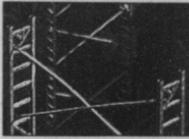


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## N.C. House Says Yes to New Plan

Several N.C. representatives complained the redistricting plan formed voting districts on the basis of racial lines.

By MIKE GORMAN  
Staff Writer

RALEIGH — The N.C. House gave tentative approval to a controversial redistricting plan Tuesday in a near party-line vote after about a month of debate.

The bill, which passed 62-57, was sponsored by Rep. Ronnie Sutton, D-Robeson, co-chairman of the House Legislative Redistricting Committee.

The Democrats have a small majority in the House, holding 62 seats to the 58 seats held by Republicans.

The plan, which will be voted on again by the House today, will shape the makeup of the N.C. House for the next 10 years.

The plan passed Tuesday is a revised version of Sutton's original plan, which the House has been considering since early this month.

Rep. Charles Buchanan, R-Mitchell, was the only Republican to deviate from party lines, joining 61 Democrats in voting for the bill.

But some Republicans and Democrats still say they are displeased with how the plan addresses minority representation.

Sutton said the new plan fixes areas with unbalanced voter influence and better represents the population shift in North Carolina over the last 10 years.

The population in the Triangle and the Triad boomed during the past decade, while it declined in rural areas.

Wake County, which has grown rapidly in the last 10 years, will gain two seats, bringing its total to 12. Mecklenburg County, which includes Charlotte, also gained two seats, giving it 13 in all. Charlotte traditionally has leaned Republican.

"Several districts were reshaped to make them look a little bit better," Sutton said. "I think that in most cases the switch benefitted the Republicans."

The new plan will establish 120 member seats in the House, with each member representing roughly 67,000 residents.

Sutton's plan outlines 113 districts — 107 single-member districts, five two-member districts and one three-member district. There are 98 districts in the House now.

According to the plan, representation in some current two-member districts will be changed to single-member districts. Many of these new districts will be divided along lines that will group

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## Bush: White House Free of Anthrax

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The nation's anthrax scare hit the White House on Tuesday with the discovery of a small concentration of spores at an offsite mail processing center.

"We're working hard at finding out who's doing this," President Bush said as

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bioterrorism claimed fresh victims along the East Coast.

Bush said the executive mansion was safe — and twice said "I don't have anthrax" — despite the discovery of spores on a machine at the mail site a few miles from the White House. Spokesman Ari Fleischer said all employees at the site as well as mailroom workers in the White House itself were being "swabbed and tested" for the disease.

The startling disclosure capped a rapid-

ly unfolding series of events in which officials announced additional confirmed and suspected cases of inhalation anthrax, and the administration pledged a more aggressive testing and treatment program if additional tainted letters are discovered.

Before the current outbreak, "We had had no cases of inhalation anthrax in a mail sorting facility," said Jeffrey Koplan, head of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. "There was no reason to think this was a possibility."

For his part, Health and Human Services Secretary Tommy Thompson pushed Bayer Corp. to lower its price for Cipro, a front-line anti-anthrax drug.

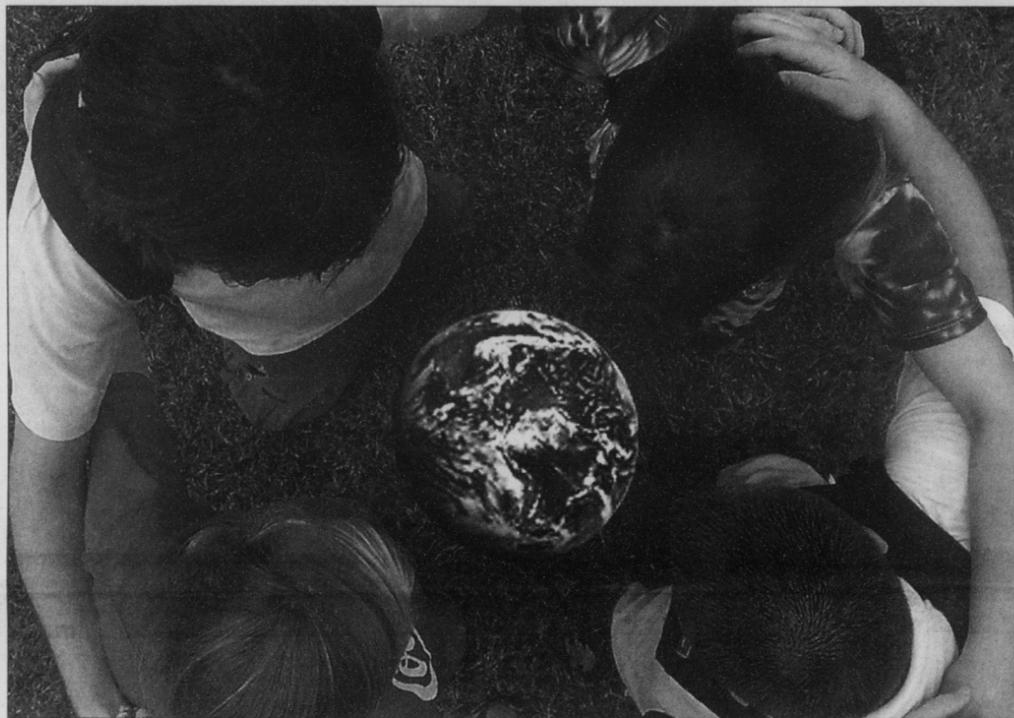
And overseas, the State Department issued a worldwide alert warning U.S. citizens to be mindful of the risk of anthrax or other biological or chemical agents.

Six weeks after terrorists killed thousands in Washington, D.C., and New York, administration officials drew a rhetorical connection to the outbreak of

anthrax. The FBI released the text of three anthrax-tainted letters — each of them dated Sept. 11, the date that hijackers flew planes into the World Trade Center in New York and the Pentagon.

Bush believes the spread of anthrax "is another example of how this is a two-front war: that there are people who would seek to do evil to this country; that there are people who mean us harm," Fleischer

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The Sept. 11 attacks have changed many Americans' perspectives on the world and on society at home. Polls taken since the attacks have shown increased concern about military, defense and foreign policy and steady support of U.S. retaliation efforts.

## Americans Still Support War

By MICHAEL DAVIS  
Staff Writer

For most Americans it was only a matter of time.

Many see the military strikes on Afghanistan as an inevitable response to the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks in New York, Washington, D.C., and Pennsylvania.

The mainstream American response, from the halls of the U.S. Capitol to the lunch counters in Midwestern farmlands, has been a call to arms to rid the world of such threats.

Many Americans wanted a swift military response, and that is what they have received. But the far-reaching implications the attacks

will have on American society remain to be seen.

A recent Gallup Poll found nine out of 10 Americans support the recent strikes on Afghanistan, which are now in their third week. Eighty percent of those polled support the use of ground troops.

Polls also show that American concerns about military, defense and foreign policy issues have risen significantly since the attacks.

The military began satisfying the public's cry for action through a series of strikes against



A four-part series examining the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks

- Tuesday: Two Worlds
- Today: Media Role and Retaliation
- Thursday: Security Versus Civil Liberties

Afghanistan's ruling Taliban government, believed to be supporting Osama bin Laden, the alleged mastermind of the Sept. 11 attacks.

Political leaders have called for expansive changes in military policy, vastly altering Bush's foreign agenda, which has been viewed by many as isolationist.

Although early evidence exists that the public is ready for a long campaign, no one knows how long the American public will be willing to

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## Journalists Strive For Objectivity During Tragedy

A recent Gallup Poll reports that 86 percent of Americans believe the news media have acted responsibly since the Sept. 11 attacks.

By ALLISON LEWIS  
Staff Writer

As the World Trade Center collapsed before their eyes, many journalists found it challenging to maintain their objectivity during one of the darkest moments in American history.

Though called to be loyal, patriotic Americans, reporters sometimes had to pick through disturbing information. NBC's Tom Brokaw and CBS's Dan Rather — two icons of American journalism — both have displayed emotional response to the attacks and their aftermath on the air.

As the days wore on, the television screens were covered with patriotic symbols and the media's attention turned toward Afghanistan — a country with little Western media presence.

Now the media must focus not only on covering one of the biggest tragedies in American history but providing fair coverage from a section of the world often inhospitable to a free press.

### Striking a Balance

The media's attempts to maintain an aura of objectivity surfaced soon after the attacks.

ABC News asked its on-air reporters not to wear American flag pins. Some networks asked that suspects in the attacks not simply be referred to as "terrorists" but as "alleged terrorists."

James Carey, a professor of international journalism at Columbia University, said balancing patriotism and journalistic responsibility can be difficult during a crisis. "There is a point where the norms of citizenship end and the lines of professional reporting begin," Carey said.

A recent Gallup Poll reported that 86 percent of the American population believes the news media have acted responsibly in the weeks since the attacks.

Despite strong approval for media organizations' coverage of both the terrorist attacks and the impending conflict, critics have argued that some papers have been insensitive.

The New York Times received criticism for publishing an image on Sept. 12 of a man diving head-first from the burning World Trade Center.

Even as the media have drawn some criticism for lacking sensitivity, an overwhelming red, white and blue theme has appeared throughout television news programs.

Each news network gave the conflict a different catchline — CNN titled its coverage "America's New War." Many net-

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## Durham Murders May Be Connected

By LIZZIE BREYER  
University Editor

Durham police identified similarities Tuesday between two recent murders and are investigating possible connections between both victims.

"We have not drawn a link, but we have discovered some similarities," said Lt. Ed Sarvis, spokesman for the Durham Police Department. "Both victims were roughly the same age, both the same race, both are known homosexuals, and both frequented chat rooms on the Internet."

As the investigation progresses, officials are warning local Internet chat room users to exercise extra caution online.

The two victims, Michael Robert Neice, 30, and John Randall Cash, 31, were both residents of Durham.

According to reports, Neice's body was

discovered Sept. 24 at 6205 Farrington Rd., Apt E-13, in Durham at 12:14 a.m.

Reports state that the apparent cause of death was stab wounds and that there was no sign of forced entry.

Reports state that Cash's body was discovered at 4:45 p.m. Sunday in his apartment at 4900 North Roxboro Road in Durham. According to reports, the cause of death is undetermined, but the death is being investigated as a homicide.

Although police have not yet drawn a direct connection between the murders and the gay community or Internet chat rooms, members of UNC's lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender community are concerned about possible threats to LGBT individuals in Chapel Hill.

Glenn Grossman, president of the Carolina Alternative Meetings of Professional and Graduate Students, said he is concerned about possible

threats to UNC students who use chat rooms to meet other LGBT students.

He said the Internet is particularly important for LGBT students because they often have trouble meeting each other. "It is important to remember what the Internet means to the gay population," Grossman said. "There are no other safe opportunities that are institutionalized, and gay students have the need to socialize."

Grossman said he has been speaking with Melinda Manning, assistant dean of students, and with Department of Public Safety officials to develop strategies for warning LGBT students about the possible risks associated with using chat rooms.

Grossman also said he is organizing a meeting tonight for all campus LGBT groups to come together and discuss the potential danger.

Manning said she hopes to warn all students — not just those in the LGBT com-

munity — of the proper precautions to take when meeting someone in person after having an Internet conversation. "I'm not saying that students should not talk in chat rooms, but if they decide to meet someone they talked to on the Internet, they should meet in a public place," she said.

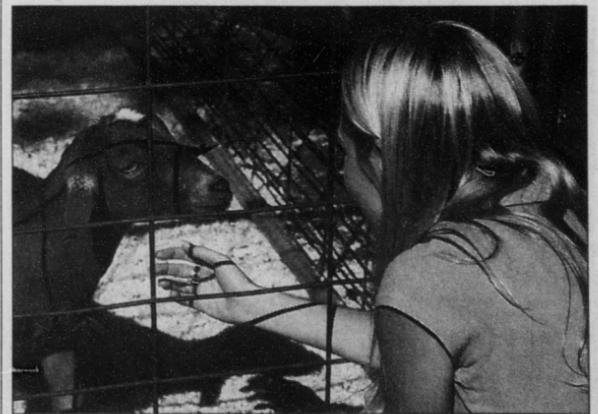
Sarvis also stressed caution when meeting someone from a chat room for the first time.

"One of the big pieces of advice we give is to realize you don't really know anything about the person — it's just someone you have had a typed conversation with," he said.

"You never know who you're dealing with."

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## FUN WITH ANIMALS



DTH/VICTORIA FRANGOULIS

Junior Kristin Morris plays with a baby goat at the petting zoo planned for Senior Week. The zoo included a llama, a donkey, goats and pigs for students' entertainment.

Whatever America hopes to bring to pass in the world must first come to pass in the heart of America.

Dwight D. Eisenhower