health plan is a significant step forward. He says the plan will help to reduce the stigma associated with mental illness and will provide a more coordinated and comprehensive system of care. Frank says the plan will also help to reduce the costs of mental health care and will improve the quality of care for patients. He says the plan will be implemented over the next several years and will be a major milestone in the state's efforts to improve mental health care.

### Grain truck swerves to miss camper

**By JEFFREY M. HARRIS**

Charlotte, N.C. (The Charlotte Observer) — A grain truck swerved to miss a camper on a highway in the Charlotte area on Thursday. The truck was traveling in the left lane and swerved into the right lane to avoid the camper. The driver of the truck was not injured and the camper was not damaged. The incident occurred on I-77 near the intersection of I-85. The truck was traveling at a speed of approximately 70 mph at the time of the incident. The driver of the truck was cited for unsafe lane change. The incident was reported to the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Police Department.

### 4-4 announces Summer Fun program, kicks off with tubing at Aldridge

**By JEFFREY M. HARRIS**

Charlotte, N.C. (The Charlotte Observer) — The City of Charlotte's 4-4 program announced its Summer Fun program, which will include tubing at Aldridge Park. The program is designed to provide a fun and safe way for children to enjoy the outdoors during the summer months. The tubing activity will take place on the weekends from June 16 to June 23. The program is free of charge and is open to all children under the age of 12. The tubing activity will be held at Aldridge Park, which is located on the edge of the city. The program is a part of the city's efforts to promote outdoor recreation and to provide a safe and fun environment for children.

### City will have votes for sale through its tree program

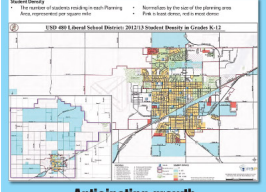
**By JEFFREY M. HARRIS**

Charlotte, N.C. (The Charlotte Observer) — The City of Charlotte will have votes for sale through its tree program. The city has a tree program that allows residents to purchase trees for their yards. The city will have votes for sale through the program, which will allow residents to purchase trees for their yards. The votes will be sold for \$10 each and will be valid for one year. The program is a part of the city's efforts to promote tree planting and to provide a safe and fun environment for residents.

### Demographer gives school board data on what lies ahead

**By JEFFREY M. HARRIS**

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