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IN THE NEWS

Top stories from the state, nation and world

Israeli Officials Searching For Suspects in Bombing

TEL AVIV, Israel — As anguished Israelis on Thursday buried their dead from the Tel Aviv bus bombing, authorities ordered sweeping arrests of suspected terrorists and sealed the autonomous Gaza Strip and occupied West Bank.

Facing public demands for a crackdown on militants in the wake of Wednesday's bombing, the government also ordered the demolition of the home of a Palestinian suspected in the suicide attack that killed 21 people.

The fledgling self-rule government in Gaza deplored the decision preventing Palestinians from going to work in Israel as collective punishment that could slow the peace process.

Fuel Blockade May Hinder Efforts for Bosnian Peace

SARAJEVO, Bosnia-Herzegovina — A tough Serb blockade on fuel threatened to curtail peacekeeping and aid missions in the most vulnerable areas of war-torn Bosnia, U.N. officials warned Thursday.

A U.N. civil affairs spokesman, Thant Myint-U, said Bosnian Serbs denied permission again Thursday for any U.N. fuel convoys to pass through their territory. No convoys have been allowed through this week.

U.N. aid officials said food distribution, which depends on fuel supplied by peacekeepers, also was threatened as Bosnia's third winter of war loomed.

Peacekeeping and aid operations hardest hit by the fuel blockade are in Muslim enclaves surrounded by Serbs in central and eastern Bosnia.

Gas Line Breaks in Texas, Ignites Fires in the Floods

HOUSTON — The roiling, rain-swollen San Jacinto River apparently ruptured a 40-inch pipeline Thursday, sending pools of burning gasoline downstream and setting fire to several homes on the banks.

No immediate injuries were reported. The homes that caught fire had already been evacuated because of days of flooding that have claimed at least 15 lives.

Some 11,500 people were forced from their homes by heavy rains that began Sunday. Skies were clearing, the murky water began to recede in most areas, and some people were returning to their damaged homes when the pipeline broke east of Houston, sending smoke and flame hundreds of feet into the air.

Schools and businesses in the path of the smoke were ordered evacuated.

O.J. Simpson Judge Bars Press From Jury Selection

LOS ANGELES — The judge in the O.J. Simpson case barred the media Thursday from the part of jury selection at which potential jurors would be asked whether the barrage of publicity had affected their ability to be impartial.

Superior Court Judge Lance Ito did not give a specific reason for his ruling, but he repeatedly cited concern over the intensive media coverage of every step of the case.

Most reporters initially thought Ito's order closed all of jury selection. But a court spokeswoman, Jerriane Hayslett, said this afternoon that general questioning, known as voir dire, will be open beginning Wednesday.

The ban pertains to the individual questioning of jurors about their exposure to media coverage of the case, she said.

South Africa to Establish New Amnesty Procedures

CAPE TOWN, South Africa — Unable to work out a compromise on amnesty with its main political rivals, the African National Congress (ANC)-led government said Thursday it would go ahead with its own plan.

The law that will be proposed to parliament will set up a committee to take testimony on apartheid crimes from amnesty-seekers, Justice Minister Dullah Omar said.

The plan Omar outlined to journalists was virtually the same one the ANC proposed last year before it won South Africa's first all-race election in April.

Anyone seeking amnesty for crimes defending or opposing apartheid would have to tell the Truth Commission details of what they did.

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Weather

TODAY: Clear, high 73.

SATURDAY: Partly cloudy; high 70.

SUNDAY: Partly cloudy; high 73.

Two Teens Shot Early Thursday

The Pellets From a Shotgun Slightly Wounded One Teen; Other Teen Not Hurt

BY JOE REYNOLDS
STAFF WRITER

Two teenage boys were shot early Thursday morning in the area of Johnson and Grant streets.

Palmer Quinton Clark, 17, a Knoll Street resident, received multiple wounds to the leg after being struck by some of the pellets from a shotgun. Clark was taken to UNC Hospitals where he was treated and released for minor injuries.

Brison Dayron Carnegie, 16, a Creel Street resident, was hit in the back with pellets from the gunshot. According to Chapel Hill police Chief Ralph Pendergraph, the buckshot only penetrated Carnegie's clothing, and he didn't sustain any injuries.

According to Chapel Hill police reports, a car of unknown make or model pulled up to the curb and an unspecified number of shots were fired into a small crowd of people standing on the street at about 1:24 a.m.

Local residents said the people who were standing in the crowd lived in the neighborhood where the shooting occurred and were often seen hanging around the area.

The assailant or assailants apparently fired a pump shotgun loaded with seven and one-half shot. Pendergraph said all of the people in the crowd were in their late teens to middle twenties.

Chapel Hill police Spokeswoman Jane Cousins said police did not know how many people were in the vehicle or whether the assailants got out of the vehicle.

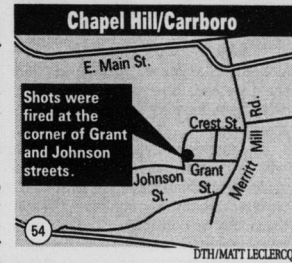
Cousins said police also weren't sure of the description of the assailants. "We have several conflicting descriptions from the victims," she said.

Police took several reports from the victims and from several witnesses, Cousins said. However, she said there was much confusion and many of the stories didn't match up, which made it hard to get any clear facts.

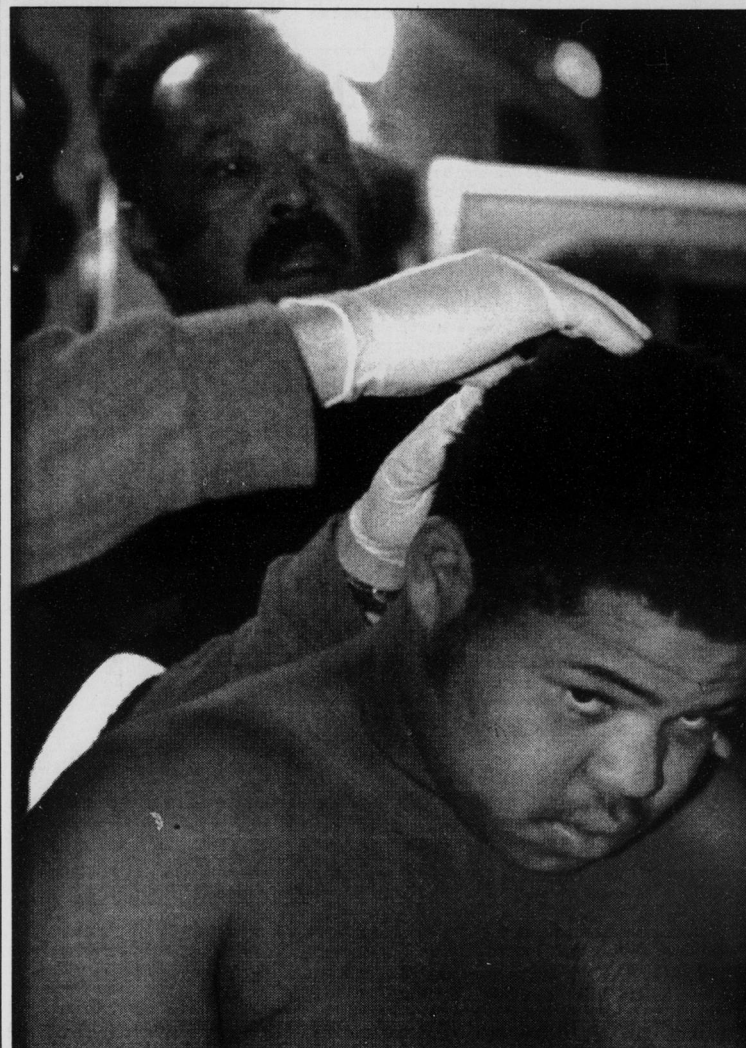
Police spent much of Thursday searching the premises for evidence and knocking on doors asking questions of local residents.

Pendergraph said Thursday afternoon that there were several suspects in the case, however no arrests have been made. "Whether there's any relation between the shooter and the victim remains to be seen," he said.

Police said they hadn't uncovered any motive behind the shooting. "Generally these things involve drugs," Pendergraph



DTH/MATT LECLERQ



Paramedics tend to gunshot wounds on Brison Carnegie after he and friends were fired upon three times by an unidentified person. A shotgun is believed to have been used in the shooting early Thursday morning on the corner of Grant and Crest streets.

DTH/CRAIG JONES

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Sex Offense Reported, Police Say

BY JOE REYNOLDS
STAFF WRITER

A 23-year-old Chapel Hill woman reported to police that she was sexually assaulted Wednesday while she was doing her laundry at her apartment complex.

After the assault, which occurred in northern Chapel Hill, the woman called 911 and reported the incident, Chapel Hill Police Department spokeswoman Jane Cousins said Thursday.

The woman was taken to UNC Hospitals and treated for bruises and lacerations on her arms and back and a cut on her abdomen. She was released from care Wednesday night, Cousins said.

The incident occurred at Brookstone Apartments on Homestead Road in Chapel Hill at 6:37 p.m., Cousins said.

The woman told police that she was alone in the complex's laundry room when a man she did not know came in and started making small talk with her, mainly about laundry, Cousins said.

After staying and talking for a few minutes, the man left and the woman continued doing her laundry, Cousins said.

But a short time later, the man returned, Cousins said.

The victim said the man walked up behind her with a knife, which had a blade that was about six inches long.

The woman said the man grabbed her and put his hand over her mouth, Cousins said.

Cousins said the man then forcibly pulled the woman down to the floor, where he assaulted her.

The woman reported that the man sodomized her, which in North Carolina is a crime against nature.

He sexually assaulted her by force, Cousins said.

The man then left the scene on foot.

The woman said she left the laundry room and went to her apartment, where she called one of her friends. The friend came over to the woman's apartment and called 911, Cousins said.

The victim was transported to UNC Hospitals, where medical personnel collected evidence from her, Cousins said. Cousins would not elaborate on the type of evidence collected.

The woman was then treated for her injuries and released that same night, Cousins said.

The woman described the assailant as a black man, about 5'10" and weighing about 240 pounds, Cousins said. The assailant's age was not known, Cousins said.

Cousins said physical evidence was collected at the scene of the crime; however, the exact contents could not be released.

Police said they called the Wilco gas station and the Mini-Mart, both located on Airport Road near Homestead Road, to see if anyone working at either of the stores had seen anyone fitting the suspect's description.

Workers in both convenience markets reported that they had not seen anyone fitting the assailant's physical profile, Cousins said.

Cousins said police do not have any suspects in the case right now, but there are a few leads. Cousins encouraged anyone with information to call the Chapel Hill police Crimestoppers hotline at 942-7515.

Testimony Begins in Sokolowski Murder Trial

BY SARAH CORBITT
AND MEGAN HANLEY
STAFF WRITERS

HILLSBOROUGH — Testimony opened Thursday in the second murder case of David Allen Sokolowski, who is charged with killing and dismembering his live-in girlfriend.

Sokolowski was convicted in March of killing his friend and neighbor, Rubel "Little Man" Hill. He is now being charged with first-degree murder in the February 1992 death and dismemberment of his girlfriend, Pamela Owens Ellwood.

According to Orange-Chatham District Attorney Carl Fox, Hill was dismembered in a similar manner as Ellwood. The body parts were then burned in a bonfire behind Sokolowski's house, Fox said.

On Thursday, the prosecution called an expert witness to the stand who testified

that his genetic research revealed that DNA samples taken from two severed ears matched the DNA of Ellwood's parents.

Michael Degugliel, the director of forensic analysis for Genetic Design Inc., conducted genetic testing from the samples of DNA taken from an ear found in Sokolowski's house. Genetic Design Inc. received samples from a shirt, a sock and the pieces of two severed ears.

Blood specimens from David Owens and Immogene Owens, the parents of Pamela Owens Ellwood, were obtained to conduct the testing.

"Basically the results mean two things," Degugliel told the court. "We have a very good reason to believe, based on our calculations, that the ears are from the same person."

Those specimens produced results of a likelihood of about one in 2,963,237 individuals having that tissue sample based on

North American caucasians, he said.

Defense attorney William Sheffield questioned the validity of the results because they were only based on caucasians and because Degugliel's information depended upon information gathered by others.

Later in the day, witnesses for the prosecution testified that when they had asked Sokolowski about Ellwood's whereabouts around the time of her disappearance, he had told them she was in Winston-Salem visiting relatives.

Robert Steinmore, who owns the property Ellwood and Sokolowski rented, told the court he had known the couple since 1991.

Steinmore said he last saw Ellwood as she was pulling into her and Sokolowski's driveway in a cream-colored Citation.

A few days later, Steinmore said he saw that one stack of wood in Sokolowski's

yard had been arranged in a pyramid shape and was burning. He said Sokolowski was near the fire, which was 35 to 40 feet from the house.

Sokolowski approached Steinmore and explained that he was burning the oak pallets because "he was tired of looking at them," Steinmore said.

A former co-worker from CNH Construction later in the day testified that the last time he had visited Sokolowski, he asked about Ellwood. He told the court that Sokolowski's response had been that Ellwood was "taken care of."

Kevin David Folmar, who had known the couple for two years, testified that he and a friend visited Sokolowski because the friend needed a place to stay. Although Sokolowski initially refused, he later agreed to let the friend stay.

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Senior Lee Richardson has taken the necessary steps to bring the NAACP back to UNC after a 27-year absence

HEROES ON THE HILL

A weekly series highlighting Chapel Hill heroes

CATALYST for CHANGE

BY JON GOLDBERG
FEATURES EDITOR

UNC senior Lee Richardson was in the ninth grade when he first heard the saying, "If the elevator to success is broken, take the stairs." He lived by it during high school, participating in student government and the wrestling team while maintaining high grades.

He lived by it during his first three years at UNC, working with the Black Student Movement, the Black Ink and Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity.

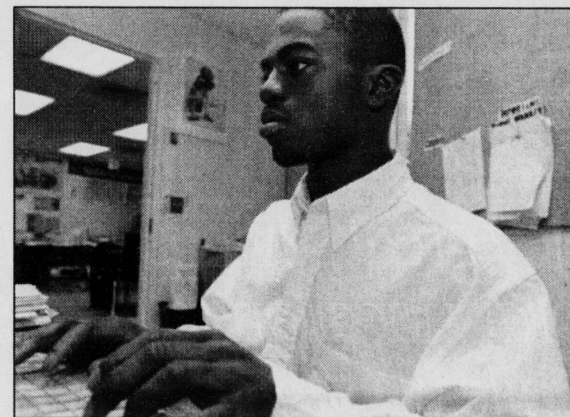
But three weeks ago Richardson took his dedica-

tion to the credo to a new level.

He realized the chance existed to create a campus organization that could improve the black community and the town of Chapel Hill as a whole.

So Richardson took the initiative to form UNC's first chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) since the original disbanded on Nov. 9, 1967, to become the BSM.

Now that the group has completed the steps necessary to becoming an official campus group, such as writing a constitution and getting a faculty adviser, it can concentrate on increasing its membership to



DTH/DAVID ALFORD

Lee Richardson works in the Black Ink office to publish the first issue of the year.

Name: Lee Richardson

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Hobbies: jazz music, writing

Philosophy: "If the elevator to success is broken, take the stairs."

achieve the goals it was formed to achieve.

Namely, to bridge the gap between the problems of the community and the invaluable resource of students.

"There are a plethora of organizations here that do great things," Richardson said. "The Campus Y, the Black Student Movement, the Black Cultural Center. I want to add to that list the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. We're addressing the issues, taking a firm stance and providing as much support to be an active component of addressing these issues."

The group will have to increase its membership

before it can tackle any issue and is recognized by the national organization. Richardson said student interest in the group was high and expected many to join during its membership drive, which runs Monday through Oct. 28.

"I've had so many people call me who are interested in becoming members," Richardson said. "I'm just very excited about it."

Some confusion might arise over how the role of the NAACP is intertwined with that of the BSM. Sibby Anderson-Thompkins, assistant dean of stu-

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Living in a vacuum sucks.

Adrienne E. Gusott