

# Power struggle

## Chemical waste management firm tries to override N.C. law

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If GSX Services, Inc. gets its way, North Carolina could be the first state ever to lose its authority to handle its own hazardous waste to the Environmental Protection Agency. GSX, a chemical waste management firm headquartered in Columbia, S.C., serves about 550 customers in North Carolina. The largest waste management firm in the state, GSX recently expressed interest in building a waste treatment plant in Scotland County, said Nelson Mossholder, vice president for business development of GSX. But N.C. law halted the plans, Mossholder said. "It was obvious from the debate and opponents that the bill was enacted (by the General Assembly)

to prevent us (GSX) from building," Mossholder said. GSX has filed a petition with the EPA, and a formal investigation of N.C. disposal restrictions is in progress, said Carl Terry, EPA spokesman. GSX has already built four drummed-waste service centers in North Carolina, Mossholder said. The company has a secure chemical landfill and incinerator in South Carolina. Under the law enacted by the General Assembly in June, no facility could receive an operating permit unless it would dilute every gallon of treated waste water in 1,000 gallons of ordinary water. The law doesn't prevent GSX from building a plant, but it does restrict the amount of waste discharge into

N.C. rivers, said Ann Slaughter, founder of Sensible Concerns About Toxics. SCAT was fundamental in getting the restrictions passed. "The Bisque River is a drinking source for over 100,000 people," Slaughter said. "It is also very special to the Lumbee Indians (of Scotland County) who use the river for canoeing, swimming and fishing." GSX is asking for waste disposal at a rate of 50,000 gallons a day, she said. To dump this much into the river, GSX would need to use 50 million gallons of water. But Mossholder said GSX would pose no threat to the water supply. "There is no reason to suppose, with our controls and technology, that our facility is going to cause any degradation (of the water supply)," Mossholder said.

When North Carolina asked the EPA to look at the proposed waste disposal bill in February, the EPA told the state it was putting unnecessary restrictions on waste treatment facilities, Terry said. The legislators revised the bill, but the EPA still maintained that the restrictions were too harsh, he said. To obtain the authority to handle its own toxic waste, a state must have a program as stringent as the federal government's, be consistent with other states and be able to enforce its program, Terry said. North Carolina's laws are inconsistent with federal regulations, he said. "Our (GSX's) objective is not (to revoke) state (power)," Mossholder said, "but that is the most direct way to void the law."

# Dukakis says staff was source of tape that incriminated Biden

From Associated Press reports

BOSTON — Two days after issuing a denial, Gov. Michael Dukakis said Wednesday he had learned that his campaign was the source of a videotape that showed Sen. Joseph Biden lifting part of a speech from a British politician. Dukakis, a candidate for the Democratic presidential nomination, at first refused to accept the resignation of campaign manager James Sasso, who distributed the tape, but Sasso and another staffer resigned Wednesday afternoon. The disclosure came two days after Dukakis said he had interviewed all of his paid staffers and was assured none was the source of a videotape showing that Biden had borrowed, without attribution, a passage from a speech by British Labor Party leader Neil Kinnock. "Although I had no knowledge of this, as a candidate in this campaign I accept full responsibility for it," a grim Dukakis said at a news conference.

## News in Brief

observers, including 26 women. Many Catholic women's organizations, especially those in the United States and other Western countries, have complained that the church is "patriarchal" and male-dominated. The pope said last month that the synod should concentrate on ways of giving women a larger role in the Catholic Church, which has 850 million followers. A working paper prepared for the synod says, "the full recognition of the dignity of women... is still a goal to be reached."

**Reagan still confident for Bork**  
WASHINGTON — President Reagan on Wednesday disputed a Democratic headcount showing his nomination of Robert Bork in trouble and exhorted the Senate to choose "statesmanship over partisanship" in voting on the Supreme Court nominee. Reagan said he is optimistic Bork will be confirmed, and both he and White House Chief of Staff Howard Baker challenged Senate Democratic Whip Alan Cranston's tally showing at least 49 senators now against confirmation. Baker acknowledged the administration can count only 40 votes for Bork — the same figure Cranston has — but the Reagan aide said there are just 30 sure votes in opposition and about 30 undecided "souls yet to be saved."

## New mine scare in gulf

MANAMA, Bahrain — A new mine scare Wednesday sent commercial shipping on a circuitous route through the northern Persian Gulf as two U.S.-escorted convoys steamed north and south through the waterway. The latest reported danger zones were near Farsi Island, a stronghold of Iran's Revolutionary Guards. Gulf-based shipping executives said several possible sightings had been reported by ships sailing to and from Kuwait. British Royal Navy mine sweepers spent a second day searching waters off the southern coast, where possible sightings of mines were reported, but they apparently found nothing.

## Catholic women's role debated

VATICAN CITY — Roman Catholic officials from around the world will discuss giving women a greater role in church affairs — but not as priests — when a month-long bishops' synod opens Thursday. Pope John Paul II called the synod, a consultative body that advises the pope on various issues, to examine the role of the laity in church and society. The synod president, Monsignor Jan Schotte of Belgium, told a news conference Tuesday that 232 cardinals, bishops and church officials will attend the assembly. Also involved are 60

False alarm in Philippines  
MANILA, Philippines — Soldiers backed by tanks encircled Manila on Wednesday to block any further attempt to topple President Corazon Aquino, but they withdrew after the military said no mutineers tried to enter the city. Col. Emilio Templo, chief of staff of the Capital Regional Command, said hundreds of battle-ready soldiers and marines rushed to the edge of the city late Tuesday after receiving reports "that rebel soldiers were coming to Manila."

# For students, coupons are financial aid

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"I love 'em, I need 'em, I can't live without 'em," said Jim Stuart, a junior from Charlotte, about the coupons in the Carolina Dollar Saver. The Carolina Dollar Saver, a booklet containing coupons from various local businesses, is making its third appearance at UNC. Student Stores distributes the booklet at the

beginning of each semester. UNC-CH is not the only university with the Dollar Saver. About 10 universities in the general area offer the Dollar Saver, said John Gorsuch, administrative assistant of UNC Student Stores. Those include Duke, N.C. State and East Carolina universities, he said. "The Student Stores is the sole distributor of the Dollar Saver," Gorsuch said. "The purpose is to

bring people into the stores, to supply a service to the students. "It's very successful, and a real nice thing to do for the students," he added. While Student Stores is responsible for the Dollar Saver's distribution, Dale Shellman was responsible for its creation. "Since 1974, my business has called me to the University campus," Shellman said. "I saw merchants were

trying desperately to reach the students and in many ways were unsuccessful. "It was my idea to put together a magazine that would have a local flavor, containing no articles, only good old-fashioned coupons — a very measurable advertisement magazine." This year 25,000 Dollar Savers were printed for the UNC campus alone, Shellman said. In 1988, a total of 1 million booklets will be printed for various campuses, he added. Local businesses have plenty to say about the coupon booklet. "It's been great; it's the best advertising we have," said Alice Stone, owner of Aesthetic Hair Styling Salon. Eddie Williams, owner of Time-Out, said, "His (Shellman's) book is very good, and we give a value-packed coupon. I feel that is why it's successful."

## Extension

under the heading of "Immediate Facility Needs for 1987" at an estimated cost of \$5.5 million. The DOT would pay for the majority, if not all, of the extension. The DOT and members of the Transportation Study Group of the

Durham-Chapel Hill-Carrboro Urban Area Technical Coordinating Committee gave a slide presentation showing problem traffic areas in Carrboro, Chapel Hill and Durham. The committee was formed recently to devise a satisfactory

Thoroughfare Plan for the three cities, which were designated as one urban area by the DOT after the 1980 census. "This is the first step in revising the Thoroughfare Plan," said Chapel Hill Mayor Pro-Tem Bill Thorpe, a member of the committee. "We will have more public hearings on the matter."

## Martin

declined in its percentage of the overall budget in all but those two years. The percentage of the budget spent on education has increased each year since Martin took office in 1985. While the resume does not specify percentage points, Pittman said percentage points are the correct standard for reporting the general funding. Martin did not see a copy of the resume until Tuesday afternoon, when a reporter questioned him about it, Pittman said. Martin's chief of staff, Philip Kirk, had approved the resume. Margaret Lawton, press secretary

for the N.C. Democratic Party, said there was some confusion in Martin's office. "I think that it's fairly obvious that it's a political move," she said. "It does show that Gov. Martin takes credit for things that are not his doing." A spokesman for the Republican Party declined to comment. Pittman said he did not expect this to hurt Martin's 1988 re-election campaign. "... the unfortunate thing is the newspaper being used by the opposing political camp," Pittman said. "There's nothing in there (the resume) that isn't true."

Chapel Hill Planning Director David Bonk discussed Chapel Hill's traffic problems, including the following intersections:  
■ Main and Weaver streets in Carrboro;  
■ Main and Rosemary streets in Carrboro;  
■ Franklin and Columbia streets;  
■ Franklin Street and Estes Drive; and  
■ Raleigh Road and Cameron Avenue on campus. He also cited as problems traffic backup at Pittsboro and Columbia streets during peak hours and future traffic increases on N.C. 86 and Airport Road when I-40 is completed.

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