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IN THE NEWS

Top stories from the state, nation and world

Serb Troops Force 2,000 Muslims Across Front Line

TUZLA, Bosnia-Herzegovina — Serb nationalists pushed as many as 2,000 exhausted, frightened Muslims from their homes in northeastern Bosnia and across the front lines Sunday in a defiant drive to finish their ethnic purge.

The refugees flowing into this northern, government-held city, coupled with those reportedly expelled from another Serb-controlled area Saturday, raised to perhaps 9,000 the number of people forced out of their homes since mid-July.

The push illustrated the Bosnian Serbs' determination to remove the remaining non-Serbs from areas they control despite increasing international pressure and isolation.

Muslims arriving in Tuzla said Serb extremists had decided to force out the last non-Serbs.

Extremist Forces Will Be Moved Into Zairian Camps

KIGALI, Rwanda — Hutu extremists who have used fear to keep Rwandan refugees from returning home will be moved to new camps deeper inside Zaire under a U.N. plan announced Sunday.

Fugitive soldiers accused of participating in Rwandan death squads will be provided with U.N. aid and asked to move to the new camps after being disarmed, U.N. special envoy Shahayar Khan said.

The plan's aim is to speed up the repatriation of Rwandan refugees, most of them Hutus who fled in fear of retaliation after Tutsi-led rebels ousted the previous Hutu-led government. Hutu soldiers and militias have been blamed for massacres of about 500,000 Rwandans, mostly Tutsis, since April.

Hong Kong Votes in First Fully Democratic Election

HONG KONG — In the twilight of British rule, Hong Kong voters chose local governments Sunday in the colony's first fully democratic election, which China has sworn to annul.

The election was held under rules imposed unilaterally by Gov. Chris Patten after China, Hong Kong's ruler since 1997, refused to accept them.

The turnout, keenly watched as a barometer of Hong Kong's enthusiasm for democracy, suggested a mixed triumph for Patten.

At 33.1 percent, it was less than 1 percent higher than in 1991. But a government registration drive almost doubled the electoral roll, and the number of ballots cast increased 67 percent, official figures showed.

Final U.S. Soldiers From Somalia Return to Virginia

NORFOLK, Va. — The last American troops to leave Somalia have returned home, ending the United States' 18-month combat presence in the African nation stricken by famine and civil war.

The 55 Marines of the 2nd Platoon of the Norfolk-based Fleet Anti-Terrorism Security Team and three sailors returned Saturday to the Naval Air Station to a somewhat quiet homecoming, as Marines from the same unit stood a tense pre-invasion watch over the U.S. Embassy in Haiti.

The return from Somalia concluded a mission in which the team's platoons, serving four months at a stretch, constructed more than 30 defensive bunkers, filled 100,000 sandbags and conducted nearly 500 armed escort convoys.

Report Says CIA Officials Ignored Spy Information

WASHINGTON, D.C. — More than a dozen active or retired officials either ignored warnings or overlooked complaints, allowing former CIA agent Aldrich Ames to spy for the Soviet Union for nine years, according to a report by the CIA's inspector general.

Chiefs, deputies and operating personnel in the CIA's security office are singled out for criticism in a 400-page draft of the report described in Sunday's editions of The Washington Post.

The newspaper quoted sources who have seen the draft as saying it criticizes CIA officials for failing to follow up on information about Ames' lavish spending in 1990.

The report was particularly critical of the security office's polygraph operation.

Weather

TODAY: Mostly sunny; high 77.
TUESDAY: Sunny; high 78.

Minority Recruitment Recall Debated

BY JAY STONE
STAFF WRITER

Some members of Student Congress are accusing Student Body President George Battle of illegally signing the Minority Recruitment Bill into effect Thursday afternoon.

Battle signed the bill into law Thursday after Student Congress Speaker Monica Cloud, who co-sponsored the bill, declared an 11-3 reconsideration vote invalid because of an absence of quorum.

Supporters of the bill have pointed to the 11-3 vote to reconsider as evidence of a lack of quorum. A minimum of 16 Congress members must be present to establish quorum. Without quorum, Student Congress has no legal authority.

Lee Conner, Student Congress parlia-



Jonathan Jordan
Student Congress Rep., Dist. 1:

"What you do any time you see something illegal is call the cops and press charges."

mentarian, said the bill's validity centered around establishing exactly when quorum was lost. Conner said members in the room during the reconsideration vote had an obligation to vote or to abstain from the record.

The parliamentarian specializes in

knowing the rules of parliamentary procedure.

"It's really an issue of timing," Conner said. "There is an interval between when a motion is introduced and (when) it is voted upon where quorum can be lost. If people left before the vote, then quorum was lost."

George Battle
Student Body President:

"A thinly veiled threat to take people to Honor Court for doing what they thought was right is the lowest of the low."



"There are multiple stories from multiple people who have political interests in the bill," he said. "All we have to go by is what the clerk recorded as the vote, which was 11-3. That's not enough for quorum."

But Rep. Jonathan Jordan, Dist. 1, said the vote to reconsider the bill did not indi-

cate absence of quorum because some Student Congress members neither voted nor abstained.

The bill originally passed Wednesday night 11-10-1 after an hour and a half of debate. Following consideration of several other bills, Rep. Trong Nguyen, Dist. 8, moved at about 1:15 a.m. to reconsider or debate the Minority Recruitment Bill, but four congress members left the meeting to cause a loss of quorum.

Jordan, speaker pro tempore, said Cloud's decision to declare the division vote invalid and Battle's subsequent signing of the bill were breaches of student government law.

"The speaker does not have the authority to make unilateral decisions about quorum," he said.

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LA FIESTA DEL PUEBLO ORANGE COUNTY'S FIRST HISPANIC FESTIVAL



Coming Together

Music, Food and Soccer Entertain Thousands in Hispanic Community

BY JON GOLDBERG
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Kids whacked pinatas with all the strength they could muster from their little bones. Adults browsed through the craft booths filled with handmade dolls, clothing and jewelry.

But the music and the soccer, perhaps better than any other feature of Sunday's La Fiesta del Pueblo, achieved the main goal of the festival: to unite the Hispanic community from across the state.

"The music was wonderful," said John Herrera, who came up with the idea of the

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DTH PHOTOS BY ELIZABETH MAYBACH

TOP: Members of Takisuyo play music of the Andes for the crowd on Sunday afternoon.

ABOVE: Karen Diaz, 4, of Louisburg takes a swing at a pinata.

LEFT: Shirley and Ivan Ramos, members of Salsa Carolina, perform a traditional dance.

Chapel Hill Police Receive Two Sexual Assault Reports

BY SARA YELTON
STAFF WRITER

Two sexual assaults were reported to the Chapel Hill Police Department over the weekend, bringing the total to four in the last eight days.

Both assaults occurred early Saturday morning within an hour and a half of each other. The first incident was reported to Chapel Hill police at 3:06 a.m., although the assault was reported to have happened somewhere in Carrboro.

After assisting in the case, Chapel Hill police referred the victim, a woman, to Carrboro police, according to Sgt. Bill Rounds, the officer on duty at the Chapel Hill Police Department Sunday afternoon.

The officer was unable to give further information. The Carrboro Police Department had no further information either, according to the station's officer on duty.

The officer did say the department was preparing to begin an investigation of the incident.

Just under 90 minutes later, at 4:30 a.m., a sexual assault occurred in the Eastgate Plaza area on Franklin Street in Chapel Hill. No additional information was available Sunday.

The two assaults come just eight days after two unrelated sexual assaults that were both reported the previous weekend in Chapel Hill. One of the victims was a teen who had been attacked by a man she knew.

The other incident was a delayed report in which a UNC student was raped Aug. 27 by a man she had met earlier that same day.

The number of sexual assaults reported to the Chapel Hill Police Department indi-

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Lewis Makes First Court Appearance

BY GRETCHEN HOFFMAN
STAFF WRITER

A Hillsborough man accused of shooting his former employer in the West Franklin Street McDonald's entered no plea to the charge of first-degree murder in a preliminary hearing Friday, and will remain in Orange County Jail without bond until the trial.

David Alton Lewis, 26, of 5811 Sawmill Rd. is accused of shooting James "Buck" Copeland once in the head as the general manager and acting president of Yates Motor Co. sat drinking his customary cup of coffee in McDonald's on Wednesday, the morning of his 61st birthday.

Copeland was pronounced dead at the scene.

James Williams, a public defender, has been appointed to act as Lewis' attorney in the case. "I wasn't in court at his first appearance," Williams said. The hearing was held Friday morning at the Orange

County Superior Court in Hillsborough.

To say that Lewis has been denied bond would be inaccurate, Williams said.

"The decision is usually made by a magistrate when the person is arrested," Williams said. The decision can be changed during the preliminary hearing at the district attorney's request. There was no request made for Lewis that he knew of, Williams said. Carl Fox, the Orange-Chatham District Attorney, could not be reached for comment Sunday.

"I'm probably not going to be in a position to respond to questions about the case at the present time in light of the fact that the case is relatively new," Williams said. District Court Judge Patricia Love scheduled a probable-cause hearing for the case Friday.

According to police, Lewis entered McDonald's Wednesday morning, walked out, then returned and shot Copeland with a shotgun, witnesses said. Copeland died from a wound to the left temple.

Lewis left McDonald's and drove to the

Chapel Hill Police Station on Airport Road, where he turned himself in, according to police records.

Lewis worked under Copeland at Yates Motor Co. until February. Lewis had also been working nights and Sundays at the BP station on Airport Road until mid-August. He has been working for William Brown's Body Shop in Hillsborough part time since March.

Before his arrest Wednesday, Lewis' criminal record consisted of only a speeding ticket in 1987.

Copeland's funeral was Saturday. The car dealership was closed Thursday afternoon and also Friday.

Copeland is survived by his wife, two sons and a daughter. He had been acting as president of Yates Motor Co. since Douglas Yates retired in March for health reasons. Copeland had worked for the company for 34 years.

McDonald's was closed for the remainder of Wednesday, but reopened Thursday morning for breakfast.

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Most of the evils of life arise from man's being unable to sit still in a room.

Blaise Pascal