

# World and Nation

## Assault victims have place to turn

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Last year 418 sexual assaults were reported in Orange County. To help victims of such assaults, the Orange County Rape Crisis Center offers support for victims of sexual assault and incest.

The goals of the group are to provide support and to help the survivors of sexual assaults develop new relationships.

"People come into the groups with different expectations. We provide support for the people and help the participants break down isolation by gaining strength from others who have had similar experiences," said Lisa Lackmann of the rape crisis center.

In 1986, the UNC School of Journal-

ism conducted a survey to determine the number of women who had been victims of actual or attempted sexual assault since arriving at the campus. The result of the survey indicated that 30 percent of the women at UNC had been victimized.

"Similar surveys indicate that on campuses nationwide, an average of 27 percent of women say they have been involved in either actual or attempted sexual assaults," Lackmann said.

According to Tina Grover, rape crisis community education and outreach coordinator, there is a need in the University community for sexual assault support groups.

"Because of the sure numbers — 20,000 people in the community are affiliated with the University — most

of our clientele should be involved with UNC," she said.

However, there is not much response from UNC students, Lackmann said. Many of the assaults on campus are either date or acquaintance rape and often go unreported, she said.

"Often people are afraid to report the cases because of fear of harm from their attacker, fear that they will not be believed, fear their friends will side with their attacker and fear they will be made to look funny."

The 10-member support groups meet once a week for 10 weeks. The incest support group will hold its first meeting on Sept. 25 and the first meeting of the sexual assault support group will be Sept. 27.

Anyone interested in either of these

groups can contact Lackmann, director of services and volunteer coordinator, at 968-4647.

This is the first time this year that these support groups have been organized.

"We try to have two sessions (of each group) a year; however, this is the first session for 1989," Lackmann said. "We tried to have a session early this year but there were not enough interested participants."

Education is necessary to encourage women to report assaults, Lackmann said.

"We offer programs on campus to encourage students not to be afraid to report assault cases and also how to protect themselves from assault."

## French airliner disappears after taking off in Africa

From Associated Press reports

PARIS — A DC-10 passenger aircraft on a flight from the Congo to Paris with 170 people on board disappeared Tuesday soon after taking off from a stopover in Chad, the French airline UTA said.

The airline, also known as Union Transports Ariens, said there was no indication of the plane's fate more than five hours after contact was lost. UTA Flight 772 was carrying 155 passengers and 15 crewmembers.

The last radio contact between the plane and air traffic controllers occurred 40 to 50 minutes after leaving the airport at N'Djamena, Chad, and indicated everything was normal, the airline said.

UTA reported there was no unusual weather in the area. It did not say what search measures were being taken. The flight originated in Brazzaville, Congo.

The French navy dispatched a Dassault-Breguet Atlantique patrol aircraft from Dakar, Senegal, to join the search, the Defense Ministry said.

### News in Brief

1978. "The presence of the Vietnamese in Cambodia during the last 10 years is a legal act and humanitarian aid," he said of the intervention, which was condemned by many non-Communist nations as a violation of international law and the United Nations charter.

"The Khmer Rouge killed people. The people were scared all the time," he said. "The presence of the Vietnamese troops in Cambodia has saved Cambodian lives."

### Democracy movement inspired

BERLIN — The widely publicized flood of East German refugees to the West has energized the fledgling pro-democracy movement they left behind, giving it a new boldness to challenge East Germany's hard-line government.

Just two weeks after its creation, a dissident group called Neues Forum says its numbers have swelled from 30 founders to more than 1,500 supporters nationwide.

Neues Forum says it has also received inquiries from a number of low-level Communist Party members and on Tuesday asked the government to legalize it.

"For too long, people have only dared to express their hopes in places like bars, where it's safe. It's time we start talking about these things out in the open," said 27-year-old Klaus, a group member who asked that his last name not be used because of possible police reprisals.

Erich Honecker's hard-line Communist government staunchly rejects the kinds of reforms under way in the Soviet Union, Hungary and Poland, saying there is no need for them in East Germany.

## Hugo heads for U.S. over Atlantic

From Associated Press reports

MIAMI — Hurricane Hugo, the Caribbean killer blamed for 25 deaths, seethed past the Bahamas Tuesday on an uncertain path that threatens an area from Florida to North Carolina by Friday.

Disaster teams found death and destruction in Puerto Rico and a string of resort islands clobbered by the mightiest storm in a decade in the northeastern Caribbean. More than 50,000 people were homeless, and military planes ferried radios, drinking water, generators, chainsaws and other equipment to stricken areas that pleaded for more help.

Forecasters used computers, satellites and charts of old storms but could not predict Hugo's wobbly path. It lurched to the north and west because other weather systems seemed to be blocking it from heading into the open Atlantic.

At 3 p.m. EDT, the hurricane's center was near latitude 22.6 degrees north and longitude 68.6 west, about 175 miles east northeast of Grand Turk Island in the southern Bahamas, accord-

ing to the National Weather Service.

It had maximum sustained winds of 105 mph and was moving northwest at 12 mph, forecasters said. But Hugo was reorganizing over open seas where warm tropical air fueled its engine, and forecasters expected fluctuations in strength.

Hurricane warnings were downgraded to storm warnings for the southern Bahamas as Hugo skirted past, but the Bahamian government issued warnings for the central islands of the archipelago.

In Florida, NASA officials said they would wait until Wednesday before deciding to move the space shuttle Atlantis, scheduled for launch Oct. 12, from its launch pad and into shelter. They also put off a decision on whether to remove a Navy communications satellite from an Atlas-Centaur rocket on another launch pad until more is known about Hugo's path.

"I think Hugo has certainly got people nervous," said Kathleen Hale, director of the Dade County Office of Emergency Management.

Fred Krouse, spokesman at Bre-

vard County's emergency management office in Rockledge, Fla., said volunteers were getting 100 telephone calls an hour.

Cruise ships steamed out of the way, while American Airlines' heavy Caribbean service, which uses San Juan as its hub, was suspended.

In San Juan, National Guardsmen with automatic rifles patrolled streets to help police with rescue and to prevent looting. Police spokesman Tony Santiago said 40 businesses reported looting, much of which occurred at the height of the storm. Police had arrested 30 people on looting charges, he said.

Looting by machete-wielding mobs was also reported on the island of St. Thomas in the U.S. Virgin Islands.

Relief officials asked for cots and plastic sheetings to use for shelters for the thousands of islanders whose homes were crumpled by Hugo, the fourth hurricane of the season and the first to hit Puerto Rico since 1956.

Coast Guard vessels from Puerto Rico scoured the waters off the island because of reports "there are a lot of people stranded (on boats) out in the

water," said Coast Guard Lt. Stan Douglas.

Hugo wallowed the northeastern part of the island, then skirted its populous northern coast on Monday. It churned on to the northwest and toward open water. It whirled past but missed the Dominican Republic.

At least 25 people in the Caribbean died from the storm, said Cizanette Rivera, a spokeswoman for the Civil Defense in Puerto Rico.

Two people died on Puerto Rico while trying to remove a TV antenna Sunday in preparation for the storm, according to Maria Dolores Oronoz of the governor's office. She said no other deaths had been reported on the island.

However, American Red Cross spokesman Brian Ruberry said in Washington there were reports of 12 deaths and 100 injuries in Puerto Rico, and that three-fourths of the island's residents were without power.

In Hawaii, Secretary of the Interior Manuel Lujan said \$500,000 in emergency assistance funds were released to aid storm-stricken areas of the U.S. Virgin Islands.

## Bush may change auto emissions portion of clean air bill

From Associated Press reports

WASHINGTON — The Bush administration proposed a modification Tuesday to the most controversial portion of its clean air bill: a provision permitting averaging of auto emissions to meet anti-pollution requirements.

The modification, criticized by environmental groups, would still allow motor vehicle manufacturers to meet stricter anti-pollution requirements by averaging pollution among engine families.

But it would make clear that reductions under averaging must equal the improvement that would be achieved if each car were forced to meet the emissions standards. Current law requires each vehicle to meet the standards.

The proposal was part of an amendment package introduced, with the administration's blessing, by the two chief sponsors of the legislation: House Energy and Commerce Committee Chairman John Dingell, D-Mich., and the ranking Republican on the panel,

Rep. Norman Lent, R-N.Y.

Environmental groups and their House supporters said they still wanted averaging stripped from the bill, contending it would increase pollution from autos, the major cause of urban smog.

Other parts of the package, receiving a better reception from environmentalists, proposed strengthening language on pollution from tall smokestacks; planning and reacting to toxic chemical accidents; strengthening inspection of motor vehicles and maintenance pro-

grams; protecting air quality in national parks; and putting diagnostic equipment on autos.

The Lent-Dingell changes were proposed in the House Energy and Commerce Environment Subcommittee, which is considering amendments to the Bush plan to reduce urban smog, acid rain and airborne toxic chemicals.

Environmentalists have generally praised the Bush plan to cut acid rain-producing sulfur dioxide by 10 million tons by the end of 2000, but have called

the air toxics and smog provisions too weak.

Their main target has been averaging, which would allow some cars to flunk emissions requirements, while others would have to meet them with a considerable margin of safety. The Bush legislation, however, would toughen the standards for individual pollutants coming from cars.

Lent said the overall changes would make the bill "stronger and more workable" and maintain a "bipartisan spirit."

Rep. Henry Waxman, D-Calif., the subcommittee chairman who sides with environmental organizations, said, "I find it very constructive." But Waxman said the plan "doesn't end disagreements" on auto pollution provisions, which he described as weak even with the new proposals.

Daniel Weiss, a lobbyist for the Sierra Club, said some parts of the new proposal remove provisions that would weaken current law, but added others were "cosmetic at best."

## Soviet, U.S. officials to discuss nations' changing relations

From Associated Press reports

WASHINGTON — Secretary of State James Baker and Soviet Foreign Minister Eduard Shevardnadze meet in Wyoming at a time of tumultuous change in superpower relations, ranging from reforms in the Soviet Union to talk of reunification of a Germany divided when the Cold War began four decades ago.

The changes have put pressure on President Bush and on Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev, who likely is send-

ing his foreign minister with new ideas for strategic arms cuts, experts say.

Bush, meanwhile, is being pushed to respond more warmly to changes under way in the Soviet bloc.

Shevardnadze will talk with Bush Thursday at the White House, then will head for Jackson Hole, Wyo., to meet through the weekend with Baker.

Since they last met in July, a major postwar milestone has been passed: the installation of a Solidarity government in Poland, the first non-communist

regime in the Soviet bloc.

Hungary, another Warsaw Pact nation, is also moving toward a multi-party system, and the speaker of the Hungarian parliament was quoted in the Washington Post on Tuesday predicting his nation would ultimately leave the Soviet-led military alliance. Precisely that step precipitated the Soviet invasion of Hungary in 1956.

Also, Hungary's allowing of thousands of East German refugees to cross into Austria has riveted world attention

on Eastern Europe.

And Gorbachev has had to concern himself at home with surging sentiment for more self-determination — or even independence — in a growing number of Soviet republics.

Deputy Secretary of State Lawrence Eagleburger said in a speech Tuesday, "The tremendous change in the nature of our discourse with the Soviet leadership is primarily the result of unprecedented and exciting developments which are taking place in the Soviet

Union." But the crushing of pro-democracy forces in China and warnings by Gorbachev of a possible conservative coup in the Soviet Union are stark reminders that all change is not permanent, and that superpower relations could be plunged back into the bad old days of the Cold War.

"Things may well get out of control, but they are unlikely to lead to a peaceful evolution toward liberal democracy" in the Soviet Union, retired Lt. Gen. William Odom said in a speech

Sept. 9. "Civil war and disorder followed by reassertion of authoritarianism seem more probable," said Odom, who spent his military career watching the Soviet Union, including a stint as head of the supersecretive National Security Agency.

Gorbachev, in reforming Soviet foreign policy, has withdrawn threatening tank forces from Eastern Europe, announced a cut of 500,000 in the Red Army, and declared a "defensive doctrine."

## Inflation low as most prices hold steady, some even drop

From Associated Press reports

WASHINGTON — Consumer prices did not rise last month as big declines in the cost of gasoline and women's clothing combined to provide the best news on inflation since early 1986, the government said Tuesday.

The August performance of the Labor Department's Consumer Price Index followed modest increases of 0.2 percent in both June and July and left analysts marveling at the better-than-expected showing on inflation.

"The August inflation result was outstanding from the point of view of

the consumer," said Allen Sinai, chief economist of the Boston Co. "The bread-and-butter categories of food, housing, transportation and clothing showed either big declines or very small increases."

The modest price increases starting in June represented a sharp contrast from the first part of the year, when surges in energy and food costs pushed inflation up to a disturbing annual rate of 6.7 percent.

With the string of good reports, consumer prices are now rising at an annual rate of 4.8 percent, up only slightly from the 4.4 percent increases

registered in both 1987 and 1988.

In another economic report Tuesday, the government said that construction of new homes and apartments dropped by 5 percent in August, falling to an annual rate of 1.35 million units.

Economists blamed increases in mortgage rates during August for the setback. They said that the improved outlook for inflation should help push mortgage rates down in coming months and should keep the housing market from going into a tailspin.

"Builders saw rates rising and got a case of the jitters, but we think that interest rates will start moving down

again in the months ahead as various indicators suggest that the inflation threat is subsiding very quickly," said Richard Peach, senior economist at the Mortgage Bankers Association.

The Bush administration is predicting a 5 percent inflation rate for this year, a view supported by many private economists.

"We think that inflation is probably going to move up a little bit, but we are not looking for anything like the surge we had at the beginning of 1989," said David Berson, chief economist of the Federal National Mortgage Corp. Donald Ratajczak, director of the

economic forecasting project at Georgia State University, said the underlying inflation rate was running between 4 percent and 4.5 percent, where it has

been for much of this decade.

For August, the main moderating force on prices was a steep 4.2 percent plunge in gasoline prices.

### SRC

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too many trees would be sacrificed for the project.

"The number of trees affected there (next to Fetzer) is tiny when compared to the number that would be affected anywhere else.

"Certainly, that site is advantageous to most students on campus," she added. Beall would not comment on the details of the press conference, and when asked his preference for an SRC location, he said, "I'm in favor of an objective site election, (and) I think the

students deserve an objective site selection."

Intramural sports coordinator Wayne Going, another supporter of the original SRC site, said, "I think that (the Fetzer courtyard) is the best possible place for the function of that center, which is for intramural activities. I think that is the best site on this campus."

Proposals for the SRC location must first receive approval from the Buildings and Grounds Committee and then from the Board of Trustees.

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