

Trump: Teams should revert to old names

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CLEVELAND — President Donald Trump wants Washington’s football franchise and Cleveland’s baseball team to revert to their former names.

Trump said Sunday morning on Truth Social that “The Washington ‘Whatever’s’ should IMMEDIATELY change their name back to the Washington Redskins Football Team. There is a big clamoring for this. Likewise, the Cleveland Indians, one of the six original baseball teams, with a storied past. Our great Indian people, in massive numbers, want this to happen. Their heritage and prestige is systematically being taken away from them. Times are different now than they were three or four years ago. We are a Country of passion and common sense. OWNERS, GET IT DONE!!!!”

Josh Harris, whose group bought the Commanders from former owner Dan Snyder in 2023, said earlier this year the name was here to say. Not long after taking over, Harris quieted speculation about going back to Redskins, saying that would not happen.



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Workers finish installing the Cleveland Guardians sign above the scoreboard at Progressive Field on March 17, 2022, in Cleveland.

Guardians president of baseball operations Chris Antonetti indicated before Sunday’s game against the Athletics that there weren’t any plans to revisit the name change.

“We understand there are different perspectives on the decision we made a few years ago but obviously it’s a decision we made. We’ve got the opportunity to build a brand as the Guardians over the last four years and are excited

about the future that’s in front of us,” he said.

Both teams have had their new names since the 2022 seasons. Washington dropped Redskins after the 2019 season and was known as the Washington Football Team for two years before moving to Commanders.

Cleveland announced in December 2020 they would drop Indians. It announced the switch to Guardians in July 2021. In 2018,



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Washington Commanders jerseys are displayed at an event to unveil the NFL football team’s new identity Feb. 2, 2022, in Landover, Md.

the team phased out “Chief Wahoo” as its primary logo.

The name changes had their share of supporters and critics as part of national discussions about institutions and teams to drop logos and names considered racist.

The Guardians are the fifth name for Cleveland’s baseball franchise. It joined the American League in 1901 as one of the eight charter franchises as the Blues. It switched to Bronchos a

year later and used the Naps from 1903 through 1914 before moving to Indians in 1915.

Washington started in Boston as the Redskins in 1933 before moving to the nation’s capital four years later.

Washington and Cleveland share another thing in common. David Blitzer is a member of Harris’ ownership group with the Commanders and holds a minority stake in the Guardians.

Sexton

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Working in IT and later in finance and business leadership were merely means to an end — seeing that his son, now a student at the Wake Forest University School of Law, and his daughter, a medical doctor, didn’t have to go into debt for an education. “Software is easy. Music is tough,” he said.

Music, North Indian classical music to be precise, is Doshi’s passion. He learned from his father, Guru Pandit Laxmikant Doshi, as part of his karana, the linear tradition through which the music is passed across generations.

In that regard, it’s exactly like a kid who grew up in the Appalachian Mountains learning to play a banjo from his father and grandfather. “My guru handed it off to me in my capacity as a student and I want to hand it off to the next ones the same way,” Doshi said.

In explaining North Indian classical music, Doshi turned naturally into the teacher at his core. He described a range of 16 notes and said that the music has “algebra in it” as it is based on rhythms and patterns.

“(Indian classical music) is like an ocean in that you are trying to find the depth of it. It’s impossible. My guru has not succeeded and I have not succeeded. But you try.”

Doshi also noted that being competent with a wide-range of instruments isn’t



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Gaurang Doshi plays his sarod in his music room.

necessarily a sign of ability in India — “Jack of all trades and master of none,” he said.

He plays three: the sitar and sarod, which have strings, and the tabla, drums that set a beat.

For performances, he prefers the sarod, which he said “chose me” when he was young.

Sharing a passion

In order to win a Heritage Award, nominees first must have a lead sponsor and a range of support from her (or his) community.

Judges then choose artists well-established within their field and a proven dedication to their craft. Excellence, authenticity and a demonstrated willingness to pass what they’ve learned along to others count. A lot.

“Recipients of the North Carolina Heritage Awards represent the abundance of North Carolina’s cultural life,” said Zoe van Buren, N.C. Arts Council folklife director, in announcing this year’s recipients. “We celebrate the exceptional groups and individuals who dedicate their entire lives — not only to a practice but to their communities.”

In addition to Doshi, other honorees included a wood-carver, a gospel quarter, two Lumbee artisans and Chester McMillian, a guitarist from Mount Airy.

Before 2025, the only other honoree from Winston-Salem was The “5” Royales, a R&B group, in 1992.

In order to share his passion, Doshi started teaching a class in Indian Ensemble

Music at UNCG nine years ago and has nurtured it since.

Early on, students had to be encouraged to enroll. Now, he said, it fills up as soon as it opens.

That could be because Doshi is a careful, patient teacher. A guru. Or it may be as much about his outlook as the subject matter.

“I don’t have students,” he explained. “I have an extended family. Fellow travelers in the journey of learning.”

Given that and the idea that cultural heritage and traditions are living things that evolve across generations and incorporate newcomers, it makes perfect sense then that a man from Rajkot, India would be selected to receive a North Carolina Heritage Award.

“It’s not just a recognition



Doshi holds his sarod as he speaks about Indian classical music.



Rakhi, a symbol of protection, is tied to Doshi’s sarod as he plays.

of my work,” Doshi said, “It’s a recognition of my guru and the changing landscape of North Carolina.”

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Employment

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In the monthly employer survey, there was a net gain of 4,600 private sector jobs from May, as well as net gain of 400 government jobs.

Leading the way in hiring was 3,600 in private education and health services, 2,300 in construction and 1,400 in professional and business services.

Those gains were somewhat offset by a 4,000 loss in trade, transportation and utilities, 1,300 in manufacturing and 800 in financial activities.

Mark Vitner, chief economist with Piedmont Crescent Capital, said re-

cent employment gains have been increasingly concentrated in health-care, local government, and leisure and hospitality — sectors where jobs require physical presence and have been among the most difficult to refill since the pandemic.”

Over the past year, the state has had a net gain of 66,600 private-sector and 13,600 government jobs.

Topping the private sector is 26,600 jobs in private education and health services, 19,200 in professional and business services, 10,200 in construction and 7,900 in trade, transportation and utilities.

There also were a loss of 7,100 jobs in manufacturing

and 1,000 in information technology.

Recent layoff announcements

There have been six manufacturing plant closing announcements in the Triad since the start of 2025 that are affecting a combined 805 job positions.

Among the largest is PVH, the third-largest private employer in Yadkin County, which is closing its Jonesville distribution center by the end of 2025 and eliminating 317 jobs.

Unifi Inc. has eliminated up to 250 manufacturing jobs in Rockingham County as part of closing and eventually selling its

947,000-square-foot plant in Madison.

Wells Fargo confirmed June 27 plans to eliminate 194 job positions as part of the pending closing of its West End Center in downtown Winston-Salem. Affected business units are chief operating office global operations, consumer lending, corporate risk and technology.

FedEx Corp. filed in June a WARN Act notice that said it will close a Greensboro shipping center on Sept. 1, affecting 164 jobs. The facility on Old Oak Ridge Road is being shut down and production shifted to other FedEx locations.

Tariffs shadows

Michael Walden, a re-

tired economics professor at N.C. State University, said the economic impacts of implemented or threatened tariffs should be acutely felt during the summer months by businesses that rely on imports.

Walden said that if those businesses are faced with higher costs due to elevated tariffs, “it would likely spark two reactions.”

“With their costs higher, businesses will reduce production and likely reduce their workforce. Businesses will also try to pass some of their higher costs on to consumers by raising the prices of products sold to customers. “These impacts could re-

sult in slower job growth, or perhaps even a reduction in jobs, and much slower consumer spending.”

Walden said the N.C. economy is vulnerable to the tariffs turbulence since international trading of exports and imports account for 20% of the state’s economy.

“Over a million jobs in North Carolina are estimated to be dependent on international trade,” Walden said.

“So, like the nation, North Carolina’s economy can sink or swim with international trade.”

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Screening

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“Because early symptoms are often silent, most pancreatic cancer patients today are diagnosed at a late stage when survival rates are low,” said Kate Hughes, manager of cancer support services and genetic counseling at the Novant

Health Cancer Institute in the Triad.

“Our goal is to change that by proactively screening high-risk patients and connecting them with treatment earlier — before the cancer has a chance to spread.”

How the screening program works:

Patients with a personal or family history of cancer are

referred to the genetic counseling team at the institute to determine if they are at an increased risk of developing various cancer types, including pancreatic cancer.

If test results warrant pancreatic cancer screening, the patient is referred to the new multispecialty pancreatic cancer screening program offered locally by the two practices.

Most patients will be screened — usually in the form of an endoscopic ultrasound and/or specialized MRI — and meet with a team of specialists, including an interventional gastroenterologist with specialty training in pancreatic disease, a genetic counselor and an oncology-trained dietitian.

If cancer or even precancerous cells are detected, a

personalized treatment plan is developed.

This plan may include periodic monitoring in coordination with the screening team or a referral to a Novant surgical specialist trained in treating patients with pancreatic cancer.

Novant also offers comprehensive breast, colorectal and lung cancer screening programs in the Triad.

Most insurance companies cover the cost of genetic testing and diagnostic screenings.

Patients can learn more about genetic counseling by calling 336-277-6000 or going to NovantHealth.org/GeneticCancerTesting.

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