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IN THE NEWS

Top stories from the state, nation and world

Police Raid Yields Possible Suspects in Subway Attack

TOKYO — Police seized nerve gas solvent, \$7.9 million in cash and 22 pounds of gold Wednesday at two dozen sites linked to a secretive religious sect that calls itself the Sublime Truth.

Several sect members were arrested in a kidnapping case, but police refused to say whether they were also being questioned in Monday's subway attack. Ten people were killed and nearly 5,000 sickened by the poisonous gas released during rush hour. The cultlike group Aum Shinri Kyo has denied any role in the attack.

In a chilling development, the sect's leader, Shoko Asahara, was reported to have delivered an apocalyptic-sounding message Tuesday to followers in the Russian Far East.

Suspect Held in Killings of 4 at Suburban Post Office

MONTCLAIR, N.J. — A debt-ridden former postal worker was charged Wednesday with shooting to death four men in a holdup at a small neighborhood post office, including two employees he knew.

Christopher Green, 29, was arrested shortly before noon, less than 24 hours after the robbery, and told investigators he had held up the post office "because he had a mountain of debt," Postal Inspector Kevin Manley said.

He used part of the stolen money for back rent, Manley said.

Green was arrested at an apartment in a high rise in East Orange, four miles from this New York City suburb, where authorities found a 9 mm pistol believed to have been used in the killings and \$2,000 in cash.

Railroad Massacre Gunman Gets Maximum Sentence

MINEOLA, N.Y. — The man who gunned down six people on a commuter train and then cross-examined survivors of the massacre at his trial was sentenced Wednesday to the maximum — six consecutive terms of life in prison.

Colin Ferguson also received consecutive prison terms of 8 1/3 to 25 years on each of 19 counts of attempted murder. That most likely means the 37-year-old Ferguson won't be eligible for parole, the judge said.

Ferguson, who acted as his own attorney at the trial, was convicted of killing six people and wounding 19 as he walked down the aisle of a crowded Long Island Rail Road train on Dec. 7, 1993, shooting a semi-automatic handgun.

Kaelin Testifies He Heard Thumps Night of Murder

LOS ANGELES — O.J. Simpson said his ex-wife refused to let him talk to their daughter at a recital a few hours before she was murdered, Brian "Kato" Kaelin testified Wednesday. He also repeated his story of hearing mysterious thumps in the night and said Simpson hadn't wanted him to handle a knapsack.

Kaelin, an aspiring actor who was living rent-free at Simpson's estate, recounted a conversation with Simpson following the June 12 recital featuring Sydney Simpson and other children. Nicole Brown Simpson and her friend Ronald Goldman were slain that night.

Under questioning by prosecutor Marcia Clark, Kaelin recalled that Simpson had told him about a conversation with his ex-wife at the recital.

Turkish Warplanes, Troops On Offensive in North Iraq

DARKARJAN, Iraq — Turkish troops rolled past Kurdish villages Wednesday in a massive offensive against a Kurdish rebel movement, raising worldwide concern for civilians caught in the fighting.

Air strikes and shelling continued for a third day along the 20-mile-wide northern Iraqi border region. Turkey sent in 35,000 troops Monday to try to root out rebels of the outlawed separatist Kurdistan Workers Party, or PKK. Turkey claims that about 2,800 guerrillas are operating in northern Iraq. The operation has been criticized by the Red Cross, the U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees and European nations.

Helicopters ferried in reinforcements Wednesday and at least seven battles were raging, the Anatolia news agency said.

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Weather

TODAY: Partly cloudy, chance of thunderstorms; high 70-75.

FRIDAY: Variably cloudy; high mid- to upper 60s.

Substation Site Choice Called Political

BY TANIA SILVIA CALDERON
STAFF WRITER

Odum Village was picked as the leading site for the University's proposed electrical substation to avoid building it near Chapel Hill Mayor Ken Broun's house, a student member of the Buildings and Grounds Committee said Wednesday.

UNC, which has tried to be a good neighbor by cooperating more often with town officials, would not want to sour relations with the mayor, who lives on Whitehead Circle in Chapel Hill.

Student committee member Ted Teague said Odum Village had been chosen for political and technical reasons.

"I understand the reasons that the University architects proposed the Odum Village site, as opposed to the south chiller plant site, are political rather than technical, based on the perceived effect it would have on that community."

Gordon Rutherford, director of facilities planning and design for the University and a committee member, said the site choice was based on many factors.

"Part of it is an economic concern, part of it is a technical concern and I think part of it is a political concern. I would call it a good neighbor decision," he said. "We have had an excruciating experience with

the community before and feel that it is the responsibility of the University to deal with the problem."

Teague said that the south side chiller plant, which is located near Mason Farm Road and near the southwest boundary of the University campus, was one of two viable site possibilities but that Odum Village was the only one being considered actively.

"It would seem to me that putting [the substation] near another industrial land use would make sense."

For one of the few times in its 82-year history, the Buildings and Grounds Committee will hold an open meeting with the purpose of discussing a possible electrical substation near Odum Village.

"We wanted to get as wide as possible input to make sure we make the right decision," committee member F. Thomas McIver said.

Teague was the committee member who proposed the open meeting. "The committee is not the final authority on the issue. It only serves to advise the chancellor."

The committee has not met to decide when the open meeting will take place.

At an information meeting held Wednesday night in Odum Village to inform concerned residents, John Laetz, the superintendent of electronic distribution, said ex-

panding the South chiller plant would be more expensive because of logistics and a steep terrain. Laetz said that if the South chiller were expanded, UNC would still require another substation within 15 years.

"But in 15 years, Odum Village may not be here," said Anna Waller, an Odum Village resident from New Zealand.

Laetz said the proposed site, which will measure 160 feet by 120 feet, would include space for another substation if needed. It will also allow the expansion of the chiller, which will be needed for new buildings. If approved, construction could begin in September, he said.

Odum Village residents expressed concerns dealing with health, safety and noise and said they had never been consulted. "I think it's unfortunate that there wasn't a consult between people who live here and the people who planned this at an earlier stage," resident Steve Marshall said.

"Given that a majority of construction is going to occur during the academic year, it's inevitable it's going to impinge on people's ability to study," he said.

Laetz said that the substation would be built underground and that the underground location would cancel out any magnetic fields that might cause health problems, would eliminate above ground noise and would be safe.

Plan Calls for Eventual Move Of Student Family Housing

BY MARVA HINTON
STAFF WRITER

The tentative plan to build an electrical substation in Odum Village, the site of student family housing, has some students and their families worried about the status of their neighborhood.

A plan to move Odum Village has been in the works since the mid-1980s, when the University hired Johnson, Johnson & Roy, a land planning firm, to develop its central campus, said Ted Teague, a student member of the Board of Trustees Buildings and Grounds Committee.

The firm recommended that Odum Village be moved to a less central position on the UNC campus to allow for expansion of UNC Hospitals.

After a long process of consultation with numerous committees, the BOT passed a resolution that the company's land-use plan be accepted, Teague said.

The resolution also suggested that the issue be studied further, he said.

"Odum Village is a low-intensity use of a fairly valuable piece of land. As the demands of the University change, we must find the most effective use of that land," Teague said.

One proposal for the land is the construction of the South Loop Road, which would direct traffic to the periphery of the campus by replacing Manning Drive, he said.

John Sanders, a former chairman of the Building and Grounds Committee, said safety was also a factor in the planned construction of the road.

Redirection of traffic from the core of the campus would increase safety for the many pedestrians in the area, Sanders said.

The need for additional space for UNC Hospitals was also cited as a reason.

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Master Coaches Face Off

Smith, Thompson Meet for 3rd Time; Game Evokes Memories of '82 Title Game

BY STEVE ROBBLEE
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Dean Smith and John Thompson will meet at opposite ends of the basketball court tonight for just the third time in the 22 years that both men have directed their respective programs.

Georgetown (21-9) and North Carolina (26-5) face off in the NCAA Southeast Regional semifinals at Birmingham, Ala., at 7:45 p.m.

Tar Heel-Hoya matchups have been special. The two teams tangled for the national title in 1982, with UNC winning 63-62. Georgetown won in 1989, 93-81, in the ACC-Big East Challenge.

But the relationship between UNC's Dean Smith and Georgetown's John Thompson goes back even farther than their



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Georgetown point guard Allen Iverson has had an up-and-down freshman year, scoring over 20 points per game but averaging over four turnovers.

first meeting in 1982.

The two met in 1969 when Smith came to St. Anthony's High School, where Thompson coached, to recruit Donald Washington.

Smith and Thompson have been friends since.

"I was delighted for Coach Thompson and the Georgetown team," Smith said Sunday after the two teams advanced to

the Sweet 16. "John is like family. He has been, and we've been through this every time we play."

"(UNC Assistant) Coach (Bill) Guthridge, Coach Thompson and I were the Olympic coaches in '76. We lived together, and we cried together when they played the 'Star-Spangled Banner' and held

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Budget Threatens Quality of Education

Tuition Hikes May Hurt Graduate Students and Moreheads, Hardin Says

BY T. L. SMITH
STAFF WRITER

While students continue to cry out against Gov. Hunt's proposed budget in a noon rally today, University leaders are mulling what effect the combination of tuition increases and staff cuts could have on the quality of a UNC education.

Hunt's budget, which was submitted to the N.C. General Assembly in February, proposed increasing out-of-state tuition by more than 30 percent, in-state tuition by 3.1 percent and faculty salaries by only 2 percent, far less than the 8 percent recommended by the UNC-system Board of Governors.

Other proposed cuts include about \$2.3 million in staff, \$1 million in middle management positions and \$500,000 in equipment.

Chancellor Paul Hardin called the cuts "pretty alarming" and pointed in particular to the effect increased tuition would have on the Morehead Scholars program.

UNC has used the Morehead, the flagship undergraduate scholarship, as a recruiting tool to attract top students.

Hardin said increases in tuition could put a strain on the program, which provides full tuition to the University for its recipients.

In addition, Hardin warned of the spillover effects that raising tuition on graduate students would have on all students at UNC.

He said professors would have less time for undergraduates if UNC attracted fewer

graduate students to assist in research. And if departments have to spend more on tuition remissions to attract top graduate students, that is money they won't have for other programs.

Faculty Council Chairwoman Jane Brown added that the proposed \$2.3 million in staff cuts could further cripple the graduate program because some staff funds were being used to support graduate students who assisted with faculty research projects.

This will make it difficult for UNC to continue to attract the "best and brightest" graduate students, Brown said.

Donnie Hall, the University's budget officer, said staff reductions would be most likely to begin through attrition, where vacant positions were not filled.

Hall also noted that the University was facing more stringent federal grant regulations that limited the number of support staff members researchers could hire with grant money. For example, if a secretary is not directly working on a research project, he or she might not be eligible to receive grant money allocated for that project, Hall said.

This means researchers must rely more on University funds to pay staff.

Brown added that UNC had already undergone downsizing in the early 1990s because of state budget pressures but that now North Carolina's economy was thriving.

"We're already operating a lean, mean machine," she said.

Others in the University and beyond also wondered why UNC was facing budget cuts when the state was in good economic shape.

Rep. Joe Hackney, D-Orange, said the sacrifices being asked of UNC were for political reasons.

Hunt's budget decisions have been made as a tax-cutting strategy as opposed to a means of financing education, Hackney said.

D.G. Martin, UNC vice president for public affairs, agreed that tax relief was what was driving the proposed budget and called the cuts "unwise and unnecessary."

Hunt's focus is less on people losing their jobs and more on the actual dollar amount saved, Martin said.

He said he hoped the General Assembly would not cut the "state's greatest asset" — the UNC system.

"It won't be killing the golden goose, but it would be starving it," Martin said.

For now, the fight is far from over. Groups connected with the UNC system are continuing to make their opinions known. Specifically:

■ UNC-system representatives will continue to consult with members of the General Assembly on a regular basis, Martin said.

The message to the General Assembly will be that "reductions in the University's budget, in the short term as well as the long run, will have detrimental effects on the state."

■ UNC-CH is no longer using as critical a strategy as it began with when Hardin lambasted the governor's proposal in a Faculty Council meeting.

Instead, the University has begun to suggest alternatives to the cuts, Hardin said.

"We are busy making sure deep cuts are not actually enacted."

■ Students, staff and faculty will rally against the budget in Polk Place at noon today. Calvin Cunningham, student body president-elect, said, "I think we need to raise awareness on this campus on what's happening at this university."

Parents, School Searching For Answers to Low Scores

BY MEGAN HANLEY
STAFF WRITER

Chapel Hill and Carrboro parents met last night to discuss the future of education for African-American students.

The meeting, called by Mark Royster, vice chairman of the Chapel Hill-Carrboro Board of Education, was in response to the low scores by African-American students on proficiency exams.

The writing tests had a particularly low number of students scoring at the proficiency levels. Out of 81 students taking the upper level writing test, only four scored at the proficiency level.

"I don't even need a percentage to let

you know that it's bad," Royster said. "It was just disparaging what I was looking at."

Royster, the only African American on the school board, also headed the Blue Ribbon Task Force on the Education of African-American students that two years ago issued recommendations for improving the educational status of minority students.

However, partly because of decreased funding to the school system, the recommendations have not had much effect.

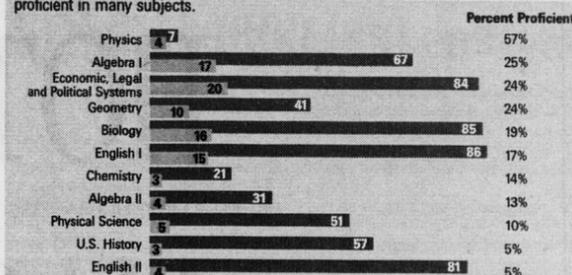
The recommendations called for programs within the schools. Many of the

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African-American Proficiency Scores

Despite attending one of the best school systems in the state, less than 25 percent of African-American students in Chapel Hill-Carrboro middle and high schools are proficient in many subjects.

KEY: ■ Number of test takers
■ Number proficient



SOURCE: CHAPEL HILL-CARRBORO CITY SCHOOLS

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Global Concerns



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The Omni Shop's globe joins students and other supporters in front of Alumni Building Wednesday afternoon at a rally for an environmental petition that will be presented to state and national legislators on Earth Day.

The one who loves the least controls the relationship.

Robert Anthony