

News In Brief

Rather to succeed Cronkite in 1981

NEW YORK (AP)—Dan Rather will succeed Walter Cronkite, the country's best-known television journalist, as anchorman of the CBS Evening News early in 1981, CBS announced Thursday.

Bill Leonard, president of CBS News, said Rather had signed a long-term contract to succeed Cronkite as both anchorman and managing editor of television's top-rated nightly news program.

The selection of Rather to succeed Cronkite quickly defused speculation that the "60 Minutes" correspondent would sign a huge contract with a rival network. One report early last week had Rather the recipient of an \$8 million offer from ABC.

Tito said to be in critical condition

BELGRADE, Yugoslavia (AP)—President Josip Broz Tito was reported near death Thursday. Top Yugoslav officials canceled any travel plans. "President Tito's health condition last night was critical," the 87-year-old leader's eight-doctor medical panel said.

It was the first time they had used the word critical to describe Tito, suffering from weakened kidneys and heart after a relapse following the amputation last month of his left leg.

Leftists in El Salvador release hostages

SAN SALVADOR, El Salvador (AP)—Leftist militants peacefully ended a two-day occupation of the Panamanian Embassy on Thursday, freeing unarmed Ambassador David Peret Ramos and two other hostages.

Two days ago, occupations of two other buildings concluded with gun battles between police and leftists in which 10 persons were killed.

The Popular Leagues of Feb. 28, or LP-28, whose members left the Panamanian Embassy, continued a 10-day-old occupation of the Spanish Embassy. The Popular Revolutionary Bloc, this county's largest leftist alliance, held the city offices of the water and sewer administration for the second day, demanding better service to poor areas.

Other leftists occupied the offices of an electric company in Ahuachapan, 50 miles west of the capital, on Thursday.

Soviets, Afghan rebels battle again

Soviet troops backed by tanks and at least one fighter bomber fought an intense, hour-long battle 12 miles outside Kabul, Afghanistan, earlier this week, against soldiers believed to be a rebellious unit of the Soviet-trained Afghan army, a dispatch from Kabul said Thursday.

In London, diplomatic sources said Moscow had told key Asian, European and African nations it would start pulling out some of the 90,000 troops it has in Afghanistan and begin talks with Pakistan as soon as the situation on the Pakistan-Afghanistan border stabilized.

Leftist violence strikes Turkish cities

ANKARA, Turkey (AP)—Mounting leftist agitation engulfed Turkey on Thursday, bringing life to a virtual standstill in Istanbul and the Aegean coastal city of Izmir. At least two new deaths were reported.

Most shops and businesses in Istanbul, the nation's largest city, closed after bomb threats from leftist militants. One terrorist trying to intimidate shopowners was killed in a shootout with police, authorities said.

FBI nabs porn ring

WASHINGTON (AP)—FBI agents fanned out over 11 states Thursday to arrest 54 persons on pornography and film-piracy charges and to search 30 businesses in the culmination of a lengthy undercover investigation.

Attorney General Benjamin R. Civiletti announced that 45 persons had been indicted in Miami on pornography charges and 13 persons on film piracy counts as a result of the 2½-year undercover investigation, code-named Miporn. Four persons figured in both cases.

An FBI spokesman said one pornography kingpin, organized crime figure Michael Zafferano, dropped dead of a heart attack in New York City as FBI agents were trying to find him to serve him with an arrest warrant.

The Miporn case became the third major FBI undercover operation to be made public in the last two weeks.

FBI Director William Webster said those indicted in the pornography case included some of the biggest producers and distributors of hard-core pornography in the \$4 billion-a-year industry.

Webster said the alleged pirating and distribution of major motion pictures had cost the legitimate motion picture industry some \$700 million a year.

Civiletti said 54 arrest warrants were issued in Miami and some 400 FBI agents were seeking those named. The agents were conducting searches at 30 businesses allegedly involved in the pornography and piracy schemes.

Defendants in the alleged pornography scheme were charged with conspiracy and interstate transportation of obscene material. In the film piracy case, the indictments charged interstate transportation of stolen property as well as violation of copyright and anti-racketeering laws.

Number of fires in Chapel Hill decreasing

By JONI KING
Staff Writer

Although a recent report showed North Carolina to be one of nine Southern states with the worst fire problems in the world, fewer fires occur in Chapel Hill than in much of the South, Chapel Hill Fire Marshal Joe Robertson said.

The number of fire calls received by the Chapel Hill Fire Department has actually decreased in the last few years. Robertson attributed the drop to various prevention programs initiated by the department in a concentrated effort since 1973.

"We've found the best way to reduce fires is to offer a public education awareness program to get people involved," Robertson said.

In 1978, the department responded to

687 calls and the total monetary loss due to fires was \$119,270. In 1979, 649 calls were answered—a decrease of 37—but the total monetary loss increased to \$214,000.

Robertson attributes this increase to two large losses of \$76,000 each. One of these occurred at the residence of the vice president of Duke University, where a Christmas tree (left up for four months) ignited. It was never determined whether an electrical shortage or an open flame touching the tree caused the fire, Robertson said.

Five years ago, the loss due to fires totaled about \$500,000 in Chapel Hill, Robertson said. "We have had some success in cutting down losses because of our enforcement programs," he said.

Most fires in Chapel Hill occur in

public buildings, in the hospital complex and in office buildings. A large number also fall into the miscellaneous category, including motor vehicles, dumpsters and vacant lots.

Residences rank next as a high-risk category because people spend most of their time in their homes, Robertson said.

Although the statistics from the National Fire Data Center show Southern states leading the world in fire deaths, the last fatality in Chapel Hill due to fire was in 1971. Robertson said there have been only three fire-related deaths in the past 15 years.

Injuries caused by fire are few and minor, also. "Most injuries are burned and blistered hands, but nothing serious," Robertson said.

The major causes of fires in the Chapel

Hill area are malfunctions of furnaces, improper insulation of wood stoves and problems with chimneys and fireplaces, Robertson said.

One of the preventive programs is a home inspection program. Firemen offer free inspections of city homes and distribute information about fire prevention door to door.

Neighborhood police/fire meetings have been organized through the fire and police departments to bring citizens together to discuss crime and fire prevention, Robertson said.

A Junior Fire Marshal program also has begun in the public school system. Student representatives are chosen to work with the fire department to help educate students about fire prevention.

Patrolmen eye illegal gas hike

RALEIGH (AP)—Highway patrolmen and other state employees will begin making spot checks at service stations across North Carolina in an effort to find cases of price-gouging, under a program announced Thursday by Gov. Jim Hunt.

Hunt said troopers and Division of Motor Vehicles employees would conduct the checks as part of their routine duties, and would look for instances where the per-gallon price of gasoline exceed maximum federal limits.

Potential violations will be reported to the federal Department of Energy for investigation.

"The troopers and division employees will be given a list of warning signals that might indicate overcharges, such as failure to post the maximum price, charging more than other stations selling the same brand of gasoline and so forth," Hunt said at a news conference.

Hunt, who said the idea for the program was his own, insisted that the checks could be conducted as part of routine visits to gas stations without interfering with Highway Patrol duties.

"They visit stations frequently, and they can make these spot checks quickly and easily," Hunt said.

The governor said troopers sometimes use credit cards to purchase gasoline at stations away from their patrol headquarters, and motor vehicles employees routinely visit stations that conduct state automobile inspections.

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opts to require a parking plan. University parking will be subject to town approval.

The character of downtown parking in Chapel Hill also could face significant alterations if the proposed ordinance is approved. Parking decks would no longer require town approval and could be built in high density districts, including the central business district and campus. The town would have only appearance regulations for the decks.

Student living arrangements—both off-campus and in fraternity and sorority houses—also will be affected by the ordinance.

The proposed housing restriction that would limit to four the number of unrelated persons who could live in a single dwelling unit has received extensive media coverage.

The restriction was designed to limit students moving into established neighborhoods. The restriction also would give low-income families an advantage over students in the competition for affordable housing. The restriction has provoked strong political opposition, and many town officials say they expect the restriction to be stricken from the ordinance soon.

Fraternity and sorority houses may be allowed to move into neighborhoods where they are currently forbidden. Under the new ordinance, Greek houses would be allowed in the highest density residential districts with town approval. This change would open up areas north of town on Airport Road to Greeks.

Rather than trying to run a fair race, Harrington called on America to abolish the contradiction between a competitive economy and democratic ideals. "We must build an American society based on cooperation that reduces the rewards of success and the punishment for failure. The moral level of society would be tremendously increased if we took decisions away from the necessity of the purse," Harrington said.

Although Wallis agreed that humans are by nature social animals and should cooperate together in any society, he

administrative hearing convenes May 19. Administrative Law Judge Lewis F. Parker denied Wednesday a request by UNC lawyers to push the hearing date to September. UNC lawyers had said the May date would interfere with UNC's budget requests during the short session of the state legislature when it convenes in June.

Friday said the first obligation of the University would be to increase faculty salaries.

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One particularly delicate issue in the rewrite also may benefit cramped fraternities and sororities.

The zoning rewrite proposes making the Franklin Street area near the Chapel Hill Public Library a medium density residential zone. Library officials have expressed opposition to that proposal because it would restrict library expansion.

But to allow library expansion and keep the area residential, the land would have to be zoned high density residential. That would open the area to fraternities and sororities, to the dismay of Boundary Street residents.

Much of the new ordinance is an attempt to bring zoning regulations in line with the town's 1977 Comprehensive Plan, which outlines town growth and development.

The plan calls for a dense development pattern that encourages compact urban growth.

In keeping with the Plan's goals, the new ordinance would require a five-acre minimum lot size for any commercial office development. This would encourage commercial buildings to be concentrated in large activity centers, rather than permitting scattered commercial development. Some local developers have expressed opposition to the minimum lot requirement.

The zoning ordinance rewrite is currently being reviewed by the Planning Board. The Town Council is tentatively scheduled to vote on the ordinance in May.

argued that democracy and socialism are contrary and incompatible terms.

"There has never been a society in which social and political freedom have existed without a large measure of economic freedom," Wallis said. "Most socialist-oriented states have ended up with a totalitarian government."

Wallis said that he is more concerned about burgeoning government interference and control than the economic coercion Harrington mentioned. "I have a strong preference for exercising social control through a voluntary relationship," he said.

"Instead of having a full complement of people in Washington at the hearing like we would like, we will have a reduced number to represent us," Friday said. Although the amount of time spent in Washington and the number of UNC representatives there will be reduced, somebody from the University will attend all the hearings, he said.

The hearing was originally scheduled for last month but was postponed until

Fire occurs in Carrboro; harms none

A fire Thursday night gutted a four-room apartment in Carrboro, but firefighters prevented the blaze from spreading to the surrounding Crest Street Apartments.

Two Carrboro firetrucks responded to the call at 8:20 p.m. at 100-B Crest Street after a plugged-in vacuum cleaner apparently shorted and caused the blaze, Carrboro Fire Chief Robert Swiger said.

The apartment's sole resident, Roger Glenn, who is in his mid-30s to early 40s, escaped unharmed.

The South Orange Rescue Squad took Glenn, who recently had a stroke, to N.C. Memorial Hospital where he was examined and released, a rescue squad spokesman said. Glenn was taken to the home of a friend for the night.

Swiger said the fire apparently started in the living room and spread quickly because of the apartment's paneling. The fire also spread through heat vents into the attic, Swiger said. Firefighters put out the fire in approximately 10 minutes, he said.

"The firemen did a darn good job in stopping (the fire) where they stopped it," Swiger said. No firefighters were injured.

The apartment suffered extensive fire, water and smoke damage, but Swiger said no dollar estimate of the damages would be available until today. The walls were blackened, and firefighters carried charred furniture into the yard.

The Chapel Hill Fire Department assisted the Carrboro firefighters.

—BEVERLY SHEPARD

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deals correctly with the crisis, a more egalitarian society will emerge.

"If we are to deal with this crisis, it will require the democratization of all economic decisions," he said. "We need democratic planning to develop alternative systems of energy and to revitalize industries such as the railroad which have failed under capitalism."

Friday: budget is top priority

UNC President William C. Friday said Thursday that the University will put its desegregation dispute with HEW second to its legislative haggling about the University's budget requests when the

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AN OPEN LETTER TO THE NATIONAL ABORTION RIGHTS ACTION LEAGUE OF CHAPEL HILL

Feb. 5, 1980

Mr. A. Hewitt Rose
National Abortion Rights Action League
Chapel Hill

Dear Mr. Rose:

In your two recent letters to the Daily Tar Heel ("Pro-lifers ask wrong questions," Jan. 14; "Wrong Question," Jan. 31) you have criticized people who are pro-life for using physical criteria to determine the humanity of the fetus and for failing to distinguish between physical humanity and legal personhood.

The truth of the matter is that everything judged human is so judged on the basis of some very simple tests: 1. Is it alive? and 2. Does it have human parents? Various physical indicators (e.g., mobility) plus its unique genetic code testify to the fact that the fetus is alive; that it is also this by itself sets it apart from the offspring of all the other animals. Second, no definition of humanity that excludes unborn children can be devised which does not also logically exclude a six-month old infant from the same category. The dependence a young fetus has on its mother differs very little from the dependence a young infant has on those around him.

The distinction that you make between physical humanity and legal personhood is both false and dangerous. It has been made before in the history of this country—in the Dred Scott decision of 1857. In that case the U.S. Supreme Court ruled that, in the eyes of the law, a black man was not a human being but instead merely a piece of property over which its master had complete control. This is the precedent for the position that you have taken and for the 1973 abortion decision of the present Supreme Court.

As you'll know that decision did not end the debate over abortion. I think the students at this university deserve a full public discussion of all the aspects of abortion: moral, social, medical, and legal. To this end Carolina Students for Life is willing to cosponsor with the National Abortion Rights Action League a public debate on abortion this spring.

If your organization is interested in this proposal you can contact me (Phone: 933-7572 Kenan Labs or 942-2765) to set the ground rules for the debate.

Sincerely,
Robert Rooney
Carolina Students for Life
615 E. Rosemary St.

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