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Brody School of Medicine hosts summer camp for ill children

Camps Rainbow and Hope gives children a summer activity

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The ECU Brody School of Medicine is currently hosting a weeklong summer camp program for 100 children suffering with cancer, hemophilia and sickle cell anemia.

The program is divided into separate camps; Camp Rainbow for children with cancer and chronic blood disorders and Camp Hope for children with sickle cell anemia. The camps are being held at the same time at the Don Lee Center on the Neuse River near Arapahoe, NC.

Throughout the week, the children will have the opportunity to participate in camp activities such as arts, music, sailing and kayaking, all within a medically monitored environment that has been designed to meet the children's needs.

"This is an opportunity for them to forget about the routine of being sick, like having to take medicine



Photo by Cliff Hollis

Camp participants get to engage in fun activities, like sailing, during Camps Rainbow and Hope.

and see doctors, and just be a kid," said Jacquelyn Sauls, Camp Rainbow's Director.

Along with fun and activities, the children will participate in educational sessions to learn about their illnesses and how they can explain them to others.

They will also have a chance to interact with other children who have the same diseases and

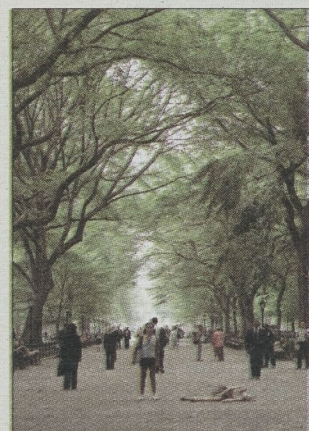
been through treatment processes.

"The kids that have already been through chemotherapy and other treatments are coming on the other side to help the newly diagnosed kids," Sauls said.

Camps Rainbow and Hope were started in order to fill the need of a summer activity for sick children who could not attend a regular summer camp. Students and physicians from ECU serve as volunteer counselors for the camps. The camps are nonprofit and are free of cost to participants.

Camps Rainbow and Hope will be in session from June 15-21, and are made possible by the Children's Miracle Network, the ECU Medical & Health Sciences Foundation, the Optimist Club of Garner, Dr. Linda Willis, Calvenia "C.J." Moore and members of the community.

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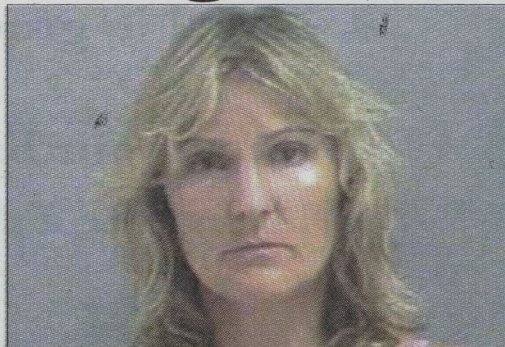


The new release of the film, *The Happening*, has audiences all over the country asking what director M. Night Shyamalan was thinking when making this film. Killer trees and plants don't seem to catch viewers' attention... **Page 6**



ECU catcher Corey Kemp was named second-team All-America Thursday afternoon by Baseball America.... **Page 8**

NC couple charged with murder



Brice Brian McMillan and Sandra Elizabeth McMillan were charged Monday for the murder of their son.

Macclesfield residents in court Monday

(AP)

A couple accused of killing their 13-year-old son by tying him to a tree for two nights for punishment appeared in a North Carolina courtroom Monday to face charges of murder and felony child abuse.

Attorneys appeared Monday with Brice Brian McMillan, 41, and his wife Sandra Elizabeth McMillan, 36, of Macclesfield.

"It's a sad case," defense attorney Allen Powell, who represents Brice McMillan, said after the hearing. He declined any further comment, and the two did not enter a plea.

The county sheriff's office has said Brice McMillan told a deputy the teen was being disobedient and was forced to sleep outside last Tuesday

while tied to a tree. The teen was released Wednesday morning, but again tied up that night for bad behavior.

Sheriff James Knight has said the boy was left tied to the tree until the following afternoon, when his stepmother found him unresponsive. Authorities believe the boy was bound to the tree with plastic ties and possibly other kinds of material.

Arrest warrants for both McMillans said the child sustained "bruising to the wrist, cuts to entire body, missing flesh from buttocks, results from being tied to a tree for approximately 18 hours resulting in death."

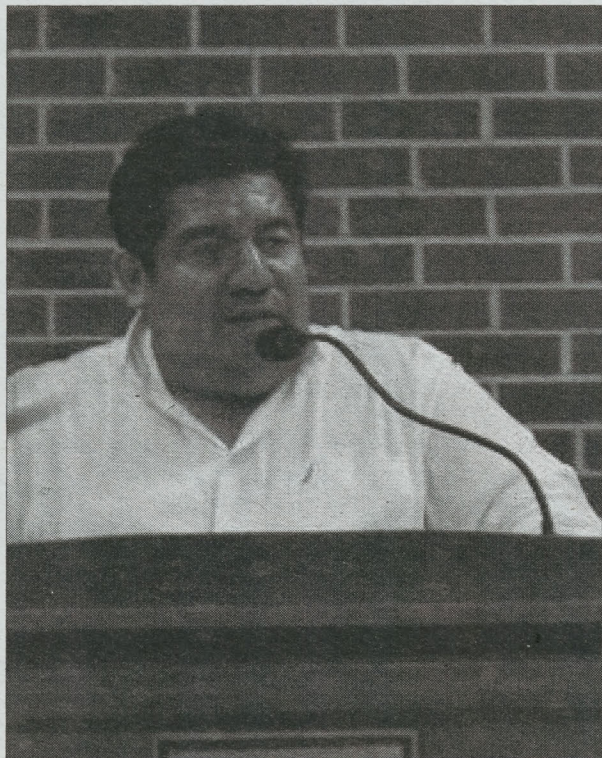
The warrants didn't reveal a specific cause of death. An autopsy is pending at the state's chief medical examiner's office in Chapel Hill.

Two other children living in the McMillans in the home, ages 7 and 9, have been placed in the custody of the Department of Social Services, authorities said.

Macclesfield is about an hour east of Raleigh.

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Inaugural Mexican and Latin American summit to focus on NC community



Juvencio Peralta, president of AMEXCAN organized the event.

Groups will share their history

JIMMY GALLOWAY
STAFF WRITER

The Association of Mexicans in North Carolina (AMEXCAN) will hold the inaugural Latino Leadership Summit starting at 9 a.m. on June 27 at the Murphy Center in Greenville. The event, which is free and open to the public, aims to focus on and clarify the effects of Latino migration on communities and current social policy in the state.

The summit will feature nationally recognized Latino leaders, as well as young and experienced leaders from the state's immigrant Latino community, who will present strategies for engaging in the communities' civic and democratic processes.

"The purpose of the summit is to highlight the work of Latino leaders in NC and support them with knowledge and skills so that they can work through this period of change and growth," said Juvencio Rocha

Peralta, president of AMEXCAN.

The featured speakers at the event include Angela Sanbrano, president of the National Alliance of Latin American and Caribbean Communities (NALACC) and Dr. Juan Andrade, Jr., president of the United States Hispanic Leadership Institute (USHLI), as well as Dr. Rebecca Torres of ECU.

"The summit will contribute to the understanding of the root causes of migration and to a more effective integration of Mexican and Latin American immigrants to the social, political and economic fabric of NC," Sanbrano said. "The dialogue, with several sectors of NC, will result in a better understanding of the contribution that migrant workers bring to the region and to the state in general."

"ECU is sponsoring this important effort because we are looking at helping to build organizational infrastructure within the Latino community and recognize that our future students live within those communities," said David Conde, a member of the summit's Coordinating Board.

Although the summit is free and open to the public, registration is

required to attend.

It is estimated that more than 700,000 Latinos currently live in North Carolina and many Latino communities have experienced firsthand the rising anti-immigrant sentiment in the state. Beaufort County commissioners have stated a goal "to make the county the toughest place in the country" for undocumented immigrants, according to recent news reports.

In Mecklenburg County, home to Charlotte, NC; a commissioner recently compared illegal immigrants to prostitutes and drug dealers.

State Attorney General Roy Cooper circulated an advisory letter to the state's 58 community colleges that suggests they return to a 2001 policy of prohibiting access to degree classes to undocumented students.

The AMEXCAN is a non-profit organization founded in 2001 with the mission of "fomenting the values, understanding and prosperity of the Mexican and Latino community through culture, leadership, health and education."

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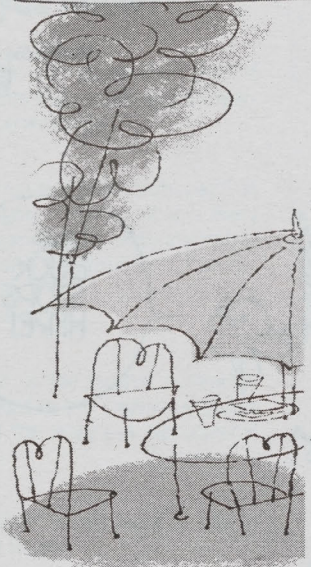
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RANT OF THE DAY

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What's the deal with uniforms?

A change of clothes doesn't mean a change of heart

ANDREA ROBERTSON
OPINION WRITER

The Pitt County School Board has decided that all students are to wear uniforms starting with the 2008-09 school year. The school board hopes that by adopting this new requirement, students will have a more peaceful school environment, clothing selection will be more tasteful and hygiene and cleanliness will be improved.

Uniforms have always been feared and loathed by most students; however, will uniforms really solve the problems we all encountered while in school? It is impossible to prevent all students from picking on each other, so what is the point in making them all look like minions?

At a young age, clothing is one of the last things on our minds. I remember hearing children comment on the lack of cleanliness of another student's attire, thus that student's clothes went under ridicule; however, the brand name was never brought into the attack. While we are young, most of the banter students give and receive is based on physical characteristics that are nearly impossible to change. We have the "four eyes" jokes, the "metal mouth" jokes, the "fat kid" jokes, the "weird kid" jokes and the list goes on.

I am not endorsing these jokes by any means, they are cruel and pointless; but they will not go away. Requiring each child to wear similar clothing will not make all children get along. Kids are cruel.

Even if the uniforms do prevent kids from joking on each other about appearances, once they enter high school we will still have the girls wearing Chanel earrings, the students with flashy cars, the jocks and the cheerleaders and unless we enact the Handicapper General from *Harrison Bergeron*, there will always be someone who feels that he or she is better than everyone else.

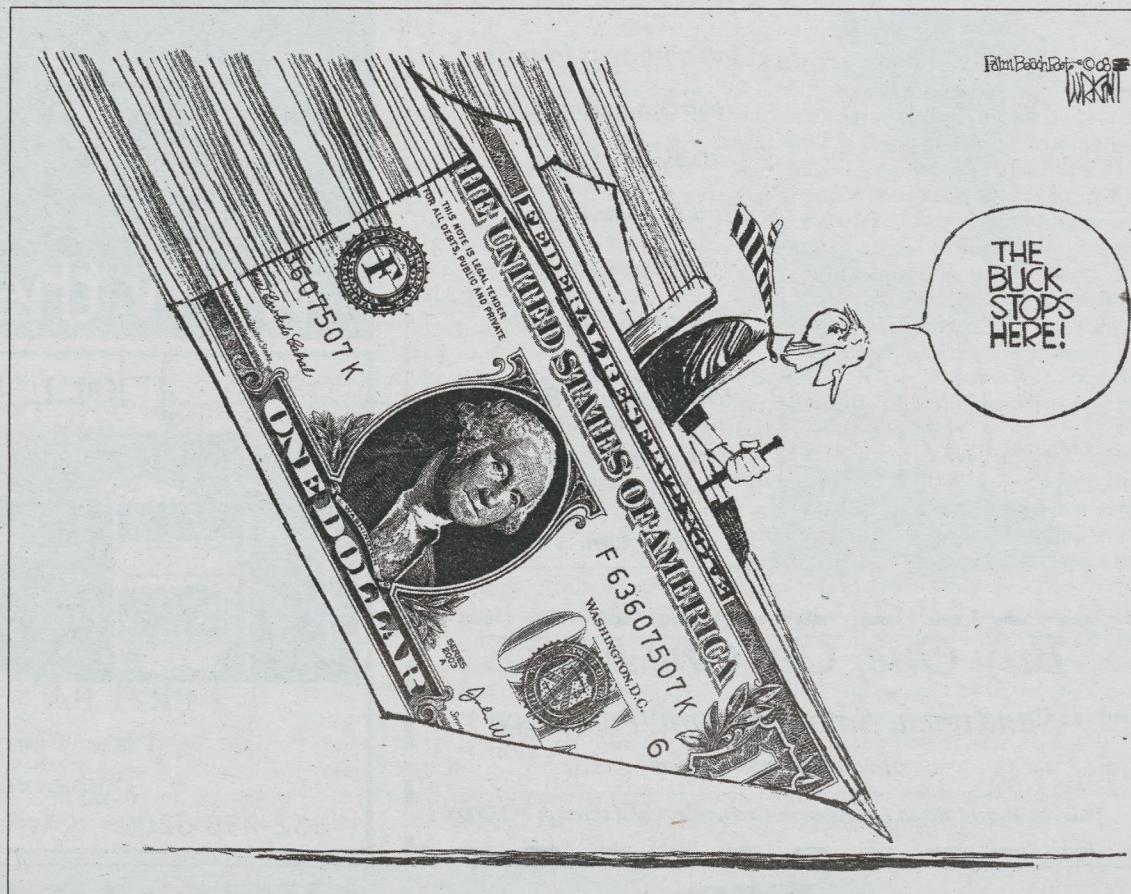
Once students reach their teens, they begin to feel that their clothing choices are one of the only things that they have to outwardly express who they are.

I will agree that certain things such as provocative clothing and gang-related clothing should be banned from schools. Students shouldn't promote sex and violence. However, there is nothing wrong with a student who wants to wear a t-shirt with a Volcom Stone logo. If parents and school officials were more stringent about the dress code then the need for uniforms would never be brought to the table. Plus, if students could break the old dress code, what is to keep them from breaking the new uniform and appearance policy? If the school can prevent students from wearing the wrong things under the new policy, why couldn't they prevent the students from wearing the wrong things before?

To think that making everyone dress the same will level the playing field and prevent the little boy with glasses or the teenage girl with braces from being picked on is ludicrous. From the time we learn to speak, we ridicule other human beings. We would be lying if we said that we didn't continue to do so into adulthood.

There is no need to turn a group of young people who are trying to discover the kind of people they want to be into sheep.

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PIRATE RANTS

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I can't believe that first Summer Session is going to be over next week!

Where are all the summer issues? Once a week really isn't enough.

Is it true that Gabe Blair has accepted a basketball scholarship to transfer to Wichita State University?

I'm glad first summer session is over. I don't want second summer session to begin.

Not having a TV for the summer really sucks.

This weather's hot enough to make the devil sigh.

To any interested person: I'll be your Mulder if you'll be my Scully.

Surely someone besides me needs some stress-relieving sex?

Rest in peace, Tim Russert.

That was sure a lot of smoke!

You complain about my second-hand smoke and half of Eastern North Carolina is covered in smoke from a fire. Oh, and I am sure that

the environmentalists think it is a human's fault that lightning struck the ground and caused a forest fire!

I don't care if you're going to jail, you should have paid your taxes. I will not pay to bail you out of it, you idiot!

I think the majority of my so-called friends are self-centered, egotistical jerks! When I'm sick, you guys don't even care. THANKS A LOT!

I can't stay in Greenville ... I feel like this place is suffocating me.

You can't make it to class because it's too hot? Seriously?!?!?

Stop setting your alarm earlier than when you actually get up. I get paranoid you won't get up in time, and I can't sleep after it goes off.

I turned in a zip drive that I found in the computer lab last semester. I wonder if anyone ever picked it up.

Just when you start to make decent money at your job, everything else becomes ridiculously expensive.

Does anyone else think they should leave jars of Vaseline on top of gas pumps?

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Did you know?

Facetious and abstemious are the only words that contain all the vowels in the correct order.

"Adcomsubordcomphibspac" is the longest acronym. It is a Navy term standing for Administrative Command, Amphibious Forces, Pacific Fleet Subordinate Command.

"Almost" is the longest commonly used word in the English language with all the letters in alphabetical order.

"Flushable" toilets were in use in ancient Rome.

"Billie Jean" by Michael Jackson was the first video to air on MTV by a black artist.

"Duff" is the decaying organic matter found on a forest floor.

"Fickleheaded" and "fiddledeedee" are the longest words consisting only of letters in the first half of the alphabet.

"Asthma" and "isthmi" are the only six-letter words that begin and end with a vowel and have no other vowels between.

"Fortnight" is a contraction of "fourteen nights." In the US "two weeks" is more commonly used.

"Forty" is the only number which has its letters in alphabetical order. "One" is the only number with its letters in reverse alphabetical order.

"Four" is the only number whose number of letters in the name equals the number.

"Hang on Sloopy" is the official rock song of Ohio.

"Ma is as selfless as I am" can be read the same way backwards. If you take away all the spaces you can see that all the letters can be spelled out both ways.

Mad About You star Paul Reiser plays the piano on the show's theme song.

Slim pickings for college students

Economic trends affect summer jobs

(MCT)

Bad news for young people still looking for work this summer: the national market is horrible—the worst in 60 years, according to one annual accounting.

"We probably get at least 100 applications a week," said Lori Allred, operator of the Chick-fil-A at Crab-tree Valley Mall in Raleigh. "I don't hire anyone who is only available for the summer."

Even in a bad market, thousands of teenagers will be found running cash registers, guarding pools, stocking shelves and doing countless other jobs this summer.

But thousands won't be working at all, and part-timers will probably get squeezed.

"With the economy like it is, I need to meet the priorities of my full-time people who are paying rent and mortgages," Allred said. "They need more hours just to cover the increased costs of gas."

According to a study by the Center for Labor Market Studies at Northeastern University in Boston, 34.2 percent of eligible teens expect to work this summer—the lowest since recordkeeping started in 1948.

The high watermark was 45.2 percent in the summer of 2000.

Jeff Buck, who owns seven area Cold Stone Creamery ice cream shops, said he noticed a different mix of applications this year.

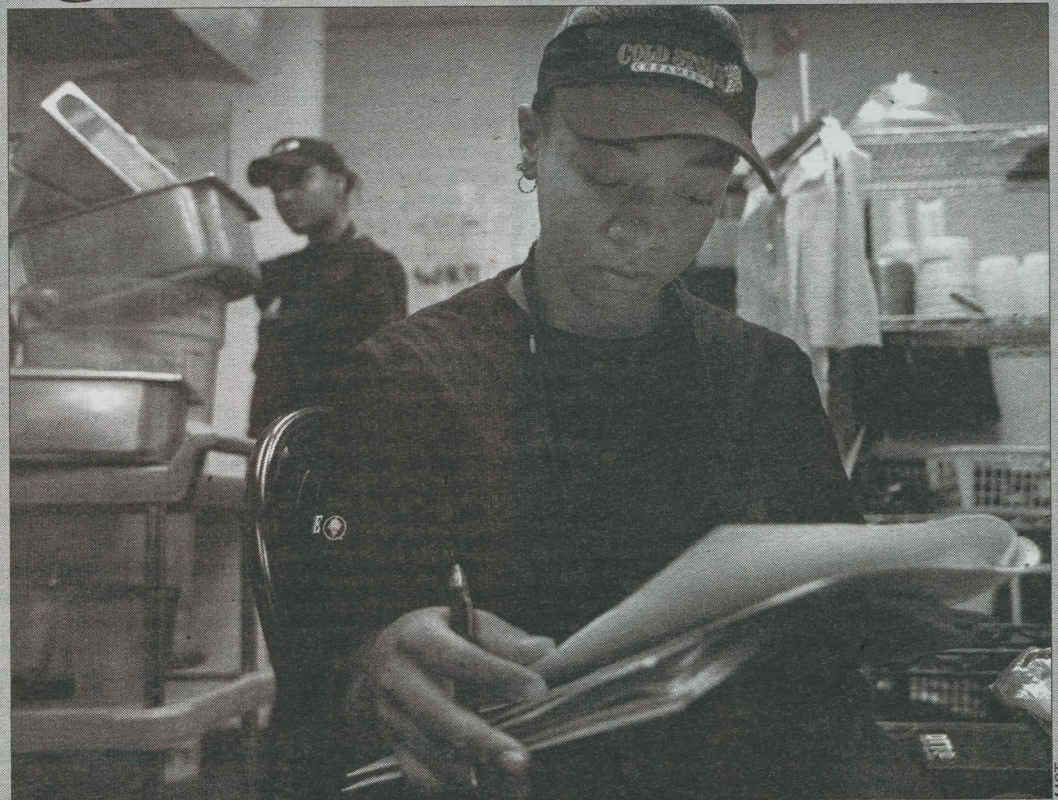
"If anything, we are getting more older people and college students," Buck said. "In some stores they also seem to be more flexible about the hours they will work."

But an employer's need for flexibility can be an anchor in young people's schedules. Many teens have no interest—or simply can't—block out 40 hours a week just in case the boss needs them for a fraction of that time.

The director of career placement services at UNC-Chapel Hill encourages students to apply for summer internships months before they begin, even if they have to move out of town and pay living expenses. That's especially true in the current economy.

"There are companies that are delaying entry-level hiring in a downturn and hiring more interns because they can be terminated at the end of the summer," said the director, Marcia Harris. "Then when they do hire, those people come from the former intern pool."

That kind of inside track to a job is what rising senior Victor Wortham of N.C. Central University discovered when he took an internship last year at Northwestern



Two Cold Stone Creamery employees found work this summer, despite the shrinking job market.

Mutual. Now in his second summer with the company, he hopes to work there full-time.

"It's a huge advantage," he said. "It's an immediate career option."

It might pay to break away from the pack and do the job others never think of. Southwestern Co. of Nashville, TN, has offered that chance to college kids for 140 years.

Southwestern's roots can be traced to the days after the Civil War, when its president tried to help students survive the tattered Southern economy by having them sell Bibles door to door.

Its materials are mostly secular now, but Southwestern still uses college students to sell books by lugging samples from one house to the next.

Between the weight of the books and the sting of rejections, it can be pretty thankless.

Many don't make it through the first month, said Matt Ross, who worked his way through college at UNC-Chapel Hill in the late 1990s and now works full time for the company. But the average student earns \$2,600 per month, and some earn far more.

Jenn Jones, who is selling books this year, has

worked in towns around the country for five consecutive summers.

"It's a horrible summer if I don't make at least \$15,000," she said.

But one thing her summer job doesn't afford is the chance to dress up like a cow. That's the job for Andrew White.

White, 19, took a job about three years ago at a Chick-fil-A in Greensboro. He was just looking to earn a little cash.

A bit timid at the time, he surprised his boss when he offered to put on the cow suit that is used for Chick-fil-A promotional gigs.

"At first I just sort of stood on the sidewalk and waved, but that didn't seem right," said White, now a student at Wake Technical Community College.

"So I started dancing a little, and then I really got into it and started doing 360-spins and toe touches. I just went crazy," he said.

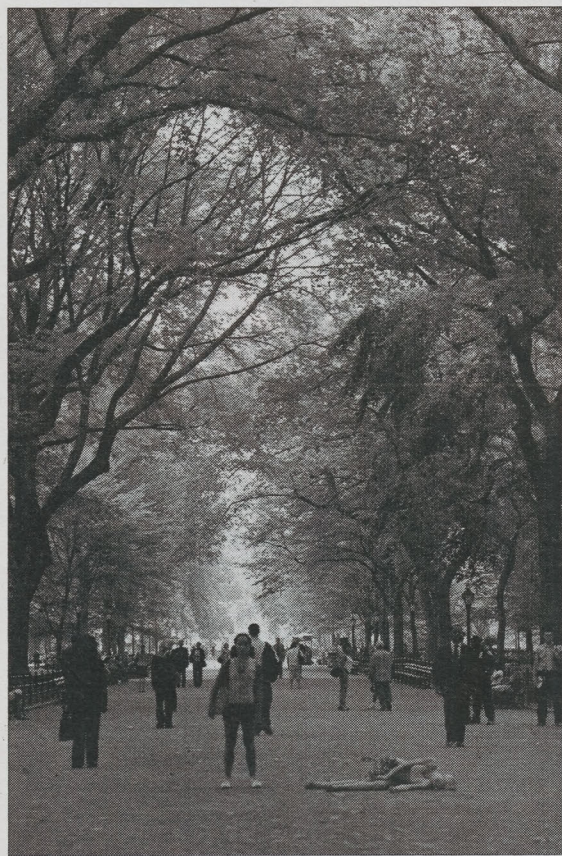
One thing led to another, and White found himself in a Chick-fil-A cow competition. That earned him a trip to Atlanta for the Chick-fil-A football bowl game. This summer he is an intern with the company, helping stores with promotional events.

He hopes to attend N.C. State University and become that school's mascot while earning a degree that helps him operate his own Chick-fil-A franchise.

"With the economy like it is, I need to meet the priorities of my full-time people who are paying rent and mortgages. They need more hours just to cover the increased costs of gas."

**LORI ALLRED
OPERATOR OF CHICK-FIL-A**

The Happening that shouldn't have happened



Strange 'happenings' occur in the recent horror flick.

M. Night Shyamalan
disappoints with killer plant
film

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Spoiler alert folks: the film *The Happening* is about killer trees and plants, very similar to the recently released film, *The Ruins*.

The pre-school level message of the film is that if the human race continues to be cruel to nature...nature will eventually fight back. In case you miss this, despite having it hammered into your brain for two hours; do not despair--the film's characters spell it out for you throughout the whole film.

The script starts off strong with some truly horrific moments of violence. Unfortunately, once the nature of the film's antagonist becomes clear, things get funny very quickly and no amount of bloodshed can change that. Trying to understand the thought process of writer and director M. Night Shyamalan is akin to analyzing Jell-O. What keeps it wiggling and what binds it together?

As for the basis of the plot, one fall morning, people begin to exhibit strange behavior before inexplicably killing them-

selves. In Central Park, a woman reading a book suddenly stabs herself in the throat with a hairpin. Blocks away, workers on a construction site just casually walk off the iron skeleton of a skyscraper, plummeting to their deaths. Meanwhile, in a downtown Philadelphia apartment, Elliot (Mark Wahlberg) and Alma (Zooey Deschanel) are having an argument. After months of trying, Alma realizes that their marriage is no longer working and is preparing to leave Elliot. Elliot, however, feels that there is still hope that they can repair their relationship. Alma disagrees. As reports of strange deaths begin to come in from cities around the world, some believe that the mysterious deaths are part of a coordinated terrorist attack. The school where Elliot teaches science is dismissed and Elliott races home to collect Alma and meet his friend Julian (John Leguizamo) and his daughter Jessica at Philadelphia's 30th Street Station in order to head out to the presumed safety of the New Jersey countryside.

Soon after leaving Philadelphia, Elliot begins to realize that the deaths aren't the result of a terrorist attack, but are being caused by the release of a toxin by the surrounding plant life in an evolutionary attempt to protect themselves from the human race. Again, keep in mind: the film is about killer trees and killer plants

However, the characters in this film somehow always end up surrounded by the nature that is trying to kill them.

If nature itself turned against mankind, the logical course of action would be to seek solace indoors. Possibly nail your windows shut and try to make the room as airtight as possible, right? I personally know of dozens of spots that would be much safer than roaming around fields, forests and gardens aimlessly. Nevertheless, Shyamalan has his characters romping around fields of jasmine like hippies at Woodstock. We are forced to watch in boredom as the film ends abruptly — at the exact moment when Alma realizes she really does want to be a proper wife to Elliot. We are then left with an image of Elliot, Alma and Jessica embracing in a de-monstered field of plants, in the middle of an Eastern seaboard, which has almost completely "suicided" itself.

Poof. The toxin party is over and though the area is less populated, everything returns to normal. Well, until it starts to happen in France.

This film was a waste of time and if I were a tree, I would be offended to have my genus and species in the credits.

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Here I Stand doesn't measure up

Usher can't figure it out

VERONICA CARRINGTON
FEATURES EDITOR

There is a thin line between silky and safe, and Usher tried to find a happy medium throughout his new album, *Here I Stand*. It seems as though he was trying to merge his R&B "homegrown pimp" attitude with his recently married, grown-up lifestyle and it is an awkward fit.

The fifth album for the 29-year-old new dad seems a little less about sex and baby making and a little more about actually having a kid of his own—some of the time.

The juxtaposition of meaningful and not so much is confusing for listeners, especially since the last four albums of the artists' career have been about, um... sex.

The dazzling single "Love in This Club," which appears twice; in a pop version with Young Jeezy and an old-school remix featuring Beyoncé, is Usher's link to his clubbing past and the most successful song on the album.

The song "Moving Mountains" is a bid for another hit, but even "Best Thing," which has a promising opening with a fresh beat and a strong verse from Jay-Z, eventually falls dreary with corny lyrics and an uninspiring delivery.

Aside from these songs and the con-

flicted "This Ain't Sex," where Usher croons "This ain't sex/this is a symbol of the true makings of love," the song turns into a mix of a Michael Jackson groove, and an R. Kelly-styled soul soup.

"Trading Places," is a ridiculous song about switching gender roles (Usher's version of Kelly's "Trapped in the Closet" series); however, this song too falls flat.

Instead of being the soundtrack for the clubs, Usher turns much of *Here I Stand* into the soundtrack for Lifetime original made-for-TV movies.

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HART HOLLOMAN
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Major League Lacrosse is coming to North Carolina.

The defending MLL champions Philadelphia Barrage will take on the Rochester Rattlers on Saturday night at WakeMed Soccer Park in Cary.

The match will mark the two teams' second and final match-up of the season.

The two squads met last year for the Eastern Conference championship, with the Barrage taking down the high flying Rattlers and eventually winning their second MLL championship in a



VS.



row. However, a season-long road trip has left the Barrage looking vulnerable all season, including a 22-9 shellacking at the hands of the Rattlers in Rochester earlier this season.

With their new stadium under construction, MLL has decided that the Barrage will play all their games on the road this season.

Their scheduled away games are still played at that host team's

venue, but their scheduled home games have been placed in cities without MLL teams to gauge interest in areas for expansion plans. Such is the plight of a fledgling league trying to make its way in the pro sports market, but MLL has always gone away from the normal MO for professional leagues.

First off, all the players make the same amount of money. Game

day squads are limited to an 18 player roster. Every player on the roster gets a game check. All the checks are for the same amount. There are no signing bonuses or guaranteed money. Players have to play to get paid. Most teams have a pool of around 25 players to choose from to make their game day roster, so that means anywhere from five to 10 guys who practice with the

team don't receive game checks.

This breeds the type of competition not seen in pro sports, where players make a salary whether they play or not. This also means that most players have other jobs. Try working a nine-hour day at the office then a three-hour practice, four nights a week.

Also, MLL broke ranks with most professional leagues by making significant rule changes between their league and college play.

The NBA has minor changes with foul allotment and timing, but MLL took a radical approach in fashioning the game to promote the wide array of offensive talent the league possesses. To keep the game moving and increase shot

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Baseball America selects Kemp as All-American

Kemp is one of three C-USA players to land on the team

(ECU SID)

ECU catcher Corey Kemp was named second-team All-America Thursday afternoon by *Baseball America*, the publication announced. Kemp is one of three Conference USA players to be honored with Tulane's Shooter Hunt and Southern Miss' Barry Bowden taking home third-team honors.

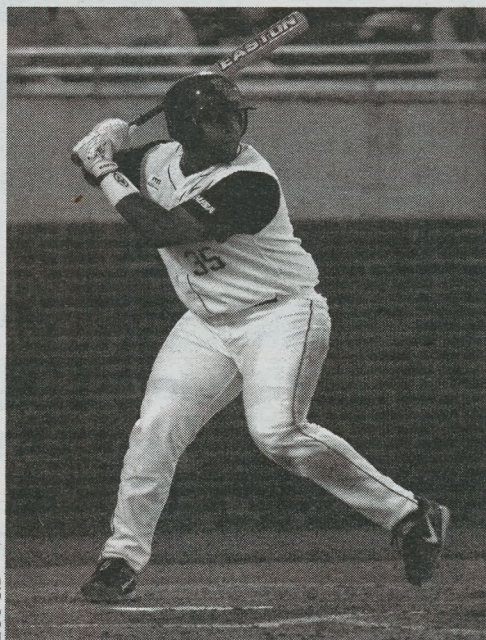
Kemp, a third-team National Collegiate Baseball Writers Association (NCBWA) All-American, became the second Pirate to be named C-USA Player-of-the-Year. He was one of the most productive hitters in Conference USA all season long, leading the league RBI (72) and ranking second in home runs (16), while batting .341 with a .628 slugging percentage.

Kemp produced 23 multi-hit and 20 multi-RBI games and had 11 game-winning RBI. In 24

conference games, he batted .319 with 10 homers and 38 RBI.

Hunt led Tulane and Conference USA in opponent batting average (.175), total strikeouts (126) and strikeouts looking (48). Hunt also led the team with nine wins and paced the club while ranking second in the conference with a 2.68 ERA and topped the circuit with 100.2 innings pitched.

With 126 strikeouts, Hunt becomes the fourth Tulane hurler in as many years to eclipse the 100-K mark in a season. In addition, Hunt ranks fifth in the NCAA in strikeouts and hits allowed per nine innings (5.54) and 12th in strikeouts per nine innings (11.26). His .175 opponent batting average in 2008 is a Tulane single-season record,



Kemp was a 14th round selection of the Milwaukee Brewers in the 2008 MLB Amateur Draft.

surpassing the former mark of .203 set by Jason Navarro in 1997,

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Team relocation: as American as apple pie

Carolina Hurricanes will stay put in Raleigh

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The relocation of professional sports franchises in the United States has been commonplace since the turn of the 20th century.

One of the first significant relocations occurred over 100 years ago when baseball's Milwaukee Brewers became the St. Louis Browns.

In fact, baseball has witnessed some of the most historic relocations.

The New York Yankees franchise is one of the most popular in all of sports—a Yankees cap is almost instantly recognizable anywhere in the world—but the history of the storied team isn't well known.

The Yankees began as the Baltimore Orioles before the team moved to New York to become the "Highlanders" in 1903.

In 1958, the Brooklyn Dodgers and the New York Giants accounted for one of the most infamous moves in relocation history.

Both of the New York squads headed west for Los Angeles and

San Francisco respectively, and became the first two major league teams on the west coast.

The Dodgers' home of Ebbets Field and the Giants' Polo Grounds weren't seen as suitable for Major League Baseball any longer, thus the team's owners searched for new places to call home.

Sadly, the insufficient stadium trend carries on today and seems to be the major source for relocation talks.

The Tar Heel state has found itself in the middle of relocation plans on more than one occasion.

The Carolina Hurricanes recently extended their lease with the RBC Center, ensuring the team will remain in Raleigh until at least 2024. The extension was part of two years of negotiations involving the Hurricanes, ownership of the RBC Center, the city of Raleigh and NC State.

Of course, the Hurricanes are a product of relocation themselves, having moved from Hartford, Connecticut in 1997.

Hurricanes President/General Manager Jim Rutherford recognizes

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totals they instituted a 60 second shot clock.

This takes out the tactical ability to grind the tempo of a game down if a team is facing a better offense than they possess.

The most drastic difference is the inclusion of a two-point shot in MLL. A 16-yard arch around the offensive zone makes outside shooting a commodity in MLL and makes comeback attempts more exciting and spectacular in the pro game.

This Saturday is an important game for both teams. Four teams, including the Barrage and the Rattlers, are tied atop the Eastern Conference standings at 3-2 and both teams will be looking for a win to get a foothold in the top of the standings. The Barrage will want to build on an overtime victory against Chicago that occurred last week as well as avenge their loss to the Rattlers

earlier this season. The Rattlers are looking to bounce back after giving New Jersey their first win of the season last week.

Look for the Barrage to get all-star attack man Ryan Boyle involved early in the game. He is one of the best feeders in the game and crucial to their game plan.

Boyle was held quiet in the first meeting between these two teams and they need him to play well to keep up with the high-powered offense of the Rattlers. The Rattlers will rely on reigning league MVP John Grant, Jr. and lefty, sharpshooter Joe Walters in what should turn out to be a barnburner. Expect a high-scoring shootout that should produce some great goals and a wild finish.

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the agreement as an important milestone for the Hurricanes.

"The extension of our lease displays the confidence that we have in the growth of hockey in this market," said Rutherford in a press conference last week.

So, would Rutherford have confidence in hockey in NC if they had not reached a deal?

It seems securing stadium rights has always been more important than the team's popularity and fan base.

The Charlotte Hornets led the NBA in attendance in their early years before fans developed a hatred for owner George Shinn, who threatened to move the team unless he got a new stadium.

The city of Charlotte finally agreed to a new stadium, but only if Shinn sold the team. Shinn responded by packing the franchise up and moving them to New Orleans, where the team is now thriving.

The Minnesota Twins flirted

with a move to the triad region of NC in the mid-1990s, but reached a stadium deal in the final hour to keep the team in Minneapolis.

As recently as two years ago, talks circulated around the Florida Marlins jumping ship in Miami, with Charlotte serving as a potential home for the two-time world champions. This goes to show that even winning franchises are not immune from relocation.

The NFL's Baltimore Colts, a famed and successful franchise, moved to Indianapolis after the 1983 season. In a bitter departure, the team's property was literally moved in the middle of the night without any warning.

Ironically, Baltimore was part of another hostile transfer, when Cleveland's beloved Browns became the Baltimore Ravens in 1997.

The San Jose Earthquakes of Major League Soccer were moved to Houston to become the Dynamo in 2006 despite having two MLS Cup

titles to their name.

Since the move, the Dynamo has won back-to-back MLS titles, bringing the franchise's championship tally to four.

The relocation trend is almost exclusively indigenous to North America, especially in the U.S.

In recent years, Liverpool football club in England has planned a move from historic Anfield to a new 70,000-seat stadium.

When matters get complicated, you don't hear threats of moving the team to another city. The idea of moving a storied football club around England would be met with the fiercest of outrages.

However, two American businessmen, Tom Hicks and George Gillett, do lead the club. I wouldn't get too comfortable if I were a Reds supporter.

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and is fifth in strikeout-per-nine-inning average (11.26).

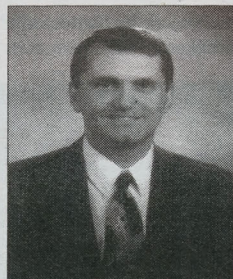
Bowden was a first team All Conference-USA selection this season, was named C-USA Pitcher of the Week three times and National Pitcher of the Week twice in the same week by two

different publications. Despite missing a month with a shoulder injury, he was 8-3 with a 2.12 ERA this season recording 78 strikeouts while walking only 22 and limiting opposing hitters to a .188 average.

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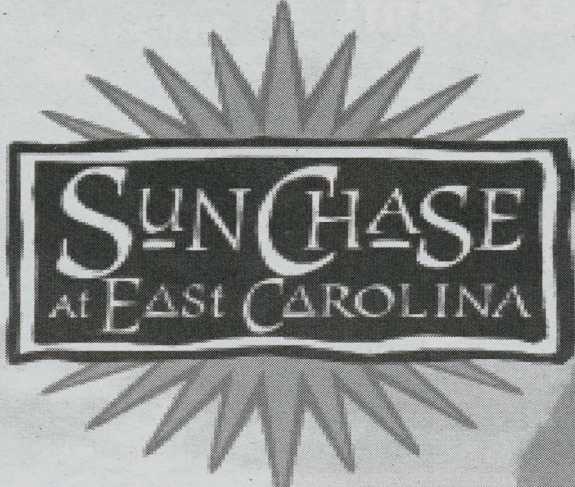
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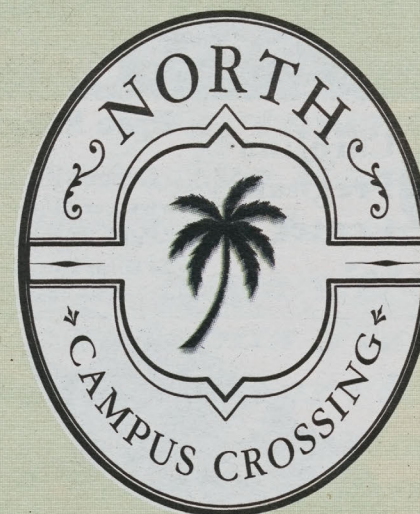


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