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IN THE NEWS

Top stories from the state, nation and world

Nichols Brothers Arrested On Conspiracy Charges

OKLAHOMA CITY — Two brothers were linked in conspiracy charges Tuesday with Oklahoma bombing suspect Terry McVeigh, and a motel manager in Kansas said he recognized the man in a new FBI sketch of "John Doe 2" as a nervous guest with a foreign accent.

The fast-breaking developments in two states came as rescuers raked through the rubble for bodies and this grieving city continued to bury its dead. The death toll rose to 88.

In Michigan, federal prosecutors filed conspiracy charges against James Nichols, a 41-year-old farmer, and his brother, Terry, 40, who is being held in Kansas. They were accused of conspiring with McVeigh, the 27-year-old Army veteran charged in the explosion that destroyed the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building.

A court affidavit said James Nichols told FBI agents Friday that McVeigh "had the knowledge to manufacture a bomb" and that the three men made "bottle bombs" in 1992.

McVeigh was not accused in the Michigan case and the charges are not related to the Oklahoma bombing, authorities said.

In addition to linking the Nichols brothers to McVeigh, they allow the government to continue holding the men, who previously were in custody as material witnesses.

Ginger Rogers, Hollywood Musical Star, Dies at 83

RANCHO MIRAGE, Calif. — Ginger Rogers, the glamorous blonde who made dance floor magic with Fred Astaire in a string of unforgettable musicals and who won an Academy Award as best actress for "Kitty Foyle," died Tuesday at 83.

Rogers died at her home apparently of natural causes, Riverside County Coroner Veronica Martinez said.

Rogers' career spanned 65 years in every field of show business from vaudeville to television. During the 1940s, she was one of the highest paid, most sought-after Hollywood stars, appearing in such hits as "Roxie Hart," "Tom, Dick and Harry," "The Major and the Minor," "Lady in the Dark" and "Weekend at the Waldorf."

Miss Rogers was most remembered for the blissful partnership with Astaire in sparkling musicals that brightened Depression America.

U.N. May Bow to Pressure Over Sarajevo Airport Use

SARAJEVO, Bosnia-Herzegovina — Crippled by a critical fuel shortage, the United Nations signaled Tuesday that it might give in to Serb demands to ban civilian use of the front-line Sarajevo airport.

U.N. officials, a day ahead of today's scheduled airport talks, expressed little hope that they could avoid further restricting use of Sarajevo's lifeline to the outside world.

It's likely the Serbs will be less than cooperative with the United Nations today because a U.N. tribunal in The Hague on Monday named Bosnian Serb leader Radovan Karadzic and his military commander, Gen. Ratko Mladic, as war crimes suspects. Karadzic, who has yet to comment on the tribunal's announcement, met Tuesday with Patriarch Pavle, the head of the Serbian Orthodox Church.

Rwandan Refugees Return To Homes Despite Dangers

BUTARE, Rwanda — Almost a year after they first fled their homes, about 200,000 refugees were on the march again Tuesday in Rwanda. Many headed back to villages where U.N. officials feared they might be killed by survivors of one of the world's most brutal genocides.

The United Nations' refugee agency said that at least nine returnees already had been killed in their home villages and that more than 1,000 were imprisoned in a bank building in Kigali, a town 25 miles south of the capital, Kigali.

In Nusuga, a quiet hillside farming community 10 miles from Butare, 10 returnees were promptly jailed on charges that they bludgeoned their neighbors to death last year. The refugees were Hutus, members of the ethnic majority blamed for last year's slaughter of a half-million men, women and children.

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Weather

TODAY: Sunny; high 72.

THURSDAY: Partly cloudy; high 76.

Council OKs Sidewalk Dining

BY SARA BARTHOLOMEES
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Sidewalk dining has finally reached Chapel Hill, and patrons of downtown restaurants will be able to sit outside and enjoy the food and atmosphere on Franklin Street just in time for summer.

The Chapel Hill Town Council voted unanimously Monday night to pass an ordinance permitting West Franklin Street restaurants to set up sidewalk dining outside of their businesses.

Beginning May 8, restaurants will be able to apply to the town government for a sidewalk dining permit. Restaurants which

are granted permits by the town will pay \$50 per space annually to serve customers sitting at tables located outside on West Franklin Street.

Town council member Rosemary Waldorf said she was optimistic that sidewalk dining would enhance Chapel Hill.

"I think it's going to brighten up West Franklin Street in a positive way," Waldorf said. "We're hoping that it's an experiment that's going to work."

Town Manager Cal Horton said the sidewalk dining ordinance will allow restaurants to seat customers on downtown sidewalks from 7:00 a.m. until midnight. However, restaurants will not be able to

serve alcoholic beverages to customers seated outside due to a city ordinance which prohibits the public consumption of alcohol.

Clark Brayton, manager of New Orleans Cookery, said he was excited about the possibility of sidewalk dining, but he said he hoped restaurants would eventually be able to serve alcohol to sidewalk customers.

"We are going to apply for sidewalk dining as soon as possible," Brayton said. "But I wish they would finally settle the alcohol issue with ALE. I've been getting some conflicting messages about why it is not allowed."

The state Alcohol Law Enforcement board and the N.C. Department of Transportation had sent word to the Chapel Hill town government that they would not allow alcohol consumption on the sidewalks of a public road.

Brayton said New Orleans Cookery hopes to have four to six sidewalk tables, and the Mediterranean Deli also plans to provide three tables for sidewalk dining. Carolina Brewery may also have outdoor seating on West Franklin Street.

The managers of Hams restaurant said he did not plan on having sidewalk dining

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Chapel Hill Music Scene: It Keeps Getting Vedder & Vedder

MIKE WATT AND EDDIE VEDDER CRASH THE CAT'S CRADLE

BY BARRY SUMMERLIN
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CARRBORO — A Cradle-full of teens had their prayers answered Monday night when Pearl Jam lead singer Eddie Vedder appeared with Mike Watt and ex-Nirvana drummer Dave Grohl at the Cat's Cradle.

Vedder, a longtime friend of Watt's, has been on the Mike Watt tour for several weeks now, also playing with his wife in opening band Hovercraft. Upon Vedder's arrival on stage Monday night with Watt and Grohl, the crowd within seconds shifted

toward Vedder. Some fans were moved to tears; others screamed out in celebration. "Eddie Vedder loves Mike Watt and Mike Watt loves college kids so that's why they're on tour," Sony representative Ross Vann said.

Vedder played guitar and occasional tambourine for bassman Watt Monday night, interacting minimally with the crowd.

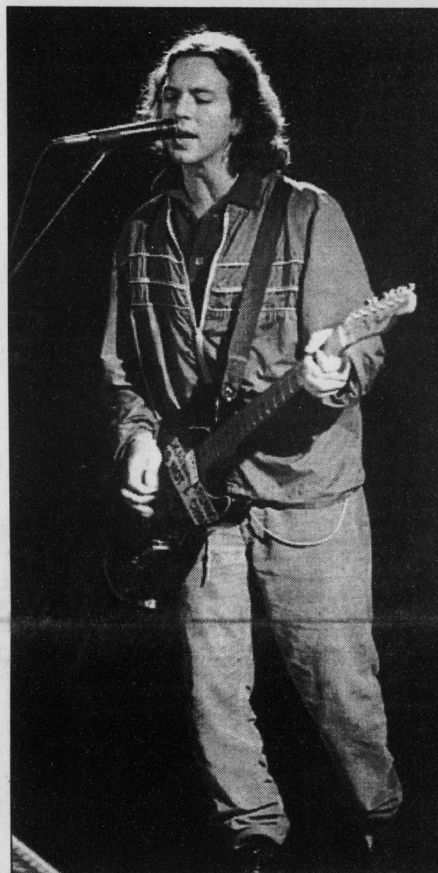
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DTH/ CRAIG JONES

Decked out in his traditional lumberjack garb, Mike Watt performs cuts from his latest album, *Ball-Hog or Tugboat*, at the Cat's Cradle on Monday night.



DTH/ CRAIG JONES

Pearl Jam lead singer Eddie Vedder made a special appearance at the concert to plug Watt's new album.

"It's admirable that (Vedder) wanted to abandon his stardom and just rock with friends in little clubs around the country."
WXYC disc jockey

Reichardt Family Might File Wrongful Death Suit

BY RYAN THORNBURG
CITY EDITOR

A lawyer representing the family of the UNC sophomore who was killed by a Henderson Street gunman Jan. 26 has requested pictures of the scene from three local newspapers to gather information for a possible civil suit.

Durham attorney Joe Poe said Tuesday that no final decision had been made as to what to do with the information, but he did say the Reichardt family of Riva, Md., might seek a wrongful death lawsuit against Wendell Williamson.

"My job is to gather information so they can gain more information about the death of their son," Poe said.

Williamson is being held in connection with the death of Kevin Reichardt and Chapel Hill resident Ralph Walker during a shooting spree on Henderson Street.

Orange-Chatham District Attorney Carl Fox is leading the case against Williamson, who was charged with two counts of first-degree murder and several other felony charges in connection with Reichardt's death. Fox has said he would seek the death penalty.

Poe has requested photos from The Daily Tar Heel, The Durham Herald-Sun and The News & Observer of Raleigh as part of his investigation.

"Right now, it's very difficult for the family this close to the event to deal with all of the details," Poe said. "That's my job."

Reichardt's family members have not made a decision about bringing a wrongful death lawsuit against Williamson, but they are considering it. "It certainly is a possibility," Poe said.

If the family were to win a civil case, Poe suggested that it might use damages collected for the Kevin Reichardt Scholarship Fund that was started shortly after his death.

Civil suits against people already facing criminal charges and being prosecuted by the state are not uncommon in such circumstances, Poe said.

"Certainly, any time someone dies at the hands of another, there is always a possibility that wrongful death action will take place," he said.

The standards of a civil case differ greatly from those of criminal cases involving the

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A BANNER YEAR FOR FROSH APPLICATIONS

BY TINA SMITH
STAFF WRITER

Christine will never forget the day she got her letter.

She was at work when her parents brought her the news that she'd been accepted at UNC.

The freshman from Salisbury said that UNC was the only place she'd ever wanted to go. So she worked hard in high school, kept her grades up and only applied here.

Meredith's path to the University wasn't as certain. The junior from Mount Olive didn't feel any particular joy the day she got her acceptance letter. She had a hard time deciding between Carolina and another, private university.

"They both had similar quality of academic programs, but in the end I chose Carolina because it offered more in the way of extracurricular activities," she said.

Across the state and country, high school seniors are facing decisions like Christine's and Meredith's. As the clock ticks down toward May 1, the national deadline for students to decide where they want to enroll, students and parents aren't the only ones anxious about their decisions.

From his corner office in Jackson Hall, James Walters, dean of undergraduate admissions, also is eagerly anticipating May 1. In his third year at UNC, Walters anticipates a strong freshman class.

For the second year in a row, the University has seen a record number of undergraduate applications. Freshman applications were up 2.3 percent. For the entering class, there were 16,000 applications for 3,200 freshman slots. And the University hasn't offered admission to anyone on its waiting list in several years.

The numbers translate into increased selectivity — a higher deny rate than acceptance rate — for UNC.

And the number of applications will likely continue to rise as the first crop of the children of the baby-boomers hits college age. At the same time, Walters said, there is speculation that the UNC-system Board of Governors will put caps on the University's growth, both in terms of its physical plant and the size of the student body. Together, these factors mean it will become more difficult to get into UNC.

Walters said it was this selectivity, along with quality of academic programs and comparatively low price, that continued to make UNC popular among college-bound high-schoolers.

But officials worry that UNC's reputation as a public ivy might be at risk if the proposed N.C. budget passes.

Walters said he was concerned about what budget shortfalls might do to enrollment rates. In an interview, he said that he had answered questions from concerned prospective students and parents who had

wondered what the proposed cuts might do to the quality of a UNC education.

"I try to answer their questions as honestly and as straightforwardly as possible," Walters said. "Their questions are difficult. If faculty were to be cut, we'll have to say that this may have an effect. It may be that students decide that they'll go elsewhere, and that will be their decision."

"The irony of the proposed cuts is that we are trimming in the face of prosperity," he said.

Still, Walters remains optimistic about the University's ability to continue to at-

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Goodbye, DTH

You are holding the last news issue of The Daily Tar Heel for this semester. Trust us, we can't believe it either.

The Graduation Gift Guide, with lots of cute baby pictures honoring the class of 1995, will be published Thursday.

After that, the summer Tar Heel will publish every Thursday beginning with May 18. The DTH office will be open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Thursday and Friday if you have any business you need to take care of with us this week. Feel free to call 962-0245 with any questions.

Good luck on exams.

Bring down the curtain, the farce is over.

François Rabelais