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### WIND ENERGY IS PROMOTED IN STUDY

A study by a state panel says North Carolina's coast is a prime area for offshore wind farms and that the state should help develop the industry. **1B**

### PROSTATE CANCER, HEART ILLS LINKED

Duke Cancer Institute researchers say there appears to be a significant connection between prostate cancer and heart disease. **1B**



A dog in a pen at Dan River Bullies, a breeding operation authorities say was abusive.

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### WAKE SPCA TO GET DOGS FROM STOKES

The group will shelter some dogs rescued in a raid of an alleged puppy mill in the Stokes County town of Danbury. **1B**

### WASHINGTON STATE OKs GAY MARRIAGE

The governor is expected to sign a measure approved by the legislature, making the Pacific Northwest state the seventh to legalize same-sex marriages. **3A**

### SANTORUM TRIES TO BUILD ON 3 WINS

After a sweep of Tuesday's Republican nominating contests, the presidential candidate looks to boost his organization in other states. **3A**

### WEATHER

**Today:** Mostly sunny. High 52; low 31.

**Friday:** Partly cloudy. High 59; low 36. **8B**

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# UNC board takes up tuition hikes today



UNC-Chapel Hill senior Arima Claypool, 21, a member of the Women's Rugby Football Club, passes a tuition-protest sign Tuesday on the way to practice. Besides being a full-time student, she works two jobs on campus.

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## CAMPUSES AND STUDENTS GRAPPLE WITH COSTS AND DEBT

By JANE STANCILL  
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Long a model of quality and affordability, the UNC system will grapple today with fears that both may be at risk.

The UNC system's Board of Governors will take action today and Friday on tuition for the 2012-13 academic year. The deliberations take on heightened scrutiny this year as national debate surrounds the issue of the rising cost of higher education. Last month, President Barack Obama proposed a new system that would distribute federal financial aid dollars to colleges that

keep prices down.

UNC President Tom Ross has recommended in-state undergraduate tuition and fee increases that average 8.8 percent. He aims to keep any campus hike under 10 percent, though leaders from N.C. State, UNC-Chapel Hill and several other universities say they need higher tuition to maintain academic quality after a significant state budget cut.

Meanwhile, there is simmering anger among students, who say the tuition escalation is extreme for North Carolina, a state with a constitutional provision guaranteeing a free education "as far as

practicable." Students plan to march to the board meeting Friday morning in Chapel Hill.

Juan Miranda, a UNC Greensboro senior from Charlotte, is helping to organize carpools of students from Greensboro to Chapel Hill.

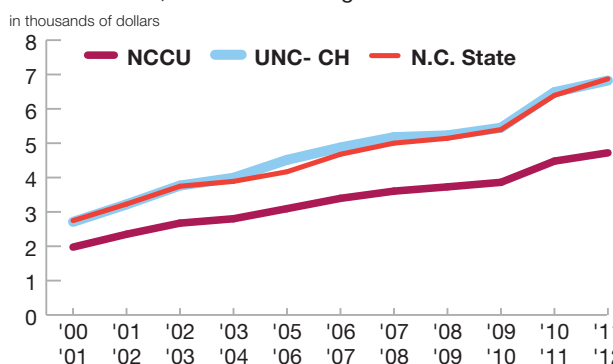
"It's getting to the point where everybody's been hit by it," Miranda said. "I believe education should be a right, not a privilege. Now it seems like that's what it's becoming."

A college degree has traditionally been

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### In-state resident tuition and fees

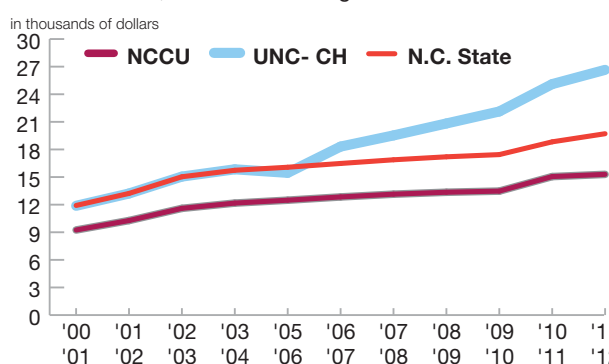
Undergraduate student costs excluding all other expenses such as books, food and housing.



SOURCE: N.C. Board of Governors

### Non-resident tuition and fees

Undergraduate student costs excluding all other expenses such as books, food and housing.



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## Special senior gets his shot

By J. MIKE BLAKE  
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**CARY** — The box score shows only that Nitin Reddy was one of eight seniors to score in Green Hope's win over Cary on Tuesday night. But his 3-pointer in the final minute was the most memorable shot of the game. It drew the loudest reaction and sent the home crowd into a frenzy.

The fanfare was for a senior playing his first varsity game on senior night — a four-year team manager with special educational needs and the support of the entire gymnasium.

Nitin Reddy attempted six 3-pointers in his 1 minute, 42 seconds of playing time. The fourth one bounced high off the rim, almost touched the shot clock, then fell cleanly through the net. When

### WATCH THE VIDEO

**Shootin' 3s:** To watch Nitin Reddy's entire game performance on video and see a photo gallery, go to this story at [newsobserver.com/preps](http://newsobserver.com/preps).

it dropped through, Reddy sprinted to the other side of the court.

"I thought it wasn't going to go in," Reddy said. "But after it hit the rim, it did."

The crowd of about 400 erupted. Reddy's teammates shot out of their chairs on the bench, parents rose to their feet, the student section — which had chanted his name before he entered the game — jumped for joy and the pep band's brass section blared in celebra-

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Green Hope senior Nitin Reddy is carried off the court after scoring a 3-pointer in his first varsity game.

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# \$26B housing deal backed

## Debt reduction for a million

By NELSON D. SCHWARTZ AND SHAILA DEWAN  
New York Times

After months of painstaking talks, the nation's biggest banks have agreed to a \$26 billion settlement that could provide relief to more than two million current and former American homeowners harmed by the bursting of the housing bubble, state and federal officials said. It is the latest effort by the government to halt the housing market's downward slide.

Despite the billions earmarked in the accord, the aid will help a relatively small portion of the millions of borrowers who are delinquent and facing foreclosure. The success could depend in part on how effectively the program is put into effect because earlier efforts by Washington to help troubled borrowers aided far fewer than had been expected.

Still, the agreement is the broadest effort yet to help borrowers owing more than their houses are worth, with roughly 1 million expected to have their mortgage debt reduced by lenders. In addition, 300,000 homeowners are expected to be able to refinance their homes at lower rates, while another 750,000 people

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# Obama 'firm' on birth control

By ERIKA BOLSTAD AND LESLEY CLARK  
McClatchy Newspapers

**WASHINGTON** — The White House insisted Wednesday that the president's commitment to contraceptive access for women is "absolutely firm," even as Republicans from Capitol Hill to the presidential campaign trail assailed the policy as an attack on religious liberty.

Republicans seized on a call from Catholic bishops, who in recent weeks have asked their parishioners to object to a federal law requiring religious-based institutions, such as Catholic hospitals and universities, to provide contraceptives as part of their health care coverage.

A new law taking effect this year requires most private insurers to pay for birth control. Religious groups have been given an extra year to comply.

At the White House, Press Secretary Jay Carney said the administration wants all American women — no matter where they work — to have ac-

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