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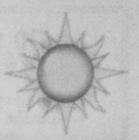
## Enjoy the Break

The crossword (and the rest of the DTH) will return Monday, Oct. 22 — maybe.



## Weather

Today: Sunny; H 63, L 31  
Thursday: Sunny; H 65, L 36  
Friday: Sunny; H 70, L 47



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# FBI Investigates Link Between Anthrax Cases

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Security officials sealed off one wing of an eight-story Senate building and dispensed precautionary antibiotics by the hundreds Tuesday as the FBI probed similarities between an anthrax case in New York and a spore-spiked letter mailed to Senate

## America Attacks

Majority Leader Tom Daschle. "Obviously, these are difficult times," said Daschle, as the Senate — and the nation it represents — grappled with the unsettling threat of bioterrorism. A thousand miles to the south, Floridian Ernesto Blanco lay ill in a hospital with the inhaled form of anthrax, less than two weeks after a co-worker died of the same illness.

In New York, headquarters for many of the nation's high-profile news media

corporations, officials said they expect full recoveries for two people, an NBC news employee and the 7-month-old son of an ABC producer, infected with a less lethal form of the disease.

Yet five weeks after terrorist strikes killed 5,000 in New York and Washington, D.C., the nation reeled under a continuing series of disclosures involving letters tainted by anthrax bacteria, spores discovered in a postal facility in Florida, countless innocent scares

and a not just a few malicious hoaxes.

"As the evidence unwinds, there may end up being a formal tie" between the anthrax cases and Osama bin Laden's terrorist network, said Tom Ridge, who was recently sworn in as the head of the new Office of Homeland Security.

Other officials didn't go quite so far but said they are looking for links between anthrax and the man suspected of orchestrating the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks that killed thousands in New

York, Washington and Pennsylvania.

FBI Director Robert Mueller told reporters there were "certain similarities" between the letter addressed to NBC anchor Tom Brokaw and the mail unsealed in Daschle's office across the street from the Capitol several days later.

Both were postmarked in Trenton, N.J., and Mueller said there were similarities in handwriting, as well. Two officials, speaking on condition of anonymity, said the letters contained similar

threatening messages expressing anti-American and anti-Israeli sentiments and included a pro-Muslim statement.

The Justice Department released photos of the two envelopes, addressed in handwritten block letters that appear similar. Both contained a postmark from Trenton, N.J., and both also appeared to have metered stamps.

Since Oct. 1, Mueller said, "the FBI See ATTACK, Page 4

# Officials Announce 8-Year Nike Contract

By Stephanie Horvath  
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University officials announced Tuesday that UNC has signed one of the largest contracts ever agreed upon by Nike and a collegiate athletics department.

The eight-year contract, the third UNC has entered with Nike, is valued at \$28.34 million, a substantial increase from the University's current five-year \$11.6 million contract that expires at the end of this school year.

The contract, signed Monday, is landmark in nature not only because of its size and monetary worth but also because of the incorporation of UNC's labor code, a topic of contention on campus in recent years.

The deal also includes a stipulation giving the University 10 percent of royalties from the sale of merchandise bearing the UNC logo, up from 8 percent in the previous deal. The new contract takes effect July 1, 2002.

"We are comfortable in saying that this is one of the largest," said Director of Athletics Dick Baddour at Tuesday's press conference. Through the contract, Nike will provide all 28 UNC varsity sports with uniforms, practice gear and equipment. Baddour said UNC is one of about half a dozen schools that have all their varsity sports funded by Nike.

Moeser said the money from Nike is particularly important in light of the state budget crisis. "This helps us with our commitment to support the entirety of the program. Without it, we'd have two choices — fewer sports or massive reallocation of funds from the University."

But the deal also is groundbreaking in the area of labor standards, Moeser said. "This new contract extension between the University and Nike sets a new standard for social responsibility," Moeser said.

The contract calls for Nike to abide by the University's Code of Labor Conduct and for Nike to disclose all manufacturing plants that make UNC merchandise and uniforms. Those plants are subject to independent external monitoring by the Fair Labor Association, of which the University is a dues-paying member.

In addition, UNC has promised to implement a policy requiring all apparel bearing the University's logo to be made by licensed dealers who are subject to the same standards as Nike. UNC has about 580 licensees with 2,700 man-

ufacturing sites worldwide.

Baddour said UNC negotiators suggested the idea of the uniform policy and found Nike was receptive to it. "That actually was a success we didn't anticipate, moving into another area," said Rut Tufts, co-chairman of UNC's Labor Licensing Code Advisory Committee.

The contract also includes an escape clause that allows UNC to terminate the agreement with Nike if the company fails to remedy any recurring violations of the University's labor code in its facilities.

Baddour said it is hard to say exactly what would warrant termination. "That's something you have to look at as it's happening," Baddour said.

As a part of the contract, Nike also is financing trips for two members of the University community to visit one of the manufacturing plants where UNC apparel is made. A committee made up of 19 students, faculty and staff members advised the negotiators during the deal. "We have been completely open and candid with the campus as these discussions unfolded," Moeser said.

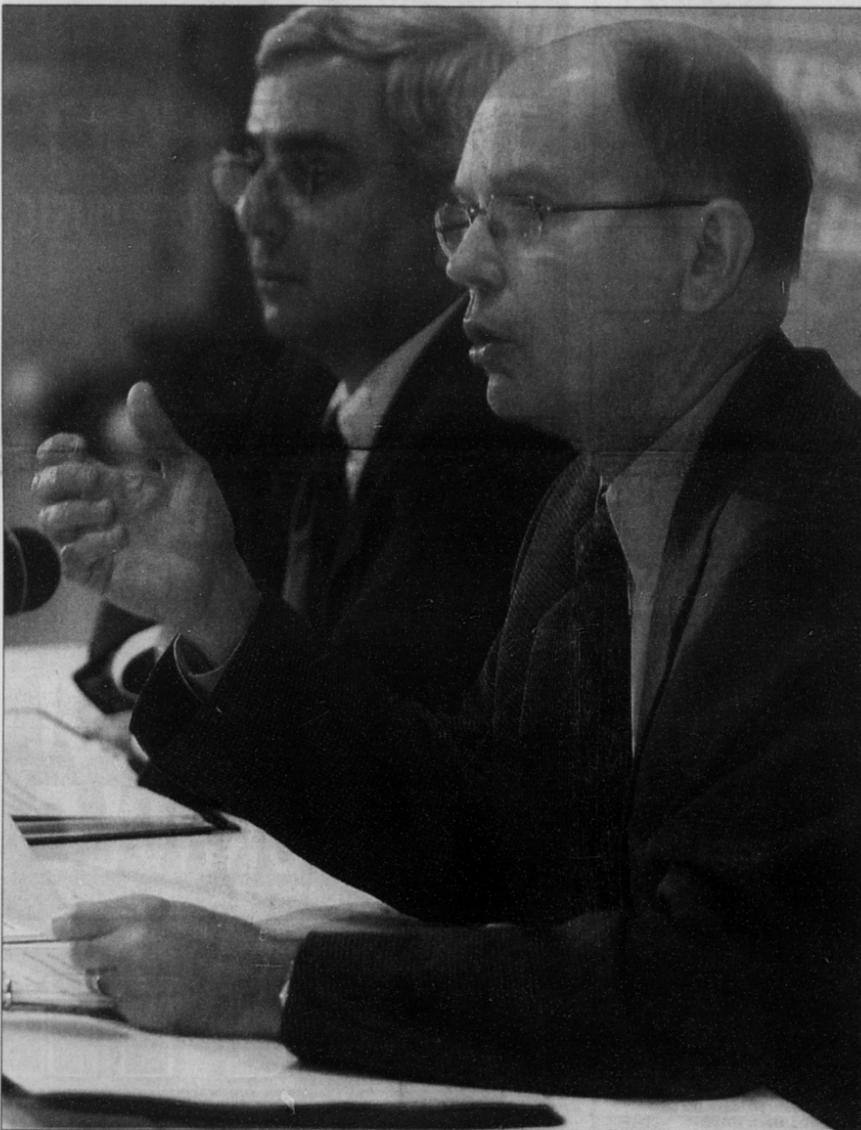
Besides the labor provisions, the contract also includes clauses that benefit nonathletes. As a part of the deal, Nike will give \$800,000 to the Chancellor's Academic Enhancement Fund each year, money Moeser said will benefit undergraduate education. The contract also gives the Department of Athletics \$200,000, half of which will be used to fund teams without additional Nike contracts.

The debate on the use of corporate signage in Kenan Stadium and the Smith Center also arose in the recontracting talks. There is currently no such signage in the facilities, but if the University adopts a policy allowing it, Nike reserves the right to receive signage as part of the contract.

"All of us agree the culture of this place is special," Moeser said. "The atmosphere of Kenan Stadium and the Smith Center is special. If we do it, it'll be carefully done and discreetly done."

Baddour said negotiations with Nike were cordial and that UNC officials never felt pressure. "At no time during these nine years has the University or Department of Athletics compromised our values or our culture, nor has Nike expected us to."

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Chancellor James Moeser addresses reporters Tuesday afternoon. Moeser and Director of Athletics Dick Baddour announced the signing of a new eight-year contract with Nike.

# Donation To Fund Positions

The Kenan Trust has given \$27 million to fund 10 new endowed professorships at more than \$3 million each.

By Nikki Werking  
Staff Writer

Officials say a recent donation to fund endowed professorships will be a significant contribution to the Carolina First fund-raising campaign and will help the University recruit and retain new faculty.

The William R. Kenan Jr. Charitable Trust has committed a donation of \$27 million to fund up to 10 new Eminent Professorships worth more than \$3 million each. The gift officially was announced by Chancellor James Moeser on Oct. 12, University Day.

UNC officials say the gift will help the University draw and retain outstanding new faculty at a crucial time.

"The professorships go to the core of a great university because it builds a great faculty," said Provost Robert Shelton.

Speed Hallman, executive director of UNC's development communications, said the gift is a big step forward for the Carolina First campaign, whose primary

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# Pickup Hits 65-Year-Old At Full Speed

No charges had been filed Tuesday in regards to the incident, which occurred on the N.C. 54 Bypass.

By Kristen Hefflin  
Staff Writer

A Carrboro man was left unconscious Monday night after a vehicle traveling at an estimated 45 mph struck him.

Henry Lee Mann, 65, of Carrboro was in serious condition Tuesday evening, a UNC Hospitals spokeswoman said.

Mann, who lives off West Poplar Avenue, was in the neurosurgery intensive care unit at UNC Hospitals on Tuesday, the spokeswoman also said.

Mann was crossing N.C. 54 Bypass at 8:25 a.m. when a red pickup truck hit him. The vehicle was traveling east on N.C. 54 Bypass between Oleander Road and West Poplar Avenue.

A report from an eyewitness stated that a red pickup truck hit the man head-on without reducing speed.

Reports also state that the witness

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Fire engulfs the intersection of East Franklin Street and Estes Drive after a gas line was ruptured. The occupants of the truck escaped safely.

# Construction Sparks Gas Fire

By Kellie Dixon  
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Local officials battled a blaze Tuesday night that raged more than 100 feet high and sent one construction worker to the hospital in critical condition.

The fire started when a gas main broke around 9 p.m. Tuesday. The fire burned for more than two hours, officials said.

At least five trucks, from both the Chapel Hill and Carrboro fire departments, responded to the scene — Walker's BP Service, located at 1500 E. Franklin St. — around 9 p.m. A light pole, a construction backhoe and a pickup truck also were damaged in the blaze.

The station sits on the corner of East Franklin Street and Estes Drive.

A member of the construction crew was taken to UNC Hospitals around 9:30 p.m. A fellow construction worker said the man suffered second-degree burns to his arm and first degree burns to his face.

The gas company PSNC Energy, a Scanna Company, cut off the gas lines at around 10:30 p.m., an official speculated. Three employees from PSNC dug a ditch off Estes Drive, attempting to slow the flow of gas to the blaze.

David Lee, a pipe layer for Thalle Construction Company, said the company has worked on the site for about four weeks. Lee said there were about four other workers on the site besides himself at the time of the incident. The workers were laying a water main. "We had just got started, and I guess (the pipe) was right

where the edge of the road was," he said. "We weren't even a foot and a half deep."

Motorist Susanna Rodell, of 2604 Orange Chapel Clover Garden Road, said she was waiting at the intersection to take a right turn onto Franklin Street.

"I was sitting there waiting to turn right and the thing just exploded," Rodell said. "Just a huge ball of flame went up in the air in front of us. I opened the door and just yelled to my daughter to get out and run."

Her new green Ford F-150 pickup ignited within minutes, she said. "I'd been waiting to buy that truck for so long. ... It was tough watching it go up in flames."

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Violence shapes and obsesses our society, and if we do not stop being violent we have no future.

Edward Bond