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IN THE NEWS

State to Disseminate Millions in Flood Aid

RALEIGH — More than \$19 million from the state's \$836 million Hurricane Floyd relief package will be awarded to assist 748 families in seven communities and five counties, Commerce Secretary Rick Carlisle said Tuesday.

"Each grant award helps communities move closer and closer to complete recovery," Carlisle said.

Homeowners who did not have adequate insurance or qualify for Small Business Administration loans will get replacement and rehabilitation grants. Renters also will receive some of the money.

Beaufort County will get \$1 million; Craven County, \$1.09 million; Duplin County, \$2.23 million; Greene County, \$1.18 million; Jones County, \$200,000; Pamlico County, \$558,000; Pender County, \$4.94 million; Greenville, \$3.17 million; Belhaven, \$1.18 million; Grifton, \$1.81 million; Seven Springs, \$777,000; and Windsor, \$828,000.

Officials to Make Videos Of Columbine Public

DENVER — Videotapes of the Columbine shootings will be made pub-

lic Wednesday by the Jefferson County sheriff's office, a decision that outraged families of the victims.

Officials announced the move after the sheriff's office handed over the tapes to a lawyer for six of the victims' families Tuesday, one day after a judge ordered him to do so. The families want the videotapes to support their lawsuit that alleges the sheriff mishandled the response to the deadly school shooting.

"As of yesterday, they didn't want to give it to us," said James Rouse, the families' lawyer. "Now they want to give it to the whole world for \$25."

The tapes will be released to the public on request Wednesday for a \$25 fee. Rouse said his clients had planned to consult with other victims' families before deciding whether to release anything to the public.

On Monday, a judge ordered the sheriff's department to hand over copies of the tapes, which include footage from school surveillance cameras showing the two student gunmen opening fire in the cafeteria on April 20, 1999. It also includes two to three hours of helicopter footage, Rouse said.

Charlotte Officials Ask For Hornets' Arena Bid

CHARLOTTE — After waiting for months to see a financing plan for a new downtown arena from the Charlotte Hornets' owners, city officials say they want to see the team's numbers by early next month.

Hornets co-owner Ray Woodriddle last month floated a proposal for a \$220 million arena funded totally with public money. The idea infuriated city leaders who said they had told Woodriddle the arena should be built mostly with private money.

Woodriddle has not yet presented a formal financing plan to the city.

Council member Don Lochman heard Woodriddle talk this winter about breaking ground on a new uptown arena this summer. Since then, Woodriddle has broken two dates to

present a financing proposal.

"In December, this gentleman walked into the economic development committee and said 'I will have this for you,' and I haven't seen the guy since," Lochman said.

Two council members went further: Since most on the council agree an uptown arena would boost the city's economy and image, why wait on Woodriddle?

The council will make the final decision on whether any public money is used to replace the Charlotte Coliseum in southwest Charlotte, a 12-year-old building that the Hornets say is too outdated for the team to survive financially.

While the financing numbers remain up in the air, attendance at Hornets games is going down.

On Saturday, the Hornets sold 15,023 seats at the Coliseum for a first-round NBA playoff game against Philadelphia. Only 11,766 showed. It was the least-attended home playoff game for the Hornets.

U.S. Prosecutors Brief Clinton on Microsoft Suit

WASHINGTON — Justice Department antitrust lawyers were summoned to the White House today to brief President Clinton's legal and economic advisers about a range of options for dealing with Microsoft Corp., including splitting up the software giant.

Gene Sperling, head of the president's National Economics Council, said, "This is strictly an informational briefing." He said Clinton would not take part. Sperling refused to say whether Clinton's advisers would make recommendations on how Justice should proceed in the case. "We are not going to answer hypothetical questions," Treasury Secretary Lawrence Summers said it was appropriate to have a briefing on issues that have important economic ramifications.

Attorneys for the Justice Department and the 19 states that successfully sued Microsoft for antitrust violations are

considering ways to break up the company as a method to curb anticompetitive practices. One reported option would be to split the company into two or three parts, each selling separate products, such as the Windows operating system and Internet content. Another alternative would be for Microsoft to divest its popular Office software.

Any kind of divestiture is part of a "full array of options" being discussed, a source close to the talks said Monday.

The news of a possible breakup contributed Monday to a 16 percent plunge in Microsoft shares, by \$12.31 a share to \$66.62, in trading on the Nasdaq stock market.

McCain Returns to Site Of Capture in Vietnam

HANOI, Vietnam — Shaking hands with crowds of Vietnamese, a nostalgic John McCain returned Tuesday to the Hanoi lake where in 1967 he was dragged ashore and beaten after parachuting from his downed warplane.

The bitter war has yielded to reconciliation, and the Arizona senator strolled with his family around the busy shorefront of the capital's Truc Bach lake, stopping at a sidewalk memorial marking his rescue.

"I put the Vietnam War behind me a long time ago," McCain said upon arriving in Vietnam on Tuesday. "I harbor no anger, no rancor."

MASTER PLAN
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ly be replaced by new residence halls.

"There are some things that I think need to be changed," Rentas said.

"But the only way things are going to change is if students come out to the Pit and voice their opinions."

The plan also would alter current student parking options on campus.

The Ramshead Parking Lot and the Bell Tower Lot would be replaced with new campus buildings, and underground parking lots would be added.

Convissor said students would actually gain parking spaces.

"The number of people on campus will also go up, so the ratio of people per parking space will actually go down even though there will be more spaces."

But Rentas said she was skeptical about the implementation of subterranean parking decks because there would be such high cost involved.

With UNC's ambitious plans to increase enrollment significantly during the next several years, parking spaces

People on the street seemed to feel the same. A crowd of Vietnamese gathered around McCain as he walked, greeting him as a friend and shaking his hand. McCain, who spent more than five years as a prisoner of war here, is now a leading proponent of rebuilding relations with the impoverished communist nation.

Vietnam celebrates the 25th anniversary of the end of the war on Sunday, and the former presidential candidate is the most prominent of the numerous returning U.S. veterans.

"My job here is to commemorate the beginning and continuation of a new relationship between the United States and Vietnam," said McCain, who was instrumental in restoring formal ties five years ago. His schedule was filled with war reminders.

Shortly after he arrived, McCain attended a solemn airport repatriation ceremony in which an 11-person military honor guard placed six small boxes of remains, believed to be from U.S. servicemen, into silver metal coffins.

About 50 U.S. civilians and military personnel watched as the containers were draped with American flags and carried into the hold of a C-17 cargo plane heading to Hickam Air Force Base in Hawaii for forensic analysis.

Hawaii Senate Approves Medical Marijuana Bill

HONOLULU — The state Senate

will become even more coveted.

Convissor said one of the goals of the plan was to encourage students to get to campus by using Triangle Transit Authority and Chapel Hill Transit.

She said she was excited to see that students had been so interested in what the Master Plan would mean for the campus' future.

"The University is for the students, and it is very gratifying to see the care and concern they have for the future of the University, whether or not they will be here to experience it," Convissor said.

Faculty and staff will also have the opportunity to view the Master Plan this week.

Faculty will be able to see the plan at 3 p.m. today in the Design Studio, located in Morehead Planetarium Design Studio.

Employees will be updated at the Employee Forum Community Meeting at 10 a.m. Thursday in the Pleasant Room in Wilson Library.

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FIRE

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"A lot of (victims) aren't comfortable here," said Billy Wood, a representative for Foxcroft's management firm. "We understand that, and we are doing everything we can to accommodate them and make sure they have a roof over their heads."

Timberlyne managers have followed similar procedures, offering the option of automatic lease termination to victims.

Timberlyne victims moved into vacant apartments within the complex until other arrangements can be made for permanent residences.

Heather Viscusi, leasing consultant at Timberlyne, said officials at the apartment complex had tried to provide accommodations for victims of Friday's fire.

"The apartments we had available, we put people in."

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NIKE

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University of Illinois in Urbana-Champaign, said increased resources could include an online database.

Marissa Fugate, a University of Kentucky student, said one of the monitoring teams was not as well-trained as the others. "There should be a worldwide standard," she said.

Duke student Edmund Malesky said the students' fourth recommendation was for Nike to have a certain percentage of unannounced visits to provide information not uncovered by those that were publicized. "(Unannounced visits) are the only way to see if forced or child labor is occurring," Malesky said.

The final three student recommendations were for more culturally sensitive worker questionnaires, on- and off-site worker interviews and participation by nongovernmental organizations.

Shubha Chakravaty, a student at Stanford University, said the confidentiality of workers interviewed at each factory was not safe, making them hesitant to speak freely. "Management can trace their complaints," she said. "This lack of a relationship inhibited (workers' responses)."

Todd Pugatch, a member of UNC Students for Economic Justice, was not

part of the teleconference but said interviews with people the workers knew were crucial to compile an accurate report. "The most important element is trust — if you don't have trust, you're not going to get the truth."

Pugatch, who applied to be one of Nike's student monitors but was not selected, said he was skeptical of PwC's interviewing methods and ties to Nike. "I question (PwC's) independence (from Nike)," he said. "The visits took place without the input of local, nongovernmental organizations."

Local groups are able to establish closer ties with workers, Pugatch said, bringing to light labor violations and allowing monitoring groups such as the Worker Rights Consortium to more strictly enforce their labor standards.

UNC recently joined the WRC, in which companies like Nike have less input on labor codes. UNC is also part of the Fair Labor Association, which students have protested for giving the corporations too much control.

"Nike is willing to publicly release some aspects, if favorable, but they are truly afraid of independent monitors that know the community and have the trust of the workers," Pugatch said. "It suggests they have something to hide."

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COMMITTEE

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said.

Concerns involving Downs' tenure as this year's vice chairwoman of the Elections Board then began dominating the committee's discussion.

Following the discussion, members of the committee were evenly split on Downs' appointment. As committee chairwoman, Sarah Tully Miller, was able to break the tie and voted against Downs' appointment.

Downs questioned the process leading up to the decision.

"I felt the meeting wasn't run fairly at all," she said. "I wasn't given an opportunity to refute or confirm any of the assumptions made about me."

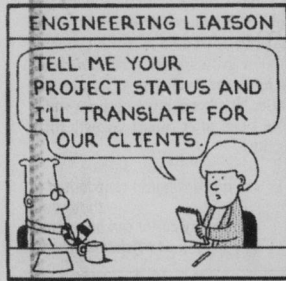
Downs said she was concerned for the future of the student elections process.

"This decision sets a negative precedent in that it brings into question who ones' friends are," she said.

In an early-morning interview, Matthews said Downs was the most qualified candidate for the job and that he wasn't surprised by the "unfair" way the committee reached its decision.

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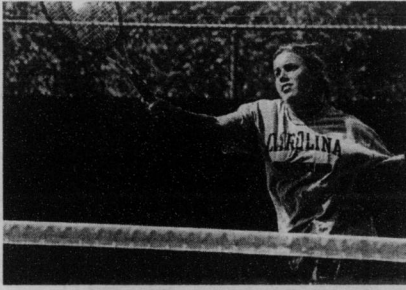
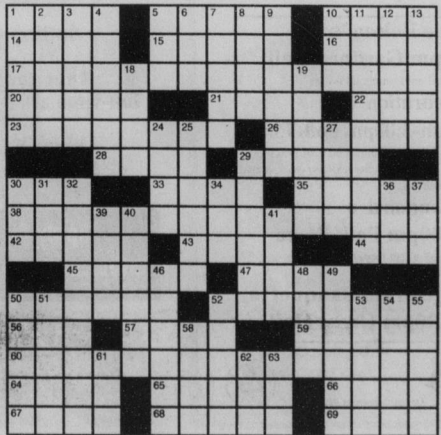


THE Daily Crossword

By Nancy Salomon & Sherry O. Blackard

- ACROSS**
- 1 Undersized
 - 5 Finger or toe
 - 10 Thessaly peak
 - 14 Leigh Hunt's "Ben Adhem"
 - 15 Antilles island
 - 16 Chinese poet
 - 17 Executive's climb?
 - 20 Clearwater's neighbor
 - 21 Fricassee
 - 22 Siamese or Persian, e.g.
 - 23 With 52A, Led Zeppelin's climb?
 - 26 Most of North Africa
 - 28 Isaac's eldest
 - 29 Black tea
 - 30 Slice of a circle
 - 33 Danube feeder
 - 35 Borden bovine
 - 38 John Boy's climb?
 - 42 Hall-of-Fame pitcher Warren
 - 43 "She Lovely"
 - 44 Make free (of)
 - 45 Actress Della
 - 47 Infield cover, briefly
 - 50 Pedestal's base
 - 52 See 23A

- 56 Long, long time
 - 57 Solomonic
 - 59 Change "captain" to "cap'n," e.g.
 - 60 Scholar's climb?
 - 64 Pismires
 - 65 This bud's on you?
 - 66 Burpee kernel
 - 67 Young girl
 - 68 Editorial directives
 - 69 Sleep fitfully
- DOWN**
- 1 Peace accords
 - 2 Depth-charge target of WWII
 - 3 Ms. Shearer
 - 4 Materialistic
 - urbanite
 - 29 Lickety-split
 - 30 Sympathetic exclamations
 - 31 Utter sharply
 - 32 Licorice sticks
 - 34 Morning hrs.
 - 36 X - VII
 - 37 Finale
 - 39 At that time
 - 40 Boxer's combo
 - 41 Jazz state?
 - 46 Changes gears
 - 48 Virginia dance
 - 49 Light in the extreme
 - 50 Flower element
 - 51 "Doone"
 - 52 Past perfect, e.g.
 - 53 MTV play
 - 54 Outer limits
 - 55 Has to have
 - 58 Card game for three
 - 61 Switchback turn
 - 62 Giant Mel
 - 63 Director Clavin



Erin Niebling

The University of North Carolina and Wachovia would like to congratulate Erin Niebling, the Wachovia Woman of the Week.

A junior from Bay Head, New Jersey, Erin is described by her coach as one of the most talented players he's ever been around, with a unique ability to learn new shots and strategies in a short amount of time. Erin is a highly motivated student in the School of Journalism and Mass Communication at Carolina; last year she was a member of the ACC honor roll. She is also active in the ACC Outreach program and has served as a volunteer at the Ronald McDonald House and as a member of the Carolina Advertising Club.

Wachovia is committed to supporting achievements by women and is proud to celebrate Erin Niebling's accomplishments.



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