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## IN THE NEWS

Top stories from the state, nation and world

### Premier, 11 U.N. Soldiers Killed by Rwandan Troops

NAIROBI, Kenya—Rampaging troops killed Rwanda's acting premier and 11 U.N. soldiers Thursday during fierce fighting in Rwanda's capital, Kigali, touched off by the deaths of the presidents of Rwanda and Burundi in a suspicious plane crash.

Amid the violence, three Cabinet ministers and two Rwandan human rights activists were reported abducted, and 17 Jesuit Rwandan priests were reported killed.

Kigali "just fell apart," with widespread gunfire and looting on Thursday, Canadian Maj. Brent Beardsley, a U.N. spokesman, said. He said U.N. peacekeepers had been shot at twice and had returned fire.

### Israel Blocks Palestinians' Entry After Two Attacks

AFULA, Israel—As thousands of angry Israelis gathered Thursday to bury the victims of a car bombing, the army barred 1.8 million Palestinians from entering Israel for a week in one of its strictest closures ever.

The order follows two more attacks by Islamic fundamentalists Thursday, including one in which an Israeli was killed and four were wounded when a Palestinian opened fire at a bus stop in southern Israel.

The attacks, which undermined support for Israel-PLO peacemaking, spurred calls for a suspension of negotiations with the PLO on the withdrawal of Israeli troops from the Gaza Strip and West Bank town of Jericho.

### Serbian Troops Continue Siege Despite Peace Talks

SARAJEVO, Bosnia-Herzegovina—Serb troops kept pressure on the embattled Muslim enclave of Gorazde while the U.N. commander struggled Thursday to persuade generals from both sides to accept a general cease-fire.

Truce talks scheduled for Sarajevo did not take place.

Instead, Lt. Gen. Sir Michael Rose, who leads U.N. peacekeepers in Bosnia, shuttled between the commanders of Serb forces and the Muslim-led government's army.

Rose presented both sides with the draft of a proposed cease-fire for all of the former Yugoslav republic, U.N. officials said.

### Russia Backs Out of Plan For Military Base in Latvia

MOSCOW—Facing an uproar in the Baltics, Russia hastily retreated Thursday from a plan to establish a permanent military base in Latvia, one of 30 new outposts to be created in former Soviet republics.

President Boris Yeltsin had approved the plan in an executive order made public Wednesday that specifically mentioned Latvia. But a day later, the government blamed the flap on a "technical mistake."

The confusion over the base raised questions about how well the Kremlin was coordinating its military plans with top defense and foreign ministry officials.

### Judge Rules Police Need Warrant for Gun Searches

CHICAGO—Police must have warrants to conduct gun sweeps in public housing projects even if residents support warrantless searches, a federal judge decided Thursday.

U.S. District Judge Wayne Andersen last month temporarily halted warrantless searches. Thursday's ruling continued that injunction.

The decision was the latest in a battle that has pitted city officials against the American Civil Liberties Union, which argues people don't give up their constitutional rights when they move into public housing.

Violence last summer prompted the Chicago Housing Authority to ask police to conduct random, door-to-door gun searches. The ACLU responded with a class-action lawsuit on behalf of the estimated 150,000 tenants.

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## Weather

TODAY: Sunny; high 62.

SATURDAY: Partly cloudy; high near 70.

SUNDAY: Partly cloudy; high in the 70s.

## UNC Employee Claims Accident Case Not Handled Properly

BY HOLLY STEPP  
UNIVERSITY EDITOR

A UNC electrician said he had no choice but to make a settlement with the University on Thursday after almost two years of problems with UNC's workers' compensation office.

David Pruitt, 45, of Durham said the University agreed to pay him \$30,000 to leave his job and release it of any obligation for a disabling back injury he sustained while working on the job.

"At this point, I can't do anything but get out of this job because I can't take it anymore," Pruitt said. "The problems with my back and what I've had to go through—I just have to get out."

Pruitt said Donald Willhoit, director of the UNC Health and Safety Office, and Workers' Compensation Coordinator Mary Crabtree had first offered Pruitt a settlement of \$20,000 Thursday morning but later agreed to increase the amount.

However, Willhoit said Thursday night that the University had not agreed to any settlement and that University lawyers were looking into the case.

"We accept our responsibility in Mr. Pruitt's case, and we are not trying to get out of our obligation to him," Willhoit said, adding that he could not comment on the specifics of Pruitt's case.

The case began in September 1992 when Pruitt was installing lights on Manning Hall with what he called "faulty equip-

ment."  
"An assistant and I were working on a ladder that was too small for the job," said Pruitt, who has been a University employee for six years.

He said he had sent his assistant back to the Physical Plant to get a bigger ladder and the assistant had returned with a roofers' ladder, which Pruitt said was "impossible and too big for two men to handle alone."

But Pruitt said his supervisor had insisted they use the larger ladder because nothing else was available.

"What basically happened was that after struggling with the ladder, I fell into the bushes on my back," Pruitt said.  
"There were painters working on Carroll

Hall, and they saw us struggling with the ladder and came over and tried to help us, but I had already lost my balance," he said.

Since then, Pruitt said, he had struggled with back pains, the result of a ruptured disc. He added that he also had had problems with the Physical Plant and the health and safety office because they had not found him a job appropriate for his physical condition.

Pruitt said he was in pain after he fell, but he returned to work the following day. He said he had filed a claim for an investigation of the accident, but the University never had investigated his case.

Willhoit said it was University policy to investigate all claims. "I didn't personally investigate his case, but there is no reason

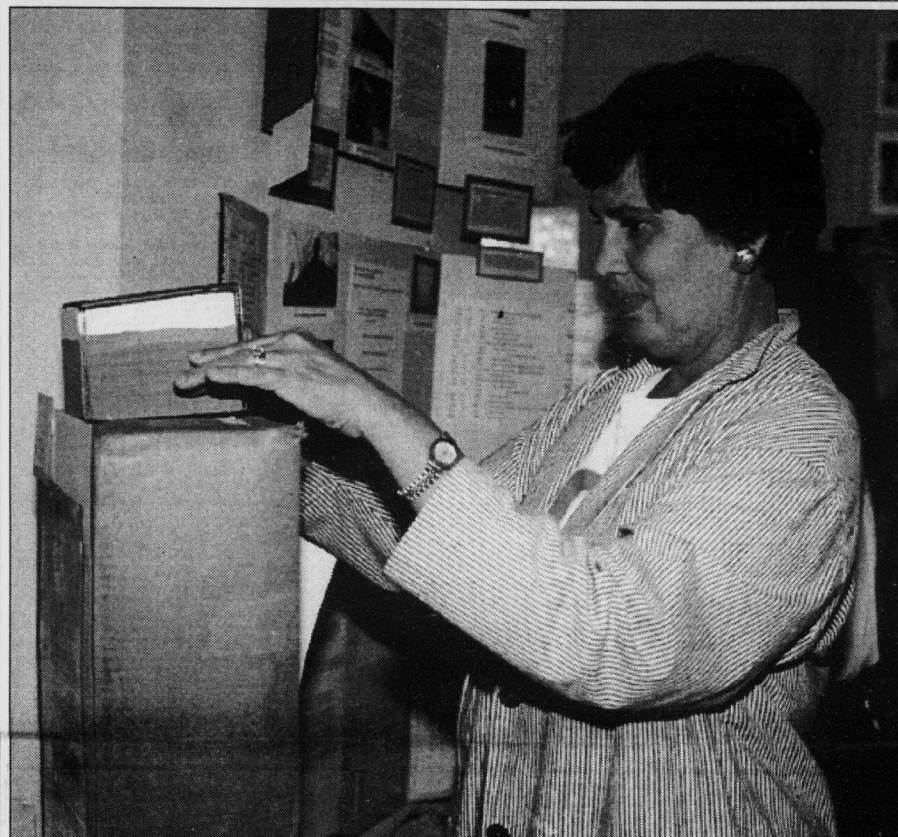
why it would not have been investigated," he said.

Pruitt said since his accident he had been placed in jobs, such as housekeeping, that required work that was not allowed according to his doctors' orders—including climbing, standing for prolonged periods, squatting and lifting heavy objects.

"I was told I would have an assistant to do the climbing, but I had to do that myself. I simply told my supervisor that I could not do that anymore."

Willhoit said it was against University policy for a supervisor to place an employee in a job that violated doctors' orders.

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Jean Nuzum, a Chapel Hill resident of 20 years, looks at an exhibit during the opening of Chapel Hill's Bicentennial display at the Horace Williams House on Thursday. Town residents donated memorabilia for the collection.

## Town Kicks Off 200th Birthday Party

BY SARAH MCBRIDE  
STAFF WRITER

Faded quilts, sagging trunks and old photographs are some of the artifacts that welcome visitors to the Horace Williams House this month. They are part of the Chapel Hill Historical Exhibit, which opened Thursday in honor of the town's 200th anniversary.

It took exhibit curator Judy Kramer two years to assemble the bicentennial display, said facilitator Jane Gabin.

"(Kramer) went into churches," Gabin said. "She went into Kiwanis and the Rotary. She went into peoples' homes... people were very generous."

Gabin said she hoped the temporary historical exhibit might lead to a permanent museum of town memorabilia.

"We're hoping that a Chapel Hill museum can be established some time in the next couple of years," she said. "We're hoping that this exhibit will arouse a lot of interest."

Gabin said one of her favorite items was the collection of Cathy Weisbecker photographs of town murals—for instance, the sea turtles on the wall of the parking lot at Centura Bank.

"I hadn't noticed the details (of the murals) until they were frozen in these large photographs," Gabin said. "It'll certainly make me look more closely the next time I take a walk through Chapel Hill."

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## Books Unveiled at Town Bicentennial Opening

BY SARAH MCBRIDE  
STAFF WRITER

The Chapel Hill bicentennial celebration began Thursday with the unveiling of two town history books during an opening reception at the Horace Williams House.

About 100 people gathered for the event, which included readings from each book, on the lawn of the downtown home at 610 E. Rosemary St.

"We had thought all along that we ought to have a history of Chapel Hill, something we could pass on to the next generation," said Nancy Preston of the town's bicentennial office.

"Chapel Hill—1793-1993: Close to Magic," compiled by the publications committee of the Chapel Hill Bicentennial Committee and edited by Margaret Taylor, is not a history per se, Preston said.

"It is an anthology of writings that give you a feel for the place and why everybody loves it so much and is drawn to it,"

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## UNC Wrestling Coach Charged With DWI

BY PHUONG LY  
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UNC wrestling head coach Bill Lam is recovering from a collapsed lung, a cracked sternum and broken ribs this week after his car overturned while he was driving back from a party last Friday.

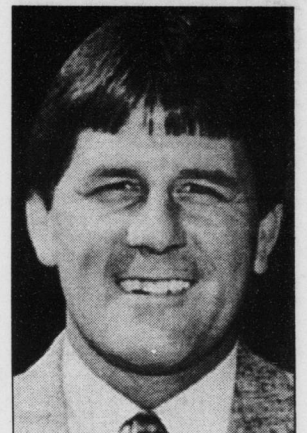
Lam, who has been with the University for 21 seasons, was charged with driving while impaired and exceeding a safe speed, said Line Sgt. W.B. Rose of the N.C. Highway Patrol.

He was listed in good condition Thursday afternoon, said a UNC Hospitals spokeswoman.

The UNC athletic department has not taken any action against Lam.

"While I am disturbed at the charges against Coach Lam, I am first and foremost thankful that his recovery should be a complete one," said athletic director John Swofford, who is out of town this week, in a statement released Thursday night.

"Our first concern is his well-being. Any need to evaluate legal ramifications resulting from the accident will come later," the statement read. "Our major concern right now is his health."



BILL LAM has coached the UNC wrestling team for 20 years.

The accident happened at about 12:30 a.m. Friday when Lam was heading home

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## Supreme Court Hears Recall Election Case

BY HOLLY RAMER  
STAFF WRITER

The Student Supreme Court heard arguments Thursday night in the case to judge the validity of petitions to recall Student Congress member Thad Woody. The court will reconvene at 6 p.m. on Tuesday to announce its decision.

Freshman Steve Sciamie submitted a petition to former Student Body President Jim Copland on March 23 calling for a recall election to remove Woody from congress. On Monday, Copland filed a case with the court to determine if he was authorized to order the recall election.

The Student Code contains a recall provision for elected officers, but does not make any provisions for officers-elect. Woody was sworn into his Dist. 11 office on the 76th Student Congress Tuesday evening.

Four justices of the supreme court heard arguments from three defendants: Sciamie, Woody and former congress Speaker Wendy Sarratt. Nick Johnston spoke on behalf of Copland, the plaintiff.

Woody said the petitions were invalid because he was not a member of the 76th Student Congress at the time of the petition drive.

"One cannot be an officer until one has taken an oath," said Woody, who also served in the 75th congress.

Applying the recall provision to officers-elect could lead to "an abuse of the recall provision," Woody said.

"Anyone who is unhappy with election results could then attempt to recall the same candidate time and time again," he said.

Sciamie said the petitions did not specify whether he was seeking the recall of Woody as a member of the 75th or 76th congress, but he had intended the recall to apply to Woody's term on the 76th congress.

"When we asked for signatures, we specifically said it would be for his next term," said Sciamie, adding that he began the petition drive because he thought Woody's campaign and past congress record were objectionable.

But Sarratt said his campaigning techniques were not grounds for recall, saying many candidates had run on platforms "completely irrelevant" to the duties of a congress member.

The petition could not be applied to Woody's term in the 76th Congress because his actions in this session of congress did not begin until after the petitions were presented, Sarratt said.

## Almost 50 Years Later, Holocaust Survivor Finally Shares Story

Editor's note: Today is Holocaust Remembrance Day.

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My grandmother has worn those numbers on her forearm for more than 50 years.

The Nazis tattooed that identity onto her arm while she was held captive at Auschwitz-Birkenau, the notorious concentration-camp.

"I was not my own person," she said in her thick Eastern European accent. "I was an animal with a number." That number is the only clue to unraveling the horror my grandmother lived through during World War II from 1939-45.

But Jean Powell, a retiree living in Skokie, Ill.,—a suburb of Chicago where more Holocaust survivors reside than anywhere else in the United States besides New York City—hasn't ever wanted to

share her story. Since I have been old enough to ask questions, I've been told I'm too young to know.

But I recently realized I belonged to the last generation that will personally know a Holocaust survivor. Both my grandparents survived Auschwitz, but my grandfather passed away before all my questions could be answered. So I pressed my grandmother to tell her courageous tale of survival.

This is the story of my hero.

### Gena Podchlebnik

Jean Powell was born Gena Podchlebnik in 1921 in Kolo, Poland, "where the streets are Polish, but the houses are Jewish," she said, explaining the Polish words that rolled off her tongue. Her life revolved around her family. She was one of 10 children, and all of her parents' brothers and sisters also lived in Kolo.

Every Saturday, the entire family got

together to pray with their own Torah, eat and celebrate the Sabbath. Gena's father was a cattleman. Although he had to provide for his large family, they managed.

"We had a very nice house by the river," Gena said. "We caught fish and kayaked in the summer, and in the wintertime I was on ice. But it was not America. It was a small city. It was hard to make a living, but we did all right. We would kill a calf and have meat for a whole week."

But in 1939, Jews were to be the calves that Hitler and his SS men would slaughter.

When the Nazis stormed through Poland in September 1939, Gena sensed that things were going to get worse. Three of her brothers, Max, Shimon and Fred—members of the Polish army—escaped to Russia for the duration of the war.

Gena, two brothers, two sisters and their mother also tried to escape to Russia. But halfway through their journey, their mother

fell ill and died after coming down with a high fever. With nowhere to turn for help, Gena and her siblings returned to Kolo to their father. They never would have the chance to escape Kolo again.

Anti-Semitism had been sweeping through Poland even before the war began. When Hitler invaded Poland, he did not have to look hard to find the Jews. Poland already required Jews to be marked with Hitler's form of the scarlet letter—yellow

stars worn on their clothing to signify their faith.

"We didn't break any laws, only that we were Jews," Gena said. "If not the war, the Jews still would have had a very hard time in Poland."

To this day, the petite, blond-haired and ruby-lipped woman does not like to speak her mother tongue because of the shame

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## Editor's Note

The Daily Tar Heel is starting to build its team for 1994-95 and is looking for recruitment team members, weekly columnists and editorial board writers.

The graphics and cartoon editor positions are still open.

All interested students must fill out an application. Some positions require interviews, de-

pending on the particular position.

Applications are available in the DTH office, Union Suite 104.

Please make note of the deadlines printed on each application.

Contact Kelly Ryan, DTH editor-select, at 962-0245 for more information or with any questions.

*The Holocaust is a metaphor for our century.*

Aharon Appelfeld