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IN THE NEWS

Top stories from the state, nation and world

Body of Kidnapped Girl Found in Roadside Thicket

PETALUMA, Calif. — A lone candle that burned in a window at Polly Klaas' home was gone Sunday and the shades were drawn. Two months after her abduction at knifepoint from a slumber party, her body was found Saturday in a roadside thicket.

A Polly Klaas Foundation had helped spread word of the girl's disappearance. Actress Winona Ryder, a native of Petaluma, offered a \$200,000 reward.

On Sunday, a team of FBI agents combed the area 30 miles north of town where Klaas' body was found late Saturday. They looked for clues to how she was killed, who did it, and whether she was still alive when a suspect was confronted by deputies an hour after her abduction.

A palm print found in Klaas' room that matched prime suspect Richard Allen Davis apparently persuaded him to help authorities locate the body, FBI agent Rick Smith said.

Astronauts Trash Solar Wing of Hubble Telescope

SPACE CENTER, Houston — NASA decided Sunday to turn one of the Hubble Space Telescope's troublesome solar wings into instant junk by simply dumping it overboard during an overnight space walk.

For the mission's first spacewalk early Sunday by the fix-it crew of the shuttle Endeavour, the verdict was, "We got everything accomplished."

Story Musgrave and Jeff Hoffman spent nearly eight hours in the open cargo bay. When they left, the space telescope had six working gyroscopes again to guide it, three electronics units to run the gyros, and a new set of eight fuses.

Palestinian Fires Into Bus As Deadline Approaches

HOLON, Israel — A Palestinian boarded a bus and opened fire with an assault rifle Sunday, killing a reservist before being gunned down by troops. It was the first major attack inside Israel since it signed a peace pact with the Palestine Liberation Organization.

Senior ministers warned Israel to brace for a possible frenzy of attacks by opponents of the accord as the Dec. 13 deadline approaches for Israel to start transferring power to the PLO in parts of the occupied territories.

In Egypt, Israel and the PLO resumed talks on Palestinian autonomy. They had been stalled over conditions for Israel's withdrawal from the Gaza Strip and the West Bank town of Jericho.

German Voters Turn Away From Chancellor's Party

POTSDAM, Germany — Chancellor Helmut Kohl's party suffered a big defeat Sunday in the first electoral test after German unification, finishing third behind the main opposition Social Democrats and the former Communists.

The results reflected disillusion in former East Germany with unkept promises of swift prosperity after Germany's two halves reunited in 1990.

The left-liberal Social Democrats won 33.8 percent of the vote, followed by the reconstructed Party of Democratic Socialism with 21.8 percent, the Infass polling service projected after polls closed Sunday night.

The polling service said Kohl's ruling Christian Democrats got 20.6 percent.

Letter Bomb Explosion Injures Viennese Mayor

VIENNA, Austria — A letter-bomb blast injured Vienna's mayor Sunday, reports said. It was the fifth explosive sent in three days to journalists, priests and others aiding Austria's immigrant community.

The bombings raise fears of growing anti-foreigner violence. Austria has been spared the kind of xenophobic violence that has hit Germany. But such sentiment is rising, fueled by an influx of refugees from Yugoslavia.

The Austrian Press Agency and state-run ORF1 television both reported that the 66-year-old Helmut Zilk had been injured by a letter bomb at his home.

APA said he was expected to undergo emergency surgery.

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Weather

TODAY: Sunny, breezy; high lower 60s.
TUESDAY: Mostly sunny; high lower 50s.

UNC Senior Wins Rhodes Scholarship

BY PHUONG LY
ASSISTANT UNIVERSITY EDITOR

Senior Dacia Toll describes herself as a practical idealist who loves to solve problems.

She spent last summer in southside Chicago in one of the most dangerous, crime-ridden and drug-infested housing projects in the country.

"That's like being in Bosnia. She's willing to go right into the lion's lair," said political science professor Joel Schwartz. "I wouldn't do it."

This Saturday, Toll was one of 32 students across the country to land the Rhodes Scholarship, one of the country's most prestigious academic grants. She is the 33rd Rhodes Scholar from UNC since the program began in 1902. The University has had a Rhodes Scholar each of the last

five years.

The scholarship, established by English statesman Cecil Rhodes, pays for at least two years of study at Oxford and will cover a third year if necessary for a student's area of study.

Toll, student body vice president, said she came close to not applying for the grant because she thought she was a long shot.

"I'm so surprised that I got it that I don't know how I feel yet," she said Sunday.

Toll said she planned to work toward a degree in philosophy, politics and economics at Oxford. After her graduate studies, she wants to work in a public-service oriented field.

Toll, a Morehead Scholar from Bethesda, Md., said she was interested in working in inner-city revitalization issues.

"You do things because they feel right," she said. "These are the issues that I feel

very passionate about."

Schwartz said Toll was more than just an "extraordinarily intelligent" student.

She can establish credibility among people, and she has used her intellectual and interpersonal talents to bridge lines of communication between ethnic groups, he said.

In Chicago, "she was in there as a white woman trying to basically help African-American residents of this community," he said.

Toll, who has worked with the Head Start program and at homeless shelters, said her dedication to inner-city problems was the sum of many little experiences.

"It's the one person I helped last week and the one I helped last summer," she said.

Toll always has been an independent self-starter, recalls her mother Deborah.

"She told me at 5 years old that she was in charge of herself, and I just stepped back," she said.

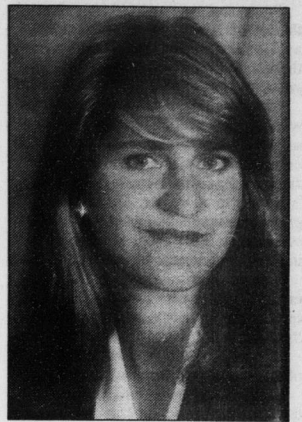
At UNC, Toll has won a slew of awards and has been active in a variety of campus activities.

Last spring she won a Truman Scholarship, which provides \$30,000 for graduate study.

She is a N.C. Fellow and a member of several honor societies, including Phi Beta Kappa.

Toll also is a member of the Black Student Movement and serves on the Sonja H. Stone Black Cultural Center Advisory Board.

She has worked for The Daily Tar Heel as a state and national editor, managing editor and editorial writer. She won a 1993 N.C. Press Association award for editorial writing.



UNC senior DACIA TOLL became the University's 33rd Rhodes Scholar, and the fifth in the past five years, when she won the award Saturday.



Santa Claus waves to the crowd Saturday from his sleigh during the town's annual Christmas Parade on Franklin Street. The rain supposedly held off because of Santa's wishes. "We got the rain postponed 'til after the parade," Santa said.

Annual Christmas Parade Promotes Holiday Cheer

BY BILL BLOCKER
STAFF WRITER

Santa Claus promised the rain wouldn't come and spoil the annual Chapel Hill-Carboro Christmas Parade on Saturday morning.

And it didn't. "We got the rain postponed 'til after the parade," Santa said.

Crowds of holiday onlookers watched the 1993 national championship UNC women's soccer team, the cast from

PlayMakers Repertory Company's "Beauty and the Beast," local school bands, antique cars, scout troops and dinosaurs parade down Franklin Street from Chapel Hill to Carboro. Santa Claus sat on the parade's last float, officially bringing the Christmas season to Chapel Hill.

Santa said following the parade that the UNC community should keep up its good work in the community. "Keep on training students to love one another," he said. "Peace on earth, and goodwill to all."

Robert Humphreys, chairman of the

town's parade committee and executive director of the Downtown Commission, said Sunday that he thought the parade went well.

"I thought it was great — all of it went on smoothly as it could possibly go," he said. "The weather holding out as it did was the greatest gift we could receive."

Humphreys said the parade compared favorably to those in years past.

"This was a real good parade in comparison with the last few years, perhaps even our best considering participation,"

he said. "We thought that one of the highlights of the parade was the UNC championship soccer team. We were real pleased that we could get them in the parade."

Chapel Hill resident Bill Gunn, who watched the parade, said he thought the event was wonderful.

"It's a great thing for the town and University to get together," he said. "It's been nice to see University students involved in kids' activities."

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Housekeepers Rise Early to Keep UNC Clean

BY JAMES LEWIS
SENIOR WRITER

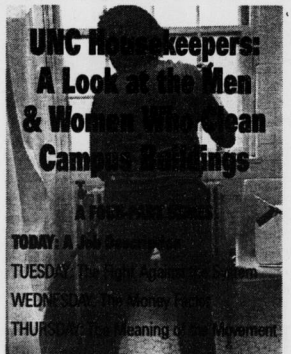
Just as many students are going to bed, most of the University's nearly 400 housekeepers are just starting their day.

Many of the housekeepers who work in UNC academic buildings such as laboratories, classrooms and libraries wake in the middle of the night to start work at 4 a.m.

For some living as far away as Raleigh and Siler City, and at least one housekeeper who commutes from southern Virginia, that means getting out of bed just a few hours after midnight.

Housekeepers' jobs include mopping, vacuuming, cleaning bathrooms, washing windows, changing light bulbs, operating heavy cleaning equipment, moving furniture and shoveling snow from sidewalks.

The N.C. State Personnel Department states in its housekeepers' job description that the job entails tasks ranging from waxing floors to making minor repairs in their assigned work areas. The description states



that "Employees perform a variety of duties in the care and cleaning of dormitories, offices and public areas of state buildings." Amelia Smith, a housekeeper who works in the University's libraries, said she woke up each morning and caught the bus into Chapel Hill from Hillsborough to start her workday at 4 a.m.

"It's just the regular — well, I wouldn't say regular house cleaning — but you know, you vacuum and pull trash," she said. "Then there are certain tasks or special projects we have to do, like getting gum from underneath the chairs and maybe wash windows on the inside."

Housekeeper Marla Barnes, who has been a University employee for 10 years, has very different duties in her job at the School of Dentistry. "I clean the opitories and the sinks and three of the labs where they make teeth, and right now I'm in charge of the laundry and putting out the gowns," she said.

Barnes also answers the telephones in the School of Dentistry several hours each day. Those housekeepers who begin their day at 4 a.m. conclude their work at 11:30 a.m. They receive more pay for working the early hours, while other housekeepers work more a more regular day that begins at 6:30 a.m. and ends at 3 p.m.

But for most UNC housekeepers, quit-

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Police Busy With Incidents Involving Drugs, Larcenies

BY JACOB STOHLER
STAFF WRITER

Chapel Hill police had another busy weekend raiding a crack house, searching for a wanted couple and rescuing victims from a Franklin Street car accident.

On Friday, police raided a house on Sykes Street and arrested two residents for possession of 22 grams of cocaine, drug paraphernalia and a .38 revolver, police reports state.

Shirley Marie Thompson, 41, was arrested in her home at 611-A Sykes St. and charged with maintaining a dwelling for the use and sale of controlled substances, possession with intent to sell and deliver cocaine and with possession of drug paraphernalia. Earl Joshua Flamer, 39, was charged with conspiracy to sell a controlled substance.

Police had a search warrant and made the arrests at 6:15 p.m. Friday, police re-

ports state. According to police Lt. Tim Presley, Thompson and Flamer are "two people we're very familiar with." Presley said police especially were familiar with Flamer, who has a history of drunk and disorderly charges.

"Earl's probably been arrested more times than we can count."

Thompson was held in the Orange County Jail on a \$7,500 secured bond, while Flamer was held on a \$5,000 secured bond.

On Saturday afternoon, police responded to a call regarding two shoplifters at Brendle's that soon became a communitywide manhunt for a husband and wife accused of shoplifting from the store and stealing a cab.

Presley said it wasn't the first time Connie and Donald Troutner had been suspects for this sort of crime.

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Santa Claus has the right idea: visit people once a year.

Victor Borge