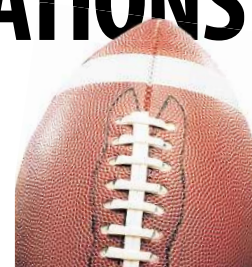


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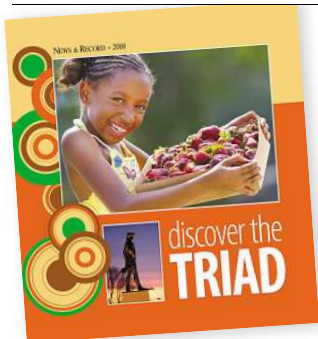
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Wanted: Economy with a motor

■ The Fed and the White House are looking for a high-powered engine to speed up the recovery.

BY KEVIN G. HALL
McClatchy Newspapers

WASHINGTON — The Obama administration and the Federal Reserve are searching for an engine to pull the economy forward faster amid a sluggish

recovery that's losing steam.

For the better part of two decades, the U.S. economy has been powered by rising global trade, abundant cheap energy supplies, low borrowing costs and soaring home and stock prices that created wealth, which fueled consumption and production.

Today, however, the economy's slow growth is sputtering. Forecasters project moderate growth at best for the second half of this year. No one's quite

INSIDE: The trade gap increase is a threat to the economy. **B6**

sure what drivers will emerge to propel the bruised and battered economy forward.

"It's very much an open question right now," said Mark Vitner, senior economist for Wells Fargo Securities in Charlotte.

The economic uncertainties

rattled Wall Street on Wednesday. The Dow Jones industrial average of 30 blue-chip companies fell 265.42 points, or 2.5 percent, to close at 10,378.83. The broader S&P 500 index fell 2.8 percent, and the technology-concentrated Nasdaq composite fell 3 percent.

With unemployment high, consumers pessimistic and investors anxious, how's the economy still growing at all?

Part of the answer is inventory replenishment. After

burning through their inventories on store shelves or warehouses in 2009, companies have restocked in anticipation of an improving economy. The most recent government data on second-quarter economic growth showed a huge surge in imports — at an annual rate of 28.8 percent — as part of this process.

But the benefits of inventory replenishment are expected to

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TEAM TACKLING



JERRY WOLFORD/News & Record

Identical 8-year-old twins Travis Anderson (left) and Travon Anderson (center) practice football with Quinton Johnson, 9, at the Anderson home on Atlanta Street. The boys were playing an imaginary game Tuesday before going to their Pee Wee and Pop Warner football practices, which began this week. The twins' father, Elio Anderson, watches the action from the porch.

N.C. death row inmates allege racial bias

■ Four from Guilford are among 135 statewide who want their sentences converted to life in prison.

BY NANCY McLAUGHLIN
Staff Writer

GREENSBORO — Lesley Eugene Warren, put on death row for the 1990 strangling death of a college student, alleges racial bias in his conviction and wants a court to convert his sentence to life in prison without the possibility of parole.

Warren is white and so was his victim.

James Donald King, who skipped town after his arrest in the murder of his wife and was featured on "Unsolved Mysteries" and "America's Most Wanted" in the 1990s, filed a similar motion this week.

He is black, as was his victim.

"Are you serious — oh my God," said Tamica Underwood, the daughter of Gloria Underwood King, who was found shot in the head after leaving a bingo game with King. "I think he should stay



Lesley Eugene Warren, left, and James Donald King are among four death row inmates in the county who filed motions.

where he's at. He made his way there."

The men are among at least 135 death row inmates state-

wide — and all four current death row inmates convicted in Guilford County — who filed motions under the state's Racial Justice Act before Tuesday's deadline.

The North Carolina Attorney General's Office says it might not have received all reports of motions filed in local superior courts.

The act, signed into law Aug. 11, 2009, is one of two such state laws in the country that allows death row inmates to challenge capital prosecution on the basis of bias —

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Requests for temps increase in Triad

■ The rising demand for temporary workers may be a sign that better times are ahead, local firms say.

BY RICHARD M. BARRON
Staff Writer

GREENSBORO — Stock markets tanked Wednesday, government agencies are dipping into the stimulus well, and the weak recovery seems to be peaking early.

But local businesses that help supply temporary workers and training for other businesses say that they've had a banner spring and summer, and that's often a sign that better times are on the way.

Graham Personnel Services had 140 people placed in assignments on average during January 2010. Now, that figure has jumped to 450, Gary Graham, the company president, said Wednesday. The weekly payroll for those people is about \$147,000.

"The huge ramp-up that we saw had a lot to do with pent-up demand," Graham said.

Companies that cut costs through layoffs to make profits in 2009 are realizing they need to produce and sell their way to profits this year. And that takes people.

"They're going to start hiring," Graham said.

Likewise, companies that cut employee training because it's something they can do without for a year or two are now spending money for employee training, David Moff, CEO of The HR Group, said Wednesday.

They couldn't hold out forever, especially in such mandated areas as sexual harassment or the Americans

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Religion, happy relationship may go hand in hand

■ Shared spiritual beliefs bring couples closer, especially among blacks.

BY DONNA ST. GEORGE
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — African American couples are more likely than other groups to share core religious beliefs and pray together in the

home — factors that have been linked to greater happiness in marriages and relationships, according to a study released Tuesday.

In what was described as the first major look at relationship quality and religion across racial and ethnic lines, researchers reported a significant link overall between relationship satisfaction and religious factors for whites, Hispanics and African Ameri-

cans. The study appears in the August issue of the Journal of Marriage and Family.

True to the old aphorism, couples that pray together stay together, said study co-author W. Bradford Wilcox, director of the National Marriage Project, based at University of Virginia, and "African American couples are more likely to have a shared spiritual identity as a couple."

The study found that 40 per-

cent of blacks in marriages and live-in relationships attended religious services regularly and had a partner who did the same, compared with 29 percent of non-Hispanic whites and 29 percent of Hispanics.

White couples, in general, reported greater relationship satisfaction than other groups, presumably because of income

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