

**STATE & NATION**  
Senate names members for lottery special committee

RALEIGH — Almost half of the state Senate is on a special committee that will debate the lottery bill approved last week by the House, including several members worried about state-sponsored gambling.

Senate leaders Tuesday named 21 members to the special panel, including three Democrats who have publicly opposed a lottery, and six Republicans.

The committee chairman will be Senate Majority Leader Tony Rand, D-Cumberland, an ally of Gov. Mike Easley, who has been pushing for a lottery since his 2000 campaign.

Democratic Sens. Dan Clodfelter of Mecklenburg County, Janet Cowell of Wake County and Martin Nesbitt of Buncombe County, are on the panel. Each has expressed reservations about a stand-alone lottery bill.

With two additional Democrats now opposed, Senate leaders would have to change some minds to get a bill passed by the 50-seat Senate.

Senate Minority Leader Phil Berger, R-Rockingham, who also is on the committee, said he thinks all 21 Republicans in the 50-seat group will oppose the lottery.

The initial meeting of the committee had not been scheduled late Tuesday.

The House voted 61-59 in favor of a lottery that would dedicate 50 percent of net proceeds to school construction. The rest would go to need-based university scholarships and a special fund controlled by legislators to benefit public education programs.

House Speaker Jim Black, D-Mecklenburg, said changes to the bill in the Senate could make it difficult to retain the razor-thin majority in the chamber.

**CITY BRIEFS**

**Carrboro to re-examine plan for parks, recreation facilities**

Carrboro is in the process of updating its 11-year-old Recreation and Parks Master Plan and is seeking feedback from citizens.

From 6:30 to 8 p.m. today at Carrboro Town Hall, town officials will hold a second open house on revisions to the plan, which acts as a guide for the development of parks, recreational facilities and programming.

The town is looking for ideas for potential updates.

More information about the open house or the revisions, call 918-7364 or send an e-mail to the department at RecParks@ci.carrboro.nc.us.

**Liberal radio talk show host to host live broadcast today**

Longtime "Saturday Night Live" writer and performer and radio talk show host Al Franken will bring his liberal views and politics to the University campus today.

"The Al Franken Show," which Franken hosts with Katherine Lanpher for the liberal radio network Air America, will broadcast live from noon to 3 p.m. today in the Student Union auditorium, which holds about 375 people.

The show airs weekdays between those times on 1360 WCHL-AM. Franken is scheduled to do book signings and appearances with local media after the show.

**Local middle schoolers earn honors in talent program**

Eight seventh graders in Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools have qualified for grand recognition this year in the Duke Talent Identification Program.

In order to qualify for this recognition, students must have at least a 650 on either the math or verbal section of the SAT or a combined score greater than 1260.

The following students qualified for this distinction: Jesse Holloway, from Grey Culbreth Middle School; Wesley Mafflykipp and Ying Ao Zhang, both from McDougle Middle School; David Siderovski, Graham Van Leeuwen, Lydia Wang and Nancy Wang, all from Phillips Middle School; and Niel Lebeck from Smith Middle School.

A ceremony to honor the students will be held in Durham in May.

Duke TIP is a nonprofit organization that works to identify academically talented students in the nation and provide innovative programs and support for their educational development.

**CALENDAR**

Today — Funny Student Film Night will be held at 8 p.m. in the Union Cabaret. The free event, sponsored by the Carolina Union Activities Board, will feature comedic short films made by UNC students.

— From staff and wire reports.

# Committee plans summer events

## Concerts, movies to begin mid-June

BY ADAM W. RHEW  
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When citizens charged with planning town-sponsored summer events met Tuesday, they agreed that the programs would provide a boost to downtown vitality.

But they are still working out the final details of how the events can best provide that boon.

Members of the Downtown Economic Development Corporation's summer events subcommittee discussed plans for summer programs downtown — including a movie and concert series.

"It would establish a habit of coming downtown and create a positive

image of downtown," said committee member Robert Humphreys.

In the past, the Chapel Hill Downtown Commission — an entity whose town funding is now directed to the corporation — showed movies on top of the Wallace parking deck, located on Rosemary Street.

But committee members raised issues relating to the programs, insisting that changes be made.

"If we do it (on the Wallace deck), I will have to resign from this committee," said committee member Mary Jo Stone.

Stone said the showings in previous years were conducted illegally. She told members that in order

for the viewings to be legal, the corporation would have to have a contract with a company licensed to distribute films for public outdoor showings.

Those films would cost between \$150 and \$350 each, Stone said.

The issue of outdoor movie showings was not the meeting's only point of contention.

Subcommittee members also discussed whether alcohol would be served at the events — an issue at the center of much recent debate — which subcommittee Chairman Tom Tucker called irrelevant to the group's charge.

But his pleas did not stop members from sounding off.

"While I'm interested in the cultural events of this community, we

feel extremely strongly that no cultural event should be sponsored by or promote drinking," said committee member Isabelle Geffner.

The Town Council is considering a petition from the corporation that would allow the sale of alcohol at public events on town property.

Stone said she thinks the corporation should at least explore the option of alcohol at an event.

"If this University is allowed to tear up Franklin Street ... then why can't we promote this properly?" she said.

Stone previously voiced concern with the corporation's proposal and formally protested the idea in a letter to Mayor Kevin Foy.

After quelling the alcohol discussion, members decided to host five

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ISABELLE GEFFNER, GROUP MEMBER

outdoor concerts, along with five movie nights, tentatively slated to begin in mid-June on Wednesday or Thursday nights.

Tucker acknowledged that the group still has a lot to do. "We need to grab something and run with it."

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## HOLOCAUST REMEMBRANCE WEEK



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Robin Graham (left), Julie Robinson (center) and Whitney Ward (right) participate the reading of the names, an event for Holocaust Remembrance Week, held Tuesday night in the Pit. This is the ninth year of the annual event, a 24-hour vigil during which the names of Holocaust victims are read continuously. It serves to pay homage and remembrance on a personal level to individuals

who lost their lives in the Holocaust. The reading of the names began at noon Tuesday and will continue until noon today. Participants lit Yartzeit candles, which will burn for 24 hours to commemorate the dead. Events will continue throughout the week. Tonight, keynote speaker and Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist Nicholas Kristof will talk about contemporary genocide issues at 6 p.m. in 111 Carroll Hall.

# Illegal immigrants' kids could get in-state tuition

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

RALEIGH — With North Carolina's Latino population booming — and Latino children dropping out of school at alarming rates — lawmakers introduced a bill Tuesday that would extend resident tuition rates at public universities to the children of illegal immigrants.

Former Gov. Jim Hunt returned to the General Assembly to show his support for the legislation, which is sponsored in the House by two Republicans and two Democrats. The measure would give in-state tuition to students who attended schools in North Carolina for at least four consecutive years before graduation. Young people in the country would have to apply for legal immigration status to receive the resident rate.

"It is morally right and it is economically necessary for our state," Hunt said. "We need these students. They have worked hard. They have excelled in high school."

The bill appears to enjoy wide

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support: By Tuesday, 32 legislators had signed as co-sponsors, drawing an expression of surprise from the president of a Raleigh-based group that lobbies for tighter restrictions on immigration.

"It's amazing that (36) politicians are so out of touch with their constituents," said William Gheen, president of Americans for Legal Immigration.

Illegal immigrants admitted to UNC-system schools would take up some of the limited number of spots for in-state residents, Gheen said.

"I hate to see a bill that will eventually replace thousands of Americans in college with illegal immigrants at taxpayer expense."

Supporters of the bill say the

alternative is a growing number of young Latinos without a college education even in the face of growing demand for bilingual workers. Supporters expect between 480 and 1,345 additional students to apply for admission to UNC-system schools this year if the bill passes.

"It makes economic sense to give these students ... an opportunity to succeed," said Andrea Bazan-Manson, executive director of the Raleigh-based Latino advocacy group El Pueblo.

Illegal immigrants are allowed to apply to any college they wish to attend, but they must pay out-of-state tuition if they are accepted to a

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# Partnership could foster businesses

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BY EREN TATARAGASI  
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A stronger relationship with the University might be just what Carrboro needs to improve its economic vibrancy, town officials say.

In particular, the town is looking at a relationship that would invite researchers from the University to start businesses in Carrboro instead of at larger business markets such as Research Triangle Park.

"What the University needs is facilities close to campus, and what we've got on our side is location," Carrboro Mayor Mike Nelson said Tuesday at the Board of Aldermen discussion on the town's economy.

The aldermen already have met and begun discussions with University officials on creating such a relationship.

"It was a good discussion, but there is no real agenda yet," Nelson said. "But it was a good start."

In February, aldermen expressed

interest in diversifying the town's economy. Now, they hope to find the means of attracting new businesses to the community.

"We have a strong economy now," said James Harris, community and economic development director for Carrboro. "I think we're just looking at changing the mix."

Harris said businesses that meet the specific needs of families and individuals would suit the economic community of the town.

Everything from attorney's offices to retail stores would serve the town's goals, he said.

"These are the kinds of businesses that would create jobs and would promote a sustainable community," Harris said.

The town now is looking to hire a consultant to help the aldermen in considering changes to its economic development strategies.

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# Group takes case to administrators

## Leaders ask UNC to monitor labor

BY STEPHANIE NEWTON  
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A group of Vel Dowdy supporters walked into a meeting with campus administrators Tuesday with the hope of instituting changes to the treatment of Carolina Dining Services employees.

But representatives of Student Action with Workers walked out empty-handed.

The group presented a slate of what they consider labor violations by Aramark Corp. — the international service corporation that employs CDS workers — to Joanna

Carey Smith, associate university counsel, and Margaret Jablonski, vice chancellor for student affairs. Nancy Davis, associate vice chancellor for University relations, served as an observer.

But without Chancellor James Moeser in attendance, the advocates knew ahead of time that they wouldn't get far in their quest to have campus officials intervene on behalf of Dowdy, who was arrested March 25 and charged with felony embezzlement of food at Lenoir Dining Hall, according to University police reports.

Dowdy will appear in Orange County District Criminal Court in Hillsborough on May 5, said Vin Linga, the prosecutor in the case.

"This is unacceptable," said SAW

member Melanie Stratton. "We said, as in our correspondence, that we would not stay at the meeting if the chancellor was not present."

The activists also requested that a representative of Aramark be present at the meeting.

Moeser spent Tuesday afternoon in Raleigh meeting with members of the men's basketball team and the N.C. General Assembly.

SAW members presented UNC administrators with a letter demanding the reinstatement of all unjustly fired food workers and a card-check neutrality process for unionization: an alternative to National Labor Relations Board elections in which a company

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Representatives of Student Action with Workers held a press conference outside South Building on Tuesday after meeting with University officials.