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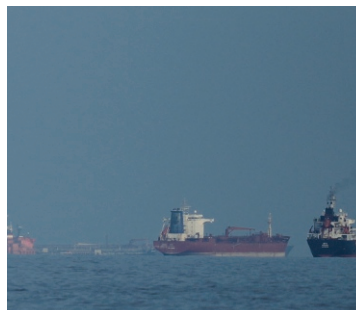
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‘Dangerous heat’ headed to Triad

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An “extended period of dangerous heat” — including four more days of potentially record-breaking temperatures — are expected for Winston-Salem, Greensboro and surrounding communities, the National Weather Service warned Monday.

Highs of at least 90 degrees are forecast Wednesday through

Saturday, the weather service said Monday. That’s 20 degrees above normal for mid-April.

Record temperatures at Piedmont Triad International Airport are 90 degrees for April 15, 16 and 18, and 88 degrees for April 17, according to weather service statistics dating back to 1903.

PTI has broken five daily high-temperature records already this year, and seven since

Christmas.

This week, daily forecast highs are 90 degrees Wednesday and Thursday, 91 Friday and 93 Saturday.

“Considerable sunshine is expected much of this week, which will increase heat stress for those working and exercising outdoors in extreme sunlight,” the weather service’s Raleigh office cautioned Monday.

While those conditions aren’t

considered extreme for summer, experiencing them in early spring can be particularly dangerous for those who haven’t become acclimated, experts say.

Dry conditions also are expected to prevail across the already parched region and lead to an extension of the N.C. Forest Service’s statewide ban on outdoor burning.

Continued low humidity levels will help make the heat more

tolerable but also keep ground-level vegetation — the primary fuel for wildfires — extremely dry, the weather service warned.

The Triad remains in severe drought, according to the National Drought Mitigation Center.

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Mikayla Holmes and her 2-year-old chocolate Labrador retriever after a successful run at the UpDog Challenge

MASTER OF CINEMA

5 questions with UNCSA’s Michael Miller, who worked on films ‘Raging Bull’ and ‘Raising Arizona’

LISA O’DONNELL
Staff Reporter

The list of films that Michael Miller has worked on are considered some of the best of 20th century — “Raging Bull,” “Raising Arizona,” “Miller’s Crossing” and “Stardust Memories” to name a few.

The chairman of the Editing Department at UNC School of the Art’s School of Film-making, Miller will be honored as a Master of Cinema at the RiverRun International Film Festival, which begins its nine-day run on April 17.



Miller

Miller was exposed to movies and all sorts of arts while growing up in a Queens neighborhood that produced such people as Ellen Barkin, Paul Simon and Art Garfunkel and actor Mike Starr, who he later worked with on “Miller’s Crossing.”

“I could go on and on,” he said of his famous neighbors. “It’s like, how is this even possible?”

A series of connections that started while he was a student at Cornell University started him on a career in film editing that put him in the company of Martin Scorsese, Joel and Ethan Cohen and Woody Allen.

Tired of commuting and the fast pace of life in Los Angeles, Miller and his family moved to Winston-Salem after he was offered a job in the film school at UNCSA 14 years ago.

“We have a very exciting faculty with stellar industry credits,” Miller said. “What I love most are the students. They’ve been passionate about filmmaking for most of their lives. Only rarely do I find students texting in class. They’re here to be here.”

Miller’s book, “Developing the Editor’s Eye,” will be released on Tuesday.

In honor of Miller, RiverRun will screen “Raising Arizona,” the Coen brothers’ classic comedy starring Nicolas Cage and Holly Hunter, on April 19 at UNCSA’s main theater. Miller was the editor of the film. He will be in conversation with former film school dean Dale Pollock after the screening.

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International dog disc competition held in Forsyth County over weekend

The 10-plus hours of driving halfway down the East Coast, food, lodging and \$4 a gallon gas were a tiny price for

Mikayla Holmes to pay to spend the better part of a week with Atlas, her 2-year-old Chocolate Lab, taking part in the UpDog Challenge International Finals disc competition.

The smile on her face said as much.

“What makes it worthwhile?” Holmes said, repeating the question. “This.”

This would be one very happy, very good

boy, obviously pleased with his just-completed run through an agility event catching Frisbees on Sunday afternoon in Tanglewood Park.

“Seeing him have his best day ever is definitely worth it,” she said.

Good, clean fun

Without doubt, Tanglewood, the crown jewel of Forsyth County’s parks system, is an awesome spot.

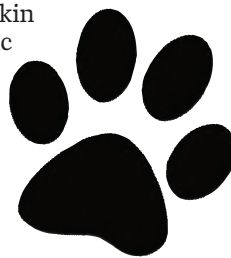
Miles of multiuse trails, a championship golf course with a brand new \$15 million clubhouse, an aquatic center and a very underrated RV campground set on some 1,100 acres once used as a country retreat for the Reynolds

family make it so.

But the mighty Yadkin River isn’t the Atlantic Ocean, and Tanglewood, despite an impressive array of amenities, isn’t normally considered an international tourist destination.

That changed when UpDog, a self-described quirky and inclusive organization dedicated to dog and disc competition, brought its week-long International Finals to the park.

Played on a field longtime locals will remember for a raucous, boozy steeplechase, UpDog finals



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Queen Latifah to deliver commencement address at NC A&T graduation.

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