



A statement from the Pitt County Medical Society and its President:

Our sincere and heartfelt condolences to the family, friends and many admiring fans around the globe of a much loved and respected sports vanguard Dave Mirra.

"As the 10th leading cause of death in the United States and the second leading cause of death for people aged 15 to 34, suicide is a serious public health problem.

Each year in the United States, more than 40,000 people die by suicide (one every 15 minutes) and 1 million people attempt suicide, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Men are nearly four times more likely than women to take their lives.

Yet, suicide can be preventable. Knowing the risk factors and recognizing the warning signs for suicide can help reduce the suicide rate."

If you or a loved one are struggling with suicidal thoughts, you are encouraged to seek help through the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline by calling **1-800-273-TALK**.

The Pitt County Medical Society honors the memory of Dave during this time of sorrow.

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