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IN THE NEWS

Top stories from the state, nation and world

Canadian Liberals Take Strong Win in Elections

TORONTO—The Liberals vanquished their rivals with a landslide election victory, but the strength of their win won't make Canada's struggle for renewal any easier.

The first stage of Liberal leader Jean Chretien's plan — tossing the rascals out — has been accomplished. The Conservatives are gone, reduced to just two seats in the 295-seat House of Commons.

Now Chretien takes on tougher tasks: attacking 11.2 percent unemployment, getting a runaway budget under control, dealing with a spiraling debt that is eating away revenues, finding an alternative to a hated national sales tax and coming to terms with Quebec.

Chretien, 59, a Quebec lawyer, has the mandate. Some Canadians wonder if he has the skill.

Former HUD Employee Convicted of 12 Felonies

WASHINGTON — Deborah Gore Dean, a figure in the Reagan-era Housing and Urban Development scandal, was convicted Tuesday of 12 felony counts including defrauding the government, taking a payoff and lying to Congress.

The former executive assistant to HUD Secretary Samuel Pierce got a maximum sentence of 57 years in prison and \$3 million in fines. Her sentencing was set for Jan. 19.

The 38-year-old Dean was the 11th person in the HUD scandal to be convicted through trial or guilty pleas. Pierce, who disclaimed knowledge of the misdeeds in his department, has not been charged.

Gunmen Kill 2 in Revenge For Saturday's Bombing

BELFAST, Northern Ireland — Two gunmen disguised as workers sprayed automatic gunfire into a city-operated garbage truck depot Tuesday, killing two Roman Catholics and injuring five others.

The Ulster Freedom Fighters, a Protestant-based outlaw gang, claimed responsibility for the sectarian revenge killings and vowed more attacks. The slayings brought the total of people killed in Belfast to 14 since Saturday's IRA bomb killed 10.

Extra troops and police were ordered to patrol the city to stop the killings, which undermined peace efforts by two of Northern Ireland's Catholic politicians.

Protestant-based gangs had said they would avenge Saturday's bombing.

Health-Care Plan to Save Less Than Original Draft

WASHINGTON — President Clinton's health-reform proposal will fall \$30 billion short of producing the budget savings predicted earlier, an administration official said Tuesday as the White House readied the plan for delivery to Congress.

The president and Hillary Rodham Clinton were to bring the 1,600-page bill to Congress in person during a ceremony in Statuary Hall Wednesday, five weeks after Clinton's initial pitch.

The original draft of Clinton's plan would have lowered the deficit by \$91 billion by the year 2000. Philip R. Lee, assistant secretary for health, told a medical educators' meeting the deficit reduction figure now is "around \$60 billion."

Magazine Ranks Raleigh Best City for Business

RALEIGH — A high concentration of doctorates and a "brainy workforce" put Raleigh-Durham on top of Fortune magazine's annual list of best cities for business.

The magazine's Nov. 15 issue cites the area's three major universities, Research Triangle Park and state-sponsored incubators for emerging companies in biotechnology and microelectronics.

The criteria for the magazine's ratings this year focused on "knowledge" workers, as well as more traditional factors like costs, general quality of the work force and local attitudes toward business.

New York was listed as No. 2 because it was "home to many of the world's shrewdest financial and communications professionals." Boston was third with its universities, health-care facilities and concentration of high-tech industries.

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Weather

TODAY: Partly cloudy; high around 70.

THURSDAY: 30-percent chance of rain; high around 60.

Town Pledges to Repair Public Housing

BY ANUBHA ANAND
STAFF WRITER

Public-housing residents might finally get the repairs they have fought for, if a new report by the town manager does what it promises.

The six-page report, presented to the Chapel Hill Town Council on Monday, states that the town will fix plumbing and structural damage and paint the inside of apartments, some of which were last painted nearly 10 years ago. Also, the town will inspect all apartments every three months, meet regularly with public housing residents and establish better customer service.

The report was drafted in response to a videotape produced by public-housing residents that documented some of the substandard conditions. Council members watched the tape last week.

The report concludes that public housing should be decent, safe, sanitary and well-maintained.

However, residents who attended Monday's meeting said it was anything

but, and they expressed doubts about the town's commitment to the report's goals.

"People really don't want to wait any longer to get things done," said Maxecine Mitchell, an associate member of the residents' council. This plan is something they talked about two, three years ago. There are no definite plans and no definite funds.

But Tina Vaughn, director of public housing, said there was money available for painting and repairing apartments.

The list is prioritized. The town first will repair 18 apartments belonging to residents who complained to the council last week. Then, using a \$433,000 modernization block grant from the Department of Housing and Urban Development, the town will upgrade remaining apartments next year.

Vaughn said HUD was the only source of funds for public housing. The town does not allocate money for upkeep.

"That's something I may suggest to residents," she said. "No one, as far as I know, has formally asked council for funds."

Joann Shirer, who lives in the Ridgely complex on South Estes Drive, said the

biggest problem was lack of communication between the town and public-housing residents.

"The residents and the residents' council have been complaining for years (about maintenance), and housing has been handling it however they want."

Shirer said she would like to see a committee of residents and town officials help expedite complaints and find solutions more quickly. Shirer's own apartment has a commode that has been spewing human waste into the yard and has been backed up all weekend.

"If someone would just come out and take a look, it would make me feel better. I just called yesterday, but no one has been out yet," she said.

The housing department's policy states that emergency repairs must be completed within 24 hours, but residents say that doesn't always happen.

Shirer also said morale was a big problem among public-housing residents.

"You've got men and women who can do the simple jobs around here, but no one asks them. It's the little things that would

make the residents proud of their community."

Both Shirer and Mitchell also complained about the quality of repair jobs and that they sometimes were charged unfairly for repairs.

"When I moved out after four years, they billed me for a new door stopper. What is the lifespan on a door stopper?" said Mitchell, who now lives in a Habitat for Humanity house.

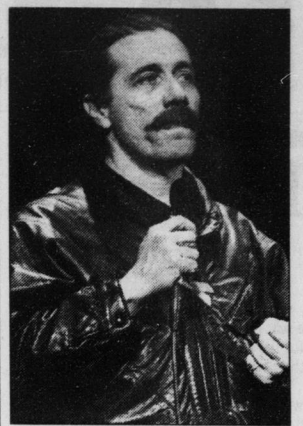
Mitchell also mentioned serious repairs, such as a roof that caved in over her daughter's bed one morning, that took six months to fully repair.

"And the ceiling wasn't painted until I moved out," she said.

Ameena Batada, co-chairwoman of the Student Environment Action Coalition, went to Monday's council meeting and said she was not happy with the report.

"A lot of things they said were ambiguous, like what type of time frame all this is going to take place in," she said. "Considering housing maintenance's record in the

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Actor EDWARD JAMES OLMOES talked about the souls of children.

Olmos: Kids Key To Future

BY S. TEBBENS
STAFF WRITER

Actor Edward James Olmos asked the 100-plus people in Memorial Hall Tuesday night several tough questions.

"Why do the children of today have no souls?"

"I'm not talking about the soul that goes to heaven. I'm talking about the soul that gives you your identity, your character, your artistic flavor, your touch. The thing that gives you your thumbprint."

Olmos cited the violence on the streets as evidence of lost souls. He said he was concerned about the lost children and what they would become.

"What drives our children to create something that has never been created in the history of man? We are the first people ever who have created a society where children kill children for no reason."

Olmos said the search for excitement and adrenalin were reasons for society's new creation.

"In my day when I was young, we went along with baseball bats and hit mailboxes," he said.

"Now our children are doing something much more intense and for no reason — basically the excitement."

Olmos said he felt the soulless existence of today's children was a direct result of children who didn't know their heritage.

"What color was Jesus Christ?" Olmos asked a student.

Jesus always has been portrayed as someone with brown hair and hazel blue eyes, he said.

"And then we wonder why as children and creeds why they have no souls. People don't know their history," he said. "Jesus can be any color, and if that's true, then what color is God?"

He answered his own question with, "She can be any color."

He also said the white race descended from the black race.

"For there to be no color, there had to be color. Black, red, yellow, brown and white are all spectrums coming from the descent of color."

Olmos cited his own history as being from black, red, yellow and white races.

Olmos also talked about his place in society as a role model.

"I learned I was a role model when I was two years old to my little sister," he said. "What most people haven't been able to understand is that behavior speaks louder than words."

He said parents whose children wanted guns to protect themselves should simply spend more time with the children, and he cited an old African proverb.

"It takes an entire village to raise a child," he said. "You grab that child and show him something else. Get that child to start having other experiences."

"Mentoring is the answer to a lot of problems right now."

nounced the decision. Many N.C. television stations carried the brief announcement live.

"This is a dream come true for me and my partners," Richardson said. "And especially a dream come true for 10 million people back in the Carolinas that have gone to bat for us and been with us every step of the way. And I'm very grateful for that."

People danced, hugged and kissed in the NationsBank Corporate Center.

Jim Gilkey flashed his personalized license plate for all to see, which read "CPanthers." He had nothing but praise

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BCC Bill, Line-Item Veto On Agenda for Congress

BY JUDY ROYAL
STAFF WRITER

Student Congress will consider a bill condemning construction of a free-standing Sonja H. Stone Black Cultural Center at its regular meeting tonight.

The bill is sponsored by Rep. Joseph Stansbury, Dist. 11. Stansbury said Tuesday that he explained the bill to the Student Affairs Committee at its Oct. 13 meeting. The committee voted 9-0 to report the bill unfavorably, Stansbury said.

The bill states that the construction of a BCC would further create disrespect and racial separatism on campus and that most University students opposed the construction of such a center. The bill also states that the proposed BCC "sets a dangerous precedent" and urges administration, the Board of Trustees, the N.C. General Assembly and the governor to oppose construction of the BCC with public resources.

Stansbury said he submitted the bill because he had a lot of concerns regarding construction of the BCC.

"This is not a step we should be taking when the University is faced with severe budget constraints," Stansbury said Tuesday. "The University cannot afford to pay its teachers competitive wages and students regularly cannot get the classes they need to graduate."

Stansbury said students were concerned that they and their parents ultimately would foot the bill for construction of the BCC through Bicentennial donations and other indirect sources.

"Most people don't realize this building will have to be funded through North Carolina taxpayer dollars for it to be maintained

year after year," Stansbury said. "That money could better be used on this campus for the expansion of buildings and higher wages for teachers."

"I believe a fundamental question here is, do you want another building or do you want more teachers," Stansbury said. "The faculty, administration and students should let their voice be known."

Voting on a line-item veto bill also is on the agenda for Wednesday's meeting. If passed, the bill would give Student Body President Jim Copland the ability to take out a section of a bill that he disagrees with without having to veto the entire bill. Currently, if Copland is against only a small section of the bill, he has either to sign it or veto the bill in its entirety.

Bret Batdorff, chairman of the rules and judiciary committee, wrote the bill, and supports it because he thinks it will make the process of distributing funds to student groups more efficient. Batdorff said he thought the incorporation of the line-item veto would give "more of a balance between the legislative and executive branches."

"It's for more efficient government. I'm for it on all levels," Batdorff said. "It is an important step in making student-fee distribution a little more fair for groups. It's definitely going to help the student groups."

"I think there's going to be a lot of argument on this bill when it comes up," he said. "I think there are certain members of congress that feel the president shouldn't have a veto at all."

Copland said he also thought the bill would be a topic of wide debate at

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Rainy Day Blues



Kristin Hawkins, a senior from Greensboro, and her dog Grisham look out on Tuesday's rain on the front porch of her Rosemary Street residence.

University Students Have Stake in Local Politics

BY ROCHELLE KLASKIN
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Local elections are Tuesday. Who cares?

According to some town employees and officials, UNC students should be concerned about who wins election to the Chapel Hill Town Council.

Town Manager Cal Horton said one major concern for students should be public safety because the town was responsible for keeping the town safe for both residents and students.

"Students live in nearby apartments and walk to campus. They enjoy late-night entertainment on Franklin Street. The town council has made recent decisions which will improve public safety," he said.

Horton said the decision to add more lighting to downtown Franklin Street was

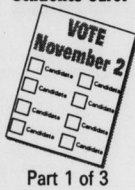
one such example. "Students, as well as others, will now have a safer walking area."

Council member Mark Chilton, who in 1991 became the only UNC student to serve on the council, said he also believed the town's control of public safety was a concern to UNC students.

"Students have a particular concern about public safety. Some students keep unusual hours that lead to a different set of security problems," he said.

According to Chilton and Horton, stu-

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dents also should be concerned about public transportation.

"Some students rely on the bus system for their primary source of transportation," Horton said. "Local dollars support the bus system, and the town council also decides how much the bus fare will be every year."

Chilton said it should be important to students that the council support alternate methods of transportation.

Another issue students should be concerned about is housing, Chilton said. The town council has the power to approve construction for new apartment buildings and to raise or lower property taxes that affect rents.

"The town council regulates the local housing market, and that's an obvious area of importance to students," he said.

Chilton said that in State College, Pa.,

where Pennsylvania State University is located, the local government passed an ordinance that discriminated against students. The ordinance prohibits more than three unrelated people living in one household, which would keep larger groups of students from living together.

Other college towns, such as Athens, Ga., where the University of Georgia is located, have taken State College's lead. Chilton said that while the council had no plans to enact such measures, it was in its power to do so.

Horton said some issues, such as Streetscape or other capital-improvement projects, might not seem important to students at first. But if students realize these projects are funded by different taxes they pay, then they might care, he said.

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Are You Ready for Some Football? Charlotte Snags NFL Team

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ROSEMONT, Ill. — The NFL expanded into new territory Tuesday night, adding a team in Charlotte that will begin play in 1995 as the Carolina Panthers.

NFL commissioner Paul Tagliabue announced the addition at the league's expansion meeting. Another club is still to join the league, and Tagliabue said that decision will come Nov. 30.

The four other cities in the running are St. Louis, Baltimore, Memphis, Tenn., and Jacksonville, Fla.

Charlotte was a unanimous choice of the 28 owners, but only a three-quarters vote was necessary. It is the first time to join the NFL since Tampa Bay and Seattle began

play in 1976.

The Panthers, the NFL's 29th club, will be run by Jerry Richardson, an ex-Baltimore Colts wide receiver and owner of a chain of restaurants. The general manager will be Mike McCormack, the former general manager of the Seattle Seahawks and a former player and coach with the Cleveland Browns.

Of the four teams left in contention, St. Louis is considered the front-runner.

The owners deferred action on naming the second club Tuesday because the St. Louis ownership group led by Stan Kreinke was not named until Monday. The owners wanted more time to investigate his background and finances.

Tagliabue said the market, stadium and ownership group were all critical factors in Charlotte getting a franchise.

He said the combined expansion and ownership committees voted unanimously for the Carolinas.

The situation is similar to the league's last expansion. The owners first approved a franchise for Tampa Bay, then named Seattle after further investigation of the ownership group.

Tagliabue was believed to have favored a split of the two franchises between one new city and one that has lost an NFL team.

That would make St. Louis, which lost the Cardinals to Phoenix in 1988, and

Baltimore, which lost the Colts to Indianapolis in 1984, the prime candidates.

However, both have competing ownership groups. In addition to the group headed by Kreinke, Fran Murray, who was a member of a previous group, is still maintaining interest in a franchise.

A St. Louis franchise also is likely to return NFL great Walter Payton to the league. He is a member of the first ownership group and is expected to be included in Kreinke's group once some legal technicalities are overcome.

Meanwhile, in Charlotte, fireworks exploded as the hundreds of people who had gathered for a celebration downtown rejoiced Tuesday night as Tagliabue an-

In America, there is freedom of choice but nothing to choose from.

Peter Ustinov