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## IN THE NEWS

Top stories from the state, nation and world



### Hurricane Gordon Nearing North Carolina's Coast

OCRA COKE — Hurricane Gordon plodded through the Atlantic on Thursday after creating havoc in the Caribbean and Florida, and Outer Banks residents weren't feeling threatened.

At 4 p.m. Thursday, Gordon was about 220 miles south-southeast of Cape Hatteras and moving northeast at 25 mph. Forecasters predicted it would turn more to the north late Thursday, bringing the storm's center fairly close to the Outer Banks by Friday morning.

The National Weather Service issued a coastal flood warning for the North Carolina coast from Cape Lookout northward Thursday.

### Gunman Accused of Trying To Assassinate President

WASHINGTON, D.C. — The Colorado man accused of an assault-rifle attack on the White House last month was indicted Thursday on a new charge of trying to assassinate President Clinton. Francisco Martin Duran, who pleaded innocent, could face up to life in prison if convicted.

U.S. Attorney Eric Holder said prosecutors planned to prove that Duran intended to kill the president when he allegedly fired about 29 rounds from a semi-automatic rifle at the White House from a public sidewalk.

Clinton was in the White House at the time of the Oct. 29 attack.

### Prime Minister of Ireland Announces Resignation

DUBLIN, Ireland — Weeks after being hailed as a hero for helping bring about an IRA cease-fire, Prime Minister Albert Reynolds resigned Thursday in a scandal over a priest accused of child molestation.

His departure left lawmakers stunned, the government facing a potentially treacherous road to repair, and prospects for the Northern Ireland peace process uncertain.

A judge whose appointment precipitated the crisis resigned several hours later. A few days ago his resignation might have saved the government, but by Thursday the damage was beyond repair and all parties agreed he was right to step down.

### Serb, Croat Forces Unify Against Government Army

SARAJEVO, Bosnia-Herzegovina — Rebel Serbs from neighboring Croatia joined the fighting in northwest Bosnia and their Bosnian Serb brethren shelled two U.N.-declared "safe areas" Thursday, drawing U.N. warnings.

U.N. spokesman Herve Gourmelon said that for the first time, Croatian Serb units had joined rebel Bosnian Muslim forces crossing the Bosnian border to fight Muslim-led government troops protecting the region around Bihac.

The combined attack violated Security Council resolutions demanding respect for Bosnia's borders.

### Haitian President Appoints New Military Commander

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti — President Jean-Bertrand Aristide named a new army commander Thursday, hoping to succeed this time in subordinating Haiti's traditionally dominant military to civilian rule. The last military chief Aristide appointed, Raoul Cedras, turned on Aristide just seven months into his presidency, then brutally ruled Haiti until 20,000 American troops intervened in September to send him packing.

The appointment of Brig. Gen. Bernardin Poisson, an American and French-trained soldier, bore several parallels to that of Cedras.

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### Weather

TODAY: Cloudy; high 64.  
SATURDAY: Partly cloudy; high 70.  
SUNDAY: Chance of showers; high 72.

## Trustee: 'Qualified Diversity' OK

BY SARAH BAHNSON  
STAFF WRITER

A heated debate on minority presence, specifically the acceptance of minorities to the University, highlighted a Board of Trustees committee meeting Thursday afternoon. Provost Richard McCormick's presentation to the Academic Affairs and Personnel Committee

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about admissions, enrollment and diversity sparked a debate between McCormick and trustee Walter Davis on the justification of minority presence. McCormick stated the importance of racial diversity to academics. Davis said he, too, was in favor of diversity. "I'm for diversity, but for qualified diversity," Davis said. "I believe we should take the most qualified applicants — I can't see taking a student just for the sake of diversity." McCormick and Davis disagreed on the degree to which minority presence should

be pursued. "Racial diversity is one of the necessary pathways to academic excellence," McCormick said. Davis said he did not believe diversity was an essential part of the University's academic life. "I don't believe racial diversity is a factor in academic excellence," he said. Davis asked McCormick to present data on how many applicants with a Scholastic Aptitude Test score of 900 or above were refused admission. According to McCormick's report, which was based on

this year's freshman class, the majority of these applicants were refused admission. "The great majority — 68.7 percent — of the 11,526 applicants who had an SAT of 900 or higher were not accepted," McCormick said. Davis claimed that this proved his point since he thought many students with high SAT scores were being rejected in order to make room for minorities with lower scores. Davis said he wanted the present quality of the University to be retained and not

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## N.C. State Librarian Dies at 60

BY JENNY HEINZEN  
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The man who shot himself in the center of the N.C. State University campus died Thursday afternoon at Wake Medical Center in Raleigh.

Joseph Charles Lebourgeois, 60, a retired librarian at NCSU, shot himself in the head Wednesday morning with a .38-caliber semi-automatic handgun in the Brickyard area of the NCSU campus.

He was taken to Wake Medical Center where he died at 5 p.m. Thursday, hospital spokeswoman Liz McRoberts said.

The incident occurred in front of the D.H. Hill Library where Lebourgeois had worked for five years before retiring in August.

Sgt. Larry Ellis of the NCSU police said an investigation into the shooting was continuing, but he suspected there were medical reasons behind Lebourgeois' suicide.

Counseling services were made available after the event to students and staff who wanted to discuss the suicide.

Mike Bachman, a psychologist at the NCSU Counseling Center, said although he did not notice a big rush for counseling services after the shooting, he thought the suicide would be something which would have long-term effects on those who witnessed it.

"I can't say there's been a big rush," Bachman said. "We've had people coming in since just after the event. It is good to know, though, that the information is out there, and people who need to can get themselves out here soon after something like this occurs."

"With something like this, though, there is bound to be some amount of delayed response," he said. "People may not be ready or might not be aware that they might need to talk to somebody. I'm sure it will have a lingering and lasting effect."

"Certainly the people who witnessed were affected by it; it would be hard not to," he said. "These kinds of things tend to have a wide-reaching impact. It sort of

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## AIDS Panel Denounces Casual Sex

Diverse Group Ranges From AIDS Patient to Public Health Professor

BY LEAH MERREY  
STAFF WRITER

Is it safe to use plastic wrap during oral sex as a protective measure against the AIDS virus? How do you treat a friend or family member who has contracted HIV? A panel of five experts answered questions such as these Thursday night at an AIDS forum as part of Human Rights Week.

The Critical Issues Committee assembled an impressive and diverse group of individuals to speak about the AIDS virus.

The panel included Geoffrey Mock, local Amnesty International volunteer; Dr. Robert Wehbie, UNC Infectious Diseases Fellow; Dr. Michel Ibrahim, dean and professor of epidemiology at the School of Public Health; Gail Fokine, local speaker for AIDS awareness and AIDS victims; Glenn Kent, public lecturer and AIDS victim; and LaHoma Smith Romocki, manager of health communication and training programs for Family Health International.

One of the most poignant speeches in the discussion was given by Fokine, who contracted the HIV virus through a tainted blood transfusion in 1979.

"I will fight until the fight is through," Fokine said. "I want to make people understand that this is a worldwide problem."

The concept of casual unprotected sex among college students particularly frustrated Fokine. "I just don't understand how someone can go to a bar, get drunk, then bring someone home and have unprotected sex. Life is too precious to throw it away," she said.

The lack of a vaccine or cure for the HIV/AIDS virus was discussed in Wehbie's speech.

"We've had very good luck in preventing and treating infections brought on by HIV, but we've had much less luck in a prevention to HIV infection (itself) aside from the use of a condom," he said.

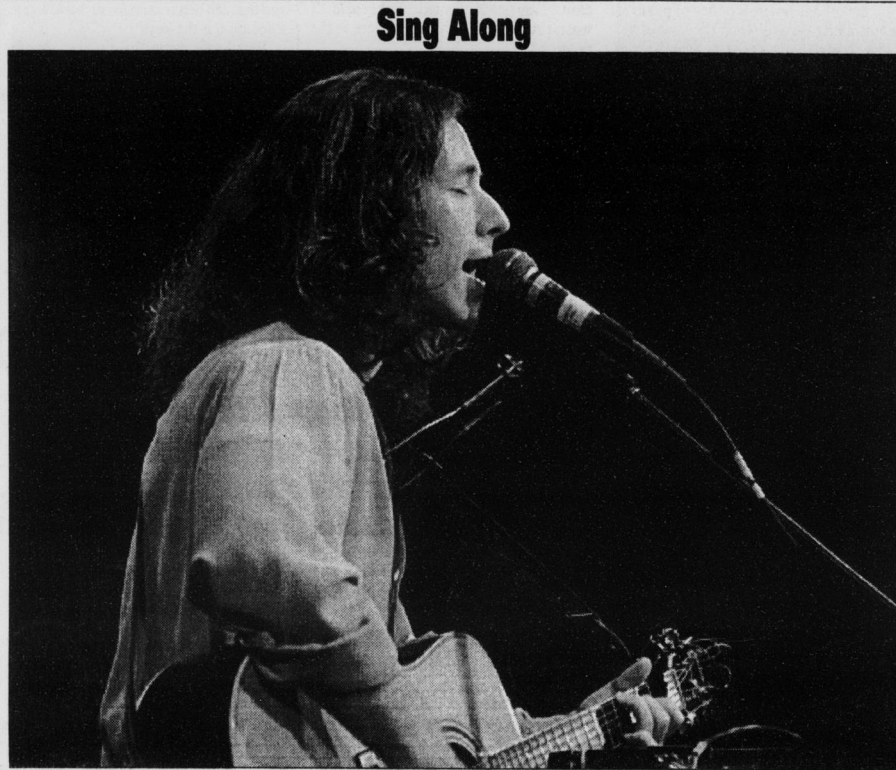
Wehbie stressed the importance of condom use during sexual intercourse as the most effective preventative measure against the spread of the HIV/AIDS virus.

"In regards to an AIDS vaccine, it will never be as good as a condom. The vaccine will probably be a live virus that will permanently alter the DNA of the recipient,"

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### Human Rights Week

Today's Events:  
3 p.m. - Human Rights Issues in Bosnia, Union 211.  
8 p.m. - Multiculturalism Extravaganza, Hanes Art Center.  
- Film "Romero," Newman Catholic Center.



Vocalist Rafi entertains the crowd at the Union Cabaret Thursday evening. Rafi played a mixture of original works and classics on guitar and harmonica.

DTH/CHRIS GAYDOS

### Sing Along

## HEROES ON THE HILL

A weekly series highlighting Chapel Hill heroes

## A Lifetime of Service

Since the 1940s, Rebecca Clark Has Led Efforts to Improve Her Community

BY ELLEN FLASPOEHLER  
STAFF WRITER

For Rebecca Clark, community service has been a way of life for almost all of her 79 years. She has concentrated most of her energies on exercising the right to vote and helping others do the same.

"I was told early on in my life that if I voted long enough for the betterment of my city eventually I would get some of the things I was voting for," said Clark, who has lived in Orange County since she was 6 months old. "But you have to keep at it. It is a life-long process."

Clark been instrumental in politics at the grassroots level, and she has also been active on many town boards, including the Citizens Advisory Group, the Redevelopment Committee, the Housing Authority Board, the Town Appeals Board and the Recreation Committee.

Sunday she received the Charles M. and Dorcas Jones civil liberties award from the Chapel Hill/Carboro chapter of the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU). Herzberg said Clark was chosen to receive the award because of her commitment to her own neighborhood,

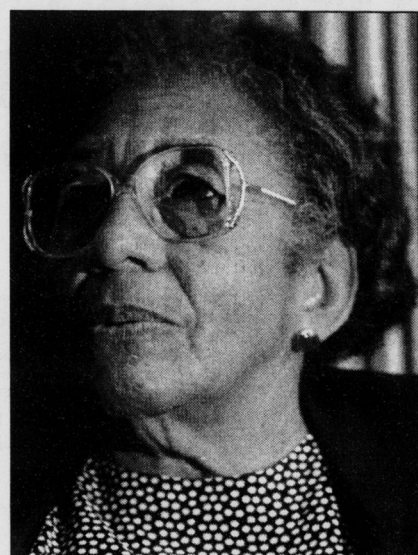
the black community of Chapel Hill and her drive to better race relations over a long period of years.

Having known and worked with Chapel Hill civil rights leader Charles Jones for many years, Clark said she was humbled by the award. "He was a humble man who was concerned for all people," she said. "I wish we had many more people like him."

Clark, who currently serves as vice chairwoman of the Chapel Hill Cemetery Committee and is a member of the town's Planning Commission and also the Law Enforcement and Support Services Committee, got her start in community activism at age 25. An incident in the early 1940s, a time when it was not popular for blacks to vote, triggered her interest in activism. She said she was on her way to vote when she was approached by an elderly white woman.

"The lady said to me, 'Why are you voting? You don't know what you are voting for,'" Clark said. "I didn't say anything back to her, but I smiled and kept on going. Later I asked myself, 'Why not vote?'"

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DTH/DAVID ALFORD

Name: Rebecca Clark  
Birthdate: Oct. 12, 1915  
Birthplace: Chatham County  
Family: husband, John; sons John and Douglas  
Occupation: retired licensed practical nurse with UNC Hospitals  
Positions: Vice Chairwoman of Chapel Hill Cemetery Committee, member of town Planning Commission, member of Law Enforcement and Support Services Committee  
Life's Philosophy: "Live the best you can, and treat other folks the way you want to be treated, with honesty."

## UNC Housekeepers Have Made Gains in Pay, Training, Respect

BY PETER ROYBAL  
STAFF WRITER

While the UNC housekeepers haven't won many victories in the courtroom, their attorney, University officials and a student activist agreed that their pay and working conditions had improved in recent years.

"The housekeepers, as far as their organization goes, have been making great strides," housekeeper attorney Mark Dorosin said. "On the legal front, we haven't won that much, but at the same time they still managed to get the lowest salary raised last year."

In addition, University officials said housekeepers had better training opportu-

nities and working conditions than they did four years ago.

"We do believe we have made progress," superintendent of housekeepers Hardy White said. "We seek the moment that we can become a unit of peace and harmony and not one where it is said that we are not people-loving."

The changes made by the administration matter, said Jimmy Hart, a former housekeeper who now supervises the housekeepers that maintain University dorms. "I think the quality of the housekeepers has improved because they're getting input on what's happening."

Changes have been made in several areas for housekeepers.

After raises in recent years, housekeepers at UNC are the highest paid in the Chapel Hill/Durham marketplace, according to a 1993 State Personnel Office survey cited by Bruce Runberg, associate vice chancellor for facilities management.

"The University is probably paying anything from \$1 to \$1.50 more (per hour) than typical housekeeping organizations," Runberg said.

UNC also provides benefits and permanent employment that commercial employers do not typically offer, he said. Benefits include paid holidays and health benefits for the housekeeper, but not for his or her family.

The minimum salary for most house-

keepers has increased 24 percent since Dec. 1991 — from \$11,881 to \$14,767 — because of direct grants from the General Assembly and an accelerated pay plan funded by the University, said Laurie Charest, associate vice chancellor for human resources.

Many housekeepers are above the minimum level for their pay grade because of experience or state-granted increases, she said. So not all housekeepers received as much of an increase as those on the bottom of the pay grade. Nevertheless, these raises were "considerably above the increase in other state employee salaries in that period of time," Charest said.

Student activist John Dervin, who has

worked in the housekeepers movement for a year and a half, acknowledged that the raises were significant gains but said, "Just because we pay more than other people doesn't make it enough."

"We're not even paying people the federal poverty wage. How can the University justify paying workers such a low wage that they have to take another job?" he said.

"When we don't pay workers enough, we don't just hurt the worker, we hurt the community."

UNC offers housekeepers classes in clerical and housekeeping skills as well as a

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*I was so drunk last night I fell down and missed the floor.*

Harry Crone