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AT&T Exec Meets With NAACP To Repair Damage Of Cartoon

By David Heinzmann
BALTIMORE (AP) — AT&T plans further discussion on hiring following a meeting Monday with NAACP officials regarding a cartoon in an employee newsletter.

AT&T spokesman Herb Linnen said the company did not know that Chavis had called a news conference for the meeting. Allen left NAACP headquarters shortly before noon and the news conference was canceled. Rojas apologized to the media for

canceling the news conference. However, Chavis then appeared and made a brief statement. AT&T management sent an electronic mail message to AT&T employees about 1 p.m., announcing the termination of the magazine AT&T Focus, in which the cartoon appeared. Linnen said the company had been considering dumping the magazine for months, but the cartoon incident was the final blow. The electronic message said the cartoon was a "result of a serious breakdown in editorial procedures...There is no excuse for it."



CONTESTANTS, PARENTS, LT. STEVE CHALMERS, DPD, ERNEST MANGUM, DHA, AND MS. RAISSE PHILLIPS, VISTA, at the DHA Oratorical Contest. (Photo by Trent)

Two Durhamites Honored National Medal of Arts to Ray Charles, Cab Calloway

By Nita Lelyveld
WASHINGTON (AP) — Bandleader Cab Calloway, singer Ray Charles and film director Billy Wilder are among 13 Americans President Clinton will honor for their contributions to the arts, the White House announced Monday.

Other recipients of the 1993 National Medal of Arts include arts patrons Walter and Leonore Annenberg, poet Stanley Kunitz, folklorist Bess Lomax Hawes, writer William Styron, playwright Arthur Miller, baritone Robert Merrill, artist Robert Rauschenberg, dancer-choreographer Paul Taylor and theatrical director Lloyd Richards.

The medal winners were guests of honor at the White House Oct. 7, along with five recipients of the Charles Frankel Prize for their contribution to the humanities. Those prize winners are anthropologist Richard E. Alegria of San Juan, Puerto Rico; historian John Hope Franklin of Durham; former University of Chicago President Hanna Holborn Gray; philanthropist Andrew Heiskell of New York, and author and historian Laurel T. Ulrich of Durham.

then reviewed by its National Council of the Arts. Recommendations are sent to the president, who makes the final choices.

Each winner receives a sterling silver medal designed by sculptor Robert Graham of Los Angeles. The humanities prize, now in its fifth year, honors citizens who enrich the nation through their scholarship, writing and academic or philanthropic leadership. They were chosen by the chairman of the National Endowment for the Humanities, Sheldon Hackney, from recommendations made by the National Council on the Humanities.

Winners receive a trophy and a \$5,000 stipend.

The awards ceremony is part of a series of events in October organized to mark National Arts and Humanities Month.

In declaring the theme for the month, Clinton said, "Let us reflect on the breadth of artistic and humanistic endeavors that blossom freely across our nation, and let us rejoice in the eloquence and meaning they give to our ideas, hopes and dreams as American citizens." Thursday's events at the White House included an afternoon awards ceremony and dinner for the prize winners.



ORATORICAL CONTEST JUDGES (left to right) are: Sgt. Sonny Harris, Ms. Nancy Love, Michael Page and Ms. Teresa Clark. (Photo by Trent)

DHA Oratorical Contest Held

By Ray Trent
On September 29, the Durham Housing Authority held its annual oratorical contest for teen residents.

The five young ladies who participated — in the words of Executive Director James Tabron — were attractive, intelligent and informed.

The first speaker was Una Bronson from McDougald Terrace who is a diabetic. Una told of her life coping with juvenile diabetes and how a proper lifestyle will allow one to live a normal life with self-administered insulin and blood testing. Una used a chart to show the proper daily regimen a diabetic must maintain to stay healthy and normal.

Second, Nicosia Marshall of Oxford Manor took the subject of battered women and talked about how it usually starts early in the marriage or relationship. Violence can be sexual, verbal or physical, she said.

Nicosia explained the three stages of the cycle of violence and that 30% of women admitted to hospitals are admitted because of abuse.

Third, Monica Riggins of McDougald Terrace took a subject that devastates a lot of teens — dropping out of school. Monica said that the most popular excuses are that school is boring, friends are dropping out, school won't help me in life. Dropouts are usually destined for failure, she said. Monica encouraged the many parents present to become involved in a child's education and give support from the beginning.

Juynne Simmons of Fayetteville Street spoke on a subject most don't want to talk about — forcible rape and how it can happen to anyone and anywhere. No one is exempt from it and the rate is rising fast. Juynne gave ten warning signs that can alert you. She

explained the places to go for help and to overcome if you have been violated.

Last was Heather Johnson of the Bluefield Community who spoke on the controversial subject of AIDS that rose from its first case to 270,000 in ten years and affects all races, religions and social strata. Heather encourages international enforcement for this epidemic that is growing so rapidly. She told of the ways to contract AIDS through sex, drugs and untested blood transfusions. Heather ended by saying that AIDS is the concern of all of us and will bring an end to the social lifestyle known as the sexual revolution.

All five young ladies were aided by Ken Wesson who placed their charts for them.

The hardest part in the contest was by the judging by Sgt. Sonny Harris of the Durham Police Department, Nancy Love, Project HOPE; Michael Page, Durham Coalition on Chemical Dependency; and Theresa Clark, 4-H Extension Agent. The judges pondered, sighed and took a long time because the scores were so very close.

The outcome was 4th runner-up, Una Bronson; 3rd runner-up, Juynne Simmons; 2nd runner-up, Monica Riggins; 1st runner-up, Nicosia Marshall; and first place, Heather Johnson.

All of the speakers were winners and represented their communities well and, with a family member, will be taken out to dinner by the DHA. Each will also receive a special gift from The Carolina Times.

Those meriting special thanks were the VISTA Volunteers, Durham Police Department and Ms. Mary Reid, who prepared delicious refreshments.

Powell: Role Model On Fashion Front, But No Politics

By Susanne M. Schafer
WASHINGTON (AP) — Gen. Colin Powell was in very good luck as he prepared to retire as chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

Appearing before the National Press Club, Powell related how he was asked by the chairman of the Business Liberation Organization, to be asked by a reporter why he'd wear the White House in a military uniform during the signing of the Mideast peace accord.

And he remarked, "Why not? I'm a general. I wear a uniform. I'm a soldier. I'm a warrior. I'm a leader. I'm a role model." Powell said, standing in his dark olive green uniform, his medals glinting in the bright lights just two days before his retirement last Thursday. "I even in my declining days I try to myself a fashion role model," Powell quipped to laughter and applause.

The general also had a quip ready about the demise of communism in his office at a United States base, in the Presidio in San Francisco. "Is this a great world or not?" Powell asked, joining the audience in a robust laugh.

But on the one question most people want to know — will he run for public office? — Powell was as clipped as ever.

Prosecutor: State Seeks Death Penalty In Jordan Case

By Paul Nowell
LUMBERTON (AP) — The state plans to seek the death penalty against two Robeson County teenagers charged with killing the father of NBA superstar Michael Jordan in July, a prosecutor said Tuesday.

District Attorney Richard Townsend made the disclosure in response to a motion by Hugh Rogers, the attorney for defendant Larry Martin Demery, during a hearing in Robeson County Superior Court.

"I need to know if my client is on trial for his life," Rogers said in arguing for the motion. Townsend responded: "At this time the state plans to seek the death penalty against both defendants." The prosecutor said there were "aggravating factors" that warrant making it a capital case.

Demery, 18, of Rowland, and Daniel Andre Green, 18, of Lumberton, showed no emotion when Townsend spoke. Neither did members of their families who attended the two-hour hearing before Superior Court Judge Jack Hooks.

Meanwhile, defense attorneys urged Hooks to bar law enforcement officers from talking about the case to the media.

"This is not a restraint on the press but a restraint on law enforcement officials from making extra-judicial statements," said public defender Angus Thompson, who represents Green.

Another defense motion, which did not come up at Tuesday's hearing, would bar the media from some evidentiary hearings.

Hooks said he hoped to rule on the defense request for a gag order on law enforcement officials by Wednesday.

Demery and Green each are charged with first-degree murder, armed robbery and conspiracy to commit armed robbery.

They are charged with killing James Jordan in his car on July 23 along U.S. 74 near the intersection of Interstate 95.

The elder Jordan, whose son plays for the Chicago Bulls, was slain as he napped in his car on the roadside, authorities said.

His body was found in a South Carolina creek Aug. 3 by a fisherman and was identified using dental records on Aug. 13.

Green and Demery arrived at the courthouse at 9 a.m. in a van, accompanied by sheriff's deputies. Unlike their first court appearance, there was not a large crowd of onlookers.

Inside the courtroom, two deputies kept watch as the defendants sat next to their attorneys.

Neither defendant has entered a formal plea, but both have maintained their innocence.

In seeking the gag order, Rogers said Demery and Green were taking a "pounding and bashing" from law enforcement officials in their comments to the media.

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Supreme Court cleared the way Monday for an avowed white supremacist's third trial in the 1963 murder in Mississippi of civil rights leader Medgar Evers.

The court, without comment, turned away Byron De La Beckwith's arguments that forcing him to stand trial again violates his constitutional rights.

Evers, field secretary for the Mississippi chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, was fatally shot outside his home in Jackson on June 12, 1963. Beckwith was arrested 11 days later and charged

with murder. But two all-white juries failed to reach verdicts in a pair of 1964 trials, and in 1969 prosecutors said they did not plan a new trial.

However, Beckwith's case was reopened in 1990 amid allegations of jury and evidence tampering in the two 1964 trials that had ended in hung juries.

In the appeal acted on Monday, Beckwith, 72, argued that retrying him would violate his constitutional protection against double jeopardy.

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