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IN THE NEWS

Top stories from the state, nation and world

Mortars and Gunfire Rock House of Liberian Leader

MONROVIA, Liberia — Tanks and gunboats of the African intervention force in Monrovia pounded Liberia's presidential mansion today in a bid to dislodge rebel soldiers who claim they have taken over the country. Mortars and gunfire rocked the capital as dusk fell.

Today's fighting heralded the advent of yet another armed faction in Liberia's nearly 5-year-old civil war. The soldiers were led by Gen. Charles Julue, a feared commander in the army of slain dictator Samuel Doe. Julue had fled Liberia in 1990.

Liberian factions have representatives in the United States. It appeared, however, that their influence did not extend beyond the gates of the mansion.

Last American Diplomats Leave Embattled Somalia

MOGADISHU, Somalia — The remaining American envoys in Somalia lowered the flag at their compound Thursday and left the country, conceding that persistent fighting made their job too difficult.

Marine guards turned over security to U.N. troops and left Thursday morning for Mombasa, Kenya, said a U.S. diplomat, who spoke on condition of anonymity.

All the American diplomats at the liaison office in Mogadishu, including Ambassador Daniel Simpson, were sent to Nairobi, Kenya, said a U.S. diplomat in Nairobi, who also spoke on condition of anonymity.

Washington announced last month that it would withdraw the last 80 Americans in Somalia by Thursday.

FBI Finds No Evidence of Sabotage in USAir Crash

PITTSBURGH — The FBI disputed any suggestion Thursday that USAir Flight 427 had been sabotaged to silence a drug informant aboard.

Earlier Thursday, it was disclosed that one of the passengers killed in the Sept. 1 crash, 34-year-old Paul Olson, had spent the last day of his life with federal prosecutors in Chicago, discussing testimony in an upcoming drug trial.

Investigators said they had found no evidence that a bomb or other means of sabotage had caused the crash, in which the jet dropped out of the sky and slammed into a ravine, killing everyone on board. The cause is still unknown.

Olson was released from prison earlier this year after serving almost five years for cocaine trafficking.

Genetic Testing Indicates Blood May Be Simpson's

LOS ANGELES — Final DNA tests indicate that O.J. Simpson may be the source of at least two drops of blood in a trail leading from the crime scene, and a hair found on one victim's body came from a black person, sources said Thursday.

Meanwhile, Simpson's lawyers are considering calling as witnesses his younger children, including his 8-year-old daughter, who reportedly told police she had "heard Mommy's best friend" the night of the slayings.

The genetic test results on two drops of blood were forwarded to the Simpson defense.

Simpson, 47, is charged with murder in the June 12 slaying deaths of his ex-wife Nicole Brown Simpson and her friend Ronald Goldman.

'Hot Star' Wows Scientists With Rare Flash of X-Rays

WASHINGTON, D.C. — One of the brightest stars in the sky suddenly emitted a large burst of X-rays, startling astronomers who are now scrambling to explain the first flare ever seen on this normally sedate type of star.

Two German astronomers report today in the journal Science that they spotted the burst on Zeta Orionis, the leftmost star in the belt of the famed Orion constellation.

"Hot stars" are huge, young stars that are enormously bright and constant, beloved by astronomy buffs for their dependable lights in the night sky.

Not only does their luminescence not fade, these stars also give off an unvarying stream of X-rays. Until now.

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Weather

TODAY: Mostly sunny; high mid-90s.

SATURDAY: Partly sunny; high upper 80s.

SUNDAY: Cloudy; high mid-80s.

Clinton Issues Ultimatum to Haitian Leaders in National Speech

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS
PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti — With U.S. warships skirting the shore and aircraft buzzing overhead, Haitians waited with both dread and hope Thursday for a long-threatened American invasion.

President Clinton, in a speech Thursday night, bluntly told Haiti's military leaders: "Leave now or we will force you from power."

But tough talk of an invasion has been no more successful than the severe economic blockade at dislodging the military rulers and restoring elected President Jean-Bertrand Aristide, who was overthrown almost three years ago.

In a CBS interview immediately after Clinton's speech, Lt. Gen. Raoul Cedras, leader of Haiti's military junta, remained

defiant. Asked if he was ready to step down, Cedras said, "I am rather prepared to fight with my people." He indicated that he was prepared to die as well for his country and predicted the United States would be stepping into a long battle.

"The Haitian people have an extraordinary resistance capacity," he said through an interpreter. "Those three years spent under economic sanctions have proven what I say. The people are ready to resist."

U.S. firepower is far superior to that of the Haitian army and volunteer paramilitaries. But Haitians could mount a substantial resistance through guerrilla tactics.

Unidentified military commanders told The Associated Press that soldiers had

been ordered to change into civilian garb. Military sources previously had said soldiers would "evaporate" into the populace to wage guerrilla war.

Port-au-Prince mayor Evans Paul, living in hiding since the coup three years ago, said an invasion regrettably seemed unavoidable now.

"We must expect a showdown," he said. "What a pity. I hope that for the first time, force will be used for something valu-



President BILL CLINTON threatens to invade Haiti if U.S. demands are not met.

able. We shall see." Conservative politician Jean-Claude Roy sarcastically called Clinton's speech "a fine lesson in democracy ..."

"A majority of the American people oppose the invasion, and Clinton decides it is right," he said. "Aristide will have a fine example to follow when he undemocratically does what he sees fit."

For Haitians in Port-au-Prince's slums, most of them Aristide supporters who have suffered under the international trade embargo, the biggest fear seemed to be that the United States would not invade. They also worried the Haitian army would retaliate against them.

"We want it to happen and be over with," said the hostess of a downtown restaurant who feared letting her name be

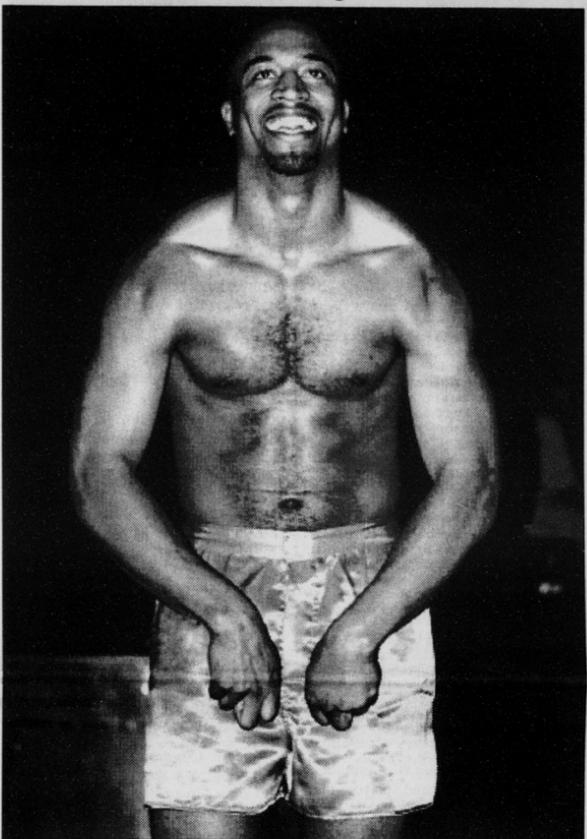
used. "If you're dead, you're dead. If you're alive, you can pick up the pieces and get on with your life."

Cedras was part of U.N.-mediated talks in 1992 that ended with an agreement for him to step down and for Aristide to return from exile. But the general last October refused to comply, prompting the resumption of economic sanctions and the threat of invasion.

In an embarrassing prelude, the USS Monsoon came so close to the capital Thursday that it ran aground, Pentagon spokesman Dennis Boxx said in Washington, D.C. Military officials said the coastal patrol vessel would be free once the tide shifted.

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Only the Strong Survive



Freddie Bryant poses during the swimsuit portion of the Mr. BSM competition. Bryant defeated two others to take the title. See story on page 2.

Battle Signs Congress Funds for Minority Recruitment Into Effect

Late-Night Attempt to Recall Passed Bill Foiled by Lack of Congress Quorum, SBP's Pen

BY JAY STONE
STAFF WRITER

Despite late-night maneuvers by opposing Student Congress representatives, Student Body President George Battle signed into law late Thursday afternoon a Student Minority Recruitment bill sponsored by the executive branch.

"They waited until people left and then put the reconsideration motion forward knowing that the tide was in their favor," Battle said.

The minority recruitment program, designed to increase UNC's minority enrollment, received \$7,280.19 from the full congress in an 11-10-1 vote. Rep. Erica Cornelius, Dist. 21, abstained from the vote.

After 1 a.m. with 15 representatives left in congress, Rep. Trong Nguyen, Dist. 8, moved to reconsider the bill. The speaker of congress later determined that the motion to reconsider was invalid.

Five groups will have to wait at least a week to find out if they will receive funding after waiting six hours during Wednesday's meeting.

Battle's Assistant Chief of Staff Calvin Cunningham said the "petty politicking" came at the expense of groups whose funding never got considered.

"The real tragedy is that five hours were spent grandstanding. Now there are some

very irritated student groups, and justifiably so," Cunningham said Thursday.

During debate of the bill, acting speaker Rep. Jonathan Jordan, Dist. 1, opposed the bill and refused to yield time to Battle, an ex-officio member of congress.

"Jonathan Jordan is probably one of the most manipulative individuals that I have ever seen," Battle said. "Student Congress is not the place for that. The dishonest, cowardly, unethical and immoral nature of what went on last night galls me and would gall any student, regardless of position or views."

Battle added that advocates of the bill had only wanted a fair fight and had presented the bill in an honest and open manner.

"I don't want to cast a negative light on those members of congress who are thoughtful, but you have some people on congress who are not adult enough to accept the fact that when you lose, you lose, and then you move on," Battle said. "They have to play political tricks. The people who play tricks like these are of very little consequence to me or anyone else in the student body."

"The bitter irony is that everyone talked about how Student Congress should be defended and respected. This is indefensible," Battle said.

After Student Congress moved to consider the recruitment bill last on Wednesday night's agenda, Battle moved to have the bill considered fifth. The bill passed after an hour and a half of debate.

Battle, who co-sponsored the bill with

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Five Student Groups Still Await Funding

BY TEE OMOLODUN
STAFF WRITER

Only seven of 12 University and campus-related organizations received funding from Student Congress on Wednesday night.

Five more groups await appropriations.

The lucky seven and their appropriations were: Yackety Yack, \$12,699; Student Environmental Action Coalition, \$605; Victory Village Day Care Center, \$200; Minority Recruitment Program, \$7,280.19; Vietnamese Students Association, \$3,240; Korean-American Student Association, \$4,300; and The Cellar Door, \$5,200.

The minority recruitment bill, which went under a very heated one-and-a-half hour debate, only passed by one vote, 11-10. The bill was co-sponsored by Speaker Monica Cloud.

Student Body President George Battle said a federal court in 1981 ruled that UNC had to get its percentage of minority students up to the

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Funeral Scheduled for Today for Slain Chapel Hill Car Dealer

BY MICHELLE LAMBETH
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Funeral services for James "Buck" Copeland, a local car dealer who was fatally shot at the West Franklin Street McDonald's on Wednesday morning, are scheduled for today.

That's what a letter posted on the door of Yates Motor Co. at 419 W. Franklin St., where Copeland was acting president and general manager, states. Written by company president emeritus Dean Yates and accompanied by a large floral arrangement, the letter also expresses the company's regret over Copeland's death

and announces that the car dealership will be closed today for his funeral.

The dealership was also closed Thursday afternoon, and employees declined to comment on the incident, saying only that it was "a very difficult time."

On Wednesday, the morning of his 61st birthday, Copeland went to McDonald's to get coffee, as he did every morning. Hillsborough resident and former Yates employee David Alton Lewis was also in the restaurant.

When Lewis, who told investigators he was currently employed with William Brown's Body Shop in Hillsborough, saw Copeland, he left and then returned with a

shotgun, which he used to shoot Copeland in the head, he told police. Copeland was pronounced dead at the scene.

After the shooting, Lewis left McDonald's and went directly to the Chapel Hill Police Department, where he waited to speak to investigators, according to police reports. He is currently being held in the Orange County Jail without bond.

An official from the Orange County Clerk of Court's office said Lewis was scheduled to make his first court appearance today in Hillsborough, although she did not know the exact time.

"It's to see if the judge will give him bond and to appoint an attorney for him

(Lewis)," she said.

A day after the shooting, people associated with Yates Motor Co. were not the only ones reluctant to talk about the incident.

Carboro Alderman Hank Anderson, who was in McDonald's when Yates was shot, said he was not up to discussing what had happened.

"It was such a bad experience," Anderson said. "I'm not ready to discuss it right now."

McDonald's employees also declined comment on the matter. A representative from the restaurant said no one who had witnessed the incident was willing to make

a statement.

There were those who were willing to talk about Copeland and remember happier times.

John Carswell, owner of Colonial Drug Co., which is located across the street from Yates Motor Co., said he had known Copeland for about 30 years.

"We were good friends," Carswell said. "He came in here about every day. He liked ice cream."

Carswell said he had been stunned to learn about the shooting.

"Yesterday, I was kind of in a state of shock," he said Thursday. "I didn't believe it."

Her Cancer Research Makes a Difference, But She Knows She Can't Do It Alone

HEROES ON THE HILL

A weekly series highlighting Chapel Hill heroes

small STEPS for MANKIND

BY JON GOLDBERG
FEATURES EDITOR

Barbara Hulka's life would have been completely different if she had made an alternative decision more than 40 years ago.

The scientific advances, awards and honors would have been for naught. Instead, she might have ended up playing violin for the New York Philharmonic or the Boston Pops.

After earning her master's degree from the Juilliard School of Music in 1954, she had to make a tough decision: whether to stick with the violin she had adored since childhood or venture into the unknown world of medical school.

She chose the latter.

Now, as Hulka, Kenan professor of epidemiology at UNC, looks at the statistics on breast cancer — her field of research — she can only shake her head.

She has read that 180,000 Americans are diagnosed with breast cancer every year, and the disease annually accounts for 28 percent of all new cancers

reported. Hulka realizes one person can't change the scientific world.

But she hopes that her small contributions to cancer research will eventually make some headway in unraveling the unknowns of the disease.

"People think of research as a light bulb goes on and then you solve it," said Hulka, 63, who added that in the real world that's not the way it always works. "If you can be one of those people making one of those steps, you can make a difference."

Throughout her career she has been fascinated by the link between hormones and various types of cancer, with a particular interest in breast cancer.

Hulka, a member of UNC's Lineberger Comprehensive Cancer Research Center, also has revolutionized science by helping develop a branch of epidemiology that uses molecular biology to study diseases.

"Barbara is a world leader in terms of trying to understand how hormones affect cancers of women,"

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Barbara Hulka and Sharon Edmiston examine negatives in the School of Public Health's epidemiology lab.

Name: Barbara S. Hulka

Born: March 1, 1931, Minneapolis

Occupation: Kenan professor of epidemiology at UNC's School of Public Health

Education: Radcliffe College, B.S., 1952; Juilliard School of Music M.S., 1954; Columbia University, M.D., 1959

Family: husband, Jaroslav, of 39 years; daughter Carol, 33, of Boston; sons Gregory, 31, of Hillsborough and Bryan, 28, of Durham

Recent award: receiver of Abraham Lillienfeld Award

Hobbies: music, nature

Life's philosophy: "As much as possible, make it a positive life. Make some small contributions."

Winter, spring, summer or fall; all you got to do is call ...

James Taylor