The Daily Tar Heel

FRIDAY, APRIL 18, 2008 9

A 21st-century miracle on ice

ow aboot this: It's hockey time The NHL Stanley Cup Playoffs commenced last week, and with it the indelible image of

the toothless grin is brought into our living rooms once again. Hockey, old friend, how we missed thee.

After the NHL's 2004-2005 lockout and ESPN's decision not to renew its contract with the league, professional American hockey skat-

ed — pardon the pun — on thin ice. An afterthought in the sports world in the years that followed NHL games aired on the Outdoor Life Network, and snippets of highlights on SportsCenter represented all the pucking coverage fans saw.

But in light of this year's playoffs, a new hope gleams for the Neglected Hockey League – if someone decides to take a chance on it once again.

Now, the league still faces many of the problems it did prior to the lockout, such as a number of teams in markets that could support their teams much better.

But the NHL now stands in a superior position to succeed than it did prior to the lockout, for two main reasons: new rules and new players

After the lockout, the "new NHL" began to take shape. Knowing their product needed ome revamping to overcome the fans' apathetic attitude toward the sport, the league's officials devised number of regulations which changed gameplay significantly.

The new NHL rules instituted shootouts if games remain tied after regulation and a five-minute overtime period. Additionally, the rules allowed for two-line passes increased the area of the offensive zones and reduced the dimensions of goalies' equipment.

All of this created a faster speed of play and higher scoring games - two aspects that appeal more to the American public, which prefers score-a-thon sports such as football and basketball to chess matches such as soccer and the old NHL.

As the new NHL rules successfully energized the game and opened the nets, so too did a generation of incoming players revitalize the league's talent corps and image

Young guys such as the Carolina Hurricanes' Eric Staal and the Ottowa Senators' Dany Heatley along with a slew of others, quickly established themselves in the

NHL's upper tier of players. But three names, especially

Take 15/501 South to Exit Market St. / Sou

88 MINUTES R

STREET KINGS

LEATHERHEADS MA

NIM'S ISLAND

The

Amina 620 Market St. Chapel Hill 932-9000

NG SARAH MARSHALL R 1:20-4:10-7:20-9:45

1:25-4:10-7:20-9:45

1:30-4:15-7:15-9:4

1:15-4:00-7:15-9:35

12:45-2:50-4:55-7:00-9:1

DI DOLBY STADIUN



SAM ROSENTHAL RDEN STATE OF MIND

impacted the league. The surnames Crosby, Ovechkin and Malkin mean as much for the NHL's future as James, Paul and

Two years ago, the Pittsburgh Penguin's Sidney Crosby and the Washington Capitals' Alexander Ovechkin each surpassed the 100-

added Evgeni Malkin, who scored 85 points in his freshman campaign while Ovechkin scored 92 and Crosby - thanks to a 120point year - won the league's Most Valuable Player Award.

both conferences, have made for excellent postseason play.

People always claimed that compatibility with TV. Now the NHL is more boob

tube friendly than ever before, but Planet receives more exposure than the league's regular season

The playoffs almost entirely left off major networks, but they are getting enough airtime for people to notice the sport's new attitude.

will notice as well, as one of them should try at least a tentative contract to air the NHL all year long.

The league stands poised to the proper coverage to flourish.

Contact Sam Rosenthal at samrose@email.unc.edu

Empire National Nurserv Free Tree for Arbor Day Mail a request to: Free Tree, 6778 McPherson Clay, Liberty, NC 27298 www.cdr3.com/arborday

TIMBERLYNE 6

INCE CASPIAN (PG) *

OM NIGHT (PG-13)

NIM'S ISLAND (PG) LEATHERHEADS (PG-13)

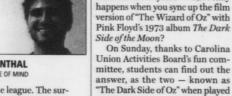
Sublets

DER THE SAME MOON (PG-13)

Adv. Tix on Sale IRON MAN (PG-13) * Adv. Tix on Sale CHRONICLES OF NARNIA

RBIDDEN KINGDOM (PG-13) (130 415) 730 100

RGETTING SARAH MARSHALL (R) - ID REQ'D



BY BENNETT CAMPBELL

The question has puzzled the

uninitiated for years: What really

said freshman Jesse Rice-Evans,

who said she plans to attend. "The

first time you hear it, you're like, 'Let's check this out!'"

has historically been celebrated as

syncing of the album and "Oz" is

on that day," said Amanda Kao, chairwoman of CUAB's fun com-

mittee. "But I don't think this is an

event that really is centered around

But the ties to April 20 will be

hard to ignore. The event's Facebook

page explains that "munchies" will

be served, and students discussed

what foods they'd like to have avail-

able at the screening. "My committee and I went to

Costco last night and just started pulling things off the shelf," Kao said. "We were going for variety

we grabbed everything from

Kao and Rice-Evans both said

Varsity 967-8665 123 E. FRANKLIN

7:15, 9:20, SAT-SUN 2:15, 4:20

* A SWIFT AND SUSPENSEFUL THRILLER.

BRISK COMEDY.

PIEIOPLE

THE COUNTERFEITERS

9:10, SAT-SUN 2:00, 4:30

Reese's Cups to cheese puffs

S. M. A. R. T.

steeped in drug culture.

want to do this."

And adding to the mystique of

STANT ARTS EDIT

Oden mean for the NBA's.

point plateau – as rookies. The next season, the Penguins

Which brings us to the 2008 playoffs: Watch them, and you

might see hockey in a new light. The new rules and young stars, combined with lots of parity in

watching hockey in person makes true fans, and that holds true, but the old NHL struggled because it translated poorly to television one of the main reasons the NFL took off in the past couple decades stems from football's excellent

a family of meerkats on Animal

Ideally, the major networks

make a comeback, but it needs

So, ESPN, what do you say ... eh?

933-86

(145 425) 740 10 (155 435) 735 100 (135 410) 710 94

(150 430) 715 955

(140 420) 720

neisea ESSENTIAL A MUSTSEET **REGAL CINEMAS**



10, 9:30, SAT-SUN 2:10, 4:30 THE BAND'S VISIT 7:00, 9:10, SAT-SUN 2:00, 4:30 MARRIED LIFE

'Dark Side of Oz' will rise April 20 CUAB sponsors synched film show event," she said. that the screening is a harmless

event and that those who worry about any overt ties to drug use are worrying too much.

"I don't think there's anything harmful about this event," Rice-Evans said. "I think it emphasizes the idea of community. It's just such a weird pop culture phenomenon." Kao shared similar sentiments,

adding that the event is in no way intended to encourage any kind of mischievous behavior. simultaneously — will be screened at 8:30 p.m. on Polk Place.

27 Tavern order

31 "___ Jude " 32 Anti-DUI org. 33 Robertson of CNN

34 Japanese wrestling

36 Winter weather

38 Classic Jaguar 40 Actress Hedrer 43 Vitamin-bottle data, briefly

45 humbug! 47 Straddle

50 Leon lady 52 Bennett of Random Ho

Random Ho 53 Bad French

54 Kentucky for

55 Spanish neigl

borhood 57 Makes allow

CLASSIFIEDS

48 One-time link

45

"It's really a pretty innocent

"It's such a great urban legend," games By The Mepham Group © 2008 The Mepham Group. Distrib Tribune Media Services. All rights re the evening's festivities is the very date of the screening itself. April 20 Level: 1 2 3 4 a day for the use of marijuana. The substance was a major social phenomenon in the years surrounding the release of *Dark Side*, and the 7 5 8 6 5 3 2 4 1 We were looking at all the org.uk. 2 3 1 6 upcoming holidays and thought it would be funny to have something 1 8 7 4 6 2 8 5 2 1 9 4 the date. If it were January, I'd still 3 8 9

Sophomore Dane Kemp agreed, aying he expects the event to draw something of a cult audience. "I think it will kind of be a niche

crowd," Kemp said. "Especially because Pink Floyd are a little out there themselves.

Rice-Evans said she wasn't so sure about that.

"It's the end of the semester, and everyone loves free food," she said. "Especially when you're out of Easy Mac. I view it as a day to hang out with your friends and chill out."

Kao said she hopes it turns out

Sudoku

Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box (in bold borders) contains every digit 1 to 9. For strategies on how to solve Sudoku, visit www.sudoku

Solution to Thursday's puzzle 1 2 5 3 4 6 7 9 8 4 7 8 1 5 9 3 6 2 3 6 9 2 7 8 1 4 5 284517639

 9
 3
 6
 4
 8
 2
 5
 1

 7
 5
 1
 6
 9
 3
 2
 8

 8
 4
 3
 7
 6
 5
 9
 2

ATTEND THE SHOW Time: 8:30 p.m. Sunday Location: Polk Place nfo: www.unc.edu/cuab

like that.

"The weather outside has been so great lately, although we will show it in the Union Auditorium if it rains.

"All I know is that I ordered 28 large Pokey Stix, and if they don't all get eaten, that's just going to be devastating.

> Contact the Arts Editor at artsdesk@unc.edu.

Clinton vs. Obama

Viewpoints break down Hillary Clinton's and Barack Obama's stance on the issues. See pg. 6 for analysis.

Advising plans

Student Body President J.J. aynor has ideas about advising. Will they work? See pg. 5 for story.

Conditional ruling

Supreme Court wrote seven opinions for its 7-2 ruling on a Ky. lethal injection case. Go online for story.

Wii in the UL

Seniors can play games this evening in a special event at the library. See pg. 3 for story.

Reading is fundamental

A town task force is lobbying for a Carrboro library. Go online for story.

WANT TO GIVE PAID CAMPUS TOURS THIS SUMMER?

Pick up an application at Jackson Hall.

Deadline to apply: April 18

9248

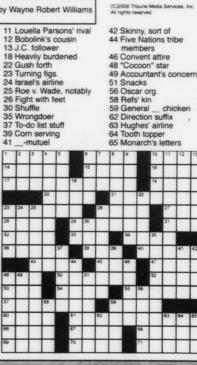
E-mail toursdesk@admissions.unc.edu with questions.

THE Daily Crossword Edited by Wayne Robert Williams ACROSS

ances for 1 Big name in book pub-lishing 6 Minerals scale 59 What cons do 60 Quahog, e.g. 61 Jersey add-on 66 Padlock partner 67 Prefix for space 68 Sadat of Egypt 10 Cut with an ax 14 Actress Garson 15 Reebok rival 16 At this place 69 Merino ma 17 Stunt pilot's maneuver 70 9-digit IDs 71 Bacterial in 19 Deuce follower, perrial infection haps 20 Wet thoroughly 21 Puzo book, with "The" 23 IRS payout 26 Dole's 1996 slate-mate DOWN Soviet CIA counterpart Gun lobby "__ the land of the free..." 3 28 Courtroom declaration 29 Actor Estevez

4 Won over 5 Refrigerant gas 6 Slugger McGwire 7 Lactor vegetari Lacto-___ vegetarian Ancient Jewish rabbi Seasoned sausages

10 Casual talk



The Daily Tar Heel Summer Jobs

LOVE BASEBALL?

asy, summer job opportunity. Need com-n for a well behaved 10 year-oid LHP/IB. for him, take to batting cages, pool, him busy. 3 days/wk. M/Th/F, 9:30am m starting 6-12-08 thru mid-August. Catch

SUMMER ROOM AVAILABLE in furm 28R/2BA Mill Creek apartment. First su session. \$475/mo includes utilities, dishwa W/D, pool, tennis. 919-846-6815. SUMMER SUBLET: A gre ing and rit Mill 4BR APARTMENT FOR RENT. Spacious 4BR apartment for rent from May 12 thru July 31.

Sublets

wo of the three Each bedroom I will take girls

ties. Walking distance

Sublets SUMMER SUBLET 1 room in Mill Creek 488/2 condo. Available mid-May to July 31. \$4250 +utilities. Walking distance to UNC and o



LAB POSTER PRINTING. S

in 1-24

Sublets

in 1-24 hours! Online submission! Free delivery! Support all file formats! Accept UNC K-#, P-Card! http://www.labposter.

The Daily Tar Heel

Services

SUMMER HOUSING SUBLET Sublet Mill Creek this summer! \$425/mo +power, cable. Walk-ing distance to campus. Available mid-May thru August 1. seannc@email.unc.edu or call 356-413-6443. ing distance thru August 1 336-413-6443.

LIVE ON FRANKLIN STREET. Sublet our house this summer! 12 minute walk to campus. 2 rooms available in 38R/2BA house. \$500/mo +utilities. Email Kelly, SubletOurHouse@unc.edu.

Busline, \$400/mo per room, call 910-619-5476.

407 CHURCH STREET. Walk to Franklin Street and campus. 1BR, private bathroom, large closet, cable, wireless, fully furnished. \$500 mo +utilities for 3 months starting May 8th. 704-650-2103.

SUMMER OFFER! \$300/MO.

Stratford Hills Apartments off Hillsborough Street. Shared with 2 laid back roommates. Stay until July 31st. Call Mike: 919-219-5566.

2BR/1BA house available May 15 thru July 28. 205 Short Street. Behind La Rez. 5 minute walk to campus. \$925/mo. Great summer house! 704-607-7393.

SUMMER SUBLET. Available May 15 thru mid-Aug. Great 2 BM/1BA duplex 1 minute from Franklin, 8 minutes from campus walking! Sublet 1 or both rooms, \$500mo, MAY FREE! The best deal you the first anothere, natefriedman@unc. will find anywhere. natefr edu or call 240-620-3345.

PEACEFUL 18R/18A 3RD FLOOR end unit, 700 square foot apartment in Woodcroft. The lease runs unit October 1st. There is no deposit, just need someone to take over the lease immedi-ately. Rent \$585/mc. includes water. For more info call 919–475-8675.

.

CARRBORO \$465/mo. Summer sublet. Furnished room in 48R house available May to August. Internet, AC, W/D, dish-washer, on J busline. leblanc@email unc.edu. 919-971-1021.

Summer Jobs

SUMMER CAMP **HEAD COUNSELOR**

Stoneridge Club in Chapel Hill now hiring a head camp counselor. Great work environ-ment. Competitive pay. Call 967-0915 or email sssrc@mindspring.com.

activities for groups of children and meeting oth-en people who enjoy working with kids? You are-invited to be a part of the team at Camp River Lea. Must be available weekdays, June 9 thru August 8, 2008. To learn more, check out: www. camprive/tea.com. Call 919-724-9449 or email campersupport/facamprive/tea.com.

Summer Jobs

CAMP COUNSELOR

on 100 acres of scenic countryside for counselors to teach swimmi s archeny, canoeing and nature. Do

SUMMER CAMP JOBS IN NC and across the USA. Hundreds of exciting and re-warding positions available this summer. www.campchannel.com.

TELESCOPE PICTURES Virginia Beach, VA. Best summer job on the beach. Make \$10K+, celeb-rity status, great tan. Apply and learn more at www.ocbeachphotos.com. Housing available! Come join the fun.

cansorecrymca.org), teen leadership (avinson@chcymca.org) and other special inter-ests (wkahn@chcymca.org). Group interviews are scheduled for April 13th and May 13th, AP-PLY TODAY! Email or call (919-442-9622) for additional information!

Summer Jobs

MMER CAMP STAFF are needed at the Cha Hill-Carrboro YMCA. Full-time and part-time

camp opportunities from early June th August. Programs serving youth ages trough traditional camps (illoyd@chcymm njohnson@chcymca.org), sports cam

15 th

org,

CHECK IN AND SNACK BAR ATTENDANTS needed at Meadowmont Swim Club. Flexible hours, great environment. Call 945-0640 for an application.

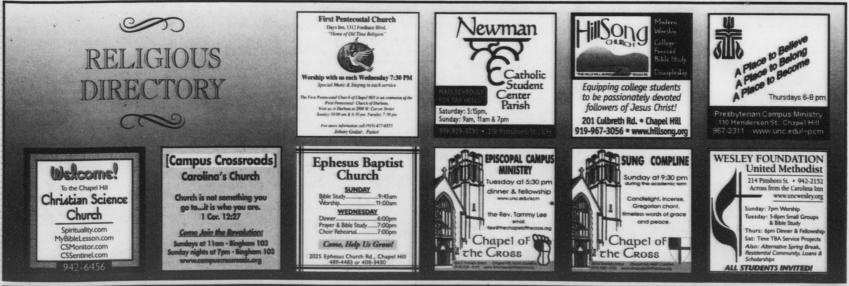
apprication. LIFEGUARDS AND SWIM INSTRUCTORS needed for Meadowmont Swim Club. Current certifications required. Competitive pay, flex-tible hours, lively atmosphere. Call 945-0640 for an application.

Wheels for Sale

ACURA MDX TOURING SPORT SUV 2001. Excel-lent condition. Only 35,300 miles. Silver green leather. \$16,000. Call 968-8339.

1999 LAND ROVER II: 96K, all options, red with tan leather. Extremely well maintained, records New Michelins. \$6,500 OBO. 919-308-1368.

PLACE A CLASSIFIED or CALL 962-1163



Place a Classified: www.dailytarheel.com/classifieds or Call 919-962-0252