Wilson's Mauzé takes command of Air Force squadron

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'Preserved for the sake of history'



More than 17,000 people turned out to celebrate the opening of Purina in Wilson in 1954. Parker's Barbecue cooked 103 pigs for the event captured in a photo by Raines and Cox Studio. Contributed Photo

Photographs capture bygone era in Wilson

By Drew C. Wilson
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As good storyteller sometimes will, Keith Barnes left Wilson County Genealogical Society members and guests with a bit of irony.

Barnes, a photographer, author, historian and newspaperman, presented 150 images taken by Charlie Raines and Guy Cox, of Raines and Cox Studio, at the Wilson County Public Library on Tuesday. Raines died in 2001 and Cox in 2015.

"From 1947 until about 2000, Charlie Raines and Guy Cox took photographs in Wilson. They took a lot of photographs. They were the photographers during that era. They took photographs of anything and everything," Barnes said.

Barnes' son, Will Barnes, spent three years scanning 11,500 of the negatives, culled from 140,000 the studio had amassed.

"This was real photography by two of the funniest guys you have ever met," Barnes said. "That's an era in history. You can't replace it. These guys captured it without realizing they were doing it."

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Guy Cox is pictured with his wife Maxine when the photographer was honored as a Wilson parade grand marshal. Keith Barnes | Contributed Photo

Escape room coming to Wilson this summer

By Brie Handgraaf
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For Kimberly Howard, escape rooms have been a steadfast attraction on family vacations in recent years. Now the mother and educator is bringing the experience to Brentwood with Wilson Escapes.

"I think Wilson is hungry for something like this," Howard said. "Wilson Escapes provides something different for older kids, youth groups or just date night. Wilson needs something for people to enjoy together that is outside the norm."

Wilson Escapes is a non-corporate take on the escape room trend that was first developed in Japan around 2007 with logic puzzles similar to the video games that inspired the real-life experience. It was brought to the U.S. in 2012 and has caught on in cities of all sizes with a variety of scenarios for all skill levels.

"From the ones I've gone to, a bank robbery is the traditional scenario," Howard said. "This scenario, though, came to me in the middle of the night. I had some ideas and I put them on paper. It evolved into a scenario that I believe will be fun and challenging."

"Quarantine Quest" is a scenario that involves two of the participants being captured by a mad scientist while on a safari tour in Costa Rica. The kidnapped members are believed to be infected with a disease and have to be rescued by the rest of the group before the mad scientist returns. Everyone has to work together to solve a series of clues that help them break into the lab and rescue the two kidnapped people within one hour.

"My kids and I absolutely love the escape rooms. We love the challenge of finding all the clues and figuring out how to escape," Howard said. "More often than not, we probably don't escape, but that is part of the fun of it. I like the pressure and intensity of watching the clock run down, but trying not to ask for too many clues, so we challenge ourselves mentally."

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Historical marker to honor Times' Elizabeth Swindell

From staff reports



Swindell

The Wilson Times will celebrate the installation of a North Carolina historical marker honoring former editor and publisher Elizabeth Gold Swindell with a dedication ceremony scheduled at noon on June 30.

Swindell led the Times from 1956 until her death in 1983 and is known as a pioneer for women in journalism and media management. She became the first female president of the North Carolina Press Association in 1963 and is a winner of the National Newspaper Association's Emma C. McKinney Award.

She was appointed to numerous state boards and commissions, including the panel tasked with reviewing the University of North Carolina's speaker ban law, and was posthumously inducted into the North Carolina Journalism Hall of Fame in 1994.

The dedication will take place at the site of Swindell's historical marker outside her 906 Nash St. N. home in Wilson's West Nash Historic District. Morgan Dickerman III, Swindell's grandson and the Times' third-generation family owner, now resides there.

Former Gov. Jim Hunt and Frank Daniels Jr., grandson of News & Observer founder Josephus Daniels and a former N&O publisher, will speak during the marker installation ceremony. Josephus Daniels' career began in Wilson as a co-publisher and editor of The Wilson Advance. President Woodrow Wilson later appointed him secretary of the Navy, a post he held from 1913-21.

State historical markers are commissioned and installed by the North Carolina Department of Cultural Resources. Swindell is the second member of the Times' founding family to receive the honor — a marker at the corner of Vance Street and Maplewood Avenue in Wilson marks the site of Gold Publishing Co. founder P.D. Gold's former office and home.

The Wilson Times is the offspring of the Primitive Baptist publication Zion's Landmark, established in 1867 by Elder P.D. Gold. His son, John D. Gold, joined his father at the printing company that published Zion's Landmark. In 1896, John D. Gold founded The Wilson Times, a weekly newspaper, which later became a semi-weekly. Daily publication began in 1902.

Today, the 122-year-old Wilson Times Co. publishes one of three remaining family-owned daily newspapers in the state of North Carolina.

The public is invited to attend the historical marker dedication. A reception will follow indoors with lunch provided by Parker's Barbecue.

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Photos: In 'strange irony,' Cox's childhood horseplay destroyed historic glass negatives

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The images captured monumental moments in Wilson including the opening of the Purina plant when Parker's Barbecue cooked 103 pigs to serve 17,000 people or the people who gathered when the first day color TV hit Wilson, or the big crowd of folks who turned out for a scrap paper drive at The Oasis movie theater.

The lens men made quaint pictures of everyday life — such as a family sitting on the porch of their home with a collection of extra-large watermelons, or Five Points coach Lee Gliarmis posing with a young baseball team, or a mule plowing the grass in front of the Wilson County Courthouse.

Aerials showed a nearly opened Fike High School with dirt parking lots and Wilson Memorial Hospital with nearby tobacco barns or Fleming Stadium with cornfields just beyond the right field fence.

Among the negatives was a shot of President Harry Truman and then-Gov. Luther Hodges as they rode through town in a convertible.

Journalism wasn't their business, Barnes said.

"They weren't newspeople. They were taking pictures because people were paying them to take pictures," Barnes said.

They missed out on some things, like Elvis Presley in '56 playing at Charles L. Coon High School.

"They don't have pictures of that," Barnes said. "I asked Guy later why they didn't go, and he said, 'Nobody called us.'"

"They put a stamp on photography in Wilson," Barnes said. "These guys were institutions around here. They had a great sense of humor."

Barnes pointed out how fleeting a photographic era can be.

Cox grew up around the corner from where O.V. Foust lived. Foust was a photographer who practiced around Wilson between 1888 and 1934.

When Cox was a child, he and his friends used to play in Foust's yard and garage.

"They would play on boxes, jumping around on boxes like kids do. And they broke a lot of things," Barnes said.

When telling this story, Cox used to both laugh and cry, according to Barnes.

The boxes Cox and his friends were jumping on contained thousands and thousands of glass negatives.

"Guy said he broke every one of them. He hated it, but he laughed about it later. If you wonder where Mr. Foust's negatives got to, Guy Cox tore them up," Barnes said. "He said they didn't mean any harm. They were just in there playing, but they just broke all of the negatives. It's not something that anybody's proud of, but he said he did it. He didn't know at the time what it was."

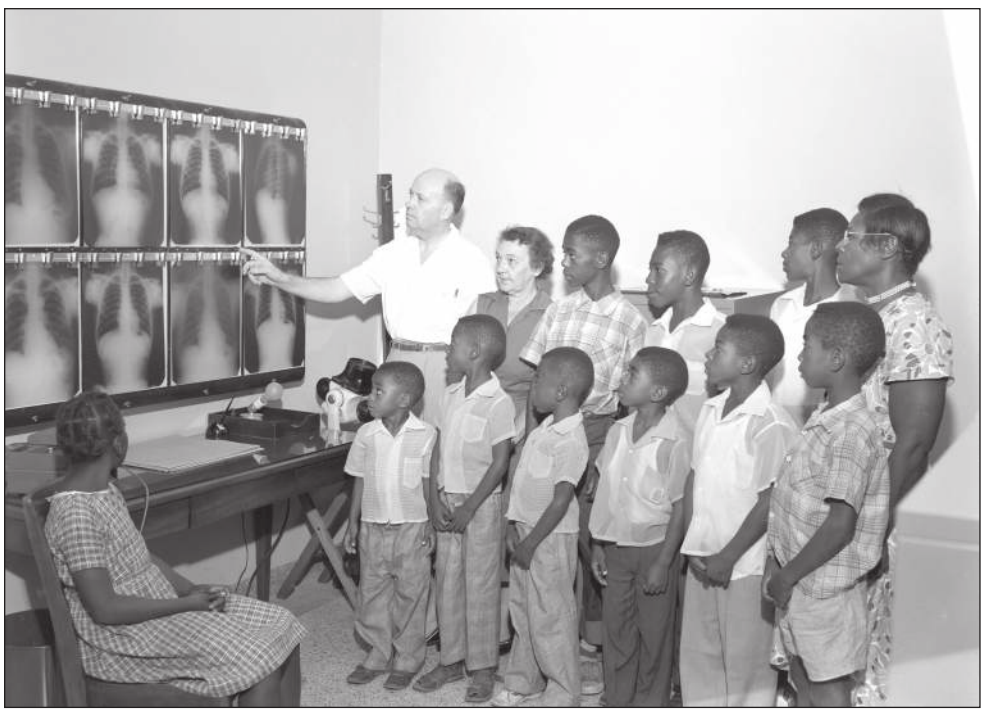
Barnes said it was "just a strange irony" considering that Cox would grow up to capture so many thousands of his own Wilson images in later years.

Barnes said the Raines and Cox collection of negatives needed to be preserved for the sake of history.

"Among the suggestions tossed about have been a book, which might be good way to go, and several people have asked about purchasing individual copies of the photos, although that would involve a monumental, and potentially expensive, task of cataloging and retrieving that is not nearly as simple as it might sound," Barnes said.

The Cox family has already donated some of the negatives to the N.C. Department of Natural and Cultural Resources' Office of Archives and History.

"We'll just have to see what the future holds," Barnes said.



Dr. Herman Easom, who served at the North Carolina sanitorium in Wilson for 47 years, looks at chest X-rays from Wilson children in this image from the Raines and Cox Studio. Contributed Photo



A family poses on a porch with a set of extraordinarily large watermelons in Wilson County. The photo was captured by the Raines and Cox Studio. Contributed Photo



PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Town of Black Creek will conduct a public hearing on the proposed budget for the fiscal year 2018-2019 on Tuesday, June 14th @ 7:15 p.m. at the Town Hall meeting room located at 114 West Center St.

The purpose of the public hearing is to receive input and comments from the general public concerning said budget. The proposed budget will be available for inspection at the Town Hall. Citizens are encouraged to attend or send any written comments to the Town Hall.

The Town hall meeting room is accessible to persons with handicaps. Anyone requiring special assistance should contact the Town hall at least 48 hours prior to the public hearing.

Cindy Dougherty, Town Clerk
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Escape: Session reservations accepted today

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Wilson Escapes will only be open two days a week to begin with since it is sharing the space with Education Exchange at 2801-2H Ward Blvd. Reservations begin today for six sessions each Friday and eight sessions each Saturday starting on June 22. Eight people can participate in each session for $25 a person or $160 to privately reserve the room.

"In my opinion, this appeals to absolutely everyone," Howard said. "This is perfect for anyone who is looking for something out of the ordinary that challenges your problem-solving skills while being fun, too. And even if you go with two or three people, it is an opportunity to meet new people because the room accommodates eight."

Howard said everyone she's talked to has been excited for Wilson Escapes to open.

"It is a team-building exercise because someone is over here working on this code while another person is over there working on that clue," she said. "Everyone then comes together and figures it out together. That is the only way you can do it in the given time."

Depending on the response from the community, Howard said additional sessions might be added on Sundays as needed and a new scenario could be developed in the coming months. Howard, who has been an English teacher at Fike High School since 2009, said she's looking forward to providing something new to the community while on break from full-time teaching.

"We start when school is out so the first session is at 2:45 p.m. We want to give the opportunity to attend to as many people as we can, so we're opening earlier than we would if school was in session," Howard said. "We've also got a session that goes until 10:15, so it is perfect for date nights. You can go out to dinner, then do something fun and interactive that challenges your problem-solving skills."

To learn more about Wilson Escapes and book an experience, visit www.educationexchangellc.com/escape-room.html/ or call 252-991-6668.

Police: 3 NC kids found padlocked inside room

The Associated Press

KINSTON — Police in North Carolina found three children padlocked inside a room at an apartment, and their mother is charged in the incident.

The Kinston Police Department told local media outlets that officers responding to a call found the children ages 4, 6 and 8 sleeping on the floor of the room. The Lenoir County Department of Social Services was contacted, and unspecified arrangements were made for the children.

Authorities say 36-year-old April Christine Berry returned to the apartment about 90 minutes after officers reached the scene Wednesday. Berry is charged with child abuse and is in the Lenoir County jail on a $3,000 bond. It couldn't be determined Thursday if she has an attorney.

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Mauzé new commander of 20th Special Operations Squadron

From staff reports

Lt. Col. Charles W. Mauzé III took command of the 20th Special Operations Squadron at Cannon Air Force Base in Clovis, New Mexico, on May 18.

Mauzé , a graduate of Hunt High School and son of Charles and Melanie Mauzé of Wilson, earned his commission from the U.S. Air Force Academy in 2001. He is a distinguished graduate of the U.S. Naval War College and the U.S. Air Force Squadron Officer School.

His first assignment involved flying a MH-53 helicopter in three combat deployments to Iraq. He also took part in Operation Strengthen Hope, the non-combatant evacuation operation of Americans from Lebanon in 2006.

He also twice flew in support of the U.S. Marine Corps presidential squadron during overseas trips with the president of the United States. He was twice tasked to fly in tight formation with Marine One to provide protection while the president was on board, according to a news release from Cannon Air Force Base.

Now the commander of the 20th Special Operations Squadron, the unit on Cannon Air Force base that flies and operates the CV-22 Osprey, he was one of the first pilots to fly that platform operationally. That included participating in the aircraft's first combat deployment to Iraq in 2009 and Afghanistan in 2010.

During the 2010 deployment, he received a Bell/Boeing Rescue award for the recovery of a Special Operations team that became stranded on-target when the team's primary aircraft became disabled and a sandstorm prevented all other assets from getting to them.

Overall he's completed 10 combat deployments and logged more than 3,000 flight hours and 700 combat sorties.

In a 2007 interview with The Wilson Times, Mauzé said he was living out a childhood dream to fly military helicopters.

"From as far back as I remember, that's all I ever wanted to do," he said.

Mauzé is married to the former Josephine Bruce. They have two children, Jake and Julia.



Lt. Col. Charles Mauzé is pictured with a CV-22 Osprey, the platform assigned to the 20th Special Operations Squadron. Mauzé took command of the New Mexico-based squadron May 18. Contributed Photo

Community colleges join forces on job training

Wilson CC president meets with regional campus leaders

By Lawrence Bivins
For the Times

Wilson County's 6.5 percent unemployment rate is significantly higher than that of either the state (4.3 percent) or the nation (4.1 percent), according to the most recent data from the North Carolina Department of Commerce. Still, local employers can have a hard time finding qualified applicants for job vacancies — even as educators at Wilson Community College stand ready with a host of affordable training programs designed with input from company managers.

"It's a curious problem," said Tim Wright, president of Wilson Community College. "In this part of the state we have economic challenges with unemployment while companies can't fill open positions."

As one of North Carolina's 58 community colleges, Wilson offers courses that can equip students for a variety of technical careers in as little as a year or, in some cases, even less.

"It sounds simple, but it isn't," said Wright, who has worked in community college administration in Wyoming and North Carolina.

Community colleges are on the front lines of economic and workforce development, moving quickly to provide credit and non-credit coursework to fit the needs of the surrounding business landscape. Still, labor markets — be they local or global — are made up of human beings, not all of whom routinely make rational decisions.

"People don't always act in their economic self-interest," said Wright. "If they did, we wouldn't have this problem."

Campuses can do their best to market training programs, but Wright and others believe reaching out to new and existing workers calls for more, and they see regional collaboration as the answer. Top leaders from community colleges in Edgecombe, Halifax, Martin, Nash and Pitt counties recently joined Wright for a meeting of the minds. The six gathered at the offices of Carolinas Gateway Partnership in April to explore the possibilities of working together to sharpen the region's workforce assets.

"I was impressed with the feeling of cooperation and partnership among the colleges to work together," said Paul Hutchins, president of Martin Community College.

Among the ambitious goals they discussed: recruiting as many as 10,000 new employee candidates from the six-county labor pool and readying them for work within 18 months.

"Community colleges are an important part of North Carolina's economic engine," Hutchins said. "But one campus acting alone can't completely address the complex needs of today's workforce."

Multi-faceted workforce needs call for pooling resources, the six colleges believe. Officials intend to meet again in late May to iron out specifics of their partnership. Edgecombe Community College has already tested several ideas on outreach and promotion to high school students and mid-career learners. With major announcements by CSX, Corning and Triangle Tyre in the last two years, the college is urging county residents to act now to begin acquiring the skills needed by these arriving employers, as well as existing ones like Keihin Carolina System Technology that also need new workers with the right blend of technical and soft skills.

Bill Carver, president of Nash Community College, believes community college leaders working together form the best advocacy voice for regional workforce readiness. "When it's time to address individual career advancement or solutions surrounding customized training, the community college system consistently is the answer," Carver said. "Given the number of partners in this endeavor, the region is sure to benefit from this combined effort."

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OBITUARIES

Joyce Kay Bynum Curtis



Joyce Curtis

Joyce Kay Bynum Curtis, 60, of Wilson, was called from labor to reward on Thursday, May 24, 2018. A celebration of her life will be held 1 p.m. Saturday at L.N. Forbes Original Free Will Baptist Tabernacle, 1800 Lane St. Extension, Wilson. The Rev. George Ward will be the eulogist, and minister Anthony Johnson will be the presider. Interment will follow in Rest Haven Cemetery.

Loving memories are cherished by her husband, Tony Curtis of the home; her daughters, Annie Loretta Artis of Wilson and Angie Renee Best of the home; three sisters, Pastor Annie Pearl Melvin (Ezra), Shevon Artis and Shelia Langston (Clint), all of Wilson; 10 grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; seven aunts, Maybelle Williams, Verna Farmer (Mitchell), Doris Dudley and Barbara Best, all of Wilson, Patricia Bynum of Rocky Mount, Julia Johnson (Joe) of Dudley and Cora Bynum of Stantonsburg; four uncles, Curtis Bynum (Loann) and Ricky Bynum (Cynthia) of Stantonsburg, Buddy Artis of Faison and Darryl Artis of New Jersey; and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

A viewing will be held 4 - 8:30 p.m. Friday, June 1 at Carrons Funeral Home, 325 E. Nash St., Wilson, with the family receiving friends there from 7 to 8 p.m. They will receive friends at other times at 305 Lillian Road, Wilson, where they will assemble at noon Saturday in preparation for the funeral procession.

Arrangements have been entrusted to Carrons Funeral Home. Condolences may be directed to carronsfuneralhome.com.

Shirley Lucas Hill



Shirley Lucas Hill

Shirley Lucas Hill, 76, of Wilson, died Wednesday, May 30, 2018. Funeral will be at noon Saturday at Tabernacle Temple of Jesus Christ. Burial will follow in Rest Haven Cemetery. Visitation will be 10:45 a.m. Saturday at Tabernacle Temple of Jesus Christ. Arrangements are by Carrons Funeral Home.

Thelma Abrams Garris

Thelma Abrams Garris, 92, of Wilson, received her heavenly reward Wednesday, May 30, 2018.

Funeral will be 6 p.m. Saturday at Wilson Memorial Service. The visitation will be one hour prior to the funeral. Graveside service will be 3 p.m. Sunday at Rocky Mount Memorial Park, Rocky Mount.

Mrs. Garris was preceded in death by her husband, Charles Daniel Garris; parents, Cooper and Lela Morris Abrams; daughter, Lela "Sissy" Baker; sons, Danny and Robert "Bobby" Garris; sisters, Mavoneen Owens and Elma Wass; and brothers, Cooper Pitt, Roy, Walter, Carl, David, George and William Abrams.

She is survived by her daughter, Louise Garris Warrick (Robert) of the home; son, Henry Abrams (Darla); 12 grandchildren; 27 great-grandchildren; 18 great-great-grandchildren; sisters, Hilda Carter, Elizabeth Cockrell and Hazel Worrell; and brother, James Creekmore (Jean).

In lieu of flowers, memorials are suggested to Kitty Askins Hospice Center, 104 Handley Park Court, Goldsboro, NC 27834.

Arrangements are by Wilson Memorial Service, 2811 Fieldstream Drive N., Wilson, www.wilsonmemorialservice.com.

Pauline Joyner Boyette

April 22, 1951 — May 31, 2018

STANTONSBURG — Pauline Joyner Boyette, 66, died Thursday, May 31, 2018. Arrangements are by Shingleton Funeral Home, Wilson.

Shirley Toler Tillman

May 18, 1937 — May 30, 2018

RALEIGH — Shirley Toler Tillman, 81, died Thursday, May 31, 2018. Arrangements are by Joyner's Funeral Home, Wilson.

Christine Williams

Christine Williams, 87, of Wilson, died Thursday, May 31, 2018. Arrangements are by Carrons Funeral Home.

THE WILSON TIMES *publishes brief death notices at no charge. Full obituaries are published on a paid basis. The obituary deadline is 4 p.m. the day before the obituary is to be published. Contact Lori Parrish at 252-265-7850 with questions.*

TODAY IN HISTORY

1792: Kentucky became the 15th state and four years later, Tennessee became the 16th

Today is Friday, June 1, the 152nd day of 2018. There are 213 days left in the year.

Today's Highlights in History:

On June 1, 1968, the cult British television series "The Prisoner," starring Patrick McGoohan as an ex-secret agent who finds himself trapped in a sinister, Orwellian village, had its American premiere on CBS. Author-lecturer Helen Keller, who earned a college degree despite being blind and deaf almost her entire life, died in Westport, Connecticut, at age 87.

On this date:

In 1533, Anne Boleyn, the second wife of King Henry VIII, was crowned as Queen Consort of England.

In 1792, Kentucky became the 15th state.

In 1796, Tennessee became the 16th state.

In 1813, the mortally wounded commander of the USS Chesapeake, Capt. James Lawrence, gave the order, "Don't give up the ship" during a losing battle with the British frigate HMS Shannon in the War of 1812.

In 1868, James Buchanan, the 15th president of the United States, died near Lancaster, Pennsylvania, at age 77.

In 1927, Lizzie Borden, accused but acquitted of the 1892 ax murders of her father, Andrew, and her stepmother, Abby, died in Fall River, Massachusetts, at age 66.

In 1943, a civilian flight from Portugal to England was shot down by Germany during World War II, killing all 17 people aboard, including actor Leslie Howard.

In 1958, Charles de Gaulle became premier of France, marking the beginning of the end of the Fourth Republic.

In 1977, the Soviet Union formally charged Jewish human rights activist Anatoly Shcharansky with treason. (Shcharansky was imprisoned, then released in 1986; he's now known as Natan Sharansky.)

In 1980, Cable News Network made its debut.

In 1997, Betty Shabazz, the widow of Malcolm X, was severely burned in a fire set by her 12-year-old grandson in her Yonkers, New York, apartment (she died three weeks later). The Chicago Tribune published a pretend commencement speech by columnist Mary Schmich (shmeech) which urged graduates to, among other things, "wear sunscreen" (the essay ended up being wrongly attributed online to author Kurt Vonnegut).

In 2009, Air France Flight 447, an Airbus A330 carrying 228 people from Rio de Janeiro to Paris, crashed into the Atlantic Ocean with the loss of everyone on board.

Ten years ago: Democrat Hillary Rodham Clinton won a lopsided, but largely symbolic, victory in Puerto Rico's presidential primary. Fire ripped through a back lot at Universal Studios. At least eight people suffocated at an overcrowded stadium in Monrovia during a soccer match between host Liberia and Gambia. NASA's Phoenix Mars Lander took its first practice scoop of Martian soil. Fashion designer Yves Saint Laurent died in Paris at age 71.

Five years ago: In a scene reminiscent of the Arab Spring, thousands of people flooded Istanbul's main square after a crackdown on an anti-government protest turned city streets into a battlefield clouded by tear gas.

One year ago: President Donald Trump declared he was pulling the U.S. from the landmark Paris climate agreement. A gunman described by police as a heavily indebted gambler stormed a crowded casino in the Philippine capital and torched gambling tables, creating a choking level of smoke that killed at least 37 people. Ananya Vinay, a 12-year-old from Fresno, California, won the 90th Scripps National Spelling Bee by correctly spelling "marocain," a type of dress fabric of ribbed crepe.

Today's Birthdays: Actor Richard Erdman is 93. Singer Pat Boone is 84. Actor-writer-director Peter Masterson is 84. Actor Morgan Freeman is 81. Actor Rene Auberjonois (oh-behr-juh-NWAH') is 78. Opera singer Frederica von Stade is 73. Actor Brian Cox is 72. Rock musician Ronnie Wood is 71. Actor Jonathan Pryce is 71. Actress Gemma Craven is 68. Actor John M. Jackson (TV: "NCIS: Los Angeles") is 68. Blues-rock musician Tom Principato is 66. Country singer Ronnie Dunn is 65. Actress Lisa Hartman Black is 62. Actor Tom Irwin is 62. Singer-musician Alan Wilder is 59. Rock musician Simon Gallup (The Cure) is 58. Country musician Richard Comeaux (River Road) is 57. Actor-comedian Mark Curry is 57. Actor-singer Jason Donovan is 50. Actress Teri Polo is 49. Basketball player-turned-coach Tony Bennett is 49. Actor Rick Gomez is 46. Model-actress Heidi Klum is 45. Singer Alanis Morissette is 44. Actress Sarah Wayne Callies is 41. Comedian Link Neal (Rhett & Link) is 40. TV personality Damien Fahey is 38. Pop singer-songwriter Brandi Carlile is 37. Actor Johnny Pemberton is 37. Actress-writer Amy Schumer is 37. Tennis player Justine Henin is 36.

Senate gives initial OK to charter schools outside Charlotte

By Gary D. Robertson
The Associated Press

RALEIGH — Four North Carolina towns adjacent to Charlotte could operate their own charter schools under legislation that received tentative approval Thursday in the state Senate.

The Republican measure, which expands the scope of a House bill approved last year, is designed to address the unhappiness of elected officials in suburban communities about neighborhood school overcrowding and construction by the Charlotte-Mecklenburg school system.

But critics say the bill could open the door for other towns to seek the same power, disassembling conventional urban school districts, and exacerbating racial imbalances in the classroom. Five GOP senators ended up voting against the bill, but the measure still got the preliminary OK in a 30-20 vote.

The bill would give these towns — Matthews, Mint Hill, Huntersville and Cornelius — the option to apply for and then create the unconventional public schools. Those schools receive government funds but are controlled internally, not by the traditional district school board. Unlike the more than 170 current charter schools statewide, the municipal charter schools could give enrollment preferences to children of town residents.

"Adequate seats in northern and southern suburbs have not been met," Sen. Dan Bishop, a Mecklenburg County Republican representing Matthews, said during the debate. "This is a pilot, think about it that way ... this is a modest, moderate step."

Democrats from the Charlotte area and elsewhere said municipal residents could now be taxed twice for schools — once by Mecklenburg County commissioners for the school system and the other by town council members for the charter. The state budget being voted on this week also would allow municipalities to pay property tax revenues to help fund public schools of any kind.

There would be no guarantees that children of town residents can attend the municipality's charter school. Still, Republican Sen. Rick Horner of Wilson County said, giving preferential treatment to city residents "is a radical departure" in the rules for charter schools since they began in the mid-1990s.

"I think it's bad policy," Horner told colleagues. "I would urge you to vote against the bill."

Sen. Joel Ford, a Mecklenburg County Democrat, said he is sympathetic to the frustrations of the smaller towns, and blames the school system, whose board opposes the measure, for failing to listen to the concerns of suburban residents. But Ford said municipal charter schools are the wrong solution.

"They're going to divide up our community geographically on the north and the south end and they're going to divide us up by race," Ford said.

The debate got testy near the end, with Republican Sen. Bill Cook of Beaufort County complaining that some Democrats suggested those who support the bill are harboring racism. But Democratic speakers said the bill would create unintended consequences, even if backers had upright goals.

The measure would return to the House if the Senate gives the measure its final approval next week. The House version of the bill approved last year applied to only Matthews and Mint Hill, but the other two towns were added after their elected leaders asked to be. Since the measure only covers four communities, the measure wouldn't be subject to Democratic Gov. Roy Cooper's veto stamp. Cooper has expressed concerns about the change, however.



Remember When?

Elizabeth Bottoms shared this picture of an ornate wooden cabinet her ancestors received as a wedding present from Col. David Williams, one of the founders of Wilson County. "Colonel Williams was one of the wealthiest and most prominent men in the northern part of Wilson County" and served in the state legislature, local historian Hugh Johnston wrote in a biographical capsule republished in The Wilson Times on April 7. Bottoms wrote that Williams gave the cabinet to Zachariah Hyman Weaver and Louisa Annetta Gay in celebration of their marriage on Dec. 16, 1875. Zachariah and Louisa Weaver are the parents of Mattie Weaver Bottoms. The Wilson Times is publishing historical photos of Wilson County life and landmarks in this space each day. To share your snapshots, email the picture and caption to Lori Parrish at lori@wilsontimes.com with the subject line Remember When or bring it to the Times office at 126 Nash St. during regular business hours.

LOTTERY RESULTS

Wednesday, May 30

Carolina Pick 3
Daytime— 6-4-5
Carolina Pick 3
Evening— 5-1-7
Carolina Pick 4
Daytime— 5-6-2-3
Carolina Pick 4
Evening— 6-9-4-5
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Alberto rains turn creek into raging river; cars swept away

By Jeffrey S. Collins and Sarah Rankin
The Associated Press



Baily Crockett with the Albemarle Service Authority points to a culvert that washed out a section of road on Holkham Drive in Albemarle County, near Charlottesville, Va., Thursday following heavy overnight rains. Andrew Shurtleff | The Daily Progress via AP

Heavy rains generated by subtropical Storm Alberto unleashed flooding in Virginia that washed out bridges, damaged homes, closed schools and transformed a normally peaceful creek into a raging river that swept away cars with people still in them. At least one person was killed and rescuers were searching for others.

Rescue crews searching in and around Ivy Creek found the body of one of two occupants of a Toyota Prius that was washed off the road Wednesday night, Albemarle County police said. A search continued late Thursday afternoon for the second person, while farther north in Madison County, the sheriff's office said rescuers were searching for a female reported missing in water the night before.

The storm, already blamed for at least four deaths in the U.S. earlier in the week, was pushing across the Great Lakes on Thursday. But the National Weather Service said the potential for more rainfall and flash flooding would continue for the Southeast, the Ohio Valley and the mid-Atlantic through the end of the week.

Since making landfall on Memorial Day in the Florida Panhandle, Alberto's heavy rains have been widespread, with flooding reported from Alabama through Tennessee, Kentucky, Illinois, the Carolinas and West Virginia.

In Albemarle County, the Toyota Prius and a second car were swept into Ivy Creek around 9:30 p.m. Wednesday. The occupant of one car was able to swim to a safe location, police said in a news release. But witnesses saw a man and woman get swept away as they climbed out of the Prius, Albemarle County Fire Rescue Chief Dan Eggleston said at a news conference.

"Ivy Creek is normally a very docile creek but with 8 to 10 inches (20 to 25 centimeters) of rain ... it turned into a swollen, raging river. And It just tossed and turned both of those vehicles," he said.

Authorities also responded to at least 10 other water rescues and received reports of damage to homes, the extent of which wasn't immediately clear, Eggleston said.

Schools in the county were closed due to poor road conditions. Authorities throughout the region posted photos of washed-out roads and bridges, and they warned people to avoid unnecessary travel. One photo posted by the city of Charlottesville showed a playground partially submerged under floodwaters.

Eggleston warned of the possibility of more flooding as soon as Thursday evening, when there was a chance of additional rain.

"Everything is just bubbling," he said. "The streams are overflowing right now. Everything's at full capacity, if not more. So any additional rain would just make them swell again."

Elsewhere in the Southeast, the storms triggered flooding and mudslides.

In the North Carolina mountain town of Boone, one of those mudslides was blamed for a gas leak and explosion that destroyed a home Wednesday afternoon, killing two people.

Four North Carolina dams being closely watched by a state team of special engineers were holding up, Gov. Roy Cooper said Wednesday. But Cooper went ahead and declared a state of emergency for his hard-hit mountain counties, saying the forecast for the rest of the week calls for isolated heavy rain storms that could instantly cause flooding in areas that have had 20 inches (50 centimeters) of rain in the past 15 days.

"This storm isn't yet over. I'm urging people to keep a close eye on forecasts," Cooper said.

A photo posted by The Asheville Citizen-Times showed a popular park in the tourist-friendly city overrun by water from the French Broad River.

Two deaths had previously been reported in the U.S. during the storm's passage. A television news anchor and a photojournalist were killed Monday in North Carolina while covering the weather, when a tree became uprooted from rain-soaked ground and toppled onto their SUV, authorities said. WYFF-TV of Greenville, South Carolina, said news anchor Mike McCormick and photojournalist Aaron Smeltzer died.

Authorities in Cuba say Alberto left four people dead there as the storm drenched the island in heavy rain. Interior Minister Julio Cesar Gandarilla said late Tuesday they died as a result of "recklessness" during the storm. He gave no details. The deaths occurred as authorities worked to contain an oil spill in central Cuba's Cienfuegos Bay that followed the flooding of nearby oil refinery.

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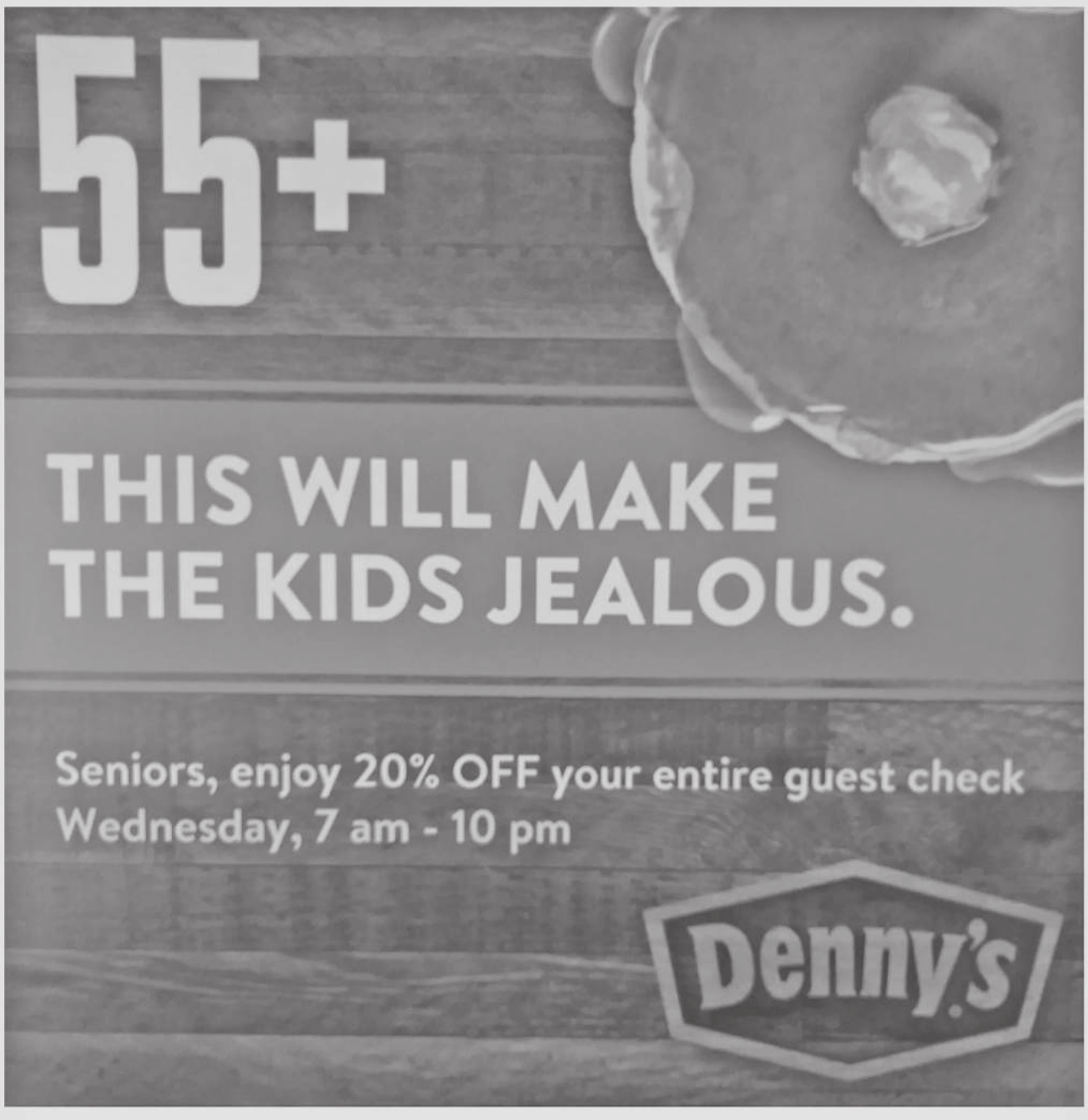
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Beyond the plastic gate: Baby-proofing in style

By Tracee M. Herbaugh
The Associated Press



This photo provided by Fusion Gates shows one of company's styled baby gates. A new generation of baby-proofing products aim to combine safety with chic. AP

It's a headache known to many new parents: Suddenly, your stylish abode morphs into a menagerie of outlet covers and cabinet locks.

While the phrases "baby-proofing" and "kid-friendly" rarely conjure up images of elegance or sophistication, recent years have seen a range of more modern and stylish products available to those who want them.

Baby-proofing has gone glam, so to speak.

Parents can now cover the corners of their furniture with a variety of soft materials, or cordon off stove burners with a slick-looking adhesive guard. There are products for window-blind cords, door pinch protectors, locks for doors and toilet seats, covers for stove knobs, and more.

No need any longer to block your stairway with a white plastic fence. A Georgia-based company, Qdos , sells a "crystal hardware mount gate," a clear acrylic panel that looks like a window. Qdos also sells outlet covers that can be slid open when you want to plug something in, and an adhesive stove guard that attaches around the front and sides of the four burners.

An Illinois company, Fusion Gates , makes baby barriers that resemble stained-glass windows. They come with a satin nickel, white pearl or black finish.

For table corners, the online retailer Ellas Homes makes clear orb-shaped covers. The products are made of adhesive plastic but look like gel.

If you can't find what you're looking for locally, there's always the Internet, says Philadelphia mother Danielle Cormier-Smith. "I live in an older home and we have narrow stairwells that need smaller gates," she said.

Stylish, inconspicuous baby-proofing was a priority for Rebecca Stanton, a New York City mom.

"We sprang for a wooden safety gate and playpen that looked nicer and wasn't a giant hunk of plastic," Stanton says. "We got magnetic, childproof cabinet locks that are invisible from the outside."

Such baby-proofing accessories are a boon to retailers. A 2016 report by market analysts Sandler Research said many parents are hiring child safety specialists to outfit their homes.

Jeff Baril, who owns Safe Beginnings, Inc., a Billerica, Massachusetts-based baby-proofing and child safety business, warns against putting too much emphasis on chic.

"Style and sophistication have improved, but stylish is not always safest," he says. "Parents should evaluate for safety, which should always come first."

And then there are many parents who question whether all of this baby-proofing is necessary.

Maya Brook of Arvada, Colorado, has embraced a minimalist stance. When asked how many safety products she uses with her three boys, who range in age from an infant to a 4-year-old, Brook responds, "not many."

"It's all about logical consequences," she says. "Even a toddler is very capable of reason."

"If you keep clean-green products in your home, keep breakables up high, teach your children to trust their bodies, to respect their things, and teach them 'no' when you need to, then you don't need all those baby-proofing gadgets," she says.

Goodness gracious, great balls of... bees?



TOMMY BATTS

Now that I've got you singing Jerry Lee Lewis, some of you have probably seen what looks like a giant ball of bees on a tree branch or the side of a building. This is what is known as a swarm. Swarms are typically only seen with honey bees and are for the most part not aggressive.

As with most animals, the old adage, "If you don't bother them, they won't bother you," applies. Swarms are not a bad thing; it simply means that the bees are on the move.

Swarms can happen for two reasons: for space and/or reproduction. Swarming for space means that the colony has outgrown its hive location, while swarming for reproduction means that they are creating another hive to increase the bee population. While the two reasons are different, the basic process is roughly the same.

First, the colony either runs out of space in the current hive or its numbers have grown so great it is time for the hive to split into multiple hives. Next, the worker bees create what are known as queen cells; these are large cells that house larvae that will be raised to be a new queen.

If the worker bees prepare more than one queen cell, whichever one hatches first will kill the other queen cells to ensure her reign. Prior to the hatching of the new queen, the old queen and about half of the bees will leave the hive. They first will attach to a temporary location, such as a tree branch or the side of a building. At this point, scout bees will go and locate a permanent new hive. Once found, the hive moves to the new location. There are now two hives, each about half the size of the original hive.

But what about the other kinds of bees that are found in the area?

In this area, we have a few different species of bees. The most well-known are the bumblebees. Bumblebees are known for their large size and coloration, usually black with yellow stripes. Bumblebees are social bees, meaning they have a queen and worker bees, just like honey bees. The difference is that a bumblebee queen is the only bee to survive the winter below ground, while a honeybee hive will survive a winter, hopefully. Bumblebees are actually better suited for the pollination of certain crops. Typically, greenhouse crops are pollinated using a cardboard hive of bumblebees because of their lifespan of about 16 weeks as a hive.

I imagine a lot of folks have seen what looks like bumblebees flying around dead wood and carving holes about the size of a dime in the wood. These are actually not bumblebees, but carpenter bees. The key difference between these two is that the carpenter bee's abdomen is black and shiny, while a bumblebee's is covered in hair.

Did you know that a carpenter bee with a yellow spot on its face can't sting you? This is because those particular bees are males, or drones, and do not possess a stinger. Carpenter bees are not social, but for the most part live a solitary lifestyle. They can wreak havoc on an old wooden structure. If this is a problem there are control options, such as traps or insecticides. To fix the damage caused, just plug the holes in the fall or winter and apply a fresh coat of paint. The bees do not like fresh paint.

How many of you have noticed what looks like an awful lot of ant hills invading your yard? These are actually another type of bee that is found in this area called ground bees. These bees are solitary in nature and are not harmful. Their life cycle is very similar to the bumblebee and carpenter bee. A female will lay eggs in a brood chamber that looks like an ant hill and seal it off. She does this many times until she dies, leaving the larvae safely encased in the ground. In the spring, new bees will emerge from the brood chambers and start the process over again. This process can actually provide aeration for your lawn.

And finally, the most recognizable bee in our area is the honey bee. These are the only ones to make and store honey. Honey bees are best known for pollination, which is the act of transferring pollen of one flower to another. Did you know that a honey bee's primary purpose is to collect pollen for the hive and not for the flowers? The pollination of flowers is a by-product of the bees collecting pollen. Pollen in the hive is used as a protein source for the larvae.

Bees don't just visit flowers to get pollen, they also get a sweet substance called nectar. This nectar is a plant's way of rewarding the bees for visiting the flower. The nectar is taken back to the hive where it is converted into honey and used as a food source when mixed with pollen.

If you see a swarm in the coming months, please do not bother it. Call a beekeeper or the Wilson County Cooperative Extension office and we can connect you with a beekeeper who can come collect them. Also, if you have hives of honey bees of your own, want to become a beekeeper or just want to learn about them, please consider joining the Wilson County Beekeepers Association. Our next meeting is June 7 at the Wilson County Agricultural Center. Refreshments will be served at 6:30 p.m. with an informational meeting to follow at 7. In the future, we will try to meet on the first Thursday night of each month. If you have any questions, please call 252-237-0111.

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Rescinded vacation invitation causes bad blood in family



DEAR ABBY

DEAR ABBY: My son "Jeff" is wealthy and lives in another state with his wife and family. His wife has now moved her mother to where they live and she works for my son. Jeff and his family take vacations several times a year in the U.S. and out of it, and always include her mother or her father and his wife.

Two months ago, he invited his sister and niece to go with them. They were very excited, but a few days later he called them and said his wife wanted her mother to go, so the invitation was withdrawn.

My son and his wife don't think they did anything wrong, but there have been bad feelings ever since, and they continue to take her family everywhere. How would you handle this? Would you keep silent or speak to them? — *Not Invited In Oklahoma*

Dear Not Invited: It appears your son's wife rules the roost. I don't blame your daughter for feeling hurt, because what your son did was insensitive and rude.

The problem with keeping silent is that hurt feelings fester and grow. If it were I, I wouldn't fume in silence. Your daughter should talk to her brother about what happened, and point out how hurtful rescinding the invitation was to her and her daughter. Getting it off her chest may make her feel better.

DEAR ABBY: I'm a 69-year-old woman. I look my age because, unlike most of my friends, I don't color my hair. Sometimes when I'm shopping — such as in a grocery store — employees call me "young lady," as in "How are you today, young lady?" I find it condescending. Why is it necessary to make reference to my age? Obviously, they don't think I'm young at all. What would you say in these situations? — *Irritated In San Diego*

Dear Irritated: You are asking a question I receive often. Older women not only resent being called "young lady," they also dislike being called "honey" and "sweetie" by someone who doesn't know them well. Because it bothers you, tell the person, "I know you're trying to be nice, but in the future, please use my name or call me 'ma'am.'" This is something you might also mention to the store manager, so he or she can remind the staff that not everyone appreciates the overfamiliarity.

DEAR ABBY: Recently, on an airline flight, the passenger next to me put her feet (with shoes on) onto the headrest in front of her. No one was in the seat. Since she had her headphones on, I tapped her on the shoulder and indicated that it was unsanitary to put one's feet where normally a passenger's head should be. I got a dirty look for my efforts, and the young woman made quite a scene.

Should I have ignored the situation, or said something to the flight attendants? What do you recommend? — *Unsanitary In The East*

Dear Unsanitary: If you had quietly alerted the flight attendants and let them handle it, you would have spared yourself the unpleasantness you experienced. That's what I would recommend.

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Phantom smells often linked to damaged nasal cavity



ASK THE DOCTORS

Dear Doctor: Last year, for four months, I smelled cigarette smoke all the time — even though I wasn't near smokers. The problem went away, but now it's back. I can be in bed, in my kitchen, at the grocery store, even church. I have been diagnosed with benign paroxysmal positional vertigo. Is there a connection? If not, what's causing this?

Dear Reader: I can only imagine what a nuisance this is. The condition is called phantosmia, meaning the smelling of an odor that isn't actually there. Rest assured, you're not alone.

One survey of 3,603 people over the age of 40 found that 6 percent of people experience phantom odors. Another study, of 2,569 people ages 60 to 90, found that 4.9 percent reported phantosmia. The condition is more often reported by women than men, with many women having had a prior short-lived episode between the ages of 15 and 30. For the majority, the phantom odors are unpleasant, often described as the smell of something burned, spoiled, rotten or foul. Thus, the smell of cigarette smoke is not unusual. Symptoms can last from two minutes to 30 minutes at a time; fortunately, they're rarely chronic.

Phantosmia can have a variety of causes, some of them serious. The most common one is inflammation within the nasal cavity or within the sinuses. This is most likely in people who have chronic allergies or recurrent sinus infections, but the condition can also occur with nasal passage inflammation not related to allergies, such as that linked to exposure to solvents, ammonia, benzene, cigarette smoke and drugs inhaled through the nose.

Your diagnosis of benign paroxysmal positional vertigo could theoretically be linked to the condition in that this type of vertigo can be related to middle ear and Eustachian tube dysfunction, which in turn can be affected by nasal and sinus problems. Knowing whether you have a history of nasal congestion or sinus problems might shed light on this potential connection.

Trauma to the nose or the sinuses can also lead to phantosmia, as can head trauma that damages the areas of the brain that process smell. Speaking of the brain, the olfactory bulb located above the nasal cavity is full of nerves that send information about smell to the brain and, as we get older, this area can become damaged and lose many of its nerve cells. This loss can be especially significant in people with neurodegenerative diseases such as Alzheimer's, Parkinson's and Lewy Body dementia, all of which affect the olfactory bulb.

Blood pressure medications, such as beta blockers, calcium channel blockers and ACE inhibitors, can occasionally be linked to both loss of smell and phantosmia. Other potential causes include tumors within the brain or nasal cavity, as well as seizures.

Often, however, no cause can be found. This is termed idiopathic phantosmia and, on the plus side, it improves with time. In fact, 53 percent of patients have improvement or resolution of phantom smells after one year.

So, be encouraged that your symptoms could improve. In the meantime, try nasal rinses — which could decrease the sense of phantom smells — and work with your physician to identify, if possible, a cause for the problem.

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Why does hiccup remedy work?



PEOPLE'S PHARMACY

Q. I've suffered with hiccups all my life (I'm in my late 50s). The only remedy that really works is one I learned from a friend about six years ago: Raise your left arm straight over your head while drinking a glass of water.

Can you tell me why this works? I'm guessing it has to do with the stretching motion expanding or opening up the diaphragm.

A. Hiccups are heard when the diaphragm repeatedly contracts involuntarily and the vocal cords close immediately after each contraction. There are many triggers, including a large meal, hot peppers, alcohol, carbonated beverages and anesthesia. A number of serious health conditions also can set off hard-to-treat hiccups. That's why persistent hiccups (beyond two days) should be brought to a doctor's attention.

We have been collecting hiccup remedies for over 40 years. We suspect that many work by stimulating nerves in the mouth and throat. This in turn might interrupt the muscular contraction. Raising the left arm while drinking water may help stimulate the vagus nerve, much as swallowing a spoonful of sugar would. This is a time-honored remedy for hiccups (New England Journal of Medicine, Dec. 23, 1971).

Other remedies, such as sipping pickle juice or eating olives, might work by activating transient receptor potential (TRP) channels in this same pathway. You can learn about many other hiccup remedies in our book "Quick & Handy Home Remedies." It is available at www.PeoplesPharmacy.com.

Q. People with frequent migraine headaches often are advised to follow an elimination diet. Is there any evidence regarding its effectiveness?

A. A comprehensive review of diet and headache in the journal Headache (October 2016) notes that this is a controversial topic. The research is not as rigorous as one might wish.

Foods that are thought to trigger migraines include alcoholic beverages like red wine, chocolate, coffee, aged cheese, nuts, processed meats such as salami, citrus fruits and milk. MSG (monosodium glutamate), caffeine and artificial sweeteners also have been implicated.

A small, randomized, controlled trial found that patients had fewer headaches and less pain during the elimination diet phase (Journal of Headache Pain, Oct. 23, 2014).

Better research would be welcome. People who suffer migraines may want to do their own experimentation to see if eliminating specific foods is helpful.

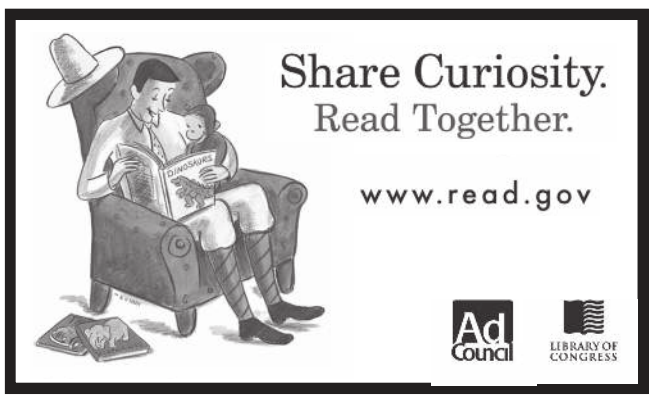
Q. I've found that a couple of slices of ripe papaya calms heartburn. It also provides a little fresh fruit to the diet. Papaya enzyme tablets work, but the fresh papaya is a better choice for me.

A. A doctor first reported the benefits of papain, an enzyme from papaya fruit, for treating heartburn in The British Medical Journal on April 3, 1886. Sadly, there has been very little well-controlled research over the subsequent decades.

As long as people are not allergic to papaya, your remedy is worth a try. Some people with latex allergy also are sensitive to papaya, mango, banana and avocado (Allergy, April 1997).

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THOUGHT FOR TODAY

Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect. (Matthew 5:48)

PRAYER: Dear Lord, help us to give our best efforts in growing our relationship with you. Help us to love our neighbors as we love ourselves. Amen.

IN OUR OPINION

Instead of hiking minimum wages, narrow skills gap

The perennial push to raise North Carolina's minimum wage to $15 an hour is back in the headlines, though anyone tracking the flow of legislation in Raleigh would be hard-pressed to tell you why.

Since the General Assembly's short session began last month, the N.C. Democratic Party, advocacy group Raising Wages NC and the progressive North Carolina Justice Center have been touting Senate and House minimum wage bills that stand zero chance of a committee hearing, let alone becoming law.

Former Sen. Angela Bryant, D-Nash, filed Senate Bill 210 on March 7, 2017. One day later it was referred to the House Rules Committee, a legislative boneyard where bills go to die. The House version, HB 289, was similarly shelved. Advocates are trumpeting these year-old policy proposals as if they were hot off the presses to get the issue on voters' radar ahead of November's legislative elections.

A $15-per-hour pay floor is the wrong prescription for North Carolina's economy. It's no coincidence that the states with the highest minimum wage — Washington, California and Massachusetts — have high costs of living that will only increase as inflation drives up rents and consumer prices.

Pitched as a life preserver for the working poor, the $15 mandate would mainly give teenage part-timers and second-income earners a raise at the expense of low-skilled laborers. A 2016 study by San Diego State University economist Joseph Sabia cites Census data showing only about 13 percent of workers making between $7.25 and $10.10 an hour live in poor households while "nearly two-thirds live in households with incomes over twice the poverty line and over 40 percent live in households with incomes over three times the poverty line."

Most minimum-wage workers aren't the family breadwinner. And hiking labor costs forces businesses to downsize, jeopardizing the jobs of the least-competitive employees. Think high school dropouts, former inmates and mentally challenged workers.

Sabia's study cites a body of academic research to conclude that "a 10 percent increase in the minimum wage reduces low-skilled employment by 1 to 3 percent."

For heads of households, jobs that pay $7.25 have long been intended as the first rung on the occupational ladder, not a plateau where workers should stagnate. Artificially doubling the pay for entry-level work reduces the incentive to pursue the education and training that helps people triple or quadruple their wages.

The help-wanted signs are out at welding and construction companies, factories and trucking firms. Yet managers can't find qualified workers in the skilled trades, which pay decent salaries with the potential for advancement. There are a glut of unfilled jobs that require more than a high school diploma and less than a bachelor's degree.

If lawmakers really want to help the working poor, they ought to expand training opportunities and work at whittling away North Carolina's skills gap.

As the national and state economies continue to recover, the free market has shown it's capable of increasing pay and perks without government meddling. Big-box retailers Walmart and Target have both implemented $11-an-hour minimums, and Walmart announced Wednesday it will pay its associates' college tuition for four-year business and supply chain management degrees if they pitch in $1 per day.

When unemployment is low, companies raise wages on their own in order to recruit and retain the best employees. No prodding from Raleigh or Washington is necessary.

Advocates for government-imposed wage hikes raise the specter of income inequality, citing stratospheric pay for CEOs and corporate executives. That's a cynical dodge and a statistical red herring, as lifting low-wage earners out of poverty doesn't require narrowing the gap between them and their bosses. Inequality may have risen, but so have average incomes on the low end of the scale.

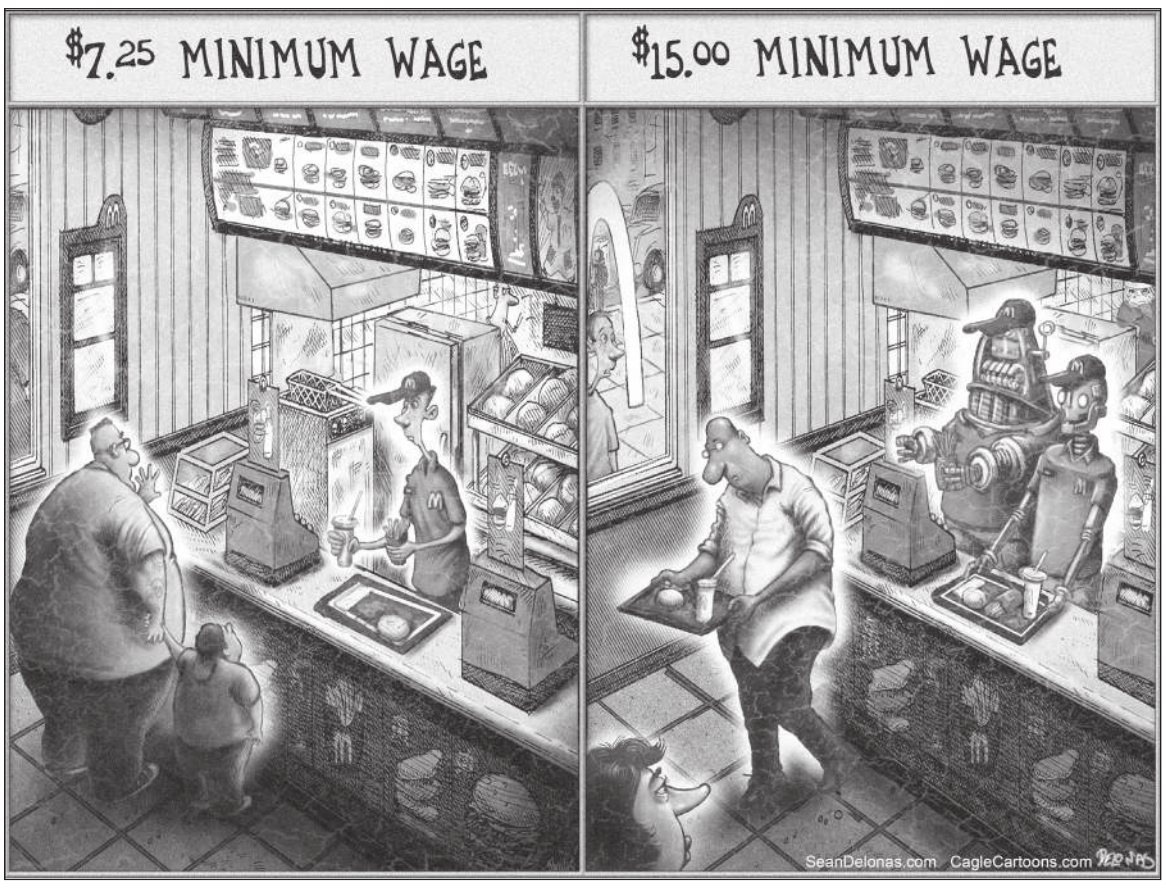
"You should care about 'How do we make poor people rich?' not 'How do we make rich people poorer so that everybody's at the same level?'" notes conservative pundit Ben Shapiro. "Because that's just you being jealous. That's just you not liking the guy's house next door because it's bigger than your house."

Politicians who campaign on minimum-wage hikes do so at their own peril. There's nothing compassionate or moral about driving up inflation and spiking labor costs until businesses shed jobs, hurting instead of helping the least-able and most vulnerable workers.

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LETTERS

VA fails our veterans on transportation and treatment

Re: "Volunteer drivers needed to help disabled vets" by Ray Chambers, May 21:

I cannot allow this Memorial Day week to go by without paying the utmost respect to our fallen heroes and wounded warriors. Without them, we would be living under a foreign flag without a trace of freedom. I am also inspired by the letter written by Commander Chambers of the DAV, Monday's letter by William Batchelor and the excellent print coverage in today's Wilson Times.

The letter from Commander Chambers left me with shock and disgust. I wanted to reach out, yes reach out and publicly denounce the incompetency of the Veterans Affairs bureaucrats and Congress. This VA medical boondoggle needs to end immediately. We have all heard of "Too big to fail;" The VA should be labeled "Too big to succeed." Each time a new bureaucrat is placed in charge of the VA, it gets worse.

Commander Chambers of Disabled American Veterans Chapter 8 in Wilson describes the problem of a shortage of drivers to transport these disabled veterans to various clinics and hospitals. He should not need any drivers because it is absolutely ridiculous that these veterans have to travel out of town when there are qualified clinics, doctors and a hospital right here in Wilson.

If he or she cannot get the medical treatment here in Wilson, then the VA should provide the veteran with a limo and a driver or plane ticket to transport him where he needs to be. If the nearest treatment is across the country, send him there free of charge with VIP service. I think we can all agree there should be no additional sacrifices for disabled veterans. Any wounded veteran and the family of a person who died for our freedom should live in VIP status the remainder of their life.

.I am a veteran, but thank God, I suffered no physical or mental problems in service, so at the present time I am not in need of the VA. I have Medicare and a supplement that pays my deductible and co-pay. I purchase my generic medicine from the local pharmacy because it is less expensive than from the VA. I see my family doctor on schedule four times each year plus any specialist who is needed. However, I have to waste a day each year and drive to Greenville for my five-minute medical exam.

An ounce of common sense would dictate that my appointment, which is not needed, be allocated to a desperate veteran who is on a two-month wait list. The VA will accept lab reports, X-rays and various med tests from my attending physician, but will not accept his proof of the status of my health. Our tax dollars in action.

Carl Hinson
WILSON

Minimum wage hike would boost economy



ROB SCHOFIELD

There are a lot of important statistics that confirm just how out of whack the U.S. economy has grown during this modern Gilded Age we currently inhabit, but two factoids from a recent CNN story say an awful lot about where things stand:

• No. 1. — The U.S. unemployment rate just dipped to an 18-year low recently at 3.9 percent, and

• No. 2 — Nearly 51 million American households (around 43 percent) don't earn enough to afford a monthly budget that includes housing, food, child care, health care, transportation and a cellphone.

The answers to how this absurd situation came about can be found in several places. CEO greed is an obvious one. As the good people at Inequality.org (a project of the Institute for Policy Studies) recently reported, "In 188 of the first 225 major companies to report their CEO-worker pay ratios for 2017, typical employees would have to work over 100 years to match what their CEO makes in just one."

Not surprisingly, the economic picture here in North Carolina is similarly disturbing. As a recent story by reporter Richard Craver of the Winston-Salem Journal confirmed, compensation for local CEOs continues to rise, thanks mostly to big stock and stock-option awards.

Meanwhile, average families continue to struggle. A recent examination of county economic data in North Carolina by experts at the North Carolina Budget and Tax Center found, among other things, that:

• The richest 5 percent of households in North Carolina have an average income that is 28 times greater than the poorest 20 percent;

• Rent is unaffordable for 50.6 percent of North Carolina renters; and

• 7 percent of North Carolina children lived in poverty in 2016.

While several commonsense policy options could make a difference in addressing this situation — expanded access to affordable health care, tax changes that would shift the load away from the poor and middle class and onto the wealthiest, expanded affordable housing investments, better investments in public education — the simplest and most obvious first step is to put more cash in the pay that struggling workers take home each week.

In other words, North Carolina should raise its minimum wage.

Consider the following:

• The minimum wage in North Carolina is $7.25 an hour (or $15,080 a year), the same as the federal minimum wage. That's $1,000 less per year than the official and admittedly low federal poverty level for a family of one adult and one child.

• The minimum wage hasn't come close to keeping up with inflation. The $1.60 per hour minimum wage of 1968 would've been $11.71 in March of this year, if it had kept up.

• An estimated 1.3 million people in North Carolina (roughly one-third of the workforce) would benefit from a $12 minimum wage as the ripple effect of raising the wage floor would give a boost to the many hundreds of thousands of working people making just above the minimum wage.

But even if one sets aside the issues of fairness and morality, there's another reason for North Carolina leaders to move on raising the minimum wage that may surprise some at first blush: it's actually good for business and the economy.

As Allan Freyer of the North Carolina Justice Center explained in an August 2017 brief, economists have repeatedly found that those states that increased their minimum wages have actually seen better economic performance, lower unemployment and higher job creation rates than those states that didn't raise their wages.

Raising the minimum wage creates more customers, more sales and bigger profits. Studies indicate a $10 minimum wage would increase paychecks for North Carolina's workers by $2 billion a year. That's $2 billion in increased consumer spending at local businesses, boosting business sales, business profits and creating more than 5,000 new jobs.

Second, raising the minimum wage helps small businesses reduce payroll costs by reducing employee absenteeism and turnover while simultaneously boosting productivity. Economists have long recognized that better-paid workers are more efficient, more effective and more productive.

What's more, these positive effects of a minimum wage increase tend to more than outweigh the additional wage costs to businesses. Where employers do feel at all pressured by rising wages, economists find that they are more likely to reduce worker hours than engage in layoffs — a pattern that almost invariably leaves workers ahead.

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Commentary

"What has made our current climate toxic and threatening is that our total allegiance to a political, philosophical or other tribe is robbing us of our larger identities as North Carolinians and Americans." TOM CAMPBELL

Identity politics push left and right to extremes



TOM CAMPBELL

How do you identify yourself?

You might begin by stating whether you're male or female, or the age group you are in. Or you might identify by race, sex, religion, where you live or your profession. Throughout recorded history humans have been tribal. We need to belong, to identify with others, to have established norms.

For much of the 20th century, most North Carolina voters belonged to the Democratic tribe. Many went so far as to define themselves as "North Carolina Democrats," a tribal subset more moderate or conservative than the more liberal national tribe. When the Republican Party emerged and inched within numerical parity many cheered, thinking two competitive parties would be good for public debate, field more and better candidates, ensure better solutions and better government.

Two things dashed those aspirations.

Part of the reason why Republicans gained such a foothold in North Carolina was because, like the national Democratic Party, our state Democrats moved further to the progressive left. Many of those lifelong "North Carolina Democrats," especially white men, complained the party had left them, so they, in turn, left and joined the Republican tribe.

We now see the GOP waging a similar battle for identity, with traditional mainstream Republicans (think Jim Broyhill and Jim Martin) trying to survive against more aggressive, hard-line, ultra-right elements (think Mark Meadows and Bob Rucho).

These tribal wars are playing out badly for both parties, especially when you factor in the second reality — the absolute insistence that to keep your tribal ID card and secret decoder ring you either back the tribe in any and all positions, no matter how preposterous, or get off the reservation.

Registration numbers demonstrate more are leaving…or least not choosing the two dominant tribes. Unaffiliated voters are eclipsing state Republicans in number and are gaining on Democrats. They haven't formed a tribe yet, but stick around.

Amy Chua, in a fascinating book, "Political Tribes; Group instinct and the fate of nations," says the identity politics that has seized both the American left and right is dangerous.

"On the left, this has given rise to increasingly radical and exclusionary rhetoric of privilege and cultural appropriation," she writes. "On the right, it has fueled a disturbing rise in xenophobia and white nationalism."

As we head into the 2018 midterm elections, here are some conclusions drawn from 50 years of following politics. There is nothing wrong with identifying with a tribe. We always have and always will. What has made our current climate toxic and threatening is that our total allegiance to a political, philosophical or other tribe is robbing us of our larger identities as North Carolinians and Americans. And we aren't just talking North Carolinians only or Americans only, because we are also citizens of the world.

These are not times for divisiveness. Comfortable as the tribe might be, the issues are too large, the consequences too great and lessons from our history demonstrate what happens when tribalism, nationalism or any of the "-isms" dominate us and blind us into blaming, bigotry, isolation and hatred.

Bishop Michael Curry, in his magnificent homily at the royal wedding, called us into becoming our better selves, people who love God, country and love one another. The real tribe to which we belong is that of humankind.



Democrats favor business tax cuts



JOHN HOOD

RALEIGH — North Carolina Democrats have never opposed lowering taxes on big business. You may hear a lot of rhetoric to the contrary during the election cycle. Here's why, to borrow a phrase, you should take that rhetoric seriously but not literally.

Democrats have run state government for most of state history. They were in charge of both the executive and legislative branches as recently as 2010. The current Democratic governor, Roy Cooper, has served in various state offices since 1987.

So we don't have to guess what fiscal policies North Carolina Democrats would implement. We can consult their history. It reveals that, contrary to what you may be told, they clearly agree with the proposition that taxes affect business decisions, just as other prices do.

For example, under partially or totally Democratic governments, North Carolina offered tax credits worth hundreds of millions of dollars each year to companies that made investments or created jobs in our state.

Democrats also bestowed tens of millions of dollars a year in tax breaks to companies, often huge ones, that produced films and TV shows. They provided millions more in tax credits to companies that purchased and redeveloped abandoned factories, power plants, homes and other properties. They shoveled even more tax breaks to alternative-energy companies, primarily solar firms championed or populated by Democrats.

On top of all these other tax cuts, they negotiated additional tax breaks for politically favored companies — for technology firms, major manufacturers and corporate headquarters.

If North Carolina Democrats really don't think taxes affect business decisions, why did they pursue these policies? Was it just about straight-up graft and corruption? Was it a blind, unthinking attempt to "keep up with the Joneses" in other state governments?

We know the answer to these questions, too. When Republicans won control of the state legislature in 2010 and the governor's mansion, albeit briefly, in 2012, they put their own stamp on North Carolina's tax system. Believing it was a wiser policy to cut business taxes across the board rather than to carve out these special credits, rates and exemptions, GOP policymakers have reduced the tax rate on corporate income to what will be 2.5 percent next year, down from 6.9 percent. They have also reduced the top tax rate on individual income, the relevant one for businesses organized in ways other than "C-corporations," to what will be 5.25 percent next year, down from 7.75 percent.

Partially to offset the fiscal impact of these tax cuts, Republicans eliminated many of the Democrats' more-targeted cuts, such as the tax incentives for film and TV. Interestingly, Democrats have responded by claiming both that cutting business taxes won't attract more employers to North Carolina and that eliminating the film credits have chased production companies away, costing us jobs.

It would be easy to charge the politicians and commentators involved with illogical reasoning or partisan hypocrisy. Far be it from me to take the easy way out. There is, in fact, a coherent theory here, although it is rarely spelled out: government knows best. Politicians should decide which industries or individual businesses are the best investments, and can forecast which will respond most favorably to lower tax burdens.

In investment terms, Democrats think the state should actively manage a targeted portfolio of tax cuts. Most Republicans think this is folly. They know central planners can't possibly possess the required knowledge about a dynamic economy to make such decisions prudently. Instead, Republicans favor a diversified portfolio of tax cuts — applying to all businesses, large and small, in any industry. Less favoritism. Less insider dealing. Less pretense.

A recent study by two College of Charleston economists, Peter Calcagno and Frank Hefner, found that states were more likely to strike tax-incentive megadeals if their income-tax burdens were higher than average. That provides at least partial empirical support for the nationwide presence of the trade-off I'm describing.

The real debate is whether to go narrow or go broad on tax relief. The latter is the correct answer.

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TALK BACK

EACH DAY, *The Wilson Times shares stories, columns and breaking news updates on our Facebook page for an audience of 29,500 followers.*

On Lloyd Cameron celebrating the rare milestone of 30 years on dialysis; the average life expectancy for a kidney dialysis patient is 5-7 years:

Thirty years on dialysis, what a blessing! My daddy was on dialysis for 7 years. We had some of the most amazing nurses there when my daddy was going and we met so many wonderful people experiencing what we were going through.

Jennifer Williamson Parrish
VIA FACEBOOK

Keep fighting. I recently lost my big brother. He had been on dialysis for over 37 years. Never realize it takes a toll on you. So keep up the fight.

Timothy Davis
VIA FACEBOOK

Drink plenty of water! Congratulations and God bless!

Michelle Stephens
VIA FACEBOOK

This is the sweetest man ever! Love his zest for life.

Wendy Davis-Herring
VIA FACEBOOK

On Dennis Vick's recovery from a heart attack he sustained at New Hope Missionary Baptist Church:

What an amazing testimony to God's awesome power and attention to detail

Jane Brown Mull
VIA WILSONTIMES.COM

What a beautiful story. I went to New Hope school with Dennis. He and Diane were one grade below me and his wife, Teresa was a one or two grades ahead of me, but I remember them all very well. Thank God for this miracle.

Pat Massey-Turner
VIA WILSONTIMES.COM

Awesome. God is always there.

Ronnie Summerlin
VIA WILSONTIMES.COM

Didn't know about this. Such a wonderful testimony! Dennis had the best sense of humor in high school. Made me laugh many times!

Becky Walston Davis
VIA FACEBOOK

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Liberal arts education still has its value



D.G. MARTIN

Can the experience of world-renowned musician and North Carolina native Joseph Robinson contribute to North Carolina's ongoing dialogue about the purpose and value of higher education?

You be the judge.

Robinson's recent memoir, "Long Winded: An Oboist's Incredible Journey to the New York Philharmonic," asks: How did a small town-boy who never attended conservatory persuade one of the world's greatest conductors, Zubin Mehta, to give him a chance at one of the world's most coveted positions in one of the world's greatest orchestras?

Robinson grew up in Lenoir, finished Davidson College, spent a year in Germany on a Fulbright fellowship and did graduate study at the Woodrow Wilson School at Princeton. Without the focused, intensive conservatory training that is a usual prerequisite to a high-level performing career, his effort to build a life around his passion for the oboe was a struggle. He moved through a series of journeyman teaching and performing positions at the Atlanta Symphony, the North Carolina School of the Arts and the University of Maryland before he broke through to the top.

Growing up in a small North Carolina town might not be the best background for an aspiring classical musician. But the mountain furniture community of Lenoir had the best high school band in the state. When Robinson was drafted to fill an empty oboe slot, his course was set.

He loved the oboe so much that his Davidson classmates called him "Oboe Joe." But Davidson's musical program lacked the professional music training that Robinson craved. He almost transferred to Oberlin where there were more opportunities. Instead, he stayed at Davidson and majored in English, economics and the liberal arts, focusing on writing and expression.

His success at Davidson led to a Fulbright grant and the opportunity to meet Marcel Tabuteau, whom Robinson says was the greatest player and oboe pedagogue of the 20th century. When Tabuteau learned that Robinson was an English major and a good writer who could help write his book on oboe theory, he agreed to give him oboe instruction. Those five weeks with Tabuteau, Robinson says, "more than compensated for the conservatory training I did not receive."

Years later, Robinson still had not achieved his aspiration to land a first oboe chair in a major orchestra when Harold Gomberg, the acclaimed lead oboe of the New York Philharmonic, retired.

Audaciously, Robinson applied, and when finally granted an audition, he prepared endlessly. He was ready for the hour and 20 minutes of paces the audition committee demanded. Afterwards, he was confident that he had done very well.

But Philharmonic's personnel manager, James Chambers, after saying how well the audition went, reported that music director Mehta judged Robinson's tone "too strong" for the Philharmonic. He was not to be one of the two players who were finalists.

That should have been the end of it, but Robinson writes, "I knew that winning a once-in-a lifetime position like principal oboe of the New York Philharmonic was like winning the lottery."

At 3 a.m., he wrote Chambers explaining why his tone might have seemed too strong and, "You will not make a mistake by choosing Eric or Joe, but you might by excluding me if tone is really the issue."

When Chambers read the letter to Mehta, they agreed that it could not have been "more persuasive or fortuitous."

Chambers reported that Mehta said, "If you believe in yourself that much, he will hear you again."

Robinson's final audition was successful. "His winning lottery ticket," he writes, "had Davidson College written all over it."

How does Robinson's experience's contribute to our higher education debate? Simply put, while training for jobs and careers is critical, liberal arts are the keys to special lifetime opportunities like Robinson's "winning lottery ticket."

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Trump pardons favor the celeb-connected, conservative causes

By Jill Colvin and Darlene Superville
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump on Thursday pardoned a conservative commentator he claims "was treated very unfairly by our government!" and announced he's thinking about clemency for Martha Stewart and former Illinois Gov. Rod Blagojevich, among "lots" of other people.

"What they did to him was horrible," Trump told reporters, speaking of his decision to clear the name of Dinesh D'Souza, who had pleaded guilty to campaign finance fraud.

It was the latest example of Trump trying to right a perceived wrong with his presidential pardon power, and a move that makes ever clearer that, in the Trump administration, the odds of a pardon have heavily favored those with a celebrity backer, those who have become a cause celebre among conservatives and those with a reality TV connection.

Trump has been particularly drawn to cases where he believes there was a political motivation to the prosecutions — a situation that may remind him of his own predicament at the center of special counsel Robert Mueller's investigation into Russian election meddling, which he insists is nothing but a "witch hunt."

On Thursday, Trump said he was seriously considering commuting the sentence of Blagojevich, the Democratic former governor serving a 14-year prison sentence on numerous counts of corruption, including trying to sell the U.S. Senate seat that was vacated by Barack Obama. The president also said he was considering a pardon for Stewart, the celebrity lifestyle guru who served a stint in federal prison after being convicted of charges related to a stock sale.

Both had connections to Trump's "Celebrity Apprentice" reality television show: Blagojevich was a contestant in 2010 and Stewart hosted the 2005 spinoff series, "The Apprentice: Martha Stewart."

Hours earlier, Trump said on Twitter he would pardon D'Souza. An outspoken critic of Obama, D'Souza claimed his prosecution by the Obama Justice Department was politically motivated.

Trump has issued five pardons as president: The first went to former Arizona sheriff Joe Arpaio, a top Trump supporter during the 2016 campaign, who was spared the prospect of serving jail time after a conviction stemming from his use of racially targeted immigration patrols. Next came Navy sailor Kristian Saucier, who had taken photos of classified portions of a submarine. Trump often mentioned Saucier's case on the campaign trail as he criticized his former Democratic rival, Hillary Clinton, for her use of a private email server. Saucier had claimed his prosecution was driven by sensitivity about classified information driven by Clinton's case.

Next came former White House aide I. Lewis "Scooter" Libby. A former top aide to Vice President Dick Cheney, Libby was convicted of lying to investigators and obstruction of justice following the 2003 leak of the covert identity of a CIA officer. The Libby case was taken up by conservatives who argued he was the victim of an overly zealous and politically motivated prosecution by a special counsel.

That pardon, especially, was seen as a sign that Trump might be willing to pardon former aides caught up in the Mueller inquiry.

Trump has also been moved by cases championed by celebrities. Last week, he pardoned Jack Johnson, boxing's first black heavyweight champion, whose case had been brought to his attention by actor Sylvester Stallone. And on Wednesday, he met with reality TV star Kim Kardashian, who urged him to pardon Alice Marie Johnson, a woman serving a life sentence for drug offenses.

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Statistics through 4 p.m. yesterday

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High	86°
Low	73°
Normal high	82°
Normal low	60°
Last year's high	83°
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Precipitation

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Month to date	4.28"
Normal month to date	3.50"
Year to date	16.70"
Normal year to date	17.56"
Last year to date	20.84"

Humidity

8 a.m. today	93%
Noon today	62%
4 p.m. today	49%

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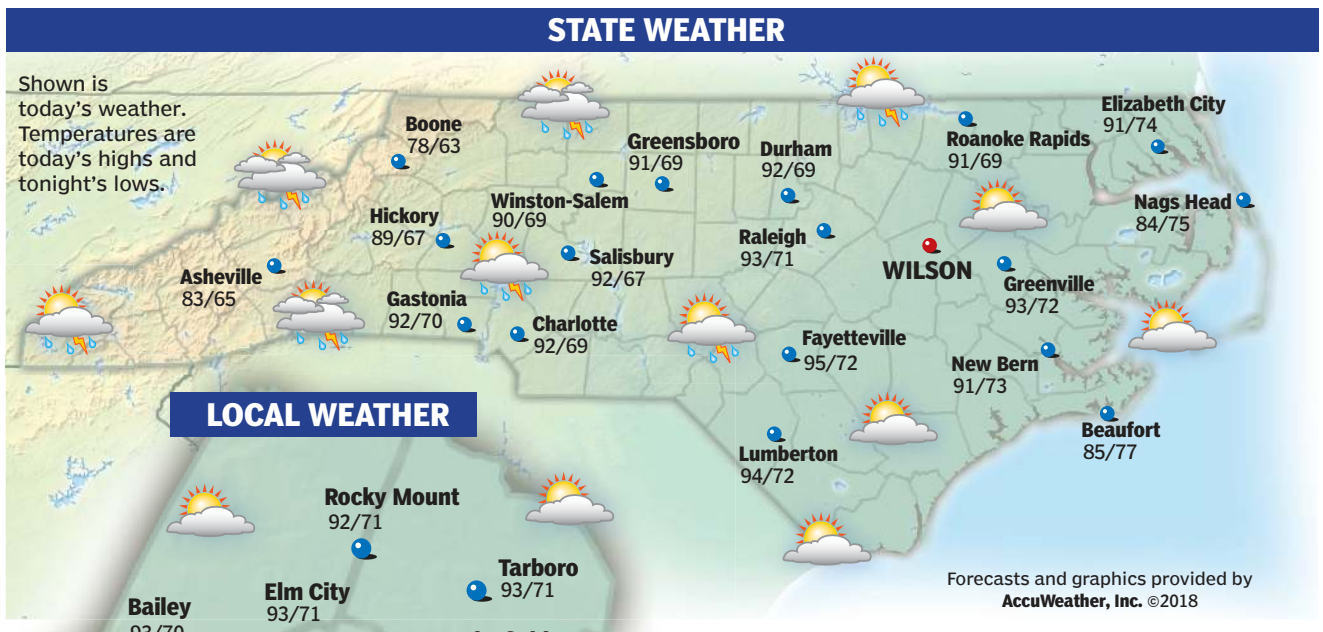
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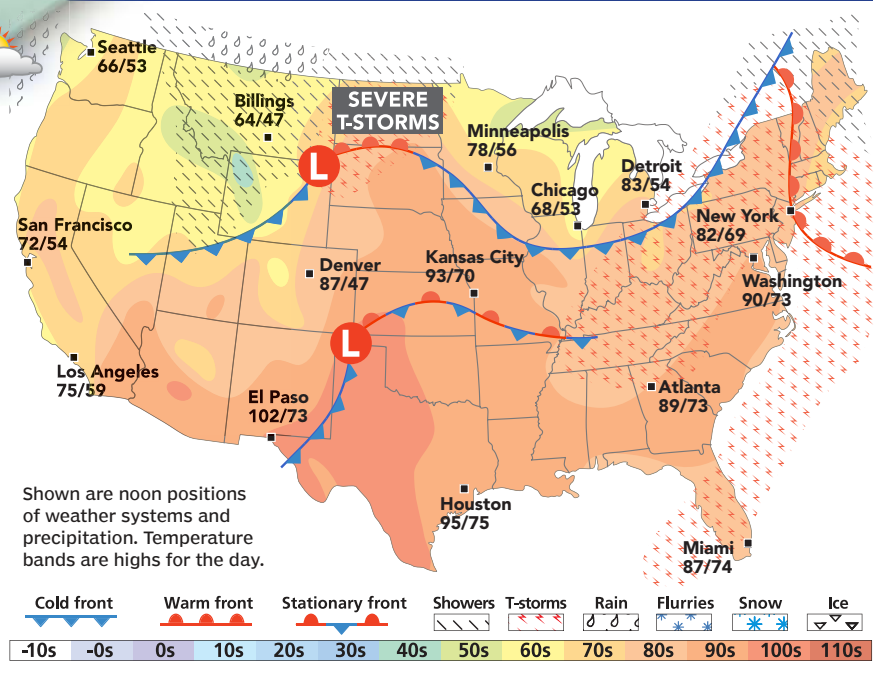
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Jordan	216.76	216.0	+0.07
Kerr	301.32	300.0	-3.40
Mackintosh	551.58	551.5	none
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Sports

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Slamming into summer

Brooks' grand slam powers Tobs to Opening Night win over Peninsula, 6-2

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No doubt, a more dramatic finish could have been scripted for the Wilson Tobs' 2018 Coastal Plain League summer collegiate baseball opener in Fleming Stadum on Thursday night.

But the one that unfolded appealed — especially to the Tobs and third baseman Drew Brooks.

With the score knotted at 2-2, the bases loaded and two outs in the bottom of the seventh inning, the left-handed hitting Brooks belted a grand slam, a blast over the left-field wall, sending Wilson to a 6-2 victory against the Peninsula (Virginia) Pilots.

The Tobs, coming off a horrendous 2017 season, continue East Division play with their road opener against Edenton on Friday night.

The score stayed tied at 2-2 in the top of the seventh when right-hander Niko Jenkins relieved left-hander Cody Smith with two outs and the bases loaded and, with a sharp-biting breaking pitch, struck out Pilots hitter Dominic Toso.

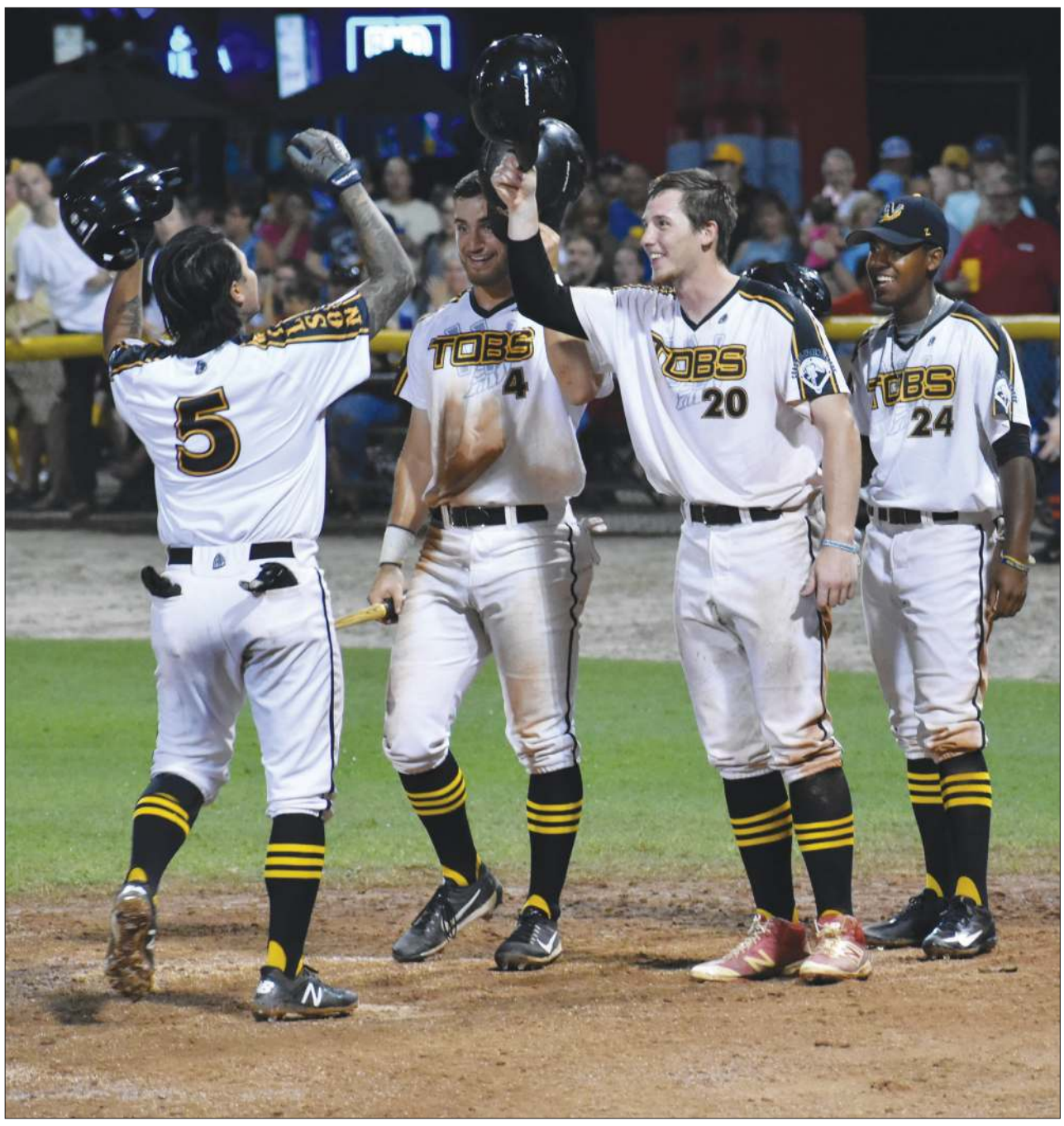
Smith struck out the first two batters he faced in overpowering fashion but, then, couldn't locate the strike zone and walked the bases loaded.

The one strikeout was enough to land Jenkins the win.

Wilson loaded the bases in the bottom of the seventh on singles by catcher Steven Zimmerman and left fielder Dudley Taw and a hit batsman. After a strikeout from Pilots right-hander Douglas Palmer, the loser, Brooks connected on a high, outside fastball.

"I just try to get good wood on any ball at any time I can," Brooks downplayed his feat. "I was trying not to do too much and stay within myself. I

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The Tobs' Drew Brooks (5) is greeted at home plate by teammates Dudley Taw (4), Steven Zimmerman (20) and Antwaun Tucker (24) after belting a grand slam in the bottom of the seventh inning to break a 2-2 tie. Taw, Zimmerman and Tucker scored ahead of Brooks in Wilson's 6-2 victory. Tom Ham | Times



Washington Capitals center Evgeny Kuznetsov, winces after a check by Vegas Golden Knights defenseman Brayden McNabb during the first period of Game 2 of the Stanley Cup Finals Wednesday in Las Vegas. AP

Caps ready to roll in Stanley Cup Final if Kuznetsov is out

By Stephen Whyno
AP Hockey Writer

WASHINGTON — The sight of Evgeny Kuznetsov clutching his left arm and leaving the ice after a hit from Brayden McNabb isn't as big a threat to the Washington Capitals' title hopes as it might seem.

Not after the Capitals withstood three games without Nicklas Backstrom. Not after they missed Kuznetsov for most of Game 2 of the Stanley Cup Final and still beat the Vegas Golden Knights to tie the series.

They'd love to have their leading scorer in the lineup Saturday night in Washington, but with superstar captain Alex Ovechkin and several top players producing and filling the void, the Capitals are built to handle life without Kuznetsov if it comes to that.

"We've had some guys been out here and there these playoffs," Backstrom said. "It's hard to replace Kuznetsov the way he's been playing, but if that's the case it is what it is and we just have to have other guys step up."

Coach Barry Trotz provided no update on Kuznetsov on Thursday other than to say the Russian center is day to day. The team practices again

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Twitter, betting on Silver's mind at NBA Finals

By Tim Reynolds
AP Basketball Writer

OAKLAND, Calif. — Adam Silver has encouraged the Philadelphia 76ers to both quickly and thoroughly resolve the investigation into whether team president Bryan Colangelo used Twitter inappropriately, a story that the NBA commissioner acknowledged was not one he wants to be thinking about during the league's title series.

Silver, speaking Thursday before Game 1 of the Cleveland-Golden State matchup at the NBA Finals news conference, said he has talked with 76ers officials after the story about five Twitter accounts and how they were used was broken by The Ringer earlier this week.

"Here we are, Game 1 of the finals, it's not necessarily something that we want to be talking about," Silver said. "But it's the reality of this league. And so I have no information beyond that, other than that investigation is underway."

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NBA Commissioner Adam Silver speaks at a news conference before Game 1 of the NBA Finals between the Golden State Warriors and the Cleveland Cavaliers in Oakland, Calif. AP



Serena Williams smiles at the net during her second round match of the French Open at the Roland Garros stadium in Paris on Thursday. AP

Serena Williams reaches third round at French Open

By Howard Fendrich
AP Tennis Writer

PARIS — After playing so infrequently, it's as if Serena Williams is starting from scratch.

Sure looked that way for a bit more than a half-hour in the French Open's second round on Thursday, when she dealt with muscle soreness, a lack of verve and a bunch of mistakes. So many mistakes.

And then, suddenly, after unleashing one particularly powerful backhand return winner that she punctuated with a shout, Williams was back. She was animated. Determined. Dominant, even. Shaking off some rust in her first Grand Slam tournament since giving birth nine months ago, Williams recalibrated her shots and erased a deficit of a set and a break to beat 17th-seeded Ashleigh Barty of Australia 3-6, 6-3, 6-4 in a match that ended shortly before dusk.

"I lost the first set, and I thought, 'I've got to try harder. I've got to just try harder,' she told the crowd afterward. "And Serena came out."

Well put.

Williams had all sorts of trouble in the opening set, compiling 12 unforced errors. By the time the second set was merely one game old, she had been broken twice in the match, each time at love, a rather surprising development for the owner of one of her sport's most dangerous serves.

Her coach, Patrick Mouratoglou,

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The 76ers retained an independent law firm to determine whether Colangelo used the Twitter accounts.

The situation could overshadow Philadelphia's efforts this summer to land any of the top players who will be free agents — a list that includes LeBron James, who's appearing in the NBA Finals for the eighth consecutive year.

Among the targets of harsh or critical comments on those Twitter accounts: Philadelphia players Joel Embiid and Markelle Fultz, former 76ers general manager Sam Hinkie, Toronto Raptors executive Masai Ujiri and former Sixers players Jahlil Okafor and Nerlens Noel. Embiid has said he does not believe that Colangelo wrote the tweets, dismissing the story as "insane."

Colangelo has acknowledged using one of the accounts to monitor NBA happenings.

"Let's find out what's going on," Silver said. "We have to separate the chatter and sort of what either fans or frankly the media are saying from the facts. The first thing we have to do here is determine what the actual facts are in this circumstance."

Silver touched on many other topics in his annual address, including:

SPORTS BETTING

There will be wagering on Game 3 of the NBA Finals, at least in Delaware casinos.

That state's officials have announced that full-scale sports betting will begin there at 1:30 p.m. Tuesday , one day before the series between Golden State and Cleveland shifts to the Cavaliers' home floor.

Delaware is the first state to take advantage of a recent U.S. Supreme Court ruling that now permits states to allow sports wagering.

Delaware has been permitted to offer parlay wagers on NFL games since 2009, and has had sports betting legislation on its books for nearly a decade. Other states are trying to follow suit quickly.

The NBA has told states it is seeking a 1 percent cut of betting, which it is calling an "integrity fee" to help offset the costs of enforcement incurred by the league office and also to serve as a royalty.

"The real issue as we move to new jurisdictions that are legalizing sports betting is access to information," Silver said. "That's one of the things we have sought in model legislation ... and so what we can do is going to depend in large part on the quality of the information we can get from these states."

Silver said the NBA game is the league's "intellectual property, and we think we should be compensated for it."

STERLING BROWN

Silver has seen the footage of police using a Taser on Milwaukee guard Sterling Brown during an incident outside a Walgreens store in January, one that started over a parking violation.

"I saw the video for the first time when the public saw it," Silver said. "It's horrific."



Justin Holland awarded Christopher Gauss scholarship

The scholarship committee for the Christopher Gauss Endowed Memorial Scholarship has awarded the 2017-2018 scholarship to freshman Justin Holland. This year's award will be $2,000 scholarship credit towards tuition for next school year. Christopher Gauss Endowed Memorial Scholarship committee receives nominations from Greenfield's faculty and staff based on a number of criteria including academics, community service and athletic participation. From left are William Watson Barnes Jr. (class of 1982), Harry (class of 1976 and brother to Christopher Gauss) and Liza Gauss (class of 1976), Justin Holland, Anna Jane and Bud Ruffin (parents of Christopher Gauss) and Dr. Badie T. Clark (class of 1983). Contributed photo

Tobs: Acosta, Gallagher hold Pilots at bay in relief stints

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got something (a pitch) that I could get my hands extended on. I was just trying to provide for my team and pick up my teammates."

Mission accomplished for the infielder who slugged eight home runs during the collegiate season for Missouri Baptist.

"I hit it," Brooks described. "I watched the left fielder and kept watching the left fielder. I surprised myself. There is no better feeling than to square up a pitch. That's why you fall in love with baseball.

Relievers Luis Acosta and Jared Gallagher took care of the rest, allowing but one base runner and striking out three the last two innings.

The only run that Tobs starter Sean Deely allowed was second baseman Toso's lead-off homer in the second.

Deely lasted five innings, yielding but two hits.

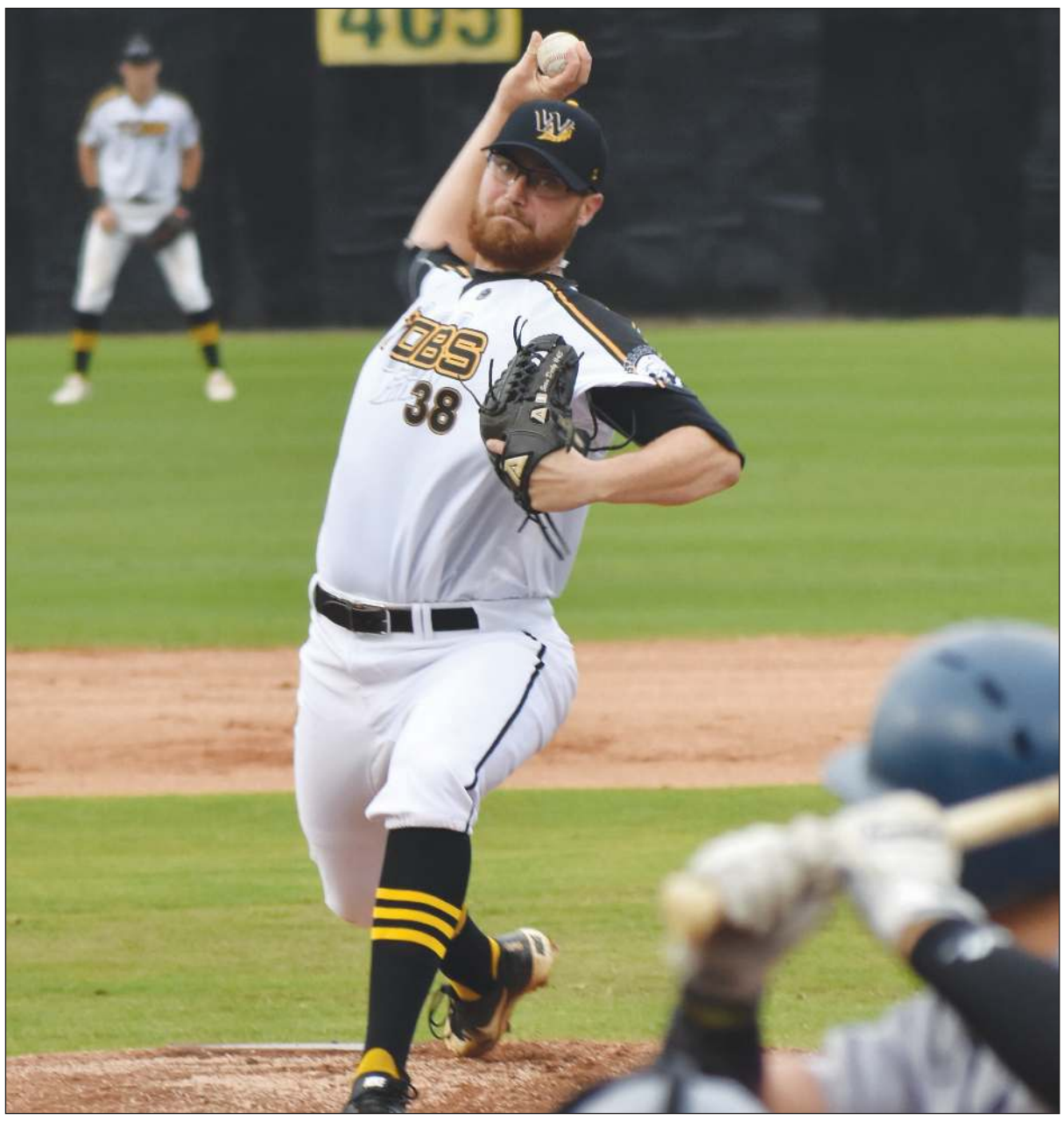
The Pilots got their second run in the sixth — when they twice loaded the bases but plated one run.

Reliever Waylan Ergle left the bases loaded.

Wilson took a 2-1 lead in the third. Taw singled and raced home on Tucker's double off the wall. Center fielder Benton Doyle singled and Tucker tallied the go-ahead run when Brooks' line drive to right field was turned into a double play.

Tucker batted 2 for 2 for the Tobs, while Brooks and Taw contributed two hits each. Six Wilson pitchers notched nine strikeouts.

The win was the first for Tobs head coach Bryan Hill since returning to the club.



Right-hander Sean Deely drew the starting mound assignment for the Tobs in their Coastal Plain League opener in Fleming Stadium on Thursday night. In five innings, Deely allowed two hits and one run, retiring his last seven batters. He pitched around three walks and struck out four. Tom Ham | Times

Error foils Post 13 in opener

From staff reports

WINTERVILLE — Taking the field after a one-night delay, the Wilson Post 13 American Legion baseball team appeared to have momentum on its side in the seventh inning of Thursday's season-opening Area I East Division clash with Pitt County Post 39.

Trailing by two runs in the top of the seventh, Nash Central's Tyler Sherrod, now at Chowan University, slugged a two-run homer to tie matters at 4.

But in the bottom half, an untimely error served as the bane of Post 13 in a 5-4 loss on the campus of Pitt Community College.

Pitt County put runners on first and second in the bottom of the seventh before a ground ball was hit to shortstop.

Wilson was able to get the force at second, but the throw to first was mishandled, allowing the Pitt County runner to continue around third base and come home with the winning run.

"You could tell we hadn't played a lot of competitive games together," first-year Post 13 head coach Noah Edens said.

In the seventh, North Johnston's Trey Whitley legged out an infield single before Sherrod's two-run shot. Wilson had six hits, compared to seven for Pitt County.

Post 39 took a 4-0 lead after three innings before Wilson chipped back with a run in the fourth and another in the fifth.

Fike's Trevor Mills started for Post 13 and threw four innings before yielding to Beddingfield's Alston Pittman. Pittman was charged with the loss in relief as SouthWest Edgecombe's T.J. Harris finished the game on the mound.

Fike's Justice Lynn, Greenfield's Cedric Kirby, and Hunt's Parker Garris also hit safely for Post 13.

Post 13, who continues Area I East play Saturday in a doubleheader at Edenton Post 40 beginning at 2 p.m., left the bases loaded on two occasions.

The twinbill will be played on the Holmes High campus.

Jutanugarn, Smith, Lee share US Women's Open lead

By John Zenor
AP Sports Writer

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. — The sun shone brightly at rain-soaked Shoal Creek. So did Ariya Jutanugarn, Sarah Jane Smith and Jeongeun Lee.

Jutanugarn, Smith and Lee each shot a 5-under 67 Thursday to share the first-round lead at the U.S. Women's Open, where the course held up better than some feared after heavy rains in recent days.

Thailand's Jutanugarn spent hours in front before Smith and Lee caught her in the evening.Jutanugarn is coming off a Kingsmill Championship win and kept up the momentum, including an eagle on No. 6.

She said she started focusing more on each shot instead of worrying about the big picture.

"At Kingsmill, I started (saying) I'm not going to think about the outcome," the eight-time LPGA Tour winner said. "I'm not going to think about winning the tournament."

Jutanugarn and the Australian Smith each had an eagle, five birdies and two bogeys.

The Korean Lee, meanwhile, had five birdies on a course that has been drenched in recent weeks.



James, Curry off and running in NBA Finals opener

Cleveland Cavaliers forward LeBron James, left, drives against Golden State Warriors guard Stephen Curry during the first half of Game 1 of the NBA Finals at Oracle Arena in Oakland, Calif. Golden State carries an 84-78 lead into the fourth quarter, but the outcome was not decided by press deadline for the Times. AP

NC Wesleyan is next stop for Cougars' Smith

By Jimmy Lewis
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PINETOPS — Any discussion surrounding the SouthWest Edgecombe High boys cross-country team over the last four seasons had to begin with Jeshon Smith.

As the cornerstone of a small unit of five runners during his senior season, Smith, SouthWest's unquestioned anchor in distance running, began his high school career posting times of 22 minutes. By his junior year, that mark was under 18 minutes. That steady improvement earned Smith looks from collegiate programs, and Tuesday inside the SouthWest media center, the Cougars standout put his signature to a celebratory letter to attend North Carolina Wesleyan of the NCAA Division III ranks.

"He's amazing to watch," SouthWest Edgecombe coach Shelton Langley said. "He would come to practice, and if he forgot his shoes, he'd run the whole course barefoot. I'd come out here when I was coaching baseball, and he's out here in June and July running the course getting ready for the next season. I think it says a lot about him as a cross-country runner. You've got to be self-motivated, because you don't have fans the whole time cheering you."

Smith, who finished fifth at the 2-A Eastern Plains Conference championships as a senior, also considered interest from Barton College as well as attending UNC Pembroke and UNC Asheville.

His fifth-place showing at the EPC helped place him on the Bishops' recruiting radar.

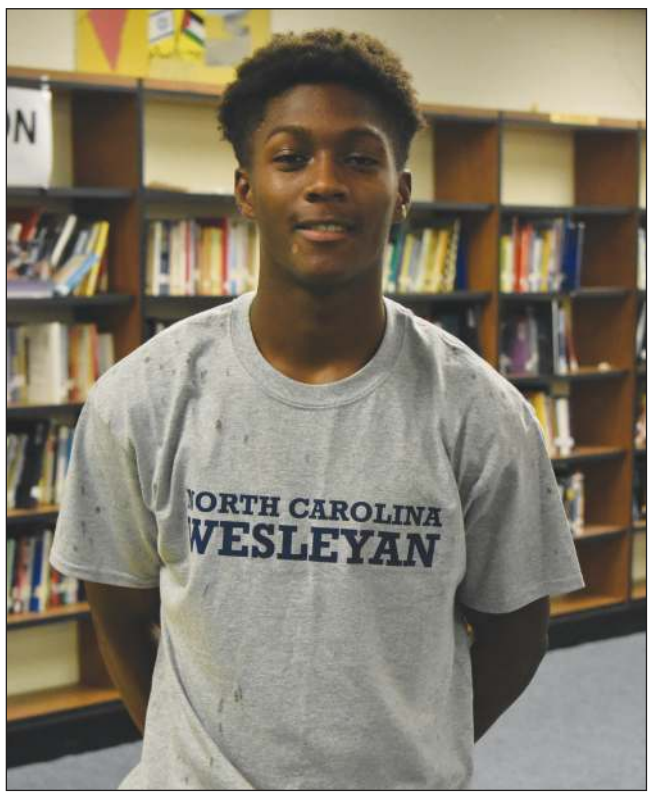
Smith will join a Wesleyan program seeking to reestablish itself after a dormant period. The Bishops of head coach Marshall Leonard returned to the course in 2017 following a seven-year absence, where they finished seventh out of 10 teams at the USA South Athletic Conference championship meet.

Division III institutions are not permitted to award athletic scholarships.

"(Leonard) said I could be a good asset to the team," Smith said. "I'm pretty much the second-fastest person on the (Wesleyan) team, so I think I'm going to fit in pretty well."

Smith, the son of Maurice and Kendra Smith of Rocky Mount, plans to major in sports management. He ran outdoor track and also played basketball for Langley's Cougars.

"It's a big deal," Langley said. "I don't know how many we've sent to run college cross-country, but it hasn't been a lot. So I was excited to see him finally decide to sign. I'm excited to see what he can do when he gets to somebody who knows cross-country and who coaches at the college level. So I think it's going to be an advantage to him to have a college coach mold somebody who's rough around the edges."



SouthWest Edgecombe's Jeshon Smith will attend North Carolina Wesleyan College and be a part of its Division III cross-country program. Jimmy Lewis | Times

After hosting 5 straight seasons, Louisville takes to the road for NCAA regional round

By Eric Olson
AP Sports Writer

OMAHA, Neb. — The NCAA baseball tournament opens Friday with play in 16 regionals. Regional winners advance to super regionals next week, and the final eight go to the College World Series in Omaha beginning June 16. Some of the top story lines:



Louisville coach Dan McDonnell watches his team play during the first inning of the Atlantic Coast Conference tournament semifinal against Pittsburgh in Durham on Saturday. AP

REGAL IN REGIONALS

No one in the 64-team field has had more success in recent regionals than Louisville. The Cardinals must travel to Lubbock, Texas, as a No. 2 regional seed, so we'll see if they can keep it up.

They've hosted regionals each of the last five years and have gone 15-0. Their five straight appearances in super regionals mark the longest active streak.

Four other teams have won three straight regionals. Texas A&M is 9-0 over the stretch, all at home, but must go to Austin this week. Florida State is 10-1, and Florida and LSU are 9-1, all at home.

FSU and Florida State are at home again this week and LSU plays in Corvallis, Oregon.

North Carolina State, on the other hand, has lost regional finals each of the last three years.

WHO'S HOT

Stetson is a host for the first time and owns the nation's longest active winning streak at 15 games. The Hatters haven't lost since April 22 against NJIT. Other notable current streaks are Minnesota (nine straight) and Wright State and Canisius (eight each). Wright State has won 15 of 17, Missouri State 12 of 13, Coastal Carolina and Florida State 11 of 12 and Saint Louis nine of 10.

WHO'S NOT

No team is colder than Oklahoma State, which was in first place in the Big 12 after sweeping rival Oklahoma in late April. Since then the Cowboys have lost 10 of 12, including the last six. Defending national champion Florida has lost six of seven and Ohio State has dropped six of 10.

FEELING A DRAFT

Nineteen of D1Baseball.com's projected first-round picks in the Major League Baseball draft are in the tournament. Some of the top prospects are Auburn pitcher and possible No. 1 overall pick Casey Mize , Florida third baseman Jonathan India, Oregon State second baseman Nick Madrigal; pitchers Brady Singer and Jackson Kowar of Florida, Ryan Rolison of Mississippi, Shane McClanahan of South Florida and Logan Gilbert of Stetson; and outfielders Trevor Larnach of Oregon State, Jameson Hannah of Dallas Baptist and Steele Walker of Oklahoma.

BRINGING THE METAL

Dallas Baptist senior right fielder and leadoff man Devlin Granberg has the highest batting average in the tournament.

At .426, he's on his way to winning a second straight Missouri Valley Conference batting title. Other .400 hitters are Tennessee Tech's Kevin Strohschein (.406), East Carolina's Bryant Packard (.403), Tennessee Tech's Chris Chambers (.400) and Southern Mississippi's Luke Reynolds (.400).

MAKING THEIR PITCH

The top six ERA teams in the nation are in regionals: Stetson (2.58), Stanford (2.85), UCLA (2.94), St. John's (2.95), Indiana (2.95) and Gonzaga (2.96). Nick Sandlin of Southern Miss brings in a 1.13 ERA, Oregon State's Luke Heimlich has 14 wins against one loss and USF's McClanahan averages 14.76 strikeouts per nine innings — all nation-leading numbers.

DOUBLE PLAY

Oklahoma center fielder and cleanup hitter Kyler Murray is favored to win the Sooners' starting quarterback job after backing up Baker Mayfield. Murray is batting .296 with 10 homers, 47 RBIs, a .556 slugging percentage and 10 stolen bases. He missed most of the Big 12 Tournament with a left hamstring injury.

About the only thing that would keep Murray from playing football this fall would be if he's drafted in baseball and decides to take the immediate money.

MARTIN'S YEAR?

Florida State is making its 41st straight appearance, and Mike Martin has been head coach for 39 of them. With each one comes the question: Will this be the year Martin and the Seminoles win their first national championship?

Martin, 74, became the NCAA's all-time wins leader on May 5, and the Seminoles are hot after sweeping through the ACC Tournament.

But the path to Omaha is treacherous. The No. 2 seed in the Tallahassee Regional, Mississippi State, has had a knack for knocking off heavyweights. If seeds hold, the Seminoles would host a super regional against a Clemson team they split four games with in the ACC.

THAT PESKY NO. 1 SEED

The last No. 1 national seed to win the championship was Miami in 1999, the first year of the current tournament structure. Florida was a No. 3 seed when it won the title last year.

The most recent No. 1 to reach the College World Series finals was Texas in 2009.

WELCOME TO THE PARTY

The Hartford Hawks are the only team making their first appearance. They won the America East regular-season and tournament championships after being picked last in the preseason coaches' poll. They're 26-29 entering their regional opener at Stetson. The Hawks were a combined 0-9 against NCAA Tournament teams Oregon State, Wright State, Northeastern and UConn.

They've had only five winning seasons since going Division I in 1985.



Hideki Matsuyama, from Japan, follows his putt on the 18th hole during the first round of the Memorial tournament Thursday in Dublin, Ohio. AP

Matsuyama holes out, has share of the lead at Memorial

By Doug Ferguson
AP Golf Writer

DUBLIN, Ohio — Hideki Matsuyama and Tiger Woods hit their stride at the end of their rounds at the Memorial, and it paid off in different ways.

Matsuyama was in the middle of the pack at Muirfield Village when he ran off four straight birdies and then holed out with a wedge from 130 yards on the 17th hole for an eagle that sent him to a 7-under 65 and a share of the lead with 19-year-old Joaquin Niemann of Chile and Abraham Ancer of Mexico.

"As the round went along, I played better and better," said Matsuyama, who got his first PGA Tour win at the Memorial four years ago.

So did Woods, which helped him avoid another big number on a course where he has won five times. Woods three-putted from 25 feet to fall to 3 over with five holes to play. He answered with three straight birdies — two of them on par 5s on the front nine — and got up-and-down from 62 yards on the ninth hole for a 72.

"It was nice to somehow grind out the round, turn it around and finish even par," said Woods, playing the Memorial for the first time since 2013. Niemann, who won the Latin America Amateur Championship in January, appears to be on the fast track to the PGA Tour. He turned pro after the Masters and already has a pair of top 10s in his four events. Another one this week might be enough to earn special temporary membership on the PGA Tour, meaning he would have unlimited exemptions to try to earn his card.

Stanley Cup: Latest brushes with adversity are nothing new for Capitals

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Friday.

It didn't look very good for Kuznetsov when he went down the tunnel in the first period Wednesday night and didn't return. But Ovechkin scored his first career Stanley Cup Final goal on the power play, and Lars Eller, bumped up the lineup to fill in for Kuznetsov, had a goal and two assists.

No one player can make up for the potential loss of Kuznetsov, who has 11 goals and 14 assists in 21 playoff games, though Washington's depth down the middle looks solid with Backstrom, Eller, Jay Beagle and, if need be, Chandler Stephenson. Eller played a key role in two big victories against Tampa Bay in the Eastern Conference final without Backstrom, and will once again be one of the most important players on the ice if Kuznetsov isn't healthy.

"Nick has gone out or Kuzy has been out, Lars has elevated his game and comes up in a more prominent role," Trotz said. "I think he embraces the challenge. He takes the moments very seriously that he has to step up and try to find a way to produce, and he has. He's a veteran player who has good hockey sense, and he's strong on the puck, and I think his game translates well in the playoffs."

It doesn't hurt that the Capitals can lean on Ovechkin in times of need, and they have received strong performances from top-six wingers Tom Wilson, T.J. Oshie and Jakub Vrana and defenseman John Carlson.

It's the kind of production Vegas is looking for from its top line of Jonathan Marchessault, William Karlsson and Reilly Smith. Going on the road means coach Gerard Gallant can't pick matchups, so he's counting on his best players to play like it.

"I don't care who they play against," Gallant said. "We're going to play well and work hard and compete hard. (Wednesday) night they didn't have the offensive outburst they usually have. You're not going to be at your best every night. I expect them to be really good for us like they have all season long."

Gallant tipped his hat to the Capitals, saying they deserved to win Game 2 based on how they performed after losing Kuznetsov.

It would be more difficult to sustain that effort and adrenaline for an entire game without him, though it's a test they passed without Backstrom earlier in the playoffs.

"It'll be a big loss, but as you saw in the Pittsburgh series when Nick went down, sometimes that kind of energizes some other guys to get in there and be able to make some plays," Oshie said. "So we'll roll with the punches."

Rolling with the punches has become somewhat of the Capitals' identity this season and into the playoffs. They got some more in the form of a ground stop at the airport after they landed on Thursday as lightning kept them from getting off the plane.

Trotz considers it just another roadblock for his team to get over.

2018 Wilson Tobs

Week of May 28-June 3

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
	Catawba Valley Stars* 7 p.m.		Peninsula Pilots 7 p.m.	Edenton Steamers 7 p.m.	Martinsville Mustangs 7 p.m.	Edenton Steamers 7 p.m.

Home games in gray. * Exhibition game.

2018 Carolina Mudcats

Week of May 28-June 3

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
Myrtle Beach Pelicans 12 p.m.	Lynchburg Hillcats 6:30 p.m.	Lynchburg Hillcats 11 a.m.	Lynchburg Hillcats 6:30 p.m.	Winston-Salem Dash 7 p.m.	Winston-Salem Dash 6 p.m.	Winston-Salem Dash 2 p.m.

• Home games in gray

AREA CALENDAR

Friday, June 1

No events scheduled.

Saturday, June 2

American Legion Baseball
Wilson Post 13 at Edenton Post 40 (DH) — Edenton Holmes HS, 2 p.m.

American Legion Junior Baseball
Wilson Post 13 at Dare County Hammerheads (DH) — Manteo HS, 2 p.m.

TODAY'S TV SPORTS

Schedule subject to change and/or blackouts

Friday, June 1

TODAY'S HIGHLIGHTS

NASCAR
4 p.m. — The drivers of the Monster Energy Cup series tackle the "Tricky Triangle" for a spot on the starting grid as qualifying for the Pocono 400 takes place from Long Pond, Pa. (FS2)

COLLEGE BASEBALL
2 p.m. — Action gets underway in the Greenville Regional as No. 2 seed South Carolina clashes with No. 3 Ohio State from Clark-LeClair Stadium. (ESPN2)

MLB BASEBALL
8 p.m. — Left-hander Chris Sale climbs the hill for the Red Sox at Minute Maid Park, where Boston will duel with Gerrit Cole and the Astros. Or, in other action, the offensive buffet of Coors Field awaits when the Dodgers pay a visit to the Rockies. (MLB)

ALSO ON

AUTO RACING
11:30 a.m.— NASCAR, Monster Energy Cup Series, Pocono 400, practice, at Long Pond, Pa. (FS2)
1 p.m.— NASCAR, Xfinity Series, Pocono Green 250, practice, at Long Pond, Pa. (FS2)
3 p.m.— NASCAR, Xfinity Series, Pocono Green 250, final practice, at Long Pond, Pa. (FS1)
5:30 p.m.— ARCA Series, General Tire AnywhereIsPossible 200, at Long Pond, Pa. (FS2)

COLLEGE BASEBALL
Noon — NCAA Tournament, Tallahassee, Fla. Regional, Oklahoma vs. Mississippi St. (ESPNU)
4 p.m.— NCAA Tournament, Corvallis, Ore. Regional, San Diego St. vs. LSU (ESPNU)
5 p.m.— NCAA Tournament, Austin, Texas Regional, Texas A&M vs. Indiana (ESPN2)
7 p.m.— NCAA Tournament, Tallahassee, Fla. Regional, Samford vs. Florida St. (ESPNU)
10 p.m.— NCAA Tournament, Stanford, Calif. Regional, Wright St. vs. Stanford (ESPN2); NCAA Tournament, Corvallis, Ore. Regional, Northwestern St. vs. Oregon St. (ESPNU)

COLLEGE SOFTBALL
7 p.m.— NCAA World Series, Game 5, Oregon-Arizona St. winner vs. Oklahoma-Washington winner, at Oklahoma City (ESPN)
9:30 p.m.— NCAA World Series, Game 6, Florida-Georgia winner vs. UCLA-Florida St. winner, at Oklahoma City (ESPN)

GOLF
2:30 p.m.— PGA Tour, The Memorial Tournament, second round, at Dublin, Ohio (GOLF)
3 p.m.— USGA, U.S. Women's Open, second round, at Shoal Creek, Ala. (FS1)

MIXED MARTIAL ARTS
8 p.m.— UFC Fight Night, prelims, at Utica, N.Y. (FS1)
10 p.m.— UFC Fight Night, Jimmie Rivera vs. Marlon Moraes, at Utica, N.Y. (FS1)

WNBA BASKETBALL
8 p.m.— Phoenix at Minnesota (ESPN2)

NBA

Finals Glance

(Best-of-7; x-if necessary)
Thursday, May 31: Cleveland at Golden State, 9 p.m.
Sunday, June 3: Cleveland at Golden State, 8 p.m.
Wednesday, June 6: Golden State at Cleveland, 9 p.m.
Friday, June 8: Golden State at Cleveland, 9 p.m.
x-Monday, June 11: Cleveland at Golden State, 9 p.m.
x-Thursday, June 14: Golden State at Cleveland, 9 p.m.
x-Sunday, June 17: Cleveland at Golden State, 8 p.m.

Calendar

June 11 — Early entry withdrawal deadline for NBA draft (5 p.m. EDT).
June 17 — NBA Finals latest possible date.
June 21 — NBA draft, New York (Brooklyn).
June 25 — NBA awards, Los Angeles.
July 6-17 — NBA Summer League, Las Vegas.
Sept. 7 — Basketball Hall of Fame Class of 2018 enshrinement ceremony.

NHL

Finals Glance

(Best-of-7; x-if necessary)
Vegas 1, Washington 1
Monday, May 28: Vegas 6, Washington 4
Wednesday, May 30: Washington 3, Vegas 2
Saturday, June 2: Vegas at Washington, 8 p.m.
Monday, June 4: Vegas at Washington, 8 p.m.
Thursday, June 7: Washington at Vegas, 8 p.m.
x-Sunday, June 10: Vegas at Washington, 8 p.m.
x-Wednesday, June 13: Washington at Vegas, 8 p.m.

SOCCER

MLS Standings

EASTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Atlanta United FC	8	3	2	26	27	17
Columbus	7	3	4	25	18	10
New York City FC	7	3	3	24	26	19
New York	7	3	1	22	26	12
Orlando City	6	5	1	19	22	20
New England	5	4	4	19	22	19
Philadelphia	5	5	3	18	15	16
Chicago	4	7	2	14	18	24
Toronto FC	3	7	1	10	14	20
Montreal	3	10	0	9	14	29
D.C. United	2	5	3	9	14	18

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Sporting K.C.	7	2	4	25	24	13
FC Dallas	6	1	5	23	20	13
Los Angeles FC	6	3	3	21	24	19
Portland	6	3	2	20	19	17
Real Salt Lake	6	6	1	19	17	26
Houston	5	4	3	18	27	20
Vancouver	4	5	5	17	19	27
LA Galaxy	5	7	1	16	18	22
Minnesota United	5	7	1	16	16	22
San Jose	2	7	3	9	18	23
Seattle	2	6	2	8	7	12
Colorado	2	7	2	8	13	20

NOTE: Three points for victory, one point for tie.

Wednesday, May 30
Atlanta United FC 1, New England 1, tie
Philadelphia 3, Chicago 1
Real Salt Lake 2, Houston 1
FC Dallas 3, LA Galaxy 2

Friday, June 1
Vancouver at Colorado, 9 p.m.

Saturday, June 2
LA Galaxy at Portland, 5 p.m.
Houston at Montreal, 7:30 p.m.
New York at New England, 7:30 p.m.
Orlando City at New York City FC, 7:30 p.m.
Philadelphia at Atlanta United FC, 7:30 p.m.
Toronto FC at Columbus, 7:30 p.m.
Los Angeles FC at FC Dallas, 8 p.m.
San Jose at Chicago, 8:30 p.m.
Seattle at Real Salt Lake, 9:30 p.m.

Sunday, June 3
Minnesota United at Sporting Kansas City, 8:30 p.m.

Friday, June 8
Toronto FC at Philadelphia, 8 p.m.

Saturday, June 9
Atlanta United FC at New York City FC, 12:30 p.m.
New York at Columbus, 5 p.m.
Orlando City at Vancouver, 7 p.m.
Montreal at FC Dallas, 8 p.m.
New England at Chicago, 8:30 p.m.
Colorado at Houston, 9 p.m.
D.C. United at Seattle, 10 p.m.
Los Angeles FC at San Jose, 10:30 p.m.
Real Salt Lake at LA Galaxy, 10:30 p.m.
Sporting Kansas City at Portland, 10:30 p.m.

Wednesday, June 13
Orlando City at Montreal, 7:30 p.m.
Atlanta United at Columbus, 7:30 p.m.
D.C. United at Toronto FC, 8 p.m.
Seattle at New York, 8 p.m.
Chicago at Colorado, 9 p.m.
New England at San Jose, 10:30 p.m.

NWSL Glance

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
North Carolina	9	0	2	29	23	10
Seattle	5	2	2	17	13	8
Orlando	4	3	3	15	16	13
Portland	4	4	3	15	15	16
Houston	3	4	4	13	12	16
Chicago	2	3	6	12	14	16
Utah	2	2	5	11	7	7
Washington	2	6	2	8	10	15
Sky Blue FC	0	7	1	1	5	14

NOTE: Three points for victory, one point for tie.

Friday's Match
Portland 2, Utah 0

Saturday's Matches
Orlando 5, Chicago 2
Seattle 1, Sky Blue 0

Sunday's Match
Houston 3, Washington 2

Wednesday, May 30
North Carolina 4, Portland 1

Saturday, June 2
Chicago at Washington, 3:30 p.m.
Utah at Sky Blue, 7 p.m.

Sunday, June 3
North Carolina at Houston, 6:30 p.m.
Orlando at Seattle, 9 p.m.

MLB

Standings

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AMERICAN LEAGUE

EAST DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	39	17	.696	—
New York	35	17	.673	2
Tampa Bay	28	27	.509	10½
Toronto	25	31	.446	14
Baltimore	17	39	.304	22

CENTRAL DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Cleveland	29	25	.537	—
Detroit	26	30	.464	4
Minnesota	22	29	.431	5½
Kansas City	20	36	.357	10
Chicago	16	37	.302	12½

WEST DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Houston	35	22	.614	—
Seattle	33	22	.600	1
Los Angeles	30	27	.526	5
Oakland	29	28	.509	6
Texas	24	34	.414	11½

Wednesday's Games
Boston 6, Toronto 4
Cleveland 9, Chicago White Sox 1
N.Y. Yankees 5, Houston 3
Washington 2, Baltimore 0
Detroit 6, L.A. Angels 1
Kansas City 11, Minnesota 8
Tampa Bay 6, Oakland 0
Texas 7, Seattle 6

Thursday's Games
N.Y. Yankees at Baltimore, ppd.
Detroit 6, L.A. Angels 2
Oakland 7, Tampa Bay 3
Boston at Houston, 8:10 p.m.
Cleveland at Minnesota, 8:10 p.m.
Texas at Seattle, 10:10 p.m.

Friday's Games
N.Y. Yankees (Tanaka 6-2) at Baltimore (Gausman 3-4), 7:05 p.m.
Toronto (Garcia 2-3) at Detroit (Hardy 1-0), 7:10 p.m.
Boston (Sale 5-2) at Houston (Cole 5-1), 8:10 p.m.
Cleveland (Carrasco 6-3) at Minnesota (Berrios 5-5), 8:10 p.m.
Milwaukee (Anderson 4-3) at Chicago White Sox (Santiago 1-2), 8:10 p.m.
Oakland (Montas 1-0) at Kansas City (Kennedy 1-5), 8:15 p.m.
Texas (Colon 2-2) at L.A. Angels (Barria 4-1), 10:07 p.m.
Tampa Bay (Romo 1-1) at Seattle (Leake 5-3), 10:10 p.m.

Saturday's Games
Milwaukee at Chicago White Sox, 2:10 p.m.
Oakland at Kansas City, 2:15 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees at Baltimore, 4:05 p.m.
Cleveland at Minnesota, 4:10 p.m.
Toronto at Detroit, 4:10 p.m.
Boston at Houston, 7:15 p.m.
Texas at L.A. Angels, 9:07 p.m.
Tampa Bay at Seattle, 10:10 p.m.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

EAST DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlanta	33	23	.589	—
Washington	32	23	.582	½
Philadelphia	31	23	.574	1
New York	27	27	.500	5
Miami	20	35	.364	12½

CENTRAL DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Milwaukee	36	21	.632	—
Chicago	30	23	.566	4
St. Louis	29	24	.547	5
Pittsburgh	29	26	.527	6
Cincinnati	20	37	.351	16

WEST DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Colorado	30	26	.536	—
Arizona	28	27	.509	1½
Los Angeles	26	30	.464	4
San Francisco	26	30	.464	4
San Diego	24	33	.421	6½

Wednesday's Games
Milwaukee 3, St. Louis 2
Cincinnati 7, Arizona 4
Pittsburgh 2, Chicago Cubs 1
Washington 2, Baltimore 0
N.Y. Mets 4, Atlanta 1
San Francisco 7, Colorado 4
L.A. Dodgers 8, Philadelphia 2
San Diego 3, Miami 2

Thursday's Games
Chicago Cubs 5, N.Y. Mets 1
Atlanta 4, Washington 2
Philadelphia 2, L.A. Dodgers 1
Pittsburgh at St. Louis, 7:15 p.m.
Miami at San Diego, 9:10 p.m.

Friday's Games
Chicago Cubs (Chatwood 3-4) at N.Y. Mets (Wheeler 2-4), 7:10 p.m.
Washington (Strasburg 6-4) at Atlanta (Foltynewicz 4-3), 7:35 p.m.
Milwaukee (Anderson 4-3) at Chicago White Sox (Santiago 1-2), 8:10 p.m.
Pittsburgh (Taillon 2-4) at St. Louis (Mikolas 6-0), 8:15 p.m.
L.A. Dodgers (Wood 1-4) at Colorado (Anderson 3-1), 8:40 p.m.
Miami (Hernandez 0-2) at Arizona (Buchholz 0-1), 9:40 p.m.
Cincinnati (Mahle 3-6) at San Diego (Lockett 0-0), 10:10 p.m.
Philadelphia (Pivetta 4-3) at San Francisco (Stratton 6-3), 10:15 p.m.

Saturday's Games
Milwaukee at Chicago White Sox, 2:10 p.m.
Pittsburgh at St. Louis, 2:15 p.m.
Washington at Atlanta, 4:10 p.m.
Chicago Cubs at N.Y. Mets, 7:15 p.m.
L.A. Dodgers at Colorado, 7:15 p.m.
Cincinnati at San Diego, 8:40 p.m.
Philadelphia at San Francisco, 10:05 p.m.
Miami at Arizona, 10:10 p.m.

This Date In Baseball

Compiled By PAUL MONTELLA

June 1
1923 — The New York Giants scored in every inning to beat the Philadelphia Phillies 22-8 at the Baker Bowl.
1925 — Lou Gehrig batted for Pee Wee Wanninger in the eighth and replaced Wally Pipp at first base to start his streak of 2,130 consecutive games. The Washington Senators beat the New York Yankees 5-3.
1937 — Bill Dietrich of the Chicago White Sox pitched a no-hitter against the St. Louis Browns in an 8-0 win.
1975 — Nolan Ryan of the California Angels pitched his fourth no-hitter, striking out nine. Ryan tied Sandy Koufax's record by beating the Baltimore Orioles 1-0. It was Ryan's 100th major league victory.
1977 — Seattle's Ruppert Jones homered off Cleveland's Dennis Eckersley in the fifth inning to snap Eckersley's no-hit string of 22 1-3 innings, just two outs short of Cy Young's major league record.

GOLF

PGA Tour

Memorial Scores

Thursday
At Muirfield Village GC
Dublin, Ohio
Purse: $8.9 million
Yardage: 7,392; Par: 72 (36-36)
First Round

Abraham Ancer	33-32—65
Joaquin Niemann	34-31—65
Hideki Matsuyama	33-32—65
Beau Hossler	32-34—66
Jamie Lovemark	33-34—67
Grayson Murray	34-33—67
Kyle Stanley	34-33—67
Lucas Glover	34-33—67
Byeong Hun An	34-34—68
Patrick Cantlay	35-33—68
Patrick Rodgers	33-35—68
Wesley Bryan	32-36—68
Ryan Armour	34-34—68
Jason Day	32-36—68
Keegan Bradley	33-35—68
Peter Uihlein	34-35—69
Gary Woodland	32-37—69
David Lingmerth	37-32—69
Brian Gay	37-32—69
Bryson DeChambeau	34-35—69
Alex Cejka	33-36—69
Branden Grace	33-36—69
Andrew Dorn	35-34—69
Bill Haas	34-36—70
Louis Oosthuizen	36-34—70
Kevin Kisner	36-34—70
Billy Horschel	35-35—70
J.B. Holmes	35-35—70
Tom Hoge	37-34—71
Luke List	35-36—71
Kiradech Aphibarnrat	35-36—71
Anirban Lahiri	35-36—71
Henrik Stenson	33-38—71
Patrick Reed	35-36—71
Russell Henley	33-38—71
Justin Rose	34-37—71
Matt Kuchar	35-36—71
Nick Watney	35-36—71
Andrew Landry	34-37—71
Robert Streb	36-35—71
Jonas Blixt	33-38—71
Si Woo Kim	36-35—71
Tony Finau	34-37—71
Bubba Watson	34-37—71
Ryan Moore	36-35—71
Julian Suri	33-38—71
Martin Laird	36-36—72
Adam Scott	35-37—72
Mackenzie Hughes	36-36—72
Brian Stuard	34-38—72
Ted Potter, Jr.	36-36—72
Pat Perez	36-36—72
Justin Thomas	36-36—72
Rickie Fowler	35-37—72
Tiger Woods	33-39—72
Cameron Davis	35-37—72

COLLEGE BASEBALL

Division I Regionals Glance

Double Elimination; x-if necessary
At Boshamer Stadium
Chapel Hill
Friday, June 1
Game 1 — N.C. A&T (32-23) at North Carolina (38-18), 2 p.m.
Game 2 — Purdue (37-19) vs. Houston (36-23), 7 p.m.
Saturday, June 2
Game 3 — Game 1 loser vs. Game 2 loser, 1 p.m.
Game 4 — Game 1 winner vs. Game 2 winner, 6 p.m.
Sunday, June 3
Game 5 — Game 3 winner vs. Game 4 loser, 1 p.m.
Game 6 — Game 4 winner vs. Game 5 winner, 6 p.m.
Monday, June 4
x-Game 7 — Game 4 winner vs. Game 5 winner, 4 p.m.
At Doak Field at Dail Park
Raleigh
Friday, June 1
Game 1 — Auburn (39-21) vs. Northeastern (36-19), 2 p.m.
Game 2 — Army (36-22) at N.C. State (40-16), 7 p.m.
Saturday, June 2
Game 3 — Game 1 loser vs. Game 2 loser, 2 p.m.
Game 4 — Game 1 winner vs. Game 2 winner, 7 p.m.
Sunday, June 3
Game 5 — Game 3 winner vs. Game 4 loser, 2 p.m.
Game 6 — Game 4 winner vs. Game 5 winner, 7 p.m.
Monday, June 4
x-Game 7 — Game 4 winner vs. Game 5 winner, 7 p.m.
At Lewis Field at Clark-LeClair Stadium
Greenville
Friday, June 1
Game 1 — South Carolina (33-24) vs. Ohio State (36-22), 2 p.m.
Game 2 — UNC Wilmington (37-21) at East Carolina (43-16), 7 p.m.
Saturday, June 2
Game 3 — Game 1 loser vs. Game 2 loser, Noon
Game 4 — Game 1 winner vs. Game 2 winner, 5 p.m.
Sunday, June 3
Game 5 — Game 3 winner vs. Game 4 loser, Noon
Game 6 — Game 4 winner vs. Game 5 winner, 6 p.m.
Monday, June 4
x-Game 7 — Game 4 winner vs. Game 5 winner, 4 p.m.
At Doug Kingsmore Stadium
Clemson, S.C.
Friday, June 1
Game 1 — Vanderbilt (31-25) vs. St. John's (39-15), Noon
Game 2 — Morehead State (37-24) at Clemson (45-14), 6 p.m.
Saturday, June 2
Game 3 — Game 1 loser vs. Game 2 loser, TBA
Game 4 — Game 1 winner vs. Game 2 winner, TBA
Sunday, June 3
Game 5 — Game 3 winner vs. Game 4 loser, TBA
Game 6 — Game 4 winner vs. Game 5 winner, TBA
Monday, June 4
x-Game 7 — Game 4 winner vs. Game 5 winner, TBA
At Foley Field
Athens, Ga.
Friday, June 1
Game 1 — Duke (40-15) vs. Troy (41-19), 2 p.m.
Game 2 — Campbell (35-24) at Georgia (37-19), 7:30 p.m.
Saturday, June 2
Game 3 — Game 1 loser vs. Game 2 loser, 2 p.m.
Game 4 — Game 1 winner vs. Game 2 winner, 7:30 p.m.
Sunday, June 3
Game 5 — Game 3 winner vs. Game 4 loser, 2 p.m.
Game 6 — Game 4 winner vs. Game 5 winner, 7:30 p.m.
Monday, June 4
x-Game 7 — Game 4 winner vs. Game 5 winner, 7:30 p.m.
At Dick Howser Stadium
Tallahassee, Fla.
Friday, June 1
Game 1 — Mississippi State (31-25) vs. Oklahoma (36-23), Noon
Game 2 — Samford (36-24) at Florida State (43-17), 7 p.m.
Saturday, June 2
Game 3 — Game 1 loser vs. Game 2 loser, Noon
Game 4 — Game 1 winner vs. Game 2 winner, 5 p.m.
Sunday, June 3
Game 5 — Game 3 winner vs. Game 4 loser, Noon
Game 6 — Game 4 winner vs. Game 5 winner, 6 p.m.
Monday, June 4
x-Game 7 — Game 4 winner vs. Game 5 winner, 1 p.m.
At Alfred A. McKethan Stadium
Gainesville, Fla.
Friday, June 1
Game 1 — Jacksonville (39-19) vs. FAU (40-17), Noon
Game 2 — Columbia (20-28) at Florida (42-17), 6:30 p.m.
Saturday, June 2
Game 3 — Game 1 loser vs. Game 2 loser, 1 p.m.
Game 4 — Game 1 winner vs. Game 2 winner, 7 p.m.
Sunday, June 3
Game 5 — Game 3 winner vs. Game 4 loser, 1 p.m.
Game 6 — Game 4 winner vs. Game 5 winner, 6 p.m.
Monday, June 4
x-Game 7 — Game 4 winner vs. Game 5 winner, 1 p.m.
At Melching Field at Conrad Park
DeLand, Fla.
Friday, June 1
Game 1 — South Florida (35-20) vs. Oklahoma State (29-24), 1 p.m.
Game 2 — Hartford (26-29) at Stetson (45-11), 7 p.m.
Saturday, June 2
Game 3 — Game 1 loser vs. Game 2 loser, 1 p.m.
Game 4 — Game 1 winner vs. Game 2 winner, 7 p.m.
Sunday, June 3
Game 5 — Game 3 winner vs. Game 4 loser, 1 p.m.
Game 6 — Game 4 winner vs. Game 5 winner, 7 p.m.
Monday, June 4
x-Game 7 — Game 4 winner vs. Game 5 winner, TBA
At Siebert Field
Minneapolis
Friday, June 1
Game 1 — UCLA (36-19) vs. Gonzaga (32-22), 2 p.m.
Game 2 — Canisius (35-20) at Minnesota (41-13), 8 p.m.
Saturday, June 2
Game 3 — Game 1 loser vs. Game 2 loser, 2 p.m.
Game 4 — Game 1 winner vs. Game 2 winner, 8 p.m.
Sunday, June 3
Game 5 — Game 3 winner vs. Game 4 loser, 3 p.m.
Game 6 — Game 4 winner vs. Game 5 winner, 9 p.m.
Monday, June 4
x-Game 7 — Game 4 winner vs. Game 5 winner, 7 p.m.
At Oxford-University Stadium/ Swayze Field
Oxford, Miss.
Friday, June 1
Game 1 — Tennessee Tech (48-9) vs. Missouri State (39-15), 3 p.m.
Game 2 — Saint Louis (38-18) at Mississippi (46-15), 7:30 p.m.
Saturday, June 2
Game 3 — Game 1 loser vs. Game 2 loser, 2 p.m.
Game 4 — Game 1 winner vs. Game 2 winner, 6 p.m.
Sunday, June 3
Game 5 — Game 3 winner vs. Game 4 loser, 2 p.m.
Game 6 — Game 4 winner vs. Game 5 winner, 6 p.m.
Monday, June 4
x-Game 7 — Game 4 winner vs. Game 5 winner, 6 p.m.
At Baum Stadium at George Cole Field
Fayetteville, Ark.
Friday, June 1
Game 1 — Oral Roberts (38-18) at Arkansas (39-18), 3 p.m.
Game 2 — Southern Miss. (43-16) vs. Dallas Baptist (40-19), 8 p.m.
Saturday, June 2
Game 3 — Game 1 loser vs. Game 2 loser, 3 p.m.
Game 4 — Game 1 winner vs. Game 2 winner, 8 p.m.
Sunday, June 3
Game 5 — Game 3 winner vs. Game 4 loser, 3 p.m.
Game 6 — Game 4 winner vs. Game 5 winner, 8 p.m.
Monday, June 4
x-Game 7 — Game 4 winner vs. Game 5 winner, 7:30 p.m.
At Dan Law Field at Rip Griffin Park
Lubbock, Texas
Friday, June 1
Game 1 — New Mexico State (40-20) at Texas Tech (39-17), 2 p.m.
Game 2 — Louisville (43-17) vs. Kent State (39-16), 7 p.m.
Saturday, June 2
Game 3 — Game 1 loser vs. Game 2 loser, 3 p.m.
Game 4 — Game 1 winner vs. Game 2 winner, 8 p.m.
Sunday, June 3
Game 5 — Game 3 winner vs. Game 4 loser, 3 p.m.
Game 6 — Game 4 winner vs. Game 5 winner, 7 p.m.
Monday, June 4
x-Game 7 — Game 4 winner vs. Game 5 winner, 7 p.m.
At UFCU Disch-Falk Field
Austin, Texas
Friday, June 1
Game 1 — Indiana (38-17) vs. Texas A&M (39-20), 5 p.m.
Game 2 — Texas Southern (27-26) at Texas (37-20), 9 p.m.
Saturday, June 2
Game 3 — Game 1 loser vs. Game 2 loser, 2:30 p.m.
Game 4 — Game 1 winner vs. Game 2 winner, 7 p.m.
Sunday, June 3
Game 5 — Game 3 winner vs. Game 4 loser, 3 p.m.
Game 6 — Game 4 winner vs. Game 5 winner, 9 p.m.
Monday, June 4
x-Game 7 — Game 4 winner vs. Game 5 winner, 7 p.m.
At Goss Stadium at Coleman Field
Corvallis, Ore.
Friday, June 1
Game 1 — LSU (37-25) vs. San Diego State (39-19), 4 p.m.
Game 2 — Northwestern State (37-22) at Oregon State (44-10-1), 10:30 p.m.
Saturday, June 2
Game 3 — Game 1 loser vs. Game 2 loser, 4 p.m.
Game 4 — Game 1 winner vs. Game 2 winner, 10 p.m.
Sunday, June 3
Game 5 — Game 3 winner vs. Game 4 loser, 3 p.m.
Game 6 — Game 4 winner vs. Game 5 winner, 9 p.m.
Monday, June 4
x-Game 7 — Game 4 winner vs. Game 5 winner, 10 p.m.
At Klein Field at Sunken Diamond
Stanford, Calif.
Friday, June 1
Game 1 — Baylor (36-19) vs. Cal State Fullerton (32-23), 5 p.m.
Game 2 — Wright State (39-15) at Stanford (44-10), 10 p.m.
Saturday, June 2
Game 3 — Game 1 loser vs. Game 2 loser, 6 p.m.
Game 4 — Game 1 winner vs. Game 2 winner, 11 p.m.
Sunday, June 3
Game 5 — Game 3 winner vs. Game 4 loser, 4 p.m.
Game 6 — Game 4 winner vs. Game 5 winner, 9 p.m.
Monday, June 4
x-Game 7 — Game 4 winner vs. Game 5 winner, 10 p.m.

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL
American League
BALTIMORE ORIOLES — Sent LHP Zach Britton to Frederick (Carolina) and SS Luis Sardinas to Norfolk (IL) for rehab assignments.
BOSTON RED SOX — Released 1B Hanley Ramirez.
DETROIT TIGERS — Optioned C Grayson Greiner to Toledo (IL). Selected the contract of 3B Ronny Rodriguez from Toledo.
MINNESOTA TWINS — Placed OF Byron Buxton on the 10-day DL. Optioned RHP Aaron Slegers to Rochester (IL). Recalled RHP Tyler Duffey from Rochester.
OAKLAND ATHLETICS — Optioned RHP Carlos Ramirez to Nashville (PCL). Reinstated DH Khris Davis from the 10-day DL.
SEATTLE MARINERS — Optioned INF Gordon Beckham to Tacoma (PCL). Reinstated INF Dee Gordon from teh 10-day DL.
TAMPA BAY RAYS — Optioned RHP Jaime Schultz to Durham (IL). Reinstated RHP Nathan Eovaldi from the 60-day DL. Transferred RHP Jake Faria to the 60-day DL. Traded C Curt Casali to Cincinnati for cash.
TEXAS RANGERS — Optioned 1B/OF Ryan Rua to Round Rock (PCL). Reinstated 3B Adrian Beltre from the 10-day DL.
National League
ATLANTA BRAVES — Optioned RHP Matt Wisler to Gwinnett (IL). Selected the contract of Miguel Socolovich from Gwinnett.
CINCINNATI REDS — Optioned C Tony Cruz to Louisville (IL).
LOS ANGELES DODGERS — Optioned SP Pat Venditte to Oklahoma City. Reinstated LHP Clayton Kershaw from the 10-day DL.
PHILADELPHIA PHILLIES — Placed SS Pedro Florimon and OF Rhys Hoskins on the 10-day DL; Hoskins retroactive to Wednesday. Designated RHP Drew Hutchison for assignment. Recalled RHP Mark Leiter Jr. and OF Dylan Cozens from Lehigh Valley (IL). Selected the contract of 3B Mitch Walding from Lehigh Valley. Transferred RHP Jerad Eickhoff to the 60-day DL.
ST. LOUIS CARDINALS — Placed RHP Alex Reyes on the 10-day DL. Optioned OF Tyler O'Neill and RHP John Gant to Memphis (PCL). Recalled LHP Austin Gomber, RHP Mike Mayers and 1B Luke Voit from Memphis. Sent RHP Carlos Martinez to Springfield (TL) for a rehab assignment.
SAN FRANCISCO GIANTS — Optioned RHP Derek Law to Sacramento (PCL).
WASHINGTON NATIONALS — Optioned RHP Trevor Gott to Syracuse (IL). Reinstated RHP Ryan Madson from the 10-day DL.

FOOTBALL
National Football League
ARIZONA CARDINALS — Signed OL Mason Cole to a four-year contract.
CLEVELAND BROWNS — Announced director of player personnel Chisom Opara, director of college scouting Bobby Vega, college scouting assistant Keegan Leyrer and scouts Zac Bocian, Scott Levin and Patrick Moore will not return next season. Named Steve Malin director of college scouting. Promoted Chris Cooper to vice president of football administration, Brandon Sosna to salary cap analyst and scouting assistant Scott Kaniecki to defensive quality control coach.
INDIANAPOLIS COLTS — Reached an injury settlement with S Michael Cirino.

HOCKEY
National Hockey League
CALGARY FLAMES — Named Geoff Ward and Ryan Huska assistant coaches.
CHICAGO BLACKHAWKS — Agreed to terms with F Jacob Nilsson on a one-year contract.
DALLAS STARS — Named Todd Nelson assistant coach.
NEW YORK ISLANDERS — Extended their affiliation agreement with Worcester (AHL) through the 2019-20 season.
ST. LOUIS BLUES — Signed D Niko Mikkola to a two-year, entry-level contract.
TAMPA BAY LIGHTNING — Fired associate coach Rick Bowness. Agreed to mutually part ways with assistant coach Brad Lauer.

MOTORSPORTS
NASCAR — Promoted Gene Stefanyshyn to senior vice president and chief international officer, John Probst to vice president/innovation and racing development, John Bobo to vice president/racing operations and Scott Prime to vice president/strategic development.

COLLEGE
KENNESAW STATE — Announced the resignation of softball coach Anne D'Amour, to take the same position at Virginia Tech.
KENTUCKY — Announced sophomore F PJ Washington withdrew from the NBA draft.
MEMPHIS — Named Ted Bartels volunteer assistant women's soccer coach.
SETON HALL — Announced sophomore C Ike Obiagu is transferring from Florida State.

MINOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

Carolina League Glance

NORTHERN DIVISION

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Potomac (Nationals)	26	21	.553	—
Lynchburg (Indians)	25	24	.510	1½
Salem (Red Sox)	24	25	.490	2½
Frederick (Orioles)	23	29	.442	5
Wilmington (Royals)	21	32	.396	7½

SOUTHERN DIVISION

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Down East (Rangers)	30	22	.577	—
Buies Creek (Astros)	29	23	.558	1
W-S (White Sox)	28	25	.528	2½
Carolina (Brewers)	26	26	.500	4
Myrtle Beach (Cubs)	24	28	.462	6

Thursday's Games
Potomac at Salem, cancelled
Salem 10, Potomac 8
Carolina at Lynchburg, 6:30 p.m.
Frederick 5, Wilmington 2
Buies Creek at Down East, 7 p.m.
Salem 2, Potomac 0
Winston Salem 3, Myrtle Beach 2

Friday's Games
Potomac at Buies Creek, 6 p.m.
Carolina at Winston Salem, 7 p.m.
Lynchburg at Frederick, 7 p.m.
Down East at Myrtle Beach, 7:05 p.m.
Wilmington at Salem, 7:05 p.m.

WNBA

Standings

EASTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
Washington	5	1	.833	—
Connecticut	3	0	1.000	½
Atlanta	2	2	.500	2
Chicago	2	2	.500	2
New York	1	2	.333

Marcedes Lewis catches on with Packers

The Associated Press

GREEN BAY, Wis. — Marcedes Lewis wasn't sure if the Green Bay Packers were the right fit for him. Quarterback Aaron Rodgers and tight end Jimmy Graham made him feel at home at Lambeau Field.

Lewis visited Green Bay last week thinking he wanted to explore his options during his first stint as a free agent following 12 years with the Jacksonville Jaguars. He received calls from other teams, but he said that the Packers were the most persistent so he made Lambeau his first stop.

He never made another visit.

"This was the only place I took a trip ... I took my trip, and Aaron was here in the locker room. I started talking to him," Lewis said Thursday. "I started talking to Jimmy and I kind of made my decision that day.

"When I came down here, I didn't expect to sign anything," Lewis added. "I was just coming down here to get a feel. Once I saw Aaron and Jimmy, it was a no-brainer after that."

Lewis, 34, was released by the Jaguars in March after the team had picked up his one-year, $3.5 million option in February. His signing filled a glaring need - a blocking tight end - and gives the Packers another veteran at the position with Graham, a five-time Pro Bowler, and Lance Kendricks.

"I don't think we've had this much experience at the tight end position in my time here," said Packers coach Mike McCarthy, who called Lewis a "prime-time player."

"An on-the-line tight end is something we haven't had a lot of, as far as the way we've played over the years," McCarthy added. "He can block any defensive end in the league, and that's definitely a huge asset."

Lewis, who said he felt he got a "raw deal" from the Jaguars, started 157 games for Jacksonville. He has 375 career receptions, including 24 for 318 yards and five touchdowns last year.

Still, Lewis hasn't caught more than 25 passes in a season since 2012, when he had 52 receptions. His best season came in 2010, when he earned his lone Pro Bowl selection by catching a career-high 58 passes for 700 yards and 10 touchdowns.

The 6-foot-6, 269-pound Lewis said he takes the "blocking tight end" moniker as a compliment, but added that "I pride myself on being a really good all-around tight end, whatever it is that I'm called upon to do."

It's the type of attitude that Rodgers loves to hear. Lewis' ability to help slow down pass-rushers should help an offensive line that has questions on the right side.

"Obviously, I'm a really good blocker, but don't get it mistaken. I didn't come here to be a tackle. ... Be on the other side of Jimmy doing some good things," he said. "It's going to be trouble out there."

Graham's strength is making tough catches. Kendricks provides experienced depth.



In this Aug. 17, 2017 file photo, Jacksonville Jaguars tight end Marcedes Lewis (89) makes a move to get around Tampa Bay Buccaneers cornerback Javien Elliott (35) during the second half of a preseason game in Jacksonville, Fla. Lewis wasn't sure if the Green Bay Packers were the right fit for him. Quarterback Aaron Rodgers and tight end Jimmy Graham made him feel comfortable at Lambeau Field. AP

French Open: Before Roland Garros, Williams had only four 2018 matches

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glou, attributed much of the poor start to this outing coming about 48 hours after the first match of her comeback following a two-month break. She arrived in Paris having played only four matches all season — none on the red clay used at Roland Garros, and none at a major tournament since she won her 23rd such title at the Australian Open in January 2017, while pregnant.

"She had no energy. She was struggling to move," Mouratoglou said, adding that he had hoped for rain to postpone the match against Barty until Thursday. "She was struggling to use her legs on the serve and she was making much too many mistakes."

And then?

"This ability to turn a match around and suddenly be like a superhero, basically — she's normal and suddenly, Poom!" he said, snapping fingers on both hands. "Something happens, and she transforms into someone who's almost unreachable at the level she gets to. This is something she's always had. It's really special, but that's also why she is who she is."

Williams started yelling and pumping her fist after pretty much every point that went her way.

It woke up Williams' game.

Might have startled Barty, too. As big a hitter as Barty is in her own right, she is hardly in Williams' class — who is? —



Russia's Maria Sharapova clenches her fist after reaching match point against Croatia's Donna Vekic during their second round match of the French Open in Paris on Thursday. AP

and never has been past the third round at a major tournament.

The 36-year-old American, who became a mother on Sept. 1, grabbed four consecutive games over a span of less than 15 minutes to lead 4-1 in the second set, which soon enough would be hers.

She gained control of the third almost immediately, breaking to go ahead 2-1, then holding for 3-1.

After only three winners in the first set, she had 25 the rest of the way.

"When push came to shove, the real Serena came out. And that's one of her best assets: When her back is against the wall, the best comes out," Barty said. "And that happened early in the second, and early in the third again."

When Williams served out the victory with a backhand winner down the line, she raised both arms. In the stands, Mouratoglou, shook his fist.

"I felt like it's been a long way and a long journey, and I'm still getting there, you know. But I have been working really hard, for a really long time," said Williams, who is ranked 451st, 450 spots below her career high. "I just am hoping that every day I'm out there, every match I'm out there ... it will come together."

Next for Williams is a third-round match against 11th-seeded Julia Goerges of Germany.

Get through that, and Williams would face either five-time major champion Maria Sharapova or 2016 U.S. Open runner-up Karolina Pliskova. Williams beat Pliskova's twin sister, Kristyna, in the first round in Paris.

There were, to be sure, plenty of other big names in action Wednesday, including victories for Sharapova, No. 1-ranked Simona Halep and 10-time men's champion Rafael Nadal.

But the 2018 French Open is, first and foremost, about Williams and her return to a Grand Slam stage.

"She's not quite at the level she was when she was at her best, but that's normal. That's expected," Barty said. "But her level when she's not quite on her best is still bloody good."

French Open Results

Men's Singles

Second Round

Lucas Pouille (15), France, def. Cameron Norrie, United Kingdom, 6-2, 6-4, 5-7, 7-6 (3).
Dominic Thiem (7), Austria, def. Stefanos Tsitsipas, Greece, 6-2, 2-6, 6-4, 6-4.
Rafael Nadal (1), Spain, def. Guido Pella, Argentina, 6-2, 6-1, 6-1.
Richard Gasquet (29), France, def. Malek Jaziri, Tunisia, 6-2, 3-6, 6-3, 6-0.
Maximilian Marterer, Germany, def. Denis Shapovalov (24), Canada, 5-7, 7-6 (4), 7-5, 6-4.
Jurgen Zopp, Estonia, def. Ruben Bemelmans, Belgium, 4-6, 4-6, 6-3, 6-4, 6-4.
Diego Schwartzman (11), Argentina, def. Adam Pavlasek, Czech Republic, 6-1, 6-3, 6-1.
Borna Coric, Croatia, def. Thomas Fabbiano, Italy, 4-6, 6-2, 6-1, 6-1.
Mischa Zverev, Germany, def. Sergiy Stakhovsky, Ukraine, 6-3, 6-7 (0), 7-6 (2), 6-1.
Kevin Anderson (6), South Africa, def. Pablo Cuevas, Uruguay, 6-3, 3-6, 7-6 (5), 6-4.
Marin Cilic (3), Croatia, def. Hubert Hurkacz, Poland, 6-2, 6-2, 6-7 (3), 7-5.
Steve Johnson, United States, def. Jan-Lennard Struff, Germany, 4-6, 7-6 (5), 6-2, 6-2.
Fabio Fognini (18), Italy, def. Elias Ymer, Sweden, 6-4, 6-1, 6-2.
Kyle Edmund (16), Britain, def. Marton Fucsovics, Hungary, 6-0, 1-6, 6-2, 6-3.
John Isner (9), United States, def. Horacio Zeballos, Argentina, 6-7 (8), 7-6 (4), 7-6 (2), 6-2.
Pierre Hughes Herbert, France, def. Jeremy Chardy, France, 2-6, 6-3, 6-2, 3-6, 9-7.
Albert Ramos-Vinolas (31), Spain, def. Casper Ruud, Norway, 6-4, 6-2, 6-4.
Juan Martin Del Potro (5), Argentina, def. Julien Benneteau, France, 6-4, 6-3, 6-2.

Women's Singles

Second Round

Simona Halep (1), Romania, def. Taylor Townsend, United States, 6-3, 6-1.
Andrea Petkovic, Germany, def. Bethanie Mattek-Sands, United States, 6-0, 7-6 (5).
Daria Gavrilova (24), Australia, def. Bernarda Pera, United States, 5-7, 7-5, 6-3.
Elise Mertens (16), Belgium, def. Heather Watson, Britain, 6-3, 6-4.
Angelique Kerber (12), Germany, def. Ana Bogdan, Romania, 6-2, 6-3.
Kiki Bertens (18), Netherlands, def. Aliaksandra Sasnovich, Belarus, 6-4, 6-2.
Irina Begu, Romania, def. Shuai Zhang (27), China, 6-3, 6-4.
Caroline Garcia (7), France, def. Shuai Peng, China, 6-4, 3-6, 6-3.
Garbine Muguruza (3), Spain, def. Fiona Ferro, France, 6-4, 6-3.
Samantha Stosur, Australia, def. Anastasia Pavlyuchenkova (30), Russia, 6-2, 7-6 (1).
Magdalena Rybarikova (19), Slovakia, def. Belinda Bencic, Switzerland, 6-2, 6-4.
Lesia Tsurenko, Ukraine, def. Coco Vandeweghe (15), United States, 3-6, 6-4, 6-0.
Julia Goerges (11), Germany, def. Alison Van Uytvanck, Belgium, 7-5, 7-6 (5).
Serena Williams, United States, def. Ashleigh Barty (17), Australia, 3-6, 6-3, 6-4.
Maria Sharapova (28), Russia, def. Donna Vekic, Croatia, 7-5, 6-4.
Karolina Pliskova, Czech Republic, def. Lucie Safarova, Czech Republic, 3-6, 6-4, 6-1.

Men's Doubles

First Round

Guillermo Garcia-Lopez, Spain and Roberto Carballes Baena, Spain, def. Simone Bolelli, Italy and Fabio Fognini, Italy, 4-6, 6-3, 6-4.
Bruno Soares, Brazil and Jamie Murray (4), Britain, def. Florian Mayer, Germany and Dusan Lajovic, Serbia, 6-1, 7-5.
Benoit Paire, France and Federico Delbonis, Argentina, def. Vasek Pospisil, Canada and Ryan Harrison, United States, 6-4, 6-3.

Second Round

Edouard Roger-Vasselin, France and Rohan Bopanna (13), India, def. Gregoire Jacq, France and Benjamin Bonzi, France, 6-1, 6-2.
Michael Venus, New Zealand and Raven Klaasen (10), South Africa, def. Jonathan Eysseric, France and Hugo Nys, France, 7-6 (2), 6-3.
Leonardo Mayer, Argentina and Joao Sousa, Portugal, def. Evgeny Donskoy, Russia and Miguel Angel Reyes-Varela, Mexico, 6-2, 6-4.
Feliciano Lopez, Spain and Marc Lopez (12), Spain, def. Santiago Gonzalez, Mexico and Marcelo Demoliner, Brazil, 6-3, 6-4.
Daniele Bracciali, Italy and Andreas Seppi, Italy, def. Ken Skupski, Britain and Neal Skupski, Britain, 3-6, 6-3, 6-2.
Henri Kontinen, Finland and John Peers (3), Australia, def. Mirza Basic, Bosnia-Herzegovina and Damir Dzumhur, Bosnia-Herzegovina, 6-1, 6-2.
Artem Sitak, New Zealand and Wesley Koolhof, Netherlands, def. Rajeev Ram, United States and Ivan Dodig (9), Croatia, 5-7, 7-5, 6-4.

Women's Doubles

First Round

Oksana Kalashnikova, Georgia and Nao Hibino, Japan, def. Daria Gavrilova, Australia and Daria Kasatkina, Russia, 6-3, 7-6 (3).
Magdalena Rybarikova, Slovakia and Viktoria Kuzmova, Slovakia, def. Lucie Hradecka, Czech Republic and Anna Blinkova, Russia, 6-1, 6-7 (4), 7-5.
Anna-Lena Groenefeld, Germany and Raquel Atawo, United States, def. Zarina Diyas, Kazakhstan and Saisai Zheng, China, 6-4, 2-6, 6-2.
Carina Witthoeft, Germany and Kaitlyn Christian, United States, def. Maria Irigoyen, Argentina and Kateryna Kozlova, Ukraine, 4-6, 6-3, 6-1.
Mihaela Buzarnescu, Romania and Irina Maria Bara, Romania, def. Anna Smith, Britain and Xenia Knoll, Switzerland, 6-7 (3), 6-3, 6-4.
Vania King, United States and Jennifer Brady, United States, def. Ekaterina Makarova, Russia and Anna Kalinskaya, Russia, 6-3, 6-4.
Barbora Krejcikova, Czech Republic and Katerina Siniakova (6), Czech Republic, def. Raluca-Ioana Olaru, Romania and Vera Lapko, Belarus, 5-7, 6-3, 6-2.
Kirsten Flipkens, Belgium and Sara Errani, Italy, def. Clara Burel, France and Diane Parry, France, 6-4, 6-2.
Andreja Klepac, Slovenia and Maria Jose Martinez Sanchez (3), Spain, def. Monique Adamczak, Australia and Yafan Wang, China, 6-0, 6-4.
Irina Khromacheva, Russia and Dalila Jakupovic, Slovenia, def. Naomi Broady, Britain and Magda Linette, Poland, 6-2, 6-3.
Viktorija Golubic, Switzerland and Nina Stojanovic, Serbia, def. Pauline Parmentier, France and Amandine Hesse, France, 6-0, 6-2.
Katarina Srebotnik, Slovenia and Lara Arruabarrena-Vecino, Spain, def. Demi Schuurs, Netherlands and Elise Mertens (12), Belgium, 3-6, 6-3, 7-6 (5).
Barbora Strycova, Czech Republic and Andrea Sestini Hlavackova (2), Czech Republic, def. Lesia Tsurenko, Ukraine and Lyudmyla Kichenok, Ukraine, 6-4, 3-6, 6-1.

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THE UNDERSIGNED having qualified as Executor of the Estate of **Janet Lee Kirby Lamm,** Deceased, does hereby notify all persons, firms and corporations having claims against the said Decedent to present the same to the undersigned on or before **October 8, 2018** said date being at least three months from the date of the first publication or posting of this Notice as indicated below, or the same will be pleased in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said Estate, please make immediate payment.
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18 SP 37
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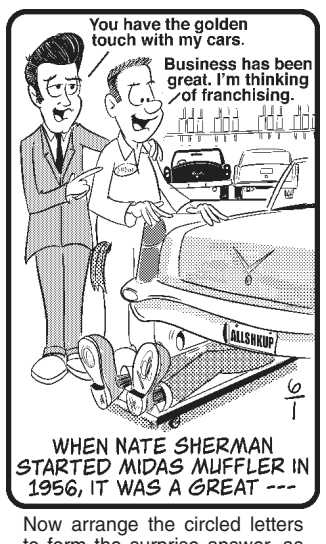
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Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

"◯◯◯-◯◯◯◯" ◯◯◯◯◯◯

(Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's Jumbles: CLANG BERRY SAFETY IMPOSE
Answer: Questioning the dog about the ripped-up newspaper was — "RE-TORE-ICAL"

ACROSS
1 Sales rep's goal
6 Walks in water
11 Hid the treasure
12 Straw mat
13 Theater features
14 Legendary king
15 Uncontrollable jerk
16 Madame Bovary's name
17 Boutique
19 Pro — (in proportion)
23 Vaccine amts.
26 Neutral or first
28 Marshal's problem
29 Old-timey
31 Wed in haste
33 Temporary peace
34 Draw out
35 NASA destination
36 "Monday Night Football" airer
39 "Wild Thing" rapper
Tone —
40 Quick look
42 Dramatic intro (hyph.)
44 "The Valley of Horses" author
46 — Dame
51 Galvanize
54 Realm
55 Leave hastily
56 Masters
57 Silly trick
58 Compact

DOWN
1 Smart remark
2 Bear, to Brutus
3 Van Gogh's medium
4 Abounds
5 Commercial pitches
6 Affectionate
7 Perfume base
8 Telegraph syllable
9 Down Under bird
10 Hitchcock's title
11 — -relief
12 Bay or city
16 Help-wanted abbr.
18 Alt.
20 BP merger partner
21 Theme
22 Be a party to
23 Hex
24 Reason why
25 Scholarly notation
27 CSA monogram
29 Swab (hyph.)
30 Once called
32 Mae West's Diamond —
34 Finish
37 Not flat
38 Good friend
41 Hawaiian island
43 Battery post
45 Leatherneck org.
47 Comet, to an ancient
48 Phone bugs
49 Ceremony
50 Nav. rank
51 Nabokov heroine
52 Toon pooch
53 Tenth mo.
54 Pater

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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IN THE NAME OF GOD, THE FATHER; GOD, THE SON; AND GOD, THE HOLY GHOST: I COMMAND, I DEMAND THAT HERSHEE BE RETURNED TO ME TODAY - ALIVE AND WELL, SAFE AND SOUND, AND HEALED! I BIND ON EARTH EVERY NEGATIVE FORCE/FORM AGAINST - AND LOOSE ON EARTH EVERY POSITIVE FORCE/FORM - FOR HERSHEE'S SAFE RETURN (THEY HAVE BEEN BOUND AND LOOSED IN HEAVEN)! MATTHEW 16:19, MATTHEW 21:22, MARK 11:23-24 LUKE 11:9, JOHN 14:13-14, JAMES 5:16, PSALM 150:6 PROVERBS 12:10, DANIEL 3:17-18, YOUR PRAYERS AND CALLS ARE APPRECIATED!
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4009 W. Nash Street, (Snoop's Barbershop)(Beside Pelican's Snoball), Sat, 6/2, 7am-until. Men, Women, & Children Name Brand Clothes & Shoes, Teacher & Household Items. Everything Must Go!!

4409 Sunflower Ct., Wilson.
(Surry Meadows Subdivision) Sat., June 2, 7-10:30am. NO Early Birds! Weather Permits. Pictures, comforters, sheets, towels, household items, Women, Men & Boys clothes & shoes.

5048 Hwy 581, SIMS
(Between Bailey & Buckhorn)
Sat, 6/2, 7am-Until.
Furniture, Riding Mower, Name Brand Clothing, Houseware, & more!
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Indoor Yard Sale!
5260 Old Raleigh Rd., Wilson
Cedar Grove MB Church
Fri., 6/1, 8-5pm & Sat., 6/2, 8-12pm
Sausage Wraps, Hot Dogs, & Goodies
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MULTI-FAMILY GARAGE SALE!
4508 St. Mary's Church Road, Wilson.
Sat, 6/2, 7am-Until. RAIN OR SHINE!
Baby items, Toys, Boys Clothes, Home Decor, & much more!

Multi-family Garage Sale!
5952 Shiloh Church Road.
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Sat., June 2, 7am-1pm.
Too many Items to List!!

Garage/Yard Sale

MULTI-FAMILY YARD SALE!! 4311 Clearbrook Lane, Sat, 6/2, 7am-Until. Women, Boys & Girls Clothes, Shoes, Jewelry, Cookbooks, Household & Holiday Decor, Pub Table Set.

Multi-Family Yard Sale!!!
5000 Country Club Drive, Wilson.
Sat., June 2, 6am-11am.
Clothes, Dishes, Shoes, Vacuum, & Nic-Nacs.

Weekend Yard Sale
June 2nd& June 3rd
Starting at 7 AM
1728 Woodside Dr, Wilson
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Household items & more

YARD SALE!!! 6938 Joshua Way, Sims, Saturday, 6/02, 6am-12pm. Kids clothes (all sizes), Women's (Small), Men's (XL-XXL), lots of toys, household items, and more.

Yard Sale,
1203 Dogwood Lane, Wilson
(off Forest Hills Rd),
Sat, 6/2, 7am-Until.
Furniture, Baby Items,
Home Decor & Lots More!!!

Yard Sale, Cornerstone FWB Church at: Old Piggly Wiggly Lot
Stantonsburg Hwy 58
Sat, 6/2, 7am-Until.
Furniture, Household Items & Lots of Misc

2 Family Yard Sale!
Sat 6/2, 7am-Until.
2403 Bayberry Lane, Wilson.
(Nash to Williamsburg to Bayberry)
Name Brand Ladies Clothing & Shoes, Household Decor, & misc items.

Yard Sale, Sat, 6/2, 7am-12pm,
2405 Fisher Ct(off Tilghman)
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Garage/Yard Sale

Yard Sale, Fri., 6/1, 6pm-8pm
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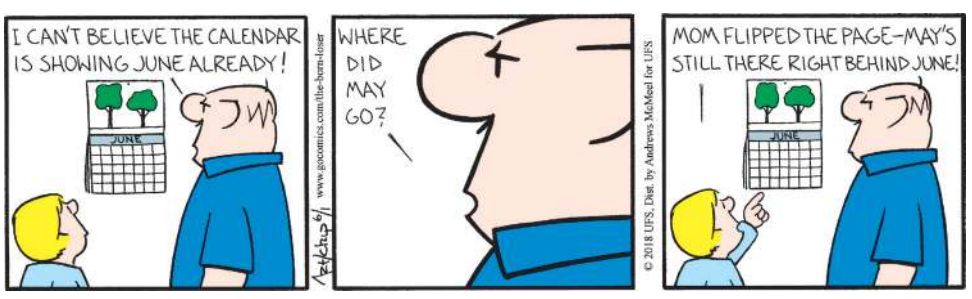
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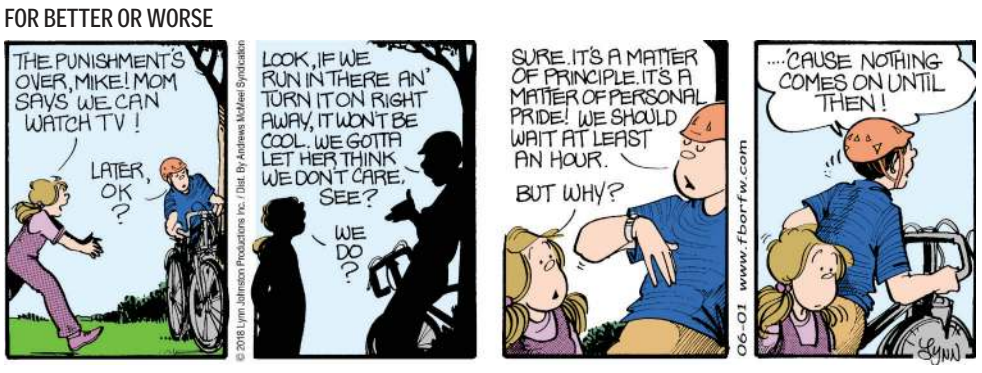
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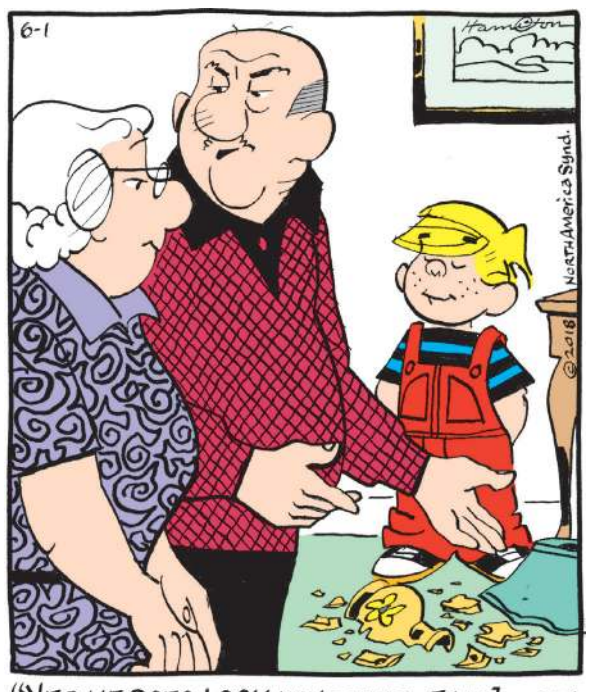
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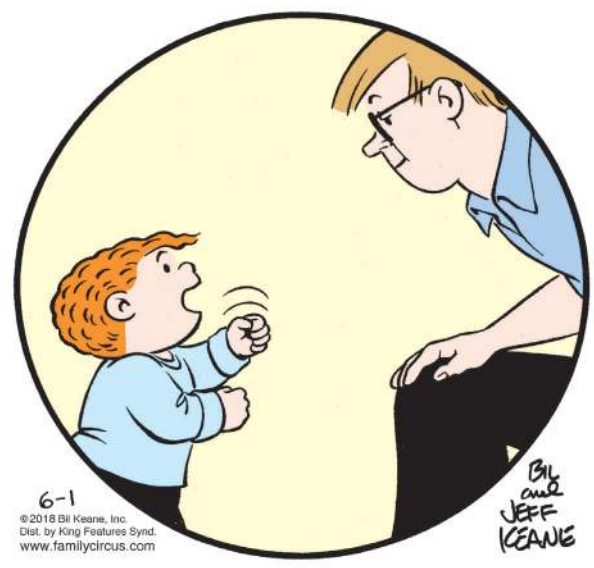
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1. You are declarer with the West hand at Three Notrump, and North leads the queen of spades. How would you play the hand?

WEST	EAST
♠A 7 5	♠K 8 4
♥A 8 6	♥J 7 5 2
♦K Q 4 3 2	♦A 10
♣A 8	♣10 7 6 3

2. The following hand is a double-dummy problem (all four hands are exposed). You, South, are declarer at Six Diamonds, and West leads the ten of hearts. You win with the king and play the ace of trumps, on which East discards a spade. How would you continue?

NORTH
♠A 10 4
♥A K 7
♦A J 4 3 2
♣8 3

WEST	EAST
♠Q 6	♠J 9 8 5 3 2
♥10 9 8 6	♥J 5
♦K 10 8 7	♦—
♣Q 7 4	♣J 9 6 5 2

SOUTH
♠K 7
♥Q 4 3 2
♦Q 9 6 5
♣A K 10

* * *

1. You need five diamond tricks to make the contract, and there are only two ways to attain this goal. The most obvious approach is to cash the A-K-Q and hope the missing diamonds are divided 3-3. The alternative is to lead a low diamond from your hand and finesse dummy's ten.

If you cash the A-K-Q, you will be successful about 36 percent of the time, since that is the mathematical probability of a 3-3 division. But if you take the first-round finesse of the ten, you will succeed whenever North was dealt J-x (8 percent), J-x-x (18 percent) or J-x-x-x (16 percent) – – a total of 42 percent. A first-round finesse of the ten is therefore better because that approach will produce five tricks more often.

2. Cash the A-Q of hearts, ruff a heart in dummy, cash the A-K of clubs, ruff a club in dummy and then cash the K-A of spades, producing this three-card ending:

North
♠10
♦J 4

West	East
♦K 10 8	Immaterial

South
♦Q 9 6

Ruff dummy's ten of spades with the queen of diamonds, and – – wonder of wonders – – West's two seemingly sure trump tricks suddenly dwindle to one!

Tomorrow: With a little bit of luck.

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HOROSCOPE EUGENIA LAST

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Take time to do something nice for someone. A kind word or gesture will go a long way. Don't let people who complain and criticize ruin your day. A positive attitude and a kind heart will make you feel good. ★ ★

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): The changes you incorporate into your everyday routine should include people who have made a difference in your life. Siblings, parents and close friends will rally around if you need help. Romance will improve your personal life. ★ ★ ★ ★ ★

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): A day trip will lead to an interesting discovery that will help you let go of something that has been holding you back. Revise your plans to suit your goals, and don't stop until you reach your destination. ★ ★ ★

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Look for unique alternatives when it comes to social activities, personal improvements and professional opportunities. Choosing to use your attributes in a diverse manner will lead to greater success and satisfaction. ★ ★ ★

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Your generosity and desire to help others will put you in a good position when it comes to popularity but may cause problems for you if you overstep your financial capabilities. Don't make promises you cannot keep. ★ ★ ★

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): There is plenty you can do if you are willing to accept change. Learn from those who are eager to try something new and willing to do things differently in hopes of improving personally, emotionally and creatively. Romance is encouraged. ★ ★ ★ ★ ★

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Take care of your responsibilities; leave no room for error. Someone will use any excuse to criticize you or make you look bad. Focus on getting things done and taking care of your responsibilities. Take better care of your health. ★ ★

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Don't let uncertainty stand between you and making overdue changes. Take advantage of any opportunity that presents itself; see where it leads. Someone unique will offer insightful advice. A retreat or self-help course will change your outlook. ★ ★ ★ ★

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): You'll be tempted to say too much. Problems will arise when dealing with someone you are in a relationship with. Whether it's a friend, lover or relative, you are better off listening first and responding courteously. ★ ★ ★

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): A change at home will do you good. Make decisions and plans with the people you live with to make sure you are all on the same page. A team effort will ensure you get everything done to specification. ★ ★ ★

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Push start and make your way to the finish line. Set your goals and don't stop until you are satisfied with what you have achieved. Talk alone won't cut it, but follow through with action and you will make a lasting impression. ★ ★ ★

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): An emotional journey will take you through highs and lows, but in the end, the changes that come about will improve your life and send you in a welcome direction. Get your priorities straight and live, love and laugh. ★ ★ ★

ZIGGY



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6			4	3			8	

Level: Advanced

SUDOKU TIME!

(suh-Doe-koo) is a Japanese puzzle based on logic, reasoning, and patience. To solve Sudoku, just fill in each 3x3 subgrid with a digit 1-9; some digits are already given. Every column, row and subgrid must contain the digits 1-9 only once. Now get your pencils ready and give it a try! You'll see why it's so addicting!

6	1	9	4	3	7	5	8	2
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5	8	2	1	7	4	3	9	6
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North Koreans to meet Trump; 'good progress' toward summit

By Matthew Lee and Josh Lederman
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NEW YORK — A top aide to Kim Jong Un will make a rare visit to Washington Friday to hand a letter from the North Korean leader to President Donald Trump, Secretary of State Mike Pompeo said after reporting "good progress" in talks between the two sides to revive an on-again, off-again nuclear summit.

"I am confident we are moving in the right direction," Pompeo told reporters at a news conference in New York after meeting Thursday with former North Korean military intelligence chief Kim Yong Chol. "Our two countries face a pivotal moment in our relationship, and it would be nothing short of tragic to let this opportunity go to waste."

He would not say that the summit is a definite go for Singapore on June 12 and could not say if that decision would be made after Trump reads Kim Jong Un's letter. However, his comments were the most positive from any U.S. official since Trump abruptly canceled the meeting last week after belligerent statements from the North.

The two countries, eying the first summit between the U.S. and the North after six decades of hostility, have also been holding negotiations in Singapore and the demilitarized zone between the two Koreas.

Early Thursday, Trump told reporters "we are doing very well" with North Korea. He added there may even need to be a second or third summit meeting to reach a deal on North Korean denuclearization but still hedged, saying "maybe we'll have none."

Kim Yong Chol is the highest-ranking North Korean official to visit the U.S. in 18 years, and his trip to the White House will be a highly symbolic sign of easing tensions after fears of war escalated amid North Korean nuclear and missile tests last year.

Pompeo, the former CIA chief who has traveled to North Korea and met with Kim Jong Un twice in the past two months, said he believed the country's leaders are "contemplating a path forward where they can make a strategic shift, one that their country has not been prepared to make before."

He tweeted from New York: "Good progress today during our meetings" with Kim and his team. Yet he also said at his news conference that difficult work remains including hurdles that may appear to be insurmountable as negotiations progress on the U.S. demand for North Korea's complete, verifiable and irreversible denuclearization.

"We will push forward to test the proposition that we can achieve that outcome," he said.

Pompeo spoke after meeting with Kim Yong Chol for a little more than two hours at the residence of the deputy U.S. ambassador to the United Nations. The talks had been expected to be held in two sessions, one in the morning and one in the early afternoon, and had not been expected to conclude until 1:30 p.m. Instead, the two men wrapped up at 11:25 a.m.

Pompeo said they finished everything they needed to address in the morning session. Immediately afterward, he tweeted that he had had substantive talks on the priorities for the potential summit. Pompeo was accompanied by Andrew Kim, the head of a CIA unit assigned to work on North Korea, and Mark Lambert, the head of the State Department's Korea desk.

"Our secretary of state is having very good meetings," Trump told reporters at Joint Base Andrews before departing on a trip to Texas. He said of the North Koreans, "I believe they will be coming down to Washington on Friday. A letter being delivered to me from Kim Jong Un. It is very important to them."

"It is all a process," he said of arranging the summit. "Hopefully we will have a meeting on the 12th."

Despite the upbeat messaging in the United States, Kim Jong Un, in a meeting with Russia's foreign minister on Thursday, complained about the U.S. trying to spread its influence in the region, a comment that may complicate the summit plans. "As we move to adjust to the political situation in the face of U.S. hegemonism, I am willing to exchange detailed and in-depth opinions with your leadership and hope to do so moving forward," Kim told Sergey Lavrov.

North Korea's flurry of diplomatic activity following an increase in nuclear weapons and missile tests in 2017 suggests that Kim is eager for sanctions relief to build his economy and for the international legitimacy a summit with Trump would provide. But there are lingering doubts on whether he will ever fully relinquish his nuclear arsenal, which he may see as his only guarantee of survival in a region surrounded by enemies.

Trump views a summit as a legacy-defining opportunity to make a nuclear deal, but he has left the world guessing since canceling the meeting last week in an open letter to Kim that complained of the North's "tremendous anger and open hostility." North Korea's conciliatory response to that letter appears to have put the summit back on track.

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NATIONAL BRIEFS

Comic Samantha Bee apologizes to Ivanka Trump for slur

NEW YORK — Comedian Samantha Bee apologized to Ivanka Trump and viewers on Thursday for using an obscenity to describe the president's daughter, an incident that quickly thrust her into the middle of the nation's political divide.

Her network, TBS, also said it was "our mistake, too," in allowing the language on Bee's show, "Full Frontal," on Wednesday. Her show is taped and not aired live.

Bee called Ivanka Trump a "feckless c---" toward the end of a segment about President Trump's immigration policies. She used the slur in urging Ivanka Trump to speak to her father about policies that separate children from their parents.

"Put on something tight and low-cut and tell your father to f---ing stop it," she said.

Bee, a former correspondent on "The Daily Show" with Jon Stewart whose own show has been one of TBS' big successes since it started in 2016, said that her language was "inappropriate and inexcusable.

"I crossed a line, and I deeply regret it," she said.

Before the apology, White House press secretary Sarah Sanders called Bee's language "vile and vicious" and said executives at TBS and corporate parent Time Warner needed to demonstrate that such explicit profanity about female members of the administration would not be condoned.

TBS said Bee had taken the right step in apologizing. The network made no mention of any disciplinary action.

New business deals bring autonomous vehicles a step closer

DETROIT — Two technology giants announced major new investments in self-driving vehicles Thursday, bringing the world a step closer to a time when autonomous cars are a part of everyday life — a reality that General Motors aims to achieve in some places as early as next year.

The deals, and other ongoing negotiations, show that the technology is authentic and it's accelerating.

"It's all starting to coalesce into something that's more real," said Navigant Research analyst Sam Abuelsamid, who closely follows autonomous vehicle developments.

SoftBank, a giant Japanese tech investment firm, announced Thursday it would spend $2.25 billion for a 20 percent stake in GM's autonomous vehicle business. Then Waymo, Google's self-driving operation, said it would buy up to 62,000 more minivans from Fiat Chrysler to expand its soon-to-start ride-hailing venture.

Not to be outdone, Uber's new CEO said at a Wednesday conference that he's in talks with Waymo about adding Waymo self-driving vehicles to the Uber network to carry passengers, although there was no indication that was imminent.

"Everything in the autonomous world is moving very quickly," said Rebecca Lindland, executive analyst for Kelley Blue Book.

Also, as part of the Waymo-Fiat Chrysler announcement, the companies said they are discussing use of Waymo technology in Fiat-Chrysler self-driving vehicles that would be sold to the public. That raises the possibility that personal car ownership won't die if robotaxis become ubiquitous.

Former dean convicted of shooting student over marijuana

BOSTON — A former high school dean known as an anti-violence advocate was convicted Thursday of shooting and nearly killing a student he had recruited to sell marijuana for him.

Shaun Harrison, 58, was found guilty of all charges, including armed assault with intent to murder, by a Suffolk Superior Court jury in its second day of deliberations.

"Shaun Harrison was really a fraud, he was living a lie, and it was clearly exposed in this case," District Attorney Dan Conley said. "Not only was he not a man of God or a role model for young people, he manipulated them in a way that was terribly offensive."

Harrison, who had worked as a dean at Boston English High School for five years, recruited 17-year-old Luis Rodriguez to sell marijuana for him at the school and shot him on March 3, 2015, because he believed the student was not generating enough sales and withholding money.

Rodriguez, now 20, testified that he came from a dysfunctional family and trusted Harrison, who students nicknamed "Rev."

"He was my counselor. I went to him for everything," Rodriguez said during the two-week trial.

On the day of the shooting, the pair arranged to meet at a gas station where Harrison was supposed to hand over some drugs.

Harrison shot the student in the back of the head and fled on foot, prosecutors said. The bullet entered Rodriguez's head just under his right ear. It just missed his carotid artery, broke his jawbone and caused nerve damage and hearing loss.

Rodriguez said he was saved by occupants of a passing car, who called 911.

Bruce Carroll, Harrison's attorney, asked why Rodriguez did not immediately identify his client as the shooter even though he was conscious and alert.

Rodriguez had told hospital staff he was shot by one of his marijuana customers during a botched drug deal, Carroll said.

"It took me a while to get all my thoughts back together after being shot in the head, sir," Rodriguez said during cross-examination. "I was in such denial. I knew who did it. Of course I knew who did it."

