

NEWSBREAKERS



INTERNATIONAL



NATION



STATE

UN negotiates access to eastern Bosnians

TUZLA, Bosnia-Herzegovina — The United Nations negotiated with Serb commanders Thursday for access to eastern Bosnian enclaves being pounded in the fourth day of a withering Serb offensive.

Thousands of Muslim civilians fled north through deep mountain snow as Serbs shelled the Cerska region. Scores are said to have been killed in the tank-led assault that began Monday just as the first U.S. aid was parachuting in.

One report said Serbs had killed more than 90 refugees before they could reach Tuzla, about 30 miles to the northwest. The Serbs' grip on the region prevented confirmation of that report, along with another by the Bosnian BH press agency that 1,400 people were missing and feared dead.

Western efforts to halt the bloodshed and aid civilians were having a limited effect.

Child released in Waco cult standoff

WACO, Texas — Authorities locked in a standoff for a fifth day with a doomsday prophet and his armed cult negotiated Thursday for the release of the brother of a boy who left the compound Wednesday carrying a box of puppies.

Negotiations by telephone went on sporadically through the night between agents and those inside the fortified compound overseen by David Koresh.

A boy carrying 12 puppies was released from the compound Wednesday evening, said Francesca Perot, a spokeswoman for the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms. The puppies' mother was killed in a shootout Sunday between federal agents and cult members and the puppies had not been fed since, she said.

Perot said negotiations this morning focused on the release of a 20th child, the brother of the boy who was released Wednesday.

House bill to suspend base investigations

CHARLESTON — South Carolina House members unanimously approved a resolution Thursday asking Congress to suspend the work of a federal panel that will recommend which military bases should be closed.

The House acted in response to reports that all naval facilities in the Charleston area may be closed or consolidated. The resolution, approved 102-0, says Congress should study what the Base Closure Commission is doing.

It also complains that too much repair work on U.S. ships is done overseas. It says the Navy spent \$1.3 billion on repairs overseas between 1987 and 1991.

The resolution has no legal effect. But it will be sent to President Bill Clinton, Vice President Al Gore, Defense Secretary Les Aspin and the South Carolina congressional delegation.

CRIME REPORT

The following incidents were reported to the USC police through March 3.

Sunday, Feb. 28

■ **Larceny of Books.** BA building. The victim left a book bag unattended, from which three books were stolen. The estimated value of the textbooks is \$86.

Monday, March 1

■ **Malicious Injury to Personal Property.** G-2 Lot. The victim said she left her vehicle parked in the lot, but, when she returned, there was a big scratch along its side.

Apparently, someone had keyed the car. The estimated damage is \$100.

■ **Illegal Use of Telephone.** Snowden. The victim said he has been receiving harassing phone calls. The victim was issued a pamphlet about harassing calls.

■ **Larceny of Bookbag.** Bates House Cafeteria. Some unknown people stole an unattended bookbag from the cafeteria. The contents of the bookbag were a book, a wallet, cash, credit cards and a checkbook. The estimated value of damage is \$97.

Tuesday, March 2

■ **Larceny of Wallet.** BA building. The victim left her purse unattended in the building. The victim said her wallet, which contained cash and an ATM card, was stolen. The total estimated value of damage was \$60. The wallet and ATM card were later found in a men's restroom in the building.

■ **Malicious Injury to Personal Property.** Wheat Street. Some unknown people slashed the tires on a car on Wheat Street. The estimated value of damage is \$280.

WOMEN

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University moderated the panel, in which the members discussed issues ranging from their motivation, strategies and fundraising during the 1992 election, which Duke referred to as the "Year of the Woman." The panelists also touched on their views on abortion and gender in their campaigns.

The motivating factor for most of the panelists was the hope of changing the face of government, a face that was dominated by white males, according to Duke.

"It bothers me that there are seats, and we all know what seats they are, that the people sitting there have been there forever," Kempe said.

The panel also discussed campaign strategies in the election. Gamble said she conducted a poll before beginning her campaign to see if voters were receptive to the

idea of an alternative to the long-seated incumbent in her district. She also filed for the race at the last minute to prevent a flood of candidates for the seat.

Thomas and Kempe both said going door to door and meeting the voters helped them win their first House seats.

The women said their friends and families gave them the greatest amount of support during the campaign, although Rucker and Thomas said their opponents tried to accuse them of neglecting their children.

For the candidates, money did not flow as easily as personal support. Kempe said she "lunched with men" to draw up funds, and Gamble invested her personal funds to win the race.

As women candidates, all of them thought their gender was an

issue in and of itself.

"The female or gender issue was never really an overt issue in my campaign, but it was a covert issue," Rucker said.

As an African-American woman, Hunter said she represented two minority groups: women and "women of color."

"It is a very different perspective that I bring to this process that my colleagues who are not of color would bring," she said.

All panel members want to encourage more women to get involved in the political process. Among the suggestions the panel members named for women interested in a political career were to seek professional assistance, start at the local level and support and encourage more women to become active in politics.

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