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## Carrboro teen in jail after shooting

### Victim was shot in the abdomen

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A Carrboro teen is facing a charge of attempted first-degree murder after the shooting of a 16-year-old boy Monday evening on Johnson Street, said Chapel Hill police Capt. Chris Blue.

David Earl Ellis Jr., 17, was taken to Orange County Jail in lieu of \$200,000 bail pending an appearance in court today in Hillsborough.

The victim, shot in the abdomen, was taken to N.C. Memorial Hospital, and his condition was not released Monday night.

The shooting happened almost directly behind the Chapel Hill-Carrboro City Schools' administrative center at the Lincoln Center, where youth basketball practices were going on about 200 yards away.

Officers used a police dog to search through a brushy lot next to 105 Johnson St., the house in front of which the shooting took place, and bagged as evidence a small black sneaker found on the curb.

Local residents emphasized that they didn't see anything and that they were glad they hadn't.

One resident did say he heard a car "floor it" seconds after the shot.

The incident was the third shooting in the area this year. In January, a man was murdered in a Food Lion parking lot in Carrboro.

Earlier this month, a man was killed in Northside. The man later arrested in connection with that slaying was picked up on Crest Drive, around the corner from Monday's shooting.

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## Author targets death penalty

### Prejean wrote summer reading book

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Monday night in Memorial Hall, Sister Helen Prejean spoke to a crowd of 600 people, bringing her experience with death to life.

Prejean is the author of the 2007 summer reading book, "The Death of Innocents: An Eyewitness Account of Wrongful Executions," which is based on her firsthand experience with two men on death row who she believed to be wrongly convicted.

As a spiritual adviser to several men who faced the death penalty, Prejean shared vivid stories contrasting the tension between upholding the death penalty and recognizing a person's humanity.

"This process of weighing is supposed to be rational," Prejean said. "There is no rationality here."

Prejean described the situation as the human heart in conflict with itself.

An English major at St. Mary's Dominican College, Prejean said

she believed her ability to write emerged because it was time to tell the world about her encounters with people facing death. She encouraged students in the crowd to use their writing abilities to tell their own stories.

"The seeds of our education sit inside us 'til we're ready to bloom," Prejean said.

Throughout her lecture, Prejean highlighted the inconsistency in the races represented on death row.

Prejean also said 126 wrongfully convicted people have been released from death row because

of the efforts of college students.

"You're only going to find poor people on death row," Prejean said, explaining that college students can make a difference because many people on death row are often too poor to afford a good lawyer.

Freshman Yevgeniya Kaliberova came to the lecture after hearing about it during a discussion of the summer reading book last semester.

"She talked about how there's always this constant struggle, and

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Sister Helen Prejean, author of "Death of Innocents," lectured at UNC as part of Carolina Performing Arts' Creative Campus program.

WATER WATCH

## BUSINESSES FACE SHORTAGE

BY JESSICA STRINGER  
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Some establishments might need to change the way they do business if drought conditions persist.

The Orange Water and Sewer Authority will decide Thursday whether to implement Stage 3 water restrictions, which will affect businesses that use water, such as gardening centers and car washes.

Jerry Whortan, executive director for the Chapel Hill-Carrboro YMCA, said the center's whirlpool won't be open for long if the restrictions are upped.

"We will be able to use the (indoor) pool a lot longer, but it

will come to a point where we're considering hauling in water from other places," Whortan said.

According to Stage 3 restrictions, no OWASA water can be used to top off swimming pools.

If the YMCA decides to bring in water from other sources, they would have to closely monitor the chemicals and temperature of the new water, Whortan said. He also said starting March 3, the YMCA will discontinue its towel service and asks members to bring their own.

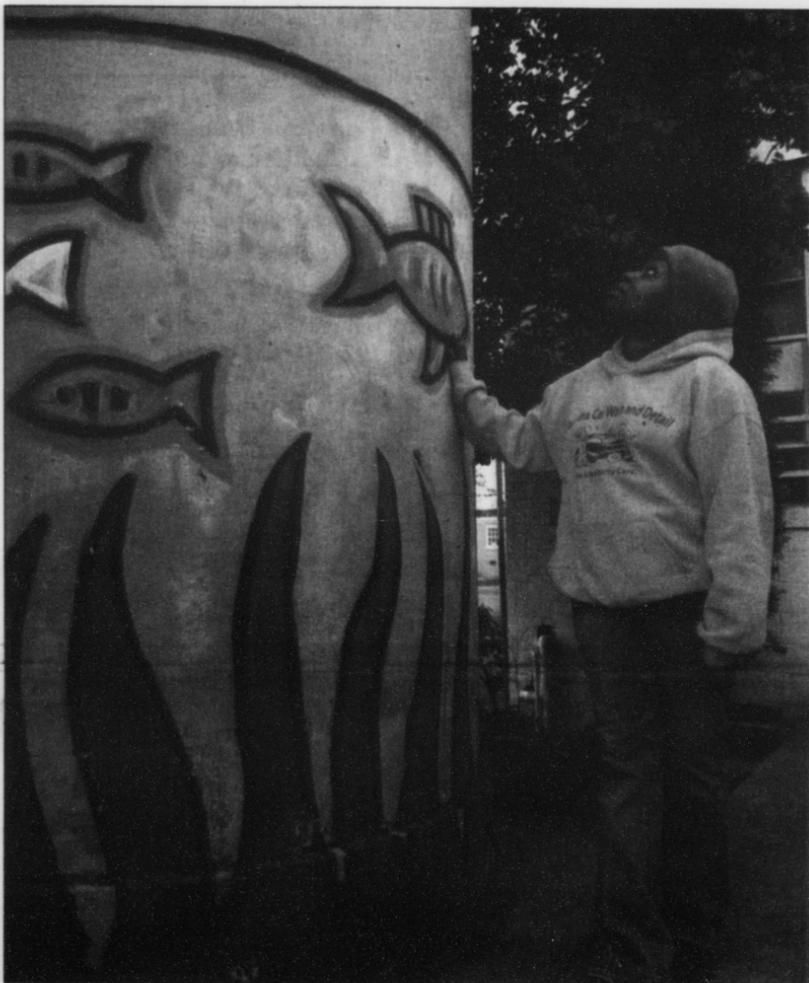
"I think worst case scenario is that the pool would have to close," he said. "We'll commit to keeping

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### Impact of water restrictions on businesses

Chapel Hill and Carrboro must follow Stage 2 water shortage restrictions. If water levels haven't risen to 45 percent by Thursday, the Orange Water and Sewer Authority might recommend increasing to Stage 3 restrictions. What would that change?

- ..... **Spray irrigation** .....
- Stage 2: No spray irrigation except by persons regularly engaged in the sale of plants
- Stage 3: No irrigation except with hand-held hoses or watering cans, limited to three days per week and no more than 0.5 inches per week
- ..... **Swimming pools** .....
- Stage 2: No filling or refilling empty swimming pools; operational swimming pools may be topped off
- Stage 3: No filling, refilling or topping off operating swimming pools
- ..... **Pressure washing** .....
- Stage 2: No OWASA water for cleaning or washing exterior building surfaces or paved areas; pressure washing of buildings is allowed before painting to maintain structural integrity
- Stage 3: No pressure cleaning of building exteriors
- ..... **Car washes** .....
- Stage 2: No vehicle washing, except at commercial or institutional car washes in which 50 percent of the water has been recycled
- Stage 3: No washing of vehicles



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Stacey Tucker from Carolina Car Wash & Detail stands by the well the business uses as a water supply. "We have done well so far. I just pray that things will continue like this; you never know," Tucker said.

## Tar Heels hold off Wolfpack upset bid

### Larkins' 18 leads the way for UNC

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As her fourth-straight basket dropped through the net, Erlana Larkins sprinted out of the lane and let out a scream.

"WHOO!"

Those eight points plus two Cetera DeGraffenreid free throws saw No. 2 North Carolina up by 11 against N.C. State, and the Tar Heels followed their senior forward's lead in defeating the Wolfpack 85-79 Monday at Carmichael Auditorium.

The victory was hard-earned due to UNC's struggles in both free-throw shooting and rebounding — usually the Tar Heels' bread and butter.

So how did UNC (26-2, 13-0 in the ACC) pull out the win?

"Good question," said coach Sylvia Hatchell. "The rebounding wasn't acceptable, and we have to shoot better from the foul line. They got a lot of second shots. But we were fortunate to win the game."

North Carolina had its largest rebounding deficit of the season, and the Wolfpack reeled in eight more boards than UNC.

"Normally, we're animals on the boards," Hatchell said. "We were like marshmallows tonight, very soft."

One of the few bright spots for UNC was the lack of turnovers during the game. With only eight, the Tar Heels had their fewest giveaways of the season.

A big part of that was freshman guard Italee Lucas. After struggling during her opening games, Lucas has settled down nicely and is starting to find her groove.

Lucas scored six points and had five assists to just one turnover.

In the end, UNC just had to keep pounding away in the post —

and found success. Despite leaving 21 points on the floor from missed free throws, the Tar Heels scored 52 of its 85 points in the paint.

UNC's starting frontcourt of Rashanda McCants, LaToya Pringle and Larkins combined for 48 points on 18-40 shooting.

Larkins, in particular, continued her strong play of late, with a team-high 18 points and seven boards.

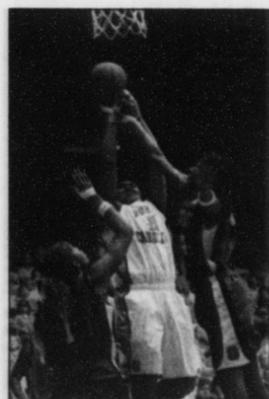
Larkins has reached at least 18 points in each of her last five games and looks to be hitting her stride at the right time with rival Duke and postseason play coming up fast.

Monday night against the Wolfpack, Larkins had to work through 40 minutes of body-slaming and forearm shivers from N.C. State's post players.

"I had people stepping on my feet and chest-bumping me on the pass," Larkins said. "And I just was like, 'OK, at this point, there's nothing you can do. Just keep beatin' me up — I'm gonna keep scoring.'"

The box score would support Larkins' claim, as N.C. State racked up 28 fouls on the evening.

But UNC was unable to take full advantage of those fouls, shooting



DTH/NICOLAS GULLETT  
Senior Erlana Larkins muscles up a shot in UNC's 85-79 victory against N.C. State on Monday night. Larkins scored 18 points.

below .500 from the charity stripe.

Down as many as 17 in the second half, N.C. State used UNC's free throw problems to claw its way

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## Delegation a trademark of Carson administration

### Relies on group decision making

BY BRIAN AUSTIN  
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Although she has all the official power as student body president, Eve Carson has relied heavily on her appointed administration this year to tackle a range of decisions.

She has taken on the responsibilities of her office with a methodical, compartmentalized approach, creating a large Cabinet and dividing her officers' responsibilities when dealing with different aspects of student government.

"There's been so much on our plate this year that everyone has taken on a very specific role," Carson said.

She says her Cabinet, which includes the chairmen of various committees, gives the voice of students to her team. She generally devotes a lot of time to consultation and committee input.

"For us, the main theme has

always been, 'How are we getting other people connected to what we're doing?'"

Carson has succeeded in getting people involved in student government affairs, assigning 41 students to lead her 20 committees and projects. Her predecessor, James Allred, took a different approach, cutting the number of students in the Cabinet.

Leaders said they have been striving to make student government more accessible to students this year. And Cabinet members praised Carson's deferential nature.

"I've never seen her make a decision without consulting a group of students first," Executive Assistant Ron Bilbao said.

Carson's deliberative method differs from Allred, who set out to be a strong, decisive voice for students.

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**FACULTY EXCELLENCE** The first finalist for director of the center spoke Monday.

**MEN'S HOOPS** The team looks to improve on its 20-turnover performance.

**COUNTY DEVELOPMENT** Commissioners discussed a proposed multi-use development.

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**GROWING FAST**  
La Colina examines the impact of Latino growth in the Triangle area, from Spanish Masses to the efforts of local groups to deal with the increase.

**water watch**

**CONSERVATION TIP**

WATER LEVEL NEEDED BY THURSDAY (or further restrictions might be implemented) 85% CAPACITY

TODAY'S WATER LEVEL: 40.13% CAPACITY

Keep a pitcher of water in the refrigerator instead of running the tap for cold drinks, so you don't waste water waiting for it to get cold.

this day in history

**FEB. 26, 1986 ...**  
A Virginia Cavalier forward tosses a ball that strikes UNC's Joe Wolf in the back of the head, causing both teams to rise from the bench, though no fight ensues.

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