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SCHOOL BOARD VOTE CALLED ILLEGAL

A First Amendment expert says the Wake board should have voted in public to place the superintendent on administrative leave. **1B**

RECORDS SEALED IN TAFT CASE



Judge Donald Stephens agrees to the Wake DA's request to block the release of 911 recordings and warrants in the murder investigation. **2B**

CHANCELLOR SAYS NCSU IS TOO TIMID

Randy Woodson says he'll lead a discussion on how to raise the university's profile, particularly in engineering and sciences. **1B**

BANK OF AMERICA TO DENY CHARGES

To cut overdraft fees, the bank says this summer it will start rejecting debit-card transactions if customers can't cover the charges. **4B**

ONCE A C-SECTION ALWAYS C-SECTION?

Women who want to attempt a normal delivery after previous cesarean births often are denied the choice, a panel of experts finds. **8A**

GOLD MEDALS FOR FEMALE WWII PILOTS



HARAZ N. GHANBARI - AP

About 200 Women Airforce Service Pilots accepted Congressional Gold Medals for their wartime service. **3A**

MARION JONES WILL PLAY FOR TULSA

The disgraced sprinter offers no apologies for her past as she is introduced as the newest member of the WNBA's Tulsa Shock. **6C**

WEATHER

Today: Rain chance: 80 percent. High 65; low 56.

Friday: Rain 100 percent likely. High 70; low 56. **8B**

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TAR HEEL FANS SING THE BLUES



N.C. State's Javier Gonzalez, left, greets Eli Mills, 9, of Greensboro, in UNC sweatshirt, and NCSU fans Will Corey, 9, and his sister Riley Anne Corey, 8, after an open practice at Greensboro Coliseum. ETHAN HYMAN - ehyma@newsobserver.com

2009 champ UNC is No. 10 seed as ACC Tourney begins

By MATT EHLERS
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Bo Butler has cheered the UNC Tar Heels at 43 straight ACC men's basketball tournaments, but this year's woeful team had Butler originally planning to skip the journey to Greensboro.

INSIDE

Saunders: Why the Heels' miserable season isn't all bad. **1B**

The seven-hour drive from his home in Chattanooga, Tenn., seemed like too much of

a haul, especially since many expect a one-and-done affair for North Carolina. So in mid-February, Butler placed an ad on a Tar Heel message board and offered his two sets of tournament ticket books at face value, \$792 for the pair.

Nobody wanted them.



Tracy Hill, 43, of Reno, Nev., stocks up on T-shirts and other UNC wares at The Shrunken Head Boutique in Chapel Hill.

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One year removed from a national championship, Tar Heel fans are finding that the blues come in all colors, even shades of Carolina blue. In addition to the slow secondary-ticket market, this year's gloominess about the ACC tournament has affected businesses along Franklin Street and the general mood in Chapel Hill.

True, for fans of that other blue Triangle team, things are much more upbeat. Duke is the tournament's No. 1 seed and has a bye in

today's first-round games. But with the exception of the Blue Devils, the state's other three ACC teams – UNC, N.C. State and Wake Forest – must play among the other lower-ranked teams today. And win a grueling four straight games to take the tournament title.

The Wolfpack, the 11th seed, has faced the first round several times before. Being a low seed has been less common for the Demon Deacons,

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CDC sleuths use shopper-card data to trace salmonella

By DAVID MERCER
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

CHAMPAIGN, Ill. – As they scrambled recently to find the source of a salmonella outbreak that has sickened hundreds around the country, investigators from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention successfully used a new tool for the first time – the shopper cards that millions of Americans swipe every time they buy groceries.

With permission from the patients, investigators followed the trail of grocery purchases to a Rhode Island company that makes salami, then zeroed in on the pepper used to season the meat.

Never before had the CDC successfully mined the mountain of data that supermarket chains compile.

"It was really exciting. It was a break in the investigation for sure," CDC epidemiologist Casey Barton Behrvesh said.

At least 245 people in 44 states have been sickened in the outbreak.

The victims included Raymond Cirimele, a 55-year-old Chicago man. He said no one asked for his shopper-card data, but he would have provided it if someone had.

"I don't have any secrets, so I'm not worried about it," he said. "It's kind of like the whole airport security and all that. I'd rather fly on a safe plane."

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Hearts probed too often

Duke team urges better screening

By SARAH AVERY
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DURHAM – Thousands of patients may undergo heart catheterizations without having any blockages that would warrant the invasive diagnostic test, researchers at Duke University Medical Center report today.

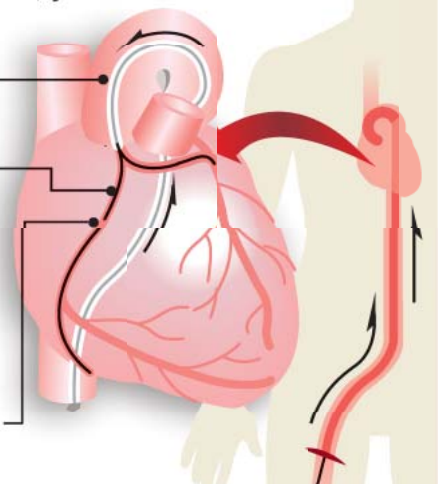
The study, published in the New England Journal of Medicine, found that up to 60 percent of patients without a history of heart disease are essentially free of clogs when they undergo cardiac catheterizations. Expensive and potentially risky, the procedures could often be avoided if less invasive diagnostic tools were more effective.

"The question is: Is there a better way to do this?" said Dr. Manesh Patel, a cardiologist at Duke University Med-

LOOKING INSIDE THE HEART

A study suggests that doctors screen patients better before prescribing an angiogram, a test that examines coronary blood vessels, given the test's cost and risks.

- 1 Thintube threaded through artery to heart.
- 2 Dye jumped through tube to small arteries in heart's muscular wall.
- 3 X-rays taken as dye flows through arteries.
- 4 X-ray shows which arteries are narrowed or blocked.



Source: American Medical Association Family Medical Guide

McClatchy Tribune

WHAT IT DOES

- Cardiac catheterization is used to:
 - Diagnose or evaluate coronary artery disease and heart defects.
 - Repair some heart defects.
 - Open blocked arteries or grafts in the heart.

SOURCE: NATIONAL INSTITUTES OF HEALTH

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