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IN THE NEWS

Top stories from the state, nation and world

Israeli Forces Kill Three Islamic Fundamentalists

HEBRON, West Bank — Israeli security forces on Sunday ambushed and shot dead three Palestinians the army said were en route to a planned attack on Israel. As the army clamped a curfew on nearby Hebron, leaders and supporters of the Hamas fundamentalist group to which the men belonged said others would take their place and would continue attacking Israelis.

Abu Shaker, 35, who lives next to the ambush site, said the Israelis had been dressed as Arabs and had ambushed the men as they drove through an olive grove, firing "until they were sure the Palestinians were dead."

The Israeli army spokesman's office said that security forces had clashed with a "terrorist cell" and that three Palestinians had been killed.

Government Forces Break Serb Lines Near Sarajevo

SARAJEVO, Bosnia-Herzegovina — Government soldiers broke through Serb lines south of Sarajevo on Sunday to seize territory on another strategic mountain and several villages, military reports said.

Signs of disarray were emerging in the Bosnian Serb leadership as government troops chip away at Serb-held territory. Both sides are gearing for a resumption of heavy fighting when a failed four-month cease-fire officially expires May 1.

The Bosnian presidency on Sunday ordered formation of military reserve units regardless of sex or age. Little detail was available immediately.

Tension has escalated throughout Bosnia and particularly in Sarajevo.

Prosecutors in O.J. Trial Focus on Blood Evidence

LOS ANGELES — Three months and about 40 witnesses into testimony, prosecutors have yet to present a single piece of physical evidence positively linking O.J. Simpson to the murders.

Their opportunity is coming up in what is being called the make-or-break phase of the case. Prosecutors have pointed to gloves and a hat, blood spots and shoe prints — all, so far, unconnected to anyone.

Now, with the focus shifting to blood evidence, legal experts say the prosecution will have its chance to win or lose.

Will the bloody glove found at Simpson's estate prove to match his blood and the victims'? Will hairs in the ski cap show the same characteristics as Simpson's hair?

Gingrich Plan to Give D.C. Residents Vote in Congress

WASHINGTON, D.C. — House Speaker Newt Gingrich would like to make Washington, D.C., a Maryland congressional district and give city residents full voting rights in Congress, a published report said Sunday.

The district's 600,000 residents currently have a nonvoting delegate in the House and no representation in the Senate.

Quoting unidentified federal and congressional sources, the Washington Times said Gingrich's plan called for a House member with full voting privileges and for the chance to vote for Maryland's two senators.

The House seat technically would become Maryland's 9th Congressional District.

Police: Cult Using Model Guns to Create Arsenal

TOKYO — Members of the religious cult suspected in the nerve gas attack on Tokyo's subway were converting model guns into functioning weapons, police said Sunday.

Handguns are banned in Japan, but model guns are legal. Police said they found five replica guns in the process of being retrofitted in a search late Wednesday of the office of two cult followers.

Last week, police found dozens of automatic rifle parts in a car owned by the cult, Aum Shinri Kyo, or Supreme Truth. Officials suspect the parts were made at a sect factory.

The Kyodo News Service reported today that a notebook seized from an arrested cult official contained plans for buying tanks and other military goods from Russia.

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Weather

TODAY: Mostly cloudy, chance of rain; high mid-70s.

TUESDAY: Partly cloudy, 20 percent chance of rain; high upper 70s.

System Schools Join Fight Against Cuts

BY KELLY LOJK
STAFF WRITER

The looming threat of budget cuts has concerned the University and N.C. State University for months, but the majority of UNC-system campuses across the state are beginning to get the wake-up call.

For many of the schools, the call is bringing news of the General Assembly's proposal to severely cut the UNC system's funding is coming from UNC-CH's student leaders.

On April 6, the House Subcommittee on Education approved a proposal to reduce the system's budget by \$48 million, which cuts \$22 million deeper than Gov. Jim Hunt proposed in February.

The battle to slash funds for higher edu-

cation has caught many campus communities off guard, and UNC-CH student government leaders are furiously trying to arm them with information.

"We hope to push the buttons on other campuses, and it appears that some of those buttons are stuck," Student Body President Calvin Cunningham said.

Cunningham is working with faculty and staff at the University to coordinate a systemwide protest rally Wednesday. "At UNC, we rally every spring, and it's old hat to campaign like this," he said. "That's not so at most of the other schools in the system."

The Quieter Fronts

Many student leaders throughout the UNC system said students on their campuses either were not aware of the budget

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UNC Students Combat Budget With Rally, Campaigns

BY NANCY FONTI
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Student leaders are taking an active role in protesting budget cuts by educating their peers through door-to-door informational campaigns and by sponsoring a rally in Polk Place on Wednesday.

The Student Budget Defense Coalition will sponsor a rally from noon to 1 p.m. Wednesday in front of South Building. The rally will be an opportunity for students, faculty and the University community to speak out against the budget cuts.

Steve Hoffmann, president of the Graduate and Professional Student Federation, said he expected students from

other UNC-system schools to attend the rally. "About 200 people attended last time. This time I hope 1,000 attend, and I think there is a very good chance with this effort."

"I think a lot of people from N.C. State (University) are coming," Hoffmann said. "It's going to be a forget-the-rivalry type thing. We're all in this together."



Student Body Vice President AMY SWAN said she hoped Wednesday's rally would send a message to the legislature.

Members of the coalition are also urging faculty to attend the rally with students and to discuss the effects of the budget cuts in class on Wednesday, Hoffmann said.

Student Body Vice President Amy Swan said the coalition's goal was to have rallies on all 16 campuses at the same time Wednesday.

"We want to send the message to the General Assembly that budget cuts to the University are going to result in fewer classes, lower salaries — things that are going to decrease the quality of our education, which means a less qualified work force," Swan said.

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Grand Slam



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UNC's Brian Whitlock is greeted by his teammates after his grand slam, which gave the Tar Heels an 11-3 lead over Duke and drove a knife into the Blue Devils' hearts. UNC would go on to dig that blade much deeper by scoring 14 more runs in its 25-4 victory Sunday. The win completed a three-game sweep.

Williamson's First Day In Open Court Today

BY RYAN THORNBURG
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Wendell Justin Williamson, the former UNC law student who is accused of killing two men during a Jan. 26 shooting spree on Henderson Street, is scheduled to have his first public court hearing in Hillsborough since being indicted on 15 criminal charges.

Williamson has been in custody in Raleigh's Central Prison since being released in early February from UNC hospitals after being treated for two gunshot wounds to the leg he received on Jan. 26. The pretrial conference will take place in Orange County Superior Court in Hillsborough sometime today. Williamson, originally from Clyde, stands accused of two counts of first-degree murder, two counts of firing into an occupied dwelling and 11 counts of assault with a deadly weapon.

Superior Court Judge F. Gordon Battle will preside over the hearing, in which Williamson's lawyers, Chapel Hill attorney Kirk Osborn and public defender James Williams, will discuss issues of the case with the judge and with Orange-Chatham District Attorney Carl Fox, who will be prosecuting the case. Battle is expected to preside over the actual trial when it comes before a jury in late summer or early fall.

Topics for discussion will be brought up by Battle and evaluated by the prosecuting and defense attorneys. Typical topics of discussion at this type of hearing regularly include whether the defendant is mentally or physically fit to stand trial and whether the death penalty is appropriate in the case.

Fox filed papers in Orange County District Court in February asking for the death penalty for Williamson is convicted. Fox cited several aggravating circumstances in the case that he said required him by law to seek capital punishment in the case.

Community members opposing the death penalty placed full-page ads in several Triangle newspapers calling for Fox to relent on his recommendation of the death penalty. Signers of the advertisement asked that prosecutors consider Williamson's past academic record and his diagnosed mental illness as reasons not to seek capital punishment.

Williamson has been diagnosed as having paranoid schizophrenia and reportedly had outbursts in the classroom while in law school at UNC. His mental state is likely to be a topic of discussion today in the Hillsborough courtroom.

The prosecution may ask for an examination of Williamson's mental condition to counter any possible defense claims that their client was not in a fit mental state at the time of the incident.

Any sort of defense based on mental state has not been filed by the defense and most likely will not be known until Williamson enters his plea at the trial.



The double-murder case of WENDELL WILLIAMSON might go to trial in late summer or early fall.

UNC Celebrates 25 Years of Earth Day

BY RACHAEL LANDAU
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What used to be a special-interest movement has turned into a global campaign to promote an appreciation of our environment and an awareness of what can be done to correct the problems facing it.

This week's Earth Week, sponsored by the Student Environmental Action Coalition and the National Institute for the Environment, is just one of many programs across the nation commemorating Earth Day, which is Saturday.

"This being the 25th anniversary of Earth Day, it gives us the chance to look back on the movement but, more importantly, to look forward at our future," said Ameena Batada, former co-chairwoman of SEAC.

This year's Earth Day celebration has been expanded to cover a whole week, including events such as an Earth Fair, a tour through the N.C. Botanical Garden and two multimedia presentations on Costa Rica.

"As students, we need to make our voices heard that protecting the earth and its creatures is a high priority," said Christy Santoro, co-chairwoman of Environmental Education for Kids, a subcommittee of SEAC.

Santoro, a senior from Chapel Hill, said that SEAC had sponsored only one day of activities in past years but that it had expanded it this year because of Earth Day's anniversary.

"We hope that students will take time

this week to learn something new or to write a letter to their congressmen and also to take some time to enjoy the things we take for granted in Chapel Hill," she said.

Several of the events are cosponsored by other campus groups including the Campus Y, Sangam, Great Decisions and the Study Abroad office.

"In the past, Earth Day has gotten more commercialized, and it's turned into something people don't necessarily see the motives behind or what it means," said Margaret Corley, co-chairwoman of SEAC. "This year, we're trying to do things to increase awareness of the issues through more educational programs."

Corley, a sophomore from Chapel Hill, said the group wanted to design events that promoted education and action rather than fund raising or just buying something to promote the week.

One such educational program is a tour of the Botanical Garden at 3 p.m. Wednesday.

"North Carolina has one of the best botanical gardens in the country, and very few students utilize it," Santoro said. "It's a lot more accessible than students realize, but a lot of people don't even know where it is."

Students and community members will meet tour guides in the Pit to travel down to the trail, which starts from the baseball field, she said.

Global Jeopardy, which is scheduled for noon on Wednesday, will allow students to participate in a 5- to 10-minute Jeopardy game centered around environmental issues, said Batada, a senior from North York, Ontario.

Participants will be able to win environmentally sound prizes.

At 11 a.m. Friday, students and community members can participate in a "Free

UNC Eyes Uses for Two Tracts

BY ADAM GUSMAN
UNIVERSITY EDITOR

University committees will continue to meet during the next several months to discuss possible uses for UNC's Horace Williams and Mason Farm tracts, Bruce Runberg, associate vice chancellor for facilities management, said Thursday.

The Faculty Advisory Committee and the Buildings and Grounds Committee will try to decide on possible uses for the areas of the tracts that have been identified

as developable by representatives from Johnson, Johnson & Roy, an Ann Arbor, Michigan-based land-use consulting firm. "We're going to be very busy," Runberg said.

JJ&R visited campus last week to receive input from the faculty committee, University officials, town advisory boards from Chapel Hill and Carboro, and the general public. The consultants will return Sept. 20 to begin assigning possible uses to the outlying areas.

The towns' advisory panels have agreed with JJ&R's assessment that much of the University's future development should occur on the Horace Williams site instead of the larger Mason Farm tract, which is also located closer to central campus.

JJ&R designated only 31 of Mason Farm's 1,300 acres as a primary development zone, avoiding a biological preserve, the N.C. Botanical Garden and many acres

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University Wants To Keep Airport

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Earth Week

Monday, noon, Rainmaker's Mountain of Costa Rica Slide Show

Presentation, Student Union 226
3:30 p.m., Sense Tour at the Botanical Gardens, Campus Y

7 p.m., Carnivore Preservation Trust, 209 Manning

Tuesday, 12:30 p.m., Sangam Dance in the Pit

7 p.m., N.C. Alliance for Democracy, 103 Bingham

Wednesday, noon, Global Jeopardy in the Pit

3 p.m., Tour of Herbs and Conservation of Medicinal Plants in the Pit

7 p.m., Multimedia Costa Rica with Jamie Howard from Study Abroad, 209 Manning

Thursday, 4 p.m. to 6 p.m., Big Buddy Scavenger Hunt in the Pit

5:30 p.m., Protect Our Woods with speaker Sandy McGarrath, Student Union 226

7 p.m., Christianity and the Environment with speaker Sandy McGarrath, 209 Manning

Friday, 11 a.m., Earth Day: Free the Planet Rally in the Pit

Noon to 4 p.m., Earth Day Celebration, McCorkle Place

The Planet rally co-sponsored by SEAC and Greencorps, a national organization that promotes environmental service. The purpose of the rally is to get people interested in environmental issues, especially

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Pollution is nothing but the resources we are not harvesting.

Buckminster Fuller