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Months after the **Supreme Court** effectively legalized same-sex marriage, lawmakers across the **U.S.** are pushing bills that would give businesses and some public employees the right to refuse serving gay couples because of their religious beliefs. **A3**

Never-before-seen films of **Marines** ramming artillery shells into large guns on the beaches of **Iwo Jima** in 1945 and standing amid sandbags during the 1968 siege of **Khe Sanh** in **Vietnam** are part of a vast collection of silent, color footage being repaired, preserved and eventually placed online for all to see. **A5**



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The skeletal remains of 12 adult victims discovered in **Nataruk**, near **Lake Turkana** in **Kenya**, tell a grim story of merciless violence by one group of hunter-gatherers against another about 10,000 years ago. **A9**

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A **NASCAR** champion is at ease heading into the final season of his storied career. **C1**



The **Elon** men's basketball team tries to overcome an injury to a key player. **C1**

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Burlington roads were desolate Friday, with few drivers braving the weather with their usual morning commutes. Winter Storm Jonas arrived in Alamance County in the early morning hours of Friday, bringing a nasty mix of snow, ice and freezing rain that left thick icicles hanging everywhere (top) and made travel conditions extremely treacherous.

Storm heavier on ice, lighter on snow — and that's just round one

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Friday was not pretty, but pretty quiet in Alamance County as Winter Storm Jonas spread a thin layer of ice over the ground and roads.

But that layer was projected to get thicker.

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"The snow-fall totals were a lot lower than expected, that was due to the middle part of the atmosphere being warmer than was expected," said Ryan Ellis, meteorologist with the National Weather Service in Raleigh. "The threat of sleet and freezing rain has increased and especially in the Burlington area. That area between Durham and Greensboro ... could potentially see some significant icing from this, potentially accumulating a half inch

Note to readers

Due to the winter storm, the Times-News is operating under an early deadline through tonight. This means some regular features or late sports stories won't be available for publication. Our obituary deadline is noon. Readers may notice different delivery times, in some cases earlier than normal. As conditions allow, we will try to make deliveries as quickly as possible. Starting at 6 this morning, access to our website (thetimesnews.com) will be free and will remain so throughout the duration of the storm.

Thanks for your patience and stay safe.

to an inch and locally, maybe more than that."

"So we expect travel could be hazardous all the way through tomorrow."

Power outages had not become a big problem locally during the day, but worse was expected overnight, said Jennifer Jabon, Duke Energy spokesperson.

"We haven't seen big outages, but

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Residents make the most of wintry day

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Whether you're a commuter dreading an icy drive, or just a kid wanting to play in the snow, sometimes you have to do the best with what you've got.

That was the story in Alamance County on Friday as the first wave of a winter storm dropped a layer of sleet and ice on roads and yards.

Roads were mostly empty Friday morning, with only light traffic on Interstate 40/85 and other major thoroughfares. By noon, major

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Some businesses brave the cold, leave doors open

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When Nick Zangotsis, owner of Stavros Grill in downtown Burlington, opened his restaurant on Maple Avenue at 5 a.m. Friday, snow and sleet hadn't yet covered the city streets.

By noon, Burlington was practically shut down, but not Stavros Grill.

"We don't close," Zangotsis said with a laugh

Actually, the restaurant was going to

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Janene Herrera walks carefully through a slush-filled Food Lion parking lot in Burlington. Multiple area grocery stores and eateries were open Friday despite the snowy conditions.

>> HOMICIDE

Murder victim described as caring father

Adopted son is charged in Wes Goswick's death

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At not yet 30 years of age, James Weston "Wes" Goswick had adopted a 10-year-old son.

His friends say he had never married and hardly dated, but after spending a number of years as a Boy Scout leader, he wanted a child of his own.

On Thursday morning, the body of Wes Goswick, 36, was found by Alamance County deputies on the concrete floor of his detached garage after he hadn't showed up for his job as an industrial pretreatment specialist with the city of Burlington.

His 17-year-old adopted son, Joseph Wayne Cook Goswick, was charged that evening with first-degree murder. The father and son had lived on Brier Lane in Graham, where Wes Goswick's body was located.

The Alamance County Sheriff's Office previously identified Joseph Goswick as Wes Goswick's stepson, though the agency clarified Friday that the 17-year-old suspect was adopted by the victim at age 10.

"Joseph was passed from foster home to foster home," said Lucas Howard, who became close to Wes Goswick while in his Scout troop from age 13 to 18. "He had major issues. Wes fell madly in love with him. He took him in, gave him a life better than he ever had and supported him and took care of him."

Howard said Joseph Goswick, whom he knew had a troubled past, was moved into a group home a couple years ago because of anger issues his father couldn't handle. Then he showed signs of progress.

"(Joseph) was doing really well and they all thought he was ready to go home," Howard said. "He came home about a year ago."

It was sometime in the last six months, Howard said, that the 17-year-old, who had dropped out of school, moved back out of Wes Goswick's Brier Lane home.

The Alamance-Burlington School System indicated Friday they had no record of Goswick being currently enrolled in school.

THOUGH THE SHERIFF'S Office has not determined how long Wes Gowsick had been deceased before his body was found Thursday, Howard said those in the Scout community don't believe anyone else heard from him again after Troop 19's Tuesday night meeting.

After Alamance County Central Communications received a call from one of Wes Goswick's colleagues at 9:31 a.m. Thursday, two deputies went to the Brier Lane home to conduct a well-being check.

At the home, the deputies encountered Joseph Goswick and two others, and were told Wes Goswick wasn't there.

The deputies asked to search the premises and eventually located the body.

Kirk Puckett, spokesman for the Alamance County Sheriff's Office, said Wes Goswick's body was partially covered with a plain blue blanket and bore cuts and scrapes.

The Sheriff's Office hasn't said whether a firearm or other weapon was used in the homicide. An autopsy at the N.C. Medical Examiner's Office is scheduled for Monday morning.

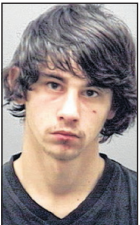
Investigators are continuing to interview others who may have known Wes Goswick.

"As part of any investigation, there are people that were not present the day of the incident that need to be contacted," Puckett said.

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Wes Goswick



J. Goswick

