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BSM RALLY

"We're showing that our justice system does have room to change. There is a way to fix errors," Black said

The rally was part of a weeklong effort to raise awareness of inequities and racism in the criminal justice system. "It's the elephant in the court-

room," said Al McShirley, the legal redress chair for the N.C. National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. "What's often the case is that

there's a real breakdown in what's called investigatory skepticism when it comes to a black person.

"An objective observer sees all the opportunities they had to investigate further, but they didn't."

McShirley referenced the case of James Johnson, a black man accused of murdering Brittany Willis, a 17-year-old white girl. A special prosecutor could find

no convincing physical evidence linking him to the crime, and the man who confessed to the crime said repeatedly that Johnson played no part in it, McShirley said.

After three years in jail on a \$1 million bond, Johnson was released on a lowered bond, in part because of legal help from the NAACP. He will still face trial as an acces

sory to murder when Wilson County

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Racial injustice in N.C. cases **Cases with black** defendants:

► Lee Wayne Hunt: A faulty investigation and two questionable testimonies led to his murder conviction and 22 years in prison.

➤ James Johnson: After three years in jail, he was released and is now being charged with acces-sory after the fact to the murder of a 17-year-old white girl.

➤ Kalvin Michael Smith: He is serving a 22-year sentence for assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill; two witnesses have retracted their statements, claiming police coercion.

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is able to find another prosecutor. The elements of Johnson's case are not aberrations

"Just being able to show that someone's innocent isn't enough to get them off," UNC law professor Richard Rosen said. "There's a history of people in this state of people resisting admitting errors."

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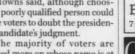
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The use of hand gestures and facial expressions is very different from anything in modern dance, Sen

said. "It's lyrical; it's sensuous - it's

Sen said the particular and unique

use of physical expression is typical of Indian mythology and has its roots in the culture of Hindu temples.

"The movements of the dance reflect the motif of Orissa tem-

ple sculptures – these gorgeous ancient Indian temple structures

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which are sacred but very sen-

Satpathy said the stories told

are all steeped in mythology but explained that the ubiquity of

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portrayed in the performance makes them accessible and rel-

evant to modern audiences. Holland said the performance is important because of the access it

affords audiences to the rituals of

other cultures, as well as the under-

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said. "It becomes a journey, and

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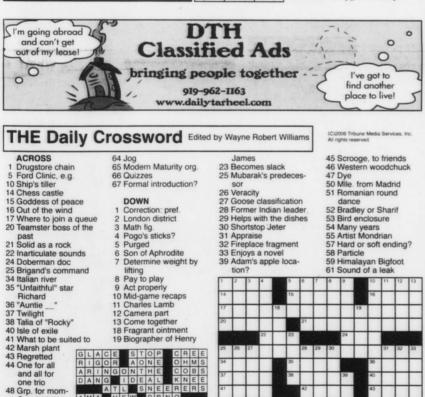
High schoolers will take the SAT on Saturday. Some spend all year preparing. See pg. 5 for story.

Indian dance coming

Nrityagram Dance Ensemble of India will perform classical Indian dance Sunday. See pg. 3 for story.

Jazz tunes

UNC's 31st annual jazz festival concludes with more events this weekend. See pg. 1 for story.



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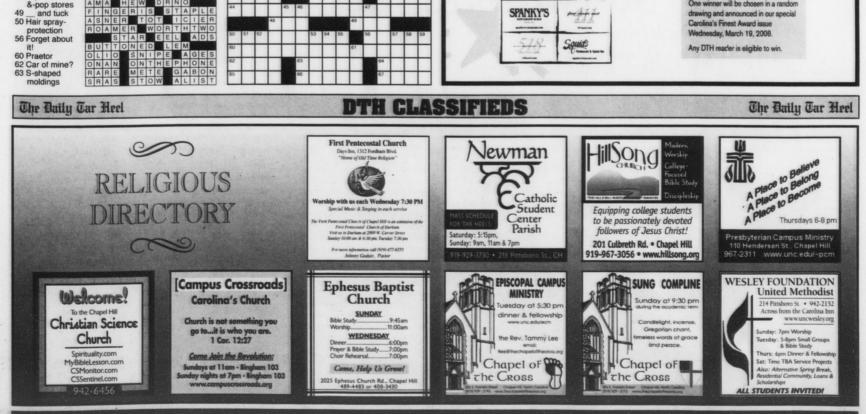
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