

SPORTS TICKER: PANTHERS TOP BRONCOS ... TERPS END UNC SOCCER RUN ... YOW HAS 1,000TH GAME AT N.C. STATE



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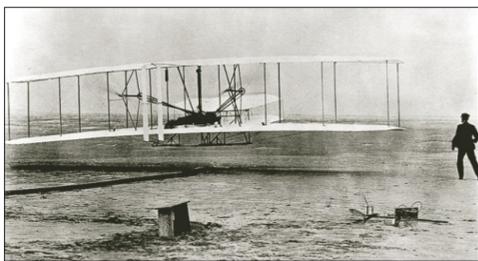
THIS WEEK

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ELECTORS WILL FINALLY TURN N.C. BLUE

North Carolina officially turns blue today. At noon in Raleigh, Secretary of State Elaine Marshall will convene the North Carolina Electoral College to cast ballots for president and vice president of the United States in the House Chamber of the State Capitol. Hint: Democrats Barack Obama and Joe Biden will win.

DUELING TRIBUTES TO WRIGHT BROTHERS



On Wednesday, Ohio makes another attempt to steal North Carolina's "First in Flight" status. There will be a ceremony in Dayton marking the 105th anniversary of the first Wright brothers flight in *North Carolina*. A ceremony at the site of the actual flight in Kill Devil Hills will take place the same day.

LIVES ON LINE IN ORANGE MURDER CASE

In Orange County, where it has been 35 years since a jury sent anyone to death row, six young men accused of kidnapping and murdering Joshua Bailey, a 20-year-old Chapel Hill man, could find out Tuesday whether the district attorney plans to seek the death penalty in their cases. Law enforcement officers have said Bailey was abducted in late July, shot in the head and buried in a shallow grave.

OPEC EXPECTED TO SQUEEZE OIL SUPPLY

OPEC nations, trying to stem a fall in oil prices, are expected to cut production by at least a million barrels a day when they meet Wednesday in Algeria.

OBAMA, CAN YOU SPARE A DIME FOR CITY?

You know the economy is bad when the mayor has a tin cup. Raleigh Mayor Charles Meeker is expected to hold a news conference Tuesday to ask for money from the federal aid package that Obama will propose early next year.

AS THE YEAR-ROUND SCHOOL FIGHT TURNS

Here comes another turn in the saga of Wake schools reassignments and the battle over year-round school calendars. The revised student assignment plan will be released Tuesday. It will reveal who was dropped and who was added from a draft plan that called for moving 26,771 students over the next three years. Also on Tuesday: The state Supreme Court will hear oral arguments on whether the Wake County school system needs permission from parents to send their children to year-round schools.

UPCOMING GRUDGE MATCHES

The N.C. State men's basketball team has a chance to avenge its woeful loss to East Carolina last season. The Pack meets the Pirates at 7 p.m. Wednesday in Raleigh. On Saturday, Wake Forest and Navy will kick off the college bowl season in the Eagle Bank Bowl in Washington, D.C. The contest at RFK Stadium is a rematch of a Sept. 27 game where the Midshipmen upset then-unbeaten Wake Forest 24-17.

HOT TICKET

Harry Connick Jr. croons Wednesday at the Durham Performing Arts Center.



AT THE WATER COOLER

Pre-Christmas sale prices are really high in Illinois — as high as a U.S. Senate seat.

5-DAY FORECAST

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Can Fed cut enough to help?

Central bank is set to slash key interest rate to spur lending. If that doesn't work, few options remain.

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WASHINGTON — With the country sliding deeper into recession, the Federal Reserve is ready to slash its key interest rate, perhaps to an all-time low. By doing so, the agency hopes to ease the economic pressures felt by many Americans.

To battle the worst financial crisis since the 1930s, Fed Chairman Ben Bernanke and his colleagues have already ratcheted down their main lever for influencing the economy, the federal funds rate, to 1

percent, a level seen only once before in the last half-century.

The Fed opens a two-day meeting today to assess the economy and decide its next move on rates. Another reduction to the funds rate, the rate banks charge each other on overnight loans, is expected to be announced Tuesday.

Many economists predict the Fed will cut its rate in half, to just 0.5 percent. A few think the Fed could opt for an even more forceful action and lower the rate by three-quarter

ters of a percentage point or more. A cut that large would bring the rate to its lowest point on records that go back to 1954.

But even an aggressive rate reduction won't by itself turn the economy around, analysts say.

"It is not so much going to give the economy a big push forward," said Stuart Hoffman, chief economist at PNC Financial Services Group. "It's more a case of trying

THE RISKS OF ZERO

The Federal Reserve could decide to ratchet its key rate all the way down to zero. But economists see risks in such a move, including:

- It won't work to free up credit — and since it can't go any lower, the Fed will have run out of options.
- A zero percent rate — virtually "free" overnight loans for banks — could trigger a speculative investment bubble.

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"Real life" as we know it is over. Soon when anyone mentions reality, the first question we will ask is, "Which reality are you referring to?"

BARRY CHUDAKOV, PRINCIPAL WITH THE CHUDAKOV COMPANY



Jeff Cohen of Durham could be living the 2020 life now: He's linked up and copiously spread across the Internet.

STAFF PHOTO BY ROBERT WILLETT

Ahead, the phones will reign

BY JANE STANCLILL
STAFF WRITER

In 2020, powerful mobile phones will rule, privacy will erode further and the line between work and home life will be faint, if not obliterated.

That's what 578 technology gurus see in their crystal balls, according to a new report by the Pew Internet & American Life Project. The survey, "Future of the Internet III," conducted by Pew and Elon University, envisions amazing advances in mobile devices, virtual reality, voice and touch technology — possibly even communication between mind and machine.

But will the innovation lead to better lives?

Maybe not.

"There is an undercurrent of worry in these experts about whether people will use the technology for good or for ill," says Lee Rainie, director of the Pew project.

Although cheap, accessible technology will spread throughout the world, it won't necessarily level the economic playing field or lead to better social understanding,

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the technologists believe.

In an always-on world, career choice will be key, says Janna Anderson, associate professor at Elon. "If you're going to be living your work, you need to find something that suits you so well it won't seem like work."

Jeff Cohen of Durham, an account executive with Chapel Hill marketing firm Koroberi, may already be living the 2020 life.

He's on Facebook, LinkedIn, Twitter and Flickr. He carries a BlackBerry and documents his family life on the Internet, down to the minutiae of sneaker shopping and photos of his Thanksgiving plate. Last week, he and

his kids ordered a Domino's pizza and tracked its status online — from prep to oven to box to "delivery expert." Then he blogged about it.

He thinks he benefits from sharing his life with the world.

"People will feel a stronger connection to you in a business environment if you put yourself out there personally."

GLOBAL MOBILE Mobile devices will dominate, reaching even those at the bottom of the economic scale.	REALITY CHECK People will move seamlessly among artificial reality, virtual reality and real life.	INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY As technology increases, so will confusion about copyright and the ownership of ideas.	HOME AND WORK Work and personal time blend, allowing flexibility but less time "off the clock."	TALK AND TOUCH People will "air-type" on virtual keyboards that are connected to their hand-held devices.

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Churchyard has hundreds of graves, but no names

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A broken, nameless headstone behind a Five Points-area church serves as the only marker at a cemetery where Wake County buried hundreds of poor, old people for generations.

The grassy plot behind Emmanuel Baptist Church was the burying ground for the former Wake County Home for the Aged and Infirm, operated by the county from 1915 until 1979. A

1992 survey found in county records says as many as 450 unidentified people are buried at the county-owned cemetery, which is criss-crossed by two sidewalks and contains children's play equipment. Burials took place there as recently as 1977, a church official said.

"Who were these people that were buried there? What were their stories?" asked Karen-Marie Allen, who is leading a Wake County cemetery survey at Olivia

Raney Local History Library.

"Great-uncle Harry might be buried there."

A church member said the congregation has taken care of the cemetery for more than 50 years, but it hasn't put up any kind of marker because of a lack of burial records.

"We don't know who's there or where they are," said Emmanuel Baptist member Oscar Elmore, 76, who has represented the church in dealings with the

county.

Some historians and advocates for older people say those buried there — and their stories — shouldn't be lost to memory.

"There should be more respect for those who died in poverty," said Polly Williams, a Raleigh resident active in advocacy for older people. "The poverty might not have been their fault, as we are seeing these days."

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