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Carrboro erotic firm raided by postal service

A Carrboro erotic mail order business has turned over names of an estimated 2,000 customers in central Alabama to federal postal inspectors, the company's owner said Wednesday.

"They're saying they demand, and we're giving them under protest the names of all current customers in the middle district of Alabama," Phil Harvey said during an interview in his office.

Harvey said inspectors told him the customers' privacy would be protected.

About 30 postal inspectors raided PHE Inc., located west of Carrboro on N.C. 54. The raid started Tuesday, and a day later agents still were sorting materials to be carried away.

"We are investigating complaints that PHE has violated a federal ban on obscenities in the mail," said J.W. Holland, postal inspector for the middle district of Alabama in Birmingham. Agents at PHE wouldn't comment.

PHE has about 6,000 customers in Alabama, where the complaint that produced the raid was filed, Harvey said. The firm has about 1 million customers nationally.

Harvey said no charges had been filed against him yet as a result of the raid, which was the second against his business. In 1986, authorities seized adult tapes and books sold by the business. Harvey and his company were acquitted of obscenity charges the following year.

PHE operates the Adam and Eve mail order catalog, which has about 30,000 orders a week. The firm sells condoms, vibrators, lubricants and sexually oriented videotapes and magazines. Harvey started the company in 1970 to sell condoms by mail.

Federal authorities in Alabama used false names to order material from his company, he said.

Kindergarten teacher testifies in Rascals trial

HERTFORD, N.C. — Three children who attended Little Rascals Day Care Center behaved strangely in kindergarten, a teacher testified Wednesday in the sex abuse trial of Karyn Dawn Wilson.

Lisa Leary, a kindergarten teacher, said one girl who attended the day care in Edenton refused to take a nap the year after Little Rascals closed. She also cried and wet her pants when she saw Elizabeth Kelly in a hall, she said.

Another girl had to be separated from a boy after she mimicked a sex act with him during class, Leary said.

A third child "did not want anyone to touch him" and was concerned about fire, she said.

Wilson, a former worker at the center, is charged with 22 counts of sexual abuse involving 10 children. The day care's co-owner, Robert Kelly Jr., was sentenced to 12 life prison terms after his conviction earlier this year on 99 counts of sexual abuse.

On cross-examination by defense attorney Edward Simmons, the teacher said the children did not mention Wilson.

Children testified in Kelly's trial that they were molested during nap time. Kelly's wife, Elizabeth, and four others also are charged in the case but have not gone to trial.

After four other witnesses, the trial recessed until Monday when prosecutor William Hart said the state's next witness was sick.

Brothers gain income by giving farm to NCSU

RALEIGH — Bryan Perry and his brother, Miley "Monk" Perry wanted to preserve their pastoral 167-acre family farm, but they wanted to make money off the land at the same time.

The brothers gave away the family farm to N.C. State University, then used a complex trust and tax shelter formula to harvest a bountiful income from the land.

"It was a good deal for us financially; it was a good deal for the university," said Bryan Perry, 46.

So everybody wins? "Everybody but Uncle Sam," said Monk Perry, 47.

According to terms of the trade, the brothers placed their farmland in what is known as a charitable remainder trust.

The trust then traded the Perry farm for land of equal value — 93 acres of university property.

It then sold the 93 acres to SAS Institute for \$2.8 million. That sum was placed in the Perry trust, and the Perry brothers will live off its dividends for the rest of their lives.

That means the Perrys will each get a check for at least \$100,000 every year.

"As remarkable as it may seem, in some cases this can return more income to the donor or to their heirs than they might otherwise have gotten," said Phillip Horne, NCSU director of gift planning. "Had they sold their property, they would have had to pay capital gains tax."

Meanwhile, NCSU now owns the Perrys' farm next door to two of the university's research parcels. And when the Perrys and their wives die, the value of the Perry trust will revert to NCSU.

—The Associated Press

New institute to teach business world basics

By Chris Lindsey
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To help the rising number of non-business majors choosing to go into business cope with entering the world of high finance, the Kenan-Flagler School of Business and UNC Division of Continuing Education are starting a program to teach UNC graduates basic financial skills.

The Carolina Business Institute, a new program set to debut this summer, is designed to teach non-business graduates the functions and practices of business.

The program will cover five main areas — accounting, marketing, operations management, finance and management and organization — and also will address basic skills taught in the business school.

The objective of the program is to help participants understand the functions of business, said Rachel Davies, program coordinator for the Division of Continuing Education. "The purpose is to give an overview of what the business world is about," Davies said.

C. L. Kendall, an associate professor of marketing at the business school and director of the Carolina Business Insti-

tute, said the program would give students a sound understanding of how the business world operated.

"You can go into the program and come out with a pretty good knowledge of what the business world is all about," he said.

Helping students find a field of business they would like to pursue as a career is one objective of the program, Kendall said.

"This will help them understand what kind of company they want to work for," he said.

The program will be taught by faculty members from the business school. They include: Kendall, Dave Hoffman, Dick Blackburn, Kenneth Wiles and Steve Chapman, an instructor at N.C. State University.

Job and career counseling also will be provided, Davies said.

The program will be based on real-life business situations, Davies said.

"This will be a sequence of lectures and case studies based on real business situations," she said. "Students will be divided up into teams to learn how to work in the business world."

Kendall said each team would act as a separate business.

"(Students) will be assigned to both

study groups and teams that operate as a company," he said. "They compete against others."

There will be four classes per day during the course of six weeks, not your average summer school hours.

"If someone is looking for a long, lazy summer, they shouldn't enroll," Kendall said. "We plan 96 sessions. That's pretty intensive."

Classes will be held at the Friday Center and tentatively are scheduled from 9 a.m. until 3:45 a.m. every weekday.

The enrollment cost for the institute is \$1,950. The price is high because the institute is independent of the state and receives no state funding, Kendall said.

"It's expensive relative to what students have been paying in tuition," he said. "(But) it covers the cost of the program."

The program, which does not count toward academic credits at UNC, is for postgraduates, although students between their junior and senior years will be considered for admission, Kendall said.

Kendall said he expected a high turnout. "We think that this will be a successful program in its output and enrollment."

Board to discuss Carrboro historic district proposal

By Leah A. Campbell
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The Carrboro Board of Aldermen has directed a task force to consider establishing a historic preservation district in the town, a move that would restrict homeowners from making changes to their homes without a permit.

The Carrboro Board of Aldermen and the Neighborhood Preservation District Commission will hold a public hearing at 7:30 p.m. Dec. 15 at the Carrboro Town Hall about the proposed historic district.

The proposed district includes the neighborhoods around the North Greensboro Street area, including Poplar Avenue and Shelton Street, as well as some homes surrounding South Greensboro and Carr streets.

Many of the homes in the proposed district were built in the late 1800s, when the town centered around Carr Mill, a textile mill that employed many of the town's early residents.

Passage of the proposal would require historic homeowners in the district to receive a permit from the city before doing any major exterior work to their homes.

Carrboro Board of Aldermen member Hilliard Caldwell said he was worried about the new restrictions the proposed district would impose.

"I am very concerned about all the rules and regulations that the homeowner will have to go through to change his house," Caldwell said. "I will be looking at this issue very carefully in the hearing."

But Caldwell added that he thought creating a historic district in Carrboro was an important measure.

"I support the concept of having a historic district in our town because of the character and history that is being preserved," he said. "But I will also

make sure that the government does not cross any lines of interference into a person's freedom of choice."

Carrboro Senior City Planner Julia Trevarthen said creating a historic district would require residents to make certain sacrifices.

"We are asking the people who own homes in this proposed historic neighborhood to go to the Neighborhood Preservation District Commission review board before they decide to do anything serious to the outside of their homes," she said.

Trevarthen added that the review board ultimately could not prevent homeowners from deciding to make structural changes to their homes.

"We will not try to stop anyone," she said. "This review board is really designed to get at decisions concerning demolition."

"Our goal is to have people renovate their homes, and if someone decides they have to tear it down, we will work very hard at finding an alternative," she said.

The review board will have the authority to delay issuing a city permit for changes for 45 to 90 days, Trevarthen said. By extending the time before a permit is issued, the board hopes to negotiate proposed changes with homeowners.

The regulations only would apply to the exterior of houses, Trevarthen said. Changing landscaping or interiors would not fall under historic district regulations.

"This hearing will be a discussion of the proposed project for anyone who is interested in it or whose home this may affect," she said.

The Neighborhood Preservation District Commission will probably present its recommendations to the Board of Aldermen in January.

The aldermen then will vote on whether to pass the proposal.



Workers began renovating the Student Union roof this week, destroying brick paths between the Union and Davis Library

Union gets needed roof job

By Chris Robertson
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The top of the Student Union is receiving a roof-lift this week, after several years of corrosion and decay.

The new roof, which is being constructed in sections, should be finished by the contract date of March 1, 1993, project manager Floyd Williams said. Despite the chain-link fence surrounding the building, the construction wouldn't affect use of Union facilities.

Some students walking past the site have expressed dismay at the damage construction materials are doing to the area between the Student Union and Davis Library. Trucks have destroyed much of the grass between the two buildings and have ripped apart sev-

eral brick paths.

But Williams said the lawn and the sidewalks would be refurbished once construction was complete. The construction is budgeted for about \$200,000.

Ed Willis, director of construction administration, said the fences installed Wednesday were in use for the safety of pedestrians traveling through the area. The walkway under the alcove of Davis still is accessible to traffic, and the problem of fences blocking the disabled ramp between the library and the Union has been resolved using wood boards.

Henry Ramke, consulting architect for the UNC facilities planning and design department, said roofs had an average lifespan of about 15 to 20 years. Roofs on campus have a continual need for maintenance, he said.

The roof is a four-ply, built-up roof

and was designed specifically for the Student Union, Ramke said. The roof will be made of a four-ply asphalt base. Under the base will be a vapor barrier and a special insulation made of wood fibers, fiberglass and a synthetic material.

The old Union roof was flat and had problems of water pooling after rain and causing the materials to rot. The new roof will be tapered in a pyramid shape so water drains, Ramke said. The new design also uses more reliable materials and will be more effective at draining water from the roof.

"The roof is going to be made in the fashion of the University itself," Ramke said. "It will be here long after we are gone, and I want to design a roof that will last a long time, at least 20 years if not more."

Service center opens to aid tornado victims

By John P. Ashley
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A service center will open today in Hillsborough to aid the victims of the tornado that hit areas northwest of the town last week.

The tornado, which hit Hillsborough in the early morning hours of Nov. 22, claimed the lives of Joe Terrell, 53, and Josh Hall, 2.

The twister also leveled almost 40 homes, damaged more than 100 homes and caused 10 people to be hospitalized.

Organizers of the center said they planned for services such as food, shelter, medical care and clothing to be available on a one-stop basis for victims of the tornado.

The new service center will be located at 109 Court St. in Hillsborough and will be open from 8 a.m. until 6 p.m. daily.

The center will remain open as long as necessary to reach as many victims as possible, according to Glenn Studinger, service center manager of the Orange County chapter of the American Red Cross.

"All needs can be met at this center," he said.

Experienced volunteers will be on hand at the center to handle the needs of the tornado victims, Studinger added.

He said the need for a service center for victims of the tornado was due to the large number of people affected by the disaster.

Studinger, along with Orange County officials, thought that existing local agencies, which provide these types of services on a year-round basis, were not

large enough nor equipped to handle the large number of people seeking assistance.

Although many individuals and families were affected by the tornado, Studinger said response to a previous center set up in the gym at Orange High School had not been overwhelming.

"They have not been coming out as much as we expected," Studinger said.

But the Red Cross, along with the Orange Congregations in Mission, which also is supporting the center, have been trying to change that aspect of the center.

To accomplish this, the Red Cross and the OCIM have been sending volunteers out into the communities affected by the tornado to offer assistance.

The volunteers also are trying to spread the word about the center and the services it will be offering.

Another goal of the Red Cross and the OCIM is to solicit donations of money, food and clothing from the community to help the victims of the tornado.

Studinger said this goal easily was reached due to the rapid response of residents in the surrounding area.

"The community responded very, very well," Studinger said, adding that "more than enough clothing" had been collected for the victims.

Residents interested in assisting the tornado victims may call the Orange County American Red Cross at 942-4862 and the Orange Congregations in Mission at 732-6194.

Residents also may call the Orange County Tornado Victim Assistance, a 24-hour hotline, at 967-7426.

Hog industry accused of racism

By Gautam Khandelwal
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Several major hog breeding farms are committing environmental racism in eastern North Carolina by polluting and ruining the land in poor, predominantly black areas, environmental activists told a Speech 61 class this week.

Members of The Alliance for a Responsible Swine Industry and the Halifax Environmental Loss Prevention said many large hog breeding farms indirectly were expelling swine wastes and appendages into rivers and streams in eastern North Carolina.

The discussion regarding environmental racism and pollution caused by hog production industries was held Tuesday in Bingham Hall and was sponsored by Associate Professor Robert Cox's Speech 61 class.

Don Webb, chairman of TARSU, said the problem was confined greatly to impoverished rural communities with large African-American populations.

"You put 24,000 hogs — that's the equivalent of over 200,000 people's feces and urine — and stick it in a hole in the ground, and those poor black people that live there have to smell it," Webb said. "That's just sorryness. Any man that can do that doesn't care about Americans."

Gary Grant, co-chairman of HELP,

said the expulsion of wastes by hog industries near African-American communities was a form of environmental racism.

"In 1990, Halifax County, in conjunction with North Carolina State University, decided it was time to test the water wells in our black communities," Grant said. "Now any time white folk start testing, something is up."

"They tested 355 wells and found that 6.8 percent of those wells have exceedingly high levels of nitrates which have been caused by the run-off of agriculture."

Grant added that no action was taken by the state or N.C. State University to solve the severe pollution problem.

Webb said he was dissatisfied by the lack of concern shown by the Environmental Protection Agency, the state of North Carolina and N.C. State against the pollution caused by hog production industries.

"This is nothing but a conglomerate, wealthy group of people that have used your money — the EPA, the state of North Carolina," Webb said. "I've told the state officials this — (N.C. State University) is nothing but a rip-off with their agricultural department helping these men to pollute."

Webb added that much of the waste produced by hog breeding farms was expelled into cesspools. Farms use wa-

ter from these cesspools to irrigate crops, he said.

"They pump the water with the urine and feces to the plants, and after a while, that water is going to build up in the fields and run into the ditches," Webb said. "And when it gets to the ditches, it going to go to the creeks in North Carolina, then into the rivers, into the sounds, and then into the ocean."

Deborah Van Dyken, a graduate of the UNC law school and an environmental lawyer, said feces and urine contained nitrates that aided the growth of algae in water. She added that algae consumed much of the oxygen in water and that the resulting lack of oxygen killed much of the aquatic life.

Charles Tillery, co-chairman of HELP, said one possible solution to the problem would be the establishment of zoning laws.

"We've got to have zoning laws because communities should have the right to determine as to who is going to come up and put something beside them," Tillery said.

Webb said building sewage treatment plants near hog breeding farms would be another method to solve the pollution problem.

Webb added that copies of the video were sent to the television programs "60 Minutes" and "48 Hours," but the shows' producers had not yet responded.

Newman gets new priest

By Melissa Dewey
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Students at the Newman Center are experiencing a new style of preaching this year that has sparked debate as to what nature campus ministering should take.

The Newman Center, the campus center for Roman Catholics, regularly holds Sunday Masses especially for UNC students. This semester, Father Ron Rhodes, a popular figure at the student center, left UNC to further his education and was replaced by Father Philip Leach.

Edward Mason, a junior from Cary who attends Newman Center services, said that although Father Philip was "a bit more orthodox" and stuck to more traditional Catholic teachings, students were responding positively to his arrival.

"I'm quite fond of him," Mason said. "Both he and Ron do a good job."

Nancy Mouchahoir, a sophomore from Garner and a student campus minister, agreed. "Preaching, Father Philip is more orthodox ... dealing with Catholic teachings," she said.

Chris Moran, another student campus minister and a junior from Greensboro, said the main difference in Father Philip's style was an increased emphasis on Catholic doctrine.

"(He's) big on presenting the experience of Catholicism on a campus where (Catholicism is a) minority and misconceptions exist," Moran said.

Some students have found the change in styles to be a difficult adjustment, but Moran said he thought that was an effect of Catholicism being a minority religion on campus.

"A lot (of concern) has to do with the response to the difference Catholicism presents to us on this campus," he said. "Father Philip is presenting stuff very Catholic."

"Even though one might be a Catholic, it's very challenging (when) surrounded by fundamentalist and Protestant ideas."

Leach has instituted a group called "Formation Forum" before Sunday night Mass. The forum is used to discuss different issues in the church. Moran said the forum added to the