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Thousands of people are expected to join an unofficial counterculture holiday celebrating marijuana in **Colorado** and **Washington** this coming weekend, including out-of-staters and even packaged tours. The events and crowds will test the limits of new laws permitting pot use by adults. **A9**

A Michigan judge whose smartphone disrupted a hearing in his own courtroom has held himself in contempt and paid \$25 for the infraction. **A9**



The head of **North Carolina's** public university system said Monday another year of deep budget cuts such as those recommended by **Gov. Pat McCrory** could erode the system's ability to provide quality education, and he wants some relief from the **General Assembly**. **B1**

WORLD

As **Nicolas Maduro** was declared the winner of **Venezuela's** presidential vote, thousands of marchers stormed the capital chanting "fraud!" and demanding a recount. **A10**



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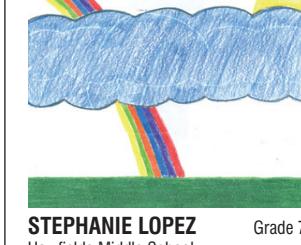
Though **UNC's** **Sylvia Hatchell** says her **Basketball Hall of Fame** induction is indeed a career milestone, she also insists that as a head coach, there's a lot more she wants to do. **B3**



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Act of terror: Three dead, more than 100 injured in twin Boston bombings

Mayhem at the marathon



Medical workers aid injured people Monday at the finish line of the 2013 Boston Marathon following two explosions that tore through the assembled crowd. As of Monday evening, Boston Police Commissioner Edward Davis said that no suspects were in custody.

Fear, confusion engulf scene after detonations near finish line

By Jimmy Golen
The Associated Press

BOSTON — Two bombs exploded in the crowded streets near the finish line of the Boston Marathon on Monday, killing at least three people and injuring more than 130 in a bloody scene of shattered glass and severed limbs that raised alarms that terrorists might have struck again in the U.S.

A White House official speaking on condition of anonymity because the investigation was still unfolding said the attack was being treated as an act of terrorism.

President Barack Obama vowed that those responsible will "feel the full weight of justice."

As many as two unexploded bombs were also found near the end of the 26.2-mile course



as part of what appeared to be a well-coordinated attack, but they were safely disarmed, ac-

cording to a senior U.S. intelligence official, who also spoke on condition of anonymity be-

Two explosions at Boston Marathon finish line



SOURCE: ESRI AP

cause of the continuing investigation.

The fiery twin blasts took place about 10 seconds and about 100 yards apart, knocking spectators and at least one runner off their feet, shattering

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>> COUNTY FINANCES

Board holds budget retreat

Sheriff seeking more money to aid officer retention

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GRAHAM — Alamance County Sheriff Terry Johnson told county commissioners during a budget retreat Monday his department continues to lose deputies and detention officers to higher paying jobs elsewhere.

Since Jan. 1, 2011, \$634,796 has been spent to hire and train new deputies. Johnson requested that the county work with his department to develop a new retention and staffing

TheTimesNews.com plan to decrease employee turnover and improve morale.

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So far in 2013, the Sheriff's Office has lost three deputies and six detention officers with 40 years of combined experience through turnover, Johnson said. In 2012, 11 deputies and 20 detention officers with 167 years of combined experience left for other jobs outside the department. Thirteen deputies and 12 detention officers with 144 years of combined experience left in 2011.

Johnson said the situation has created loss of productivity and low morale in the department. It also limits the ability for deputies to create rapport and build relationships with the community.

During his presentation, Johnson compared his office's salaries with the Burlington Police Department. Johnson said Burlington approved a 12 percent salary increase for the city's police department on Nov. 28, 2008 to become effective Jan. 1, 2009, during a time when that department had retention issues.

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>> MIKE WILDER, 1967-2013

Reporter remembered as one of a kind

Services to be held at 2 p.m. Sunday in Elon

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They recalled his laughter and his ability to play the piano like an accomplished musician. They recalled his unique personality and the way he enjoyed poking fun at himself.

Mike Wilder was, his friends said, far more than a talented and fair journalist.

"There was lots more to Mike than most people knew," said Rep. Den-

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nis Riddell, a Republican who represents Alamance County in the N.C. House.

"Mike was very well loved. He was a very dear friend — not just to me but to my family."

Wilder, 45, a 10-year reporting and editing veteran of the Times-News, died Sunday following a brief battle with cancer. He was diagnosed with the disease just six weeks earlier and died at Alamance Regional Medical Center surrounded by family.

Wilder spent most of his career at the Times-News as its education reporter.

A memorial service will be held at

2 p.m. Sunday at Elon Community Church on Williamson Avenue.

Riddell said Wilder visited his house for dinner on several occasions. His children, Riddell said, took an instant liking to Wilder, dubbing him "Sully" in honor of the big, lovable animated character from the movie "Monsters Inc."

"We just enjoyed his company," Riddell said.

He said they'd tell Wilder before they ate that he had to play for his supper — and set him down at the piano.

"Man, it was tremendous," Riddell said. "He had this soft, almost poetic touch."

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In April 2004, longtime Times-News reporter Mike Wilder wrote a story about the drive-thru crucifixion at Friendship United Methodist Church. Church members dressed him to participate in the program.

Photo by Mike Spencer