

LOCAL NEWS

David Allen promoted by Highway Patrol

Colonel W. Fletcher Clay, Commanding Officer for the North Carolina State Highway Patrol, recently promoted Lieutenant D.L. Allen to the rank of Captain and assigned him to Troop C Headquarters in Raleigh.

Since that time Captain Allen has served as Troop Commander for Wake and the surrounding 13 counties.

With the recent retirement of Captain J. K. Glidewell in Monroe, Allen has been selected as his replacement and assumed the position of Troop Commander for Troop H on September 10. Troop H includes Cleveland, Gaston, Mecklenburg, Union, Anson, Richmond, Scotland, Hoke and Moore Counties.

Captain Allen, a 1983 graduate of Kings Mountain High School, resides in Kings Mountain with his wife Beth and their three sons Andy, Jake and Noah.



Pictured at the Promotional Ceremony in Raleigh are Colonel W. Fletcher Clay, Captain David L. Allen, Beth Allen and Noah Allen.

KM man charged with sex crimes

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Cleveland County Sheriff's officers arrested Joshua Neil Robinson, 21, of Kings Mountain, Friday on charges of contributing to the delinquency of a minor, crime against nature and two counts of statutory rape of a 13-year-old girl.

Robinson and an unnamed

accomplice, already behind bars, are suspected to have transported two young girls across state lines, from South Carolina to Kings Mountain, where they ended up at the Holiday Inn Express on August 1, 2007.

Charges allege that the men had "inappropriate sexual behavior with the defendant," including crimes against nature,

which is defined by North Carolina courts as sodomy.

Under the state laws, the general age of consent for sexual activities among both males and females is 16. Anyone under 16 is not considered able to give consent. Robinson was held at the Cleveland County Detention Center under a \$100,000 secured bond.

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Rupert Murdoch might even start a murder channel.

NBC's morning show has been running its annual "Where in the world is Matt Lauer?" The segment can sometimes be interesting, but it isn't nearly the blockbuster they'd like us to believe it is.

Now, the local NBC outlet is running a "Where in the world is Larry Sprinkle?" segment, and, let me tell you, it has been exciting. The very first day, while Matt was in Everett, Washington, Larry traveled all the way to Concord. The next day, Matt flew to Bhutan, and Larry made his way to Hendrick Motor Sports.

I can hardly wait for the thunderstorms to roll in. The world class city news outlets are all proud of their weather coverage, and they will interrupt your favorite show at the drop of a lightning bolt to tell you the storm is nearing your neighborhood and you are probably going to be fried to a turn.

When complaints rolled in to one of the stations a couple of years back, the one with all the cameras, their weatherman told the audience the next day that he was saving lives, and that those who had complained would think twice if their mother was caught in a deadly, two-lightning-bolt thunderstorm.

KM WEATHER REPORT

By Kenneth Kitzmiller

	Aug. 29-Sept. 11	Year Ago
Total precipitation	.66	3.25
Maximum 1 day	.46 (30th)	2.25 (31st)
Year to date	23.59	29.29
Low temperature	63 (31st)	63 (1st)
High temperature	95 (10th)	92 (29th)
Avg. temperature	78.5	76.3



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