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Project aims to halt baby shaking

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DURHAM -- UNC Chapel Hill and Duke University Medical Center are teaming up in a \$7 million statewide shaken baby prevention project, the largest and most comprehensive in the country.

The project, spearheaded by UNC pediatrics professor Desmond Runyan, will educate parents in North Carolina over five years on the dangers of shaking a child, survey parents on their behaviors and study the number of children hospitalized with traumatic brain injuries.

Shaken baby syndrome is caused by frustrated parents shaking their infants and results in serious injuries and sometimes death for many children under 2. It goes undiagnosed for many other children, who eventually develop long-term problems, including mental retardation and learning disabilities.

Although the syndrome is classified as a form of child abuse and has received widespread media coverage in recent years, 1,200-1,600 babies nationally still are diagnosed with syndrome symptoms each year, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Shaken baby syndrome usually occurs when children are 6-10 weeks old, when many cry more than three hours a day and are unresponsive to soothing, said Runyan, the principal investigator on the project.

"They will outgrow it," Runyan said Monday. "If nothing seems to be working, you just have to walk away and collect yourself."

In 2001, 40 children in North Carolina were hospitalized in intensive care after being shaken by their parents, Runyan said. In 2003, a survey found that 2.6 percent of parents in North and South Carolina had shaken a baby under age 2, indicating to researchers a large number of shaken babies don't end up in the hospital.

The long-term problems from the syndrome can be seen in Jennipher Dickens' son, Christopher, who was born Aug. 24, 2006, and abused by a relative.

Dickens, a journalist for The Roanoke-Chowan News-Herald in Ahoskie, returned to work when Christopher was 6 weeks old, leaving the child in the care of his father and other relatives.

The following week, Christopher began sleeping all the time, not eating well and crying a high-pitched wail. The night of Oct. 17, he began having partial seizures. By morning, he was in and out of consciousness.

Doctors at Pitt County Memorial Hospital in Greenville eventually determined Christopher had bleeding on his brain, six broken ribs and bleeding behind both eyes. He is now in physical therapy, but still has brain damage and low muscle tone, and is at risk for seizure disorders in the future.

"The more I researched about shaken baby syndrome, the more I felt it was preventable through education," Dickens

said. "I can't change what happened to my son, but I can prevent it happening to others."

Dickens founded Stop Shaken Baby Syndrome, a nonprofit organization that uses video to educate new parents before they leave the hospital on the dangers of shaking an infant.

A baseline survey for the prevention project found almost one in 100 parents of children under 2 in North Carolina reported they or their partner had shaken a child.

Thirteen percent of mothers in the survey reported seeing someone other than their partner shake a child under 2 within the past year.

The project is funded by the CDC, the Doris Duke Charitable Foundation and The Duke Endowment and is led by members of the National Center for Shaken Baby Syndrome, University of British Columbia, various state and county agencies, service providers and nonprofits.

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Carolina in the News

Here is a sampling of links and notes about Carolina people and programs cited recently in the media:

National Coverage

Like Chronic Pain, Fibromyalgia Debate Persists

ABC News (National)

... Critics say there is no reason to classify fibromyalgia as a disease. "There is no such thing as a fibromyalgia person," said Dr. Nortin Hadler, professor of medicine at the University of North Carolina's school of medicine in Chapel Hill. "The issue is not is it real... the issue is, are they diseased so that we need to fix their biochemistry or their minds. It's fairly counterintuitive."

<http://abcnews.go.com/Health/PainManagement/story?id=4138715&page=1>

Related link: <http://www.metrowestdailynews.com/opinions/x453759721>

PTC '08: Roll on the Olympics

Telecommunications Magazine

...Moreover, practically every sub-sector of emergent telecoms and new media constellation looks like booming; IPTV for example was introduced in 2005 and 2006, says Nir Kshetri, a Professor in Business Administration at the University of North Carolina

and expert on the subject, and estimates it will be the largest in the world in five years.

http://www.telecoms-mag.com/NewsGlobe/article.asp?HH_ID=AR_3873

Drug Exemptions Triple in MLB

The Washington Post

The number of Major League Baseball players granted permission to use banned drugs for medical reasons more than tripled last season from the previous one, according to statistical information released during yesterday's hearing on steroids in Major League Baseball in front of the House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform. ... Selig and MLB Players Association chief Donald Fehr noted that TUEs are overseen and granted only by the sport's independent program administrator, Bryan W. Smith, who was the team physician for the University of North Carolina for 10 years.

<http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2008/01/15/AR2008011503318.html?hpid=sec-sports>

Regional Coverage

House seeks to ban herb

The Washington Times (Washington, D.C.)

Virginia

lawmakers want to prevent people from getting their hands on salvia divinorum, a hallucinogenic herb with unknown psychological risks that has increased in popularity in recent years. ... "When people take a large enough dose, they are transported to what they described as a different place and time, and typically they don't know how they got there," said Dr. Bryan Roth, a professor in the Department of Pharmacology at the University of North Carolina. "So for some people, it could be frightening. For some, it could be exciting. It depends on the person."

<http://washingtontimes.com/article/20080116/METRO/888417457/1004>

State and Local Coverage

Maternity wards to coach parents: Don't shake baby

The News & Observer (Raleigh)

Babies cry. It's normal. If you think you might lose your cool, put the baby in a crib and walk away. ... "If you walk away from a baby, they're safer than being shaken," said Desmond Runyan, a professor of social medicine and pediatrics at UNC-CH and principal investigator for the project. "That's what we need parents to hear."

<http://www.newsobserver.com/919/story/882871.html>

UNC News Release:

<http://uncnews.unc.edu/news/health-and-medicine/unc-duke-lead-first-statewide-shaken-baby-prevention-research-pr>

Related Links:

<http://wunc.org/programs/news/archive/NRH011508.mp3/view>

<http://www.heraldsun.com/orange/10-915912.cfm>

<http://www.citizen-times.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=200880115022>

Road ahead to Carolina North may be bumpy (Editorial)

The Chapel Hill Herald

...The Year of Carolina

North -- when many important decisions about the future of UNC's proposed massive new campus are likely to be made -- got off to a rough start last weekend. At the Chapel Hill Town Council's annual retreat Saturday, there was clearly some anger, distrust and skepticism when the subject of Carolina North came up.

<http://www.heraldsun.com/opinion/chhedits/57-915869.cfm>

Ann Arbor, Mich., to be eyed for ideas

The Chapel Hill Herald

The Community Leadership Council's second intercity visit will land in a familiar region of the country.

...Furthermore, UNC Chancellor James Moeser said the university sees the University of Michigan as a model of the future in terms of academic research.

<http://www.heraldsun.com/orange/10-915900.cfm>

Roses & raspberries

The Chapel Hill News

ROSES to the Carolina Global Water Partnership, a collaborative project designed to provide safe drinking water for families in Cambodia. ...Headed by Mark Sobsey of the UNC School of Public Health, the project is developing models and means to get purification systems in place in rural Cambodia.

<http://www.chapelhillnews.com/opinion/story/12140.html>

Let there be an end (Column)

The Chapel Hill News

Anson Dorrance must feel a bit like that guy in the TV commercial about travel reservations, the one where a jack-hammer starts drowning him out every time he tries to ask his wife a question in their hotel room. ...Almost a decade after it first started, the sexual harassment lawsuit against Dorrance is settled.

<http://www.chapelhillnews.com/sports/story/12143.html>

UNC Statement:

<http://tarheelblue.cstv.com/sports/w-soccer/spec-rel/011408aaa.html>

Related Link: <http://www.newsobserver.com/2750/story/882983.html>

Campaign scrambles to explain errant 'e'

The News & Observer (Raleigh)

It began with a simple misspelling. It ended three hours later with a candidate for governor having to clean up after a vowel-related damage-control operation went awry. ... "It strikes me as a rather minor error and a rather minor incident made worse, as usual, by someone simply trying to paper it over rather than saying directly, 'We made a mistake,' " Ferrel Guillory, director of the UNC-Chapel Hill Program on Public Life, said in an interview.

<http://www.newsobserver.com/politics/story/883005.html>

Great books for Everyman

The Chapel Hill News

Joseph Dent knew the gifts that great literature could bring to those fortunate enough to become acquainted with it; he worked with books his entire life, first as a master bookbinder and then as a publisher. ...UNC's Wilson Library will examine the 102-year history of Everyman's Library in a free public exhibit, "The ABC of Collecting

Everyman's Library: Archives, Books, Collections."

<http://www.chapelhillnews.com/weekend/story/12131.html>

UNC News Release:

<http://uncnews.unc.edu/news/campus-and-community/everymans-library-exhibit-program-in-wilson-library.html>

Orange commissioners hear views on tax options

The News & Observer (Raleigh)

The Orange County Commissioners on Tuesday met to hear presentations to help them decide whether to put a local revenue option before voters. ...Karl Smith, an economist from UNC-CH's School of Government, said the first question is, "Which tax raises more money today?"

http://www.newsobserver.com/print/wednesday/city_state/story/882917.html

Franklin hospital may move to richer spot

The News & Observer (Raleigh)

Critics of a for-profit Franklin County hospital's plan to move near the border of affluent Wake County are dismayed that a subsidiary of the taxpayer-supported UNC Health Care system is helping to do it. ...In November, Rex Healthcare in Raleigh, a wholly owned subsidiary of UNC, announced it would join with Franklin Regional Medical Center's for-profit owner, Health Management Associates of Naples, Fla., to build a hospital in Youngsville.

http://www.newsobserver.com/news/health_science/story/883016.html

How to be a better patient

The Chapel Hill News

One of the biggest responsibilities I have, and one of the most rewarding ones, is educating physicians at all steps of their training. I worry a lot about whether we are doing enough to make better physicians, and I worry about all of the forces that affect the jobs that physicians do. (Cam Patterson is chief of cardiology for the UNC School of Medicine, UNC Hospitals, and the UNC Health Care System.)

http://www.chapelhillnews.com/features/health_exercise/story/12128.html

Keep the law school on the UNC campus (Letter to the Editor)

The Chapel Hill News

For Chancellor James Moeser, it may be a "no-brainer" to relocate the law school to Carolina North. But for law students, faculty and alumni, the move will gut the spirit of the place. (Adrian R. Halpern, Chapel Hill)

<http://www.chapelhillnews.com/opinion/story/12139.html>

Issues and Trends

American Council on Education Names Molly Broad as President

Chronicle of Higher Education

Molly Corbett Broad, who orchestrated sweeping changes to the tradition-bound University of North Carolina system during her recent nine-year tenure there, was named president of the American Council on Education on Tuesday.

<http://chronicle.com/daily/2008/01/1236n.htm>

Related links:

<http://www.insidehighered.com/news/2008/01/16/broad>

Arizona Cancer Center earns world-class reputation

The News & Sun (Green Valley, Ariz.)

...In November, its gastrointestinal cancer program received renewal of a five-year, \$12 million Specialized Program of Research Excellence (SPORE) grant from NCI. The center is one of only five institutions nationwide to receive this grant; the others include Harvard, Johns Hopkins, the University of North Carolina and Vanderbilt University.

<http://www.gvnews.com/articles/2008/01/15/business/business03.txt>

Area boasts some champion trees

The Chapel Hill Herald

Ever see a tree so big that you thought it had to be the biggest one around? Well, the N.C. Division of Forest Resources keeps track of the biggest trees in the state, and Orange and Durham counties have some that are, in fact, championship trees. ...The biggest roundleaf sweetgum, measuring 81 feet in height, is in the Coker Arboretum on the UNC campus, where visitors are welcome to wander the grounds and view the many varieties of trees and plants, including the tree.

<http://www.heraldsun.com/orange/10-915947.cfm>

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