

'Heelraiser' remembered as loyal fan and friend

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City Editor

Bryce McCulloch remembers John Snipes as a loyal Tar Heel, a great friend and as the man who saved his family.

"At one point, my dad wasn't doing so well," he said. "John just gave him little jobs and paid him more money than they were worth."

"(He) helped him through probably one of the toughest times of his life," McCulloch, a 17-year-old student at East Chapel Hill High School, said.

Snipes died at the age of 52 on June 5. His multiple sclerosis was well known by friends, though he never complained of the disease's effects.

"It was such a surprise," said Margaret Cannell, executive director of the Hillsborough/Orange County Chamber of Commerce.

"Everyone knew his health had been bad, but no one knew his health had been that bad," Cannell said.

Along with his boisterous and generous personality, Snipes was best known for two things — playing the Santa Claus in the Chamber of Commerce's



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John Snipes, who was a familiar face on game days in Chapel Hill, died June 5. Snipes was the driver and owner of the Heelraiser.

Christmas parade in Hillsborough and driving his Tar Heel blue, 1974 Cadillac Fleetwood Hearse, known as the "Heelraiser."

"There was a ton of room in the back ... and there was just a ton of UNC stuff thrown everywhere," McCulloch said. "It was just his way to give back to the UNC community."

As Santa, Snipes would greet

children in the parade line, Cannell said. She said other groups in town would ask him to come by their stores as Santa after the parade.

"He never turned down an opportunity," Cannell said. Snipe's memorial was held Sunday.

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On the wire: national and world news



No court martial for troops involved in Quran-burning

WASHINGTON, D.C. (MCT) — A military investigation into Quran-burning at a U.S. base in Afghanistan in February is recommending low-level disciplinary action against as many seven U.S. troops involved in mishandling the books, two Pentagon officials said.

One Navy sailor and up to six Army soldiers are facing administrative punishment — the lowest possible reprimand — for their role in the incident, but none is facing court-martial, the officials said.

The recommended punishments, which could include a letter of reprimand and loss of pay, must be approved by senior officers, said the officials, who spoke on condition of anonymity because the findings are not final.

Several Qurans and other reading materials were thrown into a burn pit at a U.S.-run prison at Bagram air base after guards discovered that prisoners were transmitting messages to one another in the books.

Afghan workers discovered the smoldering Qurans, setting off one of the most sustained outbreaks of civil unrest in Afghanistan since the start of the war.

Summit yields little results on European economic front

LOS CABOS, Mexico (MCT) — President Barack Obama back-slapped and smiled through another gathering of world leaders this week, but left a meeting of G-20 nations in Mexico on Tuesday in much the same place he was in when he arrived: waiting for Europe to prevent disaster.

Obama, who has encouraged European leaders to place greater emphasis on promoting short-term growth than pushing stringent austerity measures, said in a closing news conference Tuesday, that despite the ongoing challenges, he was confident the leaders were on the right path to resolving the crisis. He welcomed the G-20 declaration that stated European leaders would "take all necessary policy measures to safeguard the integrity and stability of the area."

But some analysts were less optimistic. The declaration repeated what are now-familiar mantras of promoting economic and job growth.

More troubling, they said, was that the G-20 statement didn't set specific timetables for action, instead opting for vague language that reflected the



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U.S. President Barack Obama listens during the first work meeting of the G20 Summit in Los Cabos, Mexico

political realities in Europe and persistent differences between Germany and other nations that have stymied an effective response.

"There is nothing in this that gives me any reassurance about coordinated action in Europe or outside," said Paul Donovan, a global economist at UBS Investment Bank in London.

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Horoscopes

Aries (March 21-April 19)
Today is a 7 - You're lucky in romance for the next two days. Things get easier and lovelier. Creative thinking brings in money. Then get interested in something more fun.

Taurus (April 20-May 20)
Today is an 8 - You get a self-confidence boost that lasts for a few weeks. Your friends help you decide what to do next. An old trick may not work now.

Gemini (May 21-June 21)
Today is a 9 - You have faith in your ability to make money. But don't spend your savings (or what you haven't made yet). Ask an older person for advice. Putter around.

Cancer (June 22-July 22)
Today is a 9 - Plan a vacation for the near future. Someone may question your judgment, for better or worse. Use it as a learning experience. Make something beautiful.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22)
Today is a 7 - Take careful inventory of your wealth and you'll learn something. Emotions are running higher than normal. Use it to your advantage, or find a quiet place.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
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