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IN THE NEWS

Top stories from the state, nation and world

Clinton Meets With Syrian Leader to Discuss Peace

JERUSALEM—In extraordinary talks in Syria, President Clinton said Thursday that President Hafez Assad "went beyond anything he said before" on making peace with Israel. Clinton then sped on to Jerusalem to meet with Israeli officials who said progress, indeed, had been made.

Assad, who built his career on confrontation with Israel, spoke anew of "full peace" in return for the Golan Heights and Israeli withdrawal from southern Lebanon.

After the first trip to Syria by an American president in 20 years, Clinton observed that Assad had spoken openly about transforming the region from a state of war to a state of peace enabling Arabs and Israelis to live in security, stability and prosperity.

U.S. to Send 24 Anti-Tank Jets for Storage in Kuwait

WASHINGTON, D.C.—Two dozen American "Warhog" tank-killer jets will be based in Kuwait to discourage any Iraqi aggression, the Pentagon said Thursday.

Also, equipment to outfit three Army mechanized brigades — hundreds of armored tanks, troop transports and other vehicles — will be stored in Kuwait, Qatar and a third country in the region, Pentagon spokesman Ken Bacon said.

Considerable supplies already had been stored in Kuwait after the end of the Persian Gulf War, and Clinton is expected to see some of those items when he visits Army troops Friday.

The placement of such weapons and supplies in the region will allow American troops to be based in the United States but flown in at short notice — as in the most recent crisis when Iraq moved more than 70,000 troops toward Kuwait.

Fighting in Somalia Leaves Security Team Stranded

MOGADISHU, Somalia — Heavy fighting closed Mogadishu's airport Thursday, temporarily stranding a U.N. fact-finding team.

Mortar shells fired by the feuding Abgal and Murusade clans exploded at the seaside airport, damaging the main runway and delaying the departure of seven representatives of the U.N. Security Council.

The team was wrapping up a two-day visit to Mogadishu in which it met with Somalia's two principal leaders, bitter rivals Gen. Mohamed Farrah Aidid and Ali Mahdi Mohamed.

Colin Keating of New Zealand, head of the U.N. delegation, said the two faction leaders had been told the United Nations would withdraw its 18,000-member peace-keeping force by March 31.

U.S., Canadians Leading Police Retraining in Haiti

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti — Person by person, Haiti's police force is being overhauled. Officers who served under the brutal army regime got a crash course Thursday on "human dignity and ethics" from U.S. and Canadian experts.

Most of the officers served under army dictator Raoul Cedras and capital Police Chief Michel Francois, who ousted President Jean-Bertrand Aristide in a 1991 coup. Aristide returned to Haiti Oct. 15 with help from the U.S. military.

Under military rule, there was little distinction between the army and police. The six-day crash course, which began with its first 375 students Monday, is designed to create an interim police force until a permanent police academy opens in January.

Government Forces Push Forward on Bosnian Front

SARAJEVO, Bosnia-Herzegovina — Muslim-led government forces closed in on a front-line town west of Sarajevo on Thursday following a stunning victory over Bosnian Serbs that forced thousands of Serb civilians to flee.

The Bosnian Serb army's chief of staff acknowledged the extent of the defeat near the northwestern town of Bihac. In a letter to the U.N. peacekeepers, Lt. Gen. Manojlo Milovanovic demanded they "urgently put pressure on the Muslim side to stop the offensive, especially against civilians."

The Serbs suffered "immense material damage and losses," Milovanovic said.

Weather

TODAY: Sunny; high mid-60s.

SATURDAY: Mostly sunny; high 70.

SUNDAY: Mostly cloudy; high low 60s.

Hardin: Grateful Dead Can Come Back

Town Manager Still Opposes Band's Return, Says Concert Brings Traffic, Drug Problems

BY JAY STONE
STAFF WRITER

Volkswagen vans, bead necklaces and tie-dyed shirts could be back in Chapel Hill this spring following Chancellor Paul Hardin's approval of the Smith Center as a possible stop on the Grateful Dead tour.

Hardin approved the concert after Smith Center Director Jeff Elliott sent him a memo requesting that the Dead be allowed to play this year due to the amount of money they bring the facility.

Last year, Hardin banned the Dead from playing at the Smith Center because he said their visit would conflict with the March Bicentennial events.

Hardin said that this time there's no conflict. "Jeff Elliott has written a long memorandum to me about how they're working with the town to have this on the weekend and eliminate the traffic snarl," he said. "There's nothing wrong with the Grateful Dead; it just conflicted last year with the Bicentennial."

Elliott said that at the most recent concerts, in 1993, the band performed two shows and generated about \$150,000.

"I feel like there is a tremendous amount of interest. Our commitment is to reach an arrangement that isn't inconvenient for the

town or the University," Elliott said. "There's a lot of controversy surrounding them. People seem to feel strongly about whether or not they should come."

"We're still trying to work out the schedule, and thus far we haven't been able to work out any concert dates. If we do, it will be sometime in the spring," he said.

Hardin's decision last year to ban the band prompted angry Grateful Dead fans to launch a grassroots "Bring Back the Dead" campaign.

The organizer was local resident Brian Felstein, originally from Leicester, England.

"They're not just an invasion," Felstein said. "We need to show people that it can be a privilege to have these joyous and loving people in our town. The color and

energy they brought to the town was just incredible."

Chapel Hill Town Manager Cal Horton said he was concerned about the possible return of the Dead to Chapel Hill.

"My thinking about this concert has not changed, but it's the University's decision," Horton said.

"Difficulties created in town by them coming are significant and will be burdensome — traffic, drug sales and the crime associated with it."

Felstein said Chapel Hill should welcome the Deadheads rather than reject them.

"The town is only burdened because the town manager won't embrace them," he said. "He just wants to grit his teeth and tolerate them."

Felstein said that the town of Chapel Hill did not receive the Deadheads warmly on their last visit and that the Grateful Dead were probably getting tired of North Carolina.

"The don't have to play Chapel Hill. A letter of apology from Paul Hardin to the Dead would be in order," he said.

"It was the attitude of the town that caused the problem. They used the younger people as the scapegoat for their lack of planning."

When the Grateful Dead was not permitted to perform in Chapel Hill last year, Deadheads directed a "love campaign" to Horton, sending him letters saying that the band members were about peace and harmony rather than drugs and violence and that they should be allowed to return.

Town Parking Director No Longer on Payroll

BY CHRIS NICHOLS
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AND GRETCHEN HOFFMAN
ASSISTANT CITY EDITOR

Almost one month after a routine internal audit of Chapel Hill's Parking Services Department began, department Superintendent Erik Luther is no longer on the town's payroll.

"He is no longer an employee of the town," Personnel Director Pat Thomas said Thursday. She said the change went into effect Oct. 21.

Thomas said she couldn't comment on exactly why the town was no longer employing Luther. She also couldn't reveal what event or events prompted the most recent change in his status.

Luther had been at his post since Sept. 1, 1981. At this point, there are no candidates for Luther's replacement, Thomas said. During the Sept. 26 audit of the town's cash-handling services, a discrepancy in the Parking Services receipts was discovered. As a result of the findings, Luther's salary status was changed from \$36,241 to \$0 on Sept. 26, but he was technically on the town's payroll until Oct. 21.

The audit was the first one done in a concentrated manner, but the town plans to continue the process. Parking Services was the first department audited because it is a major source of the town's cash transactions. Of 410 days of records and receipts that were checked during the audit, 307 days had incomplete reports for one or more lots. An estimated \$35,000 is believed to be missing.

The discrepancy lies in funds generated

from the town-maintained parking lots, such as Municipal Lot No. 5 at the corner of Church and Rosemary streets and the Rosemary Street Parking Deck, Baker said.

Chapel Hill police spokeswoman Jane Cousins said she could not comment on who, if anyone, was being investigated. She also said that since the police were still conducting an investigation, she was prohibited from commenting on what the investigation had uncovered or where the probe would go next.

Thomas said state law prohibited the release of most personnel information, with the exception of age, salary, job title and starting date, because of privacy restrictions. She said private information could be released in two ways: the person involved could release the information or the Town Council could release the information if members believed the public's best interest would be served by learning the information. The latter process is initiated by Town Manager Cal Horton's office, Thomas said. But Horton said there were no plans to make the information public.

"I haven't come to any conclusion at this point either on the investigation by the Police Department or the investigation by the Finance Department," Horton said. "After both of these investigations are concluded, I will come to an opinion about the release of that information."

But as for what happened to the money and where it went, the police are still looking into it. "We're still investigating," Chapel Hill police Lt. Marvin Clark said. "We haven't had any breaks in the case yet. We don't have any evidence on any particular suspects."

N.C. State's Goines Excelling on Football Field, in Classroom

BY JACSON LOWE
SENIOR WRITER

RALEIGH — It's Tuesday afternoon on the N.C. State campus, and the Wolfpack football squad is making preparations for its weekend match-up against archrival UNC.

The team finishes up offense drills and meets at midfield, the end of another hard day of work. The team scampers off the field but without one of its team captains.

Eddie Goines, the All-ACC receiver, is

working on his main goal of the season — but he's not on the field, he's in the classroom. "I have personal interviews with each player at the end of the spring semester, and Eddie's No. 1 goal coming into this season was not to break any football records but to be the first football player at State to become a four-time All-ACC All-Academic," Wolfpack head coach Mike O'Casey said. "That tells you a little bit (about) what kind of person he is and what his goals in life are."

Each Tuesday and Thursday, Goines leaves practice early to attend evening classes at State. He maintains a 3.0 grade

point average while majoring in communications. If Goines maintains his GPA in his senior season, he will become just the third player in ACC history to be a four-time All-ACC All-Academic recipient.

"Academics today are still pretty much looked over as far as college athletics," Goines said. "There's a lot of stereotypes as far as athletes, and in particular black athletes, are concerned. I want to be an example to younger athletes and to everyone that academics come first and then athletics."

The Lakeland, Fla., senior's accomplishments are by no means limited to the class-

room, though. He's not only reading textbooks, he's rewriting the record books at State. He's the school's all-time leader in touchdowns scored with 17, and he is State's career receptions leader with 136 catches. Barring injury, he should become the Pack's all-time receiving yards leader Saturday in Kenan Stadium. He needs just 33 yards to eclipse Naz Worthen's mark of 2,247 established from 1984-88.

Going into the game, he is also 15th in the nation in punt return yardage and 24th in receiving yards with 79.5 yards per game

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Scared Stiff



Nikki Smith and Elizabeth McWilliams seem to have seen a ghost in the Mangum Haunted House Thursday. Proceeds go to the Jaycees Burn Center.

State Made Good Case, Jurors Say

One Juror Thinks David Sokolowski Didn't Deserve 1st-Degree Murder Verdict

BY SARAH CORBITT
STAFF WRITER

The deliberations are over, but the jury that convicted David Allen Sokolowski of first-degree murder Wednesday is far from forgetting the case.

When the jury reached a verdict Wednesday morning, the family of Sokolowski's live-in girlfriend Pamela Owens Ellwood — who Sokolowski was charged with murdering — was immediately relieved.

And the jury was, too. But even after six hours of deliberation spread over two days, one of the jurors, although he said the jury was comfortable with the evidence, still wasn't convinced that a first-degree murder verdict was the best decision.

"I never did think it was first-degree murder," said UNC student, juror and geneticist Andrew Pierce, even though the jury returned a unanimous verdict. He said he did not contest the verdict because he felt the issue was not worth pressing.

If the jury had not reached unanimity, the trial would have been labeled a mistrial, causing delay and effort that Pierce did not think was necessary.

After Sokolowski's first trial, in March, the jury only deliberated for one hour before returning the verdict of guilty of first-degree murder for the death and dismemberment of his friend Rubel "Little Man" Hill.

Sokolowski's actions after the murders did not prove that the killing was a premeditated act, Pierce said. "None of it referred to Sokolowski's state of mind," he said.

The lack of evidence caused some people to grab at that evidence there was and overinterpret it, Pierce said.

Although he was hesitant to speak for the jury as a whole, juror Thomas Waldrop said the group had been very dedicated to its task. "Many of us had sleepless nights," Waldrop said.

Another juror, Patricia Murphy, agreed. "It wasn't an easy decision," Murphy said. "It would have been overwhelming without a framework."

The jury made its decision without a corpse, a murder weapon or eyewitnesses of the death.

The jury began deliberations Tuesday and called for further explanation of reasonable doubt that afternoon.

The reasoning involved in defining first- and second-degree murder was given by Judge Grant.

"There were five conditions that had to be met to establish first-degree murder," Waldrop said.

What distinguishes first-degree murder from second-degree murder are three conditions:

- The defendant intended to kill the victim.

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PROVIDING a VOICE

"THIS PAPER GIVES OTHER AMERICANS A GLIMPSE INTO THE LIVES OF ASIAN AMERICANS."

BY DANA MEISNER
STAFF WRITER

Kiduk Yang, editor and publisher of Carolina Asian News, thought the tensions between blacks and Korean Americans in the aftermath of the Rodney King trial in Los Angeles resulted from an ignorance of each other's culture.

"People become offended when actions are simply misinterpreted. In the riots, the thing that kept repeating was that it was a cultural thing. African Americans thought the Korean Americans were rude because they are not very outgoing people. They don't say hello if they don't know you too well."

As editor of Carolina Asian News, Yang wants to bring to light the differences that sometimes cause racial disharmony without giving the paper a special-interest appeal only to Asian Ameri-

cans.

"The paper has basically two functions," he said. "One, I want to present to Americans the background from which Asian Americans come from, things that are happening in Asia now. It gives Americans a better understanding of who Asian Americans are. Two, I want to bring out Asian-American issues, problems in the United States."

"One of the biggest problems in the United States is racial disharmony," he added. "It's more pronounced here than in other parts of the world, because here it is more of a melting pot where different people live together. I think the laws and the Constitution say, 'Yes, everyone should have equal rights,' but there is really no integration. It is not harmonious."

RoseMarie Nippert, associate editor of Caro-

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HEROES ON THE HILL

A weekly series highlighting Chapel Hill heroes



Kiduk Yang moved to Chapel Hill from South Korea when he was 15. He returned 4 1/2 years ago to marry his wife, Heejeoung.

Name: Kiduk Yang
Birthdate: April 15, 1957
Birthplace: Pusan, South Korea
Position: Editor and publisher of Carolina Asian News
Education: Chapel Hill High
School: 1975, UNC-Chapel Hill 1987
Hobbies: Computers, martial arts
Life's Philosophy: "I believe you have to do what is right. You have to find true nature by looking within yourself."

Turning Back The Clocks

At 2 a.m. on Sunday morning, Eastern Daylight Savings Time ends, so set your clocks back one hour.

Never accept a drink from a urologist.

Erma Bombeck's father