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**THIS WEEK**

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**ELEPHANTS ON PARADE I**

The battle for the GOP presidential nomination moves to three states Tuesday as Colorado and Minnesota conduct caucuses and Missouri holds a "beauty pageant" primary that will not award delegates. (A March 17 caucus will allocate the state's 26 delegates.)



The elephant performers are always favorites when the Ringling Bros. circus comes to town.

FELD ENTERTAINMENT

**ELEPHANTS ON PARADE II**

On Wednesday, the Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey Circus opens at Raleigh's RBC Center and runs through Sunday.

**BATTLE OF THE BLUES**

Duke travels down Tobacco Road on Wednesday to take on UNC at the Dean Smith Center in Chapel Hill. (9 p.m. ESPN/WRAL)

**BLACK HAT JACK**

Jack Abramoff, formerly one of the nation's most powerful and notorious lobbyists, will visit William Peace University to offer his unique insight into Washington corruption and explain ways to reform the political system. The free public event, hosted by the North Carolina Center for Voter Education, will be held at 7:30 p.m. Thursday.

**TIGER HUNTS A WIN**

Tiger Woods makes his 2012 PGA Tour debut Thursday at the AT&T Pebble Beach National Pro-Am. Woods broke a two year-winless drought with a victory at the Chevron World Challenge in December, but he has not won a regular PGA Tour event since September 2009. PGATour.com says Woods' amateur partner will be Dallas Cowboys quarterback Tony Romo.

**CONSERVATIVES' WOODSTOCK**

Political conservatives will descend on Washington, D.C., to attend the annual Conservative Political Action Conference - known as CPAC - starting Thursday and running through Saturday. Potential speakers include GOP presidential candidates Newt Gingrich, Mitt Romney and Rick Santorum. Demonstrations by union members and Occupy Movement protesters are expected.

**HOT TICKETS**

Will Aretha show the Triangle R-E-S-P-E-C-T and show up? That's the question of the week for Durham Performing Arts Center, where Aretha Franklin's oft-postponed show is finally supposed to happen Thursday night. The show is sold out, but check dpacnc.com for details.



**5-DAY FORECAST**

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**GIANTS 21, PATRIOTS 17**



New York Giants quarterback Eli Manning raises the Vince Lombardi Trophy after his team defeated New England in Super Bowl XLVI Sunday in Indianapolis.

ROB CARR - Getty Images

## A rallying cry for post-Bowl holiday

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**RALEIGH** - After staying up late Sunday night to watch the Super Bowl, are you super tired, or do you have a super hangover this morning? If so, you're not alone. That's why many people have pushed recently to make the day after the Super Bowl a national holiday.

According to a petition posted on GoPetition.com, 1.5 million Americans didn't show up for work the day after the Super Bowl last year, and an estimated 4.4 million people showed up late.

It could be worse this year. A poll conducted by Media Life predicted Sunday's Super Bowl would be the most-watched television program in history, surpassing the 111 million viewers last year.

"With all that partying and late night carousing on Sunday, Mondays after the Super Bowl become one of the least productive work days of the year," the petition states.

Though New York Giants and New England Patriots fans in Raleigh disagreed on which team would win the big game, they seemed to agree that making today a national

**SUPER BOWL SUNDAY**  
After the game: See photos at newsobserver.com/sportspics

holiday is a good idea. "We got a lot of holidays for bad reasons," Patriots fan Eric Stoddard said in front of Tobacco Road Sports Café on Glenwood Avenue. "We got silly holidays you've never heard of. Let's have a Super Bowl (holiday). That's American."

Many Internet postings warned employers to watch out for high absenteeism today because of the game.

Mike Cohen, who lives in Charlotte and came to Raleigh to watch the game with daughter Annie, said he is taking to-

day off to recover.

Cohen, a Giants fan who works in the commercial lending business, calls the idea of a national holiday today a no-brainer. "If we have to trade another holiday off to get it like President's Day, we'll trade that in for the day after the Super Bowl," he said.

Annie Cohen, another die-hard Giants fan, agrees. "You're not going to be productive at work if you've been out," she said.

Annie Cohen, fortunate enough to work from home and make her own schedule, planned to have a late Sunday night no matter what team was victorious. "If (the Giants) win, we'll be out partying," she said. "If we lose, I'll be out drinking my sorrows away."

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## Young retrial begins today

Accused of killing his wife in 2006, the Wake County man again faces a jury.

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**RALEIGH** - As lawyers present opening statements today in the second trial of Jason Young, there is likely to be a sense of deja vu for those who followed the first trial of the medical software salesman accused of killing his pregnant wife.

But there also could be key and subtle differences as Young again fights prosecutors' allegations that he bludgeoned Michelle Young to death in November 2006 in the Wake County home the couple shared.

The differences include a change in the prosecution team. Howard Cummings, Wake County's chief assistant district attorney, will take a more active role in the retrial.

Assistant District Attorneys Becky Holt and David Saacks argued the first trial, which ended in June with a deadlocked jury. Eight jurors were for acquittal; four were for conviction. Judge Donald Stephens declared a mistrial.

Cummings was in the courtroom for much of the first trial, but he spent several months before that prosecuting Brad Cooper, another Wake County man charged with killing his wife. Cooper was convicted in May 2011 and sentenced to life in prison after one of Wake County's most protracted murder trials.

Another change: The case will incorporate the defendant's testimony from the first trial.

Until his trial in 2011, Young refused to offer any accounts of his whereabouts to

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Jason Young's 2011 trial on charges he killed his wife ended in a mistrial.

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## Baptist men brag, bond over bear

**GARNER** - The men arrived toting crocks of wild boar gravy, trays of deer quesadilla and plastic tubs of kangaroo meat.

They stirred the venison chili, peeled the foil off the rabbit and stuck a test-

fork into the deep-fried alligator.

Then Bobby Hoffman lifted the lid off the evening's treasure: a pot of bear stew, fla-

vored with the 400-pound beast his brother shot at Lake Waccamaw, retrieved with the help of a four-wheeler.

Thus did the Baptist men bond, their handshakes greasy with game, and the heavens smiled down upon their bounty.

"Boil the dickens out of him," Hoffman advised his fellow bear-eaters, "and always boil him with a bay leaf."

Nothing builds fellowship quite like meat, especially meat you shot, ground and simmered in your own crock pot, which is why the wild

game banquet at Mount Moriah Baptist Church just outside Garner drew 173 males - a sizable percentage of them decked out in camouflage.

Men don't always mingle well at church functions, explained Pastor Michael Tolar. Here's a chance to get them sitting at the same table, looking one another in the eye, swapping hunting stories and stewing secrets, agreeing God is good.

Get men gabbing over a plate of pheasant and wild rice on Saturday night and you'll see them singing hymns to-

gether on Sunday morning, brothers in a peaceable kingdom.

"Just a good old Baptist time," said Hoffman, who teaches carpentry at Wake Forest-Rolesville High School. "Here's some wild fried chicken. It came from Lowe's."

"It's kind of a tongue-in-cheek thing."

Now 5 years old, the annual January banquet sprung out of a pair of realities: plain-old barbecue won't pack a church hall, and hunters make up a

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