

IN THE NEWS

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Marion Barry Diagnosed With Prostate Cancer

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Mayor Marion Barry has prostate cancer and is deciding whether to fight it with radiation or surgery. Either way, the mayor said he was confident of a speedy recovery.

Barry, 59, said Wednesday the cancer was diagnosed during his annual physical exam Oct. 13 at George Washington University Hospital. He said he would decide on a treatment after more tests next week.

"It will not impair his ability to perform his job and functions as the mayor," said Dr. Albert Goldson of Howard University Hospital, one of the mayor's doctors and a specialist in prostate cancer.

"The good news is, I'm looking for a speedy recovery," a robust-looking Barry said at a news conference, accompanied by his wife, Cora; his mother, Mattie Cummings; and his minister, the Rev. Willie Wilson.

Gingrich Accused of Second Ethics Violation

WASHINGTON, D.C. — House Speaker Newt Gingrich was accused in a new ethics complaint Wednesday of improperly letting a Wisconsin businessman use his congressional office to influence telecommunications legislation.

Gingrich said last week that businessman Donald Jones did "nothing inappropriate nor unethical" while serving as an unpaid volunteer earlier this year.

The complaint was filed by the Con-

gressional Accountability Project, affiliated with consumer advocate Ralph Nader, and by Rep. George Miller, D-Calif. The House ethics committee already is investigating Gingrich's college course, his book deal and other matters.



Speaker of the House NEWT GINGRICH says the charges against him are invalid.

Miller served notice last week that he would file the complaint after news stories appeared about Jones' advisory role. The businessman had owned extensive telecommunications holdings, but sold most of them before volunteering as a Gingrich adviser.

Shutdown Continues; Quick End Not Expected

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Hundreds of thousands of government workers got another day off Wednesday as President Clinton and the Republican-controlled Congress remained at an impasse over the budget. Treasury Secretary Robert Rubin dipped into two government trust funds to avoid default.

Chances were slim that the partial government shutdown that began Tuesday would end soon.

Wednesday's chapter of the war of words opened with House Speaker Newt Gingrich saying Republican negotiators were ready to renew talks but warning reporters the crisis "could well last 90 days." If that happens, he said, Congress would remain in session through Thanksgiving and Christmas.

Gingrich said the House might act by tonight on a short-term measure to end the shutdown, along with a provision committing Clinton to a seven-year balanced budget. The measure would be stripped of a Medicare premium increase that was in the bill Clinton vetoed, Gingrich indicated. But Majority Leader Richard Arney, R-

Texas, said no decision on timing had been made.

Commission Says Hooters Needs to Hire Men Too

WASHINGTON, D.C. — The Hooters restaurant chain said Wednesday it would refuse a federal commission's recommendation that the company hire men to work alongside its Hooters Girls waitresses.

"Hooters is fighting back," Mike McNeil, a vice president of Hooters, said at a news conference that was attended by 20 of the chain's young female waitresses. "... A lot of places serve good burgers. The Hooters Girls, with their charm and all-American sex appeal, are what our customers come for."

The Atlanta-based Hooters of America Inc. called the news conference to protest a decision by the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, which has been investigating the 170-restaurant chain for the past four years.

Court Orders Winnie Mandela to Pay Debts

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa — President Nelson Mandela's estranged wife, Winnie, lost a court battle Wednesday over who should pay for chartering a jet to Angola two years ago.

A Supreme Court justice ruled Mrs. Mandela should pay the charter fee, along with interest and legal costs expected to top \$27,800.

Foster Webb Air Charter sued Mrs. Mandela for the cost of a jet it said she hired to fly a delegation to Angola in June 1993. Mrs. Mandela did not accompany the group.



WINNIE MANDELA was ordered to pay a \$27,800 debt to an air charter company.

Man's Council, which was founded by Tyson King-Meadows, a graduate teaching assistant in the political science department. King-Meadows was not available to comment about the group's activities.

Robbins said the march helped revive a sense of community activism and renewed people's sense of service and their willingness to get involved. He said, "Something touched them that hadn't been touched in a long time."

Peres Chosen Premier as Israel Works To Recover From National Tragedy

TEL AVIV, Israel — Uniting to prove that ballots, not bullets, must determine the government of Israel, lawmakers across the political spectrum backed Shimon Peres as premier on Wednesday.

President Ezer Weizman gave the Labor Party leader 21 days to form a new Cabinet after parties representing 111 out of the 120 Knesset members — including most of the right-wing opposition — recommended him.

Many Israelis are deeply repentant for the poisonous political atmosphere that cost Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin his life. Peres accepted Wednesday's offer "with a heavy heart, in light of the circumstances."

"The death of a great prime minister, the late Yitzhak Rabin, has left the nation shocked and pained," he said. "I will make every effort to form a government that will broaden peace with our neighbors and within us."

Meanwhile, police arrested an eighth student suspected of aiding Rabin's assassination and charged two others with attempting to desecrate the slain prime minister's grave.

Peres, 72, has been a fixture of Israeli politics since the 1950s. He now plans to surround himself with younger lieutenants and try to tap the surprising new support from young people, who have turned out by the hundreds of thousands to mourn Rabin.

He is expected to present his Cabinet to the Knesset by next week.

Despite the initial support, Peres' Knesset coalition will likely remain fragile: It has only 63 of the body's 120 members, and his plans to accelerate the peace pro-

cess are already ranking right-wingers.

Opposition leaders say Peres' slim majority is inappropriate for making decisions as critical as giving up strategic and historically significant land.

Those expecting to be promoted in the new Cabinet include Economics Minister Yossi Beilin, 47, Peres' closest aide, and Interior Minister Ehud Barak, 53, a popular former army chief. Haim Ramon, 47, a leading Labor Party member, is also expected to get a post.

Peres also met Wednesday with Rabbi Yehuda Amital, who heads a moderate religious movement but is not a Knesset member, and Israel Radio said Amital may be offered a Cabinet position.

Beilin indicated the new government will continue and even accelerate the peace process in the 12 months remaining before scheduled Israeli elections.

"It's a whole year. It should not be just an electoral year," he said. Israel must "go on with the peace process with the Palestinians and the Syrians and not neglect the right wing in Israel."

Israel this week pulled out of the West Bank town of Jenin — a week ahead of schedule — as part of Rabin's agreement to transfer most Palestinian areas in the West Bank to the Palestinian authority.

Peres has also hinted he would try to broaden the stalled peace talks with Syria beyond the security arrangements that were the focus under Rabin. But he will face serious opposition to returning the strategic Golan Heights, which Israel captured from Syria in 1967.

In the Tuesday night broadcast of ABC-TV's Nightline, Peres defended his government's right to make tough deci-

sions and said Israel will use all its means against right-wing extremist groups, whose incitement is widely blamed for Rabin's Nov. 4 assassination by a religious radical.

"It's not ignoring the other half when you use the right of the majority," Peres said. "I am for unity around democracy, but not for democracy that cannot make up its mind."

Despite participants' calls for a more civil tone in political discourse, Nightline's broadcast from the Jerusalem Theater revealed how deeply Israelis remain divided over trading war-won land for peace with the Arabs.

Government officials, opposition leaders, peace activists and West Bank settlers all traded blame for undermining democracy. Leah Rabin, the late premier's widow, said she preferred shaking Yasser Arafat's hand to that of Israeli opposition leader Benjamin Netanyahu.

Meanwhile, an eighth suspect in Rabin's killing was ordered held by a magistrate's court in the Tel Aviv suburb of Petah Tikva.

Police said Margalit Harshefi, a 20-year-old law student from the Beit El settlement, was a key figure among conspirators who allegedly aided Rabin's confessed killer, Yigal Amir.

Walking into court carrying a small blue prayer book, Harshefi told the judge she was not guilty. Her lawyer said she had a close relationship with Amir, but not a criminal one.

In Jerusalem, police arrested two ultra-Orthodox seminary students on Wednesday for desecrating Rabin's grave. Both confessed to spitting on the site, and one allegedly tried to urinate on it.

SCHOOLS

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The Chapel Hill Town Council has allocated \$21,000 to the program, which will be used for the participants' salaries.

"Everyone says schoolwork comes first," Chapel Hill High School senior Jeff Barrus said. "But, quite frankly, that paycheck has to come in. This way, I get to work in an area I'm interested in, draw a paycheck and eventually get school credit for my efforts."

Chapel Hill Director of Building Inspections John Davis said he was very excited about his department's involvement in the program as well as with its potential success.

"It's going to be thrilling to see young men and women come through the program and, in four years, be able to earn a living," Davis said. "The program will definitely be a success once students get involved and get excited."

Barrus said more and more of his fellow students would become involved as the

program's reputation for allowing students to get paid for learning while working on a job that interested them spread.

By no means would the program become an easy way for students to shirk their academic responsibilities, Davis said. "There is going to be a lot of hard work involved," he said. "We will keep a close eye on participants to make sure they progress toward graduation with excellent grades; then we will guide them through the next four years of earning their apprenticeship certificate."

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