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IN THE NEWS

Top stories from the state, nation and world

Nussbaum Testifies Before Whitewater Grand Jury

WASHINGTON — Departing White House counsel Bernard Nussbaum testified for about four hours today before a federal grand jury reviewing contacts between White House and Treasury officials in the Whitewater affair.

The president's counsel said he was certain that he and everyone in his office acted legally and ethically. Nussbaum said he did not claim executive privilege in his questioning by the jury.

Nussbaum resigned his position March 5 amid a number of missteps related to Whitewater. He will remain at the White House until April 5, devoting his time to turning over his duties to Lloyd Cutler, named by Clinton earlier this month to temporarily take over the counsel's office.

Soldiers Offer Conflicting Testimony on Massacre

JERUSALEM — Two army guards testified Wednesday that Baruch Goldstein did not enter the Hebron mosque armed with the Galil assault rifle used to carry out the massacre, but that a second Jewish settler following him had such a weapon.

The testimony before Israel's commission of inquiry raised the possibility that Goldstein had an accomplice. Witnesses have repeatedly said he did not act alone. The soldiers also said they fired at least four bullets at a door to the mosque when they heard the noise, and not just in the air as their commanding officers testified.

A PLO panel investigating the massacre said Wednesday it believed at least one worshiper was killed by army gunfire in the confusion of the massacre.

Thousands Riot in France To Protest Jobs Program

PARIS — Rioting broke out in Paris and a Corsican city on Thursday as tens of thousands of workers and students marched to protest the jobs policies of Premier Edouard Balladur.

About 3,200 policemen monitored the main march by at least 30,000 people in Paris. Although most marchers were peaceful, several hundred masked youths smashed store windows, hurled rocks at riot police, overturned a dozen cars and attacked news photographers. Marches drew about 15,000 people in Lille, 10,000 in Bordeaux and 7,000 in Besancon.

The target of the protests was Balladur's plan to allow a below-minimum wage for young people entering the work force, provided that employers offered training.

Defense Minister Accepts Russian Position in NATO

MOSCOW — Russia will be ready to join NATO's Partnership for Peace by the end of the month in a possible precursor to full membership, the Russian defense minister said Thursday.

In the surprise announcement following an hour-long meeting with Defense Secretary William Perry, Gen. Pavel Grachev, Russia's defense minister, said final details of a proposal to join the partnership were being worked out. Some Russian legislators criticized the announcement, saying the new arrangement was a Western ploy to weaken Russia's security.

Russia has opposed full NATO membership for former East Bloc states, but has been generally receptive to the idea of the Partnership for Peace process as long as Russia also was included.

Colleague Names 106th Element After Discoverer

SAN DIEGO — The 106th element in the periodic table has been named "seaborgium" in honor of Nobel laureate Glenn T. Seaborg, a University of California chemistry professor.

Seaborg is the co-discoverer of plutonium and nine other transuranium elements, which are artificially created in particle accelerators.

The announcement of the name seaborgium, identified by the chemical symbol Sg, came from the element's co-discoverer, Kenneth Hulet, a retired chemist from the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory. Hulet made the announcement Sunday at an American Chemical Society's annual meeting.

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Weather

TODAY: Windy, 20-percent chance of rain; high mid-60s.

SATURDAY: Mostly sunny; high 60-65.

SUNDAY: Mostly sunny; high 65-70.

Finance Committee Redistributes Extra \$9,000

BY HOLLY RAMER
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The Student Congress Finance Committee redistributed about \$9,000 Wednesday night to student groups whose budgets had been cut in a late February emergency meeting.

The extra \$9,000 came from a decrease in the amount the committee originally recommended for part of Student Legal Services' budget, said Wayne Rash, Finance Committee chairman.

Congress approved an increase in legal

services fees earlier this month, but the increase still must be approved by the UNC Board of Trustees and the UNC-system Board of Governors.

If the increase passes, Student Congress will no longer give money to Student Legal Services.

"The reason the budget didn't balance initially was because of the Student Legal Services situation," Rash said. "The fee increase has not been approved yet, so they're still coming to us for money."

The committee decided to reduce congress' contribution to the legal services'

budget because, if the fee increase is approved, the allocated money would revert back to congress in the fall.

If the fee increase is not approved, Student Congress will return the \$9,000 to Student Legal Services by using funds from an emergency discretionary fund.

The committee's original recommendations for funding were reduced at the special session Feb. 28 in order to balance the budget. After making allocation recommendations for 31 groups the weekend of Feb. 25, the committee discovered that it had gone over its budget and had to

randomly choose budgets to cut further. Student Congress will determine the final budgets this weekend.

Committee Chairman Wayne Rash said the new budget bill was more fairly balanced. "A lot of people were upset after those cuts," he said. "I don't know if it was a truly fair procedure, but it is what the code specifies. Those cuts were not ones we would have made before."

But Rep. Joey Stansbury, Dist. 11, and a member of the Finance Committee, said the budgets should not have been restored. "I think we made appropriate cuts to the

budgets that were amended in the special session," he said.

"What we're doing is restoring the waste. We're restoring money that will not be efficiently used."

After restoring the recommendations for the groups whose funds had been cut, committee members then further amended their recommendations for several organizations.

The Phoenix, a student magazine, was recommended for \$310 more in

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Happy Birthday, Paul Green



DTH/KATIE CANNON

Clark Jones plays a piece from Paul Green's symphonic drama "Texas" on an autoharp Thursday in celebration of Green's 100th birthday. The festivities were held in the Paul Green Cabin at the N.C. Botanical Gardens off N.C. 54.

Some Granville Residents Petitioning for Recall Vote

BY ERICA LUETZOW
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A group of students are petitioning to recall a Student Congress representative who they say did not run his campaign seriously.

Steven Sciamie, a freshman from Charlotte, is leading the effort to get signatures to recall Thad Woody, who represents District 11, which covers Granville Towers.

Sciamie said he decided to begin the recall petition because he was concerned with the way Woody ran his campaign.

Most of Woody's signs stated "Keep Woody in Congress," and was a joke, Sciamie said.

"We're not trying to attack him as a person," Sciamie said. "We want him to run on his issues and not his last name."

"Student Congress is not a joke," he said. "It's something that should be taken seriously."

The petition must have the signatures of 15 percent or about 250 people of the district's eligible voting population to be valid.

The petition then can be submitted to the student body president.

Under the Student Code, the president then authorizes a recall election, which would be held three Tuesdays after submission, said Melinda Manning, Elections Board chairwoman.

Sophomore Dan Dzara, who unsuccessfully ran for the District 11 congressional seat this year, said the recall group hoped to turn the petition in to Student Body President Jim Copland on Monday.

"We've been doing this for two days," he said. "We're over two-thirds of the way there."

Woody, a sophomore from Waynesville, said he heard about the recall petition from friends who were approached

by Dzara to sign the petition. "(Dzara) doesn't really have a valid reason for recalling me except he lost the election," Woody said.

Woody said he thought that his political views had a lot to do with the recall effort.

Woody also said that many residents of Granville Towers know that he always canceled out the votes of Student Congress Rep. Joey Stansbury, who also represents District 11.

"I suppose it's my political ways that he's against mostly instead of my platform," he said.

Woody said that all he could do was wait to see how events would turn out.

"I was happy the way the election turned out but disappointed in the way other candidates reacted to my win," he said. "There's nothing I can do now but sit back and see how things turn out and hope for the better situation."

Copland said that recall elections were not a typical procedure in campus politics. "There has not been a successful petition for recall since I have been here," he said.

"There have been attempts that have never happened," Manning said she thought that the petition for Woody's recall went against the spirit of the code.

"I think it is pretty bogus," Manning said. "I think it is being some losers, and they are using the recall provision very inappropriately."

Manning said that the Elections Board,

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Police Officers, Wife of Victim Take Stand in Sokolowski Trial

BY SARAH MCBRIDE
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HILLSBOROUGH — In testimony that ranged from the mundane to the eerie to the downright bizarre, Leann Hill, wife of the man whose dismembered and burned remains were found two years ago on David Sokolowski's property, told her story about the week her husband disappeared.

March 3, 1992, was the last time Hill saw her husband, Rubel Gray "Little Man" Hill, she testified in Orange County Superior Court on Thursday. A fight between the two of them that morning caused her to leave their trailer home for a few days.

At that time, she said, he was wearing jeans and a black bandanna with a Grim Reaper on it.

Defense attorney William Sheffield

asked Hill if her husband had had a temper, and she said he did. When Sheffield asked if her husband had ever struck her, Hill answered, "No more than I struck him, I'm sure."

Sheffield also asked several questions about a silver ring with a swastika design that had belonged to her husband. Rubel Hill also had a swastika tattoo on his upper arm, she said.

Sheffield asked Hill if her husband had other friends with similar rings or who wore swastika emblems, and she said she didn't know. She also denied knowing if he belonged to any groups or clubs.

The ring was later found in Sokolowski's possession.

When Leann Hill returned to the trailer on March 5 after two days at the beach with a friend and her son, Hill said she

could tell someone had jimmied the lock on the front door.

Inside the trailer she found a note — which she at first believed her husband had written — held down on the television with a screwdriver.

"But (my husband) writes in cursive, real fancy handwriting, and this was printed in crayon."

She did not say what was in the note, but did say that she went to see Sokolowski to ask where her husband was on Thursday. She visited him again on Friday morning and then ran some errands.

On Friday at about 1:30 p.m., when Hill returned to her trailer with her son, her friend Nita Wilson and Wilson's son, Sokolowski was there, sitting on the couch

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New Agreement Ends Siege of Sarajevo

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SARAJEVO, Bosnia-Herzegovina — Serbs and Muslims signed an agreement Thursday to ease the stranglehold on Sarajevo for the first time in the 23-month siege.

The U.N.-brokered accord calls for opening a bridge and key roads linking Serb and Muslim sections of the Bosnian capital to civilian traffic, and frees a route from Sarajevo to central Bosnia. It is supposed to take effect Wednesday.

But officials on both sides warned the city was far from free or united, and some residents expressed the skepticism borne of nearly two years of bloodletting among neighbors.

"The siege will not be over until all citizens can be transported freely," Hasan Muratovic, the Bosnian government's minister for relations with the United Nations, said after signing the agreement at Sarajevo airport.

But, he acknowledged, it was "the first very small step toward the (full) opening of Sarajevo."

Momcilo Krajisnik, speaker of the self-styled Bosnian Serb parliament, said the

agreement would improve conditions in the city. But he refused to say whether and when Sarajevo would be united.

The agreement does not permit commercial or military traffic on the road leading from Sarajevo to Visoko and on to Zenica in central Bosnia, but envisages free passage of civilians in buses or cars under U.N. escort.

The accord also does not permit unlimited travel. People wanting to cross military lines have to apply 24 hours in advance, and permission can be refused. Still, if honored, the deal would open a route out of Sarajevo for people who have been trapped since the war began.

The agreement is the latest and perhaps most symbol-laden sign that the Bosnian war in which at least 200,000 people are dead or missing is winding down.

It follows the Serb withdrawal of artillery from around Sarajevo, under pressure from NATO, and a tentative agreement between the Muslim-led government and Bosnian Croats to stop fighting, reform their alliance and create a federation.

The successes reflect increased outside pressure on the warring parties, including

an active U.S. and Russian role in mediating agreements. But it also appears to be recognition by all sides that little more is to be gained by fighting, either politically or territorially.

"The most important thing is that people can move inside the city," said Muratovic. "The next step will open so-called sea coast routes to Sarajevo. We are ready to sign immediately the opening of all roads."

The deal was finalized after three hours of last-minute haggling, chiefly because Bosnian Serbs reportedly rejected a more extensive agreement.

"I just don't want to make a political comment on whether the city will be unified or divided," Krajisnik said after the signing. "If we were united we would not need such an agreement."

The narrow confines of the agreement apparently prompted Bosnian vice president Ejup Ganic to reiterate a call for the full demilitarization of Sarajevo as the only way to turn the capital into an open city.

The agreement opens the Bridge of Brotherhood and Unity in central Sarajevo

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Stricter Alcohol Regulations Proposed To Target Bars, Underage Consumption

BY ELENA BERTON
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The Franklin Street bar crowd might face stricter regulations as the local government tries to dry up underage drinking.

The Coordinating Committee for Violent Crime and Drug Abuse Program discussed on Thursday plans to ask the Chapel Hill Town Council to consider more restrictive measures to prohibit underage alcohol consumption.

Terrie Gale, Chapel Hill police legal adviser, said the main problems linked to alcohol consumption were driving while impaired and fights in bars.

Gale proposed a number of new laws which the committee voted to bring to the attention of the town council:

■ Ban people from walking around with open alcohol containers. The current law only restricts drinking alcohol in public.

■ Close downtown streets during exceptional events, such as the celebration of sports victories, and ban bringing drinks to the closed-off areas to prevent hazards caused by bottles and cans.

■ Make local bars close earlier.

■ Require that some sort of food be served with beverages in bars. The current law states that bars don't need to serve food at all to have a license.

Chapel Hill police Capt. Gregg Jarvis reported to the committee the results of police patrols on Franklin Street.

During the last couple of months and especially on weekends, police officers have checked identification cards outside of

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CAPT. GREGG JARVIS
Chapel Hill police

downtown bars. They found several violations, and as a consequence the Alcohol Beverage Control last week revoked the temporary permit of Tammany Hall, a bar on West Rosemary Street.

"The message got out, and we got feedback from bar owners," Jarvis said. He added that one of the main problems police officers encountered was the careless ID checks by local bars.

Jarvis said that the police had made a lot of progress in their work with campus Greek organizations.

"The Greeks have recognized the liabilities and the troubles of dealing with alcohol," Jarvis said. "There have been changes. For example, they no longer allow common containers like kegs at their parties."

But Jarvis said that despite these changes, members of Greek organizations had found ways to get away with breaking the law.

"There has been an increase of fraternities that sponsor parties at downtown businesses to avoid liabilities in case of under-

age drinkers," Jarvis said. "This has led to an increase of underage violations, and we expect a further increase in April."

Jarvis said the police also were trying to target high school students for underage alcohol consumption.

"We had high school kids in fraternity parties," Jarvis said. "One benefit of fraternity parties downtown (instead of in fraternity houses) is that it's more difficult for high school kids to get into the establishments."

Jarvis said that most violations by high school students tend to take place near lakes, on prom nights and at private parties rather than at local hang-out spots.

Gale said she was concerned that alcohol beverage manufacturers were lobbying to lift alcohol restrictions.

"In this case if you drive while impaired you violate the law, but if you simply drink it you don't commit an offense," Gale said.

Chapel Hill Mayor Ken Broun, who is chairman of the committee, said the group was trying to push the town to take its own initiatives even though state laws allowed little local action.

"Local communities cannot set their own rules," Broun said. "We can get help from legal municipalities, which are concerned about this trend."

Editor's Note

Applications for 1994-95 editor of The Daily Tar Heel are due in the DTH office by noon today.

We have to stop waiting for equality to rescue us like a knight in shining armor.

Naomi Wolf