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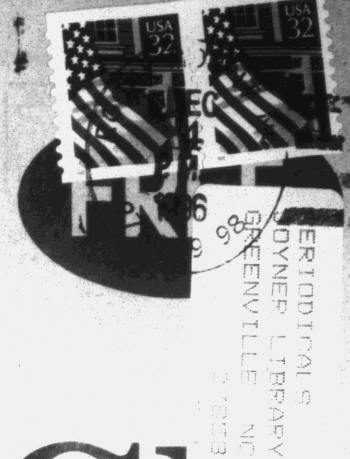
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The struggle for justice continues

The Coalition Against Racism (CAR) announced that while some progress has been realized in the current project of picketing a local Piggly Wiggly store, there remains some demands yet to be met.

CAR further states that a favorable ruling by the Employment Security Commission for Shawan Sutton supports their claim that Ms. Sutton was fired from her job as a cashier unfairly and had, indeed, been discriminated against.

In a recent press conference with the media, CAR informed the public that three of the demands had been agreed upon by one of the three Piggly Wiggly owners. However, it was felt that these concessions were merely symbolic gestures that fall far short of the goals sought between CAR and Piggly Wiggly.

CAR further stated that they

believe Piggly Wiggly ownership is attempting to lure the community into believing that these proposals:

- to provide a 10% refund from total receipts on an annual basis to churches;
- to re-hire Shawan Sutton with a cash payment of \$2,500.00;
- and 50% of senior management by African American by January 1, 1997.

are their idea and to cast a negative shadow on CAR. CAR states that these donations would not have been realized if CAR had not ordered a Selective Buying Plan against Piggly Wiggly.

According to CAR, "Our first obligation is to Ms. Sutton, who was unfairly fired from her job. Until a solution is amicable, we have no recourse but to continue picketing for justice."

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MEMBERS OF THE COALITION AGAINST RACISM (C-A-R) are shown at recent press conference. Shown above: (L-R) Elder John Barnes, Dr. Clarence Gray, Brother Bill Worthington, Bishop Randy Royal, Brother Bennie Rountree and Sister Shawan Sutton.

Staff Photo by Jim Rouse

Soldiers for racial justice must fight on

By Keith Cooper
On November 1, 1996, the Coa-

lition Against Racism launched a selective buying campaign to

stop unfair, discriminatory hiring and firing practices at the Dickinson Avenue Piggly Wiggly. Before the picket line was formed, CAR made numerous attempts to negotiate a resolution to the problem. Yet, Rick Jackson, co-owner, doesn't believe fire burns. Bishop Randy Royal and others asked Rick Jackson to rehire Shawan Sutton who was fired after a refusal to sell cigarettes to a fifteen-year-old white girl. The white girl's mother stormed inside the store and shouted racial obscenities ("black nigger", "black bitch") at the African-American cashiers, one of which was Mrs. Sutton.

Piggly Wiggly traditionally has discriminated against its African-American customers and employees. Prior to the picketing, Piggly Wiggly had roughly a 97% African-American clientele. Yet, our people, especially women, have been disrespected, used, and abused for too long by Piggly Wiggly. Wake up African-American sisters and brothers and smell the coffee. We must stand together and demand respect or we will fall asunder in defeat and shame. Let's become warriors for racial justice by joining the picket line on the battlefield of Piggly Wiggly. Every sister and brother reading this appeal have a moral obligation to participate in the picketing until Jackson is brought to his knees. A racial or discriminatory act left unanswered and unchallenged may be likened to African American men and women being "bull whipped" or smashed with

batons, reminiscent of the gloom and doom days of the 1890's and 1960's.

When Jackson supports price inflation, unfair check-cashing practices, and discrimination against African-American s, the elderly and African-American customers become victimized. Therefore, the picketing must continue until the specific demands of CAR are met in their entirety. Further, a friend of mine reminded me about how cantankerous Piggly Wiggly can be when, in 1965, she picketed a Piggly Wiggly (in Ayden) whose management refused to hire African-Americans. Seemingly, many Piggly Wiggly stores have a predisposition clouded by acts of racial hatred and enmity toward African-Americans.

Lately, white customers have been patronizing Jackson's store like never before. A white customer recently said that although he had not shopped at Piggly Wiggly in fifteen years, he feels obligated to keep Jackson in business. This outrageously ignorant comment evidences the urgency of CAR's struggle to combat those who seek to add more fuel to the raging fire of racism ignited by narrow-minded characters like Rick Jackson.

Last but not least, I ask my brothers and sisters to join us (CAR) on the battlefield as we challenge the aforementioned bigotry and arrogance characteristic of Jackson.

Together, we will carry the blood-stained banner to victory. Indeed, there is light at the end of the tunnel.

Black election victories and defeats

BY ASKIA MUHAMMAD
Amid the sadness of electoral defeat for North Carolina Democratic Party Senate candidate Harvey Gantt and Washington, D.C. Umoja Party candidates Mark Thompson, Rahim Jenkins, Rick Malachi and George Pope, there is one major victory.

In the three most important races as far as Black people are concerned this election there was a major win, the re election of Rep. Cynthia McKinney (D-Ga.). Her decisive victory is the most liberating outcome of this election cycle. First, her majority Black population district was outlawed by the U.S. Supreme Court and redrawn into a majority white one. Then, because of her courageous refusal to vote for a House resolution condemning Min. Louis Farrakhan, for a speech by one of the Nation of Islam leader's former representatives, she was the target of a vicious race-baiting campaign targeting normally liberal Jewish voters.

With McKinney's 58 to 42 percent win over Republican John Mitnick, she has trumped, once and for all, the "race card," and the "anti-Semitic card." Her victory margin was larger even than that of fellow Black Rep. Sanford Bishop (D-Ga.), who won 54 to 46

percent over another white Republican in a similarly redistricted race. With Rep. McKinney's victory as an example, no longer can bigots we the honorable principle of deserved solidarity with Min. Farrakhan as a wedge to intimidate elected officials with the threat that whites will judge them, solely on the basis of how they play the "Farrakhan card." This doesn't mean that weak-kneed Black politicians will now find their back-bones and stand up and follow the Nation of Islam leader's courageous example, but it is a new day for those who will be fair and open-minded...even white politicians can now look at Min. Farrakhan in a new "objective" light.

In addition to the victories of Reps. McKinney and Bishop in now white majority districts, Texas Reps. Sheila Jackson-Lee and Eddie Bernice Johnson were also re elected in districts with Supreme Court ordered new boundaries. Also, in Indiana, Re-elect Julia Carson (D-In.), defeated a white Republican in a majority white district, and will become the newest member of the Congressional Black Caucus in the otherwise disappointing, Republican dominated 106th

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MISS JOYCE TYSON, one of the former employees of Piggly Wiggly, gives her remarks at a recent press conference sponsored by C-A-R.

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Is Racism primarily a GUY thing? Some researchers think so

By ED SCHAFFER
Contributing Writer

Is racism primarily a guy thing? A pair of recent studies at Washington University in St. Louis suggests it might be.

In the studies, small groups of men and small groups of women were assigned to solve a problem. Several groups were used, with varying mixtures of blacks and whites.

The mixed-race male groups appeared to be hampered by conflicts over dominance and control when they tried to work together and solve the problem. But the women seemed to be comfortable regardless of the group's makeup, researchers said.

"This could be very important. Many researchers have assumed that men and women behave pretty much the same when it comes to racial issues," said Larry E. Davis, a professor of social work and psychology and one of the co-authors.

"But our findings suggest that this is a false assumption. Obviously, more research is required, but our study definitely raises the question of whether racism

is foremost a male thing."

The National Science Foundation funded the work by Davis and Michael J. Strube, a professor of psychology in arts and sciences.

To keep costs down, Davis' and Strube's work initially limited their work to how mixed-race groups of men solve problems. Each of 30 four-person groups was placed in a room and asked to work together on a decision-making task. Participants later completed a questionnaire that allowed researchers to assess the experience, including satisfaction with group performance, confidence in group decisions and willingness to work with the group in the future. The results were striking, an expert said, in questioning whether companies, courts, schools or other institutions may be wrong in assuming that the best teams for solving problems are ones with good racial mix.

"It's a great contribution," said Charles Garvin, professor of social work at the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor. "What

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THIS LOVELY LADY IS SISTER Angel Savage who is stands proudly by her son, Ryan, and other youngsters who were cited recently for their participation in the "POPS WARNER FOOTBALL BANQUET". We commend all of our young people who are a part of something "positive" in our community. See "Faces & Places" for others.

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they are looking at is not just of interest to researchers. What they are doing could have a big impact on what is being done in business and the military.

"These problems could have life and death implications in military situations," said Garvin, who also specialized in group studies. "Years ago the military would have funded these kinds of studies. And in business and industry could figure out how to create better work groups they would be very happy. It means

money to them."

"A lot of managers might consider it common sense to include equal numbers of blacks and whites when pulling together special work teams and committees," said Strube, "but our data suggest this approach may be counterproductive. In situations involving all-male work groups, a racial balance could be the worst case scenario."

The study was repeated with women when Davis and Strube had funds left over.

Is Racism a Guy thing?

The results were disappointing at first glance.

"People looked and said, 'Never mind, there's nothing going on here,'" said Davis. "But then we looked again and saw that we had some really telling data."

"Men clearly had some difficulties working in groups with equal numbers of blacks and whites—a situation that did not seem to bother women," said Strube. "We presume that males in racially balanced groups may be more likely to engage each other in a battle for control, a power struggle that creates a negative atmosphere."

"It could be that control and power are not as important in female groups, perhaps because women traditionally are more conditioned to be accommodating in social situations."

The success of this study has encouraged Davis and Strube to seek funding for a larger study, expanding the groups from four to six people. The initial groups had one black and three whites, two of each, and three blacks and one white. Davis is hoping to find funding to study groups of six: two blacks and four whites, three of each, and four blacks and two whites.

from the desk of Mrs. Beatrice Maye



BEATRICE MAYE

5 ways to prevent a cold

- Everyone around you may be sick, but you don't have to follow suit. Try these tips from experts across the country to avoid winter's misery.
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 2. Avoid touching your nose and eyes. These are entry points for cold viruses. And if you want to kiss someone, limit it to a peck on the cheek (or forehead).
 3. Be carefree. Some experts believe that keeping stress under control may boost your immune system. A laboratory study conducted by Carnegie Mellon University in Pittsburgh found that the lower a person's stress level was, the more likely she would be to fight off a cold virus.
 4. Keep mucous membranes moist. The air in heated rooms can dry out the tissues of your nose and throat. This in turn dries up mucus - a protective barrier against cold viruses. So humidify the air and drink lots of fluids - preferably eight glasses daily.

5. Stock up on tissues. Lavish them on people around you who are sick. Each unprotected sneeze sprays virus-laden particles several-feet. From: McCall's/December 1996

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4. Carrots
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95% never told another person about God.

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No garden is complete without Turnips. Turn up for meetings. Turn up with a smile. Turn up with new ideas. Turn up with determination to make everything count for something good and worthwhile.

Book Review

SUCCESS AT WORK, A GUIDE FOR AFRICAN-AMERICANS by Anita Doreen Diggs

Table of Contents

1. Finding a job
2. Translating common words and phrases
3. Bosses
4. Co-workers
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6. Entrepreneurship

The purpose of this book is to help blacks who do not come from middle-class backgrounds learn how to get along in the business world. Move up the ladder and branch out into their own enterprise.

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Getting ahead in a predominantly white corporate environment can be tricky and sometimes infuriating because you need to hold your tongue, tread lightly and dodge the delicate issue of race which will face you every step of the way.

Remember, believe in yourself, work hard, always keep your goal in sight, learn your craft, absorb as much knowledge as possible and keep moving up until you can get out.

A Truth: Most of us take better care of our cars than we do of ourselves.

You can't turn back the clock, but you can rewind it.

"To do two things at once is to do neither". Publius Syrus

"Work spares us from three great evils: boredom, vice (immorality), and need". Voltaire

"Success is never final and failure never fatal. It's courage that counts". George F. Tilton

"It's not enough to be busy...the question is: What are we busy about?" Henry David Thoreau

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From: JET Magazine, October 28, 1996

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WHO'S TO BLAME?

"The soul who sins is the one who will die". Ezekiel 18:20 Suppose an unmarried girl has a baby. Should her parents have to pay child support? Or if a student skips classes, should Dad be forced to pay a fine? Does it make sense to press charges against a single mom if her teenage son rapes a 12-year-old girl? These things have actually happened in recent years, indicating that Mom and Dad had better be careful what you do.

But then the Supreme Court made a ruling last year that 16 year old murderers can be executed for their crimes.

It gets a little confusing, doesn't it? Who is responsible for whom? We can conclude that even though parents exert a strong influence over their children's behavior, each if you read the first 20 verses of Ezekiel 18, you know how God views personal responsibility. Verses 5 through 9 describe a righteous man. Verses 10 through 13 describe his unrighteous son. And verses 14 through 17 describe the righteous man who descended from both. In all three cases, the Lord held each person responsible for his own actions (v. 20).

It all boils down to this: We can't excuse our bad behavior (temper, harmful habits, or lack of love) by blaming our parents. Sure, they'll have to give account to the Judge of the universe for the example, how we choose to live, is our responsibility.

The lesson: "What we become depends on what we choose". From: Campus Journal, October 1996

To Think About:
"Prayer is a family matter"

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"When life gets stormy, cling to the Rock".

BALANCING

Do you balance your business and personal lives well? Does your spouse complain you spend all your time at work? Do you miss family events - dinners, kids games, anniversaries? Have your children begun to misbehave? Are their grades slipping?

Do you suffer from chronic headaches or fatigue? Are you gaining (or losing) too much weight? Do you work incessantly and still miss dead lines?

"Yes" answers to these questions may be a warning that your business is out of balance.

In most occupations, some people have difficulty separating business and personal lives. A steady diet of long hours is poor mental nutrition. Often workaholics are as guilty as neglecting themselves as they are their families.

Working through lunch hour is unhealthy, too. Just as you grow in your professional life so should you grow in your personal life. Be accessible to spouses and children. Setting unreasonable goals may cause you to end up with ulcers or in the hospital or a loss of family. So balance your business and personal lives.

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What is behind the refugee crisis in Zaire?

By Dr. Lenora Fulani

Over the past two years, a series of horrific events with the gravest consequences for the future of Central Africa have taken place in Rwanda and eastern Zaire.

These events — the extermination of half a million people (mostly ethnic Tutsi) in Rwanda the flight of over one million (mostly ethnic Hutu) into neighboring Zaire, the massacres and pillaging of Zairians of Tutsi origin at the hands of Hutu militias and their allies in the Zairian army, and the recent rebellion by those Zairian Tutsis — are presented to us by the media as simple cases of African tribal blood-

letting. But in fact, these tragic events have their origin not only in long-term tribal rivalries, but in African political struggles as well, exacerbated in many cases by foreign intervention.

The most recent eruption of mass violence broke out in April 1994, after Central African leaders had brokered a fragile peace accord between the Hutu-dominated government of Rwanda and the Rwandan Patriotic Front. The RPF is a rebel group made up of ethnic Tutsis who had been driven by the Hutu government into exile in neighboring Uganda a generation ago.

Fearing that this accord would bring about a multi-partisan gov-

ernment, in which power would be shared between Hutu and Tutsi, the Hutu extremist movement (which controlled the government infrastructure and the Rwandan army, and an extensive network of local lynch-mobs called the Interahamwe) began systematically exterminating their fellow Rwandans. They directed their genocidal campaign not only against the Tutsis, but also against Hutus who would not join them in the slaughter.

In the space of three months, at least 500,000 (and perhaps as many as 750,000) people were murdered. The killing of the Tutsi and their Hutu allies only abated when the Rwandan Patriotic Front launched a major offensive, driving the armies and militias of the Hutu extremist regime into the west of Rwanda, near the Zaire border.

By this time the French, who had been supplying military assistance to the extremist Hutu regime up to the eve of the massacre, sought and obtained approval from the United Nations Security Council to send a military force to Rwanda on a "humanitarian mission."

The French intervention came too late to stop the murder of the Tutsi, but provided a shield behind which the Hutu military retreated from the advancing RPF and escaped into Zaire. As they retreated, the Hutu militias terrorized tens of thousands of Hutu civilians into fleeing with them.

The arrival of the Hutu refugees and their military escort in Zaire provided Zaire's discredited dictator, Mobutu Sese Seko, with a new lease on political life. To meet the needs of 1.5 million refugees dying of cholera, starvation, and exposure the international community had to deal with Mobutu, who they had begun to diplomatically ice out because of his refusal to cede power to a democratic transitional government.

Mobutu "allowed" foreign troops to come into Zaire to support the logistics of bringing clean water, shelter, food and medical supplies to refugees. His corrupt army and officials demanded bribes from relief organizations to land their cargo planes, looted supplies and equipment from them, and shook down terrified refugees for everything they owned before letting them across the border.

Mobutu had always been closely allied with the Hutu extremist regime, and thus his government did not disclaim the remnants of the Hutu militias, or separate the murderous militia members from innocent civilians. On the contrary, Hutu militias controlled the camps and prevented civilians from repatriating, and used the camps as staging points to attack the new RPF governments in Rwanda. For two years these camps festered, absorbing \$1 million a day in foreign assistance, and benefiting no one except Mobutu, the criminal clique that rules that part of Zaire. and the

Rwandan war criminals ensconced there.

Last month, the impasse was broken by the entry of a new political player: the Alliance of Democratic Forces for the Liberation of Congo-Zaire, whose main force is the Banyamulenge — Zairians of Tutsi heritage who have borne the brunt of Mobutu-inspired ethnic violence. The nominal leader of this group is Laurent Kabila, who has fought Mobutu for 30 years.

In three weeks Kabila forces broke up the camps, driving both the Hutu militias and the Zairian troops away from the border zone, and seizing the area's three main cities. (Unfortunately, many Hutu refugees fled with the troops, who in some cases used these innocents as human shields.) This action has created a new humanitarian emergency, but it has also radically changed the political situation on the ground.

Kabila has called on all Zairians to resist Mobutu provocation to ethnic strife, and to instead join

his movement to overthrow the violence and corruption of the Mobutu regime. He has declared a unilateral ceasefire, to facilitate the entry of relief organizations, and has said his army has no objections to an international force being deployed to free the refugees from their criminal captors.

Meanwhile, President Clinton has approved the deployment of thousands of U.S. troops as part of a multi-lateral force. But the fear remains that the West's efforts to "save innocent lives" will once again prolong the murderous Mobutu regime.

Lenora B. Fulani twice ran for President of the U.S. as an independent, making history in 1988 when she became the first woman and African American to get on the ballot in all fifty states. Dr. Fulani is currently a leading activist in the Reform Party, and chairs the Committee for a Unified Independent Party. She can be reached at 800-288-3201 or through her home page at www.fulani.org.

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Victories and defeats

Congress.

Like former Georgia State Sen. Julian Bond during the Vietnam era, Rep. McKinney was a courageous opponent of rampant American militarism. Just as Bond was condemned by the Georgia legislature for his opposition to the Vietnam War, McKinney was also condemned by her colleagues when she served in the State House, for her opposition to "Operation Desert Storm," the lopsided U.S. war against Iraq in 1991. Her courage did not just begin with her progressive outlook toward Min Farrakhan. The only sad comment on her campaign is that her own father and political mentor, State Rep. Billy McKinney (D), was thrown overboard and banned from the McKinney congressional campaign after apologizing for calling Mitnick, who is Jewish, "a racist Jew." It wasn't his characterization of the Republic as a racist that got Mr. McKinney in hot water with white voters; it was his use of the "J-word." Of course, racial, religious and ethnic stereotypes of individuals and groups are unfair and should not be used at

any time, by anyone. In this case, now, maybe the errant use of the "J word" will no longer be punishable by a political death sentence.

In California, voters made two otherwise incompatible choices, voting ballot initiative measures. First, like the 1966 repeal of a California fair housing law, Californians proved they never made a bigoted ballot initiative they didn't like, by voting to enact the California "Civil Wrongs" measure, abolishing state-supported affirmative action. Then, by almost the same margin of support, Californians approved a radically-liberal initiative to legalize marijuana use for medical treatment of certain patients. I heard a conservative news observer remark privately that Californians were voting to "get high and screw Black people." Go figure.

All in all, this election provided one big, big national congressional victory, a couple of other smaller congressional wins for Blacks, a sad defeat, and a sad, sad national defeat of the Umoja Party candidate in the nation's capital.

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ECU continues bowl hunt against Memphis

East Carolina (6-3) remains in contention for a third consecutive bowl appearance with a hard earned 55-45 home victory over the Ohio Bobcats (6-5) from the Mid-American conference. Ohio's triple option attack ran over and through ECU's usually strong defensive front seven for 455 total yards. But East Carolina's spread offense, led by junior quarterback Dan Gonzalez (6-3, 210) in his second start, was too much for the Bobcats. Gonzalez nearly set a school record for passing yardage

with 383 yards on 23 of 44 passing. Sophomore fullback Scott Harley (5-10, 210) got in on the act by rushing for 205 yards and a school record six touchdowns. The Pirates produced 561 yards of offense and 55 points, the most ever by a Steve Logan coached team at ECU.

While the Pirates were battling Ohio, the Memphis Tigers (4-6) were enjoying a bye week after shocking then #6 Tennessee a week earlier in a 21-17 victory. Senior quarterback Qadry Anderson (6-2, 197) threw a 3-yard touchdown pass with 34 seconds left to pull out the greatest win in the history of Memphis football.

ECU had to challenge Memphis without the services of senior quarterback Marcus Crandell. Crandell is recovering from a strained knee injured Nov. 2 against Arkansas State after a touchdown pass. Crandell is East Carolina's all-time leader in yardage (7,198) and touchdown passes (50). Logan refuses to play Crandell until the knee is completely healed in order to protect his value in the NFL draft.

With two starts under his belt, Gonzalez has shown great prom-

ise. Gonzalez has passed for 741 yards, three touchdowns and two interceptions. The Neptune, NJ native has completed 51.5% of his passes.

Harley though, a high school team-mate of Gonzalez, has emerged as an elite player. In nine games this season Harley has averaged 138.8 yards per game, seventh best in the country. For the season Harley has 1249 rushing yards plus 20 catches.

The receiving corps is deep and talented. Senior Mitchell Galloway (5-10, 174) has used his great speed to become the Pirates' all-time receptions leader with 120. Junior Jason Nichols (5-11, 178) isn't far behind with 103 career receptions. The big play man however this season has been junior Larry Shannon (6-6, 205). Shannon leads East Carolina with six touchdown catches.

Memphis traditionally has struggled against ECU. The Pirates lead the series 4-2 after winning the 1995 meeting 31-17 in Greenville. A year earlier East Carolina won 30-6 in Greenville. Memphis' wins were in 1992 (42-7 at Memphis) and in 1993 (34-7 at Greenville).

East Carolina's last regular season game is on Nov. 30 (3:30 p.m.) against NC State from Ericsson Stadium in Charlotte. ESPN2 will televise the contest nationally. Over 60,000 tickets have been sold toward the capacity of 70,000. Remaining tickets are available through Ticket Master.



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Clayton announces emergency relief transportation grant

(Washington, D.C.) Congresswoman Eva M. Clayton (D-N.C.) announces the award of a \$935,000 Emergency Relief Funds grant to the North Carolina Department of Transportation to be used for federal-aid highways in more than a dozen counties damaged during Hurricane Bertha.

Beaufort, Brunswick, Carteret, Craven, Duplin, Greene, Hyde,

Jones, Lenoir, New Hanover, Onslow, Pamlico, Pender and Pitt Counties will be eligible for funds to be used for work to repair eligible damage on Federal-aid highways in those counties that received damage resulting from the hurricane.

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New opportunity of first-time drug offenders

Raleigh - First-time offenders need go no further than a Day Incarceration Center to get the help they need to become drug-free, educated and employed.

Under one roof, probation officers, mental health counselors, vocational and educational teachers and job placement providers offer the kind of accountability offenders need to stay out of trouble. "We are modifying behavior, not just monitoring it," said Intensive Probation Officer Van Freeman. "Each component is vital to success, because most of the people in my caseload could have been in prison."

The State Legislature passed the Criminal Justice Partnership Act in 1993 to provide judges community punishment options. Through grants administered by the Department of Correction, 81 counties are developing programs such as the one in Wake County.

"I know all the offenders are here getting their G.E.D., learn-

ing a trade and getting counseling. Having the probationers in one location all day, we can be more vigilant in our drug testing," Freeman said. "We get some of the worst cases, and knowing more about an individual's behavior means we can act faster to put someone in jail or prison if necessary." Freeman said the shared information of the groups working at the center helps him make decisions. "A counselor may see an offender who is disruptive in class as having potential to change and I will back off on the arrest. On the other hand, someone may be doing well on his tests, but ready to explode, and the counselor will alert me."

The director of the Wake County Day Incarceration Center, Tom McLoughlin, has created an index of behavior which charts the programs the offenders are in and measures their progress.

"Substance abuse is the big-

gest obstacle these offenders face," McLoughlin said. "We fill the void of drinking or drugs with socially acceptable behavior and skills that will reduce the recidivism rate. We have strict standards of behavior. We expect them to stumble, but just once, then they learn not to fight the system."

McLoughlin said they praise the offenders for the good things they do and explain why they are doing well. Many he said, have never been given that kind of

National AIDS Hotline prepares for World AIDS Day, Dec. 1

The National AIDS Hotline is scheduling additional telephone counselors for World AIDS Day, Dec. 1, to prepare for the expected surge in calls that day.

In 1995, nearly 24,000 people called the hotline on Dec. 1, more than five times the number of callers on an average day.

"Last year, we noted an unusual number of people calling for information on how to volunteer with their local AIDS service organizations," said hotline director Ami Israel. "We are happy to provide that information, along with information about HIV/AIDS and referrals to local testing sites and other resources."

Free and confidential, the National AIDS Hotline is operated by the American Social Health Association under contract with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

The hotline's English service, (800) 342-2437, operates 24 hours a day, seven days a week. The Spanish language service, (800) 344-7432, operates from 8 a.m. to 2 a.m. (Eastern) seven days a week. The hotline also serves deaf callers through its TTY service, (800) 243-7889, from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. (Eastern) Monday through Friday.

praise. Instructors from Wake Technical College offer G.E.D. training and teach vocational skills such as electrical wiring and air conditioning repair. Offenders pay the same \$35 fee any Wake Technical College student would pay to attend classes.

McLoughlin said employers are knocking on their door asking when these fellows are going to be finished so they can hire them at \$8 an hour. An offender who goes through 11 weeks of vocational training has as much skill as someone who has worked in a regular job for nine months or a year, he said.

The only job Robert Washing-

ton had before learning refrigeration was working at fast food restaurants. At first he said he wasn't interested in learning about refrigeration but now he looks forward to getting a job in that field and supporting his newborn son.

Hyper-active Ken Derobio, who was computer illiterate, learned about thermostats and solving mechanical problems through a computer program and classroom training. The only work this 17 year-old had before was breaking into houses. He now would like to own his own heating and air-conditioning business one day.

Classes at the Wake Day Incarceration Center start at 7:30 a.m. and run until 3 p.m. The center tries to find jobs for the 28 offenders, male and female, from 4:00 on, to keep them busy and off the streets.

Correction Secretary Franklin Freeman praised Wake County's Criminal Justice Partnership program saying, "Offenders who are given this intensive supervision combined with education and treatment are more likely never to see the inside of a prison cell. When they walk out the door sober, educated and employed, they walk out truly free men and women."

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When a young black soldier home on leave was found hanged in a Cairo, Illinois, police station in 1967, the black and white populations of this southern Illinois river city clashed violently. The fury, once ignited, raged on for seven years. An uncommon blend of photodocumentation, eyewitness narration, archival material, and analysis chronicle the struggle against a stronghold of segregation in Southern Illinois during this last great civil rights protest of the sixties.

In *Let My People Go: Cairo, Illinois, 1967-1973* (128 pages, \$49.95 cloth, \$ 19.95 paper, November 15), Jan Peterson Roddy has combined 110 photographs by Preston Ewing Jr. with a wealth of collateral materials to provide a remarkable look behind the scenes of a powerful grass-roots movement that evolved during these tumultuous years of racial strife. Excerpts from oral histories frame Ewing's images and fill in details of the story. Newspaper accounts and public documents also bear witness to the events that began on that hot, humid night in July, 1967, and ended seven years later. Malva Nelson's foreword reflects on our current relationship to these events, and Cherise Smith traces the roots and considers the consequences of the visual image as documentation and interpretation of civil rights history.

"Out here at the baseball field, they had 'colored' on one entrance.

That never was supposed to have happened in Illinois," said one resident who moved to Cairo in 1923 when she was five. The clash in Cairo serves as a microcosm of the national civil rights struggle in the late 1960s. *Let My People Go* puts the faces and voices of ordinary people to the movement—the story is told by a diverse black community that mobilized a multifaceted movement against all odds, survived great injustice in its search for justice, and now

wants its story told.

"In addition to their historical significance, these images testify to the commitment, courage, and perseverance of the participants, while bearing witness to the tenacity of the photographers."—Cherise Smith, *Chicago Institute of Art*

Preston Ewing Jr. is an education consultant with the National Center for the Educational Rights of Children.

Jan Peterson Roddy is an as-

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MS. ANNIE TYSON (L) is shown here with her sister, Ms. Arvis Tyson-Ashitey. Nothing like the love and support shared by sisters.
Staff photo by Jim Rouse

Arvis Tyson-Ashitey visits Greenville

Arvis Tyson - Ashitey is a poet/inspirational speaker. She had her debut as an inspirational speaker at the world famous Apollo Theater in New York City in February of this year during the annual HBA African American History Month celebration. Arvis Tyson - Ashitey is an award winning poet. She is known for her poem "That Mountain" in which she received a golden Poet's Award. She graduated from C. M. Eppes High School in 1963 and moved to Brooklyn, NY. She still enjoys returning home and getting a taste of that Southern fresh air.

Arvis Tyson - Ashitey, the daughter of the late Lamb and Sadie Tyson, visited Greenville, NC, over the weekend of November 23, 1996 to attend the trial sermon of her sister Annie Tyson-Suggs at Philippi Church of Christ.

Distillers change advertising code to advance equal treatment

Washington, D.C., November 7, 1996 — In a move to end discrimination against distilled spirits products, The Distilled Spirits Council of the United States (DISCUS) updated its Code of Good Practice for Distilled Spirits Advertising and Marketing today to include television and radio advertising.

"For decades, beer and wine have been advertised on television and radio while the distilled spirits industry has upheld its own voluntary ban," said DISCUS President and CEO Fred A. Meister. "The absence of spirits from television and radio has contributed to the mistaken perception that spirits are somehow "harder" or worse than beer or wine and thus deserving of harsher social, political and legal treatment. Recently introduced federal legislation and regulatory initiatives have inappropriately sought to use the DISCUS Code as the basis for discrimination against distilled spirits advertising. For these reasons we have now amended our Code of Good Practice."

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