

News from around the state

High Point Enterprise:

City changing industry hunting strategy

HIGH POINT (Oct. 26) — Thanks to an enthusiastic endorsement of Mayor Bob Wells' proposal by the High Point Economic Development Authority, the city's approach to economic growth will be changed substantially. A full-time business recruiter will be hired and the city's new economic goal will be to diversify its economic base.

According to Wells, a new Office of Business Development will be established, and together with the Chamber of Commerce and the Economic Development Corp. will try to bring new businesses to the area and revitalize downtown. "We believe that this plan," Wells said, "will fine tune the economic machinery and put fuel in the economic development engine."

Jacksonville Daily News:

Local United Way receives grant

JACKSONVILLE (Oct. 27) — The Onslow County United Way has been awarded a federal grant to help supplement its emergency food and shelter programs, Pauline Joos, director of the local United Way, said Friday.

Of the grant, Joos said, "It's a special grant from the president's new approach to decentralize emergency funds from the public to the private sector." The grant is specifically targeted at nonprofit organizations like the United Way which provide food and shelter during emergencies. Other conditions include a voluntary board and a policy of nondiscrimination.

The Robesonian:

Brothers found guilty of murder, rape

LUMBERTON (Oct. 25) — Half brothers Henry Lee McCollum, 20, and Lean Brown, 16, were each convicted of first-degree murder and rape and were sentenced to death for the 1983 slaying of an 11-year-old girl.

Although the trial took the better part of 12 days, the jury took only 30 minutes to return with the four guilty verdicts, despite impassioned pleas from defense attorneys Bob Jacobson and Earl Strickland. Both Jacobson and Strickland argued that the prosecution had not accepted its burden of proof and that a reasonable doubt existed as to the guilt of the defendants. "There's something missing," Jacobson said. "The state is relying on circumstantial evidence."

But District Attorney Joe Britt, who prosecuted Velma Barfield, rocked the courthouse with an emotional argument for vengeance that convinced the jury. Britt said that the defendants had "agreed, there in that dark forest, to end the life of an 11-year-old girl in such a violent fashion." Apparently the jury agreed. The defendants were sentenced to die on December 27 of this year.

Goldsboro News Argus:

Officials fear confusion over ticket splitting

GOLDSBORO (Oct. 29) — Many of the record number of voters expected to go to the polls Tuesday may be confused when splitting their party ticket. That's the word from Wayne County elections officials

Tom Board and Ray Hancock.

Voters will have to pull a pointer to vote on a state constitutional amendment, pull another pointer for their choice for president, and then vote for state and local elections. In the latter two, it is possible to split your ticket, but the procedure is rather complicated. "Voters may pull a lever to vote a straight-party ticket," Hancock said. "To split a ticket, a voter may pull the straight ticket lever and then push up the pointer of the candidate for whom they do not wish to vote and pull down the pointer of the candidate they do wish to vote for."

Washington Daily News:

Museum of history plans under way

WASHINGTON (Oct. 24) — Plans to develop a history museum here are under way, and Frank Lewis, executive director of the Chamber of Commerce, said that the museum may be established as early as June of next year.

The idea, which began as a goal of the Chamber's Travel Council, was announced at a historical society meeting last Thursday. An initial board of directors has already been created and they have christened the new institution the Riverfront Preservation Museum, while looking toward the old Haven Wharfs building as the institute's ultimate home.

Gordon Watts, a history professor at ECU, said he and other professors will help in the development of the museum, which may contain Civil War artifacts and other items of Washington history.

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Hindus avenge Gandhi

From Associated Press reports

NEW DELHI, India — Vengeance-seeking Hindus set fires and beat up Sikhs across northern India yesterday, venting their fury over the assassination of Indira Gandhi by two of her Sikh guards. At least 50 people reportedly were killed and hundreds injured nationwide.

Authorities ordered a 24-hour curfew in New Delhi and 15 other cities. Police in some places were given shoot-to-kill orders against the mobs and troops were summoned to the capital from neighboring states.

The United News of India said more than 60 people were killed nationwide. Hospital sources in New Delhi told police more than 50 people were killed and 600 injured in the capital alone.

The only government casualty estimate came from Home Secretary M.M.K. Wali, who told reporters nine people had been confirmed killed throughout India.

Despite pleas for calm from Gandhi's son and successor, Rajiv Gandhi, the estimated crowd of 600,000 mourners filing past the flag-draped body of the slain prime minister in New Delhi became so unruly that police threw tear gas to restore order.

News In Brief

recognition, two labor unions and the country's most influential organization of businessmen.

Although Cruz never had a chance of capturing the presidency, he was seen as the Sandinistas' most powerful challenger. Predictions of the number of seats his coalition might have won in the assembly ran as high as 30.

U.S. to help Israeli economy

WASHINGTON — The Reagan administration formally agreed yesterday to give Israel \$1.2 billion in economic aid to support its collapsing economy.

Officials of the Agency for International Development signed an aid agreement with Israeli Embassy officials here.

The money had been previously approved by Congress as part of a \$2.6 billion package in total economic and military aid for Israel in fiscal 1985.

In addition to the \$1.2 billion in economic aid, Israel also will receive \$1.4 billion in military assistance.

Normally, economic aid to Israel would be apportioned during the fiscal year, which started Oct. 1.

But the Reagan administration agreed to provide the economic aid in one lump sum because of Israel's severe economic problems, including an inflation rate approaching 1,000 percent and dwindling foreign exchange reserves.

Officials, who don't want to be identified, say Israel will request an additional \$750 million in economic aid in fiscal 1985. Israel also is expected to ask for a record \$3.6 billion in economic and military aid for fiscal 1986.

Nicaragua to try democracy

MANAGUA, Nicaragua — Nicaraguans vote Sunday in an election sure to give the leftist Sandinista government an overwhelming victory but not the international legitimacy it so badly wanted.

The elections for president, vice president and a 90-member national assembly pit the Sandinistas against weak, little-known opponents.

Missing from the race were any contenders with large popular followings, most notably Arturo Cruz, the leader of a coalition that includes three centrist parties with official

Minor damages reported during Halloween night

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Staff Writer

There were more treats than tricks for most UNC students, in spite of the masked mob that crowded downtown Franklin Street and various bars Halloween night.

One incident that did occur early yesterday involved Gimghoul Castle. At 12:42 a.m., Jay Hardison reported that while he and other fraternity members were inside the castle, someone threw

a rock through the window in front of the trophy room. Hardison and the others caught five suspects on the grounds and tried to detain them until officers could arrive.

Four of the suspects left before Chapel Hill Police officers could arrive. The remaining suspect was identified but no action was taken. The other suspects were not identified.

In other Halloween incidents, Walter M. Rowan of 1623 Granville West was arrested after an officer spotted him

trying to steal letters from the Varsity Theater marquis. He had taken four letters and was getting down from the shoulders of two people who were holding him. The officer only caught Rowan. He was released on an unsecured \$100 bond.

Lauri Lawson of the Varsity Theater said the incident occurred after employees had left for the evening, and that there were no other incidents.

"There were a lot of people congregating under the marquis since it was on, but they were mostly having fun," she said.

Nurses at the Student Health Service said the Halloween celebrations did not result in a large amount of students needing medical help. One nurse said that the evening was no worse than any given Friday or Saturday night, although one person was treated and released after cutting their hand while carving a pumpkin.


Martin to speak today at plaza

Republican gubernatorial candidate Rep. Jim Martin will make a campaign speech at 1:45 p.m. today at the Kroger Plaza shopping center.

Candidates go to Hillsborough

A caravan of Democratic Council of State candidates will make their way today through Hillsborough — their closest stop to Chapel Hill. Those interested are invited to catch the candidates at 11:30 a.m. at Democratic headquarters at 220 Churton St.

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G'boro shootings remembered

The Greensboro Civil Rights Fund is planning "An Evening of Remembrance and Rededication" on the fifth anniversary of the shootings in Greensboro tomorrow at 7:30 p.m. at the Community Church of Chapel Hill, located at 106 Purefoy Road. The evening's program will feature poetry, songs and dance to commemorate the life and work of five anti-Klan activists and labor organizers who were killed on Nov. 3, 1979.

Gender gap voter hotline open

The Gender Gap '84 Voter Hotline is open weekdays from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Call 1-800-422-8683 for information on candidate positions on issues of special concern to women. The voter hotline is sponsored by the N.C. National Organization for Women.

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