

# National and World News

## Protestors gather to oppose Prop. 8

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (MCT) — About 3,000 opponents of Proposition 8 rallied on the west steps of the Capitol on Sunday and vowed not to give up the fight for their rights.

The measure, which is leading by a five-point margin, amends the state constitution to ban same-sex marriage. On Wednesday a small group of Alameda County residents started what they are calling a grassroots movement to reverse the proposition statewide. The rally Sunday was one action in support of such a reversal.

## Civil liberties groups run ad urging Obama to close Guantanamo Bay

(MCT) — The American Civil Liberties Union launched an advertising campaign that calls for President-elect Barack Obama to issue an executive order that puts Guantanamo out of business on Jan. 20, the day of his inauguration.

Some claim that the president would need an act of Congress to close the prison camps that today house some 255 foreign terror suspects and abandon the ongoing special prosecutions. But legal experts say President Bush created U.S. detainee policy by executive order and Obama could

order the policy be dismantled.

Ahead of the election, Obama told CNN that he would close the prison camps "as quickly as we can do prudently." But he declined to set "a time certain" until after the new administration reviewed the captives' records.

"We have to put in place appropriate plans to make sure they are tried, convicted and punished to the full extent of the law and that's going to require, I think, a review of the existing cases which I have not had the opportunity to do."

## Court addresses religious statues

WASHINGTON, D.C. (MCT) — Supreme Court justices will consider on Wednesday when cities and states can be compelled to display donated monuments that might contain religious messages. The resulting decision could shape what public parks look like nationwide.

A Utah-based religion called Sumnum contends that once a city accepts the donation of a private display or monument, it must accept others as well. The church leaders want a monument placed in a park in Pleasant Grove City, Utah.

## Cuba hit by worst storm of season

SANTA CRUZ DEL SUR, Cuba (MCT) — Paloma was the most powerful storm to hit the area in more than 70 years, crashing ashore with 145 mph winds Saturday evening.

Earlier in the season, hurricanes Ike and Gustav together caused an estimated \$9.4 billion in damage.

Authorities said not a single life was lost anywhere in Cuba this time. They credited the government's well-coordinated emergency response. Nearly half a million people evacuated in advance of the storm, including nearly 6,000 from Santa Cruz del Sur.

## Catholics discuss Obama's policies

BALTIMORE (MCT) — Chicago's Cardinal Francis George cautioned President-elect Barack Obama against "formidable" odds he will face in serving the good of all.

"The common good can never be adequately incarnated in any society when those waiting to be born can be legally killed at choice," said George, president of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, at the organization's meeting in Baltimore.

On Tuesday, bishops will plan how to engage the new administration on abortion, stem cell research and same-sex marriage.

## TEST SCORES

FROM PAGE 3

Education program, which has been used to evaluate and rank North Carolina public schools since 1996.

Since 2002, the end-of-year reading test has been used as part of the No Child Left Behind process, which declares proficiency in Adequate Yearly Progress reports.

This year, 10 out of 17 Chapel Hill-Carrboro schools made Adequate Yearly Progress. Schools that receive federal funding face sanctions — including public school choice vouchers — if they fail to make progress two years in a row.

No schools in the Chapel Hill-Carrboro district face sanctions this year.

Faltering test scores also were

"Last year the students had to jump five feet, this year they have to jump seven feet."

JUNE ATKINSON, N.C. SUPERINTENDENT

a problem for local schools three years ago, when the state started altering high school end-of-course tests.

Villwock said the lower results are not a consequence of a waning quality of education but a sign that new methods must be considered.

Lynn Arden, a fourth-grade teacher at Carrboro Elementary School, said the school provides children with tools to succeed, including learning labs and after-school tutoring programs, but isn't responsible for kids' work after school.

"We tell our students to read 25 minutes a night as a part of their homework, but we're not there to make sure that they do it," Arden said.

Arden said teachers are looking for new ways to help students, like giving pre- and post-test writing lessons to improve next year's scores.

"They're scrambling to understand right this minute what it is they need to adjust," Villwock said.

Contact the City Editor at [citydesk@unc.edu](mailto:citydesk@unc.edu).

## ORCHESTRA

FROM PAGE 3

would come here."

The orchestra's performances at UNC are unique because it is only one of two locations where they will perform more than once.

Each night will have a different program, both with excerpts from "Cinderella" and "Romeo and Juliet," both Russian pieces.

"When they are playing Russian music that is what they're closest to," said Tonu Kalam, UNC Symphony Orchestra director. "Their heart and soul comes from that repertoire."

"They are particularly skilled at orchestration, at using the instruments in a colorful way," he said, also characterizing the orchestra's

"It is an incredible compliment to our community that this orchestra and this conductor would come here."

EMIL KANG, UNC'S EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR FOR THE ARTS

sound as brilliant, transparent and colorful.

Kalam said one of orchestra's most well-known features is its director, Valery Gergiev, who has a strong following and a resume to match.

Gergiev boasts conductor status at not only the Kirov Orchestra, but also the London Symphony Orchestra and The Metropolitan Opera.

Because of this, Kalam said there is always powerful excitement when people realize the world-renowned


director is coming.

"It has become a magical name because of his personality and his very strong musical profile," Kalam said. "He is a very individualistic interpreter."

He added that music can be used as a common language.

"Music is one way of bridging cultures. It is a nonverbal art form that anyone can grasp," he said.

Contact the Arts Editor at [artsdesk@unc.edu](mailto:artsdesk@unc.edu).

**Drinkin' With Lincoln**  
**\$5 Cover 1¢ Draft Beer**  
**WEDNESDAYS at**  
 **Players**  
 CHAPEL HILL

159 1/2 Franklin St. ~ 919-929-0101  
[zspotlight.com/players](http://zspotlight.com/players)

**GOODFELLOWS**

**Strip Down SUNDAY** \* Everything 1/2 Off • \$3 Cover

**MONDAY** \* "Old School Video Game Night" Various Draft Specials

**TUESDAY** \* Tea & Trivia • \$3 LITS


**WEDNESDAY** \* Karaoke \$6 Rude Earle Pitchers

**THURSDAY** \* Open Patio (weather permitting) Beer Pong • Flip Cup Great Pitcher Specials • DJ

**FRIDAY & SATURDAY** \* Great Specials • No Cover

**Never a cover Monday-Saturday**  
 149 1/2 E. Franklin St. | 919.960.8685 | [www.goodfellowsbar.com](http://www.goodfellowsbar.com)

**OUT OF THIS WORLD MEXICAN**



**always fresh, juicy, big and healthy**

960-3955

menu sampling:  
 old school veggie burrito.....2.40  
 chicken burrito.....5.65  
 quesadilla.....2.06  
 chicken quesadilla.....4.62  
 maizena salad.....5.65  
 veggie chimichurri.....4.12

...and more plus...  
 all mexican beers \$3.09

where are we?  
 chapel hill: right across the street from the varsity theatre at 128 franklin street (at the end of the hall)  
 durham: on 9th street and perry street (across from brueggers) 286-1875  
 raleigh: east village, 3rd ave. at 13th near rvy

**Cosmic Cantina**  
 (it's what we do best!)

**GUARANTEED OPEN LATE 'TIL 4AM**

**Coca-Cola** **CAMPUS RECREATION UPDATE**  
 ALWAYS COCA-COLA. ALWAYS CAROLINA!

**Intramural Sports**

**TABLE TENNIS**  
 individual entry • Today is the Last Day to sign up.

**CO-REC DODGEBALL**  
 6 players • Today is the Last Day to sign up.

**GAME NIGHT at the Underground**  
 Wed, Nov 12 from 6:30pm-9:30pm  
 darts • jenga • checkers • chess • scrabble • cards  
 Contact: [kyork@email.unc.edu](mailto:kyork@email.unc.edu)

**Special Events**  
[campusrec.unc.edu](http://campusrec.unc.edu)

**TURKEY TRAIL TROT**  
 28th ANNUAL  
 Sunday, Nov 23 • 1pm  
 4 mile trail run or 1 mile walk  
 Entry Fee: canned food donation  
 Register Nov 10-20 in 101 SRC.

**CHES** **DARTS**  
**JENGA** **CARDS**

**campus recreation**  
[campusrec.unc.edu](http://campusrec.unc.edu)

**Sport Clubs**

**CREW CLUB**  
 ▶ Dual Race vs Maryland  
 Saturday, Nov 15 • Lake Wheeler

**Carolina Fitness**  
 Formerly known as Carolina's Biggest Loser  
**Get Fit**  
 from Head to Heel!

A 10-week healthy lifestyle, weight loss, physical activity challenge.  
 Interest mtg. Nov 12 or Nov 18

Come Cheer on the Tar Heels!  
<http://studentorgs.unc.edu/crew>

With the support of your team & coach, learn how to lose weight & modify your lifestyle the healthy way.  
 For more info., contact [lmangilla@email.unc.edu](mailto:lmangilla@email.unc.edu)

**Coca-Cola**