

WORLD BRIEFS

Hamas militants targeted in Israeli attack; 26 injured

GAZA CITY, Gaza Strip — Israeli helicopters fired four missiles at a car carrying Hamas militants Monday, killing at least one of them and wounding 26 people on a crowded Gaza City street in the sixth such attack in two weeks. Three men were in the car, witnesses said, and at least one got away.

Israel has been waging war on Hamas in retaliation for a deadly suicide bombing that killed 21 people on a Jerusalem bus Aug. 19. With Monday's attack, 14 Palestinians, including at least 10 Hamas members, have been killed in missile strikes.

A cease-fire declared June 29 by Hamas and other militant groups collapsed shortly after the bus attack, when Israel killed a senior Hamas leader, Ismail Abu Shanab, in a helicopter missile strike.

Hoping to arrange a new truce — and clear the way for progress on a U.S.-backed peace plan — Egyptian leaders staged talks Sunday in Cairo between Hamas representative Osama Hamdan and Palestinian Authority legislator Ziad Abu Amr, a Palestinian official close to the talks said Monday.

Widow: Weapons adviser felt betrayed by officials

LONDON — Weapons adviser David Kelly felt betrayed by his bosses at the Ministry of Defense after being caught up in a political storm regarding the British government's case for war in Iraq, his widow testified Monday.

Janice Kelly said that in the days before his apparent suicide, he was distressed about being identified as the possible source of a British Broadcasting Corp. report that claimed Prime Minister Tony Blair's office had exaggerated the threat posed by Saddam Hussein's weapons to justify war.

Kelly was unhappy about testifying at a televised parliamentary hearing, she added.

"I had never in all the Russian visits and all the difficulties he had to go through in Iraq, where he had lots of discomforts, lots of horrors, guns pointing at him, munitions left lying around, I had never known him to be as unhappy as he was then," Janice Kelly told a judicial inquiry examining the circumstances of her husband's death.

North Korea rejects U.S. demands to scrap weapons

MOSCOW — Keeping up its bellicose rhetoric, North Korea on Monday dismissed U.S. demands that the communist nation scrap its nuclear program as "a game even kids won't play."

North Korea took an angry, hard-line stance following last week's landmark talks in Beijing with the United States, South Korea, Japan, China and Russia about its nuclear programs.

"Despite our goodwill and generosity, the United States has shown no readiness to drop its hostile policy toward the DPRK during the latest talks and blatantly put forward new gang-style demands," the Foreign Ministry said Monday in a statement from its Moscow embassy, according to the Interfax news agency.

Checkpoint ambushed by suspected Taliban fighters

QALAT, Afghanistan — Suspected Taliban fighters attacked an Afghan government checkpoint Monday and ambushed soldiers along the main road linking the south with the capital, killing at least eight soldiers and taking two prisoners, Afghan officials said.

The attacks came a day after two U.S. soldiers were killed in a 90-minute gun battle with insurgents in Paktika province, in the east near the border with Pakistan. Four suspected Taliban were killed in the fighting.

CITY BRIEFS

Student's laptop stolen from Granville Towers

A \$3,500 IBM Think Pad T40 laptop was stolen from a student's room in Granville Towers East at 1 a.m. Friday.

CALENDAR

Today

7 p.m. — The Advocates for Sexual Assault Prevention will hold their first meeting of the year in Bingham 101.

7:30 p.m. — The Carrboro Board of Aldermen will hold a public hearing concerning the greenways and sidewalks bond in the Carrboro Town Hall board room. Town Hall is located at 301 W. Main St.

Student aid keeps pace with tuition

State aid to UNC to top \$3 million

BY BROOK R. CORWIN
UNIVERSITY EDITOR

All is calm in the Office of Scholarships and Student Aid.

It's one week into the school year — and less than two months since the N.C. General Assembly passed its most recent tuition increase — but the office isn't scrambling to patch together financial aid packages.

"Right now, it's remarkably quiet," said Shirley Ort, director of scholarships and student aid.

"One of the ways we know we're doing a good job is if the phone doesn't ring."

Despite a steady stream of tuition increases during each of the past five years, the office hasn't fallen off its goal of meeting 100 per-

cent of financial need.

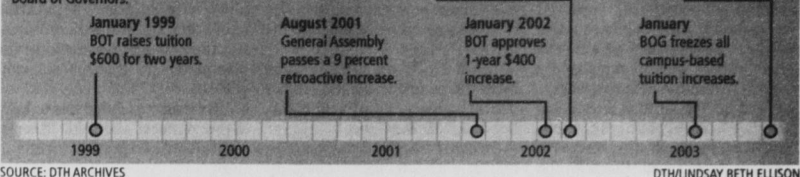
With more support coming from the state, private donations and the University itself, the office's efforts to supply funds for students who qualify for aid actually have improved.

Last year, 65 percent of aid to students who applied on time came in the form of scholarships and grants. That figure is a substantial increase from the 1996-97 school year, when only half of all aid came in the form of scholarships and grants, with the rest coming from loans.

For almost every tuition increase passed during the last several years, either by the UNC Board of Trustees or by the General Assembly, enough money

TUITION: RISING WITH THE YEARS

Students at UNC-Chapel Hill have seen their tuition bills rise past five years, thanks to increases from the UNC-CH Board of Trustees, the N.C. General Assembly and the UNC-system Board of Governors.



SOURCE: DTH ARCHIVES

DTH/LINDSAY BETH ELLISON

has been set aside to meet the increased need for financial aid.

Much of that support has come from the Need-Based Grant Program, a state-funded initiative whose funding has increased to \$30 million since its 1999 inception.

The program's funds, which are distributed to students across the

16-campus UNC-system, provided about \$2.5 million to UNC-Chapel Hill last fall, a figure expected to increase by as much as one-third this year.

"It's an encouraging story," said Steve Brooks, executive director of the N.C. State Education Assistance Authority. "All you hear is tuition,

tuition, tuition. I'm always fearful that scares people off."

With money set aside for financial aid from each campus-initiated increase, Ort said, her office is able to hold emergency funds each year for special circumstances such as

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WEATHER WOES



DTH/JOANIE TOBIN

Dalton Zachary of Zack's Fresh Produce sorts through a pile of sweet potatoes Saturday morning at the Carrboro Farmers' Market. Zachary has been coming to and shopping at the Farmers' Market for 14 years.

Local farmers' market fights fickle weather

BY EMILY VASQUEZ
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Plump red tomatoes, colorful sprays of freshly cut flowers and scores of peppers adorned vendors' tables Saturday at Carrboro's Farmers' Market.

The market appeared to be thriving, but many local farmers still struggle to overcome two years of extreme weather.

One year ago, North Carolina was experiencing a record drought. Last October, the rains suddenly returned, and they haven't stopped. Orange County's rainfall during

the past 12 months stands at 39 percent above average, according to Ryan Boyles of the N.C. State Climate Office.

"Weather affects farmers more than anyone else in the population," said Ken Dawson, president of the Carrboro Farmers' Market Association and owner of Maple Spring Gardens in Hillsborough. "The last two years have been devastating for some."

The heavy rainfall has impacted both crop yield and quality — especially vegetables and fruits that flourish in the sunshine. "The

amount of rain and (its) frequency has made it difficult to work the soil," Dawson said. "It has been difficult to keep up with planting schedules."

Once seeds are planted, frequent rainfall can wash them away or cause rotting.

Alex Hitt, owner of Peregrine Farm in Graham, said his bottom field flooded twice this spring.

Leah Cook, owner of Wild Hare Farm in Cedar Grove, said she faced similar delays. "The season

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Rise in GDP could signal recession's end

BY ELLIOTT DUBE
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A recent 3.1 percent increase in the country's gross domestic product — the clearest indicator of economic strength — suggests that the United States is leaving the doldrums of its most recent recession.

After coasting through a decade of economic prosperity, the nation has had more difficulty staying afloat since early 2001. But it appears that the federal government's various efforts to repair the damage have paid off.

The government can control the economy using two tools: monetary policy and fiscal policy. The Federal Reserve Board deals with the former by decreasing or increasing interest rates.

During the recent recession, the Fed ran an accommodating economic policy by cutting interest rates, said Randell Moore, editor of the Blue Chip Economic Indicators newsletter. The move had an immediate impact on the economy.

But the results of changes in fiscal policy have taken longer to appear. Two major tax cuts — one passed in 2001 and another passed earlier this year — eventually

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Carrboro officials consider sister-city program in Mexico

Hundreds likely traveled from Juventino Rosas

BY KATHRYN GRIM
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Lupe had not seen her husband for three years when, in 1996, she boarded a sweltering bus with her cousin and son to begin the long trek from Mexico to Carrboro.

She was 27. Her husband had taken the course of many men in Juventino Rosas, a city in Guanajuato state, when he left for the United States to earn money to support his family.

Like many men from Juventino Rosas, Lupe's husband planned to work in Carrboro for a couple of months and then return to his family. But months turned to years, and Lupe said she decided she would rather have her children live in a foreign country than grow up without knowing their father.

Now Lupe, who asked to be referred to only by her first name, only has to walk down the street to see cousins, uncles and friends she met in her hometown.

Locals estimate that between 800 and 1,000 Mexicans, many undocumented, have made the move from Guanajuato to Carrboro, said Carrboro Alderman John Herrera, who toured Mexico for six weeks this summer on an Eisenhower Fellowship.

Since his return, Herrera has begun work to set up a sister-city relationship between Carrboro and Juventino Rosas and to create a similar relationship between the states of Guanajuato and North Carolina.

Several nonprofit organizations in Guanajuato have expressed interest in the agreement and plan to visit Carrboro for further discussion during the second week of November, Herrera said.

Setting up a sister-city relationship would facilitate collaboration and communication between the two hometowns of many Carrboro residents, Herrera said.

Poor Mexican residents, who almost always are denied visas, would have the backing of a U.S. town to visit to

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Jewish South shines in film

BY PHILIP MCFEE
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Several years ago, Brian Bain hit the Southern roads in an ancient Cadillac to sell hats and ties, like his grandfather.

Thousands of miles later, he had a story: "Shalom Y'all," a documentary telling the story of the Jewish experience in the South.

Dozens of film festivals later, Bain now can boast of a sensation.

But boasting wouldn't be up Bain's alley. His odyssey wasn't meant to be a sweeping piece of self-promotion.

IF YOU GO
Date: Thursday, Sept. 4
Time: 8 p.m. until 9:30 p.m.
Location: 116 Murphey Hall

"I approached it initially as an outsider, almost as a cultural anthropologist," Bain said of his modest beginnings.

As time passed, however, Bain found himself integrated in the story.

"It became a very personal story in the end. Ultimately I became very engrossed," he said. "That's

why people are responding to it. They see that evolution."

Bain's work will be playing on UNC's campus this week, giving students an opportunity to see an engaging film on a subject not often documented.

As Bain said, "Outside the South, the notion of Southern Judaism is very exotic."

The event is co-sponsored by the UNC Center for the Study of the American South, the curriculum in American studies, N.C. Hillel and

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Brian Bain converses with his 99-year-old grandfather, whose route he retraced in the making of the documentary "Shalom Y'all."