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College awards contract for Lee campus work

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The Wilson Community College Board of Trustees approved the awarding of a $1.6 million contract for Phase II improvements to the Lee Technology Center Tuesday.

Daniels and Daniels Construction of Goldsboro had the low bid for the work to create a uniform facade on the former Lee Motor Co. site at the corner of Ward Boulevard and U.S. 301 on Wilson's east side.

"When you see it from Ward Boulevard, it looks like a new building," Timothy Oakley, of Oakley Collier Architects, told the college Board of Trustees at a special meeting at WCC's main campus.

WCC opened the 10-acre satellite campus less than a mile from its main campus in August 2017. Two main buildings house applied engineering and automotive technology classrooms and labs. The college has spent about $2.1 million thus far on the renovation of the buildings to make them functional.

Tuesday's $1,604,000 contract will be for facade work.

The showroom from the former automotive sales building has

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Jorge Ruiz, 20, of Sims, a welding student at Wilson Community College, practices welding pipe positions. Ruiz says the training he is getting will land him a high-paying job after graduation. Drew C. Wilson | Times

A spark of opportunity

WCC ranked No. 1 for vocational education

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Jorge Ruiz will probably have landed a job before he finishes his coursework this May at Wilson Community College.

"The program ends in May, but my instructor said that we should have a job by the end of April," said Ruiz, 20, a 2016 graduate of Hunt High School.

When he obtains his welding certificate, Ruiz will be eligible to make a good living in that vocational trade.

"It's going to give me a good future so I can raise kids, feed my family and support my mom and dad if they need anything in the future," Ruiz said. "I'm sure it's going to make money, good money."

What is happening to Ruiz is typical of other students in WCC's vocational programs.

According to the Perkins Corps Indicators of Performance Report, WCC is ranked No. 1 out of 58 community colleges in North Carolina for the highest percentage of career and technical education graduates who enter the workforce, join an apprenticeship program or enlist in the military after graduation. The college has consistently ranked the highest over the last five years with more than 85 percent of its students finding job placements.

"This student placement statistic measures a college's success at putting its graduates immediately into the workforce," said Tim Wright, president of WCC. "We're very pleased to rank No. 1 right now out of all 58 community colleges in the state, and to average second-best over the past five years. It's a great example of the college's vital service to Wilson County, year-in and year-out. "

Keith Hobgood, instructor of the welding program, said basic, intermediate and advanced certificates are offered at WCC and welding graduates have the highest job placement of any other vocation.

Hobgood said he wasn't surprised WCC had such a high ranking for job placement.

"I sort of felt comfortable with that because I know the success that this vocational program and other vocational programs have had with placing graduates into jobs around here," Hobgood said. "The biggest thing is I channel students to what they are going to be using in the field in reality. I work with the industry wholeheartedly to see what their needs are. I have got a lot of them on the advisory committee here in Wilson County. They come by and they see particular students that they may be interested in as employees and they talk to them."

While there are only about 15 students learning welding at WCC, there are 238 students enrolled in the medical office administration program.

"We teach students how to do everything in a general office setting," said medical office administration instructor Keita Kornegay. "So whether it's a hospital, or whether it's a doctor's office, whether it's a clinic, we have the same

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Manufacturing jobs coming to Wilson before 2019



MAIN STREET MINUTE
BRIE HANDGRAAF

A Swiss-based manufacturer is set to begin production in Wilson before the end of the year.

On Monday, Gov. Roy Cooper announced a decision by Neopac US to locate its North American headquarters in Wilson, but on Tuesday, company officials were in town to kick off the project. Doug Voreis, managing director for Neopac US, said construction will get underway soon to build the first phase of the facility, about 37,000 square feet, on the 10-acre site at 4940 Lamm Road.

"We're putting in a clean room manufacturing environment for the first tube line," Voreis said, referring to the pharmaceutical and cosmetic containers the company manufactures. "We have infrastructure in place to immediately add another tube line without expanding the building, then we have space to build on the back."

Hoffmann Neopac AG CEO Mark Aegler, who flew in from Europe to attend the Tuesday groundbreaking, said Wilson was selected after three years of research and sites in three other states. He said he loved the wooded lot and was eager to build a factory that fits into the setting. Voreis, who will be the plant leader in Wilson, plans to move to Wilson later this month.

"This is going to become my home and the home of Neopac," Voreis said. "I want all of you to know we intend to be good neighbors as well as corporate citizens. We'll continue to work with local authorities and our colleagues to make this a better place to live."

The company plans to start hiring in late summer with between 15 and 20 people hired for the opening of the plant.

"Making tubes is a technical process, so we want to hire a few key people, then take them to Europe to do extensive training," Voreis said. "We concurrently want

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Lee: Oakley said contractor could begin site work in about six weeks

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already been converted to new classroom space and office space.

"We are creating a new facade so that it looks more like a college campus than a car dealership," Oakley said.

Phase II is formerly the Nissan building. L-F is what it's called now.

"It is a pre-engineered metal building and we are creating a similar look to that building so that the two blend together," Oakley said. "There are not any internal changes on the L-F building. That was recently renovated, all of the interior for their machine shop and their classroom space. This is strictly exterior improvements."

The bid does include minimal landscaping at the site, which is currently blacktop.

Oakley said the renovations have posed budget challenges.

"From the time we started this project to where we sit today, we have seen about a 16 percent increase in construction costs and near the end of the end of this project design period, the tariffs on steel and metal became a factor and our contractors, by our specifications, are required to honor their bid and hold their number for 60 days after the bid, which certainly falls in the implementation of the tariffs, so we were battling a lot of variables. We cut out pavement around our building. We created grass areas next to the building. We throttled back on some of the trees and bushes, but we've got all of the elements that are required by the local jurisdiction, so you will have green space around the building."

The added green space will allow for the addition of future landscaping if trustees desire.

Sidewalks will be added at the entry and exit points on the building.

Hadie Horne, WCC vice president for finance and administration, said broader landscaping will be undertaken in a future phase of the project.

The WCC buildings and grounds committee approved the recommendation to offer the contract, followed by the WCC Board of Trustees. Both votes were unanimous.

Chairman Ken Jones asked if the board would have a chance to talk to Daniels and Daniels.

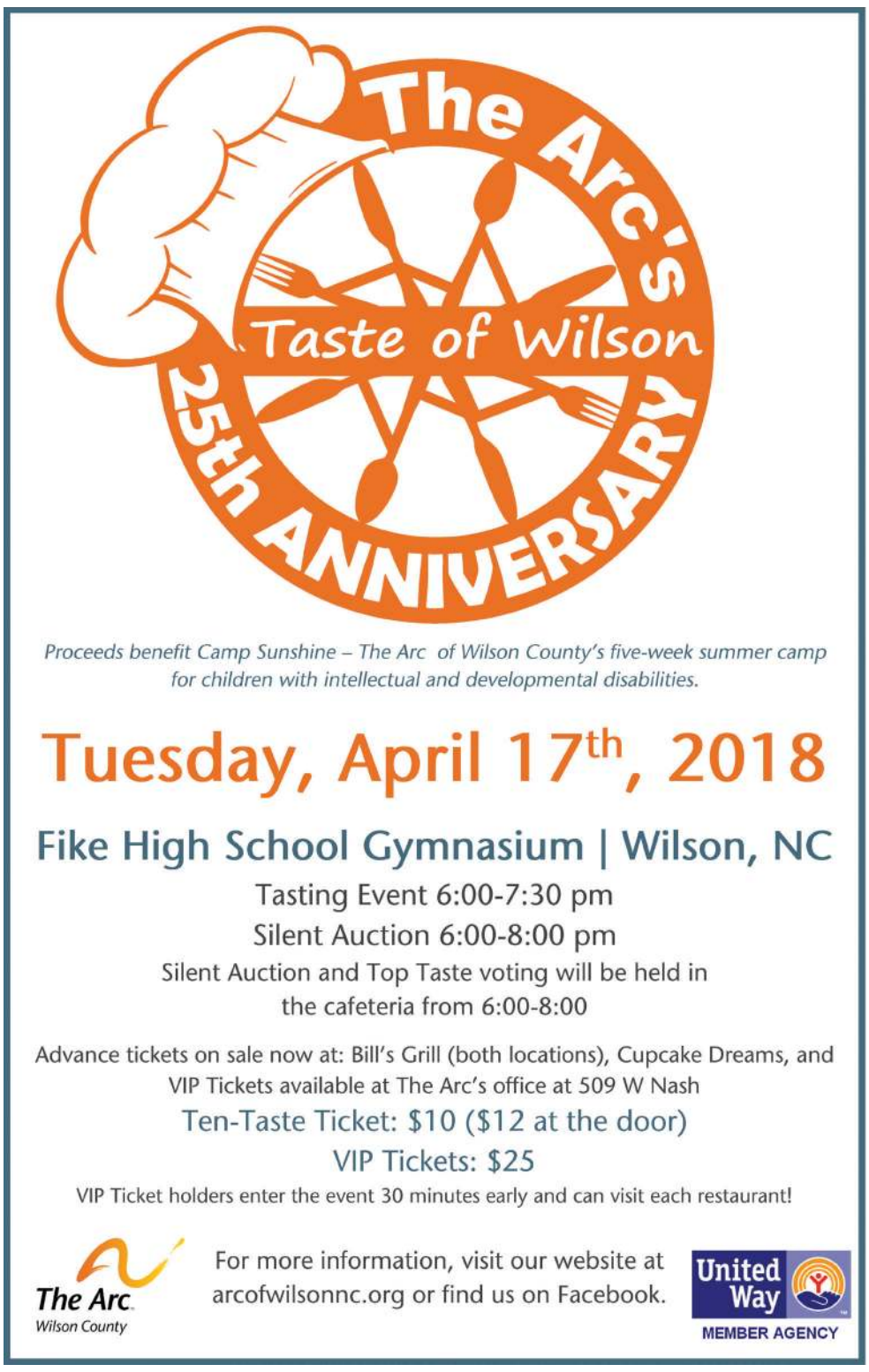
"I just want to be sure that we are getting what we expect to get," Jones said. "I don't want us to go past the contingency."

Oakley said usually where you usually have issues in eastern North Carolina is when you start digging around in the ground.

"In this project, we really are creating a new facade and all of the things that typically give you problems with renovation, we have removed them putting new stuff in," Oakley said. "We really don't foresee too many issues."

Other bidders on the project included C.A. Lewis of Greenville, Calvin Davenport, Inc. of Rocky Mount, and Group III Management, Inc. of Kinston.

Oakley said the contractor could begin work in about six weeks and would have 150 days to complete the work.



Proceeds benefit Camp Sunshine – The Arc of Wilson County's five-week summer camp for children with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

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Spark: Students employed before graduation

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basic process, so it makes it easier to teach. They come in and learn how to do registration from start to finish, how to schedule a patient, how to verify insurance, how to process payments for copays, deductibles. We have a track where they learn how to do all billing and coding."

Students can currently earn two degrees in medical office administration with a concentration in patient services representative and a concentration in medical billing and coding. The school is getting ready to roll out another track, medical office specialist certificate, as well as the medical office coding and billing certificate.

"When they leave the MOA program, they can literally do anything in medical office administration from start to finish," Kornagay said.

Kornegay has been working in health care since she was a teenager and brings that experience to the students.

"One of my biggest factors is I have industry experience," Kornagay said. "When they come out, they are already doing hands-on work that we are doing in the industry."

Kornagay trues to simulate a real medical environment.

"I have phones ringing as they are trying to work. I have fax machine noises going off. I try to prepare them for the actual environment," Kornagay said. "Even if it's a doctor's office, you have got to get used to distractions. They have to perform task-wise, under those distractions. I have excerpts of children yelling because you never know when a person is going to bring a child in to the office. I try to make it as real life as possible. I think it's the best thing they get from the program because it is real life."

Kornagay's seniors are looking for jobs well before graduation.

"My graduates are usually employed within three to six months of graduation, but that's because we start early," Kornagay said. "We start in February getting resumes done. We start early so they can get employed faster."

For more information about the various vocational programs available at Wilson Community College, visit www.wilsoncc.edu or call 252-246-1257.

Minute: Wilson unemployment rate drops



Local and state officials shovel dirt at the new site for the Neopac US headquarters next to company officials durign a Tuesday groundbreaking ceremony. Brie Handgraaf | Times

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to work with the local community college to develop a customized training program."

In the next five years, the company will receive $1,110,000 from the city and county based on reaching benchmarks for capital investment and job creation. The salary for Neopac jobs will be competitive with local pharmaceutical companies with Jennifer Lantz, Wilson Economic Development executive director, noting the average will be about $60,000.

"Nothing makes me happier than to get in the community and see some shovels, some hard hats and meet some new folks to help us continue to grow our community, and it makes me even happier to be in eastern North Carolina," said N.C. Deputy Secretary of Commerce Will Miller. "Even though I grew up in the Piedmont and live in Charlotte, we know there is a tremendous need in eastern North Carolina and we want to continue to encourage folks to move industry to eastern North Carolina."

UNEMPLOYMENT DECREASES

N.C. Department of Commerce officials released the unemployment rates for February and Wilson was among the 74 counties — along with Edgecombe, Johnston, Nash and Wayne — that experienced a decrease while Pitt County and 15 other counties saw no change in unemployment from January to February. Among the metro areas, Rocky Mount has the highest unemployment rate at 6.8 percent.

Wilson's rate of 6.8 percent was a full percentage decrease from February 2017 and a decent decrease from 7.2 percent in January. The change signals a small change in the county's ranking for the percentage of its labor force employed from 91st to 90th. Edgecombe County stayed at 96th while Johnston, Pitt, Wayne and Nash counties all shifted to higher rankings.

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COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Drug prevention workshop is today

Parents and guardians, educators, counselors and government and community professionals are invited to attend "Drugs Uncovered: What Parents and Adults Need to Know" from 6-8 p.m. Wednesday, April 11 at Fike High School, 500 Harrison Drive N.

Admission is free. The adults-only workshop is organized by the Wilson County Substance Prevention Coalition in partnership with Wilson County Schools.

Food giveaway set for Friday

By Faith Original Free Will Baptist Church, 4667 Evandsale Road, will hold a food giveaway beginning at 10 a.m. Friday, April 13. Recipients are asked to bring a photo ID and boxes or containers for food items. For more information, call Judy Langston at 252-814-7657.

Plant sale slated Saturday

The Wilson County Cooperative Extension Master Gardeners' annual plant sale is scheduled from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, April 14 at the Wilson Agricultural Center, 1806 Goldsboro St.

Community yard sale canceled

FREMONT — A community yard sale previously scheduled for Saturday, April 14 at the Charles B. Aycock Birthplace state historic site has been canceled. Questions can be directed to Joshua Dacey at 919-242-5581 or aycock@ncdcr.gov.

I have attached a press release and appreciate your help in advertising this opportunity.

Parkinson's support group to meet

The Wilson Parkinson's Support Group is scheduled to meet at 11 a.m. Sunday, April 15, at First Presbyterian Church on Sunset Road. Pharmaceutical representative Ryan Bunn will be the presenter. For more information, contact Kitty Barnes at 252-239-0250 or Terry Norris at 252-991-5889.

Pipeline planners holding job fair

ROCKY MOUNT — Developers of the Atlantic Coast Pipeline will hold a construction open house and job fair from 5-7:30 p.m. Wednesday, April 18 at Northern Nash High School, 4230 Green Hills Road.

Local unions and inspection companies will be on hand to discuss training and job opportunities. Project team members will share information about construction activities including safety measures. The Northern Nash meeting is one of four open houses planned along the pipeline's path. Similar events will be held April 17 in Lumberton and Fayetteville and April 19 in Weldon.

For more information, visit www.atlanticcoastpipeline.com, email acpipeline@dominionenergy.com or call 844-215-1819.

Nonprofit plans forum on unity

Nonprofit group Keys to Healing will present "End Violence, End Hate," a public forum to address senseless violence, acts of self-destruction and hate and antisocial behaviors, from 7-8:30 p.m. Friday, May 4 at Wilson Community College's Frank Eagles Business Center.

Organizers say the forum will offer hope and encourage unity as community members work together to solve common problems. The event will include a question-and-answer session, entertainment and refreshments.

Admission to the forum is free and reservations are requested. To register, call 252-299-0995 or email keys2heal@gmail.com.

Tractor Supply seeks market vendors

The Tractor Supply Co. store in Wilson is seeking growers, crafters and artisans to showcase homemade and homegrown goods during its spring Market Day on Saturday, May 12. Registration for the event closes Wednesday, May 9.

Vendors can sign up by visiting the store at 2380 Forest Hills Road W. or going to www.tsceventpartners.com. Nonprofit organizations and food trucks are also encouraged to register.

Church to hold literacy training

St. Timothy's Episcopal Church is accepting applications for an Augustine Literacy training session through May 31. The session will be held July 16-27.

This volunteer program's mission is to improve the reading, writing and spelling abilities of low-income children who struggle with literacy skills.

The project trains and supports volunteer tutors who provide free, long-term, one-to-one instruction based on the Orton-Gillingham approach and Wilson Reading System materials. For more information, call Lou Ann Cozart at 252-291-2621 or Carol Putney at 252-236-4118.

Fike suspends girls soccer coach

By Drew C. Wilson
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Fike High School has suspended its athletic director and girls head soccer coach.

Amber Lynch, public information director for Wilson County Schools, said the suspension "is a personnel matter that is still being investigated, and the details are confidential."

The suspension affects coach Toni Varacchi, who is in her 23rd season leading the Fike High School Lady Demons. Varacchi is also the Fike athletic director, a position she has held since 2010.

The administrative action sidelined Varacchi from a game at Northern Nash on March 29, and will affect games at Hunt today and Southern Nash on Thursday.

Ken and Kelly Barnes, parents of Parker Barnes, a ninth-grade player on the team, raised objections to how their daughter was treated during a March 26 practice.

Assistant coaches for the team, Chris Mizelle and Larry Crocker, who were present at the time of the March 26 drill, have not been suspended.



Remember When?

Steve Brown shared this photo of his great-grandfather, Lindsey Gardner, shown with his hogs in the early 1930s in the Pinetops area. 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.

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OBITUARIES

Patricia Mae Peterson Randall

April 1, 1945 — April 8, 2018

BAILEY — Patricia Mae Peterson Randall, 73, died Sunday, April 8, 2018, at Duke University Medical Center in Durham. A memorial service will be conducted 6:30 p.m. Thursday, April 12, at Bailey United Methodist Church, 12437 Green St., with a visitation to follow the service.


Patricia Mae Peterson Randall

Patricia was born April 1, 1945, in Evanston, Illinois,, to the late Roy and Mae Peterson. She lived in Warner, New Hampshire, from 1979 to 2006 before moving to North Carolina. Patricia worked as a mental health worker for the New Hampshire Hospital in Concord for 20 years. She was an animal lover and dog owner her entire life. During her life, Patricia's pets included a 225-pound mastiff, a blind shar-pei and a three-legged cat.

Surviving are Bobbie Humphrey, her loving partner of 21 years; three sons, Jeffery Heckel (Jodi) of Champaign, Illinois, Thomas Heckel of New Hampshire, and Bob Dumong (Jessica) of Sims; one daughter, Laura Hansen (Richard) of Sanford, Maine; five grandchildren, Gary Hansen, Elizabeth Hansen, Danny Dumong, Kendra Dumong and Audrey Heckel; two step-grandchildren, Abby Bailey and Lexi Bailey; and one brother, Roy Peterson (Trudy) of Davenport, Florida.

Flowers are welcome and memorials may be directed to both the Wilson County Humane Society, P.O. Box 7064, Wilson, NC 27895 and Bailey United Methodist Church, 12437 Green St., Bailey, NC 27807.

Funeral services are under the direction of Thomas-Yelverton Funeral Home, Wilson. Online condolences may be sent to www.thomasyelverton.com.

Marybeth Nichols Barris

Marybeth Nichols Barris passed away Nov. 11, 2017. A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, April 14, 2018 at Marsh Swamp Church in Rock Ridge.


Marybeth Nichols Barris

Marybeth is survived by the light of her life, devoted husband, John. They celebrated 50 years of marriage Aug. 19, 2017. John's commitment and loving care were steadfast. Marybeth is also survived by her loving siblings, Hoyt Nichols (Kay) of High Point, Phyllis N. Horns (Fred) of Greenville, Scott Nichols (Evie) and Pam Nichols of the Rock Ridge community, sister-in-law, Diane Mathey (Fuzzy) of Sycamore, Illinois, as well as a host of nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews. She is preceded in death by her parents, Hoyt and Ruby Nichols of Sims, and sister-in-law, Joanne Smith of Washington State. Marybeth was loved and cherished by many friends near and far, and is dearly missed.

Michael Lorenzo Joyner

COLUMBIA, S.C. — Michael Lorenzo Joyner, 34, formerly of Goldsboro, died Monday, April 2, 2018. Funeral service will be held at noon Thursday, April 12 at St. James AME Zion Church, 305 S. George St., Goldsboro. Interment will follow in Eastern Carolina State Veterans Cemetery, Goldsboro. Visitation will be 6-7 p.m. Wednesday at St. James AME Zion Church. Arrangements have been entrusted to Carrons Funeral Home, 325 E. Nash St., Wilson. Condolences may be directed to carronsfuneralhome.com or faxed to 252-237-0120.

Barbara Jean Morgan

BAILEY — Barbara Jean Morgan, 74, died Sunday, April 8, 2018. Funeral will be 1 p.m. Saturday, April 14, at Union View Free Will Baptist Church, Bailey. Interment will be in Middlesex Memorial Gardens, Middlesex. A visitation will be held from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. prior to the funeral service. A service of love and dignity provided by William Toney's Funeral Home, Spring Hope.

Minnie Chatman

Minnie Chatman, 60, of Wilson, died Monday, April 9, 2018. The funeral service is incomplete at this time and will be announced at a later date. Arrangements are by Stevens Funeral Home of Wilson.

Justin R. Newcomb

GOLDSBORO — Justin R. Newcomb, 28, died Monday, April 9, 2018. Arrangements are by Howell Funeral Home & Crematory, Goldsboro

Cleta Coley Barkley

Oct. 7, 1931 — April 8, 2018

ROCKY MOUNT — Our beloved mother, grandmother and great-grandmother, Cleta Coley Barkley, passed from this earthly plane on April 8, 2018.


Cleta Coley Barkley

Born and raised in Rocky Mount, North Carolina, Mrs. Barkley spent more than 20 years in and around the suburbs of Cleveland, Ohio before relocating with her husband, William Willard Barkley, to Town Creek, North Carolina for the remainder of her life. She married Mr. Barkley in 1947, and she and her husband raised four children together before his passing in 1994.

Mrs. Barkley always had a magnetic personality and made friends easily. She was quick-witted and could share a laugh with anyone. She was also very strong-willed and quick to share her opinion on a matter. But, most of all, she was very loving and adored her family and friends. She was very much loved.

Mrs. Barkley was a member of Gospel Missionary Baptist Church in Rocky Mount.

Mrs. Barkley is predeceased by her husband, William Willard Barkley. She is also predeceased by her friend and companion, David Myers. She is survived by her children, Mickey William Barkley; Samantha Barkley Copley and husband, Jim Copley; Aimee Barkley Narron and husband, Gregory Carl Narron; and Willard Travis Barkley and wife, Debra Thurman Barkley. She is also survived by her eight grandchildren, Richard Lee Smalley, William Barkley, Bryan Barkley, Brandon Narron, Casey Narron, Grant Barkley, Ben Barkley and Troy Barkley; and five great-grandchildren, Garrikk Smalley, Hannah Smalley, Bryan Barkley Jr., Shianne Barkley and Noah Barkley.

Mrs. Barkley's final wishes were for a small intimate service for immediate family only, followed by the cremation of her remains which are to be scattered in the Atlantic Ocean where her body will rest at peace for all eternity.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made to the Gospel Missionary Baptist Church at 8438 Town Creek Road, Rocky Mount, NC 27803; or the American Cancer Society at www.cancer.org.

Arrangements entrusted to Wheeler & Woodlief Funeral Home & Cremation Services, 1130 N. Winstead Avenue, Rocky Mount, NC 27804. You may share memories and condolences with the family by visiting www.wheelerwoodlief.com.

Janice Lewis

Aug. 18, 1945 — April 9, 2018

Janice Lewis, 72, of Wilson, passed away Monday. Her funeral services will be conducted at 2 p.m. Thursday at Joyner's Funeral Home, Wilson. Interment will follow in Evergreen Memorial Park, Wilson.

The family will receive friends Thursday from 1 – 1:45 p.m. prior to the service at Joyner's Funeral Home, 4100 Raleigh Road Parkway, Wilson.

Janice is survived by her son, John Ashley Farmer and wife, Angela, of Wilson; grandchildren, Jameson Farmer and Leah Farmer; her sisters, Dianne Dunn of Wilson and Gail Burkham of Louisburg, and brothers, Gordan Durham, Ricky Durham and William Durham, all of Wilson.

She was preceded in death by her first husband, James Farmer, and second husband, Bill Lewis; her son, Darrell Farmer, and brother, Wayne Durham.

Flowers are welcome or memorials in Janice's memory can be made to the American Cancer Society, 930 Wellness Drive, Greenville, North Carolina 27834.

Condolences may be directed to Joyner's Funeral Home at www.joyners.net.

Lula Mae Johnson Strickland

Lula Mae Johnson Strickland, 78, of Wilson, died Monday, April 9, 2018.

Funeral will be 11 a.m. Friday at Evergreen Memorial Park. The visitation will be 6:30- 8 p.m. Thursday at Wilson Memorial Service.

She is survived by sisters, Esther Windham (Charles) of Little Rock, Arkansas, and Kathleen Whitley (Dwight) of Kenly; brothers, Carl Johnson (Nancy) of Elm City, Jasper Johnson (Beth) of Wilson, Riley Johnson of North Augusta, Georgia, and Durwood Johnson (Bonnie) of Fremont; and longtime friend, Betty Lou Cox of Wilson.

Lula Mae was preceded in death by husband, Dwight Strickland; parents, Jasper and Rachel Watson Johnson; and sister, Rose Johnson.

The family would like to thank 3HC and Wilson Assisted Living for the services they provided.

Memorials are suggested to Home, Health & Hospice, 2400 Montgomery Drive SW, Suite B, Wilson, NC 27893.

Arrangements by Wilson Memorial Service, 2811 Fieldstream Drive N., Wilson, 252-237-7171, www.wilsonmemorialservice.com.

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Beekeepers abuzz about new club

By Drew C. Wilson
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Wilson beekeeper Marshall Dildy is enthusiastic about establishing a beekeeping club in Wilson County. An organizational meeting is planned Thursday at the Wilson County Agriculture Center. Drew C. Wilson | Times

New and established beekeepers in Wilson County are hoping to form a club to share information and broaden their ranks.

The North Carolina Cooperative Extension office in Wilson County wants to help by inviting beekeepers and those interested in honeybees to attend a presentation at 7 p.m. Thursday at the Wilson County Agricultural Center.

Tommy Batts, commercial horticultural agent for the Cooperative Extension office, said he has been approached by several people interested in establishing the club.

"Currently there are three clubs in the surrounding area, but they are at least half an hour away drive time," Batts said. "A couple of people have stated to me that they are tired of driving half an hour to go to a bee meeting."

The area clubs include Coastal Plain Beekeepers in Tarboro, Beekeepers of the Neuse in Goldsboro, Johnston County Beekeepers in Smithfield and Five-County Bee Club in Zebulon.

"I think there is enough interest to get one started here in Wilson County so that they don't have to travel so far to get information regarding beekeeping," Batts said. "It would be for anybody really, folks that just want to learn about bees as well as folks who have been in bees for years."

The idea sounds like a good one to Marshall Dildy, of Wilson, who has been maintaining beehives for the last six years.

"They are amazing little creatures. We're trying to do a club to help educate people," Dildy said. "My feeling about that is the sooner the better, because I see beekeeping popularity increasing."

Dildy has a friend who recently started three hives.

"He's called me twice to come help him do things that he's unfamiliar with, so he's learning and he's reaching out," Dildy said. "I don't always have the time to do it. I take the time, but with a bee club and more contacts or resources, it's going to make it a lot better for somebody like him."

Dildy remembers how it was for him when he got his first hive.

"I had one hive and I was what they call a 'bee-haver,' not a beekeeper," Dildy said. "I went out there one day and there was a cloud of bees out there and it was kind of scary looking. I was saying 'What have I got myself into?' not realizing that they were swarming. The queen had come out and she was mating and all this kind of stuff and it was just the biggest cloud of bees out there. I said 'The neighbors are going to be terrified.' It's little things like that and that's just a basic thing with bees. It's not totally understood by just the regular person on the street."

Dildy said the club is simply about sharing information and expertise with other people who have a similar appreciation of the life of bees

"To me, it's just like anything else, the more you know about something, better chance you are going to have of being successful with it," Dildy said. "You can prepare better for it."

Dildy thinks the new club could inspire novices to start their own hives.

"If they know that there is a resource out there and a resource available that can help, then it might just be the thing that makes them finally decide to do it," Dildy said. "And we need more beekeepers."

Batts said honeybees are extremely important, especially for fruits and vegetables.

"They are our pollinators," Batts said. "Without pollination, you don't produce a crop or it's very difficult to produce a crop. There are some natural bees, but they don't do as good as true honeybees. Without bees, you have no fruit."

From an agricultural standpoint Batts said about a hive per acre is a good rate of bees.

Dildy said from his research, the nationwide economic impact from the loss of honeybee pollination could be huge, as high as $50 or 60 billion.

"They are the best pollinators that are out there," Dildy said.

"The agricultural production is increasing. This country is doing everything in the world we can to increase production and at the same time, the bee population and the beekeepers and the numbers of people willing to do this are decreasing," Dildy said.

Many farmers who produce fruits and vegetables have to rent hives to encourage pollination of their crops, but the cost of renting a hive has probably tripled in the last five years, which is having a huge impact on food production as well.

"It's like anything else, with supply and demand, it puts pressure on the price," Dildy said.

At Thursday's meeting, attendees will learn about what it costs to get started, tips on the best ways to go about it and information to help the new beekeeper maintain healthy hives.

According to Batts, the North Carolina State Beekeepers Association wants to see a beekeeping club established in each of North Carolina's 100 counties.

For more information about the meeting and beekeeping, call Batts at 252-237-0111.

Kids' camp expenses could qualify for tax credits

For the Times

Parents who send their children to summer camp should be aware of the Child and Dependent Care Tax Credit and how it may help reduce their tax bill. The credit is available to parents who send their children to camp so they can work, notes Liberty Tax Service, but it cannot be used for all types of camps.

Here are guidelines for the Child and Dependent Care Tax Credit:

1. Qualifying child or children must be under age 13.

2. Expenses must be work-related. You and your spouse, if you file a joint return, must pay for care so you can work or look for work, be a full-time student, or be incapable of self-care.

3. You and your spouse, if you file a joint return, must have earned income, be a full-time student, or be incapable of self-care.

4. Paid expenses for home care, day care or a day camp can qualify.

5. The credit amount depends on your income, but the total dependent care expense limit for one year is $3,000 for one qualifying child or $6,000 for two or more children.

6. Some care doesn't qualify, including overnight camps or summer school tutoring.

7. Care provided by your spouse, a dependent, or a child under age 19 at year's end does not qualify.

8. The credit is not just a summer benefit, it can be used at any time during the year.

Taxpayers should keep records and receipts of their expenses and bring them to their tax preparer when they file their 2017 income tax return.

Liberty Tax Service trains its tax preparers to look for credits and deductions and know how to apply them to help reduce tax liability.

For more information, call the Liberty Tax Service office in Wilson at 252-991-6413 or visit www.liberty-tax.com. Liberty Tax does take appointments, but they are not necessary.

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RATHER BE COOKING

Looking for some new, local recipes?



LISA BOYKIN BATTS

Ferrells Fire and Rescue Auxiliary has a nice new cookbook filled with lots of yummy recipes at the bargain price of $10.

I've enjoyed reading though the wire bound, 162-page cookbook, checking out a variety of recipes from baked pimiento cheese and spicy crescent sausage balls to cheesecake pecan pie and baked spaghetti made with Manwich sauce.

As with so many locally produced cookbooks, this volume includes variations on recipes so many of us make or sample at covered dish dinners. There are so new recipes as well.

I marked a number of recipes the first time I thumbed through the book.

I am intrigued by marinated cucumbers that include green peppers and onions and are seasoned with sugar, vinegar, salt and celery seed. That recipe was submitted by Astor Rae Coleman.

Vada Taylor's recipe for Sue and Gloria's baked beans also caught my attention. This version includes crushed pineapple, and french fried onions in addition to molasses, barbecue sauce and bacon.

Marcia Cone's recipe for Cheddar pecan rolls sounds delicious. It starts with a loaf of frozen bread that's doctored with butter, cheese and pecans.

If you want to make something sweet, you have plenty of recipes to choose from including Jean Morton's chocolate praline pecan cake and Terry Cone's salted caramel pie.

On Sunday night, I made Pearl Coleman Bunn's chocolate chunk cookies. I thought my co-workers and I could use a sweet treat while we worked!

The recipe is simple to make and results in delicious, crisp cookies. I probably let my butter get too soft and warm before making the cookies because they ended up flat but very crispy and delicious. (I actually prefer crispy cookies, so this was a good recipe for me!) If the butter is too warm next time, I might place the cookie dough balls on the baking sheet in the refrigerator for a few minutes to chill before baking. My cookies weren't beautiful, but they sure were rich and delicious, and they were a hit with my family and co-workers. Give them a try!

If you'd like to purchase a copy of this cookbook for Ferrells Fire and Rescue Auxiliary in Middlesex, contact Marcia Cone at 252-230-3701.



The recipe for these yummy chocolate chip cookies is found in the Ferrells Fire and Rescue Auxiliary Cookbook. Lisa Boykin Batts | Times

Chocolate Chunk Cookies

½ cup (1 stick) butter, softened
½ cup granulated sugar
½ cup packed light brown sugar
1 large egg
½ teaspoon vanilla
¾ cup all-purpose flour
½ teaspoon salt
½ teaspoon baking powder
½ teaspoon baking soda
½ cup rolled oats
1 ¼ cup chocolate chunks

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Lightly grease two large baking sheets. Combine the butter, granulated sugar and brown sugar in a large bowl. Beat with a wooden spoon or electric mixer set on medium speed until creamy.

Beat in egg and vanilla; set aside.

Next sift the flour, salt and baking powder and baking soda into a small bowl. Add the flour mixture to the butter mixture, beating continuously. Stir in the rolled oats and chocolate chunks.

Spoon tablespoonsful of the dough, about 2 inches apart, onto the prepared baking sheets. Bake cookies until lightly browned, 8 to 10 minutes. Let cookies cool for 1 minute before transferring to wire racks. Repeat with any remaining dough.

Pearl Coleman Bunn

Marinated Cucumbers

6 cups thinly sliced cucumbers
2 cups sugar
1 cup vinegar
1 green pepper, finely chopped
1 small onion, finely chopped
1 tablespoon salt
1 tablespoon celery seed

In a bowl, mix together sugar, vinegar, salt and celery seed. Stir often to allow the sugar to begin to dissolve. (Sugar will not completely dissolve at this point.)

Combine cucumbers, green pepper and onion in a large container. Pour in sugar mixture, scraping bowl to get all of the sugar. Stir until combined and cucumbers are covered. Place in refrigerator and marinate overnight. These can be served chilled and will keep at least a week in the refrigerator.

Astor Rae Coleman

Cooking on deadline: Simple vegetarian spring pasta salad

By Katie Workman
The Associated Press

A great pasta salad is a beautiful thing. It anchors a picnic, potluck or buffet with aplomb. It's portable, flexible, and easily and often vegetarian.

One of the first things I made for my then-boyfriend's (now husband's) parents was a pasta salad, and for whatever reason, it won them over and became a most-requested dish.

Pasta salads are also such a nice way to play around with seasonal vegetables, so you can change things up all year. Spring and summer are peak moments to scoop up the great produce at the farmers' market, grab a box of pasta, and quickly turn all of it into a crowd-pleasing and easy side or main dish. I tend to pack in the vegetables, and the results are beautiful and nicely tilted toward the healthy side.

In this recipe, the asparagus and sugar snap peas get a bit more tender and keep their bright green color after a quick simmer, and the best part is that you can add them right into the pasta at the end of the cooking time; that saves a step and an extra pot.

If you chop the leafy greens, they will blend into the salad more, but sometimes I like to leave them whole and have the whole thing be kind of a cross between a pasta salad and a regular salad.

You can make this salad ahead of time, up to one day. Ideally, leave the arugula, spinach and basil out and add them right before serving. Adding the greens at the last minute keeps them from getting wilted and darkening. Also, hold off on the tomatoes: Tomatoes really should never see the inside of a refrigerator, and since you'll have to refrigerate this salad to keep it fresh, tossing in the tomatoes at the very end will keep them from getting slightly mealy.

If you have made the salad ahead, let it sit at room temperature for at least 20 minutes to take the chill off before serving, so the flavors all come shining through. Also, if you refrigerated the salad, the pasta will have absorbed the dressing a bit; add an extra drizzle of olive oil, and give it a toss to get it nice and glistening again.

Simple Vegetarian Spring Pasta Salad

SERVES 8

1 pound dried spiral pasta (or cavatappi, ziti, fusilli or other salad-friendly shaped pasta)
2 cups (8 ounces) halved sugar snap peas
2 cups (1-inch pieces) asparagus
2 cups baby or roughly chopped arugula
2 cups baby or roughly chopped spinach
1 bell pepper (red, yellow, or orange), finely diced
1 pint cherry tomatoes, cut in half, or quarters if larger
½ cup sliced scallions
½ cup extra virgin olive oil
2 tablespoons mayonnaise
¼ cup rice vinegar
1 tablespoon Dijon mustard
½ cup chopped shallots
½ cup slivered fresh basil
Kosher salt and freshly ground pepper to taste
⅓ cup finely grated Parmesan cheese

Heat a large pot of salted water to a boil. Cook the pasta according to package directions, but 1 minute before the pasta is tender, add the sugar snap peas and the asparagus. Cook for 1 minute, then drain the pasta and the vegetables and rinse under cold water. Drain well.

Place the pasta, sugar snap peas and asparagus in a bowl with the arugula, spinach, peppers, tomatoes and scallions.

In a small bowl or container, combine the olive oil, mayonnaise, vinegar, mustard, shallots, basil, salt and pepper. Pour this dressing over the pasta salad and toss well to combine. Add the Parmesan and toss again. Taste and adjust the seasonings as needed.

Mom rattled by son's cross-dressing



DEAR ABBY

DEAR ABBY: My son's girlfriend confided to me that my son, age 35, is cross-dressing. I knew his life was in flux and that his appearance had changed, but it stunned me. He hasn't mentioned anything, and she said he would be very upset if I knew.

When I saw him the same day, I made sure to hug him and tell him I love him. Please tell me what to do or say. — *What To Say In Texas*

Dear What: Do nothing, say nothing. This isn't your business, and the girlfriend was wrong to betray your son's confidence.

It may reassure you to know that cross-dressing has been around for centuries and has been present in many cultures. Your son isn't the only cross-dresser in the United States or even the state of Texas. Most male cross-dressers are heterosexual and do it because it feels good to them. It is no reflection on their morals, their sexual orientation or gender identity.

DEAR ABBY: I have a 6-year-old son, "Tyler," from a previous relationship. I have been dating a man I'll call Chad for almost four years.

My problem is, Chad can't seem to have any kind of relationship or interaction with Tyler. Chad isn't abusive, but he constantly ignores my boy and gives him no attention. I thought after all this time Chad would be used to my son, but it hasn't happened. Sometimes he seems annoyed when Tyler is in the same room. I'm not sure if I should end the relationship or stick around. Any advice would be helpful. — *Losing Hope*

Dear Losing Hope: Your first responsibility is to your son. The way Chad treats Tyler will eventually damage the boy's self-esteem if it hasn't already. Children are perceptive. When they are ignored, they know something is wrong and think it's their fault — that there's something wrong with them and that they don't measure up. My advice is to tell Chad the romance is over and why. Frankly, you should have done it years ago.

DEAR ABBY: I admit I'm a loud snorer. However, I was on a plane recently, flying home after an exhausting trip. I fell asleep and my seatmate repeatedly woke me to complain about my snoring. Shouldn't the woman have let me sleep in peace if she saw that I was genuinely tired? What made her needs greater than mine? — *Trying To Sleep*

Dear Trying To Sleep: Not knowing the woman, it's hard to say. Perhaps your seatmate felt entitled to a quiet flight and your snoring was so disruptive that, even with earphones, she could concentrate on nothing else. I suppose she could have asked the flight attendant to change her seat, but if the flight was fully booked she probably woke you because she wasn't inclined to suffer from coast to coast.

P.S. I would be remiss in my responsibility as an advice columnist if I didn't urge you to discuss your snoring with your doctor. It could be a symptom of sleep apnea, a condition that is very serious.

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Some factors to consider when choosing a new primary care doctor



ASK THE DOCTORS

DEAR DOCTOR: Our doctor is retiring, and my wife and I have been told we need to select a new physician within two months. But we read the bios of available doctors in our area who are accepted by our insurance, and their degrees are not from first-class facilities. How can we make a good selection and be assured of quality care?

Dear Reader: Finding a primary doctor is not an easy task. You and your wife probably had a very long and good relationship with your physician. Such a relationship is not simply about treating a disease, taking care of vaccinations or providing preventive care. It's a human relationship — one with ups and downs, but also mutual trust and a sense of comfort. So trying to replace that relationship is understandably daunting.

But let's ask: What makes a good primary doctor? It's not simply the source of the medical degree or the institution with which a doctor is associated. Those might be factors, but they might not speak to a doctor's overall quality.

If the doctor is affiliated with an institution, consider standard markers of quality about the institution itself, such as the percentage of patients getting vaccinations, colon cancer screenings, Pap smears and mammograms. Some states make this publicly available; California's Office of the Patient Advocate website is one example. Other, nongovernmental websites provide patients' ratings of a doctor's care. Although multiple poor reviews could reflect poor quality of care, positive reviews don't necessarily reflect uniformly good care. Some offices encourage patients to provide good reviews, and some offices actively manage sites — both of which can skew the results.

Then there's word of mouth. Try asking your friends, family or the people you work with for a recommendation. They may be able to give you an idea not only of a doctor's ability to diagnose and treat illnesses but also the doctor's personality. For many people, that's an important aspect of the doctor-patient relationship. Primary care doctors can be great diagnosticians, but can have personality traits that create barriers to good communication. If someone you trust attests to a doctor's ability to both communicate and to treat, this can be a powerful endorsement of his or her quality.

Another difficulty, of course, is the relative shortage of primary care physicians. After the cost of schooling and the physical and mental toils of residency, many physicians choose more lucrative specialties instead of primary care, which generally nets less income. In addition, some primary care physicians have concierge practices, meaning they accept a limited number of patients but at a higher cost to the patient.

Sometimes simply making an appointment with a new primary care doctor — and assessing how his or her office is run — is the only way to know whether a particular doctor will be a good fit. This may require some patience on your part. There may be some aspects of the office that you like and others that you don't, so expect an adjustment period.

But over time, you can again develop a good rapport with a doctor and have another trusted relationship for many years.

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Minor side effects cause misery



PEOPLE'S PHARMACY

If you watch television, you know that prescription drug ads have proliferated like dandelions after a spring rain. They often list a number of serious or even life-threatening side effects. You hear them recited while people on the screen are smiling and having fun.

The commercial for the rheumatoid arthritis drug Xeljanz XR cautions that it "can lower your ability to fight infection, including tuberculosis. Serious, sometimes fatal infections, lymphoma and other cancers have happened ... Tears in the stomach or intestines, low blood cell count and higher liver tests and higher cholesterol levels have happened ..."

A medicine for bipolar disorder, Vraylar, warns of an increased risk of death or stroke in older people with dementia. Fever, stiff muscles or confusion could signal "a life-threatening reaction." Uncontrollable muscle movements may be permanent. The announcer continues, "High cholesterol and weight gain, high blood sugar which could lead to coma or death, decreased white blood cells, which can be fatal, dizziness upon standing, falls, seizures, impaired judgment, heat sensitivity and trouble swallowing may occur."

Such adverse reactions are not the only problems patients may encounter with prescribed medications. However, they might be the only ones doctors warn people about.

Many of these medicines also have less serious complications. Doctors and pharmacists refer to them as "minor side effects." They include things like fatigue, cough, headache, heartburn, constipation, diarrhea, insomnia, weight gain, hair loss and blurred vision.

Such reactions may not be life-threatening, but they can make people's lives miserable. Often, people may not realize that a health problem is related to their medication. If a health professional doesn't mention minor side effects, how would a patient figure out the connection?

One of the most popular drugs in the pharmacy is lisinopril, prescribed to control blood pressure. Doctors who prescribe it may not mention that this ACE inhibitor can cause a chronic cough. One reader related this story:

"A month and a half ago, my doctor prescribed lisinopril for my hypertension. She never told me about any side effects. I had been taking it for about three weeks when I woke up one night with a horrible coughing spell. This went on for about a week. I was getting no sleep at all because of the coughing and the irritation in my throat.

"I went back to my doctor, and she told me that I had allergies. She prescribed a steroid inhaler and told me to take Zyrtec once a day. Another week went by, and I still had a dry, hacking cough. It was getting so bad that I couldn't go to work.

"I am an ex-smoker and I was imagining the worst: throat cancer, emphysema or the like. I searched online to see if anyone else was having the same problems and I found The People's Pharmacy website. What a revelation that lisinopril was causing the problem all along!"

Other people have shared their distress with drug-induced hair loss, rash, headache, dry mouth or constipation. They may not be as scary as cancer or liver damage, but they deserve serious attention.

Health professionals should write down common and serious drug side effects and the symptoms they might cause. That will allow patients to recognize and respond promptly to adverse drug reactions that affect the quality of their lives.

Joe Graedon is a pharmacologist. Teresa Graedon holds a doctorate in medical anthropology and is a nutrition expert. Their syndicated radio show can be heard on public radio. In their column, Joe and Teresa Graedon answer letters from readers. Write to them in care of King Features, 628 Virginia Drive, Orlando, FL 32803, or email them via their website: www.PeoplesPharmacy.com.

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THOUGHT FOR TODAY

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth. Worship the Lord with gladness; come into his presence with singing. (Psalm 100:1-2)

PRAYER: Dear God, help us to greet with enthusiasm the blessings you give us through the simple pleasures of your handiwork. Help us to share our faith in you with others. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

IN OUR OPINION

School abortion walkouts deserve equal free speech

What's good for the gun control goose is good for the pro-life gander.

That's the principle behind a national student walkout scheduled today to protest abortion policies nearly a month after thousands of American high school students left class to demonstrate against school shootings and advocate for stricter gun laws.

Brandon Gillespie, a junior at Rocklin High School in California, proposed an anti-abortion school walkout and quickly garnered support from conservative groups nationwide. The pro-life protest was designed to closely mirror the March 14 gun violence walkout to test whether public schools would give conservative student activists the same leeway they provided supporters of liberal causes.

The March walkout was held one month after a shooter took 17 lives at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Florida. Schools were all over the map in their handling of the nationwide demonstration, with some promising harsh punishment for protesters and others halting classes and escorting students outside.

Gillespie's school fell into the latter camp. Rocklin High told teachers to modify lesson plans to accommodate the walkout, chose not to punish participants and provided access to the school amphitheater, according to the Life Legal Defense Foundation. Yet Gillespie says school officials told him Rocklin wouldn't roll out the red carpet for his pro-life protest.

Treating student demonstrators differently based on the viewpoint they're expressing runs afoul of the First Amendment and the 14th Amendment's Equal Protection Clause. As a public school and an arm of the government, Rocklin High can't take sides or play favorites.

"The Pro-Life Generation has every right to exercise their free speech rights in defense of pregnant and parenting students," Kristin Hawkins, president of Students for Life of America, said in a statement. "But we have found that some administrations have not embraced students who care about lives lost to abortion as they did students who cared about lives lost to gun violence. But you can't open the door to one group of students and close it to another. Abortion has taken the lives of one-fourth of this generation, and we will remember those we've lost on Wednesday."

Opponents argue that protesting abortion is far more polarizing than calling for an end to gun violence — after all, no political group or decent human being supports school shootings. But gun control advocacy was part and parcel of the Parkland walkouts. And restrictions on Second Amendment rights are certainly as controversial as restrictions on abortion rights.

Last month's walkout included a moment of silence for school shooting victims. Today's will mourn the unborn lost to legal abortion. Last month, students' protest signs targeted the National Rifle Association. The pro-life walkout is taking aim at Planned Parenthood. See the parallels?

In a Monday letter to Rocklin High School Principal Davis Stewart, attorney Allison K. Aranda demands that Gillespie's pro-life walkout receive equal treatment as last month's Parkland walkout. If school officials crack down on participants or fail to provide the same accommodations, Aranda and her Life Legal Defense Foundation vow to "pursue all legal remedies to protect his constitutional and civil rights."

Walkouts are planned at 10 a.m. today at a smattering of schools across the country. Folks will be tempted to fall into well-worn ideological battle lines, with conservatives supporting the movement and liberals opposing it. But there's a deeper issue at stake.

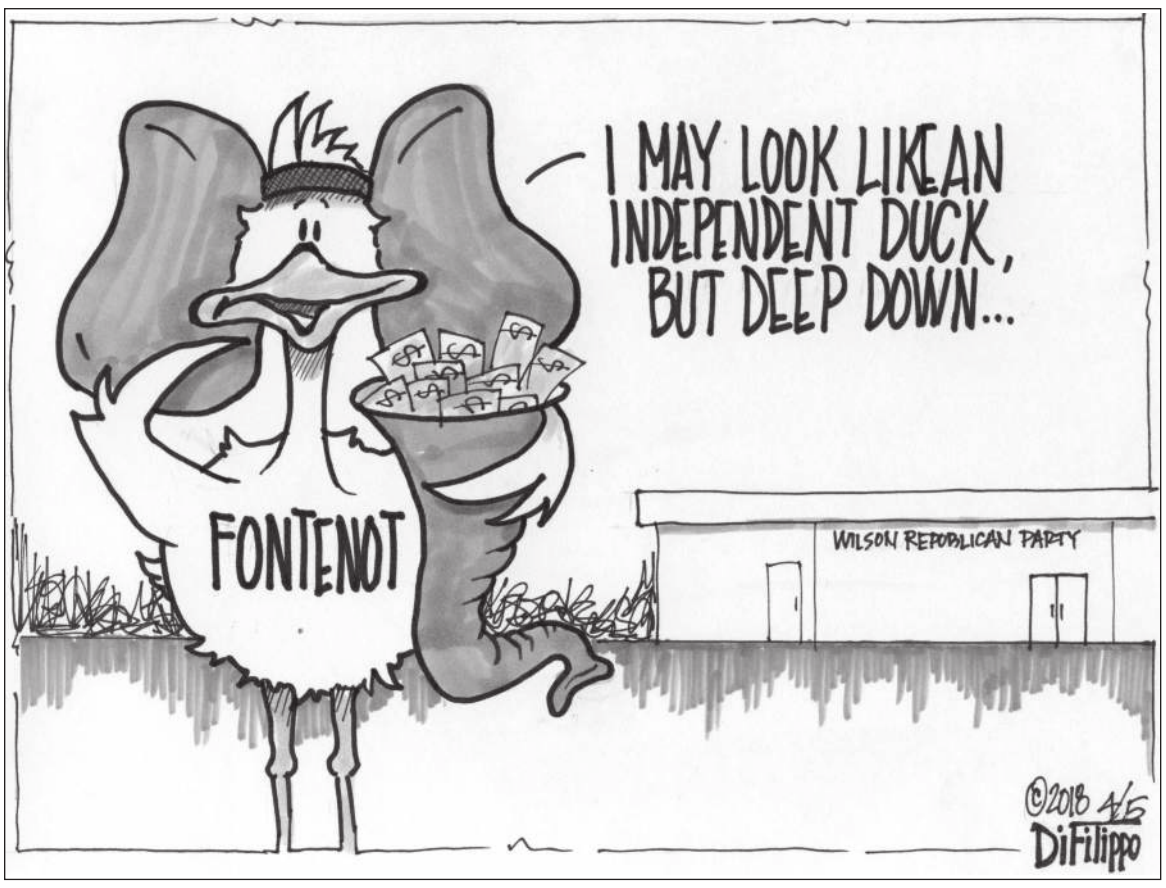
It's settled law that government institutions including public schools must apply viewpoint-neutral standards to their oversight of speech and expressive conduct. Endorsing one political protest and discouraging or disadvantaging another is blatantly illegal.

Even the ardently pro-choice have to admit — if they're being intellectually honest — that Brandon Gillespie has as much right to demonstrate during school as young acolytes of David Hogg.

Schools didn't have to jump on the Parkland protest bandwagon with both feet. Under the Supreme Court's watershed Tinker v. Des Moines decision, students can exercise their First Amendment rights, but schools are allowed to silence speech that causes a material and substantial disruption to the educational process. Class walkouts would seem to fit the bill.

But here's the rub: Once schools determine that leaving class for political reasons is OK, they can't then decide which political reasons merit class time interruption and which ones don't. Nor does it matter whether a walkout is staged for a widespread student sentiment or a controversial cause with few adherents. The First Amendment protects unpopular speech just the same.

Pro-life teenagers are teaching their teachers and principals a thing or two about the Constitution. Here's hoping administrators are taking notes.



LETTERS

School board should lend its support to Spanish immersion

In 2013, Wilson County Schools began the Spanish immersion program. Over the last 14 months, the community has banded together to support the program and the Spanish immersion teachers in an effort to ensure that the program continues and prospers. We have spoken at monthly Board of Education meetings, reached out personally to those members and have sought advice from other counties, legislators and businesspeople.

While much has been said about these students becoming bicultural, biliterate and bilingual, research indicates that there are many concrete academic benefits as well, including the ability to:

- Develop strong thinking skills
- Use logic
- Increase reading comprehension
- Understand math concepts and problems
- Cultivate greater cultural awareness
- Focus, remember and make decisions
- Increase brain development in areas that organize and process speech

In addition, research indicates that students get stronger the longer they remain in the program, and we are seeing that trend in Wilson as the first class is now in fourth grade. We have evidence from district benchmark assessments that our Spanish immersion students are outperforming their peers in traditional classrooms in both reading and math. We firmly believe that rather than considering the elimination of the program, our district leadership should be considering ways to further promote and expand the program so that additional students may reap these benefits.

All of the surrounding counties, except Wayne County, now have dual language programs and see the value in this program. Our neighbors see the opportunities and benefits that Spanish immersion provides for their students and those districts are choosing to invest in the future. To put it simply, we don't want our children in Wilson County to be left behind.

We recognize that innovation often starts small and takes time to get off of the ground; we have prime examples like the Wilson Academy of Applied Technology and Wilson Early College Academy in our district. We believe that given time, resources and support, the Spanish immersion program will yield benefits for the students currently enrolled in the program and the larger Wilson County Schools community. However, if our district continues to cut innovative programs, WCS will continue to lose families to other educational opportunities (private school, charter school and homeschool). The time is now for our district leaders to consider the future and vision of Wilson County Schools. It is time to develop a comprehensive plan to fully support the implementation of the Spanish immersion program as one component of a move to re-engage the Wilson community and truly make Wilson County Schools the best choice for public education in Wilson.

Our hope is that during the April 16 meeting, the Board of Education will vote to continue this program in Wilson County. With their approval, Wilson County Schools can put a plan in place to ensure the success of Spanish immersion and more importantly, the success of our students.

Erin J. Day
Shelley Gibson
Helen Lofton
Kenneth Lofton
Tiara Lofton
Marcos and Krystal Alices
Sean Gibson
Demetrius and Patricia Harvey
Emily Blackwell
Reginald Harrison
Teleasha Edwards
John Edwards
Jennifer Harrison
Ashley Johnson
Stephanie Robl
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David and Kimberly Burris
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Anna and Dan Roberts
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WILSON COUNTY

Make sure you're registered to vote by Friday

The deadline for voter registration applications for the North Carolina primary is this Friday, April 13. Primary elections are important. They determine which candidates will run in the November elections. For elections to be as fair as possible, all registered voters should turn out and vote in the primary. To do that, you must be registered to vote by this Friday.

Statistically fewer than 8 percent of eligible voters in this state turnout for primaries. It is important that the elected officials represent the will of the voting population and not just a very small minority

Individuals who are new to the area or are unregistered can register at the Wilson County Board of Elections, 112 Douglas St. E., through Friday. Proper ID includes a driver's license or utility bill with your current address. The phone number at the Board of Elections is 252-399-2836.

If you are a brand new voter, never voting before in any election, you can register to vote any day throughout the one-stop early voting period. But this applies only to new voters who've never voted in any election.

The dates for one-stop early voting are Thursday, April 19 through Saturday the 21st; Monday the 23rd through Friday the 27th; and Sunday the 29th through Saturday the 5th. Primary Election Day is Tuesday, May 8. Board of Elections hours during the week are 8 to 5. Weekend hours for early voting will differ and you should call the BOE for those times.

The following websites provide valuable voter information.

A voter registration application can be printed from this website and brought to the BOE — http://www.wakegov.com/elections/voters/Pages/forms.aspx

The N.C. State Board of Elections and Ethics Enforcement calendar provides dates for all elections — https://www.ncsbe.gov/Elections/Agency-Calendar

The following website locates your voting district and identifies your current representatives by typing in your ZIP code — https://www.govtrack.us/congress/members/map

And last is Ballotpedia, which is a lot of fun. You simply scroll down to "Offices on the Ballot" and click on those that are checkmarked. It states who the Democrat, Republican and independent candidates are for the primaries for that office by district — https://ballotpedia.org/North_Carolina_elections,_2018

Let's make this the best primary election ever.

Deborah A. Baro
WILSON

Commentary

"While it's important that political candidates follow the law, many of the complaints may prove frivolous." COLIN CAMPBELL

Reconciling your vote with the Bible



ROGER ALLISON

With the 2018 primaries and midterm elections approaching, I'd like to reflect on the importance of voting from a Biblical perspective. All denominations can agree that the source of truth is the Bible, and the Bible's direction on government is stated in Romans 13:1, "Let every person be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and those that exist have been instituted by God." Specifically, the Bible's view of voting is:

• 1. Sowing a seed invoking a harvest to you;

• 2. Not an option because you must traffic in truth (Proverbs 29:2);

• 3. An act of giving back, meaning it is selfish not to vote.

However, let's look at the primary reconciling issues:

Since Roe v Wade in 1973, more than 60,000,000 abortions have been conducted. However, as Christians, what about Jeremiah 1:5 do we not believe? It states, "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you."

Voting for someone who takes unborn life invokes Proverbs 28:17, "Do not support a man with the guilt of human blood on his hands."

More abortions than births were recorded in New York City last year. To reconcile your vote with the Bible, look for politicians with a Planned Parenthood rating close to 0 percent, because 100 percent means that they support abortions and government-funded abortions beyond 20 weeks.

The Bible historically documents 2000 years of Jerusalem's relevance (19 Judea kings) to the Israelites. Jerusalem is mentioned in the Bible 600 times, such as 1 Kings 9:3, "Yahweh has declared that this (Jerusalem) is the place where He will establish His Name and will dwell there forever."

However, the Bible also states in Genesis 12: 3 "I will bless those who bless you (Israel), and him who dishonors you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."

Vote for anyone who is not anti-Semitic and who aligns with Israel and not any of its sworn enemies.

In 1962, prayer and its guiding morality source, the Bible, was removed from schools. In its absence, morality was left up to each individual person to interpret and adopt on their own — the definition of anarchy! This was the beginning of individual unproven whims being given more credibility than equal rights of all Americans.

Progressive thought divides equality, liberty and morality into sexual orientation, race, color and religion! This divisiveness, not unity, instills hate. Americans are a single Republic that is ruled by its laws and the Constitution mandates the common equal rights for all Americans: God-given and law-based. No categorical or identity politics distinguished. So, vote for candidates who prioritize liberty (James 1:25) and the community of equal Americans.

In summary, reconcile your vote with the Bible by eliminating officials who are: anti-Semitic; pro-choice; unwilling to invoke unity, liberty and equality. Finally, pray that citizens who are having trouble voting their faith because it is contrary to their generational voting patterns will think twice!

Roger Allison *of Durham is the Republican candidate for Congress in North Carolina's 1st District.*



If you can't beat 'em, disqualify 'em



COLIN CAMPBELL

RALEIGH — A hot new trend is sweeping North Carolina campaigns this year: Trying to get your opponents disqualified and kicked off the ballot before Election Day.

I'm surprised this tactic hasn't been used heavily before. Why go to the trouble to raise money and campaign on issues when you could just knock out the other candidate on a technicality and run unopposed?

These sort of complaints filed with elections boards aren't new, but there have been at least a dozen or so this year (the state elections board doesn't have an exact figure) — far more than past cycles. The majority are residency challenges — complaints that a candidate doesn't actually live in the district where he or she is running for office.

Normally, the state constitution requires candidates to live in their district for at least a year before Election Day. But a redistricting lawsuit has prompted last-minute changes in legislative district lines, so the courts dropped that requirement for this year.

The new districts sent politicians scrambling to move into districts where they have the strongest chance of victory. That included several incumbent legislators who looked at the demographics of their new district and felt a sudden urge to relocate.

Many of those candidates now face residency challenges. The complaints are difficult to prove without stalking someone to see which house they're sleeping at. In one case, someone actually hired a private eye to follow a candidate.

That was in Mecklenburg County, where a Republican is challenging the candidacy of N.C. House candidate Brandon Lofton, a Democrat. The complaint alleges that while Lofton is buying a house in his district, he hadn't yet moved when he changed his voter registration. The Mecklenburg elections board deadlocked along party lines after a lengthy hearing, but an appeal is likely.

The stakes are high, both for the political parties and for the voters of House District 104. If Lofton is disqualified, incumbent Republican Rep. Andy Dulin will be unopposed — giving the GOP an automatic win in a competitive district, while depriving voters of a choice.

Left-leaning groups are trying the same tactic, although none have admitted to hiring a private eye. Many of the residency challenges against Republicans stem from efforts by a nonprofit group called Real Facts NC.

Real Facts sent mailings to the home addresses of GOP candidates, and any mail returned as "undeliverable" led to a residency challenge. One target was Rep. Justin Burr, R-Stanly and a powerful figure in the House, who says there's no mail delivery at his home because he uses a post office box instead.

The Postal Service isn't exactly a reliable way to assess residency, even though it's how the state elections agency verifies registrations. Lots of people get their mail at post office boxes, but they don't live inside the boxes. So far, none of the challenges have forced anyone off the ballot.

At least one eligibility complaint didn't involve residency. Republican Senate candidate Nora Trotman faced a complaint that she wasn't registered as a GOP voter ahead of filing. That's a law designed to make sure no one sabotages a party's primary by faking their political affiliation, but Trotman has GOP backing. Her party notes that she's been a dues-paying member of a Young Republicans group.

Trotman's candidacy was initially rejected by the Mecklenburg County elections board, but the state elections board overturned the decision because the county board didn't have enough votes to act.

While it's important that political candidates follow the law, many of the complaints may prove frivolous. The real goal may be to make voters doubt a candidate's honesty, and the controversies are a distraction from the real issues voters want to hear about.

It's also troubling that the complaints are backed by groups that operate in the shadows. As a 501(c)(4) nonprofit, Real Facts doesn't have to disclose who's funding its mailers. It's also unclear who paid for the private investigator to follow Lofton.

Enough with the sideshows. Let's get back to the education, health care and economic issues that actually matter in this year's election.

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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 29,000 followers.*

On Sheriff Calvin Woodard's claim that politics surrounding the Democratic sheriff primary are influencing the discoveries of dead dogs in trash bags on rural roadsides and the publicity they're generating:

Time for a new sheriff in Wilson County.

James Shackleford
VIA WILSONTIMES.COM

Another biased story by the Woodard Daily Times!

Lisa Hill Gardner
VIA WILSONTIMES.COM

I don't particularly like Woodard. I don't live in Wilson but I work there. He is absolutely right, though. If witnesses are withholding evidence — then blaming him for not doing his job — they are hypocrites. They are part of the problem. Play straight or go home already.

Clint Williams
VIA WILSONTIMES.COM

Yes, that would be true if they were withholding evidence. The dog in question that was taken to an anonymous vet was viewed by WCSO and they said there was nothing they could do despite obvious facial discoloration implying trauma. No evidence is being "withheld," the WCSO wouldn't do their job so citizens had to do it for them. They chose not to examine that dog and actually left it on the side of the road dead and mutilated for an additional 24 hours before a citizen came and picked it up. No one is impeding their investigation. They had a chance to do their job and failed.

Baylie Edwards
VIA WILSONTIMES.COM

That's what I was thinking. They had the dog but chose to leave it, and for more than one day at that. I don't understand why they say their investigation is being hindered.

Toni Marie Calamito-Barnes
VIA WILSONTIMES.COM

Mr. Woodard has cleaned up a lot of drugs and gangs in this county. Animals are important, but so are people. I don't mean to be ugly, but how come you same people aren't thankful he has cleaned up a lot of drugs? I love animals but I also love people. Seems to me there's a lot of griping going on about animals, but what about drugs?

Brenda Mayo Lewin
VIA FACEBOOK

Getting to know Justice Ginsburg



D.G. MARTIN

"I ask no favor for my sex. All I ask of our brethren is that they take their feet off our necks," U.S. Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg told me the other day in Durham.

The 85-year-old justice had lots to say about her personal struggles as law student, young lawyer looking for work, advocate for women's rights as a crusading attorney and judge and justice.

In dealing with her fellow judges, "I did see myself as kind of a kindergarten teacher in those days," she explained, "because the judges didn't think sex discrimination existed."

Before spending my time with Ginsburg, I confess that I thought of her as a frail and aging woman who slept during the president's state of the union messages and whose time on the Supreme Court could probably be measured in weeks and months.

Instead, I learned, she is a weight-lifting athlete who has beaten two serious cancers and is in better shape than many who are years younger.

Before I go further, let me confess that I did not get to meet Ginsburg face-to-face. I got to know her through the documentary film, "RBG." It was shown last week to a capacity crowd at downtown Durham's Full Frame Documentary Film Festival.

Many North Carolinians know about film festivals at places such as Sundance and Cannes and wish they could crash those scenes. Arguably though, just as good and just as important is Full Frame. Every year in early April it presents more than 100 films over a four-day weekend. It has gained national recognition for the quality of its offerings and the smooth, customer-friendly atmosphere. Hundreds of volunteers hustle to help every visitor find the way to the next film showing. Full Frame (www.fullframefest.org) should be on every North Carolina film lover's bucket list.

In "RBG," Ginsburg related how hard it had been to be one of the few women entering Harvard Law School in 1954. A professor chided her for taking the place that could have gone to a man. At the same time she was falling in love with another law student, whom she later married, and who actively supported her legal work on behalf of women's rights. Later, though deeply in love with her husband, she took her male judicial colleagues to "kindergarten" on women's rights.

"RBG" will be in theaters next month. See the trailer at https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=biIRlcQqmOc

Thanks to Full Frame and the film "Three Identical Strangers," I also got to meet David Kellman, Bobby Shafran and Eddie Galland. These men were identical triplets separated at their birth in 1961 and raised in different homes. They did not know of the others' existence until they were 19 years old. When they first met, they were stunned that they were so much alike, in looks, interests, tastes, movements and many other ways.

They smoked the same brand of cigarettes. They liked the same kinds of foods. All this was notwithstanding the fact that they were raised in different homes by very different parents. After appearing on national television and film, they continued to be inseparable, living together, playing together and enjoying their fame.

Too happy to be real, the story of the triplets' lives ended on a dark side. They learned their separation at birth had been a part of a study to examine the question of the relative importance of heredity against the influence of the family and home environment. Their sad experiences raised the question of when it may or may not be appropriate to alter people's lives in order to study the impact of the change.

These two films were life-changing experiences.

Put Full Frame on your bucket list.

D.G. Martin *hosts "North Carolina Bookwatch," which airs Sundays at 11 a.m. and Thursdays at 5 p.m. on UNC-TV.*

NATIONAL BRIEFS

Gradual deployment of US troops to Mexico border underway

WESLACO, Texas — The deployment of National Guard members to the U.S.-Mexico border at President Donald Trump's request was underway Tuesday with a gradual ramp-up of troops under orders to help curb illegal immigration.

The Trump administration also announced that Homeland Security Kirstjen Nielsen will visit this week a stretch of new border wall breaking ground in New Mexico, putting additional focus on what Trump has called a crisis of migrant crossings and crime.

The construction and commitment of at least 1,600 Guard members from Arizona, New Mexico and Texas provoked fresh condemnation from immigrant activists and praise from border-state Republican governors, who will retain command-and-control of their state's Guard during a mission that for now has no firm end date.

The only holdout border state was California, led by Democratic Gov. Jerry Brown, who has not announced whether troops from his state's National Guard will participate and has repeatedly clashed with Trump over immigration policy. The state was still reviewing Tuesday whether it join the effort, said Lt. Tom Keegan, a spokesman for the California National Guard.

In Texas, where Republican Gov. Greg Abbott has pledged to put more than 1,000 Guard members into action, military officials said Tuesday that 300 troops would report to armories this week for preparation and training. Texas has previously kept about 100 Guard members stationed on the border for years as part of its own border security efforts.

Zuckerberg discloses Facebook working with Russia probe

WASHINGTON — Facebook CEO Mark Zuckerberg disclosed Tuesday his company is "working with" special counsel Robert Mueller in the federal probe of Russian interference in the 2016 presidential campaign — and working hard to change its own operations after the harvesting of users' private information by a Trump campaign-affiliated data-mining company.

The founder of the social media giant publicly apologized for his company's errors in failing to better protect the personal information of its millions of users, a controversy that has brought a flood of bad publicity and sent the company's stock value plunging. He seemed to achieve a measure of success: Facebook shares surged 4.5 percent for the day, the biggest gain in two years.

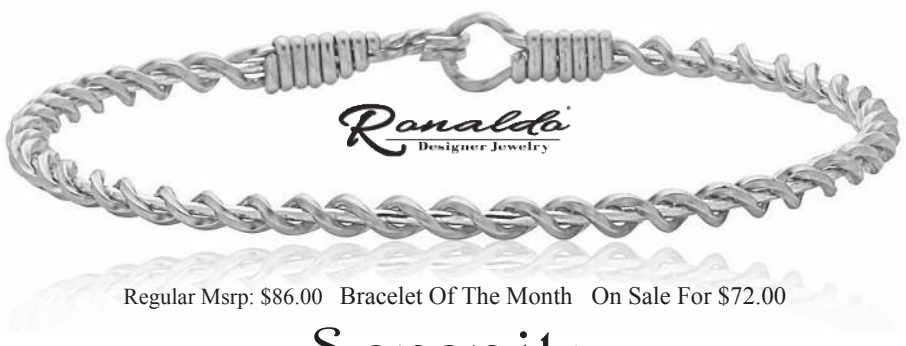
Zuckerberg told the Senate Judiciary and Commerce committees that he has not been personally interviewed by Mueller's team, but "I know we're working with them."

Earlier this year Mueller charged 13 Russian individuals and three Russian companies in a plot to interfere in the 2016 presidential election through a social media propaganda effort that included online ad purchases using U.S. aliases and politicking on U.S. soil. A number of the Russian ads were on Facebook.

During Tuesday's at-times-contentious hearing, Zuckerberg said it had been "clearly a mistake" to believe the data-mining company Cambridge Analytica had deleted user data that it had harvested in an attempt to sway elections. He said Facebook had considered the data collection "a closed case" because it thought the information had been discarded.

Facebook also didn't alert the Federal Trade Commission, Zuckerberg said, and he assured senators the company would handle the situation differently today.

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FIVE-DAY FORECAST FOR WILSON

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TODAY	TONIGHT	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
64	43	75 / 51	79 / 56	80 / 63	77 / 55
Mostly sunny and cool	Mainly clear	Mostly sunny and warmer	Mostly sunny and pleasant	Partial sunshine	A few afternoon showers

ALMANAC

Statistics through 4 p.m. yesterday

Temperatures

High	60°
Low	44°
Normal high	71°
Normal low	45°
Last year's high	78°
Last year's low	45°

Precipitation

24 hours ending 4 p.m. yest.	Trace
Month to date	1.25"
Normal month to date	1.10"
Year to date	10.05"
Normal year to date	12.14"
Last year to date	9.55"

Humidity

8 a.m. today	73%
Noon today	40%
4 p.m. today	29%

SUN AND MOON

Sunrise today	6:45 a.m.
Sunset tonight	7:42 p.m.
Moonrise today	4:26 a.m.
Moonset today	3:27 p.m.

Moon Phases

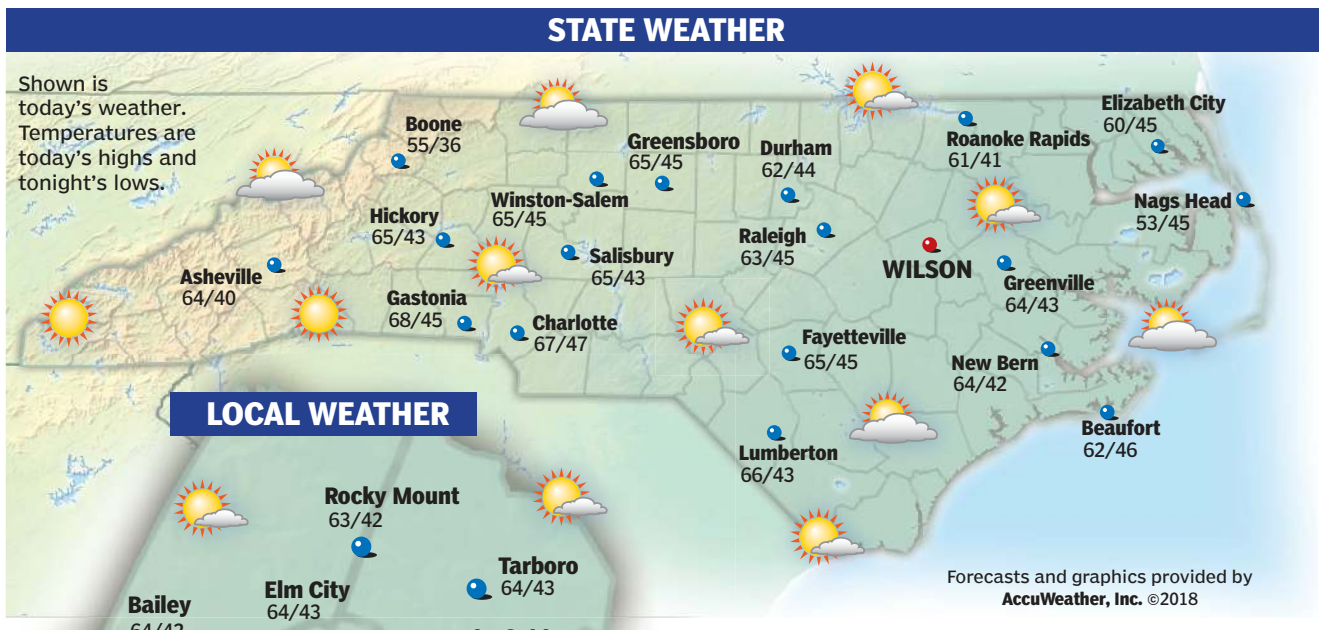
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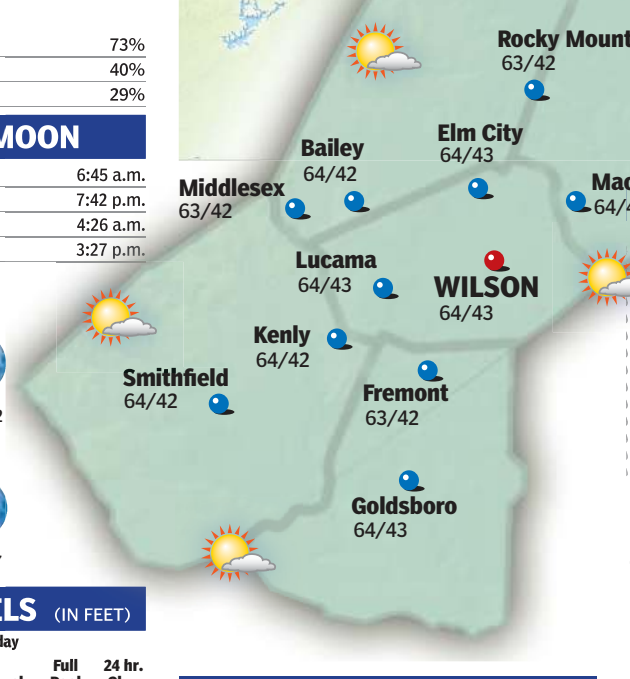
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Buckhorn	148.04	148.0	-0.12
Falls of Neuse	252.36	264.0	+0.06
Gaston	199.80	203.0	none
Jordan	217.39	216.0	+0.12
Kerr	301.74	300.0	-0.41
Mackintosh	551.75	551.5	-0.08
Norman	97.42	100.0	none

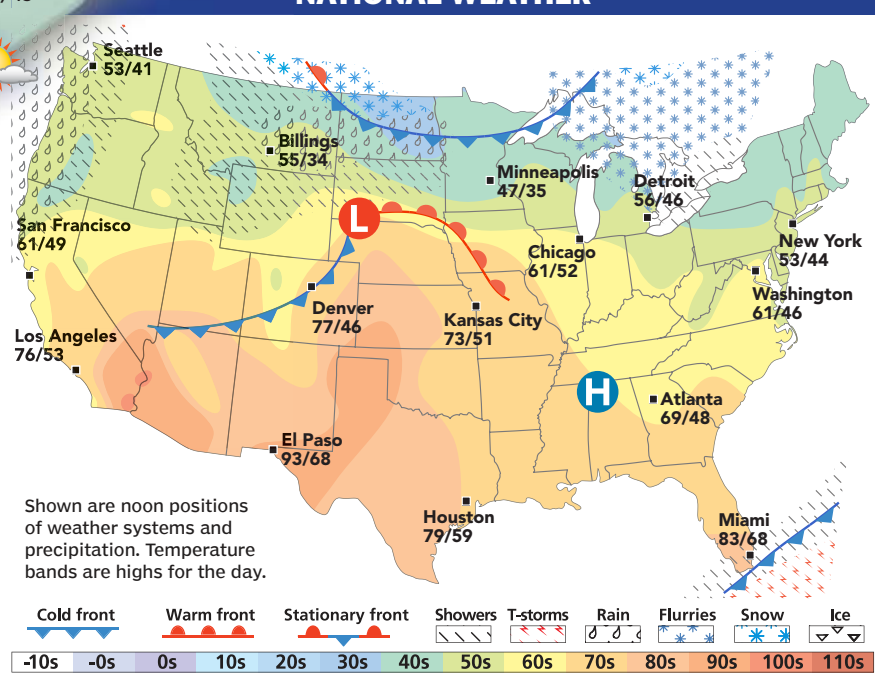
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NATIONAL WEATHER



WEATHER HISTORY

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AccuWeather.com Asthma Index™

2 Low

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0-2	3-4	5-6	7-8	9-10
Low	Moderate	High	V. High	Extreme

Arthritis Index™

0 Low

The Arthritis Index is an index that combines all of the weather factors that may affect arthritis suffers and summarizes the most likely severity of weather-related arthritis pain in one easy-to-understand scale, from Low to Extreme.

0-2	3-4	5-6	7-8	9-10
Low	Moderate	High	V. High	Extreme

OUTDOOR INDICES

AccuWeather.com UV Index™

8 Very High

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Taking control

Pittman, Fike master Hunt in 10-0 win to stay atop Big East

By Jimmy Lewis
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With two adventurous defenses and a pair of offenses noted for their potency, Tuesday's 3-A Big East Conference softball game between archrivals Hunt High and Fike had all the makings of a back-and-forth shootout.

Instead, it was a one-sided shootout in favor of the Lady Golden Demons.

Junior right-hander LeAnn Pittman limited Hunt to two hits, while going 3 for 4 with a pair of doubles and three RBIs as Fike remained unbeaten in conference play with a runaway 10-0, five-inning victory.

Any struggles Fike had with plating runners in scoring position vanished, as the Lady Demons (9-3, 4-0 Big East) scored in each of the first three innings to seize a commanding 7-0 lead. Fike, winners of six in a row, produced 11 hits and took advantage of a Hunt miscue in the top of the first, plating two runs on a dropped third strike. Hunt dropped to 6-7 in all games, 3-2 within conference play.

"One thing we've been working on the last couple of weeks is to move runners," Fike head coach Josh Jenkins said. "Whether it be the bunt or hitting it backside, we're trying to play a little bit of small ball every once in a while, but our big thing has been trying to move runners and set up big innings for ourselves. Because we have a lot of girls who can run, which is something anybody would love."

Fike's first big inning was set up by Hunt's mistake. Freshman Caitlyn Graziani singled to open the game, followed by junior Kailyn Terry reaching on a fielder's choice. Pittman's only out at the plate — a fly ball to center field — moved both runners into scoring position, and an errant throw to first on a dropped third strike allowed both Graziani and Terry to score.

Junior Taylor Little's single and a fielder's choice

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Fike's Kailyn Terry trots home with a run in front of Hunt catcher JuliAnne Etheridge in the first inning of Tuesday's game at Hunt. Fike won 10-0 in five innings. Jimmy Lewis | Times

Bulldogs can't close out UNCP

From staff reports

A two-run lead through seven innings against nationally ranked UNC Pembroke didn't stand up Tuesday for the Barton baseball team as the Braves scored three runs in their final two at-bats to pull out a 7-6 triumph at Fleming Stadium.

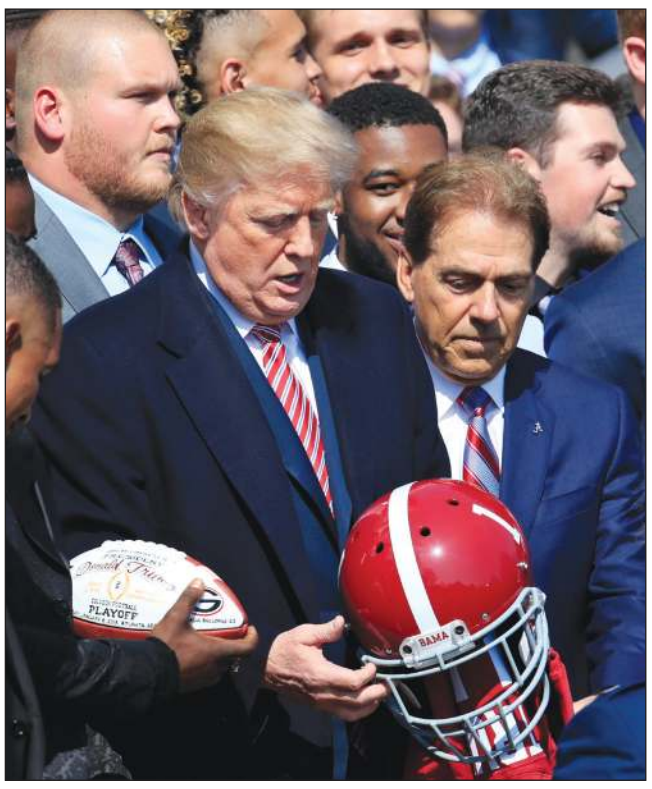
Barton of Conference Carolinas led 4-0 after three innings and retook the lead at 6-4 with two runs in the bottom of the seventh. However, the No. 24 Braves of the Peach Belt Conference got one run back in the eighth before Trey Jacobs' RBI single in the top of the ninth gave them the lead for the first time.

Gunner Deal allowed one infield hit to Barton in the bottom of the ninth before slamming the door on the Bulldogs' hopes of an upset in getting his second save of 2018.

Barton dropped to 11-30 while the Braves escaped with a 27-10 mark.

The Bulldogs, playing in Fleming Stadium for the first time this season, struck for three runs in the bottom of the first inning off UNCP freshman starting pitcher Dylan Radford,

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Trump hails Tide in White House visit

By The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump hailed the University of Alabama football team's "win for the ages" in their latest championship season.

Trump hosted Crimson Tide coach Nick Saban and his players at the White House on Tuesday to honor their fifth national title in nine years.

The president attended the championship game in Atlanta, in which Alabama staged a second-half comeback to defeat Georgia 26-23 in overtime. Trump said backup quarterback Tua Tagovailoa's winning touchdown pass in overtime to fellow freshman DeVonta Smith after a sack "will go down as one of the most exciting finishes in college football history — of any sport."

Trump watched the Jan. 8 game from a private box overlooking the Alabama sideline. The president left the stadium during halftime as Georgia led Alabama 13-0.

Trump said Alabama's triumph was "one of the greatest victories ever."

Attorney General Jeff Sessions, a former Alabama senator, was among those on the South Lawn for the team visit.

Trump praised Saban's "Process" for success and said the coach could "make a lot of money" if he were able to sell the formula.

"In the national championship game, you stuck to 'The Process,' even when it was looking pretty tough," the president said. "I was watching. I said, 'Coach, not looking too good.' Down 13-to-nothing at halftime to a great Georgia team, these champions fought back as they did all season long. And they kept fighting and fighting."

Trump also singled out individual players, including center Bradley Bozeman, who proposed to his girlfriend on the field after the game. Trump asked: "She's still with you?"

"She is. Luckily," Bozeman responded.

Saban talked about what the White House visit meant to the team.

"You know, not many people get invited to the White House, so not many people get invited to see the President and meet the President," he said. "So this is a special day for our team. A team that is being honored here because of their achievements in terms of winning the college football national championship, which makes me very proud."

President Donald Trump is presented with a team helmet by the 2017 NCAA football national champions, the Alabama Crimson Tide, during a ceremony honoring the champions on the White House's South Lawn, in Washington on Tuesday. To the right of the president is head coach Nick Saban. AP

Chester weathers storm in 1st season



TOM HAM

Barton College head baseball coach Jim Chester can reminisce about the top of the college baseball spectrum with 316 career wins and six United States Collegiate Athletic Association World Series appearances in seven seasons while directing the Penn State University Greater Allegheny program.

But neither is Chester a stranger to life at the bottom.

He's there now in his first season with the Bulldogs of the NCAA Division II Conference Carolinas.

Not only will Barton be fortunate if it does not finish in the basement of the nine-team conference but it is in peril of the dubious record of the fewest wins in one season during the school's Division II era that began in 1990.

With seven games remaining, the Bulldogs stand 11-30 and the record for fewest wins is 16.

Remaining are just a pair of three-game conference series and providing the opposition with be second-place Belmont Abbey and front-running North Greenville (South Carolina) University. In the latest National Collegiate Baseball Writers Association poll, Belmont Abbey was ranked No. 2

See **CHESTER,** Page 2B

NBA teams are reaching for an advantage

Closer attention paid to players' wingspans

By Janie Mccauley
AP Sports Writer

OAKLAND, Calif. — Not until Nate McMillan began being fitted for custom-made suits a few years into his NBA career three decades ago did he understand just how far his arms reached.

When Bill Walton dominated at UCLA in the 1970s, no one ever measured his wingspan — from fingertips to fingertips and arms outstretched.

Neither knew their wingspans then, and they still don't. That is not the case for young players.

"Yeah, I found that out once I bought my first suit," the 6-foot-5 McMillan, a 12-year pro now coaching the Pacers, said with a chuckle, realizing his arms stretched more than 3 feet each.

Once limited to descriptions

See **WINGSPAN,** Page 5B



Golden State Warriors' Kevin Durant, left, is defended by Portland Trail Blazers' CJ McCollum (3) during a game Dec. 11, 2017, in Oakland, Calif. From executives and scouts to coaches and analytics types, teams are paying closer attention to wingspan when considering players, especially with what long arms can mean making a defensive impact. Now, a player's wingspan is charted, discussed and dissected in the same vein as height and other aspects of their skillset. AP

Fike: Pittman throws 2-hitter in getting 7th win

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groundout from freshman Lindsey Curlings made it 4-0.

"That's been the make of our season," Hunt head coach Miguel Hall said of the two-run miscue. "We give up errors, and they're making errors, it gives (the opponent) the chance to get up. "One of the things about my team is that I keep talking, when you make an error, you may make a mistake, don't get down on yourself. And that's what happens to us."

Fike extracted two runs in the second, both with two outs. Pittman doubled home Terry, who singled, and after an error extended the inning, senior Bailee Summerlin's single into left field made it 6-0 Fike.

In the third, sophomore Hailey Hammonds dropped in a two-out double and came around to score on Graziani's single.

Hunt meted out two singles, one from Allyson Matthews in the first and another by Desi Norris in the third. But Pittman stranded two runners in scoring position in the bottom of the first by recording a strikeout, and the game ended with junior speedster Bri Tucker standing on third as Norris flied out to left to end it.

"We failed to hit the ball," Hall lamented. "And when we're hitting the ball, we're really, really good. But when we're not, everything just falls out."

Tucker, Hunt's leadoff hitter, was held in check, going 0 for 2 with a walk in the fifth. Fike's Pittman prospered keeping the ball down in the strike zone, recording 12 of her 15 outs via strikeout or infield putout. Defensively, Fike committed just one error.

"It just feels good to beat Hunt," Pittman said. "Especially, the past two years, all the battles we've had with them. It just feels really good to beat Hunt 10-0 at home."

Pittman, who struck out four and walked two, provided the runs needed to enforce the 10-run rule in the fifth. Senior Sabrina Holley had a pinch-hit RBI single, and with two outs again, Pittman laced a two-run single up the middle for the final margin. Six of Fike's 10 runs came with two outs.

Brittany Glover was the losing pitcher for Hunt, lasting just two innings. Four of her six runs were earned before giving way to Skylar Yaroulin in the third. Aside from Pittman, Graziani was the other Fike player with more than one hit, going 2 for 3 with an RBI and a run scored.

Hunt visits Northern Nash on Thursday, while Fike attempts to wrap up an unbeaten first half of conference play at Southern Nash.

Score by innings:

Fike	**421**	**03**	**— 10**
Hunt	**000**	**00**	**— 0**

WP-LeAnn Pittman (7-3) 5 IP, 2 H, 0 R, 0 ER, 2 BB, 4 SO. LP-Brittany Glover 2 IP, 5 H, 6 R, 4 ER, 1 BB, 1 SO.
LEADING HITTERS — Fike: LeAnn Pittman 3-4, 2 2B, 3 RBI, Caitlyn Graziani 2-3, RBI, R, Bailee Summerlin 1-3, RBI, Hailey Hammonds 1-2, 2B, R, Taylor Little 1-2, RBI. Hunt: Allyson Matthews 1-2, Desi Norris 1-3.



Fike right-hander LeAnn Pittman held archrival Hunt to two hits, while going 3 for 4 with two doubles and three RBIs Tuesday in the Lady Golden Demons' 10-0, five-inning win.
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Bulldogs: Had 4-0 lead after 3

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a North Johnston High graduate and Wilson American Legion Post 13 alumnus. Shortstop Gatlin Pate singled in center fielder Hunter Little, who led off with a walk and took second on right fielder Troy Maslowski's sacrifice bunt. After Colby Warren singled to put two aboard, starting pitcher Mason Cooper's double to right field brought both runners home.

The Bulldogs led 4-0 after Maslowski doubled in Rich Trifaro in the second but the Braves battled back with two runs in the fourth and one each in the sixth and seventh to tie the score at 4-all. Barton rallied for a pair of runs in the seventh when Maslowski reached first base after a dropped third strike and raced home on Pate's double to left-center field. Pate then trotted home on Charlie Horne's sacrifice fly.

However, the Braves continued their offensive spark with some help from Maslowski (0-3), who took over on the mound in the seventh, and catcher Noah Almond. A single by Luke Jackson, who was 3 for 4 to lead UNCP, and a walk to Seth Hartings was followed by a passed ball and a wild pitch, the latter bringing home Jackson.

In the ninth, Trevor Clemons' one-out double off Maslowski put runners on second and third before another wild pitch allowed the tying run to score. Jacobs then singled in Clemons with the go-ahead run.

Trace Hagler, the fourth UNCP pitcher, got the win with 1 ⅔ innings of shutout relief.

The Bulldogs continue play against nationally ranked teams as they visit Conference Carolinas foe Belmont Abbey, ranked No. 2, for a weekend series, starting with a single game Friday.

Score by innings:

UNCP	**000**	**201 112**	**— 7**
Barton	**310**	**000 200**	**— 6**

WP-Gunner Deal (6-2) 1 IP, 1 H, 0 R, 0 BB, 1 SO. LP-Troy Maslowski (0-3) 3 IP, 4 H, 3 R, 3 ER, 3 BB, 3 SO.
LEADING HITTERS — UNC Pembroke: Luke Jackson 3-4, R, RBI; Trey Jacobs 2-5, 2B, R, RBI; Trevor Clemons 2-5, R, RBI; Seth Hartings 1-1, 2 RBIs; Barton: Gatlin Pate 2-5, 2B, 2 RBIs, 2 R; Mason Cooper 1-3, 2B, 2 RBIs; Troy Maslowski 1-4, 2B, 4, RBI.

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Barton head coach Jim Chester, left, talks to junior Troy Maslowski during Friday's doubleheader against Emmanuel at Nixon Field. Chester has had a rough first year after taking the job in the fall.
Paul Durham | Times

Chester: Inherited a young team

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Likely, the fewest wins during the Division II era will equate to the most losses.

"I came in late (in November) and was handed a team," explained Chester following Barton's splt of a conference doubleheader against visiting Emmanuel (Georgia) College last Friday. "I am doing the best I can and the boys are doing the best they can.

"It has definitely been a challenge. It's a young team and it continues to work hard."

Youth prevails to the extent the big roster includes 16 freshmen and six sophomores as compared to five juniors and three seniors _ one of whom did not play this season.

"It's been a youth movement from day 1," Chester declared.

Thus, the result has been nearly three losses to every win and being outscored 361-211 in 40 games. An average of nine runs per contest has resulted in a 6.68 overall earned run average and a 7.20 ERA in conference games. The Bulldogs have allowed 10 or more runs in nine games.

Understandably, the junior harbor anything but secure emotions about their final year of college baseball.

The fact he has just one year remaining leaves junior Chase Long, a right-handed pitcher from Hunt High, downcast.

"It really hasn't hit me yet that I have only one year left," Long said. "But I plan to stick it out. I love this team and I love the school."

Long, a converted catcher, sees frequent relief duty for a struggling staff and needed just three pitches to post his first career save in the first game of last Friday's doubleheader.

He accepts responsibility for his role of being expected to come in and shut down opposing bats.

"I hope my role will still be the same next season," Long continued. "I hope to continue to shut it down, have success and help us win games."

Success, however, has been the exception in 2018.

"We are trying to win and we come to the park thinking we can win," Long declared. "We are playing better but, sometimes, it doesn't show.

"We know our record and we know how we're playing."

Long is confident Chester can turn around still another program.

Barton's new coach confirms he has already signed several players for next season and expects to bring in as many as 30 for the 2019 season. He reveals Barton will field a junior varsity team next season.

"We are going to have a little bit of everything," Chester commented with a grin, "high school players, junior college players, returning players and Division I transfers."

Chester contends the large freshman contingent includes promising performers.

"We just have to fill in the spots," he reasoned.

Will there be room for the returnees?

Long isn't certain, but he assures: "I plan to stick it out and, hopefully, see where it goes."

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Knights double up Christ Covenant 6-3 in boys tennis

From staff reports

The Greenfield School varsity boys tennis team claimed four of six singles matches to set up a clinching outcome in doubles Tuesday afternoon on the way to a 6-3 victory over 1-A Coastal Plain Independents Conference foe Winterville Christ Covenant at Barton Tennis Complex.

Davis Currin and Frankie Peele prevailed in both singles and doubles for the Knights, with Currin turning back Tyler Parker 6-0, 6-1 at No. 2 singles before teaming with Cullen Wells for an 8-3 win over Colin Kruse-William Sutton at No. 2 doubles.

At No. 4, Peele legged out a 6-3, 6-3 conquest of Christ Covenant's William Sutton. In doubles, Peele-Hayden McLamb were spotless in their 8-0 blanking of J.T. Lee-Kaleb Bagnal at No. 6.

Cabell Metts at No. 3 singles and Ollie Andreassen at No. 6 provided the Knights' other singles wins.

Greenfield plays host to archrival Wayne Country Day on Thursday.

GREENFIELD 6, CHRIST COVENANT 3
Chad Stryon (CC) def. McGuire Metts 7-6, 6-2 ; Davis Currin (GFS) def. Tyler Parker 6-0, 6-1; Cabell Metts (GFS) def. Colin Kruse 6-1, 6-1; Frankie Peele (GFS) def. William Sutton 6-3, 6-3; J.T. Lee (CC) def. Amz Hoffner; Ollie Andreaseen (GFS) def. Kaleb Bagnal 6-1, 7-5.
Stryon-Parker (CC) def. M. Metts-C. Metts 8-4; Currin-Cullen Wells (GFS) def. Kruse-Sutton 8-3; Peele-Hayden McLamb (GFS) def. Lee-Zach Mitchell 8-0.

Warriors blanked by Gryphons, 9-0

Host Hunt was no match for 3-A Big East Conference-leading Rocky Mount as the Warriors suffered a 9-0 boys tennis defeat Tuesday.

AREA ROUNDUP

The Gryphons gave up just six points in sweeping the six singles matches.

The Warriors' best showing came on the No. 3 doubles court where Parker McCall-Dylan Skinner lost 8-4 to Rocky Mount's Spencer Harris-Sam Phillips.

The Warriors, now 4-3 overall and 3-3 in league outings, host Princeton in a nonconference match Wednesday and welcome Southern Nash for a Big East encounter Thursday.

ROCKY MOUNT 9, HUNT 0
Tyler Brice (RM) def. David Joyner 6-0, 6-1; George Shannon (RM) def. Josh Edwards 6-0, 6-0; Ben Osterhout (RM) def. Matthew Prasasouk 6-0, 6-0; Landon Norwood (RM) def. Zac Taylor 6-0, 6-2; Spencer Harris (RM) def. Parker McCall 6-0, 6-1; Sam Phillips (RM) def. Dylan Skinner 6-0, 6-2.
Brice-Shannon (RM) def. Joyner-Edwards 8-0; Osterhout-Norwood (RM) def. Prasasouk-Taylor 8-2; Harris-Phillips (RM) def. McCall-Skinner 8-4.

Firebirds knock off Knights 7-2

STANHOPE — Host Southern Nash improved to 12-3 overall and 4-3 in 3-A Big East Conference boys tennis play with a 7-2 defeat of Northern Nash on Tuesday.

Zach Perry, Jacob Glover, Parker Strickland, Hector Perez and Dylan Allgood notched singles victories for the Firebirds, who got doubles wins from Blaize Graham-Glover and Perry-Strickland.

Southern Nash will visit Hunt on Thursday in a battle for third place in the Big East.

BOYS GOLF

Herring extends Big East lead

WAKE FOREST — Fike High freshman Jake Herring nearly doubled his lead for the individual medalist honor in the 3-A Big East Conference boys golf race Tuesday afternoon after shooting a 72 at Brevofield Golf Links, home to conference newcomer Franklinton.

Fike won the match and extended its own lead for the team championship, edging the host Red Rams 335-352. Hunt followed in third with 356 as Northern Nash (379) and Southern Nash (386) followed. Rocky Mount is not fielding a team.

Through the third of six conference matches, Fike owns a 58-shot lead over archrival Hunt. Franklinton sits in third with 1,125 as Northern Nash (1,171) and Southern Nash (1,172) round out the field.

In the battle for the individual medalist honor, Herring now holds a 15-shot lead over Christian Crawford of Northern Nash. Herring has a three-round total of 225, followed by Crawford's 240.

Hunt's Chris Clark is third at 249, with Fike's Johnathon Hendricks (258) and Franklinton's Sam Gupton at 269 completing the top five individuals.

Herring bested Crawford and Clark by eight shots on the Brevofield layout. Gupton fired an 82, with Fike's Warren Matthews in fourth at 84. Senior Hunter Perry, the top Southern Nash performer, was fifth at 88.

The Firebirds also counted the 90 of Jubie Moss, the 102 of Thomas Jeffreys and the 106 of Matthew Shealy.

Other individual scores for Hunt, Fike, Northern Nash and Franklinton were not available.

A nine-hole tuneup match for the fourth Big East match at Happy Valley Country Club is set for Wednesday.

GIRLS SOCCER

Howard scores 6 in Greenfield romp

Eighth grader Chloe Howard continued her goal-scoring rampage for the Greenfield varsity girls soccer team with six tallies Tuesday in the Lady Knights' 9-0 bludgeoning of visiting Christ Covenant of Winterville.

It was the fourth straight win for Greenfield, which has outscored its foes 35-3 in the streak. The Lady Knights rose to 7-3 overall and 4-0 in 1-A Coastal Plain Independents Conference play.

Howard, who had five goals and four assists in Greenfield's win over Wayne Christian on Monday, scored the first four goals, with Margaret Covington and Libby Eagles providing assists on two of them.

Howard then assisted Lily Hesse in the 33rd minute for a 5-0 lead at the half. Howard added another unassisted score early in the second half and finished the scoring — and enacting the mercy rule — in the 75th minute with Sanya Arggarwal on the assist. Caroline Stone and Covington also scored goals with Kaelyn Wall assisting on each.

Greenfield won the shots on goal battle 15-5 while Lady Knights keeper Sumer Hassan posted the shutout with five saves.

The Lady Knights play at Pope John Paul II in Greenville on Thursday.

Ladybirds fall at Franklinton 4-0

FRANKLINTON — The Southern Nash High varsity girls soccer team remains in search of its first victory following a 4-0 defeat at the hands of 3-A Big East Conference foe Franklinton on Tuesday.

Southern Nash, which trailed 2-0 at halftime, dropped to 0-11 in all matches and 0-5 within the Big East.

SOFTBALL

Ladybirds cruise to 6th straight win

FRANKLINTON — Scoring in every inning at the plate, the Southern Nash High varsity softball team used a 13-hit output to cruise past 3-A Big East Conference newcomer Franklinton 14-2 in six innings Tuesday night.

Southern Nash improved to 12-4 overall in winning its sixth straight contest, 3-1 within the Big East. The Ladybirds host Eastern Wayne in nonconference action Wednesday before hosting Fike in a key league collision on Thursday.

Sophomore Elisabeth Collie led the offense, going 4 for 5 with three runs scored and four RBIs. Sophomore Carrigan Ewers, freshman Taylor Bailey and freshman Alissa Bailey each tallied two hits. Ewers, who also struck out 11 in six innings of work in the pitching circle, drove in a pair of runs.

Senior Lauren Fassnacht, senior Emory New and freshman Allie Watkins all hit safely and drove in runs.

Franklinton departed 4-6 in all games, 1-3 within conference play.

Score by innings:			
Southern Nash	322	133	– 14
Franklinton	200	000	– 2

MIDDLE SCHOOL

LWTC 6-0 after win vs. Edwards

ROCKY MOUNT — The Lake Wilson NetKings tennis team remained unbeaten through six matches with a 7-2 conquest of host Rocky Mount Edwards on Tuesday at Sunset Park.

Picking up singles wins for the NetKings were No. 2 Blake Mastman, No. 3 Hatten Gore, No. 4 Lawson O'Hara and No. 5 Griffin Brown. Mastman-Ethan Boyette earned a victory at No. 2 doubles while Lake Wilson also picked up forfeit wins at No. 6 singles and No. 3 doubles.

WCA falls 6-1 to OLPH

Reagan Barnes managed the only goal for the Wilson Christian girls soccer team in a 6-1 loss at home Tuesday to Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic School of Rocky Mount.

Barnes' unassisted goal came in the first half.

Stegall's 4 goals key Wilson Prep win

CLAYTON — Lilian Stegall provided all the scoring for the Wilson Prepratory Academy girls soccer team Tuesday in a 4-3 victory at Clayton Southside Christian.

Three of Stegall's goals were unassisted, with Destiny Cox adding the assist on the fourth.

Emma Etheridge played the entire 60 minutes in net, making five saves.

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AREA CALENDAR

Wednesday, April 11

College Men's Tennis
Belmont Abbey at Barton, 2 p.m.

College Women's Tennis
Belmont Abbey at Barton, 2 p.m.

High School Varsity Baseball
North Lenoir at C.B. Aycock, 5 p.m.; Fayetteville Trinity Christian at Greenfield — Fleming Stadium, 6 p.m.

High School Varsity Softball
C.B. Aycock at North Lenoir (DH), 5 p.m.; Eastern Wayne at Southern Nash, 5 p.m.; Tarboro at Beddingfield, 5 p.m.

High School Varsity Girls Soccer
Fike at Hunt, 7 p.m.

High School Boys Golf
Wayne County match at Goldsboro Municipal Golf Course, 1 p.m.; 3-A Big East Conference 9-hole at Franklinton — Brevofield Country Club, 3 p.m.; Johnston County match at Riverwood Golf Club

High School Track and Field
Hunt, Fike at Southern Nash, 3:30 p.m.

High School Boys Tennis
Greene Central at Washington, 4 p.m.; Princeton at Hunt, 4 p.m.

High School Track and field
Beddingfield, SW Edgecombe at North Johnston, 4 p.m.

High School Junior Varsity Baseball
C.B. Aycock at North Lenoir, 5 p.m.

High School Junior Varsity Softball
SW Edgecombe at Riverside Martin, 4:30 p.m.

High School Junior Varsity Girls Soccer
Greenfield at Winterville Christ Covenant, 4 p.m.; North Johnston at Hunt, 4:30 p.m.

Thursday, April 12

High School Varsity Baseball
Community Christian at Rocky Mount Faith Christian, 4 p.m.; C.B. Aycock at Greene Central, 5 p.m.; Henderson Crossroads Christian at Greenfield — Fleming Stadium, 6 p.m.; Raleigh Friendship Christian at Wilson Christian, 6 p.m.; North Johnston at East Wake Academy, 6 p.m.; Franklinton at Southern Nash, 7 p.m.; Hunt at Fike, 7 p.m.

High School Varsity Softball
Rocky Mount Faith Christian at Community Christian, 4 p.m.; C.B. Aycock at Greene Central, 5 p.m.; Raleigh Friendship Christian at Wilson Christian, 6 p.m.; Fike at Southern Nash, 7 p.m.; Hunt at Northern Nash, 7 p.m.

High School Varsity Girls Soccer
Greenfield at Greenville Pope John Paul II, 4:30 p.m.; Beddingfield at SW Edgecombe, 4:30 p.m.; Fike at Southern Nash, 5 p.m.; North Johnston at Nash Central, 4:30 p.m.; C.B. Aycock at New Bern, 6 p.m.; Community Christian at Rocky Mount Faith Christian, 7 p.m.; Northern Nash at Hunt, 7 p.m.

High School Boys Golf
Community Christian at Epiphany, 2 p.m.; Beddingfield, SW Edgecombe at Wedgewood Public Golf Course, 2 p.m.; Greene Central at Washington Country Club, 2 p.m.

High School Boys Tennis
Rocky Mount at Fike, 3:30 p.m.; Southern Nash at Hunt, 3:30 p.m.; Beddingfield at Nash Central, 4 p.m.; Greene Central at North Lenoir, 4 p.m.; Wayne Country Day at Greenfield — Barton Tennis Complex, 4 p.m.

High School Track and Field
South Lenoir at Greene Central, 4 p.m.

High School Junior Varsity Baseball
Henderson Crossroads Christian at Greenfield — Fleming Stadium, 4 p.m.; Franklinton at Southern Nash, 4 p.m.; Hunt at Fike, 4 p.m.; Raleigh Friendship Christian at Wilson Christian, 4 p.m.; Greene Central at C.B. Aycock, 5 p.m.

High School Junior Varsity Softball
Fike at Southern Nash, 4:30 p.m.; Hunt at Northern Nash, 4:30 p.m.

High School Junior Varsity Girls Soccer
Raleigh Millbrook at North Johnston, 4:30 p.m.

TODAY'S TV SPORTS

Schedule subject to change and/or blackouts.

Wednesday, April 11

TODAY'S HIGHLIGHTS

NBA BASKETBALL

8 p.m.— The 76ers are trying to hold onto the No. 3 spot in the Eastern Conference as they host the Bucks in what could be a preview of a first-round playoff match. (ESPN)

10:30 p.m.— A half-game separates the Jazz and Blazers, who are jockeying for the third spot in the Western Conference, as they square off in Portland. (ESPN)

ALSO ON

COLLEGE LACROSSE
7 p.m.— Notre Dame at Marquette (FS1)

COLLEGE SOFTBALL
8 p.m.— Florida at Florida St. (ESPN2)

GOLF
7 p.m.— LPGA Tour, LOTTE Championship, first round, at Kapolei, Hawaii (GOLF)

MLB BASEBALL
1 p.m.— Regional coverage, Houston at Minnesota OR Atlanta at Washington (MLB)
7 p.m.— Regional coverage, N.Y. Yankees at Boston OR Toronto at Baltimore (MLB)

NHL HOCKEY
7 p.m.— NHL Stanley Cup playoffs, Western Conference, first round, Game 1, Minnesota at Winnipeg (CNBC); NHL Stanley Cup playoffs, Eastern Conference, first round, Game 1, Philadelphia at Pittsburgh (NBCSN)
10 p.m.— NHL Stanley Cup playoffs, Western Conference, first round, Game 1, Los Angeles at Vegas (NBCSN)

SOCCER
2:30 p.m.— UEFA Champions League, quarterfinal, 2nd leg, Real Madrid vs. Juventus (FS1); UEFA Champions League, quarterfinal, 2nd leg, Bayern Munich vs. Sevilla (FS2)

NHL

Playoff Glance

FIRST ROUND
(Best-of-7; x-if necessary)

Wednesday, April 11
Philadelphia at Pittsburgh, 7 p.m.
Minnesota at Winnipeg, 7 p.m.
Los Angeles at Vegas, 10 p.m.

Thursday, April 12
New Jersey at Tampa Bay, 7 p.m.
Toronto at Boston, 7 p.m.
Columbus at Washington, 7:30 p.m.
Colorado at Nashville, 9:30 p.m.
San Jose at Anaheim, 10:30 p.m.

Friday, April 13
Philadelphia at Pittsburgh, 7 p.m.
Minnesota at Winnipeg, 7:30 p.m.
Los Angeles at Vegas, 10 p.m.

Saturday, April 14
New Jersey at Tampa Bay, 3 p.m.
Colorado at Nashville, 3 p.m.
Toronto at Boston, 8 p.m.
San Jose at Anaheim, 10:30 p.m.

Sunday, April 15
Pittsburgh at Philadelphia, 3 p.m.
Winnipeg at Minnesota, 7 p.m.
Columbus at Washington, 7:30 p.m.
Vegas at Los Angeles, 10:30 p.m.

Monday, April 16
Boston at Toronto, 7 p.m.
Tampa Bay at New Jersey, 7:30 p.m.
Nashville at Colorado, 10 p.m.
Anaheim at San Jose, 10:30 p.m.

Tuesday, April 17
Washington at Columbus, 7:30 p.m.
Winnipeg at Minnesota, 8 p.m.
Vegas at Los Angeles, 10:30 p.m.

Wednesday, April 18
Pittsburgh at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.
Tampa Bay at New Jersey, 7:30 p.m.
Nashville at Colorado, 10 p.m.
Anaheim at San Jose, 10:30 p.m.

Thursday, April 19
Boston at Toronto, 7 p.m.
Washington at Columbus, 7:30 p.m.
x-Los Angeles at Vegas, 10 p.m.

Friday, April 20
x-Philadelphia at Pittsburgh, TBA
x-Colorado at Nashville, TBA
x-Minnesota at Winnipeg, TBA
x-San Jose at Anaheim, TBA

Saturday, April 21
x-New Jersey at Tampa Bay, TBA
x-Toronto at Boston, TBA
x-Columbus at Washington, TBA
x-Vegas at Los Angeles, TBA

Sunday, April 22
x-Pittsburgh at Philadelphia, TBA
x-Nashville at Colorado, TBA
x-Winnipeg at Minnesota, TBA
x-Anaheim at San Jose, TBA

Monday, April 23
x-Tampa Bay at New Jersey, TBA
x-Boston at Toronto, TBA
x-Washington at Columbus, TBA
x-Los Angeles at Vegas, TBA

Tuesday, April 24
x-Philadelphia at Pittsburgh, TBA
x-Colorado at Nashville, TBA
x-San Jose at Anaheim, TBA

Wednesday, April 25
x-Tampa Bay at New Jersey, TBA
x-Toronto at Boston, TBA
x-Columbus at Washington, TBA
x-Minnesota at Winnipeg, TBA

Rest of schedule TBD

MINOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

Carolina League Glance

NORTHERN DIVISION

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Salem	5	1	.833	—
Potomac	5	2	.714	½
Frederick	3	2	.600	1½
Wilmington	2	4	.333	3
Lynchburg	2	4	.333	3

SOUTHERN DIVISION

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Carolina	4	1	.800	—
Buies Creek	3	3	.500	1½
Winston Salem	3	3	.500	1½
Down East	2	5	.286	3
Myrtle Beach	1	5	.167	3½

Tuesday's Games
Buies Creek 4, Lynchburg 0
Frederick at Carolina, 7 p.m.
Salem 3, Wilmington 1
Winston Salem 6, Myrtle Beach 4
Potomac 8, Down East 4

Wednesday's Games
Potomac 8, Down East 4
Frederick at Carolina, 11 a.m.
Buies Creek at Lynchburg, 6:30 p.m.
Wilmington at Salem, 7:05 p.m.
Winston Salem at Myrtle Beach, 7:05 p.m.

Thursday's Games
Lynchburg at Wilmington, 6:35 p.m.
Salem at Buies Creek, 7 p.m.
Carolina at Winston Salem, 7 p.m.
Myrtle Beach at Down East, 7 p.m.
Potomac at Frederick, 7 p.m.

BOXING

Fight Schedule

April 12
At Fantasy Springs Casino, Indio, Calif. (ESPN2), Francisco Vargas vs. Rod Salka, 10, junior lightweights.

April 13
At Sands Bethlehem Event Center, Bethlehem, Pa. (FS1), Edner Cherry vs. Dennis Galarza, 10, super featherweights.
At The Armory, Minneapolis (FS1), Jamal James vs. Abel Ramos, 10, welterweights.

MLB

Standings

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American League

EAST DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	9	1	.900	—
Toronto	8	4	.667	2
New York	5	6	.455	4½
Baltimore	4	8	.333	6
Tampa Bay	3	8	.273	6½

CENTRAL DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Cleveland	6	5	.545	—
Minnesota	4	4	.500	½
Detroit	4	6	.400	1½
Kansas City	3	5	.375	1½
Chicago	3	7	.300	2½

WEST DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Houston	9	2	.818	—
Los Angeles	8	3	.727	1
Seattle	4	4	.500	3½
Oakland	4	7	.364	5
Texas	4	8	.333	5½

Monday's Games
Tampa Bay 5, Chicago White Sox 4
Cleveland 2, Detroit 0
Toronto 7, Baltimore 1
L.A. Angels 8, Texas 3
Houston 2, Minnesota 0
Kansas City 10, Seattle 0

Tuesday's Games
Tampa Bay 6, Chicago White Sox 5
Cleveland 2, Detroit 1
Toronto 2, Baltimore 1
Boston 14, N.Y. Yankees 1
L.A. Angels at Texas, 8:05 p.m.
Houston at Minnesota, 8:10 p.m.
Seattle at Kansas City, 8:15 p.m.
Oakland at L.A. Dodgers, 10:10 p.m.

Wednesday's Games
Houston (McCullers 1-1) at Minnesota (Gibson 1-0), 1:10 p.m.
Tampa Bay (TBD) at Chicago White Sox (Shields 1-0), 2:10 p.m.
Seattle (Paxton 0-1) at Kansas City (Duffy 0-2), 2:15 p.m.
Detroit (Zimmermann 0-0) at Cleveland (Carrasco 2-0), 6:10 p.m.
Toronto (Estrada 1-0) at Baltimore (Gausman 0-1), 7:05 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees (Tanaka 1-1) at Boston (Price 1-0), 7:10 p.m.
L.A. Angels (Barria 0-0) at Texas (Moore 0-2), 8:05 p.m.
Oakland (Mengden 0-2) at L.A. Dodgers (Wood 0-1), 10:10 p.m.

Thursday's Games
Detroit at Cleveland, 6:10 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees at Boston, 7:10 p.m.
Chicago White Sox at Minnesota, 8:10 p.m.
L.A. Angels at Kansas City, 8:15 p.m.

National League

EAST DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	9	1	.900	—
Atlanta	6	5	.545	3½
Washington	6	5	.545	3½
Philadelphia	5	5	.500	4
Miami	3	8	.273	6½

CENTRAL DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Pittsburgh	8	2	.800	—
Milwaukee	6	5	.545	2½
Chicago	5	5	.500	3
St. Louis	4	6	.400	4
Cincinnati	2	8	.200	6

WEST DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Arizona	8	2	.800	—
Colorado	5	6	.455	3½
San Francisco	4	5	.444	3½
Los Angeles	3	6	.333	4½
San Diego	3	8	.273	5½

Monday's Games
Pittsburgh at Chicago Cubs, ppd.
Milwaukee 5, St. Louis 4, 10 innings
Philadelphia 6, Cincinnati 5
Washington 2, Atlanta 0
N.Y. Mets 4, Miami 2
San Diego 7, Colorado 6
Arizona 2, San Francisco 1

Tuesday's Games
Pittsburgh 8, Chicago Cubs 5
Philadelphia 6, Cincinnati 1
Washington 4, Atlanta 1
N.Y. Mets 8, Miami 6
Milwaukee at St. Louis, 8:15 p.m.
San Diego at Colorado, 8:40 p.m.
Oakland at L.A. Dodgers, 10:10 p.m.
Arizona at San Francisco, 10:15 p.m.

Wednesday's Games
Atlanta (McCarthy 2-0) at Washington (Cole 0-1), 1:05 p.m.
Milwaukee (Guerra 0-0) at St. Louis (Wainwright 0-1), 1:15 p.m.
San Diego (Perdomo 1-1) at Colorado (Marquez 0-1), 3:10 p.m.
Arizona (Ray 2-0) at San Francisco (Cueto 1-0), 3:45 p.m.
Cincinnati (Castillo 0-2) at Philadelphia (Pivetta 1-0), 7:05 p.m.
N.Y. Mets (Wheeler 0-0) at Miami (Garcia 0-0), 7:10 p.m.
Pittsburgh (Brault 2-0) at Chicago Cubs (Lester 1-0), 8:05 p.m.
Oakland (Mengden 0-2) at L.A. Dodgers (Wood 0-1), 10:10 p.m.

Thursday's Games
Pittsburgh at Chicago Cubs, 2:20 p.m.
St. Louis at Cincinnati, 6:40 p.m.
Colorado at Washington, 7:05 p.m.
San Francisco at San Diego, 10:10 p.m.

Tuesday's Boxes

American League

RED SOX 14, YANKEES 1

New York	AB	R	H	BI	Boston	AB	R	H	BI
N.Wlker 2b	3	0	1	0	Betts rf	4	5	4	4
Wade 2b-cf	2	0	0	0	Bnntndi lf	3	2	2	2
Judge rf	4	1	3	1	H.Rmirz 1b	2	1	2	3
Stanton lf	4	0	2	0	Swihart 1b	1	0	0	0
Trreyes 2b	0	0	0	0	J.Mrtin dh	5	1	1	2
G.Sanch dh	4	0	0	0	Devers 3b	3	0	0	1
Grgrius ss	4	0	2	0	E.Nunez 2b	3	1	0	0
Austin 1b	4	0	1	0	Lin ss	1	0	0	0
Andujar 3b	4	0	0	0	Brdly J cf	4	1	1	0
Au.Rmne c	4	0	0	0	C.Vazqz c	5	2	1	0
S.Rbnsn cf-lf	3	0	1	0	Holt ss-2b	3	1	0	1
Totals	36	1	10	1	Totals	34	14	11	13

New York	000	010	000—1
Boston	130	109	00x—14

E-Andujar (1), Au.Romine (1). DP-Boston 1. LOB-New York 9, Boston 6. 2B-Stanton (3), Betts 2 (5), Benintendi (2), J.Martinez (2). 3B-Benintendi (1). HR-Judge (3), Betts (2). SB-H. Ramirez (3). SF-H.Ramirez (1), Devers (1).

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
New York						
Severino L,2-1	5	8	5	5	3	6
Kahnle	⅔	2	5	3	3	0
Shreve	1 ⅓	1	4	0	1	3
Cessa	1	0	0	0	0	1
Boston						
Sale W,1-0	6	8	1	1	0	8
Kelly	1	1	0	0	0	0
Johnson	2	1	0	0	1	2

HBP-by Shreve (Bradley Jr.).
Umpires-Home, Larry Vanover; First, Hunter Wendelstedt; Second, Chris Guccione; Third, Dave Rackley.
T-3:11. A-32,357 (37,731).

BLUE JAYS 2, ORIOLES 1

Toronto	AB	R	H	BI	Baltimore	AB	R	H	BI
Grndrsn lf	4	1	2	1	Mancini lf	4	0	0	0
Dnldson 3b	4	0	1	0	M.Mchdo ss	2	0	0	0
Smoak 1b	3	1	0	0	Schoop 2b	3	0	0	0
Solarte dh	5	0	2	0	A.Jones cf	4	0	0	0
Pearce rf	4	0	0	0	P.Alvrz dh	3	0	0	0
Grichuk pr-rf	0	0	0	0	C.Davis 1b	3	0	0	0
R.Mrtin c	3	0	0	0	Beckham 3b	3	1	1	0
Pillar cf	4	0	2	0	Sntnder rf	3	0	1	0
D.Trvis 2b	4	0	0	0	Gentry pr-rf	0	0	0	0
A.Diaz ss	3	0	0	0	Sisco c	2	0	1	1
Totals	34	2	7	1	Totals	27	1	3	1

Toronto	000	000	011—2
Baltimore	000	000	010—1

E-Beckham (2), Santander (2). DP-Toronto 2, Baltimore 1. LOB-Toronto 11, Baltimore 5. 2B-Beckham (3), Sisco (2). HR-Granderson (1). CS-Solarte (1), Schoop (1).

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Toronto						
Sanchez W,1-1	8	3	1	1	5	4
Osuna S,5-5	1	0	0	0	0	0
Baltimore						
Cashner	7	4	0	0	3	6
Castro	1	1	1	0	1	1
O'Day L,0-1	1	2	1	1	1	0

HBP-by Sanchez (Schoop), by Cashner (Diaz). WP-Castro.
Umpires-Home, Marvin Hudson; First, Quinn Wolcott; Second, Jeff Kellogg; Third, Chris Segal.
T-2:37. A-8,640 (45,971).

INDIANS 2, TIGERS 1

Detroit	AB	R	H	BI	Cleveland	AB	R	H	BI
Martin cf	3	0	0	0	Lindor ss	4	0	0	0
J.Jones ph-cf	1	0	0	0	Kipnis 2b	4	0	0	0
Cndlrio 3b	3	0	3	1	Jose.Rm 3b	3	1	2	1
M.Cbrra 1b	4	0	1	0	Encrnco dh	3	0	0	0
Cstllns rf	3	0	0	0	Brntley lf	2	0	0	0
V.Mrtin dh	3	0	0	0	Guyer rf	3	0	0	0
Goodrum ss	4	0	1	0	Alonso 1b	3	0	0	0
J.McCnn c	4	0	0	0	R.Perez c	2	1	2	1
V.Reyes lf	4	1	1	0	R.Davis cf	3	0	0	0
D.Mchdo 2b	4	0	0	0	Zimmer cf	0	0	0	0
Totals	33	1	6	1	Totals	27	2	4	2

Detroit	000	000	100—1
Cleveland	100	000	01x—2

E-R.Perez (2). DP-Detroit 1. LOB-Detroit 8, Cleveland 3. 2B-Candelario 3 (4). HR-Jose. Ramirez (2), R.Perez (1). SB-V.Reyes (1).

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Detroit						
Boyd	7	3	1	1	1	4
Wilson L,0-2	1	1	1	1	0	2
Cleveland						
Tomlin	5	4	0	0	2	3
McAllister H,2	1	0	0	0	0	0
Olson H,1	⅓	1	1	1	0	1
Otero BS,1	⅔	1	0	0	0	1
Miller W,1-0	1	0	0	0	0	1
Allen S,3-3	1	0	0	0	0	1

HBP-by Tomlin (Candelario), by Boyd (Brantley).
T-2:47. A-10,078 (35,225).

National League

METS 8, MARLINS 6

New York	AB	R	H	BI	Miami	AB	R	H	BI
Cnforto rf	4	2	2	1	Detrich lf	4	2	2	0
Cespdes lf	5	0	1	2	Rojas ss	4	1	1	1
Flores 1b	5	1	2	2	S.Cstro 2b	4	0	2	1
T.Frzer 3b	4	1	1	0	Bour 1b	5	2	2	4
A.Cbrra 2b	4	2	2	2	B.Andrs 3b	3	0	2	0
Plwecki c	3	0	0	0	Brinson cf	4	0	0	0
Lagares cf	3	0	0	1	B.Lee rf	4	0	0	0
deGrom p	3	0	0	0	Holaday c	4	0	1	0
Rhame p	0	0	0	0	Cal.Smt p	1	0	0	0
Sewald p	0	0	0	0	Y.Rvera ph	1	1	1	0
H.Rbles p	0	0	0	0	Dspigne p	0	0	0	0
Bruce ph	1	0	0	0	Telis ph	1	0	0	0
Familia p	0	0	0	0	Stcknrd p	0	0	0	0
A.Rsrio ss	4	2	1	0	Brrclgh p	0	0	0	0
Maybin ph	1	0	0	0					
Ziegler p	0	0	0	0					
Totals	36	8	9	8	Totals	36	6	11	6

New York	100	111	022—8
Miami	000	040	200—6

E-B.Anderson (1). LOB-New York 5, Miami 8. 2B-Cespedes (1), Flores (1), T.Frazier (4), A.Rosario (2), Holaday (1). HR-Flores (1), A.Cabrera 2 (3), Bour 2 (2). SF-Lagares (1), S.Castro (1). S-Rojas (1).

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
New York						
deGrom	6	7	4	4	1	6
Rhame	⅔	3	2	2	0	0
Sewald	⅓	0	0	0	0	0
Robles W,2-0	1	1	0	0	1	2
Familia S,6-6	1	0	0	0	0	1
Miami						
Smith	5	5	3	3	1	7
Despaigne	1	1	1	1	1	0
Steckenrider	1	0	0	0	0	3
Barraclough	1	2	2	2	0	1
Ziegler L,0-2	1	1	2	1	1	0

HBP-by deGrom (Anderson). WP-Ziegler.
Umpires-Home, D.J. Reyburn; First, Sam Holbrook; Second, Ryan Blakney; Third, Jim Wolf.
T-2:59. A-6,516 (36,742).

Leaders

American League

BATTING-Betts, Boston, .432; Cano, Seattle, .407; Gregorius, New York, .389; Chapman, Oakland, .375; Escobar, Minnesota, .375; Mauer, Minnesota, .375; Bogaerts, Boston, .368; Andrus, Texas, .362; Simmons, Los Angeles, .362; Ramirez, Boston, .359.
RUNS-Betts, Boston, 13; Donaldson, Toronto, 10; Gardner, New York, 10; Gregorius, New York, 10; Simmons, Los Angeles, 10; 6 tied at 9.
RBI-Ramirez, Boston, 11; Devers, Boston, 10; Gallo, Texas, 10; Gregorius, New York, 10; Smoak, Toronto, 10; 6 tied at 9.
HITS-Andrus, Texas, 17; Simmons, Los Angeles, 17; Betts, Boston, 16; Altuve, Houston, 15; Chapman, Oakland, 15; Lowrie, Oakland, 15; MMachado, Baltimore, 15; Smoak, Toronto, 15; 4 tied at 14.
DOUBLES-Bogaerts, Boston, 7; Gregorius, New York, 6; DMachado, Detroit, 6; Betts, Boston, 5; Beltre, Texas, 5; Escobar, Minnesota, 5; Smoak, Toronto, 5; 6 tied at 4.
TRIPLES-Castellanos, Detroit, 2; Fisher, Houston, 2; Sanchez, Chicago, 2; 18 tied at 1.
HOME RUNS-Davidson, Chicago, 4; Dozier, Minnesota, 4; 18 tied at 3.
STOLEN BASES-Anderson, Chicago, 6; Davis, Cleveland, 3; Gentry, Baltimore, 3; Goodrum, Detroit, 3; Gordon, Seattle, 3; Lindor, Cleveland, 3; Pillar, Toronto, 3; Ramirez, Boston, 3; 11 tied at 2.
PITCHING-Bleier, Baltimore, 2-0; Carrasco, Cleveland, 2-0; Happ, Toronto, 2-1; Hatcher, Oakland, 2-0; Junis, Kansas City, 2-0; Leake, Seattle, 2-0; Morton, Houston, 2-0; Ohtani, Los Angeles, 2-0; Porcello, Boston, 2-0; Severino, New York, 2-1; Verlander, Houston, 2-0.
ERA-Junis, Kansas City, 0.00; Morton, Houston, 0.00; Price, Boston, 0.00; Cole, Houston, 0.64; Fulmer, Detroit, 0.68; Lopez, Chicago, 0.69; Clevinger, Cleveland, 0.71; Kennedy, Kansas City, 0.75; Gibson, Minnesota, 0.87; Sale, Boston, 1.06.
STRIKEOUTS-Kluber, Cleveland, 27; Bundy, Baltimore, 25; Hamels, Texas, 23; Happ, Toronto, 23; Sale, Boston, 23; Verlander, Houston, 23; Archer, Tampa Bay, 22; Cole, Houston, 22; Severino, New York, 20; Richards, Los Angeles, 19.

National League

BATTING-Owings, Arizona, .400; Hoskins, Philadelphia, .375; Swanson, Atlanta, .366; Galvis, San Diego, .351; Eaton, Washington, .345; Posey, San Francisco, .345; Herrera, Philadelphia, .344; Moran, Pittsburgh, .344; Flaherty, Atlanta, .343; Kendrick, Washington, .343.
RUNS-Harper, Washington, 12; Harrison, Pittsburgh, 12; Albies, Atlanta, 10; Eaton, Washington, 10; Freeman, Atlanta, 10; Blackmon, Colorado, 9; Cabrera, New York, 9; SMarte, Pittsburgh, 9; Santana, Philadelphia, 9; 6 tied at 8.
RBI-Polanco, Pittsburgh, 13; Franco, Philadelphia, 12; Harper, Washington, 12; Freeman, Atlanta, 11; Cespedes, New York, 10; Anderson, Miami, 9; Dickerson, Pittsburgh, 9; Hoskins, Philadelphia, 9; Tucker, Atlanta, 9; 7 tied at 8.
HITS-Dietrich, Miami, 16; Swanson, Atlanta, 15; Cabrera, New York, 14; Castro, Miami, 14; Harrison, Pittsburgh, 14; Ozuna, St. Louis, 14; Rendon, Washington, 14; 12 tied at 13.
DOUBLES-Hosmer, San Diego, 6; Pollock, Arizona, 6; Albies, Atlanta, 5; Dickerson, Pittsburgh, 5; Freeman, Atlanta, 5; Herrera, Philadelphia, 5; Hoskins, Philadelphia, 5; Kendrick, Washington, 5; Shaw, Milwaukee, 5; 10 tied at 4.
TRIPLES-Baez, Chicago, 2; KMarte, Arizona, 2; SMarte, Pittsburgh, 2; 20 tied at 1.
HOME RUNS-Harper, Washington, 6; Blackmon, Colorado, 4; 10 tied at 3.
STOLEN BASES-Turner, Washington, 5; Hamilton, Cincinnati, 4; Taylor, Washington, 4; Cain, Milwaukee, 3; Hernandez, Philadelphia, 3; Pollock, Arizona, 3; 11 tied at 2.
PITCHING-Albers, Milwaukee, 2-0; Brault, Pittsburgh, 2-0; Corbin, Arizona, 2-0; Despaigne, Miami, 2-0; Godley, Arizona, 2-0; McCarthy, Atlanta, 2-0; Ottavino, Colorado, 2-0; Ray, Arizona, 2-0; Robles, New York, 2-0; Scherzer, Washington, 2-1; Strasburg, Washington, 2-1; Strop, Chicago, 2-0; Syndergaard, New York, 2-0; Taillon, Pittsburgh, 2-0; Williams, Pittsburgh, 2-0; deGrom, New York, 2-0.
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STRIKEOUTS-Scherzer, Washington, 27; Syndergaard, New York, 22; Strasburg, Washington, 21; Corbin, Arizona, 20; Kershaw, Los Angeles, 19; Smith, Miami, 19; Foltynewicz, Atlanta, 18; deGrom, New York, 18; Gray, Colorado, 17; Ray, Arizona, 17.

This Date In Baseball

Compiled by PAUL MONTELLA

April 11
1907 — New York catcher Roger Bresnahan appeared wearing shin guards for the first time in a major league game.
1912 — Rube Marquard of the New York Giants began a 19-game winning streak with an 18-3 triumph over the Brooklyn Dodgers.
1961 — The Los Angeles Angels won their first major league game with a 7-2 victory over the Orioles at Baltimore. Ted Kluszewski had a pair of homers for the Angels.
1962 — The New York Mets played their first game and lost 11-4 to the Cardinals in St. Louis. Stan Musial of the cardinals had three hits and tied Mel Ott's National League career record with his 1,859th run scored. The Mets would lost their first nine games on the way to a 40-120 record.
1969 — The Seattle Pilots played their first game, with Gary Bell shutting out the White Sox 7-0 at Sicks Stadium.
1985 — Seattle's Gorman Thomas hit three homers and drove in six runs to lead the Mariners to a 14-6 victory over the Oakland A's.
1990 — Mark Langston made his Angels debut by combining with Mike Witt on a no-hitter as California beat the Seattle Mariners 1-0.
1996 — Greg Maddux's major league record of road victories ended at 18 in a row with a 2-1 loss to the San Diego Padres. He had been 18-0 with an 0.99 ERA in 20 regular-season road starts since losing at Montreal on June 27, 1994.
2008 — Missouri's Jacob Priday set a Big 12 Conference record, hitting four home runs against Texas in a 31-12 rout. The senior went 5-for-5, drove in nine runs and scored six times.
2011 — Sam Fuld had four extra-base hits and drove in three runs to help Tampa Bay bust out of an early season slump with a 16-5 win over the Boston Red Sox. Fuld, needing a single to complete the cycle, doubled into the left-field corner in his last at-bat in the ninth.
2014 — San Diego's Andrew Cashner threw his second career one-hitter and struck out a career-high 11 for a 6-0 win over Detroit. Cashner took a no-hitter into the sixth inning before Rajai Davis hit a one-out flare single into center field, just past the glove of outstretched second baseman Jedd Gyorko.
2017 — Yoenis Cespedes hit three of New York's seven homers to back Matt Harvey, and the Mets beat the Philadelphia Phillies 14-4. Lucas Duda hit two homers and Asdrubal Cabrera and Travis d'Arnaud also went deep for New York.
Today's birthday: Kenta Maeda 30.

Calendar

April 17-18 — Cleveland vs. Minnesota at San Juan, Puerto Rico.
May 4-6 — Los Angeles Dodgers vs. San Diego at Monter

Kupchak hopes to make Hornets winners

By Steve Reed
AP Sports Writer

CHARLOTTE — Mitch Kupchak is confident Michael Jordan's Hornets will become an NBA playoff team again soon, possibly even next season.

But just how he intends to help Charlotte get there remains unclear — for now.

The Hornets new general manager and president of basketball operations said during his introductory news conference Tuesday this is a job he coveted. But the 63-year-old Kupchak was vague when it came to pressing questions surrounding the futures of the franchise's top player Kemba Walker, eight-time All-Star center Dwight Howard and coach Steve Clifford — as well as whether the team needs to undergo a complete rebuilding process.

"I'm limited in my knowledge other than what I have seen on TV and learned in the last 48 hours," said Kupchak, who accepted the job on Sunday. No details have been released about the terms of his contract.

He helped the Los Angeles Lakers win seven NBA titles and has spent 30 years as a front office executive, including 17 as the Lakers' general manager.

He hopes to build a winner in Charlotte too — with Jordan's help.

"I don't know why I wouldn't seek out his opinion," said Kupchak, adding that Jordan is arguably the greatest player ever to play the game.

Kupchak said Jordan is still very passionate about not only the NBA game, but the college game as well — and keeps up on the talent.

"I hope that most of the time we are on the same page and there may be a couple of times we are not," Kupchak said. "He may look at me and say, 'You know Mitch, we don't see eye-to-eye on this but you do what is best.' Or he maybe he will look at me and say, 'Mitch we don't see eye-to-eye on this one but this is my decision.' And that is his right as an owner."

In Los Angeles, Kupchak inherited a roster from Jerry West where he acknowledged "the cupboards were full."

Behind Kobe Bryant and Shaquille O'Neal, the Lakers became a dynasty.

Things are little different in Charlotte, which lacks the glitz of a big market like Los Angeles, the talent of a Golden State and the history of franchise like Boston.

Kupchak inherits a team with 10 players under contract next season leaving the Hornets close the luxury tax threshold — making turning over the roster a little difficult.

Charlotte's most tradable commodity is Walker, who has played in the last two All-Star games and is making just $12 million a year with one season left on his contract before becoming a free agent.

Walker is the franchise's all-time leading scorer, but he's also stated that he would prefer to win playoff games rather than go through a rebuilding process.

"I like a player that doesn't want to be somewhere where they're going to lose," Kupchak said. " ... I know he's had an All-Star year. It's tough to answer the question with any certainty."

He said the same goes for the 32-year-old Howard, who rebounded from two lackluster seasons in Houston and Atlanta with a solid campaign this season for the Hornets averaging 16.7 points, 12.4 rebound and 1.6 blocks in 80 games played.

Howard played for Kupchak in Los Angeles when he was GM there, and Kupchak said he didn't want the big man to leave for Houston as a free agent.



Charlotte Hornets new general manager and president of basketball operations, Mitch Kupchak, answers a question during a news conference Tuesday in Charlotte. AP

He said he's watched Howard play recently and likes what he's seen.

"He is as lively and energetic as I have seen him play in years and years and years," Kupchak said. "I know next year is the last year of his deal so there is some uncertainty with some of the players going forward."

There is also uncertainty surrounding Clifford's future.

Charlotte has made the playoffs twice in five seasons under Clifford, but has never advanced out of the first round. Clifford missed a large portion of this past season dealing with headaches related to sleep deprivation.

Clifford spent one season with the Lakers and Kupchak felt at that time he had head coaching potential.

But when asked directly about Clifford's future with the Hornets, Kupchak struck a popular refrain, saying he just got the job two days ago, "so in all fairness I have not had the time" to assess.

As for whether the Hornets need to rebuild, Kupchak said, "I don't know if that is the right word or not. I think our actions in the next three months might answer that question."

Hornets take advantage of resting Pacers 119-93

By The Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — Coach Nate McMillan wanted the Indiana Pacers rested and ready for the playoffs — even if the strategy cost them their regular-season finale.

So McMillan rested three and watched the Charlotte Hornets knock down 18 3-pointers and eventually pull away for a 119-93 victory Tuesday night.

Frank Kaminsky matched his career high with 24 points, Dwight Howard finished with 14 points and 17 rebounds and the struggling Hornets came up one 3 short of tying their season high.

Charlotte won for only the second time in its last seven games and ended a three-game losing streak in Indy.

But it was little solace for a team that has now missed the playoffs three times in four seasons and could be headed for a major offseason overhaul.

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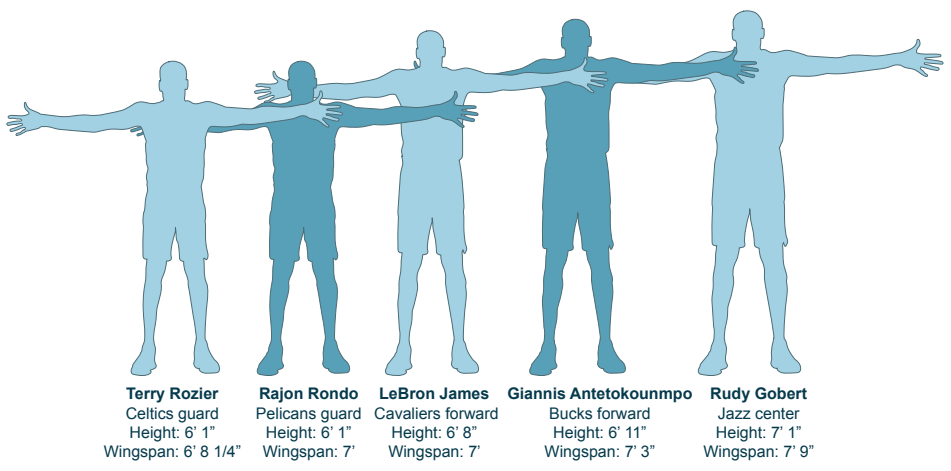
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Wingspan: Gobert has longest in NBA at 7-foot-9

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of birds, wingspan has become one of the most important measurements for basketball prospects over the past decade. Coaches marvel at players with long arms, figuring they will more easily grab rebounds, block shots, steal passes and shoot over defenders.

The average man has a wingspan about 2 inches more than his height. But several NBA players pop off the chart because of their long arms.

It's no coincidence that Jazz center Rudy Gobert, who stands 7-1 and led the NBA in blocks last season, has the longest wingspan in the league at 7 feet, 9 inches.

The NBA playoffs begin Saturday, and an extra inch of reach can lead to a blocked shot or steal that might alter a series or a season.

Milwaukee Bucks star Giannis Antetokounmpo is nicknamed the "Greek Freak" in part because he stands 6-11 with a 7-3 wingspan and giant hands. The explosive Russell Westbrook is 6-3, with a wingspan of 6-8, which helps him be one of the best rebounding guards in history.

"Every asset that a player has might make up for something else. If somebody's short, hopefully they're quick. The wingspan sure helps a lot of people," Spurs coach Gregg Popovich said . "You look at size of hands, wingspans. Look at John Stockton's arms or Avery Johnson's arms and they're very long, and their hands are very big. They can control the basketball, they can do things with it.

"A wingspan always helps people, whether it's blocking shots or deflections on defense."

In recent seasons, Warriors high-scoring All-Star Kevin Durant has become more determined to use his 7-5 wingspan to make more of an impact on defense.

Durant, the reigning NBA Finals MVP , is quick to point out that his length allows him to make up for other areas, including being far leaner than most NBA players.

"You make up a lot of ground. I'm not as fast laterally, I'm not as athletic, I'm not as quick as guys up and down but I think I make up for it with my length," said Durant, a defensive player of the year candidate. "There's a lot of guys, Draymond (Green) is the same way, small, undersized power forward but can guard plenty of guys because of his length. His arms are long and he can block shots. We've seen him block guys at the rim and also get his hands on some basketballs off the dribble."

Raised in France, Gobert kept growing from ages 15-19. He didn't often hear the term wingspan, finally understanding how special his measurement is when he got to the NBA.

"I think it's something that makes a big difference, especially defensively," he said. "You're able to deflect the pass or block shots."

Warriors 7-foot center Ja-Vale McGee went through only a handful of pre-draft workouts for NBA teams, hardly a prized prospect after a career at Nevada. Yet each visit he made, among the first things measured was his wingspan, 7-6.

One of the benefits is his ability to corral and slam home lob passes that are high and might be off target. Before he got to the NBA, McGee wasn't even aware of his wingspan.

"I've always been tall. I was born tall," he said. "It's nothing that I heard about until I got to the league, or right before I got into the league, they're like, 'We'd like to measure your wingspan.' They don't really bring it up to us about that in college or high school."

Walton is in the Hall of Fame, but he never had his arms measured end to end.

"At one time, they were long enough, and I can still put my own shoes and socks on," he quipped. "It's not how big you are, it's how big you play. Any time you think you're too small to make a difference in the world you've never spent the night alone in bed with a mosquito. But when you have the great game of basketball with all the ultimate winners of the genetic lottery ... it's not how high you jump, it's where you are and when you jump."

Wingspan is one detail Warriors coach Steve Kerr takes seriously and might consider when deciding on lineups and rotations for the defending champions. He has been going with a center by committee based on matchups.

Some of the best players Kerr faced had incredible reach.

"It's legit. It's much more important than your height," Kerr said. "If your wingspan is more than your height, that's kind of abnormal. Most of us have the same wingspan as our height. That's kind of a rule of thumb. A lot of basketball players don't, though, they have wider wingspans. And they're able to get their hands on balls or shots or loose balls. ... I'm a big believer in that."

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This the 10th day of April, 2018.
Sandra Greene Summerlin
Executrix
6511 E Langley Road
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4:11, 18, 25; 5:2/2018

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STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF WILSON
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This the 21st day of March, 2018
Carol Michna, Executrix
Jason R. Page
Attorney for Executrix
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3:21,28;4:4,11/2018

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The address for the real property to be sold pursuant to this order is **5010 Bear Trap Road, in Taylors Township, Wilson County, North Carolina 27896**, together with all right, title and interest in that 2000 model Glenbrook mobile home located there upon, bearing VIN #NCSLS41AD52344GB13. The record owner of the property is Earl Powell Properties, LLC, as reflected in the records of the Office of the Register of Deeds of Wilson County not more than ten (10) days prior to the posting of this Notice Of Sale.
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JUMBLE

Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

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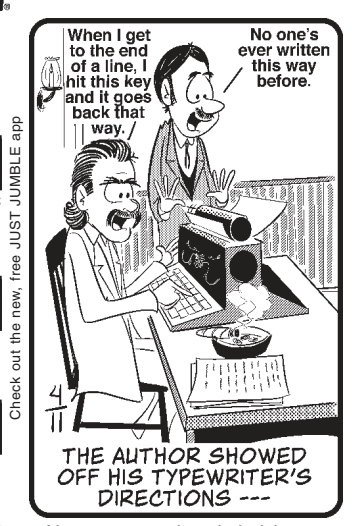
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Check out the new, free JUST JUMBLE app

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME
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Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

"_____"
(Answers tomorrow)

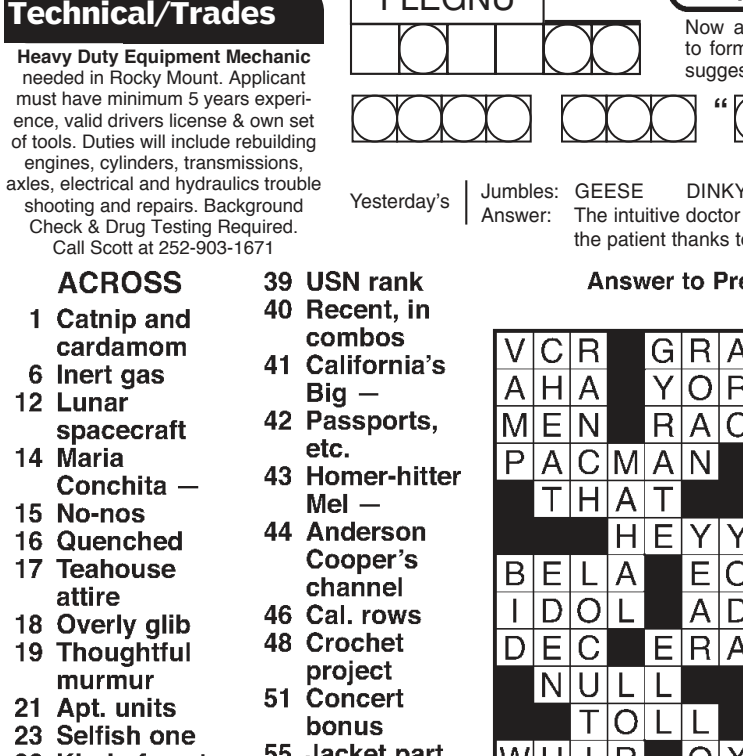
Yesterday's Jumbles: GEESE DINKY SOCIAL SWIVEL
Answer: The intuitive doctor knew what was wrong with the patient thanks to his — "SICK" SENSE

ACROSS
1 Catnip and cardamom
6 Inert gas
12 Lunar spacecraft
14 Maria Conchita —
15 No-nos
16 Quenched
17 Teahouse attire
18 Overly glib
19 Thoughtful murmur
21 Apt. units
23 Selfish one
26 Kind of coat
27 Airline ticket word
28 Wild
30 Web addr.
31 Tempe inst.
32 Whisper on stage
33 Churns up
35 Fictional collie
37 — foo yung
38 Disprove
39 USN rank
40 Recent, in combos
41 California's Big —
42 Passports, etc.
43 Homer-hitter Mel —
44 Anderson Cooper's channel
46 Cal. rows
48 Crochet project
51 Concert bonus
55 Jacket part
56 Rock band crew member
57 Mull over
58 "Gimme a —!"

DOWN
1 Bowler
2 Pollution org.
3 Hold up
4 Flower of a plant
5 Messy one
6 Padlock partners
7 Raines of old movies
8 Abhors
9 Cuttlefish defense
10 Put into service
11 "The — Squad"
13 First mummy, in myth
19 Submarines
20 Beach near Los Angeles
22 Attacked by a bear
24 Familiarize
25 Gizmo
26 Happy rumble
27 Like the universe
28 Novelties
29 Engineering toy
34 Swayed
36 True, at times
42 — tube
43 A Muppet
45 Basilica area
47 Rounded handle
48 Deadly snake
49 Andy Capp's wife
50 Ike's rank
52 Byron work
53 Estuary
54 Cartoon shriek

Answer to Previous Puzzle

V	C	R		G	R	A	B		Y	V	E	S
A	H	A		Y	O	R	E		A	I	L	S
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		T	O	L	L		P	R	A	I	S	E
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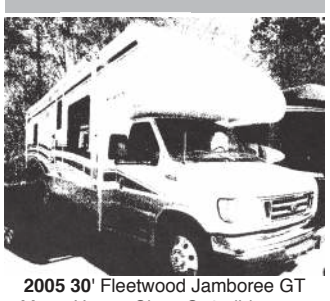
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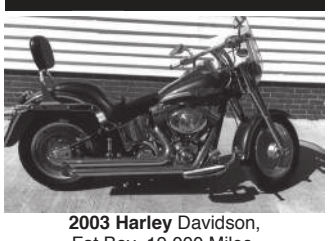
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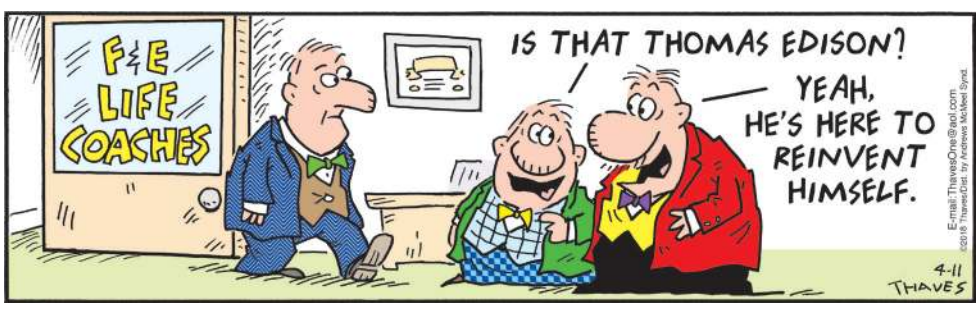
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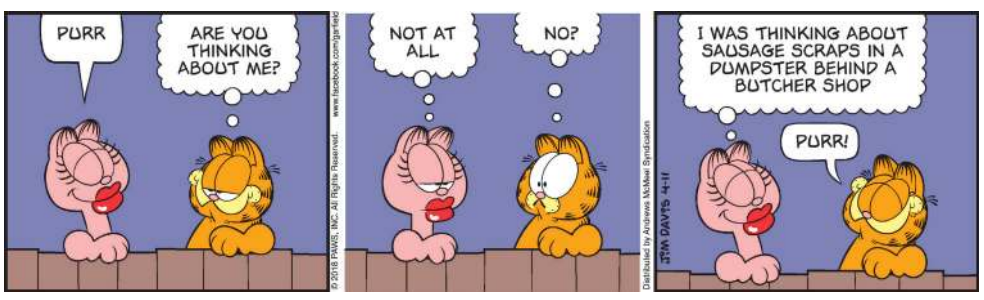
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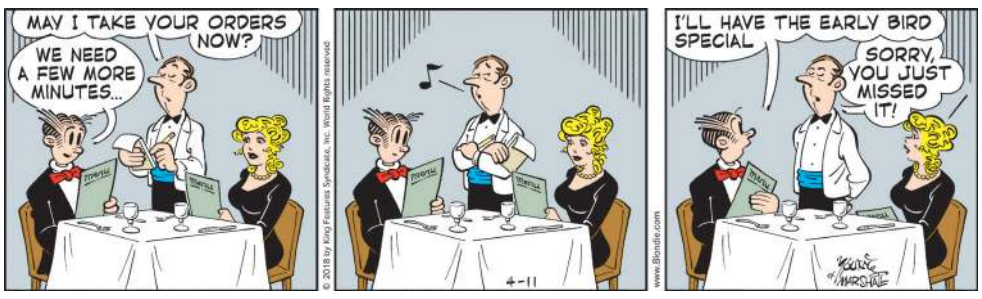
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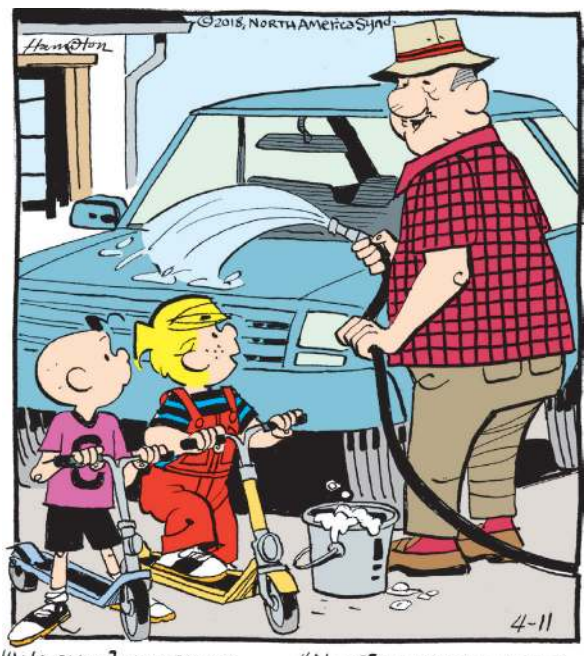
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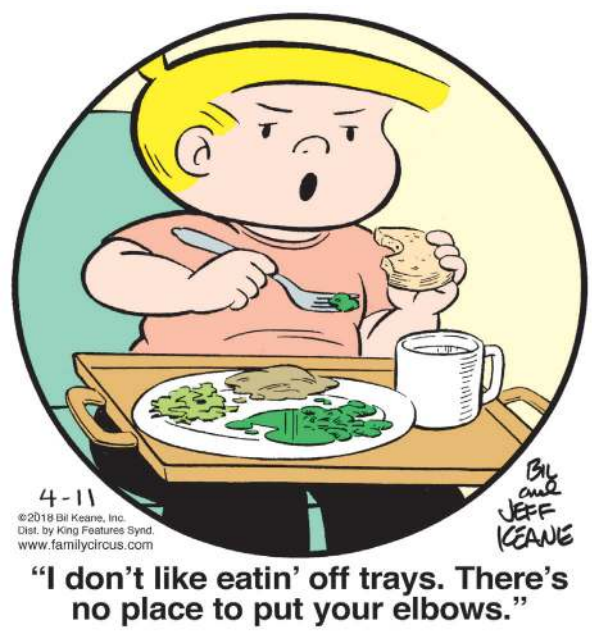
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♠ J
♥ 5 2
♦ K Q J 10 9 8
♣ A 9 8 6

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

EAST
♠ Q 9 8 5
♥ Q 8
♦ 7 6 4 3
♣ 7 3 2

SOUTH
♠ K 10 7 4 2
♥ A K 10 6 3
♦ A
♣ 5 4

The bidding:

North	East	South	West
1 ♦	Pass	1 ♠	Pass
2 ♦	Pass	2 ♥	Pass
3 ♣	Pass	3 NT	

Opening lead — king of clubs.

The great advantage of being declarer is that you can immediately see all of your assets and liabilities when dummy comes down, while if you are a defender, you see only half of your side's resources and half of declarer's resources.

Declarer thus knows at once exactly where he is weak or strong, while the defenders don't. It is because of this that declarer can sometimes make a contract that seems impossible to make.

Take this case where declarer had to enlist the aid of an unwitting opponent to get home safely. West led the king of clubs, and South saw at once that he was in trouble. He had nine tricks, all right, but no way to cash them because the diamonds were blocked and there was no entry to dummy outside of the ace of clubs, which West's lead was about to dislodge.

Declarer ducked the club lead, hoping West would shift to another suit and give him a chance to cash the ace of diamonds before the club ace was forced out of dummy.

But West continued with the queen, destroying that hope. The situation appeared almost hopeless until it suddenly occurred to South that another holdup in clubs might pay surprisingly good dividends. Declarer realized that the second duck could forever sever his contact with dummy, but he also realized that West might not know this.

Sure enough, West continued with the jack of clubs, and declarer was out of the woods. He discarded his ace of diamonds on the club ace, then cashed six diamonds and two hearts to make the contract.

Perhaps West should somehow have divined the actual situation and discontinued clubs after two rounds of the suit, but this decision is much easier to make if one has the advantage of seeing all 52 cards.

Tomorrow: The case of the missing queen.

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HOROSCOPE EUGENIA LAST

ARIES *(March 21-April 19)*: Keep life simple. Now is not the time to overreact, especially when dealing with a partner or someone you are working alongside. Limit how much you let others know about you and your personal life to avoid interference. ★ ★ ★

TAURUS *(April 20-May 20)*: You can make personal changes, but do so secretively. Avoiding interference will make it easier to accomplish what you set out to do. An opportunity to reconnect with someone from your past will prove to be enlightening. ★ ★

GEMINI *(May 21-June 20)*: You'll be tempted to make a change, but do so only if you are physically up for the challenge. Taking care of your health as well as your emotional state of mind will make a difference to how much you can achieve. ★ ★ ★ ★ ★

CANCER *(June 21-July 22)*: Don't let temptation get to you. If someone is unpredictable, keep your distance, or you may end up being the one who has to clean up an emotional mess. Know your strengths and your weaknesses before taking a risk. ★ ★ ★

LEO *(July 23-Aug. 22)*: A financial change looks promising. Go over pertinent personal papers and adjust documents, contracts or your tax return to ensure you get what you deserve. A career change or promotion will boost your income and your standard of living. ★ ★ ★

VIRGO *(Aug. 23-Sept. 22)*: Gravitate toward people you find interesting and you'll be able to expand your mind. Your perspective regarding how you live or what you pursue in the future will change, offering unique options that will inspire you to try something new. ★ ★ ★

LIBRA *(Sept. 23-Oct. 22)*: Strive to be insightful. Don't take anything or anyone for granted or allow others to take advantage of you. Set ground rules and be willing to negotiate and compromise when necessary. Focus on better health and less stress. ★ ★ ★

SCORPIO *(Oct. 23-Nov. 21)*: Offer something unique to someone special. A better understanding of the direction you plan to take in life will help you build a better relationship with someone who matters to you. Be willing to step up and make a vow. ★ ★ ★ ★

SAGITTARIUS *(Nov. 22-Dec. 21)*: Don't make decisions based on emotions. You can't count on outsiders to give you good advice. If someone tries to meddle in your affairs, walk away. Take your time, use your intelligence and make a move only when you are ready. ★ ★

CAPRICORN *(Dec. 22-Jan. 19)*: Your emotions will fluctuate if you take part in an event that will bring you in contact with people from your past. Proceed with caution and refrain from letting temptation lead to an impulsive act that you will live to regret. ★ ★ ★

AQUARIUS *(Jan. 20-Feb. 18)*: You'll find interesting opportunities, but before you take a leap of faith, think about the expense and what's entailed to reach your goal. Taking baby steps will help you make progress and avoid unnecessary mishaps. Don't overreact or overdo. ★ ★ ★

PISCES *(Feb. 19-March 20)*: Don't let anxiety lead to making an impulsive move without giving enough credence to the consequences. Trying to help someone may be a kind gesture, but before you jeopardize your reputation, find out exactly what it will take on your part. ★ ★ ★

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Level: Intermediate

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!

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6	5	3	4	1	9	7	8	2
4	2	7	8	3	5	1	6	9
5	9	1	6	2	7	3	4	8
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Exercise And Arthritis

Across the country, more than 50 million people are living with doctor-diagnosed arthritis. So says the Arthritis Foundation, which projects that figure will rise to 67 million by the year 2030. Simply put, arthritis is a significant problem, one that can not only affect a person's quality of life, but also his or her pocketbook, as the Arthritis Foundation notes that woking-age men and women (those between the ages of 18 and 64) who contend with arthritis are less likely to be employed than people of the same age who do not have arthritis. Arthritis is not only bad for employees, but also for employers, as it accounts for $156 billion annually in lost wages and medical expenses.



Exercise may be the last thing on many arthritis sufferers' minds, but exercise can play a vital role in reducing the often painful symptoms associated with arthritis. Among its other benefits, exercise can strengthen the muscles around arthritic joints and help men and women maintain bone strength. In addition, the Mayo Clinic notes that lack of exercise can make joints feel more painful and stiff, as a sedentary lifestyle will ultimately contribute to putting more stress on joints.

Upon being diagnosed with arthritis, patients should speak with their physicians about the best way to use exercise to combat and relieve their symptoms. Some patients may require physical therapy, while others might be able to work with their physicians to develop an exercise regimen that can help reduce the severity of their symptoms and any pain that accompanies those symptoms. The following are some types of exercises that figure to play a strong role in managing arthritis and improving quality of life.

- Aerobic exercises: Low-impact aerobic exercises, such as walking and swimming, can help arthritis sufferers alleviate their symptoms and improve their overall health. Arthritis sufferers who have not exercised in awhile because of their pain may have gained weight as a result, and aerobic exercise is a great way to shed extra pounds. Losing excess weight is a great way to make physical activity less taxing on your joints as well.
- Range-of-motion: Range-of-motion exercises are typically simple and don't take much time, but when done correctly, such exercises can be very effective at relieving the stiffness associated with arthritis. A physician or physical therapist might advise you to do range-of-motion exercises each day, and you may even need to do them a few times each day. Adhere to this advice, continuing to perform the exercises as long as your doctor or physical therapists deems them necessary.
- Strength training: As previously noted, arthritis sufferers may feel as though lifting weights will only exacerbate their existing symptoms. But strength training will strengthen the muscles around the joints, providing more support for those joints and ultimately reducing symptoms of pain. Speak with your physician or physical therapist about appropriate strength-training activities and the importance of rest. If you experience any pain during strength-training sessions, stop immediately and report the pain to your physician.

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Prostate Cancer Risk & Lifestyle

A healthy lifestyle may significantly reduce the risk of prostate cancer death, according to new research. The ten-year study followed 63,000 men and their adherence to six different lifestyle habits that reduce risk of advanced prostate cancer. The six habits were: maintaining a healthy weight, exercising vigorously, not smoking (for at least 10 years), eating fatty fish at least once a week, eating tomato products (rich in lycopene) most days, and having no more than three servings a week of red or processed meat. Men who followed at least 5 of the 6 habits had a 50% reduced risk of dying from advanced prostate cancer.

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