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IN THE NEWS

Top stories from the state, nation and world

American Forces Begin Military Actions in Kuwait

Troops Near Kuwait



WASHINGTON, D.C. — The United States began massing "a formidable military force" of warplanes, high-tech missiles and ground troops in the Persian Gulf on Sunday as administration officials warned Iraqi leader Saddam Hussein any attack against Kuwait would be soundly defeated.

18,000 Marines from Camp Pendleton, Calif., were put on alert for possible deployment to the gulf and the first of some 4,000 Army soldiers from Fort Stewart, Ga., began boarding planes for the region.

Late Sunday, the aircraft carrier USS George Washington was slated to pass through the Suez Canal and enter the Red Sea, a position from which its combat aircraft could strike Iraq.

Over the next several days, administration officials said, about 180 U.S. warplanes and support aircraft will be in position around Kuwait, ready to unleash an airborne attack against any Iraqi armored units that might cross the border.

"We have Marines on alert to go at an appropriate time. We have deployed many squadrons of tactical air — F-15s, F-16s, A-10s, AWACS," Defense Secretary William Perry told reporters.

U.N. Resumes Aid Flights, Food Shipments to Bosnia

SARAJEVO, Bosnia-Herzegovina — Aid flights resumed Sunday, and U.N. peacekeepers beefed up patrols in Sarajevo, a city in mourning after a Serb sniper attack on streetcars killed one person and wounded 11.

With food dwindling to a three-day supply for the 360,000 residents of the Bosnian capital, 19 U.N. and two Red Cross planes rushed aid to Sarajevo Sunday in anticipation of colder months and a possible Serb shutdown of the airport.

Over the summer, the international airlift was suspended frequently, and it had been shut down since Sept. 22, when NATO planes struck a Bosnian Serb tank.

Investigations of Suicides Move to Australia, France

GENEVA — The investigation into the cult deaths of 53 people in Switzerland and Canada has spread to France and Australia amid unconfirmed reports that the group's leaders were involved in arms trafficking and money laundering.

Adding to the mystery surrounding the murders and possible suicides, the passports of Joseph di Mambro, a cult leader, and his wife, Jocelyne, were delivered to the French Interior Ministry in Paris.

The bodies of 48 cult followers were discovered in the rubble of fires at three chalets and a farm in Switzerland.

It is not known whether di Mambro, a French-Canadian and the cult's other leader, Luc Joutet, a Belgian physician who lives in Canada and Switzerland, were among the dead.

Austrian Elections Ending Democratic Dominance

VIENNA, Austria — The government lost its two-thirds majority in parliament in elections Sunday that furthered the rise of Joerg Haider, a right-wing leader trading on xenophobic rhetoric and a telegenic presence.

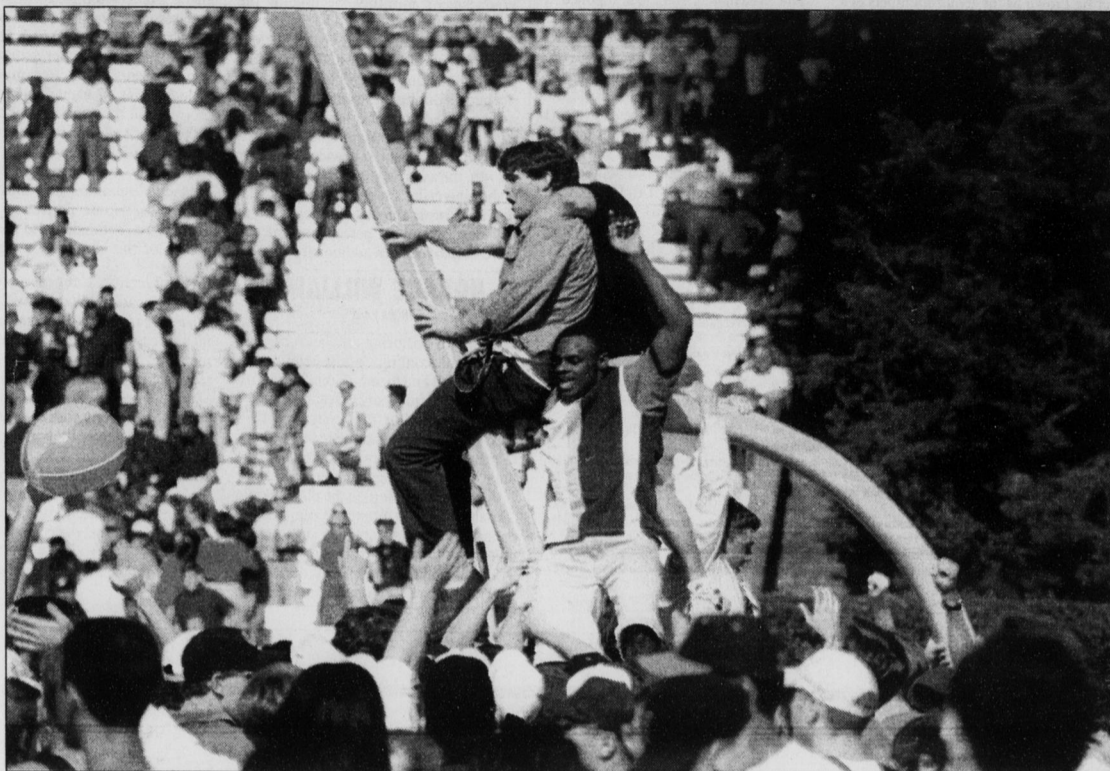
The results spelled the end of the cozy dominance the Social Democrats and the conservative People's Party have enjoyed in Austria since World War II.

The two parties should be able to maintain their coalition, which has governed Austria for eight years, but they will have to depend on support from other parties to pass constitutional changes and other key legislation.

Weather

TODAY: Mostly cloudy, 50-percent chance of rain; high 70.
TUESDAY: Partly cloudy; high mid- to upper 60s.

NEITHER GEORGIA TECH NOR THE GOALPOSTS COULD STAND THE PRESSURE



Students repeated the '92 victory celebration against Georgia Tech Saturday afternoon when they tore down both goalposts. DTH/DAVID ALFORD



Homecoming Queen Monica McLeod is escorted by her brother, Buddy McLeod, as she is crowned at halftime. DTH/KATIE CANNON

HOME COMING 1994

A week's worth of festivities, which included a Franklin Street Extravaganza, a step show, Cross Cultural Night and pep rallies, led up to a Homecoming victory over Georgia Tech.

NEWLY CROWNED QUEEN'S SERVICE PROJECT COMBATS DRUGS AND POVERTY

BY NANCY FONTI
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Senior Monica McLeod, who was declared the 1994 Homecoming queen on Saturday during halftime of the UNC-Georgia Tech football game, said Sunday that she never expected to win the crown.

"I was really surprised," she said. "I had no idea which way the competition would go. There were five other very qualified candidates."

McLeod, a mathematics education major from Fayetteville, was selected from a court of six candidates: Mimi Courtney, a biology major from Williamston; Cindy Craig, a business administration major from Hickory;

Laurel Melton, a therapeutic recreation major from Charlotte; Lisa Moore, a political science and history major from Kennesaw, Ga.; and Colleen Rodite, a nursing major from Charlotte. Melton was named maid of honor.

"It feels good because the majority of the decision was based on the students' vote. Since my peers believed and supported me, it makes me feel like I have achieved my goal as a student here."

The Homecoming queen selection process is based one-third on an application and interview, and two-thirds on student vote. Approximately 1,300 students voted Friday.

McLeod said that earlier in her col-

lege career, the title of Homecoming queen was not among her goals.

"I didn't know if the competition was for me, but after reading the purpose of the contest and qualifications of service and scholarship, I thought, 'Why not? I have nothing to lose.'"

Service and scholarship are no strangers to McLeod. She is the president of Delta Sigma Theta sorority, a resident assistant, a member of the UNC Minority Student Education Association, a counselor for Project Uplift, a Ronald McDonald House volunteer and a member of the N.C. Council of Teachers of Mathematics. Among her many honors are N.C.

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National Coming Out Day Fosters Chance for Acceptance on Campus

BY MELISSA MILIOS
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Bisexuals, Gay men, Lesbians, and Allies for Diversity will sponsor a series of special events Tuesday, in honor of National Coming Out Day.

Dawn Prince, B-Glad co-chairwoman, said that encouraging gays and lesbians to come out is the only way to increase awareness and acceptance of the gay movement on the campus.

"This University needs to stop pretending that gays, lesbians and bisexuals do not exist, but that's not possible unless they speak up," Prince said.

Inspired individuals will get their chance to speak up Tuesday, when B-GLAD will set up an open mike in the Pit for personal coming out stories.

Students and faculty can show their support for the speakers by wearing stickers that will be available in the Pit Tuesday. The sticker will indicate that the person wearing it will listen to anyone who wants to share their coming out experience.

"I would really like to see some of the professors come out during the open mike session, or at least show their acceptance by wearing a sticker," Prince said.

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Delay Likely in Rezoning Williams Tract

BY KAREN WILLIAMS
STAFF WRITER

A letter written by Chancellor Paul Hardin requesting that the rezoning of the Horace Williams property be deferred for 18 months has gotten a nod of approval from some Chapel Hill Town Council members.

"This letter changed my mind," Chapel Hill Mayor Ken Broun said Sunday. "Hardin's commitment not to submit any application for development until we are through with the planning process means the town can really take its time to develop appropriate zoning."

The council will vote tonight on whether

the property should be rezoned immediately or if the decision should be deferred. Broun said he wanted to rezone the property from its current zoning of Office-Institutional 3 to an Office-Institutional 2 zoning.

An OI-2 zoning, which is more restrictive on building heights and buffer codes, requires developers to appear before the council and present their proposal prior to building.

Council member Lee Pavao is also in favor of deferring the rezoning decision. "My tendency is to wait," he said. "Rezoning may not be necessary."

Council member Rosemary Waldorf is also in favor of deferring the rezoning pro-

cess. "I think what the town needs to do is come up with a different zoning that addresses the kind of requirements that need to be nailed down," she said.

"OI-3 is inappropriate zoning. It doesn't have height restrictions or adequate buffer requirements. The zoning is much too liberal. I think it is very likely that OI-2 is not the correct zoning either."

Waldorf said she had introduced to the council a list of 12 concerns including the airport, transportation and affordable housing.

"I think it's really important for both the University and the town to be less conservative."

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UNC Basketball Fans to Get Taste of Midnight Madness Earlier This Year

BY GAUTAM KHANDLWAL
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There aren't many places where you can catch the Tar Heels playing basketball at midnight. But things will change Friday night.

Instead of waiting until the annual Blue-White scrimmage game to see the men's basketball team, UNC fans will be able to view the team's first practice as part of the "Tar Heel Tip-Off III" program.

Jennifer Rasmussen, Carolina Athletic Association co-president, said the event's

main purpose was to form a more personal relationship between the players and students.

"Our goal this year is to create a sense of the home team and to let students see our players in practice in a much more personal manner," Rasmussen said. "Otherwise, students are only able to see them in the excitement of the Dean Dome, and it's not the same thing."

The Tar Heel Tip-Off program began two years ago. Many members of the University community were surprised by UNC head coach Dean Smith's approval of the

Midnight Madness '94

Friday, Oct. 14

Dean E. Smith Center

10:40 p.m., students

10:55 p.m., general public

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event.

"Coach Smith is very conservative, and

many people associated with the athletic department and University seemed to be shocked that Coach Smith gave his consent to the event," Tracy Kirincich, then-CAA president said.

"Many feel that this program is a showboat event, but it was designed for students and fans to become more intimate with the basketball team and support the basketball system here."

In January 1994, the NCAA decided to move the first practice date from Nov. 1 to Oct. 15.

UNC Sports Information Director Rick

Brewer said the change was implemented by the NCAA due to requests by coaches and schools.

"There are so many players shooting around anyway, so why not allow coaches to watch them and make sure they don't hurt themselves?" Brewer said. "There are a lot of preseason tournaments and games, and moving the first practice date up makes sense."

The midnight practice was highly publicized last year due to television coverage

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I hold it that a little rebellion, now and then, is a good thing ...

Thomas Jefferson