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## IN THE NEWS

Top stories from the state, nation and world

### Japanese Prepare for First Commute Since Gassing

TOKYO — Subway signs urged jittery passengers to be especially vigilant today during the first workday commute since a terrorist nerve-gas attack in Tokyo. Police pursued a chemical trail they hoped would lead to the attackers.

Investigators were using chemical traces to search for links between Monday's subway attack, a mysterious poisoning last year in central Japan and nerve-gas byproducts found near the rural commune of a shadowy religious group.

There were still no known motive, no claim of responsibility and no arrests in one of the worst terrorist attacks in Japan ever. But authorities were said to have a suspect: a man eyewitnesses said had planted one of the deadly parcels before being overcome by its fumes.

### King Hussein Seeking Aid Beyond Debt Forgiveness

AMMAN, Jordan — King Hussein expressed muted disappointment about promised U.S. economic and military aid Tuesday even as Vice President Al Gore brought firm assurances that Washington would forgive all of Jordan's official debt.

The twin issues of debt forgiveness and direct aid were at the top of the agenda, along with Middle East peace prospects, as Hussein and Gore met at the king's hillside palace.

At a joint news conference, Hussein said he was "fully satisfied" with Gore's almost unequivocal pledge that Washington would write off \$488 million this year owed by Jordan, even though Republicans want to stretch out the process longer.

### Detective Questioned on Obtaining Search Warrant

LOS ANGELES — A detective in the O.J. Simpson case was grilled Tuesday on misstatements he made to obtain a search warrant for the Simpson estate the day after Nicole Brown Simpson and her friend were slain.

Also today, it was revealed that Superior Court Judge Lance Ito has ruled against showing jurors a knife that is in the so-called "mystery envelope."

Explaining statements that Ito had earlier described as "reckless," detective Philip Vannatter acknowledged that he had written in an affidavit that human blood had been found on Simpson's Bronco — although no tests had been conducted to confirm that.

### Defense Secretary Expects Extended Presence in Gulf

AL-JABAR AIR BASE, Kuwait — American troops can expect to stay to help defend the Persian Gulf "for some time to come," given Iraq's hostility toward its neighbors, Defense Secretary William Perry said Monday.

"We intend to stay here and provide stability as long as needed," Perry told some of the 500 Americans and 2,000 Kuwaitis stationed at the air base. The United States has 20,000 ground, air and naval troops in the region.

Addressing the latest irritant between Iraq and the United States, Perry called on Baghdad to release two Americans as soon as possible and to treat them properly. He said the Iraqis were "legally within their rights" to detain the two men because they had entered Iraqi territory.

### Leading House Republican Offers Term Limit Support

WASHINGTON, D.C. — House Republicans gained an important supporter Tuesday in their fight to limit terms of service in Congress, but prospects for approval of the constitutional amendment remained dim.

Rep. John Boehner of Ohio, the fourth-ranking Republican in the leadership, reversed longstanding opposition to term limits and said he'd vote for the amendment when it reached the floor.

House GOP leaders are trying to dispel an impression that they are not working hard enough to win approval of the constitutional amendment, which is one of the most popular elements in the campaign-season "Contract With America."

They are anxious to present a united front when term limits comes up, as early as Monday, so they can blame Democrats if the amendment fails.

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## Weather

TODAY: Mostly sunny; high mid-70s.

THURSDAY: Partly cloudy, chance of rain; high mid-70s.

## Do Business Interests Reduce Spangler's Effectiveness at UNC's Helm?

# Balancing Books and Bucks

BY KELLY LOJK  
STAFF WRITER

Since C.D. Spangler's first attempt to acquire a successful wall-board company in November, the UNC-system president's name is as likely to be found in a newspaper's business pages as in an article concerning education.

Although Spangler's business acumen is often cited as one of his greatest assets as UNC president, his continued involvement in corporate affairs is also one of the largest sources of criticism against him.

Critics say the time and energy he spends on business detract from his education job. At least one member of the Board of Governors, John Jordan, said he believed that the BOG should investigate the possible conflict.

Spangler said Tuesday that he understood the natural debate his business dealings and job at UNC created.

"Financial matters are always a matter of interest," he said. "The question, of course, is whether or not my devotion to the University is paramount, and I maintain that it is."

This is not the first time that concerns about Spangler's "family business" have been raised. In 1989, his involvement in a hostile buyout attempt at RJR Nabisco prompted the BOG's consideration of a policy restricting corporate dealings of top UNC officials. The policy was never adopted.

In addition to his role as head of the 16-campus UNC system, Spangler is chairman of his family's Charlotte-based investment firm and sits on the corporate boards of BellSouth and National Gypsum, the company he has tried to buy. Spangler has also served on the board of directors at Jefferson Pilot and NationsBank. Forbes magazine recently estimated his net worth at \$615 million, making him the wealthiest North Carolinian.

Spangler, who has served as UNC president since 1986, refused to comment on his family's business affairs. He said his corporate involvement kept him

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Spangler: The Corporate Side

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## BOG Appoints New University Trustee

BY STACEY EDWARDS  
STAFF WRITER

The UNC-system Board of Governors elected a longtime University alumnus and leader as the newest member of the UNC Board of Trustees on Friday and reappointed three other trustees.

Richard Stevens, an attorney and Wake County manager, was appointed with Angela Bryant, David Whichard and Annette Wood. Stevens will replace Thom Capps, who has served the maximum eight-year term limit.

"I feel that Mr. Stevens came highly recommended because he has worked so much for the University and is thought of as a contributing alumnus," BOG Chairman W. Travis Porter said. Stevens will begin his four-year term in July. "I have a great deal of love and respect for the

University. I have a strong belief that when you come in new to a board it is important to listen and learn from those who've been there," Stevens said. "I will definitely do my homework and respect the experience of the other members, and I will bring some of my own thoughts and ideas."

In addition to the UNC undergraduate degree he received in 1970, Stevens also earned a law degree from the University in 1974 and a master's degree in public administration in 1978. Stevens also served as assistant to the dean of students from 1970-71.

Stevens currently serves on the UNC Board of Visitors, as treasurer of the General Alumni Association, as chairman of the Carolina Club board of directors and as a member of the board of advisers for the School of Social Work.

"My goal will be to listen to students, faculty,

staff, the president and administration of the University, and the community," Stevens said. "I hope to help continue to provide the quality education the University has provided for the last 200 years," Stevens said.

The BOT serves as an advisory board to the chancellor and the BOG on the management of the University.

"The BOT deals with such issues as the chancellor search committee, the self-study survey and Bicentennial fund raising. We will be looking at a student finance agenda and other academic affairs," said Whichard, BOT chairman.

Each UNC-system campus has a 13-member BOT. Eight members are appointed by the BOG, and four members are appointed by the governor. Each university's student body president is an ex-officio member.

## Students, Staff, Faculty to Rally Against Budget

BY DIANA D'ABRUZZO  
STAFF WRITER

Tuition hikes, budget cuts and low salary increases will be the focus of a rally to be held on campus Thursday at Polk Place in response to the budget proposals under consideration by the N.C. General Assembly.

The rally will begin at noon and will offer students, staff and faculty an opportunity to voice their opinions on the proposals. Calvin Cunningham, student body president-elect, encouraged students to attend the rally for support and awareness.

"I think we need to raise awareness on this campus on what's happening at this university," Cunningham said.

"We need to send a signal that students, faculty and staff are united in opposing this dreadful budget," he said.

A large turnout can send a strong message to the legislature, said Patricia Bigelow, chairwoman of the State Employees Association of North Carolina District 25, which is sponsoring the event.

"The event will provide a forum for the University community to express our collective concern about the future of our university," Bigelow said in a released statement. "In light of discussions now taking place in Raleigh, we have serious concerns about the welfare of the University as a whole."

The budget proposal includes a 2 percent increase in faculty salaries; reduction of nonteaching faculty and protected positions; reduction of administrative equipment; an increase in out-of-state student tuition by 30 percent during the next three years and a one-year 3.1 percent increase of in-state tuition.

The combination of fewer appropriated dollars and higher tuition will hit Chapel Hill harder than elsewhere, Bigelow said.

Kay Wijenberg, legislative action chairwoman, said the rally would be an open setting where there would be planned speakers as well as time for the public to come forward and speak out.

"We hope to gain the attention of the General Assembly and show that what they're proposing is of serious concern to the people at UNC," Wijenberg said.

In a year when the economy is good, education should benefit, she said. Instead, the General Assembly is tightening the belt.

"It's important to invest in education," Wijenberg said. "That should be the priority of the General Assembly. It is a significant cut for the University."

"We hope to see a large turnout from all segments of the community," she said. "We need to gather together and make an appropriate statement."

Cunningham's efforts against the budget proposal have been extensive since he was elected student body president Feb. 21. He has been involved in several Association of Student Governments rallies and has met five or six times with members of the local delegation and other legislators.

Cunningham said he planned to continue his efforts in opposing the budget proposal. "Right now, the student leadership across campus is changing, but as soon as the transition occurs, we will continue to work united against [the proposal]," he said.

Cunningham's next step is to prepare a written position for legislation and to meet with representatives to get a commitment from them. For now, he is looking forward to the rally and the chance for the faculty, staff and students to voice their opinions.

"I'm glad the Employee Forum has pulled this together," Cunningham said. "We're going to lead as united a student support as possible."

## \$36 Million Parks Plan Gets Aldermen's Approval

BY DAN THOMAS  
STAFF WRITER

CARRBORO — The Carrboro Board of Aldermen adopted a resolution Tuesday that will provide "vision" for managing the town's Recreation and Parks Department and will lay down a 20-year, \$36 million framework for the city's recreational facilities will grow with the population.

"It's a vision, a plan for 20 years hence, when Carrboro expects to be in a build-out situation," said Doris Murrell, chairman of the Carrboro Recreation and Parks department, at Tuesday's board meeting. "By adopting that, you say that is Carrboro's vision."

Before the board passed the resolution, Alderman Hank Anderson added an amendment to the resolution to move the recreational service districts to compensate for shifts in population so the plan would not be static.

"We may have to shift," Anderson said when presenting his amendment. "The service districts as indicated in the plan ... may be modified to accommodate population shifts."

After the Recreation and Parks staff and the aldermen agreed to add the amendment to the resolution, the motion passed 6-0. Alderman Jacquelyn Gist did not vote because she did not attend the meeting.

The aldermen began to consider the possibility that the town needed to develop a plan for expanding its parks system because the town's population was overwhelming the recreational facilities.

The board and the Recreation and Parks Commission held informal workshops on the topic for the public on Jan. 30 and Feb. 2. The board held a public hearing Feb. 14 and a work session with the Recreation and Parks Commission on March 7.

The town's rapid growth and projections for future increases in population made the board and the commission take notice, Alderman Randy Marshall.

"What brought this to our attention is rapid growth," Marshall said.

He said that the town's playground space was rapidly being developed and that the town needed to develop a long-range, comprehensive plan before available land became too expensive.

"This is a plan for 20 years, not for the next four or five years," Marshall said. "The concern is that we'll outstrip our resources. We need to have a plan for when the developer comes (to build the facilities)."

He said the plan brought periodic plans of action in line with budgetary concerns. The resolution calls for a number of five-year plans to set up each stage of development.

"It just means that every time we get to develop our budget ... it gives us a plan and a way to discipline ourselves," Marshall said. "It gives us a document we can refer back to for reference."

Currently, there are not enough recreational facilities in Carrboro to support all those who wish to use them, said Carol Rosemond, the town's recreational supervisor.

"If you go out on a nice, warm weekend, you just don't have the services to provide for the community," Rosemond said.

Rosemond said there were not enough gyms, parks, tennis courts and other recreational facilities to meet the demand for them. There is a cap for the number of youth who participate in recreational programs, and youth from outside the county cannot register for programs during the first week of registration.

"There's a certain number of designated slots for designated age groups," she said. "It's first-come, first-serve."

Rosemond said the commission had established and received input from several target groups, including teenagers, senior citizens, minorities and artists to gauge what the community needed.

## Tar Heels Say Hooray for Hollywood

UNC Won't Be Fazed by Late Start, Hostile Crowd

BY ROBBY PICKERAL  
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North Carolina basketball coach Sylvia Hatchell did not want her players to go to bed early Monday night. In fact, she told them to stay up as late as possible.

"And this is the only time I've ever heard her say that in the four years I've been here," said senior Stephanie Lawrence.

The reason for the change in zzzs? Time.

When third-seeded UNC (30-4) takes the floor Thursday night to play second-seeded Stanford (28-2) in the West Regional semifinals of the NCAA tournament, it will be in Los Angeles, three hours behind the Eastern time zone. That means that the tip-off will be around 11:30 p.m. Eastern Standard Time — the latest game for the Tar Heels since they played in Honolulu's Wahine Classic in November.

But don't look for the clock change to worry sophomore point guard Marion Jones. UNC's third-consecutive Sweet 16 journey doubles as a trip home for the Thousand Oaks, Calif., native.

"I've never gotten the chance to play in front of some of my family members and some of my friends, so it will be the first time," Jones said. "And it means a lot (to me) for this team to go further also, so hopefully just putting those together will mean a 'W' so that we can go to the final four next week."

But the Tar Heels must first get past the Cardinal, who should draw the obvious majority of fans. After all, the school is thousands of miles closer to Pauley Pavilion than Tar Heel land.

But UNC is known to thrive on crowd adversity. Jones pointed to the regional semifinals at Rutgers last year, where the Tar Heels advanced to their first final four in spite of a UConn fan club that she called "incredible."

"In situations that challenge us ... we always rise to the occasion," Jones said. "And I think this will be an opportunity, definitely, to really prove to ourselves that we're at the next level, if we're not already."

Senior Charlotte Smith said dealing with a rowdy crowd is psychological. "I just reverse it and pretend like they're cheering for us," she said.

Besides a bevy of Jones' family and friends, Hatchell expects extra support from Yonick Clay, a 6-foot-1 recruit out of Inglewood High School who will don the paisley stripes for UNC next year.

"She's got all of her neighbors coming, for sure," Hatchell said.

But Hatchell still expects more than a handful of fans in Tar Heel blue. With Jones returning home and Clay invading the neighborhood, Hatchell said that everyone will be surprised at how many fans the Tar Heels draw on the West Coast.

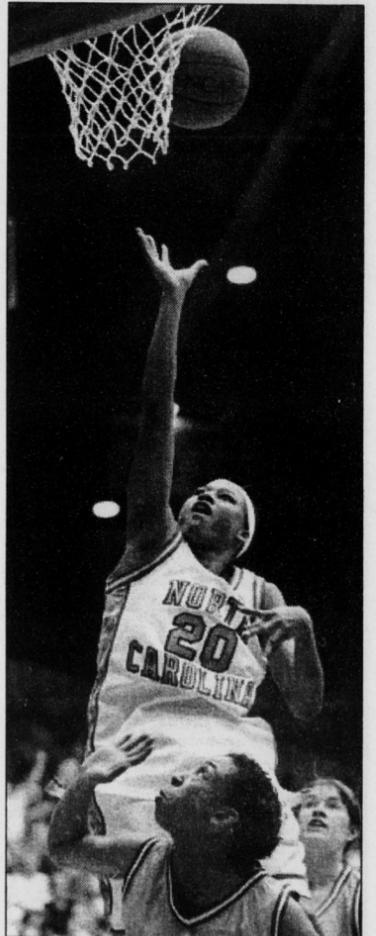
And for all the worries of leaving the East Coast, the Tar Heels seem poised to continue their quest to repeat.

Worried about jet lag? No.

Excited about a trip to L.A.?

"I think it's going to be a good trip for us," Lawrence said. "I think it's a trip our team deserves."

Worried about facing an unfamiliar crowd? Jones said, "I played as a freshman in front of a big crowd in the final four, so I don't think so."



Goin' back to Cali: Marion Jones and the Tar Heels play Stanford in the NCAAs in L.A.

One good turn gets most of the sheets.

Unknown