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IN THE NEWS

Top stories from the state, nation and world

Rabin Says Israel Ready For Accelerating Self-Rule

WASHINGTON — Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin, opening two days of talks in Washington, on Tuesday apologized anew for the Hebron massacre but told PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat, "It's time to get back to the negotiating table."

Rabin said Israel was ready to accelerate the schedule for Palestinian self-rule on the West Bank and in Gaza. But in a speech to a pro-Israel lobbying group, he also stood firm on keeping Jerusalem as Israel's eternal capital and on protecting the country from terrorist attack.

Significantly, Rabin referred to the 130,000 Jews who live on the West Bank and Gaza not as settlers but as residents. And he used the biblical terms Judea and Samaria in speaking of the territories the Arabs claim were wrongfully seized by Israel in the 1967 six-day war.

Democrats, GOP Argue About Employer Mandates

WASHINGTON — Democrats on a House Ways and Means panel Tuesday narrowly defeated a Republican attempt to kill a requirement that all businesses pay for workers' health insurance.

By a 6-5 vote, the health subcommittee defeated an amendment offered by Rep. Fred Grandy, R-Iowa, to the health plan drafted by the panel's chairman, Rep. Fortney Stark, D-Calif. Rep. Mike Andrews D-Texas, joined the panel's four Republicans in the losing effort.

The Stark bill is a diluted version of Clinton's plan. It would require large employers to pay 80 percent of their workers' premiums, starting in 1995. Small employers with 100 or fewer workers would have until 1997. The bill also would expand Medicare to cover the poor and uninsured.

Despite Chinese Testing, U.S. Extends Nuclear Ban

WASHINGTON — President Clinton is extending the U.S. moratorium on testing nuclear weapons for a year despite China's resumption of tests, the White House said Tuesday.

Clinton had announced a 15-month moratorium last July. But after China detonated a bomb in October, he deplored the action and directed the Energy Department to make preparations for possible resumption of U.S. tests. Press Secretary Dee Dee Myers said his decision now to extend the moratorium through September 1995 was a recognition of restraint shown by other nuclear powers in not responding to China's test.

Energy Secretary Hazel O'Leary said the government would, however, stay in a readiness posture.

7 Killed in Gunship Crash Might Have Jumped Late

NAIROBI, Kenya — Seven crewmen who died when a U.S. gunship crashed off Kenya might have tried to parachute too late. Rescue teams searched the waters offshore Tuesday for a missing crewman who reportedly jumped clear.

Lt. Col. Mike Gannon, speaking from the scene, said six crew survived, including three who stayed in the Spectre gunship when it ditched in the Indian Ocean late Monday 75 miles north of Mombasa and just 200 yards offshore.

Army Col. Steve Rausch said the AC-130H gunship had taken off minutes earlier from Mombasa's Moi International Airport for an "Eyes Over Mogadishu" surveillance mission.

Clinton Seeks Friendlier Ground in New Hampshire

KEENE, N.H. — Struggling for another political comeback in snowy New Hampshire, President Clinton went before friendly crowds Tuesday in hopes of demonstrating that Americans care more about jobs and health care than the Whitewater controversy.

"Whitewater is for canoeing and rafting," Betty Windberg, 68, told Clinton at a town meeting in Nashua. "Shame on those who would detract and distract from the important work you're doing."

In his hour-long appearance, Clinton moved like a talk show host, pacing the stage at the Elm Street Junior High School with a wireless microphone and answering questions — which were exclusively about education, jobs and health care.

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Weather

TODAY: Mostly sunny; high mid-50s.

THURSDAY: Fair and cool; high in 50s.

Committee Proposes Increase in Student Fees

BY PHUONG LY
ASSISTANT UNIVERSITY EDITOR

UNC students might have to pay \$81.72 more in student fees for programs such as health services and athletics, according to proposals considered by the Chancellor's Student Fee Committee.

The committee, which was formed this year to increase student input on fee-increase proposals, met Monday to make its recommendations on the fee proposals. The committee has four voting student members.

Committee members refused to release the committee's fee recommendations until Chancellor Paul Hardin and UNC Board of Trustees members had a chance to look

over them.

The Daily Tar Heel received the committee's figures and proposals from a confidential source.

"I don't feel it's appropriate to release details until we give (the chancellor) our report," said Neal Berryman, associate vice chancellor for finance and a nonvoting member of the committee.

The UNC Board of Trustees will vote on the fees recommendations at its March 25 meeting.

General fees (which affect all undergraduate and graduate students) that might be raised include: educational and technology, athletic, health service and student activity fees.

Also in the proposals are increases in

course fees and new special fees for students in the School of Education and masters students in the business school. The schools said in a report to the committee that they had the support of students and faculty in the programs.

Student Body President Jim Copland, a nonvoting member of the committee, said that as a trustee, he would approve all of the committee's recommendations when they go before the BOT.

Next year, the proposed increases should not be as high, he said. Some fees such as the athletic fee have not been raised in several years, he said.

"Personally, I wish this was not as large (a fee) increase as we may have recommended, but I'm supportive of the process

Proposed Student Fee Increases for Fiscal Year 1994-95

Fee	1993-94 Fee	1994-95 Proposed	Increase	% Increase
Education and Technology	\$126	\$156	\$30	23.8%
Athletic	\$60	\$70	\$10	16.7%
Health Service	\$222	\$254	\$32	14.4%
Transit	\$25	\$35	\$10	40%
Business School	\$0	\$500	\$500	—
Education School	\$0	\$100	\$100	—
Placement Service	\$0	\$5	\$5	—
Undergraduate Application	\$45	\$55	\$10	22.2%

we've established," Copland said.

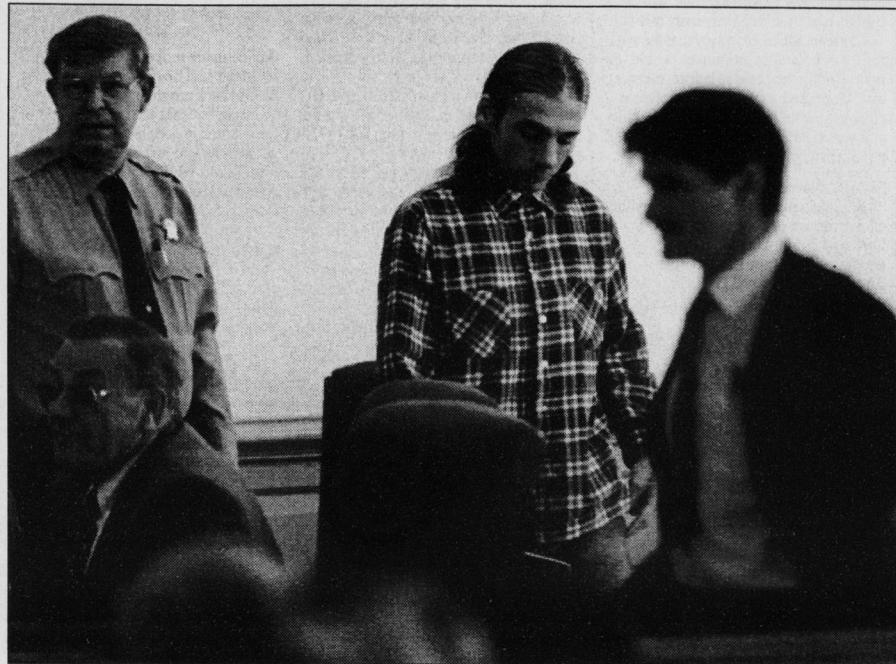
"You've got lots of people with different perspectives. ... In general, all the fees were heavily scrutinized."

"I have some concerns, but I'm not

going to oppose what the committee that I proposed recommended," he said.

Copland proposed the formation of the

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DTH/JUSTIN WILLIAMS
David Allen Sokolowski (center) enters the Orange County Superior Courtroom as jury selection continued Tuesday afternoon. Jury selection for the trial ended Tuesday, and opening arguments will be made today.

Jurors Selected; Trial to Begin Today

BY JOHN BLACKWELL
STAFF WRITER

HILLSBOROUGH — Seventeen potential jurors were dismissed Tuesday before attorneys finally agreed on the jury that will decide the fate of a man charged with the 1992 murder and dismemberment of two Orange County residents.

After a full day of questioning potential jurors, the prosecution and defense in the trial of David Allen Sokolowski selected six men and six women to serve on the jury, with one woman as an alternate.

The jury consists of 10 white and two black members. The alternate juror is also white.

Orange-Chatham District Attorney Carl Fox called the case to trial at 10 a.m. Tuesday. Sokolowski, who lived just north of Hillsborough, is charged with first-degree murder in the March 4, 1992, death of his friend Rubel Gray Hill, 35. Sokolowski is also charged with murdering his live-in girlfriend, Pamela Owens Ellwood, 42.

Sokolowski, who has been held for two years under a \$2-million bond, attended the jury selection Tuesday wearing a red,

white and blue plaid shirt and blue jeans, with his shoulder-length hair combed back. He was silent throughout the proceedings, occasionally taking notes and conferring with his attorney.

William Sheffield, Sokolowski's court-appointed attorney, questioned potential jurors both individually and as a group, asking them primarily about their previous knowledge of the case and whether they knew law enforcement officials involved in the investigation and arrest.

Sheffield questioned potential jurors extensively about their opinions on the use and possession of firearms. He also asked jurors about how much information on the case they had obtained from the news media. Sheffield previously had said that the news media exaggerated the events surrounding the murders.

Although the attorneys did not state their reasons for dismissing 17 potential jurors, several were excused after saying they had read or heard too much about the case and had already formed an opinion on Sokolowski's guilt or innocence.

Every juror except one said they had read and heard information about the case.

At Fox's suggestion, the court recessed after jury selection was complete.

Both Sheffield and Fox declined to comment on the jury selection process. But Sheffield did say during a recess that questions about jurors knowing law enforcement officers were not connected with the issue of the illegal search warrants.

"Obviously, whenever a juror knows a law enforcement agent as a close friend instead of just an acquaintance, that's going to present a big problem," he said.

Superior Court Judge Gordon Battle told the jury to return today at 2 p.m. for opening arguments. Fox told the judge that the preliminary hearing Wednesday morning would take at least half a day.

At the preliminary hearing, the judge will rule on the following two motions Sheffield filed.

■ One is a motion to suppress evidence gathered when police initially searched Sokolowski's residence. Sheffield has argued that the evidence was invalid because police searched the house without a warrant. He also said subsequent search warrants.

Harris could face stiffer charges than assault with a deadly weapon because Baldwin died after Harris was originally

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Chapel Hill resident JAMES HARRIS was arrested and charged with assault with a deadly weapon.

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"The gentleman was leaving the area, and I stopped to talk with him," Rounds said.

"In the course of the conversation, he said he shot someone."

Cousins said an argument provoked the violence.

"It appears that they had both been drinking and that they had a disagreement," she said. "Mr. Harris had a .380 semi-automatic and shot (Baldwin) in the side."

Concern about increased gun-related violence prompted Chapel Hill Town Council member Jim Protzman, chief executive officer of Franklin Street mar-

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Fraternity Joins Buyback Effort

BY AMY PINIAK
ASSISTANT CITY EDITOR

A UNC fraternity and a community volunteer group announced a joint effort Tuesday to get guns off Chapel Hill's streets, less than eight hours after a local man died from a gunshot wound.

Chi Psi fraternity will sponsor Buy Back the Hill, a program to buy back guns from local owners, the program's chairman Fred Meier said Tuesday morning at a news conference.

Chapel Hill resident Robert Baldwin, 60, was pronounced dead early Tuesday morning following a violent confrontation with an acquaintance the night before.

Robert Baldwin, 60, was shot in the left side at 8:16 p.m. Monday at another acquaintance's home at 506-B Craig St. in Chapel Hill.

James Phillip Harris, 52, of 601 Craig St. was arrested and charged Monday with assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill inflicting serious injury, said Chapel Hill police spokeswoman Jane Cousins.

"Mr. Harris was

spotted by an officer

at the time, and he

then surrendered

himself to him,"

Cousins said.

After Baldwin was shot, police Capt. Barry Thompson said, he wandered away from the scene and was found in the 400 block of Sykes Street sitting on a porch with assault with a deadly weapon.

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"So it should be a really good combination."

Snydal said that handgun deaths were creeping up on automobile accidents as the leading cause of death, especially for younger people. "It's really getting to be a huge problem, with all the handguns out there."

Junior Craig Snydal, Chi Psi president, said the fraternity had heard about Buy Back the Hill and wanted to help.

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Carver stopped his physical contact with the girl with whom he was involved when he discovered her young age, sources say. Harris had consensual sex with the other girl.

Taking indecent liberties can include kissing, fondling or touching. To be arrested and charged with indecent liberties,

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Editor's Note

Applications for 1994-95 editor of The Daily Tar Heel are available at the DTH office, Union Suite 104, and the Union front desk.

Interested students must submit applications by noon Friday and be available for interviews March 26.

Life is a zoo in a jungle.

Peter De Vries