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## IN THE NEWS

Top stories from the state, nation and world

### Developments May Slow Rush of Cuban Immigrants

WASHINGTON, D.C. — One week after more than 3,200 Cuban boat people headed for U.S. shores in a single chaotic day, a series of encouraging developments have Clinton administration officials breathing somewhat easier.

U.S. officials attribute a sharp drop in the numbers of boat people in the last few days to a combination of bad weather and round-the-clock appeals for Cubans to stay home.

"Growing numbers of Cubans understand that they will not come to the United States if they are picked up in the Straits (of Florida)," Undersecretary of State Peter Tarnoff said Monday night.

By then, only 118 Cubans had been intercepted by the Coast Guard throughout the day. The final tally for Monday was 295.

### Caribbean Countries Will Provide Soldiers in Haiti

KINGSTON, Jamaica — Four Caribbean nations have agreed to provide peacekeepers if the United States decides to invade Haiti to remove its ruling elite, senior U.S. government officials said today.

Foreign ministers of Jamaica, Trinidad, Barbados and Belize told U.S. officials meeting here today that they would contribute to a force of 266 soldiers to participate in the peacekeeping phase of a military operation to remove Haiti's military leadership.

Guyana, the Bahamas and Antigua had not made a final commitment of forces pending further internal consultations, the U.S. officials said.

It was not immediately clear why the three balked.

### IRA Might Call Cease-Fire After 25 Years of Violence

BELFAST, Northern Ireland — Reports that the IRA was about to call a cease-fire after a quarter-century of bloodshed put nerves on edge Tuesday in Northern Ireland's majority Protestant community.

Speculation became intense after Gerry Adams, leader of the Sinn Féin party, said Monday that he had met with IRA leaders and had told them the time was right to "break the political, constitutional and military stalemate and create the potential to eradicate the underlying causes of conflict."

Many among the Protestant majority feared the IRA would not suspend its terror campaign to reunite the province with the largely Roman Catholic Irish republic unless it won concessions from the British government.

### Bosnian Leader Believes West Won't Punish Serbs

SARAJEVO, Bosnia-Herzegovina — Bosnia's prime minister said Tuesday that he had little hope the West would punish Serbian rebels for having rejected an international plan to end their 28-month-old war.

Tens of thousands of people would be in danger of dying from hunger and cold this winter, the third of the war, Prime Minister Haris Silajdzic said in an interview with The Associated Press.

The plan rejected by Bosnian Serbs this weekend would have split the former Yugoslav republic with a Muslim-Croat federation, reducing Serb holdings from the 70 percent of territory they control now to 49 percent.

### Whitewater Prosecution Seeking New Chief Deputy

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Hoping to counter criticism, newly appointed Whitewater prosecutor Kenneth Starr is searching for a top deputy with prosecuting experience and no ties to Republican politics, according to lawyers familiar with the effort.

The search comes as the staff of his predecessor, Robert Fiske, begins its exodus. With a smooth transition well under way, at least four key Fiske staffers have departed or are preparing to do so.

Starr, a Republican-appointed appellate judge who later argued Bush administration cases before the Supreme Court as solicitor general, has been criticized sharply by Democrats for his ties to the GOP.

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## Weather

TODAY: Partly cloudy; high 90.  
THURSDAY: Variably cloudy; high 87.

# Burnette Will Face Fall Recall Election

BY JAMIE KRITZER  
CITY EDITOR

The Orange County Board of Elections verified enough signatures this week to put embattled school board member LaVonda Burnette's fate in the hands of local voters for a November recall election.

Madeline Mitchell, a UNC research scholar in family medicine who started the petition to recall Burnette, said Tuesday night that more than 6,000 names had been certified by Tuesday afternoon.

Then, the board of elections, made up of three people, had to verify the certified names.

At around 4 p.m. Tuesday, the board met to do this and then contacted Mitchell with the news.

"I don't know what the right feeling is,"

Mitchell said.

"You have no way of knowing that the person is a registered voter or the names will be certified."

Now the recall will go to the voters Nov. 8, the same time as the general election.

And Mitchell said saving money with a November recall election was the whole design of the petition.

"That was the whole point," she said. It takes 4,250 signatures — which is 10

percent of the registered voters in the school system — on the petition to get a recall election.

A deputy supervisor at the board of elections said late Tuesday night that she had left work at 5 p.m. and that names were still being tallied then.

"There were 6,000 that were certified as valid registered voters," Pat Sanes said. "But (the three members on the board of elections) still had to go through the petitions."

Sanes said the elections board still had to confirm that all of the names certified as valid could be used in the recall petition.

The Chapel Hill-Carrboro Board of Education chose in January not to remove Burnette from the board after discovering that she had repeatedly lied to the public about her educational background.



School board member **LAVONDA BURNETTE** has said she will not step down from her seat on the local board.



### Renovation Will Close Carolina Inn for 9 Months

BY JAMIE KRITZER  
CITY EDITOR

Ruth Barnes remembers living with her husband and 2-year-old son more than 40 years ago in the cramped quarters of an apartment building on the west side of the UNC campus.

The first efforts to demolish that former apartment building, located on the south side of the Carolina Inn along Columbia Street, began Tuesday afternoon as University employees, retirees and others stood close by.

"It was a real era passing today when they knocked that building down," Barnes said after the demolition process began on the brick building, which was constructed in 1939. "It's been a very important part of my life. I'll miss it."

In 1969, the building became the home of the General Alumni Association, the University's nonprofit organization designed to maintain continuing contact with former students. For more than 20 years, the building was known as the Alumni House. The alumni association moved into the George Watts Hill Alumni Center on Ridge Road in 1993.

Chancellor Paul Hardin said the demolition was a stroke of progress for the University. "We're advancing on all fronts, but to do that you've got to give up something that you're sort of used to," Hardin said.

The destruction of the red-brick, three-story building marks the start of efforts to add a 56-room wing to the Carolina Inn.

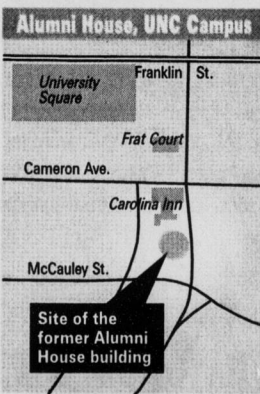
"The additional rooms will give us larger groups with a great location," said David Norton, project manager from the Doubletree Hotels, which is leasing the inn from the University. "More meetings space and more guest rooms means that instead of just 5 to 30 attendees, we can now target groups with 30 to 100 attendees and we can still keep our normal business."

The building only faced mild destruction Tuesday as a construction crew punched a few holes in the building's roof and demolished a walkway overhead in the rear of the structure.

It will be completely leveled by Monday, and construction workers plan to begin hauling the loads of rubble out of the spot, said Mike Young, director of engineering for the inn.

Although the building's walls

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# ALUMNI HOUSE MEETS END

TOP: Chancellor Paul Hardin kicks off the luncheon.  
MIDDLE: The wrecking ball drops onto the house.  
ABOVE: Laura Cartner, whose office was housed in the building, writes a goodbye message on the bricks.



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## Future Audits to Examine UNC More Closely

BY AMY PINIAK  
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A former vice chancellor who worked with the UNC internal auditor from 1989-92 said it was common practice for the auditor to report matters of concern directly to him and not issue reports.

Ben Tuchi, UNC's vice chancellor for business and finance from 1989-92, said in a phone interview from his home in Pittsburgh that he thought Edwin Capel, the university's internal audit director, was an effective auditor. "I thought he was quite good and quite thorough," Tuchi said.

During his tenure here, he said, it was routine for the auditor to make findings and report them directly to him with no report issued.

"There were numerous instances that needed remedial work and he disclosed them to me," Tuchi said. The matters were internal, and he declined to say what any of them were.

The auditor's office at UNC has been understaffed since he was at UNC, he said. There were not enough resources to increase the auditor's staff, Tuchi said, but it was common knowledge that there was not enough staff to handle all the University's auditing needs.

"If you're shortstaffed and the audit doesn't seem to be showing any deficiencies, you don't have time to write a report and you move on to other hot spots," he

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## Campus Group Eyes Recycling Efforts at UNC

BY MICHELLE LAMBETH  
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Before July 1, recycling was an environmentally conscious choice. Now, it's the law.

The General Assembly passed legislation this summer that made it illegal to dispose of aluminum cans in landfills. Several campus organizations are doing their

part to make sure UNC not only complies with the new law but also properly disposes of other recyclable goods.

The Student Environmental Action Coalition plans to set up a meeting with representatives from the Marriott Corp. to improve recycling efforts in the new Lenoir Hall food court where takeout food is now more popular than ever.

Charles Button, UNC recycling coordinator and environmental programs manager with the Office of Waste Reduction and Recycling, said his department had been busy increasing the number of aluminum recycling bins around campus.

"We've increased the number of outdoor sites on campus," Button said. "We probably put out about 10 or 15 new containers every month, and we're trying to increase that. We're also trying to place a lot more containers inside."

Button said his office's initial goal was to have at least one aluminum can container in every building on

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## Editor's Note

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H.L. Mencken