



**IN THE NEWS**

Top stories from the state, nation and world

**Olympic bombing suspect cleared after investigation**

ATLANTA — Now cleared of suspicion as an Olympic terrorist, Richard Jewell went from hero to suspect to an example of how high-profile investigations can make an innocent man infamous.

"He's the perfect image for why we have the presumption of innocence," said Roy Black, the defense attorney who represented William Kennedy Smith in his rape trial. "But to be honest, this is one of those times that there is a wrong with no real remedy."

The beefy security guard's life turned upside down when his name was leaked as a suspect in the July 27 bomb blast at Centennial Olympic Park that killed one person and injured more than 100.

Though he never was charged with a crime, Jewell became a virtual prisoner as federal agents and reporters stalked out the apartment he shares with his mother.

A letter Saturday from federal prosecutors clearing Jewell of suspicion helps only so much, his attorneys say.

"There will always be people out there who believe Richard is the bomber," said Wayne Grant, one of several attorneys representing Jewell. "There will always be people who stare. There will always be whispers of recognition."

That controversy will make it difficult for Jewell to return to law enforcement, as he wants to do, Grant said.

**E-mail messages link N.C. man to missing woman**

LENOIR — The body found at a Lenoir man's home could be identified at about the same time as the man's court hearing Monday.

The state medical examiner's office in Chapel Hill was scheduled to perform an autopsy Sunday to determine whether the body is a missing Maryland woman.

The office referred questions about the autopsy results to the Caldwell County sheriff's department, which did not return calls seeking comment.

Robert Frederick Glass was charged with murder Friday after the body of a woman was discovered in a shallow grave in his back yard. Investigators said they also found personal belongings of Sharon Rena Lopatka, 35, of Hampstead, Md.

Glass was being held without bond in the Caldwell County Jail. He was scheduled to appear in court Monday.

Lopatka told family members that she was going to Georgia to see friends, but she never arrived. She was reported missing Oct. 20 by her husband.

E-mail messages found on her home computer showed she had been corresponding with Glass via the Internet for several weeks and had arranged to meet him in North Carolina on Oct. 13.

**U.S. envoy tries to help Israeli troop withdrawal**

JERUSALEM — U.S. envoy Dennis Ross shuttled between Jerusalem and the Palestinians' Gaza Strip headquarters Sunday, trying to finesse a deal to start an overdue Israeli withdrawal from Hebron.

With warnings of violence multiplying from Jewish settlers in the West Bank

town and from Islamic militants, both sides were anxious to reach an agreement soon.

Ross and the Israelis reported progress; the Palestinians said substantive differences remain.

Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat met with Ross on Sunday night, and both Palestinian sources and Shai Bazak, a spokesman for Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, said after the meeting that agreement was not imminent.

Ross made no comment after the meeting. But he suggested earlier that a new deal on the months-overdue pullback agreed to by Israel's previous government could be delayed if Arafat goes ahead with plans to leave Monday on a weeklong trip to Europe.

Netanyahu promised to honor the earlier agreement, but wants more security for Hebron's Jewish settlers. The Palestinians said his demands would require unacceptable changes to the agreement.

**Tutsis in Zaire form armed force to fight Hutu faction**

KIGALI, Rwanda — They saw hundreds of thousands of their Tutsi brethren massacred in Rwanda in 1994, and other Tutsis forced from their homes in Zaire's North Kivu province in early 1996.

Now, members of the Tutsi clan of Banyamulenge have taken up arms, vowing the same will not happen to them.

"We are defending ourselves against the Hutus and Zairian officials who are trying to drive us from the region," said Benjamin Munanira, a Banyamulenge leader. "We will defend our homes. Zaire is our home."

Munanira is a member of a new 2,000-strong Tutsi fighting force, which has been battling armed gangs of Hutu refugees from Burundi and Rwanda and the Zairian military since September.

The new fighting has driven more than 300,000 Burundian and Rwandan Hutu refugees from camps near Uvira, Zaire, sending them scattering into the mountains of the countryside.

Munanira's Tutsi clan, which migrated to what is now Zaire almost 200 years ago, is a minority in Zaire's South Kivu province. Compared with their neighbors, its members are relatively well-off cattle owners and traders.

**2 new California fires erupt Sunday, feed flames**

SAN BERNARDINO, Calif. — Two new wildfires erupted Sunday in southern California, killing one person and chasing people from their homes in the latest in a series of blazes that have destroyed more than 100 houses.

The new fires crackled through brush in San Bernardino and Riverside counties about 60 miles east of Los Angeles.

Elsewhere in Southern California, firefighters kept watch for flare-ups in previously burned areas as wind gusts up to 35 mph through the region. Nearly 40,000 acres of land was covered with ash by the series of wind-driven fires.

An evacuation order was issued early Sunday for neighborhoods closest to a 600-acre fire just north of the city of San Bernardino. An undetermined number of people left their homes, said Lenore Will, a U.S. Forest Service spokeswoman.

However, the wind died down when the flames got to within about a quarter of a mile from the houses, then shifted from the neighborhoods. Officials believed the blaze was started by a campfire.

A fire near Rubidoux in Riverside County burned about 175 acres of low scrub and grass just north of Interstate 60, said Vance Persing, a spokesman for the U.S. Forest Service.

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depends on a more personal basis.

"If faculty don't interact with students on a personal basis, then they might assume that anyone who's not doing exceptionally well is in that position because of a personal choice," DeSaix said. "But if they interact, they know there's many, many things going on in the students' personal lives."

Nathan and Barbee Crowley, the other

co-coordinator of Major Decisions, said the plan was to have a dinner every month for a different department. Nathan said he hoped the program would be institutionalized, and that departments would become more involved.

Todd Austell, a professor in the Department of Chemistry said the overall atmosphere of the dinner was very positive.

"It's a great idea, and it needs to be pursued in the future with more faculty and students involved."

**Conference addresses Chinese women, work**

BY AMANDA GREENE  
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Speakers at an international conference at the Carolina Inn this weekend focused on notions of work, gender and households in China.

"The Chinese talked about work in the context of a division of labor, a household production system and an exchange economy," said Susan Mann, a professor from the University of California.

Top scholars from anthropology, history and sociology departments from universities across the United States met and spoke at the conference to contrast ideas found in their research.

"The whole point of the conference was to learn from each other and to give those who may be doing the same types of research, but in different disciplines,

the chance to get together and share their knowledge," said Amanda Elam, sociology graduate student and organizer of the conference.

Elam said the experts at the conference focused on how various modes of occupational life affect work and workers in China.

"Historians are looking at how gender inequalities, migration and organization of work has changed over Chinese history," Elam said.

"It is particularly relevant because Chinese culture and political front has been very dynamic in the 20th century," she said.

The main speaker for Friday's session, Steven Harrell from the University of Washington, said he would speak on the research he did on the meanings of work in China.

"I'm going to be speaking on three papers this afternoon on what work means in China and doing a summary and discussion of those papers," Harrell said.

Support for the conference came from groups such as the Carolina Population Center and the Committee on Chinese Studies of the American Council of Learned Societies, said Ron Rindfuss, director of the Carolina Population Center.

"The supporters of this conference hope that while the conference is focused on China that it will also be a collaborative effort to learn more about Chinese culture and work habits," Rindfuss said at the conference.

Other than the historians and speakers at the conference, people who attended were interested in the conference's general ideas.

"I'm interested in the field: China, migration and women's work," said Arpita Chattopadhyay, who is doing postdoctoral work in the area of Chinese studies.

Elam said she hoped women would look deeper into the focus of the conference into its broader implications for all women.

"I hope that women here this weekend will look beyond domestic issues and learn something by comparing and contrasting the state of women in America with the state of women in China."

The three-day event began Friday with a session titled "Perspectives on work," continued through Saturday with sessions on gender inequalities in China and ended with a fourth session on families, households and the organization of work on Sunday.

**Hunt, Hayes split in debate about government's role**

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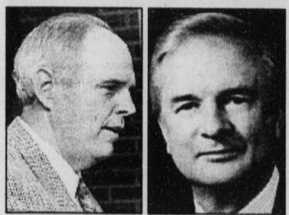
ASHEVILLE — Gov. Jim Hunt and his Republican opponent, Robin Hayes, disagreed over the role of government in their first and only televised debate Saturday night.

Hunt argued that government needs to take more action in educating and protecting children and in other areas, while Hayes argued that less government is better government.

"It is time we sounded the trumpet against big government and for individual freedom," Hayes said in his closing statement.

Hunt said that in 10 days voters would choose not only a governor, but "the direction for our state's future ... We've made some progress, but this is no time to stop or go backward."

Hayes and Hunt had made several joint appearances during the campaign but had never faced each other in a for-



ROBIN HAYES and Gov. JIM HUNT attacked each other in the debate.

mal debate like the one sponsored by the North Carolina Association of Broadcasters. An audience of about 100 people watched the debate in a hotel ballroom.

The rhetoric sharpened during the second half of the debate, when each candidate responded to questions prepared by his opponent.

Hayes asked Hunt about his position

on abortion, about commuting the sentences of two inmates who later committed murders and whether public schools have improved in the past four years.

Hunt asked Hayes to stop running what he called negative ads, why he voted against a law making possession of a gun on school property a felony and about school vouchers.

"We need to support the concealed weapons law as it now stands," Hunt said in response to a question. "But we need to do more than that. We need to get the guns out of schools."

Hayes said Hunt had waited until his third term as governor to get concerned about crime and guns. "Guns in schools aren't the problem. Discipline is the problem," Hayes contended. "You're attempting to frighten mothers with children in school," he said later.

Hunt asked Hayes whether — if he were governor and had veto power — he

would have vetoed the law making it a felony to carry guns on school property.

"This was a law that didn't get tough on crime. You got tough on rescue squads and firemen," replied Hayes, pointing out that the law later had to be changed to allow emergency personnel to carry their equipment on school grounds.

"I am going to protect Second Amendment rights for honest citizens," Hayes said. "We're going to be tough on criminals, not law-abiding citizens."

Hunt said taxes have been cut in each of the past four years, with his support, but Hayes said it took Republicans winning control of the state House in 1994 to push tax reduction.

"I'd be sweating like you are if I was saying what you are," Hayes said. "In 1994, you had a conversion to conservatism. We (Republicans) had already said what we were going to do, so you had to go along."

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Thanksgiving in September with her family. She said she dressed in traditional clothing and attended church to give thanks for Korean independence.

Park also said being able to speak Korean was significant to her. "My mom instilled the importance of the Korean language into me," she said. "I recently

visited my relatives in Korea, and I felt great pride in being able to converse so well with people."

Being born an American has not overshadowed Singla's appreciation for his culture, he said.

"I still observe the religious holidays and festivals," he said. "And even though I can't read or write in Hindi and Punjabi, I really enjoy speaking them. My culture is very important to me."

**SOCIALIST**

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interesting articles by Adolph Reed about his politics on African-American intellectuals in South Africa," Schabazz said. "I'm not a socialist."

Will Jones, one of the organizers of the forum, said he felt one did not have to be a socialist to be in the Labor Party. "The Labor Party was founded to represent the interests of working people, whether they were conservative, liberal or socialist," Jones said. "The Labor Party is based on a more general principle than are socialists."

He also said the Socialist Forum was

not indoctrinating students with socialist politics. "Our aim is to introduce students to a wide range of radical politics."

Carrboro Alderman Jacqueline Gist, who attended the forum, said she had a history of labor organization in her family and was interested in that aspect of the party. "I think the way wage earners are treated reflects the moral quality of an economy, and right now our wage earners are not being treated very well."

Richard Koritz, a representative of the Labor Party in Greensboro, said, "The unity of action is the most profound unity we need. In the long run, if we do not act in our Labor Party and vote for worker, we will wither on the vine."

**CONSTRUCTION**

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educating construction companies to consider the long-term effects of their work and do jobs correctly.

"It is a system's problem — the University and the contractor has responsibilities," Pelland said.

Aaron Nelson, student body president said outside contractors did not always have the University's best interest in mind.

"One of the problems when you contract with an outside company is that the company is more interested in making a profit than how it's going to affect the community."

**REFERENDUM**

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tion.

"The (student body president) plays a very important part in Student Congress," he continued. "I think part of the problem is a lot of people think the (student body president) is trying to get his name in the DTH, but that's not the case."

Currently, the student body president has the same powers, with the exception of voting, as regular Student Congress representatives. The student body treasurer serves as an advisor on financial

matters, but also has nonvoting, ex-officio status in Finance Committee meetings.

Rep. Dara Whalen, Dist. 8, said she voted against the bill because she felt it was politically motivated.

While sponsors of the bill said it was necessary in order to adequately separate the powers of the executive and legislative branches of student government, Whalen said she did not agree.

"I believe that there is a separation of powers because the student body president doesn't have a vote (in Student Congress)," she said.

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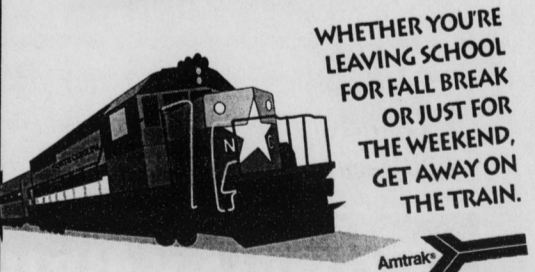
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