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IN THE NEWS

Top stories from the state, nation and world

Food Situation in Northern Bosnia Grows Desperate

SARAJEVO, Bosnia-Herzegovina — Hunger and malnutrition are rampant in northwest Bosnia, where Serbs and their allies are barring the United Nations from feeding tens of thousands of hungry people, aid officials said Wednesday.

Alemka Lisinski, a U.N. aid agency spokeswoman, said supplies brought into the region by the last food convoy Feb. 28 had been distributed to the most vulnerable of the 200,000 people trapped there, most of them Muslims.

The area, known as the Bihac pocket, is the site of heavy fighting between government troops and an alliance of Bosnian Serbs, Croatian Serbs and renegade Bosnian Muslims.

GOP Pushes Cuts in Social Programs Through House

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Republican leaders quelled an uprising over abortion Wednesday and muscled \$17 billion in cuts in housing aid, school improvements and other programs toward House passage.

By a near party-line 242-190 vote, the package cleared a procedural hurdle and began a testy journey toward likely passage today. The Senate is expected to produce its own collection of spending slashes soon.

The measure represents the Republican majority's first attempt to get through the full House spending cuts related to promises in the GOP's "Contract With America" to shrink government and eliminate the federal deficit. The cuts target money appropriated last year to be spent this year.

Detective Fuhrman Denies Making Racist Comment

LOS ANGELES — Detective Mark Fuhrman insisted at the O.J. Simpson trial Wednesday that he never used a racial slur against blacks in the last decade and said anybody who alleged he had was a liar.

"You say under oath that you have not addressed any black person as a nigger or spoken about black people as niggers in the past 10 years, Detective Fuhrman?" asked defense attorney F. Lee Bailey.

"That's what I'm saying, sir," Fuhrman responded in the monotone that has marked his testimony.

Judge Lance Ito, after listening to bitter arguments between Bailey and Deputy District Attorney Marcia Clark, wouldn't let the defense immediately question Fuhrman on whether he had uttered the racial epithet to a black Marine, Sgt. Max Cordoba.

California Dries Out, but Threat of Storms Remains

SAN FRANCISCO — California skies turned sunny Wednesday after a week of rain, but the state's natural wonders — its snowcapped peaks and mountain lakes — could expose muck-drenched residents to more peril.

If rain resumes at altitudes where the mountain snowpack this year carries twice the normal amount of moisture, the resulting melt-down could deluge already swollen lakes and rivers.

The next rain will probably be this weekend, concentrated north of the Sierra Nevada and the worst flooded areas, said National Weather Service forecaster Steve Smart. But the rainy season still has a month to go. Seven days of storms dropped as much as 10 1/2 inches of rain in some areas, killed at least 14 people and caused an estimated \$2 billion in damage.

Anti-Government Rioting Rages Throughout Turkey

ISTANBUL, Turkey — Police clamped down Wednesday on a slum area ravaged by three days of anti-government rioting, but violence flared elsewhere in the city. Some 5,000 mourners gathered to bury six earlier victims.

At least four people were killed in the latest confrontation between police and the moderate Alawite sect of Islam. Alawites have taken to the streets daily since suspected Muslim radicals killed three people Sunday in an Alawite neighborhood.

The bloodshed has illuminated the deep rifts developing in Turkey as Muslim fundamentalists gain power and seek to challenge the nation's tradition of secular political leadership.

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Weather

TODAY: Mostly sunny; high 74.
FRIDAY: Partly cloudy; high mid-70s.

Reigning Champs Start Title Defense Tonight

BY ROBBY PICKERAL
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

One game at a time.

That's what North Carolina head coach Sylvia Hatchell stressed Wednesday afternoon as her defending national champion Tar Heel team prepared for its return to the NCAA field of 64.

"Six games and we'll be national champions again — just six games," she said at the pre-tournament press conference. "But we

just have to take it one game at a time."

And it all begins tonight at Carmichael Auditorium. UNC, the No. 3 seed in the West region, will play 14th-seeded Western Illinois 30 minutes after the conclusion of the Seton Hall-Stephen F. Austin game, which starts at 6 p.m. The winners will take the floor Saturday for the right to advance to the Sweet 16 in Los Angeles.

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"Of course we want to go to California, and everybody's looking forward to it," Tar Heel point guard Marion Jones said. "But we've been working hard this week, and we know we can't overlook Western Illinois and anyone else that comes along."

After plowing through the ACC tournament and earning their second-consecutive conference title with a 95-79 win over Duke, Jones said she thinks the Tar Heels are more than ready for the NCAAs.

"It seems like at times during the season

we were just waiting for the tournament to come," she said. "It seems like come tournament time we're ready to step up — it's the time when everybody starts playing their best basketball of the year."

Indeed, UNC has been on a tear since it lost a double-overtime thriller at N.C. State Feb. 19. Smith and Jones have continued their high-scoring ways, but Stephanie Lawrence has un-bricked from behind the

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NCAA Women's Basketball

Tonight, NCAA Women's Basketball, Carmichael Auditorium
6 p.m., No. 6 Seton Hall vs. No. 11 Stephen F. Austin
30 minutes following, No. 3 UNC vs. No. 14 Western Illinois

Day Care Seeking Approval

Victory Village Applies for National Certification From Children's Education Group

BY ERIKA MEYERS
STAFF WRITER

The Victory Village Day Care Center is attempting to acquire national accreditation from the National Association for the Education of Young Children, which is located in Washington, D.C.

The center, located in Odum Village, provides convenient and affordable day-care services for many University students, staff and faculty who have children.

The accreditation process sets the highest standards in the nation for the child-care industry, said Leigh Zaleon, director of the center.

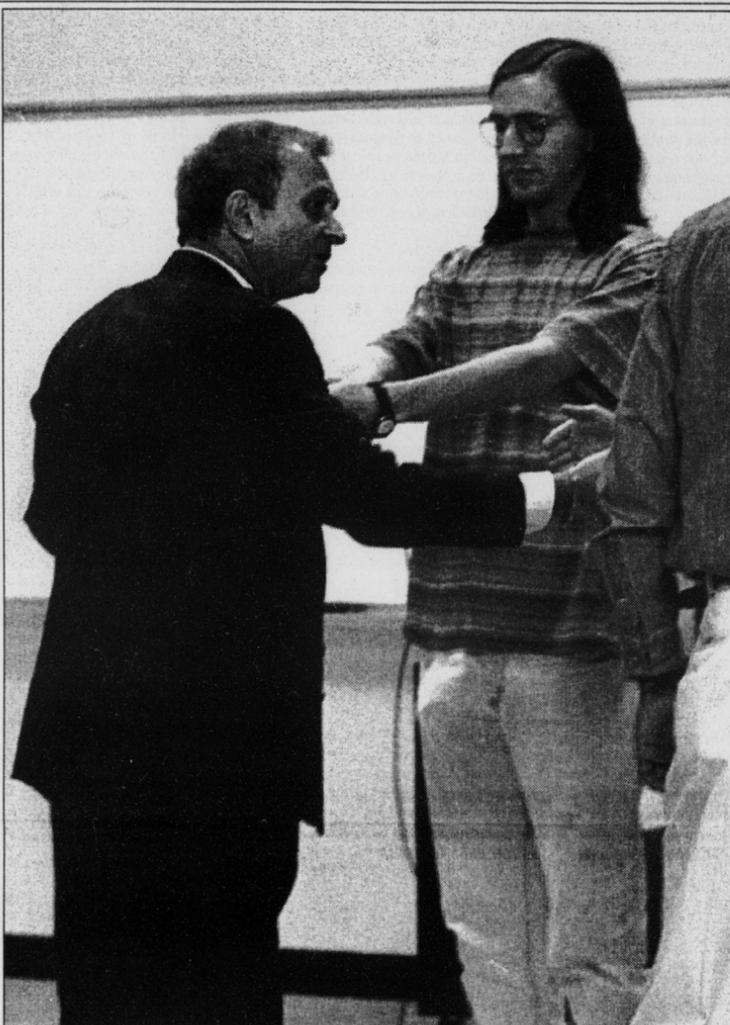
The accreditation process for Victory Village began in mid-September, when Zaleon became its director.

"Victory Village is definitely a high-quality center. We have a double A license, which is the highest license that the state will give," she said. "This license is given to those centers which meet or exceed the expectations of the state. Victory Village exceeds these expectations."

Zaleon said she was expected to carry out the accreditation process after she was hired in mid-September. She began the procedure immediately upon becoming director of the day-care center, she said.

The accreditation process is long and complicated. The day-care center has already conducted a self-study, in which it sent questionnaires to parents of students

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World-renowned hypnotist Barry Seedman tests the audience for hypnotic suggestibility Wednesday night at an event sponsored by the Self-Knowledge Symposium in Manning Hall.

Hypnotherapist Teaches Students Self-Hypnosis

BY MICHAEL HATCH
STAFF WRITER

Hypnotherapist Barry Seedman gave a demonstration and a lecture on the power of hypnosis Wednesday at an event sponsored by the Self-Knowledge Symposium.

There was standing room only at the event, which included an explanation of hypnosis and a demonstration using members of the audience.

"Hypnosis is a safe, effective and therapeutic form of treatment," Seedman said. "It is now being taught in every medical school in the country."

Seedman has a practice in New York City, and he holds seminars all over the United States and in many foreign countries including Japan and South Africa. His clients include actors and athletes.

Seedman has demonstrated hypnosis on many television shows, including "Eye to Eye With Connie Chung," "Sally Jesse Raphael" and "America's Talking."

Most Americans have an inaccurate understanding of hypnosis, Seedman said.

"Many people believe hypnosis is a form of mind control. Nothing could be farther from the truth. Hypnosis is the opposite of mind control. In fact, under hypnosis you are more in control than ever before," he said.

Seedman began the session by hypnotizing the entire room with the aid of soothing music and relaxing phrases. During the demonstration, he instructed the audience to become more confident and to develop a photographic memory.

Seedman said most people only used about 5 percent of their mental ability.

"Hypnosis allows us to access all of our intelligence," he said. "It will allow us to bring our potential right to the top."

His lecture focused on what hypnosis is and on the powers of the subconscious mind. "Someone that regularly studies three hours a night would only have to study a half hour to cover the same amount of material with the aid of hypnosis," Seedman said.

"Hypnosis gives us the one thing in life that we cannot buy — time," he said.

He said that by the age of 10 our subconscious mind had been totally programmed by our environment and that hypnosis could

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Council Begins Mulling Budget, Salary Increases

BY ANGELA MOORE
STAFF WRITER

Merit-based salary hikes for town employees and proposed fee increases for town services were two of the top issues discussed Wednesday night at a Chapel Hill Town Council meeting about the preliminary 1995-96 budget report.

Town Manager Cal Horton presented the budget, which in accordance with the wishes of the council, does not include a tax increase.

"We have followed the council's guidance," Horton said.

As part of preparing the budget proposal, he said, the town has been investigating other employers to determine how town salaries and compensation packages compare.

Horton's budget includes a 1 percent salary hike, with an additional 3.2 percent increase based on merit.

Council member Barbara Booth Powell, who was backed by council member Joyce Brown, said she didn't agree with merit increases. "There is always a possibility of misuse," Powell said. "There's always some confusion there."

But council member Jim Protzman argued that merit increases were important.

"We speak out of two sides of our mouths when we want people to be efficient and motivated and achieve, and then there's no way to reward them," Protzman said. "Pats on the back are OK, but there is a role for merit increases."



Council member JIM PROTZMAN said merit-based increases for town employees would help make Chapel Hill a competitive employer.

Horton said one major reason that a tax increase was not necessary was the local delegation to the N.C. General Assembly. The delegation convinced the state to reimburse Chapel Hill \$638,000 to make up for the revenue formerly brought in by the intangibles tax.

Horton's preliminary budget does feature increases in fees, including a 50 percent increase in a planning and development fee and an engineering inspection fee; a 100 percent increase in cemetery fees; and a hike from \$5 to \$10 in overtime parking violations.

The 50 percent jump in planning fees and engineering inspections is justified, Horton said, adding that the increase in cemetery fees would put the town at market level.

Council member Pat Evans said parking ticket penalties on metered parking should be the same for the University and the town to avoid public confusion. The University charges \$10 per overtime violation with an additional \$5 fee if the car isn't moved, while the town charges a one-time fee of \$5.

Bus fares could undergo a 25 percent increase from 60 cents to 75 cents.

"We say this in the face of a 30 percent cut in federal funds," Horton said. "It is possible there will be further cuts in succeeding years. If cut further, the council needs to consider cuts in operations and services."

The report also calls for increases in dumping fees in mixed solid waste for landfills. The council is still waiting for the results of a study of options for collection and disposal of solid waste.

At its March 29 meeting, the council will invite the public to comment on the proposed budget, which will be debated throughout the spring until it's brought to a final vote before the fiscal year begins July 1.

Williams Motivated by '94 NCAA Loss

BY JACSON LOWE
SENIOR WRITER

UNC senior Donald Williams has had his ups and downs in the NCAA Tournament. Is it a mere coincidence that the Garner native's best postseason performances have come sans hair?

Case in point: Williams' freshman year, the hair was cropped short, and his sole basket in the tourney came against Miami of Ohio in the first round. He did not attempt another shot, and the Tar Heels lost in the Sweet 16 to Ohio State, 80-73.

Then there was the 1993 season. Williams came out sporting a chrome dome for the tournament and owned the postseason. He shot 15 of 23 from the field in the Final Four, tallied 50 points and took home the Most Valuable Player award to go with UNC's championship trophy.

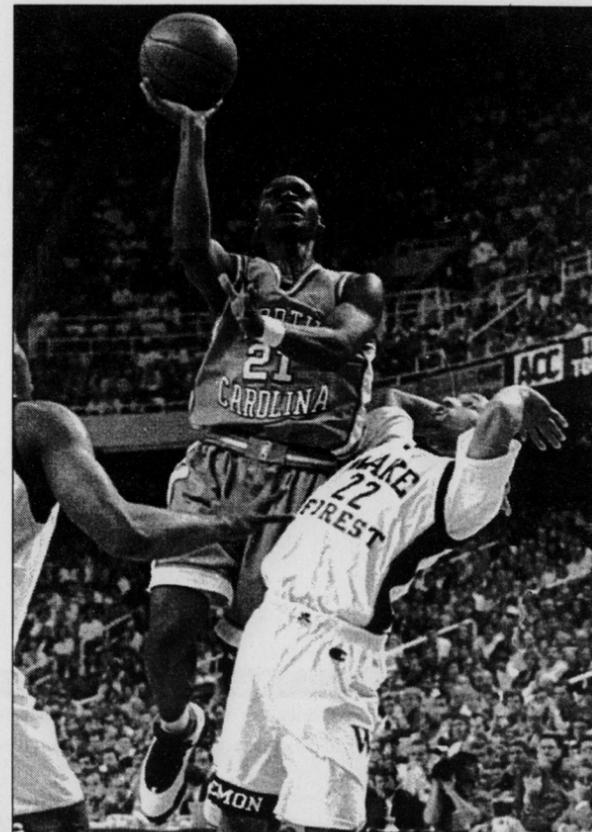
Lots of things went wrong in Williams' junior year. The Tar Heels lost 75-72 to Boston College in the second round of the NCAAs, failed to reach the round of 16 for the first time in 13 years, and Williams shot a miserable 1 of 12 from the floor. Williams suffered several injuries last season, but blame it on the hair upon his head.

Now in his last year, it seems the UNC team captain is looking to improve his 15.3 points per game in the postseason — he went back to the Kojak look prior to the 99-86 victory over Duke on March 4. He claims it's not one of those superstition things, but one must wonder.

"I'm changing my look," the ever-fashion conscious Williams said. "The other guys think it's luck or something."

Maybe the hair hypothesis is a stretch, but there's something inside Williams' head that hasn't changed since March 20, 1994 — the memory of the B.C. loss.

"I think when we were going into the (NCAA) Tournament, we were playing good," Williams said. "Now, I think we didn't play that well against Liberty and certainly not against Boston College. Coming into that tournament we felt good — we'd just won the ACC Tournament tro-



Donald Williams has a new haircut to go along with his patented one-hander. Hair or not, Williams is quick to lay a lot of the blame on his aching shoulders.

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How many husbands have I had? You mean apart from my own?

Zsa Zsa Gabor