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Jason Young listens to a prosecutor's argument during his murder trial.

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YOUNG DEFENSE CONFRONTS WITNESS

The memory of a store clerk who insists Jason Young was not where he said he was the night his wife was beaten to death is challenged. **1B**

HIS ART BUT STILL THEFT, POLICE SAY

A former police officer is charged with breaking and entering for taking works he painted from a recently closed Apex restaurant. **1B**

FIRST LADY ROCKS OUT FOR FITNESS

Michelle Obama dances with thousands of sixth- to ninth-graders in an Iowa arena on the first stop of a three-day trip to highlight her "Let's Move" campaign to fight childhood obesity. **3A**

PLEA EXPECTED IN CHILD ABDUCTION

A former Raleigh resident accused of taking a 3-week-old girl from a New York hospital in 1987 and raising her as her own is expected to plead guilty today. **1B**

KODAK TO PHASE OUT PHOTO LINES

The company, which brought photography to the masses more than a century ago, will stop producing photo products. **4B**

SCOTTY McCREERY UP FOR CMA AWARD

The "American Idol" winner from Garner is a nominee for New Artist of the Year in the Academy of Country Music Awards. **2B**

WEATHER

Today: Partly cloudy. High 58; low 40.

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Board panel approves Ross' UNC tuition plan



UNC Board of Governors Chairwoman Hannah Gage confers with UNC system President Tom Ross as the board's Committee on Budget and Finance meets Thursday in Chapel Hill.

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BOARD OF GOVERNORS VOTES TODAY ON AVERAGE 8.8% HIKE

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CHAPEL HILL – Students are expected to turn out in force today as the full UNC Board of Governors votes on a plan to increase tuition and fees an average of 8.8 percent for in-state undergraduates across North Carolina's public universities next year.

On Thursday, the board's budget and finance committee approved UNC President Tom Ross' recommendations, which also call for a second year of tuition increases for in-state undergraduates that average 4.2 percent. Prices for 2013-2014 will be set later for

out-of-state students and graduate students; campuses may study shifting more of the cost to those students after next year.

Ross' proposal, which passed the committee 5-1 Thursday, would increase 2012-13 in-state, undergraduate tuition and fees by 8.5 percent at N.C. Central University, 9.8 percent at N.C. State University and 9.9 percent at UNC-Chapel Hill.

Some of the UNC campuses had asked for higher tuition to help cope with state budget cuts, but Ross insisted that increases stay below 10 percent. His plan aims to help UNC campuses

stabilize after budget reductions that have led to larger class sizes and reduced course offerings.

"I tried to consider where the state is right now in terms of its own economy," Ross said. "I've tried to consider where our campuses are and the impact of the reductions that we've had to absorb over the last four years. I've tried to consider students and families who are striving to get an education, but in an environment in which the economy is tough. So I think we've had to balance all of this to be sure that we're pro-

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10 states flee Left Behind law

By KIMBERLY HEFLING AND BEN FELLER
Associated Press

WASHINGTON – President Barack Obama on Thursday declared that 10 states are free from the No Child Left Behind law, allowing them to scrap some of the most rigorous and unpopular mandates in American education. In exchange, the states are promising higher standards and more creative ways to measure what students are learning.

"We can combine greater freedom with greater accountability," Obama

said from the White House. Plenty more states are bound to take up him on the offer.

The first 10 states declared free from the landmark education law are Colorado, Florida, Georgia, Indiana, Kentucky, Massachusetts, Minnesota, New Jersey, Oklahoma and Tennessee. The only state that applied for the flexibility and did not get it, New Mexico, is working with the administration to get approval.

A total of 28 other states, including North Carolina, plus the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico have signaled that they, too, plan to flee the law in fa-

vor of their own plans.

The states excused from following the law no longer have to meet that deadline. Instead, they had to put forward plans showing they will prepare children for college and careers, set new targets for improving achievement among all students, reward the best performing schools and focus help on the ones doing the worst.

Obama said he was acting because Congress had failed to update the law despite widespread agreement it needs

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N.C. native could be canonized

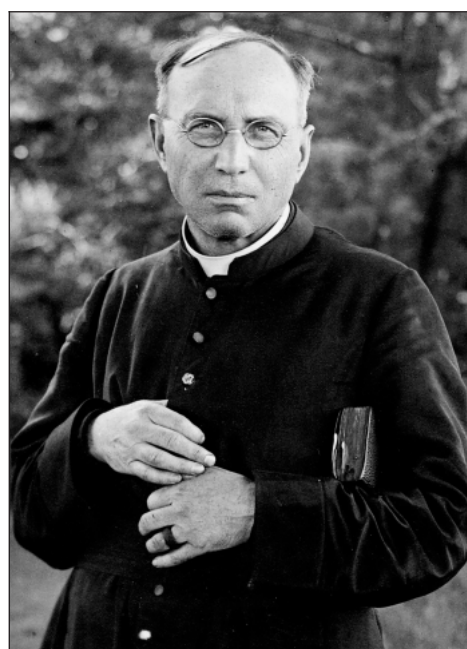
By JESSICA HALPERN
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RALEIGH – The Catholic Diocese of Raleigh will soon begin the long process of determining whether the first North Carolina native to be ordained a priest should be declared a saint.

Father Thomas Price, who died in 1919, dedicated much of his life to Catholic orphans in Eastern North Carolina, at a time when Catholicism was a fledgling religion in the state. In 1911, Price helped establish the Congregation of Maryknoll, an institute of foreign missionaries, and led its first mission to China, where he died of appendicitis shortly after his arrival.

At Maryknoll's request, the Raleigh diocese will begin a beatification process next month, convening a tribunal of religious officials and experts to discuss Price's work and reputation. The public will be invited to testify before the tribunal about Price's character or to give witness that he has prayed for them.

Bishop Michael Burbidge, head of the Raleigh diocese, will send the tribunal's findings to the Vatican, where the Congregation for the Causes of Saints will continue the



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Pentagon eases job limits for women

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WASHINGTON – New orders from the Pentagon: The military on Thursday formally opened thousands of jobs to women in units that are closer to the front lines than ever before, reflecting what's already been going on as female American soldiers fight and die next to their male comrades.

The new rules, affecting thousands of jobs, will break down more of the official barriers that have restricted the military positions women can take. They're being sent to Congress, and if lawmakers take no action after 30 workdays, the policy will take effect.

The changes still aren't coming fast enough for some in Congress or the military.

They noted that the rules still ban women from serving as infantry, armor and special operations forces, which are considered the most dangerous combat jobs.

Instead, they reflect what's been happening for the past 10 years of war in Iraq and Afghanistan. They will allow women to perform many of the jobs they are already doing – but in smaller units, closer to the fighting and once considered too dangerous.

"Unfortunately, the conclusions of this report do not go far enough," said Rep. Loretta Sanchez, a member of the House Armed Services Committee who started a caucus on women in the military. Sanchez said she was

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\$338M awaits N.C. in deal

Aid nears for homeowners

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Homeowners in North Carolina who owe more than their homes are worth could get principal reductions on their mortgages as early as next month after states and federal agencies announced a \$25 billion settlement with the country's largest mortgage servicers.

The deal, which resolved claims that banks used shoddy foreclosure practices like "robo-signing," marks the largest federal-state civil settlement in history, according to the U.S. Department of Justice.

North Carolina will receive \$338 million in the settlement, more than half of which will go toward principal reduction or other help for the so-called underwater homeowners and possibly others struggling with their mortgages, the office of N.C. Attorney General Roy Cooper said.

The long-awaited deal with Bank of America Corp., Wells Fargo & Co., JPMorgan Chase & Co., Citigroup Inc. and Ally Financial Inc., caps more than a year of negotiations between banks, states and federal agencies.

It could grow in the coming days. The attorneys general are seeking to involve as many

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HOW N.C. FUNDS BREAK DOWN

- \$179.5 million for principal reduction, short sales or other assistance to struggling homeowners
- \$63.6 million for housing counselors, legal advice, fraud prosecution, plus fines that will go to public schools
- \$61.5 million to refinance loans at lower rates for homeowners current on payments
- \$33.6 million to people who have lost their homes

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