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Thrilling final lap at Daytona produces closest ever victory margin in the Great American Race

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A gunman who seemed to choose his victims at random opened fire outside an apartment complex, a car dealership and a restaurant in Michigan, killing six people in a rampage that lasted nearly seven hours, police said. A3

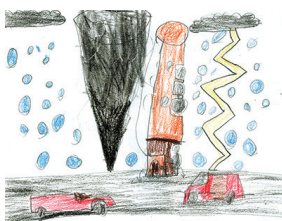
A plan to establish a colony of venomous timber rattlesnakes on an off-limits island in Massachusetts' largest body of water has some rattled by visions of dangerous serpents slithering through the surrounding woods. A8



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The Alamance-Burlington School System has a budget of \$187 million for the 2015-16 school year. Here's a look at how the district spends the money. B1

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>> HOMICIDE INVESTIGATION

Devastated family looks for answers

Friends of murdered man say Scoggins had turned his life around

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On Jan. 31, Sam Scoggins Jr. made his way to the front of New Beginners Church. It was a move signifying his repentance, says his wife, Sabrina Scoggins, describing the moment he walked to the altar, her following closely behind. "He gave his life back to Christ," she said, sitting in the living room of

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Two days later, the evening of Feb. 2, Scoggins, 41, was shot to death. When police arrived around 11:20 p.m., they found him lying in the road on Sellars Street in Burlington, near an apartment building at the corner of Holt Street, with a gunshot wound to the chest. Scoggins' family doesn't know what he was doing there that night, and the Burlington Police Department has released few details about the circumstances surrounding the murder. What his soft-spoken wife and other family members say they do know

the Elon home they shared with their children. "We learn to die daily." "He turned his life around," she said. Terry Wyche, Scoggins' one-time brother-in-law, explained that the still-vague narrative of his death portrayed so far isn't characteristic of Scoggins, a stay-at-home dad who had dinner on the table of the family's clean, two-story home each evening when Sabrina got home from work. "The circumstances did not fit the man we know, period," Wyche said. Wyche and others described how you would hardly ever see Sam or

about Scoggins is that he was a family man, a loving father and husband who, upon dating Sabrina and then marrying in 2009, had embraced her Christian values. "He turned his life around," she said. Terry Wyche, Scoggins' one-time brother-in-law, explained that the still-vague narrative of his death portrayed so far isn't characteristic of Scoggins, a stay-at-home dad who had dinner on the table of the family's clean, two-story home each evening when Sabrina got home from work. "The circumstances did not fit the man we know, period," Wyche said. Wyche and others described how you would hardly ever see Sam or

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Sabrina Scoggins, widow of Sam Scoggins, sheds tears with her son, Sam Supreme Scoggins, 5, on her lap Friday as friends and family reminisce about her late husband at her home in Elon. The couple can be seen smiling together in a picture on her coffee table. Steven Mantilla / Times-News

Believe in the BEAT

Drummer's new downtown space to function as studio/classroom

Alamance County might not have the hottest or best-known music scene, but it has one of the best. That's according to Jeremy Thomas, a drummer and fixture on the local musicscape who touts that Alamance County has something that musicians in most other areas don't. "Alamance County, in my opinion, is one of the most talented areas in the country," he said. "We will help each other. You go to bigger cities, and it's a real competition. Around here, we try to be a part of the same community." Thomas, who grew up all around Alamance County, lives in Snow Camp and graduated from UNC Greensboro with a degree in marketing. "At five years old, I started looking at drummers, and I knew that I didn't want to play anything else," he said.

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JEREMY THOMAS

>> ELECTION 2016

Trump's race to lose?

Rubio, Cruz jockey for position after billionaire's big win

By Nancy Benac and Steve Peoples The Associated Press

FRANKLIN, Tenn. — Republicans Marco Rubio and Ted Cruz battled to emerge as the true anti-Trump on Sunday as the billionaire businessman took an ever-so-brief break from his trademark braggadocio to say his drive for the GOP nomination isn't unstoppable — yet.

Fresh off a commanding victory in South Carolina, Donald Trump declined to say the nomination was his to lose. But he quickly went on to declare, "I'm really on my way." Soon enough, in a television interview, he was toting up electoral math all the way through Election Day and concluding, "I'm going to win."

The candidates' diverging flight plans demonstrated how the campaign spreads out and speeds up now. Nevada's GOP caucuses are Tuesday, and then a dozen states vote in the March 1 Super Tuesday bonanza.

Trump was in Georgia exulting over his latest victory, Cruz headed for Nevada, and Rubio embarked on a Tennessee-Arkansas-Nevada trifecta.

On the Democratic side, Hillary Clinton savored her weekend win in the Nevada caucuses as Bernie Sanders acknowledged that while his



Trump



Rubio



Cruz

>> NATIONAL SECURITY

As forces deploy, U.S. revisits detainee policy

By Deb Riechmann The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Barack Obama has refused to send any suspected terrorists captured overseas to the detention center at Guantanamo Bay. But if the U.S. starts seizing more militants in expanded military operations, where will they go, who will hold them and where will they be tried? Those are questions that worry legal experts, lawmakers and others as U.S. special operations forces deploy in larger numbers to Iraq, Syria and, maybe soon, Libya, with the Islamic State group and affiliated organizations in their sights. Throughout Obama's presidency, suspects have been killed in drone strikes or raids,

or captured and interrogated, sometimes aboard Navy ships. After that, they are either prosecuted in U.S. courts and military commissions or handed over to other nations. This policy has been enough, experts say — at least for now. "If you're going to be doing counterterrorism operations that bring in detainees, you have to think through what you are going to do with them," said Phillip Carter, former deputy assistant defense secretary for detainee policy. "If the U.S. is going to conduct large-scale combat operations or large-scale special ops and bring in more detainees, it needs a different solution." Rebecca Ingber, an associate law professor at Boston University who follows the issue, warns that if the U.S. engaged in a full ground

war in Syria, "chances are there would need to be detention facilities of some kind in the vicinity." Obama has not sent a single suspected terrorist to the U.S. military prison at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, where many have been detained for years without being charged or tried — something the president says is a "recruitment tool" for militant extremists. He is to report to Congress this month on how he wants to close Guantanamo and possibly transfer some of the remaining detainees to the United States. That report also is supposed to address the question of future detainees. Sen. Kelly Ayotte, R-N.H., believes that the

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