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IN THE NEWS

Top stories from the state, nation and world

Federal Charges Brought Against Radical Cleric

NEW YORK — A radical Muslim cleric was charged Wednesday with commanding a "war of urban terrorism" that included the World Trade Center bombing and foiled plots to blow up New York landmarks and kill Egypt's president.

The federal indictment, which charges 15 men in all, marks the first time that prosecutors have tied together those conspiracies and other alleged terrorist acts, including the 1990 assassination of militant Rabbi Meir Kahane, as part of a broad scheme to terrorize the United States.

It also was the first time Sheikh Omar Abdel-Rahman was charged in the Trade Center attack and bomb-sprees plot. The sheik, in federal custody as he fights deportation to Egypt, has denounced and denied any involvement in those conspiracies, though followers of his have been charged in both cases.

NASA Fails to Reach Lost Observation Spacecraft

PASADENA, Calif. — Somewhere near Mars, a lonely spacecraft — or what's left of it — sailed in silence Wednesday as NASA waited in vain for another chance to find the castaway Mars Observer.

Analysts said they believed Mars Observer exploded into "little bitty pieces" Saturday when radio contact was lost as the spacecraft was supposed to be pressurizing its fuel tanks.

NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory insisted the spacecraft most likely started orbiting Mars on schedule Tuesday, even though engineers didn't hear from it.

Space agency engineers hoped an automatic computer program, designed to restore communications after a prolonged loss of contact, eventually would make Mars Observer send a signal to them, possibly as early as 2:56 p.m. PDT Wednesday.

With no word from the spacecraft, engineers couldn't rule out the possibility that it soared past Mars or was destroyed or damaged, ending the \$980 million mission.

U.S. Begins Sanctions Against China, Pakistan

WASHINGTON — The United States applied limited sanctions against China and Pakistan on Wednesday after concluding that China had sold missile technology to Pakistan, violating an international arms control agreement.

The move constituted another setback to U.S.-Chinese relations, plagued by differences over human rights and other issues relating to China's weapons export program.

The sanction bans the sale of sensitive high technology equipment to the Chinese entities responsible for the sale, said State Department spokesman Mike McCurry.

"It's our estimate that somewhere between \$400 million and \$500 million a year of commercial activity will be affected by the sanctions that are imposed today," he said. Those figures are less than 10 percent of U.S. exports to China last year. The impact on trade with Pakistan is expected to be minimal.

Jackson Accuser Barred From Contact with Singer

LOS ANGELES — The 13-year-old who reportedly triggered the Michael Jackson child abuse investigation was forbidden by a judge to have any contact with the pop star as part of a bitter custody battle between the boy's parents.

Superior Court Judge Kenneth A. Black said in an Aug. 17 order obtained Wednesday by The Associated Press that the boy's mother wasn't allowed to let the child even telephone Jackson.

The document didn't say why the boy was barred from contacting Jackson or explain their relationship though the order was dated the same day police opened the investigation into the entertainer.

The boy reportedly traveled with Jackson, including a trip to Monaco in May on which the boy's mother and sister also went along, newspapers reported at the time. Jackson denies wrongdoing. His security consultant said the investigation was based on false allegations made by an extortionist seeking \$20 million from the singer.

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Weather

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UNC Adds Classes to Meet Freshman Overflow

BY STEVE ROBBLEE
ASSISTANT UNIVERSITY EDITOR

Fallout from the larger-than-usual freshman class has reached the classroom level as several departments scrambled to add new class sections in the week before classes began Wednesday.

Geoffrey Feiss, associate dean of the College of Arts and Sciences in charge of class scheduling, said several class sections had to be added — some as recently as Tuesday.

Feiss said that even though 200 more freshmen than usual entered the University, about four to five times that many

seats in classes had to be made available.

"You have to realize that 200 freshmen means 800 to 1,000 more seats because most students take four or five classes," he said.

All the sections added were to lower-level classes that would be available to freshmen, he said.

"Basically between Friday and (Tuesday) we added two more Spanish classes, two more French classes, and we gave more resources to the math department to increase the number of students in each section," Feiss said.

"We also added two English classes and allowed (Computer Science 96) to

double in size."

Those additions came after 19 class sections were added at the end of the freshman registration period Aug. 6, Feiss said.

"We added about six sections of Spanish and about eight sections of math," Feiss said. "We added two sections of political science, one of Psychology 10, and two of Economics 10."

Because each department's budget is decided early in the year, there was no way to anticipate the added cost of an increase in classes, Feiss said.

"The departments make out their budget requests in January and we go through and try to figure out the money we are

going to have ... in March," Feiss said.

But Feiss said budgets usually were set higher than the actual cost of running a department because each department was not sure exactly how many new faculty members it would have by the time the budget process was finished.

A portion of the added cost may be offset by a raise in faculty salaries which was passed by the N.C. General Assembly over the summer, Feiss said.

Stirling Haig, chairman of the Romance languages department, said he managed to find enough teaching assistants to handle the additional course load.

"We were able to handle (the increase)

pretty well, but we couldn't handle any more," Haig said.

Despite having to add many new sections of classes after registration, Feiss said he was told there was not an increase in the number of students who had to wait until the last minute to fill their schedules.

"According to Don (Jicha, associate dean of the College of Arts and Sciences,) we actually had fewer freshmen who had not filled their schedules as of the 15th of August than in previous years," Feiss said.

Jicha said 80 percent of new students had 12 or more hours as of Aug. 6 and the majority of those who had fewer than 12 hours had at least nine.

Reduce, Reuse, Recycle



Sophomore Melanie Ashbaugh contributes to the ongoing recycling effort at Lenoir Dining Hall. Carolina Dining Services has instituted several incentives to encourage students to recycle styrofoam containers.

Lenoir to Boost Recycling Efforts

BY STEVE ROBBLEE
ASSISTANT UNIVERSITY EDITOR

Students who like their meals-to-go now might be forced to think twice before packing their favorite cafeteria meal away in a disposable container.

The Tar Heel Recycling Program and Carolina Dining Services are looking to help clean the University campus by encouraging polystyrene recycling and offering incentives to use reusable dishes.

Charles Button, University recycling coordinator, and TARP members met with CDS officials this summer to suggest ways the dining halls and other campus eateries could increase their recycling efforts and decrease waste, said Darcee Killpack, TARP co-chairwoman.

"We wanted (CDS) to make polystyrene less attractive to students instead of using it in place of glass," Killpack said. "We want more glass available to students so the know they don't have to get a polystyrene cup."

Chris Derby, director of CDS, said returning students should notice some changes from the way polystyrene containers were displayed in the past.

"Our first attempt is to reduce the amount of waste with eat-in customers," Derby said. "We were really trying to start off by making sure we understood from the student organizations what we can concentrate on."

Derby said that take-out containers have been moved from just inside each entrance of Lenoir Dining Hall and placed in one

area in the middle of the cafeteria.

"We've consolidated to one take-out area and essentially removed the majority of polystyrene (from Lenoir)," Derby said.

Killpack said giving students an option to get their Pizza Hut pizzas on a plate, instead of in a box, would also eliminate a significant amount of waste.

"We want (CDS) to stop automatically putting pizzas in boxes ... and put up shelves with heating lamps," she said.

Derby said CDS would make pizzas available on plates on a trial basis. Student response to the experiment would determine whether to make it a permanent feature of Lenoir.

"We're going to let customers tell us

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Disagreement Could Cost Area Cable Subscribers Access to Local Station

Cable Law Negotiations Pit WRAL Against Cablevision

BY STEPHANIE GREER
ASSISTANT STATE AND NATIONAL EDITOR

Triangle cable subscribers might lose easy access to CBS programming if Cablevision and Raleigh's WRAL-TV cannot negotiate their way out of a controversy surrounding stipulations of Congress' Cable Act of 1992.

"This is not just an issue for us, it's an issue around the country," said Jim Griffin, WRAL program manager.

According to the Cable Act, television stations have to choose between a "must-carry" status, in which cable companies would not be required to negotiate with the station, or "retransmission consent" in their relationship with their local cable companies, said William D'Epagnier, vice president of Chapel Hill-Durham Cablevision operations.

Because WRAL (Raleigh's CBS affiliate) has chosen "retransmission consent" status, Cablevision must obtain written permission to broadcast the station.

And that is where problems arise, D'Epagnier said.

"WRAL is asking for lots and lots of money," he said. "We feel that it's just not fair that the cable company has to pay them for programming everyone else gets for free."

Negotiations between Cablevision and WRAL began June 17, Griffin said, adding that he believed WRAL's requests were not unreasonable.

"We have said ... that we would like a share in the revenue they get for transmitting our signals," he said.

Negotiations must be completed and agreed upon by midnight Oct. 5 or Cablevision will drop WRAL from its current programming lineup, D'Epagnier said.

Although Griffin stated that WRAL was "cautiously optimistic" about the negotiations, D'Epagnier said that WRAL had "held firm."

Cablevision has planned for the possibility that WRAL might be dropped from

the company's lineup, he said.

"If worse comes to worse, we're prepared," he said.

If WRAL is booted off Cablevision, cable customers can receive an A/B switch, which can be hooked up behind the television, he said.

The switch will allow customers who have cable to receive WRAL with the help of an antenna.

Cablevision will give the switches to customers for free, D'Epagnier said.

But Cablevision president Randy Fraser said the company would rather reach an agreement with WRAL.

"I certainly hope and expect that we'll be able to broadcast that station ... Negotiations are not at a standstill," Fraser said.

Despite the negotiations, both sides are having trouble reconciling themselves to the other's position.

D'Epagnier argued that because WRAL received revenue from advertising, the station would make more money from the larger number of viewers who would receive the station through transmission by Cablevision.

"It really doesn't make any economic sense for WRAL to do this," D'Epagnier said.

But Griffin said WRAL found Cablevision's position unacceptable.

"What's difficult for us is that ... they tell us we're not worth one red cent," he said. "We're just looking for fair and equitable distribution."

WTVD-TV president and general manager Tim Bennett said he supported WRAL's actions and WTVD had "taken the same route by demanding compensation."

WTVD, the area's ABC affiliate, negotiated with cable companies for a package deal with ESPN after they also chose the retransmission consent option.

Nevertheless, Bennett said he thought the friction between cable companies and local stations was becoming a nationwide problem that people have been slow to realize.

"I think it won't hit until (consumers) can't find their favorite show one night," he said.

Parents Question Whether Sexual Orientation Should be Part of Schools' Multicultural Plan

BY KELLY RYAN
CITY EDITOR

When the Chapel Hill-Carrboro School Board voted for a multicultural education plan last month, the board hoped to celebrate differences and build bridges.

Instead, the cultural peacekeeping plan has broken down communication between parents and school officials who can't agree on whether "celebrating different sexual orientations" is the type of education that belongs in school.

The plan's moral message even spurred a Chapel Hill parent to withdraw his three children from the school system.

"Over the last year, the direction of the Board of Education was contrary to our values. No one has been able to define varying sexual orientations as varying cultures," said Billy Beville, the parent of a fourth-, eighth- and 10th-grader.

The multicultural plan was three years in the making, growing from a program to promote ethnic consciousness in a diverse community to one which includes tolerance of those who are differently abled and with different sexual preferences.

Chapel Hill-Carrboro school spokeswoman Kim Hoke said that, although the plan generally had received support, the sexual-orientation clause had incited community fear that children would be confused by the plan's message.

"(Parents) seemed to be very supportive

for teaching children tolerance. They're afraid homosexuality would be presented as an attractive choice for children, especially elementary school children," Hoke said.

Beville said he thought respecting all types of individuals was essential, but not a moral lesson that should be taught outside the home.

"I think all children need to know people come from different backgrounds," he said. "I don't think the sexual orientation of their parents should affect a child."

Beville, whose wife now will teach their children at home, said he thought it was a parental responsibility to explain sexual orientation to children.

"Little boys and little girls — they do a thing called parallel play," he explained. "Then they develop relationships with friends of the same sex, and you teach that people of the same sex who love each other are homosexual, and you drive a thought into a child's mind, 'Am I different?'"

But school board Chairwoman Mary Bushnell said she hoped the multicultural plan would be better received now that a new 37-member committee was being formed to clarify the mission and determine a way to implement the plan.

The committee will begin meeting in September to make a recommendation to the original multicultural committee, which then will forward the plan to the school board for approval.

"I'm hopeful that as people get more afraid and realize that we have every intention of doing it in an age-appropriate way, a lot of fear will be laid to rest," Bushnell said.

She stressed that celebrating people's sexual differences did not mean celebrating sexuality, but instead was only a way to understand different lifestyles. "I think it's a part of a school system — trying to help its children be tolerant of all people in its community."

Hoke said that throughout the plan's evolution, students, community members and school officials have been included.

"Some educators feel they can make minimal progress unless they can address the underlying problems," Hoke said. "While we would like to just focus on reading or writing, we don't always have that luxury."

"It would be great if all families could teach tolerance, respect and understanding, but we all know that doesn't happen."

Robert Alexander, who opposes the sexual-orientation clause, is the president of Putting Children First, a not-for-profit group of local residents interested in promoting children's issues.

Although the group's interests lie beyond the multicultural debate, Alexander said the group came together because of the issue. "We fail to see how celebrating and teaching a lifestyle of sexual orientation belongs in the school."

Mixed Loyalties



A burgundy Audi, parked in Fraternity Court on Tuesday afternoon, displayed Carolina pride as well as loyalty to two Northern states.

Editor's Note

The DTH is desperately seeking new staff members for its many desks.

The editorial board needs writers. So does the University desk, the city desk, the state and national desk, the sports desk, the features desk and the arts and entertainment desk.

We also are looking for copy editors, photographers, graphics designers, layout artists and editorial cartoonists.

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We will hold interest meetings at 7 p.m. Monday and Tuesday in Union 205-206.

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The best cure for insomnia is to get a lot of sleep.

W.C. Fields