

### **NEWS DIGEST**

National, state and local news briefs compiled by John Slade

## Jackson gets prisoners freed in Cuba

WASHINGTON -- After wide-ranging discussions with the Rev. Jesse Jackson, Cuba's Fidel Castro agreed last week to free 22 Americans held in Cuban jails and 26 Cuban political prisoners.

Most of the Americans had been jailed on drug trafficking charges.

Jackson, who returned to the United States with the freed Americans late last Thursday night, had wanted to meet with the president and the secretary of state to discuss his findings. But a White House spokesman said the Reagan administration saw no urgency to meet with Jackson.

A State Department official who asked not to be identified said arrangements were being made to admit the freed Cubans into the United States.

The Cuba trip marks the second time Jackson has successfully negotiated the release of imprisoned Americans from a country with which the United States has poor relations. In December, he won the release of Navy flier Lt. Robert Goodman, whose plane was shot down over Syria and who was taken captive by the Syrian government.

Jackson also made a stop in Nicaragua last week and met with leaders of that country's leftist Sandinista government, including head of state Sergio Ramirez, who said Jackson is welcome to return anytime he feels there is a need.

Mark M. Ely Jr., from North Carolina, was among the 22 Americans released from Cuba last

## Wilson loses suit against NAACP

NEW YORK -- A New York State Supreme Court judge recently dismissed a lawsuit by Margaret Bush Wilson, former chairman of the NAACP National Board of Directors. The suit contended that she was elected a director of the association last January and sought an order to install her on the NAACP's national board.

Wilson said that one of eight candidates elected to fill at-large seats on the board, James Kemp of Chicago, died during the six weeks that NAACP branches across the nation were voting. Since the association's constitution provides that only members in good standing are eligible to serve on the board, she said, Kemp's candidacy was voided and she should have been awarded his position.

Kemp was eighth and Wilson ninth in the at-large elections to fill eight positions on the board.

In his decision, Judge Burton Sherman noted, "Courts have been reluctant to interfere with elections in private associations.

"... (Mere) irregularities," he said, "will not justify setting aside or dictating the result of association elections."

Sherman further stated that alleged misconduct must be material and must affect the voting rights of the organization's members, and to have ruled in favor of Wilson "would, in effect, not take into consideration the intent of the voters."

A member of the board since 1963, Wilson was elected chairman in 1975.

In March 1983, Wilson was stripped of her powers when she suspended, then reinstated, Executive Director Benjamin Hooks without consulting the board.

While the suit was active, the board held off filling the vacancy, but is now free to do so, barring further challenges.

### A&T alumni unhappy with chancellor

GREENSBORO -- Some alumni of North Carolina A&T State University say the school's chancellor does not understand the school's mission and should step down.

The A&T National Alumni Association plans to send a delegation to Chancellor Edward Fort on Friday to discuss the school's leadership, said John Move of Charles and the same of the same o

Maye said that his group will not take an official position on whether Fort should remain at A&T but is interested in airing its concerns to the chancellor. But Chris Onyemem, the school's 1983-84 stu-

dent body president, believes differently. "I think he's (Fort's) going to lose it soon," said Oneymem. "If someone doesn't do something

soon, he will bring this university down in ashes." Maye said the mission of A&T is to nurture culturally deprived students who need to develop

their potential, and that Fort may not understand that mission.

Other grievances include Fort's resistance to trustee and student involvement and his handling of faculty employment issues, say critics.

The employment concern surrounds Professor Wesley Clark, whose application for tenure has

Fort has ordered further review of Clark's case by faculty committees, each of which has heard the case at least twice. Until Fort makes a decision, Clark's case cannot be heard by the board of

Fort said his only reaction to the complaints "is to say that the administration of a large university whose mission is critically essential, as is A&T's, requires the type of devotion that I absolutely believe I am rendering and will continue to render."

#### **Open Line**

# Insect stings can be deadly

O: I read in last week's Open Line about the number of poisonous snakes in North Carolina. But isn't it true that insect stings cause more deaths each year than snake bites?

A: According to the North Carolina Medical Society, what you say is fact.

Insect stings are particularly dangerous to people who are allergic to them. Those who are allergic to bee stings, wasp stings and the stings of other in-

sects may suffer from a condition called anaphylactic shock, which is considered the most serious of the several types of shock. One sting can trigger shock if the victim has been stung previously. Symptoms include severe itching, stomach cramps, nausea, vomiting, anxiety, labored breathing, dizziness, collapse, unconsciousness and hives.

In the case of a severe reaction from a bee sting, it is vital to make the sure the airway is open and to restore breathing, if necessary. Then immediately

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# **Board of Aldermen**

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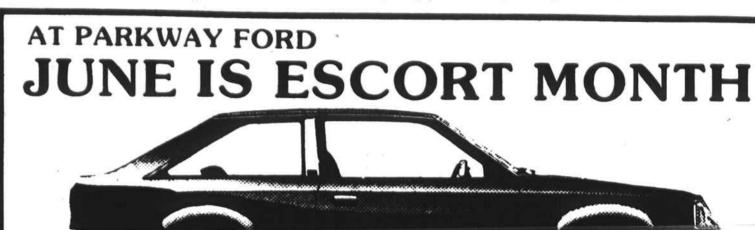
ounanimously approved a petition request by Medicorp Inc. to construct a multi-purpose medical park on the south side of Hawthorne Road across from Bethesda Road.

·unamiously approved a special-use district petition to Steven and Betty Leverton and Paragon Group Inc. to construct Northcliffe, a multi-family, private-drive dwelling, which will be located on the south side of North Point Boulevard.

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resolution to allow Brown Investment Properties Inc. to construct a residential development on 25.9 acres of land on the northwest side of Silas Creek Parkway bet-

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