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The attorney general urges legislators to require swabs of suspects arrested on felony or violent crime charges. Opponents say that could violate the Constitution. **1B**

### MAGNET SCHOOLS COULD GO ALL YEAR

Wake school board Chairman Ron Margiotta floats the idea to a school assignment panel to expand capacity. Some magnet parents object. **1B**

### NORTH KOREA CUTS TIES WITH SOUTH



South Koreans show contempt for King Jong-Il. JUNG YEON-JE - AFP/GETTY IMAGES

The move followed South Korea publicly blaming its neighbor for sinking a warship. **3A**

### BAGHDAD GOLD MARKET ROBBED

Fifteen people were killed in the attack, which security officials blamed on Sunni dominated al-Qaida in Iraq. **3A**

### A LOSS FOR NCSU'S CENTENNIAL CAMPUS

Meadwestvaco will move its packaging research center to Richmond, Va. **4B**

### N.C. ETHANOL PLANT NEARLY READY

Clean Burn Fuels' factory about 20 miles west of Fayetteville is expected to start producing ethanol in July. **4B**

### COUPLE FOUND IN TRASH-FILLED HOME

Neighbors hadn't seen the Chicago couple in weeks. Rescuers needed hazmat suits. **5A**

## WEATHER

**Today:** Partly cloudy, muggy tonight. High 83, low 65.

**Thursday:** Thunderstorms. High 92, low 65. **10B**

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# More troops to guard border

**President Barack Obama will send 1,200 National Guard troops to patrol the boundary with Mexico.**

By RANDAL C. ARCHIBOLD  
THE NEW YORK TIMES

**LOS ANGELES** — President Barack Obama will send up to 1,200 National Guard troops to the Southwest border and seek increased spending on law enforcement there to combat drug smuggling after demands from Republican and Democratic lawmakers

that border security be tightened.

The decision was disclosed after Obama met Tuesday with Republican senators, several of whom have demanded that troops be placed at the border. The move also reflects political pressure in the president's own party with midterm election campaigns under way and what is expected to be a tumultuous debate on overhauling immigration law coming up on Capitol Hill.

The troops will work on intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance support, analysis and training, and will support efforts to block drug

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**Tension high:** President Obama receives a dressing down from the GOP. **▶3A**

trafficking, The Associated Press reported. They will temporarily supplement Border Patrol agents until Customs and Border Protection can recruit and train additional officers and agents to serve on the border, according to a letter Tuesday from top administration security officials to Senate Armed Services Committee Chairman Carl Levin, D-Mich. The issue has pushed Janet Napolitano, the secretary of homeland security, into a corner. As governor of Arizona, she demanded that Guard troops be put on the border. But since joining the Obama administration, she has remained noncommittal about the idea, saying that other efforts by Obama had improved border security.

The troops will join a few hundred members of the Guard already assigned there to help the police hunt drug smugglers. The additional troops will provide support to law en-

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# Grocers battle for your loyalty with price, value



At the remodeled Harris Teeter at North Hills, Annette Montgomery of Raleigh, left, and Cathy Marshburn of Wendell compare coupon book ideas on an aisle that used to be for wine, but now has more staple foods.

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## As competition grows fierce, Triangle stores try new ideas

By SUE STOCK  
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For two years, grocery stores have sent customers this message: Shopping here will save you money.

Now, as some consumers appear once again willing to pay for ready-to-go-meals and service, grocers are trying to shape a new message: Value, not price, matters.

Perhaps nowhere is the emphasis on value more evident than at the Harris Teeter in Raleigh's North Hills area.

The store, which opened in February, has gone beyond the salad and sushi bars typically found in grocery stores. One side of the store is dedicated to prepared foods, including an antipasto bar, a fresh pizza

counter, six hot soups instead of the normal two and a hot bar of Asian foods.

At the same time, the Matthews-based chain is tracking customer feedback — and responding quickly.

After the two-story North Hills store opened in February, customers complained about the layout which required taking an elevator to get cereals, juices and baking supplies. Harris Teeter recently finished reorganizing the store to customer's wishes.

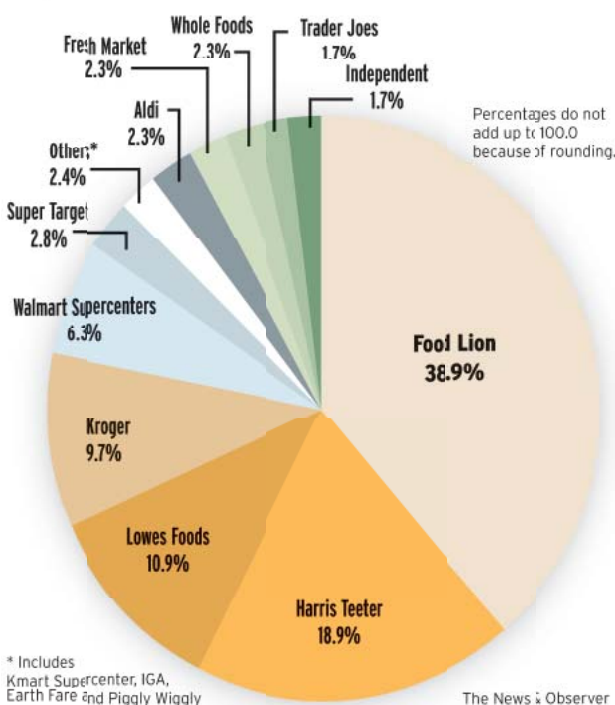
"We value the customer's opinion and it's so important to react," spokeswoman Jennifer Thompson said.

Target is also pursuing more customers by spending

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## THE LION'S SHARE

Counting by number of stores, Food Lion has nearly 40 percent of the Triangle market.



# Public servants seek to bargain

Senate could vote this week

By BARBARA BARRETT  
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**WASHINGTON** — The U.S. Senate may vote as soon as this week on whether to allow police officers, firefighters and state troopers across North Carolina the right to bargain collectively on pay, benefits and hours.

The legislation, supported by unions but strongly opposed by the state's municipalities, would overturn a 51-year-old law in the Tar Heel state. It would require local government employers, including cities, counties and the state, to negotiate with their public safety workers.

The workers covered by the legislation would include prison guards, Highway Patrol troopers, sheriff's deputies, police officers, emergency responders and firefighters.

Supporters say collective bargaining would protect workers' rights and decrease turnover that comes with job dissatisfaction.

"We think honest, constructive negotiation is the way to get what you need," said Scott Parker, vice president of the North Carolina lodge of the Fraternal Order of Police, and

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## WHAT'S AT STAKE

For 51 years, North Carolina has prohibited collective bargaining in the public sector. The Senate bill would require a public employer to bargain with public safety workers on issues such as wages, hours, job conditions and equipment.

The legislation does not include binding arbitration and would prohibit strikes, walkouts and work slowdowns.

# Oil rig tried to tell crew something was wrong

Many signals were missed

By ERIKA BOLSTAD  
McCLATCHY NEWSPAPERS

**WASHINGTON** — The crew of the Deepwater Horizon had a number of warning signs extending over five hours that conditions were worsening deep underwater before the oil rig exploded in the Gulf of Mexico on April 20, BP's investigators told a House inquiry into the cause of the deadly accident.

Details of BP's internal in-



BP CEO Tony Hayward watches the cleanup.

CAROLYN COLE - MCT

vestigation provide fresh information about the extent of failures on the ill-fated rig, but the

## TODAY'S ATTEMPT

BP has agreed at the request of the Obama administration to show video of the "top kill" designed to choke off the oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico.

The company plans to try to execute the tricky procedure as early as dawn today.

The "top kill" involves force-feeding heavy drilling mud and cement onto the leak. Read more about it. **Page 7A**

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oil company's inquiry skirts the central question: Why were those warnings ignored?

The apparent complacency of the BP crew comes as the Obama administration wrestles with the scope of possible new regulations on deepwater drilling and as a White House-ordered inquiry is poised to release its findings on the explosion and spill.

In its report to Congress, BP said crews noticed unusual pressure and fluid readings that should have alerted them not to remove heavy drilling lubricants known as "mud" from the well — a move that apparently allowed a sudden upwelling of gas that led to the explosion and sinking of

the rig about 50 miles from the Louisiana shoreline.

The first warning came five hours before the explosion, congressional investigators with the oversight subcommittee of the House Energy and Commerce Committee said in a memo released Tuesday evening.

There was evidence that throughout the day, crews failed to follow proper procedures for critical activities and had readings 51 minutes before the explosion that showed more fluid was being

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