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IN THE NEWS

Top stories from the state, nation and world

Bomb Strikes Democratic Headquarters in Nigeria

LAGOS, Nigeria — Assaults threw a gasoline bomb at the headquarters of the Campaign for Democracy on Wednesday in yet another attack that human rights activists blamed on Nigeria's beleaguered military government.

Activists said the government was desperately trying to kill the democracy movement and break a crippling eight-week strike by oil workers who were trying to force an end to military rule.

The bomb did little damage, apparently because it was thrown from some distance.

A direct attack would have involved confrontation with young guards who now patrol the offices of the Campaign for Democracy, a coalition of 41 human rights, social and labor groups.

U.S. May Gain Additional Support for Haiti Invasion

WASHINGTON, D.C. — The Clinton administration is hopeful of winning the support of three more nations for a possible invasion of Haiti if economic and diplomatic sanctions fail to remove the ruling military junta.

The Bahamas, Antigua and Guyana withheld a commitment at a meeting of foreign ministers and military commanders from the region Tuesday in Kingston, Jamaica, Jamaica, Trinidad, Tobago, Barbados and Belize agreed to contribute troops.

The United States would provide the troops for the first wave, with the other countries intervening soon afterward, administration officials said.

Israel to Halt Peace Plans if Violence Not Curbed

JERUSALEM — Israel would halt further transfers of power in the West Bank if the Palestinian Authority did not take action against Islamic extremists who attack Israelis, Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin warned Wednesday.

An agreement signed this week gave Palestinians control over health, education, social services and taxation in the occupied West Bank, but the two sides have not settled on a timetable.

"Security considerations will be the dominant factor in deciding the timing," Rabin said.

Officials said they did not expect the Palestinians to stamp out all violence but to make the maximum effort to jail assailants.

Judge Denies Key Defense Motion in Simpson's Trial

LOS ANGELES — O.J. Simpson's challenge to the credibility of a key investigator suffered another setback Wednesday when a judge denied a defense request to search the detective's personnel file for signs of racism.

"I did not find any reports, incident reports, any information that was pertinent to the issues in this case," Superior Court Judge Lance Ito said.

The ruling, along with a previous one denying the defense access to Detective Mark Fuhrman's military records, limits Simpson's efforts to interject race into the case.

During yet another fractious hearing, Ito heard arguments about his proposed gag order that would prohibit attorneys and investigators involved in the case from talking to the media.

Mayors Encourage Clinton To Implement Crime Plan

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Mayors urged President Clinton on Wednesday to implement the newly passed \$30 billion anti-crime bill swiftly so they could begin hiring police officers in hopes of cutting urban crime before 1996.

The U.S. Conference of Mayors put together a three-member task force to prod Congress and the Clinton administration along as they appropriate money for cities to use in anti-crime efforts.

The task force comprises Denver Mayor Wellington Webb, Louisville Mayor Jerry Abramson and Paul Helmke, mayor of Fort Wayne, Ind.

When it is signed, the new law, approved by Congress last week, will ban assault-style weapons and devote \$8.8 billion to putting 100,000 more police on U.S. streets.

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Weather

TODAY: Variably cloudy; high 87.
FRIDAY: Partly cloudy; high 80.

Auditor Served as Interim Head of Purchasing

BY AMY PINIAK
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The auditor who is responsible for being the University's main financial watchdog also temporarily headed UNC's purchasing department in 1991, according to employee records.

Records show that Internal Audit Director Edwin Capel, who has been head auditor since 1981, served as UNC's head departmental purchasing and service officer in the department of purchasing from March to August 1991. Although the documents were unclear as to whether Capel served in both positions simultaneously, Carolyn Elfland, associate vice chancellor for business, said Wednesday that Capel was still in the Internal Audit Department

when he was acting purchasing director.

A state investigation recently found that Capel regularly failed to file reports of financial irregularities. According to a report issued in July by State Auditor Ralph Campbell Jr., Capel did not file audit reports in at least six instances over the past eight years. Although Capel's office had spent 5,277 hours — almost two years of labor — performing the audits, the reports had never been filed, Campbell concluded. Capel declined comment Wednesday.

Elfland, who appointed Capel to the purchasing post, said it was common for a University employee to temporarily have two jobs at the same time. Capel acted as purchasing director for a five-month period between the retirement of former director Frank Farrington and the hiring of

current director Howard Gorman. "Any time you have a major position vacant, you try to find someone who knows about the job to fill in," Elfland said. The internal audit office is responsible for auditing the purchasing department if the need arises.

Susan Ehringhaus, the University's legal counsel, who is responsible for ensuring there are no legal conflicts of interest in University hiring procedures, said she was not familiar with Capel's employment record. "I simply don't know," Ehringhaus said when asked about Capel's positions of audit director and purchasing officer.

A state auditor's report from 1986 also criticized Capel's performance — for similar reasons as those found in the 1994 report. According to the 1986 report, Capel and his auditors failed to regularly com-

municate the results of their findings to UNC administrators and had no formal system for issuing audit reports.

The 1986 report, by former State Auditor Edward Renfrow, also stated that the internal auditing office workpapers were of "poor quality," that Capel apparently failed to review the papers, and that neither Capel nor his secretary was required to document and account for activities.

Elfland said she was unaware of the 1986 findings when she appointed Capel to the temporary post. When asked if Capel's simultaneous employment presented a conflict, she said, "I thought about that at the time, but there are so many checks and balances in the purchasing process, and so many signatures required, that one person couldn't subvert the process."

For the short period of time Capel worked in purchasing, there wouldn't have been a conflict of interest, Elfland said. But on a permanent basis, she would not have had an auditor in charge of purchasing.

Elfland said that when she hired Capel, the warehouse division of the purchasing department — formally called the materials support department — had recently installed a new financial accounting system. "I selected Eddie partly because there were problems with the new system. He assigned an auditor to solve the problems, and there was a report issued on that."

Rob Hillman, general counsel for the state auditor's office, said Wednesday that state auditors had known about the Inter-

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Jacqueline Fields greets a new pledge on Franklin Street Wednesday evening. The recent rushees were welcomed by bid day celebrations at their new sororities.

UNC Gets Donation Toward Gay Studies

BY JUDY ROYAL
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The University may receive funds from a California man's estate to offer some gay studies courses in future semesters, said Lawrence Gilbert, associate vice chancellor for academic affairs.

Charles Williamson, a UNC medical school graduate from San Francisco, died in 1993 and designated in his will a \$170,000 grant for gay education and awareness classes at the University. Because of legal complications, UNC was not aware of the possible donation until last spring.

University officials must deal with the executor of the estate and meet the terms of the will before they make any more progress to incorporate gay studies courses in the curriculum through this grant. Williamson specified in his will that the money should be spent in a way to encourage gay and lesbian studies on campus.

If the executor approved the proposal for gay courses in the curriculum, the University would receive the money in December, Gilbert said.

Gilbert also said University officials wanted students' opinions on the possibility of gay studies courses and had waited for classes to begin before making any definite plans. "We couldn't really do anything until the students got back because we wanted to confer with B-GLAD to get their ideas as well," he said.

Cecil Wooten, faculty adviser to Bisexuals, Gay men, Lesbians and Allies for Diversity, said he had met with students, the Development Office, the Provost's office and Gilbert to draw up a proposal that

was acceptable to the executor. The formal proposal by the Development Office will include provisions for development grants for courses studying the issue of homosexuality, lectures, classes on contributions of the homosexual community and funds for B-GLAD. "We would like to see the bulk of the money used for course development grants on homosexuality."

Possible departments incorporating the gay studies curriculum are history, psychology and English.

Gilbert said he thought the University community could benefit greatly from heightened awareness of the contributions of the gay population to the arts and sciences. "To me, it's just a segment of society that has made contributions, and I feel faculty and students should be aware of these contributions," he said.

Wooten said the grant would provide a valuable opportunity to diversify the University's curriculum.

"There's been a tendency in the last few years to broaden the curriculum and include groups that have normally been excluded," he said. "I think this fits in well with the increased emphasis on multiculturalism in the University curriculum."

The donation also could give homosexuals the recognition they deserve as a minority group on campus, Wooten said.

"I think one of the complaints I hear all the time from gay students on this campus are the same kind of complaints I hear from blacks and women," he said. "They say homosexuality is never mentioned in class throughout their whole four years at this University."

"I think this is a way of correcting that."

Anonymous HIV Tests Saved Temporarily by N.C. Court

BY EMMA WILLIAMS
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In everyday language, there is only a minor difference between the words anonymous and confidential. When they refer to HIV testing, the difference becomes a matter of tremendous debate.

That difference was highlighted Wednesday morning when N.C. Superior Court Judge Gordon Battle halted the state health department's plan to discontinue anonymous HIV testing starting today.

The state had planned to replace anonymous testing with confidential testing, which requires people taking HIV tests to reveal their names and other information. When people test HIV-positive, their names are entered into a state databank. People currently can choose between anonymous and confidential testing at state health clinics.

The Triangle branch of ACT-UP, the AIDS Coalition to Unleash Power, sued the N.C. Commission for Health Services, hoping to maintain anonymous testing.

ACT-UP argued that some people, especially those in high-risk groups for contracting AIDS, would be too intimidated if they had to reveal their names and therefore would never be tested.

"Anonymous testing brings a lot more people into the system," said Stewart Fisher, the attorney who represented ACT-UP. "Unless you can show that there's some kind of a net gain in the number of infected individuals being treated, then you ought to keep both kinds of testing."

The state argued that anonymous testing hindered its ability to counsel people who tested positive and help them contact others they might have infected.

Bill Furney, spokesman for the state health director's office, summed up the situation this way: "You can't help people if you can't reach them."

Too many people who are tested anonymously fail to show up to receive their test results, which leaves health department workers without any way to notify them,

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Burglaries Down on Campus in 1993

BY JENI COOK
STAFF WRITER

Keeping up with recent trends in Chapel Hill and Carrboro, burglary and breaking and entering reports have declined at the University in the past year.

Statistics in UNC's new 1994 security report show 117 incidents were reported in 1993, as opposed to 285 in 1992 and 296 in 1991.

The reason for the drop in burglary and breaking and entering reports was hard to explain, said Alana Ennis, University Police chief.

"There are just too many variables to consider to definitively say why a category may change suddenly," she said.

The number of burglary and breaking and entering incidents reported for Chapel Hill and Carrboro also took a sharp plunge. Last year, Chapel Hill received 416 reports, compared to 752 in 1992. Carrboro reported 172, down from 315 the previous year.

"I've been told in the past that university crime is reflective of the community it is located in," said Mary Sechrist, associate University legal counsel.

Of the incidents outlined in the security report, University Police reported no murders, 18 sex offenses, three robberies, 41 aggravated assaults and 11 motor vehicle thefts.

Crime Offenses Reported at UNC-CH

Offense	1991	1992	1993
Murder	1	0	0
Sex Offense, Forcible	7	11	18
Sex Offense, Non-forcible	0	0	0
Robbery	0	3	3
Aggravated Assault	51	34	41
Burglary/ B & E	296	285	117
Motor Vehicle Theft	12	17	11

SOURCE: 1994 SECURITY REPORT

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The report notes that arrests were made for 70 drug violations, 13 weapons violations and 85 alcohol violations. Sex offenses and aggravated assaults both rose by seven from the past year.

An increase in sex offenses might have been a result of new procedures that require professional counselors to report crimes revealed to them, Sechrist said.

Ennis said the increased number of reports might also have signified that people were reporting more cases because they had more faith in the department.

"Just because the number of some crimes are up doesn't mean actual crimes went up, just the number of reports," she said.

The University police department is

also continuing to increase its visibility on campus by implementing new programs.

Officers now have "contact cards" to make sure faculty, staff and students are aware of their presence. The cards are left to alert people of unnecessary risks, such as unlocked doors or cars.

University Police Det. Angela Carmon said the "contact cards" enabled police to create a new avenue to relate to the people they were trying to protect.

"We hope we are doing a good job of educating and raising awareness," Ennis

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Local Woman Questions Burnette Recall Petition Methods

BY MICHELLE LAMBETH
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The signatures have been counted, and a recall election for school board member LaVonda Burnette is set for Nov. 8. But, not all local residents are happy about the turn of events, and they're not only Burnette's supporters.

"I don't think recalls are appropriate," said Marjorie Schwartz, a Chapel Hill resident who became concerned when she saw a lot of petitions floating around. "I wish the board (of education) had just said they could live with it — and they could have lived with it."

On Tuesday, the Orange County Board

of Elections verified more than enough signatures, which local resident Madeline Mitchell collected with the help of a grassroots effort, to call for a recall election.

Schwartz became upset when she saw several petitions in stores and other businesses in the community. N.C. laws state that a witness must be present to attest to every signature on a particular page. Schwartz's concern is that because so many petitions sat in area businesses, some residents might have signed without a witness, which would make the signature invalid.

"There were people who were handing in whole bundles of names and swearing falsely," Schwartz said. "There were a few

who accounted for more than half the signatures. Along with that, I noticed that the last seven were pages of the petition I had seen in stores."

The local chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People is also looking into the matter. Although he could not elaborate, Carrboro Alderman Hank Anderson, a vice president of the local NAACP chapter, said the issue was in "legal hands."

The move to try to hold a recall election for Burnette came after it was discovered that she repeatedly lied about her educational background. During the campaign, Burnette said she was a UNC student and a product of the local school system.

Schwartz said she had looked over the petitions and expressed her concerns to the elections board, which collected the petitions and counted the signatures. But she said elections supervisors did not seem concerned.

"The position of the board of elections was that it was not their business," Schwartz said. "They just take the signatures."

"They're not interested in the process. If someone has apparently followed the law, they're not going to question it."

Schwartz also voiced her concerns to John McCormick, the school board's attorney, but he said he didn't see what the

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Don Marquis