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FRIDAY IN THE NEWS

Top stories from state, nation and world

Russian speaker calls for easing of tensions

MOSCOW — On the eve of a Congress session that could end his presidency, Boris Yeltsin's chances of keeping his job rose sharply when his main rival backed off a demand for the president's ouster.

The call for compromise by parliament speaker Ruslan Khasbulatov eased tensions, although the fundamental conflict between Yeltsin and the hard-line Congress remained. In a nationally televised address Thursday night, Yeltsin renewed his call for a popular vote of confidence to resolve the struggle.

Russia's Christian Orthodox patriarch, meanwhile, warned that the political fight threatened to grow into a full-scale civil war.

The flurry of speeches came on the eve of a special session of the Communist-dominated Congress of People's Deputies, which meets today to consider ousting the president for calling the April referendum without consulting them.

ANC demands release of nuclear information

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa — Opposition groups demanded Thursday that the government reveal more nuclear secrets to prove its claim to have dismantled its nuclear weapons program.

President F.W. de Klerk, said Wednesday that the country built six atomic bombs as a deterrent but destroyed them in 1990 and abandoned its nuclear ambitions.

The African National Congress demanded a detailed accounting of the country's nuclear history, which de Klerk did not disclose.

"We insist that the government reveal what has happened to every gram of the stockpile of weapons-grade uranium," which international experts estimate at 440 to 715 pounds, the ANC said in a statement.

That amount is considered enough to build 20 or more nuclear weapons.

4 bomb suspects plead innocent; 5th charged

NEW YORK — Four of five men arrested in the World Trade Center bombing proclaimed their innocence Thursday, and, a month after the blast, investigators believe there may be only one suspect still loose.

The fifth suspect, Bilal Alkaisy, 27, was arrested early Thursday after he surrendered for questioning. He faced arraignment later in the day on charges of aiding and abetting.

One of the suspects arrested earlier, Nidal Ayyad, a chemical engineer who investigators believe had bomb-making know-how, said at his court appearance: "I am not guilty. I swear by all I hold dear — the Koran, my wife, child and mother — I had nothing to do with this."

'Fanatic' sneaks into Waco cult compound

WACO, Texas — Authorities trying for nearly a month to get people out of the heavily armed compound of a religious cult faced a new problem Thursday — people sneaking in.

A 24-year-old man described as a "religious fanatic" wove through a cordon of law officers Wednesday night, knocked on the door of the Branch Davidian sect and was let in.

FBI agent Bob Ricks said authorities watched Louis Anthony Alaniz of Houston scoot across the yard of the compound but decided not to shoot him because he was unarmed.

"He was described as a religious fanatic by his own mother and is there in search of whatever truths Mr. Koresh might be able to impart to him," Ricks said.

House votes down gag rule at federal clinics

WASHINGTON — The House voted Thursday to permanently do away with government restrictions on abortion counseling after defeating an attempt to require parental notification for minors seeking abortions at federally funded clinics.

The House passed and sent to the Senate, 273-149, a bill that authorizes spending for family planning clinics and writes into federal law President Clinton's lifting of the Bush administration's ban on abortion counseling. Supporters of Clinton's action to lift the "gag order" wanted to lock Clinton's policy into law to reverse 12 years of Republican anti-abortion policies.

—The Associated Press

Rape-Free Zone wakes up Polk Place

By Gautam Khandelwal
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"In the darkness U stole my worth! Faceless U took my identity!" T-shirts hanging limp in the damp spring air displayed words such as these, written on a rape victim's shirt. The shirt hung on a clothesline in Polk Place next to hundreds like it as part of the UNC Rape-Free Zone.

The clothesline separated a zone in Polk Place that — at least for Thursday — would be free from rape.

The Rape-Free Zone, sponsored by the Campus Y and other student organizations, will run until noon today. The event was designed to promote awareness of sexual violence through speakers and discussions ranging from "Racism and Rape" to "Portrayal of Women in the Media."

Michael Klompas, co-chairman of the Rape-Free Zone, said the designated area was a literal and symbolic asylum for those seeking safety from sexual violence.

"We are living in a state of siege where even our most fundamental of rights — the sanctity of our own bodies and minds — is not allowed us," Klompas said at the noon Kickoff Ceremony. "This is a refuge for us, a place where the beleaguered who are constantly living under the threat, the fear, the tension of sexual violence, can for once be safe."

Students and University community members roamed through the Rape-Free Zone, some participating in the programs, others reading the messages on the shirts.

Every three minutes, a bell tolled, reminding observers that every three

minutes a woman is raped in the United States.

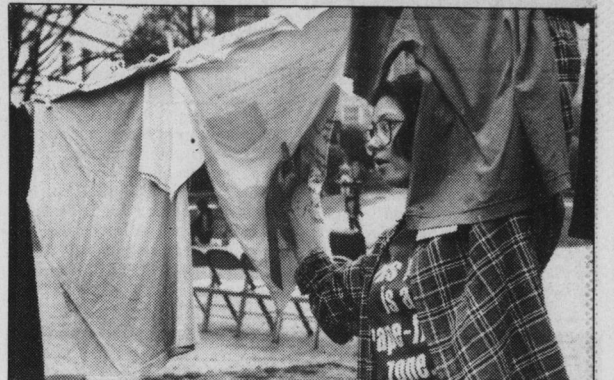
"It's really just overwhelming," said Brian Henderson, a junior from Carboro who was watching the activities. "I can't think of anything any stronger to say."

The clothesline was part of the National Clothesline Project and featured shirts containing messages by rape victims or friends of rape victims. The clothesline will mark off the Rape-Free Zone until noon.

Lori Britt, a freshman from Gastonia, said the messages on the shirts were moving. "It's very sad. It makes it a lot more personal when you read about their experiences."

Klompas said the Rape-Free Zone also was a place for education and learning.

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Erica Honeycutt helps set up the Rape-Free Zone clothesline Thursday morning. DTH/Erin Randall



Los Angeles attorney Gloria Allred says women must press charges against rapists. DTH/Justin Williams

Allred urges women to fight campus rape

By Everett Arnold
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"Campus rape is out of control." Los Angeles attorney Gloria Allred's words came as no news to the 50 people who came to see her speak at Memorial Hall Thursday night.

Allred served as the keynote speaker for the Rape-Free Zone, which the Campus Y and other student groups organized to educate the community about how to fight sexual violence.

"When I heard what you were doing with the Rape-Free Zone ... I had to come," she said.

Allred, an active feminist, has gained a reputation as a hard-nosed, successful attorney. She recently filed a complaint with the Senate Ethics Committee when female staff members of U.S. Sen. Bob Packwood, R-Ore., made allegations of sexual harassment against him.

Allred said colleges and universities needed to develop effective rape-action programs. Victim support and responsive treatment of rape victims would encourage them to come forward, she said.

"If not, campus rape will increase, and that is not an acceptable alternative," Allred said.

She suggested universities could improve their rape-action policies by including provisions to change on-campus housing arrangements if accused rapists and victims lived in the same dorms.

Allred said the intimidation of rape also affected perceptions of women in society, and consequently, in the workplace.

"Fear keeps women vulnerable, subordinate and powerless, and that is the whole point of rape: power, violence and control," she said.

She gave specific advice on creating a rape-free climate on campus, including changes in the student judicial code, legal counseling, better campus lighting, residence hall security and programs to provide rape victims with proper medical and psychological treatment.

"Be women who will not take no for an answer when it comes to rape," she told the audience.

Allred shared stories involving some of her clients' rape trials, emphasizing that rape victims could win in the courtroom.

The story of one of her former cli-

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UNC-CH leads comparable universities in four-year graduation rates

Editor's note: This is the first in a two-part series on UNC graduation rates.

By Scott Ballew
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Although UNC Board of Trustees members in January voiced their concern that too few students graduated in four years, UNC-CH tops many of its peers in four-year graduation rates, according to a recent survey.

Earlier this year, trustees called for universities in the UNC system to en-

courage students to graduate in four years to cut costs. Students who take longer than four years to graduate are a drain on taxpayers' money, they said.

But UNC-CH's four-year graduation rates are more than 19 percent higher than peer universities, a survey by the American Association of Universities reported. UNC-CH graduated 65 percent of the students in the Class of 1992, according to the survey.

"These numbers are excellent and gratifying," Provost Richard McCormick said. "The results speak

highly of UNC students and faculty. We are very proud."

The AAU, an organization of public and private research institutions, found that UNC-CH graduated up to 25 percent more students than many members of the AAU, including Indiana University, the University of California at Los Angeles and N.C. State University.

In a similar comparison with public research universities in the Southeast, UNC-CH ranked even higher, topping AAU averages by as much as 30 percent to 34 percent.

Volunteers end Tar Heels' season

By John C. Manuel
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IOWA CITY, Iowa — North Carolina's women's basketball team has enjoyed a fine 1992-93 season. It has risen as high as No. 11 in the Associated Press poll, racked up 23 wins and proceeded to the NCAA Tournament's Sweet 16 for the first time since 1986.

On Thursday night in Carver-Hawkeye Arena on the campus of the University of Iowa, the 17th-ranked Tar Heels, who featured only one senior on this year's roster, saw how far they have to go to be considered one of women's basketball's elite teams.

The Tennessee Volunteers, ranked second in the nation and seeded first in the Midwest region, crushed fourth-seeded UNC 74-54 to advance in the regional finals.

Tennessee pushed its record to 29-2 and will meet the winner of the Iowa-Auburn game, which had not been completed at press time. North Carolina ends its season at 23-7.

The Volunteers simply outplayed the Tar Heels in every aspect and held UNC's trump card, Tonya Sampson, in check all night.

Sampson, who entered the night averaging 21.2 points per game, tallied a game-high 15 to lead the Tar Heels.

Tiffany Woosley led a balanced Tennessee attack, scoring 13 points. Lisa Harrison had 12 points and a dozen rebounds, while guard Nikki

McCray contributed 12 points and nine rebounds for the Vols.

UNC head coach Sylvia Hatchell said Tennessee's superior strength and depth inside were the keys to the game.

"At this level, strength is a bigger factor than skill," Hatchell said. "They've just got tremendous strength on the Tennessee team and we just got manhandled by them."

UNC reserve center Carrie McKee agreed.

"They were definitely physical inside. There were times when we couldn't do what we wanted or needed to do to take the shot," she said. "They were stronger than a lot of the teams we usually face."

Indeed, the Volunteers shuttled front-court players in and out of the game at every opportunity and simply wore down UNC. That inside dominance was especially telling in the rebounding statistics for the game.

Tennessee outrebounded North Carolina 46-31, and ruled the boards in the first half to a 23-12 advantage, including 12 offensive rebounds. Volunteers head coach Pat Summitt said the advantage on the glass helped her team overcome a sluggish start.

"I was displeased with our offense because we were standing around too much," she said. "Our defensive intensity was what it needed to be and our rebounding was a big difference."

The Tar Heels also got off to a slow start with Sylvia Crawley scoring UNC's first field goal nearly four minutes into the contest.

A 3-pointer by Stephanie Lawrence brought UNC to within one at 21-20 with 6:24 left in the first stanza when Summitt called a timeout.

Her charges responded with a 17-5 run to close out the half, capped by a steal and layup by Woosley with three seconds remaining. The basket gave the Volunteers a 38-25 lead at the half.

"We picked up our movement and I think we played well on both ends of the floor in the second half," Summitt said.

The Tar Heels staged a brief second-half rally, and a basket by Crawley put North Carolina within 12, 54-42, with just more than 10 minutes to play.

But the Volunteers would not allow the Tar Heels to get any closer. With Sampson having picked up her fourth foul with 10:30 remaining and Charlotte Smith struggling (2-10) from the field, UNC did not have the fire power to stay with Tennessee.

The final score equaled Tennessee's largest margin of the game.

For the Tar Heels, the loss and the experience of a Sweet 16 run gives them a foundation to grow on.

"I think this experience will be a key for us," McKee, a co-captain, said. "We have so much more to gain

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Bowl of salad for a dollar. — Unidentified Deadhead