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IN THE NEWS

Top stories from the state, nation and world

Malcolm X's Child Pleads Innocent in Farrakhan Plot

ST. PAUL, Minn. — Malcolm X's daughter pleaded innocent Wednesday to trying to kill Nation of Islam leader Louis Farrakhan. Her mother, meanwhile, denied she had raised her six daughters to hate her late husband's rival.

"I read in one magazine that I probably had fed her a steady diet to dislike Farrakhan, which is absolutely untrue," Betty Shabazz, a college administrator in New York City, said after the arraignment.

Last week's indictment of Qubilah Shabazz on charges she hired a hit man to kill Farrakhan, a former rival of her slain father, has been criticized as a setup.

Defense lawyers say the 34-year-old Shabazz was lured into the alleged plot by a childhood friend, identified in media reports as Michael Fitzpatrick, who was a longtime government informant.

Earthquake Death Count Now Tops 3,000 in Japan

KOBE, Japan — Some hungry survivors got a single rice ball, a makeshift morgue did without coffins, and hospitals struggled to find antibiotics and blood.

As the death toll topped 3,000 in Kobe's earthquake disaster, thousands tried to flee what was once a sleek and efficient city, many of them bandaged as they limped past huge piles of rubble and collapsed buildings.

Raging fires that erupted after Tuesday's quake had mostly died out Wednesday, leaving a sooty, gray pallor that heightened the sense of dismay in the city of 1.4 million.

Rescuers, often working with bare hands, sifted through the ruins looking for survivors.

6,800 Auto Workers Begin Strike at GM Parts Plant

FLINT, Mich. — A strike that could cripple much of the U.S. auto industry within days broke out Wednesday at a General Motors Corp. plant that makes spark plugs, filters and other parts.

Some 6,800 workers at the AC Delco East complex walked out when talks broke off shortly before the 10 a.m. deadline set by the United Auto Workers. The plant also supplies parts to Ford Motor Co. and Chrysler Corp.

The union has complained that understaffing and overtime to meet booming demand for cars are creating dangerous and unhealthy working conditions. In addition, the UAW said outside contractors hired by GM threatened workers' jobs.

1,000 U.N. Peacekeepers Still Short of Food, Heat

SARAJEVO, Bosnia — The U.N. commander for Bosnia failed Wednesday to solve a dispute with the Bosnian government that has left nearly 1,000 U.N. peacekeepers short of food and heat in bitter midwinter.

Lt. Gen. Sir Michael Rose returned empty-handed from a trip to Tuzla in north-central Bosnia, where the United Nations has tried for a year to persuade the Serbs to allow aid flights to a nearby airport.

Government troops have been blockading 450 U.N. soldiers at the airfield, and nearly 600 others in the region, for eight days. U.N. officials angered the government by allowing a Serb liaison officer onto the airfield Jan. 8 as a guarantee against its military use.

New Speaker Says Women Can't Hold Combat Roles

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Women aren't meant for traditional military combat since "females have biological problems staying in a ditch for 30 days." But they might outdo men at missile computers because men "are biologically driven to go out and hunt giraffes."

Newt Gingrich's college course is supposed to be about history, but the new House speaker digressed a bit recently to give his views on what separates the sexes.

The comments are from his first "Renewing American Civilization" lecture since the Georgia Republican took over as the House's top lawmaker.

Since the changing of the guard in Congress, Democrats and other Gingrich opponents have been hanging on every Gingrich word.

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Weather

TODAY: Mostly cloudy, 30 percent chance of rain; high near 60.

FRIDAY: Mostly cloudy, chance of showers; high 55-60.

UNC First University to Receive MLK Award

BY BETH GLENN
STAFF WRITER

When the University's racial climate makes headlines, it is usually not a cause for celebration. But last month, UNC became the first university to receive the "Making of the King Holiday" Award.

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"The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill should be commended for its promotion of the

King holiday through a wide range of programs attended by students, faculty and staff of all races, all nationalities and all religious groups," wrote Coretta Scott King, chairwoman of the Martin Luther King Jr. Federal Holiday Commission, in a letter to Chancellor Paul Hardin.

The award has recognized outstanding contributions to the growth and development of the King Holiday for three years now. Past winners are Turner Broadcasting and the Seattle Times.

Archie Ervin, chairman of the University's planning committee, received the award in Washington, D.C., on Jan. 9.

"The award is an incredible honor," Ervin said Wednesday. "We have a social responsibility and moral obligation to educate people to significant individuals and issues confronting our society. I'd like to see the celebration grow into a national focal point for students and academics alike."

The University's celebration formally began in 1982, four years before the first national observance. Hardin established a permanent planning committee composed of students, staff and faculty in 1986.

Hardin formally accepted the award Sunday at a community banquet in

Morehead Planetarium that kicked off the weeklong King Holiday celebration. Dr. Alvin Poussaint will deliver the celebration's keynote address at 7:30 p.m. today in Memorial Hall, where the winner of the MLK Jr. Scholarship will be presented.

The University will host an oratorical and art contest at 9:15 a.m. Saturday in Memorial Hall for precollege students. The Cross Cultural Communication Institute will lead a workshop in the BCC at noon, and there will be a performance entitled "I Too Sing America" at 7:30 p.m. in the Great Hall.

The celebration ends Sunday with a gospel concert featuring Douglas Miller and the Black Student Movement Gospel Choir at 3 p.m. in Memorial Hall.

"We have a balance of activities now, and that's good," Ervin said. "In the future, the preponderance of events should be about educating the community and state about Dr. King's life and legacy. I'd like to establish symposia where people discuss the relevance of his message to our situation today. We want to bring people together to build bridges between and among diverse communities, and above all we want to be made to think."

UNC Uses Inside-Outside Combo to Top Cavs

BY STEVE ROBBLEE
SENIOR WRITER

It was an outside-inside game for North Carolina in its 79-76 win over Virginia at the Smith Center Wednesday night.

Donald Williams was Mr. Outside in the first half, drilling 4-of-4 3-pointers for the Tar Heels.

In the second half, Rasheed Wallace's soft turn-around jumper and Jeff McInnis' penetration combined to become effective inside forces for UNC (13-1, 4-1 in the ACC) against the Cavaliers, who had been holding teams to the lowest shooting percentage in the ACC.

"We never really had a handle on them defensively," said Virginia head coach Jeff Jones. "I think it's safe to say that that's been the thing that's led to some of our most recent wins. That's probably the reason we were always clawing back, but never could get control of the basketball game."

The Cavaliers (10-4, 4-1) refused to surrender early after North Carolina twice built double-digit leads in the second half. They closed the margin to two points in the final minute and then fouled Pearce Landry with 21 seconds left.

Landry hit 1-of-2 free throws, and the Cavs would have a chance to at least send the game into overtime at a place where they had not won since 1981.

"We had 21 seconds left when we got the basketball back, down three," Jones said. "We didn't want to force a guarded '3', knowing that they'd be out in their defense. We told them we would take either a '2' or a '3' score and then call timeout."

The Cavaliers got the ball inside to 6-foot-8 forward Junior Burroughs, but UNC forward Jerry Stackhouse got a hand on Burroughs' shot. UVA. then knew time was running out and it had to shoot from 3-point range.

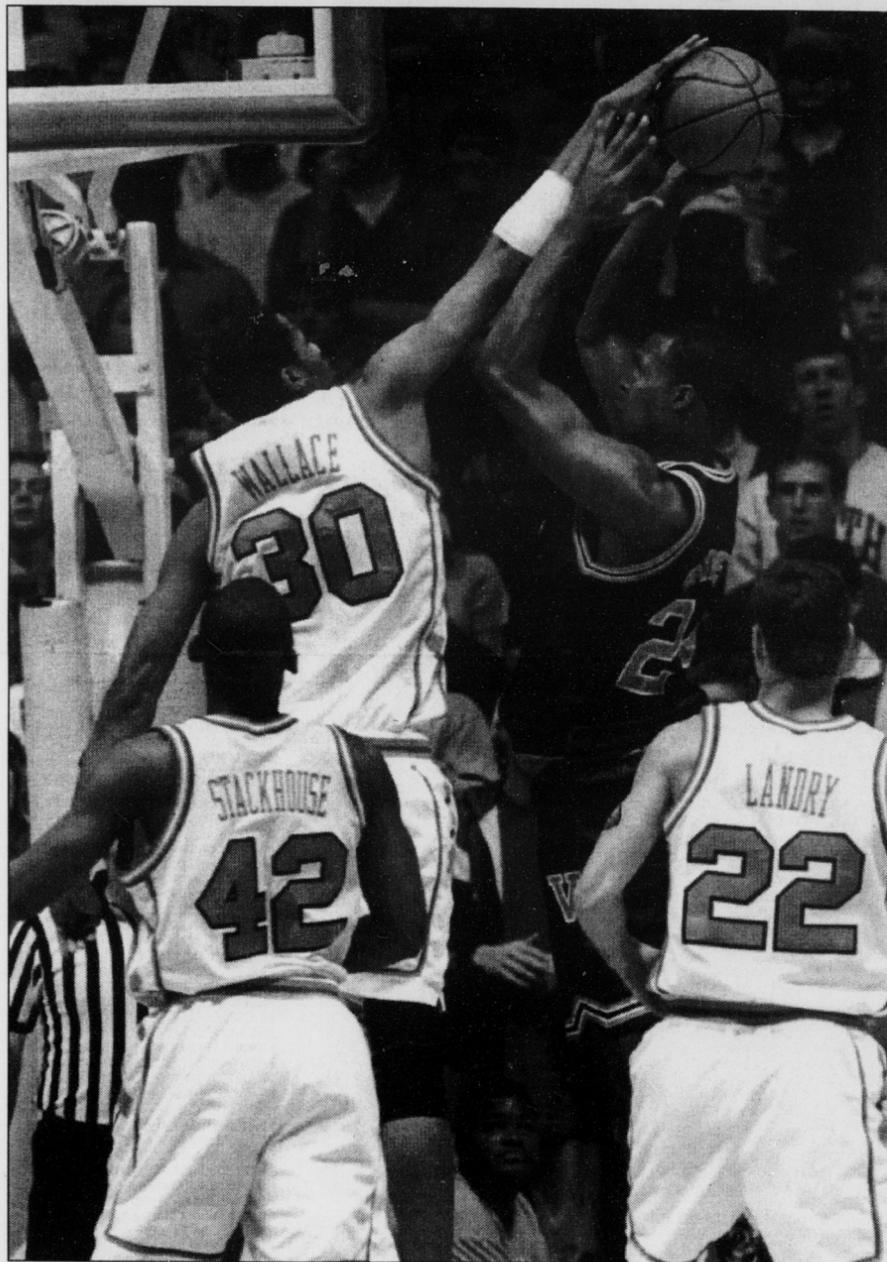
Harold Deane and Curtis Staples each

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Women Slip by Wolfpack

The North Carolina Tar Heels won their 31st consecutive game Wednesday night with a 71-62 victory over ACC rival N.C. State. Senior Charlotte Smith led the way for UNC with 14 points. Wolfpack freshman Chastity Melvin scored 30.

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Rasheed Wallace (30) stuffs Virginia's Yuri Barnes in North Carolina's 79-76 win at the Smith Center Wednesday night.

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ASA, BSM Ponder Obstacles

First Joint Meeting of Two Groups, UNITAS Eases Communication Barriers

BY LEAH MERREY
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The Asian Students Association, the Black Student Movement and UNITAS discussed the need for better communication among the groups at their first joint meeting Wednesday.

Sibby Anderson-Thompkins, assistant dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, and graduate student Kurt Miyazaki mediated a discussion among audience members.

Anderson-Thompkins said she saw the meeting as an important first step. "Sixteen percent of UNC's students are minorities," she said. "We can't close relations. We have to keep these dialogues open."

UNITAS is a multicultural living and learning program in Carmichael Residence Hall.

Miyazaki said he did not think specific goals would come out of the meeting. "The point of this gathering is to have a discussion," he said. "I think that the ASA and the BSM don't talk much."

Carolynn McDonald, co-vice president of the BSM, suggested that an open discussion was necessary to establish dialogue between the groups. "We need to be able to say whatever we want to say, and to do that we need to be open," she said.

David Liu, president of the ASA, mentioned a common obstacle in the relationships between Asian- and African-American students — racism instilled by one's family.

"Asian families can be very racist, and sometimes these racist ideas taught to us by our families can be carried with us to our university," he said.

Anderson-Thompkins said there were many myths about ethnic groups that inhibited them from learning about each other. "There are many obstacles between the groups: for example, feeling like you cannot walk into the BCC because you are not an African American," she said.

Nikki Stringer, a member of the BSM, said the groups should unite in order to protect their histories.

"The mainstream is asking us to give

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AIDS House Finally Ready After Long Uphill Battle

BY MEGAN HANLEY
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Five years of work will culminate Sunday when the AIDS Service Agency of Orange County holds an open house at its new AIDS group home.

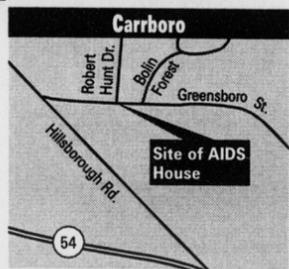
The AIDS house will provide people living with AIDS the care they need in a home environment.

The house, which cost \$302,000, is now completely finished. The entire construction cost was provided by a grant from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

The agency was originally considering remodeling an old house but decided it would be more cost-effective to design a new one.

Protests were raised by those living in the neighborhood during the early stages of the project, but the opposition has since died down.

"It has not only died down but it has completely turned around," said Deborah Young, executive director of the AIDS Service Agency of Orange County. "Since



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we have begun building, there has been nothing but complete understanding. The people have been so wonderful."

The house will provide shelter, transportation, meals and other assistance with everyday living for people living with AIDS. Home Health Care of Chapel Hill will also provide assistance to the residents, said Joe Herzenberg, president of the local service agency.

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BY KAREN WILLIAMS
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The average cost of housing in Chapel Hill is up to \$160,000, say town officials, and there is little to no affordable housing in town. There have been several suggestions made by the Chapel Hill Town Council as well as other town organizations to remedy the lack of low-income housing.

The Chapel Hill Board of Realtors is sponsoring a house to be built by the Orange County Habitat for Humanity. John Tyrrell, chairman of the board's Affordable Housing Committee, said plans for the Habitat House had been developing since last year.

Tyrrell said the Board of Realtors began collecting funds last December by hosting a raffle. The first fund raiser made more than \$400. Since that time, Tyrrell said, more than \$6,000 has been raised to help fund the Habitat house.

"We have also had a contribution from Tillman Heating and Air and from Duke Power for a heating system," Tyrrell said.

Most of the money will be raised through funding from local realtors. Tyrrell said more than 70 realtors had volunteered to donate \$10 to the Habitat house for every house they sold.

Tyrrell also said the Board of Realtors had agreed to match the funds raised by local realtors to as much as \$10,000. The matching funds he said the board would provide would come from dues and fees paid to the board by member realtors. Tyrrell estimates that it will take from \$43,000 to \$45,000 to fund the house.

It has not been decided where the Habitat house will be built. "We will pick the land after more funding has been raised," Tyrrell said. "It is likely that it will be in the Chapel Hill-Carrboro area," he said.

Tyrrell said he hoped the efforts being made by the Board of Realtors would be a continuous effort. "Wouldn't it be great if the real estate community could do this on a regular basis?" he said. "And wouldn't it be great if other real estate boards could follow our lead? We could take it to a national level."

President of the Board of Realtors Fred Stevens said one house could not solve the affordable housing situation. "It's a symbolic gesture," Stevens said. "But it's a start and a statement of what we think is important. Our concerns go way beyond Habitat."

The Habitat house will be just one way to help ease the problem of affordable housing. "Affordable housing is a challenge in

Chapel Hill," Tyrrell said. "A lot of people in the area are doctors or professors from the University, and it makes housing more expensive and drives up the price of land."

Town Council member Joe Capowski agreed that Chapel Hill had a serious problem with affordable housing. "There are no new houses available less than \$100,000," Capowski said.

He attributed this lack of "blue-collar housing" to several causes. Capowski said Chapel Hill was a desirable town to live in with no more room to expand outward. He also said it was more profitable to build bigger and more expensive houses.

Capowski said the University and UNC Hospitals attracted people to the area. However, the University does not provide housing for its faculty and staff. One idea that has been proposed for the future of the University's Horace Williams and Mason Farm tracts is the construction of affordable housing for UNC faculty or staff.

Capowski said junior faculty in the humanities could no longer afford to live in the area. "I hope that UNC will include housing for lower-paid faculty and staff in the plans for the Horace Williams tract," he said.

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People ask for criticism, but they only want praise.

Somerset Maugham