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# IN THE NEWS

## Penn. Gunman Kills 2, Wounds 3 in Rampage

WILKINSBURG, Pa. — A gunman who reportedly flew into a rage over a broken door went on a rampage Wednesday, shooting a maintenance worker at his apartment and customers at two fast-food restaurants before surrendering to police during a hostage standoff. Two people were killed and three critically wounded.

Ronald Taylor, 39, of Wilkesburg, was arrested in an office building after he kept police at bay for two hours, holding four or five people in wheelchairs hostage at a senior hospice center. "His mood went from anger to confusion — distraught, fear and remorse," said Sgt. John Fisher, a negotiator for the Pittsburgh SWAT team who talked to Taylor. "He bantered back and forth between killing himself and surrendering."

During the standoff, more than three dozen children from a third-floor day-care center in the building were evacuated, along with other workers.

Fisher said Taylor told him that he was upset about a broken door at his apartment. A worker at Taylor's building said the suspected gunman, who is black, was angry that workers had not repaired the door fast enough. All the shooting victims were white males, authorities said.

## Officials: Boy Shooter Obtained Gun at Home

MOUNT MORRIS TOWNSHIP, Mich. — The 6-year-old boy who killed a first-grade classmate used a stolen semiautomatic gun he apparently discovered loaded and lying around in a bedroom at the "flop house" where he was living, investigators said Wednesday.

The boy was questioned again Wednesday and told investigators that the shooting was an accident and that he had only been trying to scare the girl, Police Chief Eric King said. The boy is too young to understand what he was doing and probably won't be charged, the prosecutor said.

Instead, authorities focused on possible charges against any adults who gave the boy access to the .32-caliber pistol

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a difficult task. "Balance is the key," she said. "Creating a balance is vital to success as a person and as a county."

Board member Richard Kennedy said he knew redistricting would leave certain people unhappy regardless of the final decision.

"Most people want their child to stay where they are," he said. "But the bottom line is that someone has to move."

Superintendent Randy Bridges said the board would consider all of the residents' input before making a final decision. "We want to take our time (in planning) because redistricting affects schools quite a bit," he said. "But it is important that we get a plan approved and go from there."

The board has scheduled a work session for Wednesday to further explore the issue. Bridges said he would like to have all redistricting plans finalized before school assignments were mailed out this summer.

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being more vocal at hearings would not help the community gain the needed funds. He referred to an instance last year in which the community center was forced to pay the town \$181,000 in loan money. "(The Town Council) took all of our money, and all we are trying to do is provide affordable housing for working people," he said. "It seems as though the big alliance neighborhoods get all the attention and funds."

Ward said it was a problem getting some residents to attend town meetings. He said single parents and residents under financial strain did not have the time to address the council every time an issue affected them. "We still need better advertisement for our citizen advisory boards, especially the transportation board that affects so many people here in Chapel Hill."

"Also, we are trying to reach our latino citizens by printing more Town Council literature bilingually."

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he used to shoot 6-year-old Kayla Rolland on Tuesday morning, a day after the two apparently had scuffled on the playground at Buell Elementary School. After the shooting, the boy put the gun in his desk and went to the school office, Superintendent Ira Rutherford said. When police first questioned him, King said, he "sat there drawing pictures."

"He is a victim in many ways," said Genesee County Prosecutor Arthur Busch. "We need to put our arms around him and love him."

Busch said the house where the boy and his 8-year-old brother were staying with an uncle was frequented by strangers, and the boy's father — who is in jail for a parole violation — told the sheriff that people at the house traded crack cocaine for guns.

## Rocker's Pleas Get Suspension Cut in Half

KISSIMMEE, Fla. — Now comes the hard part for John Rocker — making amends with teammates, fans and society in general.

The Atlanta Braves reliever was cleared for spring training Wednesday when his suspension was cut in half by an independent arbitrator, who ruled that Rocker should sit out the first 14 days of the regular season for offending gays, minorities and foreigners. His \$20,000 fine was also cut to \$500.

The decision, the first by baseball's new arbitrator Shyam Das, was criticized by commissioner Bud Selig. He said it "completely ignores the sensibilities of those groups of people maligned by Mr. Rocker and disregards the player's position as a role model for children."

Selig had banned Rocker from all 45 days of spring training and the first 28 days of the season. Rocker and the players' association argued the decision should be overturned, as it was inconsistent with past sanctions.

Associated Press

# Carrboro to Hear Transit Woes at Forum

By KEVIN KRASNOW  
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Area residents and students concerned about traffic congestion and transportation in Carrboro can toot their horns at a Public Transit Forum tonight.

The Carrboro Transportation Advisory Board will host the forum to hear opinions from Carrboro residents and representatives of Chapel Hill Transit and Triangle Transit Authorities. The forum will be held from 7:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. in Room 109 at Carrboro Town Hall.

Carrboro Transportation Planner Kenneth Withrow said coordinators of the forum had three goals.

"First, to look at where changes need to be made this budgetary year," he said. "Second, how transit fits in at a

regional level, and third, to examine land use with future transportation."

Withrow said he hoped students would attend the meeting, adding that he wanted to learn what students expected from local transportation services.

"We want as many college students, particularly residents of Carrboro, to attend the meeting," he said. "With regard to fare-free travel, what aspects of fare-free are students looking to see and expecting out of it?"

Part of the forum will also include a discussion over the future development of the Horace Williams Tract, a UNC property on Airport Road.

Transportation Advisory Board Chairman Neal Mochel said the board would discuss ways to provide transportation to and from the property.

"We will be looking at providing

transportation into UNC and into Carrboro from that tract," he said. "A third of the tract is in Carrboro, so we need to look at this closely."

Scott McClellan, administrative analyst for Chapel Hill Transit, said his presentation would focus on Carrboro's transportation needs including a possible parking lot for students.

"Carrboro wants to know about expected revenue for the year and easy-ride bus waivers," he said. "Another issue is the proposed UNC park-and-ride lot by Jones Ferry Road, which is still in its early stages of planning."

Transportation Advisory Board member Shirley Marshall said another goal of the forum was to look for ways to reduce traffic in Carrboro, such as building more affordable housing in town.

"We will try to address the burgeon-

ing traffic problems in the Triangle area," she said. "Right here, if we built affordable housing, it would cut down traffic right away."

Giles Blunden, an architect from Carrboro, will also make a presentation on the proposed Downtown Carrboro Revision Plan. He said the plan called for methods of reducing automobile use through other forms of transportation.

Blunden said his plan also suggested several possible solutions to alleviate traffic in the area. "When you go through Carrboro now, you only average seven miles an hour because of all the traffic lights," he said. "We want to slow traffic down by making more narrow lanes and more roundabouts."

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# Ruling Forces Duke to Accommodate Disabled

By KRISTIAN KORDULA  
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Student facilities at Duke University will soon undergo a modification and restructuring project to make them more accommodating for the disabled, after a recent agreement between the school and the U.S. Department of Justice.

The agreement was initiated by a former disabled Duke student who sued the university because many of the school's buildings and facilities were not accessible to handicapped students.

The out-of-court ruling last week by the Justice Department will force the school to restructure many of its student facilities, pay a \$25,000 fine for violating the American Disabilities Act and com-

pensate the student who filed the suit with \$7,500.

This is the first such agreement between the Justice Department and a university.

"This was a huge victory for people with disabilities in the United States," said Bill Freeman, president of the American Disabilities Association.

Freeman said the university violated the American Disabilities Act, which was revised in 1990 to include all private institutions, because handicapped students could not participate in many student activities. "There were clearly some violations that meant some (handicapped) students could not take part in certain campus activities," Freeman said. Duke officials said the renovations

would be under way soon to comply with the ruling.

"The renovations will start almost immediately," said Noah Bartolucci, a spokesman for the university.

He said the first task in the renovation process, which should be completed over a five-year period, was to survey the campus to identify the buildings, paths and halls that need modification.

Bartolucci also said most of the renovations were minor, while some were larger scale endeavors.

"We're focusing on things like curb cuts, elevator installations and making more of the water fountains more accessible," he said. "We're also trying to make more parts of Cameron Indoor Stadium accessible."

Other modifications that will appear around campus in the next five years will be an increased number of handicapped parking spots and an enlargement of at least half of the rooms in residence halls that house handicapped students. The university was also forced to ensure that all classes enrolling disabled students are located in accessible areas of campus.

Christine DiBartolo, a spokeswoman for the Justice Department, said the agreement could be a blueprint for future actions.

"We think this is a model agreement for other universities and colleges."

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