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IN THE NEWS

Top stories from the state, nation and world

Hundreds of Hutus Victim Of Massacre in Burundi

BUJUMBURA, Burundi — Hundreds of Hutus, mostly women and children, were massacred in northeastern Burundi by attackers who shot or bludgeoned them to death, the U.S. ambassador said Monday.

At least 150 people were killed between Wednesday and Friday in the village of Gasorwe, and the death toll for the region could be as high as 450 in the past two weeks, said Ambassador Robert Krueger.

Krueger said he learned about the massacres Friday and visited the area Saturday, touring hospitals.

Former United Way Leader Convicted in Fraud Trial

ALEXANDRIA, Va. — William Aramony, former president of the United Way of America, was convicted today of stealing nearly \$600,000 from the nation's biggest and best-known charity and lavishing it on young girlfriends.

A federal jury deliberated seven days before finding Aramony guilty of 25 counts of fraud, conspiracy and money laundering.

Aramony, Thomas J. Merlo and Stephen J. Paulachak were charged with siphoning off money donated to the charity by businesses and individuals. Merlo was convicted of 17 counts and acquitted of one. Paulachak was convicted of eight counts and acquitted of four.

Expert: Explosion Probably Caused Crash in Romania

BUCHAREST, Romania — Tests on the remains of 60 people killed in Romania's worst air crash indicate an in-flight explosion is to blame, a forensic expert said Monday.

The Tarom airlines Airbus A310 dived into the ground shortly after takeoff for Brussels on Friday, killing everyone aboard. A commission investigating the crash declined to comment until its work is finished. But Dr. Vladimir Belis, head of Bucharest's Forensic Institute, which is trying to identify the victims, said the way the body parts had been burned "was very specific to an explosion."

Experts from Belgium and the United States were assisting in the identification.

Serbs Shell U.N.-Protected Safe Area Near Sarajevo

SARAJEVO, Bosnia-Herzegovina — With near impunity, Bosnian Serb rebels shelled a U.N.-protected safe area for a fourth straight day Monday.

The United Nations said it had requested reconnaissance flights to locate the Serb guns, although shelling of the Bihac enclave or any of the other five U.N.-designated safe areas could trigger air strikes by NATO.

NATO sources indicated the flights were imminent but did not elaborate, citing concern for the pilots' safety. The Serbs have anti-aircraft batteries near Bihac in northwestern Bosnia.

In the latest Serb bombardment, a round struck Monday near a U.N. patrol.

South Korea's Army Begins Border Training Maneuvers

SEOUL, South Korea — South Korean troops began weeklong training exercises Monday amid escalating worries over an unraveling deal to freeze rival North Korea's suspicious nuclear program.

About 80,000 army, navy and air force troops, along with an unspecified number of reservists, are taking part in the tactical exercises near the eastern part of the border, Defense Ministry officials said Monday.

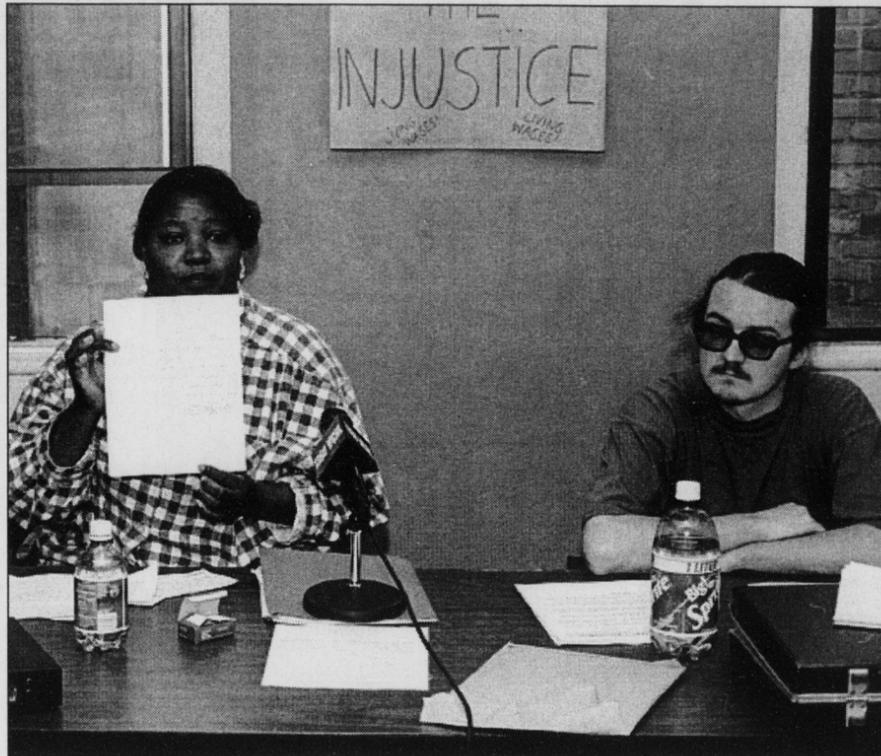
The maneuvers end Saturday. Similar exercises will be held later this year along the western front line, the officials said. Seoul, the capital, is only 35 miles from the border.

These exercises were the first since Seoul regained peacetime control over its military from the United States last year.

Weather

TODAY: Mostly cloudy, chance of showers; high in the 70s.
WEDNESDAY: Mostly cloudy; high 70.

Housekeepers: Job Poses Health Risks



Dorothy Elaine Massey, an employee at the Ambulatory Care Center, presents a letter from a co-worker citing possible job-related illnesses. Massey and fellow employee Michael Gates held a press conference Monday.

Two Workers Claim Exposure to Hazards Because of UNC Hospitals' Negligence

BY JENNIFER BURLESON
STAFF WRITER

Two UNC housekeepers said Monday at a press conference that they had been exposed to health hazards and harassment in the Ambulatory Care Center radiology service area of UNC Hospitals.

Housekeepers Dorothy Elaine Massey and Michael Gates said they had filed grievances about working conditions.

Massey said she had not had any serious health problems until she began working in the radiology clinic of the Ambulatory Care Center. After she began working there, she developed breathing problems, headaches, a burning sensation in her eyes, throat pain and temporary memory loss, she said.

"Sometimes, I forget where I am and where I'm going," Massey said.

She said she was to undergo reconstructive surgery on her nose.

"They are resculpting my nose," Massey said. "They are not sure if it (the nose problem) is related to work. They are going to run more tests to find out."

She said she believed exposure to a chemical in the radiology department was responsible for her health problems.

"If I'm not in that area, I'm all right," she said.

Other housekeepers have complained about the situation, and at least one worker was forced to change jobs, Massey said.

"Every housekeeper who has worked there has gotten sick," she said.

"Three weeks ago, the housekeeper now

assigned to the clinic was taken to the emergency room because of the chemical," Massey said.

An investigation of the radiology clinic was conducted by the UNC Hospitals Health and Safety Department and the U.S. Department of Labor's Occupational Safety and Health Administration.

OSHA gave UNC Hospitals a citation. The proposed fine is \$6,825.

Kathy Neal, director of public affairs for UNC Hospitals, said the hospital was appealing the citation.

"We conducted extensive testing," Neal said. "We didn't find any air quality problems."

Massey said she had participated in an investigation of the radiology department because she had hoped the investigation would explain why she felt ill.

She also said she had been harassed by her employers.

"I believe I am being retaliated against because of my participation in an OSHA investigation at UNC Hospital," Massey said. "My supervisors have threatened to fire me, and I have been embarrassed and humiliated in front of my co-workers."

Temporary workers are often placed in the radiology area, Massey said.

"They keep putting people in the area (the radiology department), and they keep getting sick," she said.

Gates, a housekeeper and computer science major at UNC, also spoke at the press conference.

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Police Chase Down Man Suspected of Cab Rip-Off

BY LAURA GODWIN
STAFF WRITER

Chapel Hill police chased down and arrested a man after he knocked out the driver's window of the taxi he was riding in and ran off without paying the fare.

According to police reports, Michael Frey, 25, of 351 Summerwalk Circle in Chapel Hill refused to pay the cab driver after his ride ended on Finley Forest Drive at 1:19 a.m. Monday.

Police reports state that Frey had been drinking alcohol before he got into the taxi, Chapel Hill police spokeswoman Jane Cousins said.

Frey refused to pay Joseph Caudle, the taxi driver from the Airport & Intown Taxi company. Caudle then contacted his dispatcher by CB radio.

The dispatcher called the Chapel Hill Police Department and reported the incident, Cousins said.

When police officers arrived at the scene near the Friday Center off of N.C. 54, Frey fled on foot from the two arresting Chapel Hill police officers.

The officers chased the suspect on foot for a short distance and apprehended him on Brookberry Circle.

During the chase, Frey sustained minor injuries, including a lacerated lip. After his

arrest, he was transported to the emergency room at UNC Hospitals where he was treated for his injuries and released Monday morning.

Caudle was not injured in Monday's incident.

Frey was accused of causing \$75 worth of damage to the taxi's window, according to reports.

He was charged by Chapel Hill police with defrauding a taxi driver, simple assault, injury to personal property, and resisting, delaying and obstructing arrest, all of which are misdemeanor counts, according to police reports.

Cousins said that Frey was not legally drunk when he was arrested.

Frey was released from police custody on a \$500 unsecured bond and is set to appear in Orange County District Court in Chapel Hill on April 20.

Sarah Carter, owner of Airport & Intown Taxi, said she had not seen the police report and had not talked to Caudle to find out exactly what happened early Monday morning.

Carter said that although this was not the first incident involving one of her drivers, the incident had resulted in the worst damage to one of her taxis.

Caudle refused to comment on the incident.

Price Explains Congress Proposals

BY HEATHER N. ROBINSON
STAFF WRITER

Former 4th District Congressman David Price discussed the pressures that will be placed on higher education due to new congressional proposals at the American Association of University Professors' spring forum and open meeting Monday.

Price, a political science professor at Duke University, highlighted congressional proposals, the pressure points of higher education legislation and House Budget Committee Chairman John Kasich's list of how Republicans pay for tax cuts.

Price, who served four terms in Congress, said his involvement with the House Appropriations and Budget committees had allowed him to understand the frustrations of federal policy making.

"In the area of the budget, it is frustrating in the context of federal policy making and making constituents happy," he said.

Price listed six issues that could put pressure on higher education. He said that changes in student loans' structure and administration, interests to enroll students, and indirect costs all could affect higher education.

Funding for major research agencies, earmarked research and collaborative enterprises, such as Research Triangle Park, could suffer from new congressional proposals, he said.

Price said the early indications of these



Former Rep. DAVID PRICE talked on laws affecting higher education.

changes included the Recision Bill and the budget resolution. The recision bill would cut current year appropriations, which could include cuts in grants and fellowships.

The budget resolution gives orders to the Appropriations Committee and the Ways and Means Committee. Price said it was a blueprint that set parameters for the committees but did not legislate or rewrite

the laws. Price said Kasich's list of how Republicans intended to pay for tax cuts had elements that could harm higher education greatly.

There could be an elimination of all library aid, an elimination of state Student Incentive Grants and a possible interest charge on loans while in school, he said.

Price said there could be a cut in funding for the National Institute for Health by 5 percent, as well as elimination of several research and fellowship programs.

Tax breaks are also being considered that could restore the deductible on student loans, but everyone should be on the defensive, he said.

"Because of the magnitude, the school system will be caught up in this," Price said. "Ideas have floated thus far, but there is no rest for the weary."

He said he was concerned with the outlook the public already had concerning the government. He said that the press was partly to blame for the public's view of the government and that it was a challenge to communicate with and educate constituents.

"The government is a metaphor for cynicism, and there is a perceptual screen people see the budget through," Price said.

Price was invited to speak at the semi-annual forum and open meeting of the American Association of University Professors.

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Parent Groups Bring Conflict to School Debates

Conservative Group, School Board Often Butt Heads While SOS Works Closely With Educators to 'Stop Overcrowding Schools'

BY EMILY ADAMS
STAFF WRITER

Concerned parents are always looking for ways to improve their children's education within the limited budgets and means of the public school system. However, most of these parents have differing ideas about exactly what improvement is.

Parental involvement in the schools of Chapel Hill and Carrboro is unusually high. This participation sometimes means creative solutions, but it has also meant divisive arguing.

Kim Hoke, spokeswoman for the Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools, said: "One of the real strengths of the community is the involvement of parents, even though they may have different goals."

Because of growing concerns voiced by some parents of children in the Chapel Hill-Carrboro schools, parent groups such as Putting Children First and Stop Overcrowding Schools have been formed in Orange County. Both groups are working to improve the quality of education in Orange County, yet each has been using different tactics.

PCF has been continuously critical of the school board and the superintendent's office in order to provide different viewpoints, while SOS has been working much more closely with the administration to promote change.

Putting Children First

Putting Children First is a group that recently has been known for standing up at school board meetings and telling Superintendent Neil Pedersen that his time at the helm was up come election time.

Some of the group's suggestions have not been well received by

Putting Children First

Putting Children First was founded in 1993 to promote the education, health and safety of children. In particular, the group is concerned with:

- Opposing impact fees
- Budgeting concerns
- Violence in schools
- Overcrowding
- Restructuring
- Declining SAT scores

the Board of Education. "They don't really seem to be involved in working with the school board," school board member Bea Hughes-Werner said.

PCF was formed in 1993 by parents who had attended school board meetings and become concerned about the implementation of programs without evaluation of cost or need, said Gene Cole, PCF board member. It is made up of a five person board: Peter Morcombe, Alan Belch, Catherine Felten, John Reinhard and Cole. Morcombe announced his candidacy for school board at the March 2 school board meeting, Hughes-Werner said.

"The organization was formed to promote education, health

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Ed O'Bannon's 30 Points Lead UCLA to 11th Title

BY JACSON LOWE
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SEATTLE — With one of its senior leaders sitting alongside head coach Jim Harrick, UCLA had to rely on a couple of young 'uns to bring home its first national championship in 20 years Monday night.

Freshman Toby Bailey and sophomore Cameron Dollar picked up the backcourt slack in UCLA's 89-78

Men's Basketball
Arkansas 78
UCLA 89
UCLA's 89-78 victory against Arkansas in the Kingdome in front of 38,540 spectators. It is the first championship for the Bruins (31-2) since John Wooden brought home his 10th in 1975. For Harrick, the win is a big step out of the legendary coach's shadow.

"I was certainly very concerned when we couldn't have our most valuable player, Tyus Edney, play," said Harrick, now in his seventh season in Los Angeles. "I knew before the game that he couldn't dribble or handle the ball. Sometimes these things work in your favor, but I wouldn't give emotion or divining intervention a little bit of credit, but certainly I'd like to give our players a lot of credit."

Edney wasn't physically on the court after the 17:07 mark in the first half, but his numbers still showed up in the boxscores

— they were just in the form of Dollar and Bailey's stepped-up performances.

The Long Beach native averaged 15.2 points and 7.6 assists in the NCAA tournament before the injury. Dollar picked up the assist chores, tallying eight Monday night. Bailey, who averaged 11.2 through five tourney games, added 26 to his total in the championship game. He was outdone only by Ed O'Bannon, the tournament's Most Outstanding Player, who finished with 30 points and 17 rebounds.

"Ed is a great basketball player. He has always been a great basketball player," Arkansas head coach Nolan Richardson said. "He did the things they needed him to

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It doesn't make much difference what you study, as long as you don't like it.

Finley Peter Dunne