

NEWS DIGEST

Group promoted by Farrakhan wants school

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LAWNSIDE, N.J. (AP) -- An entrepreneurial group promoted by Nation of Islam leader Louis Farrakhan hopes to use the nation's oldest black community as the national headquarters for a marketing concern to sell personal-care products to minorities.

Alphonso Wellington, head of the group POWER Inc., said the Lawnside school board had told him it could not accept his offer for private negotiations on the sale of an empty elementary

school at public auction and that POWER could begin renovating the school in March.

Other sites for POWER's headquarters are under consideration, but Wellington said he is "confident that Lawnside is going to be the home of POWER."

"It's a real nice marketing theme to have the oldest black town in the country headquartering the home of POWER," he said.

Lawnside, known as Free Haven before the Civil War, was founded in 1840 as a settlement for runaway slaves. It evolved into a middle-class

Wellington said he hoped the board would accept Philadelphia.

Admitted King killer still trying to gain freedom

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) -- James Earl Ray, the man who admitted killing Martin Luther King Jr., continued his efforts to gain freedom from prison as the nation celebrated the first national holiday honoring the slain civil rights leader.

plea in 1969.

At that time, Ray admitted killing King on April 4, 1968, at the Lorraine Motel in Memphis. But Ray claims he was coerced into the guilty plea by the late Percy Foreman, his original defense attorney.

The 57-year-old Ray is serving a 99-year sentence in solitary confinement at the Tennessee State Prison, where much of his time is spent trying to be released.

The state will argue that an appeals court already has ruled on a similar petition filed in 1980, when Ray made the same claim of ineffective legal counsel.

This week in Jackson, a three-judge appellate panel formally received Ray's latest appeal. He is seeking review of a lower court ruling that denied him a new trial, despite his contention that he had ineffective legal assistance before entering his guilty

plea in 1969. Although Ray does not face the death penalty, he is housed on death row with other capital criminals. Prison officials say he is in solitary confinement for his own protection after a stabbing incident and to avoid possible future escape attempts.

New York City woman to head UM campus

ST. LOUIS (AP) -- A New York City woman became the first black to head a University of Missouri school Tuesday when named chancellor of the St. Louis campus by C. Peter Magrath, university president.

on my deep and abiding commitment to the ideals of broad access and academic quality inherent in the urban and land grant mission of UMSL," Barnett said at the news conference.

Dr. Marguerite Ross Barnett, 43, will succeed Dr. Arnold Grobman, who retired in December, on June 1. For the past three years she has been vice chancellor for academic affairs at City University of New York.

"As exciting and productive as the university's past has been, the future holds even more significant challenges."

The University of Missouri at St. Louis, founded in 1963, has an enrollment of 11,400, making it the second-largest campus within the university's four-school system.

Barnett holds a bachelor of arts degree from Antioch College in Ohio and a doctorate from the University of Chicago. Her teaching and administrative experience prior to serving at CUNY was at Howard and Princeton universities. The new chancellor has a 16-year-old daughter, Amy, and is married to a New York realtor.

"My decision to accept this position rests in part

EAST WINSTON

1. Model Pharmacy
2. Pic'N'Pay (Claremont)
3. Laundry Center (Claremont)
4. Brown's Beauty
5. Etna Gas
6. Great American Foods
7. Smith Cleaners
8. Reynolds Health Center
9. Sunrise Towers

OGBURN STATION

34. Laundry Center (Old Rural Hall Rd.)
35. Paragon Food Center

NORTHWEST

36. Etna Gas
37. N.W. Blvd. Pantry
38. Hazel's Beauty
39. Real Food Bakery
40. Ray's Fish
41. Joe's Shop Rite (Patterson)
42. Great American Foods
43. A Cleaner World
44. Brown's Produce
45. Ervin's Beauty
46. Bojangles

NORTHEAST

10. Merita Breadbox
11. Record Boutique
12. Minit Market (13th & Liberty)
13. Salem Seafood
14. Fairview Cleaners
15. Silver Front Cleaners

SOUTHSIDE

66. Paw's Grocery
67. Amoco (Fourth & Broad)
68. Hop-In (First St.)
69. Food Fair (First St.)
70. Baptist Hospital
71. Amoco (Cloverdale)
72. Kroger
73. Hop-In (Stratford Rd.)
74. Papers & Paperbacks (Hanes Mall)
75. Crown Drugs (Hanes Mall)
76. Forsyth Hospital
77. Rainbow News
78. Crown Drugs (Peters Creek)

DOWNTOWN

88. Chronicle Office
89. Lincoln Barber
90. Post Office
91. Benton Convention Center
92. Cecelia's (Hyatt House)
93. Rite-Aid
94. Revco
95. NCNB Building
96. Wachovia (Main St.)
97. RJR Plaza
98. Brown's Restaurant
99. Forsyth Seafood
100. Sanitary Barber Shop

79. Marketplace

80. Gulf Gas (S. Broad St.)
81. Garden Harvest
82. Post Office (Woughtown Station)
83. Hop-In (Stadium Dr.)
84. Revco Drugs
85. Belview House
86. Gold Fish Bowl
87. Joe's Shop Rite (S. Main)

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(photo by Art Blue)

New job training program launched

By L.A.A. WILLIAMS
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Government and the local business sector have joined to launch a pilot program that seeks to provide training and employment in air conditioning and heating, a city official said last week.

The Air Conditioning and Heating Technicians Skills Training Program, scheduled to begin here Feb. 3, is the newest initiative of the Winston-Salem/Forsyth County Job Training Partnership Act program (JTPA), program planner Martha Jo Campbell said Thursday.

The JTPA is the Reagan administration's federally funded jobs program designed to provide employment training, services and opportunity to the unemployed and underemployed. JTPA replaced CETA, the Comprehensive Employment and Training Act, in 1982.

Mrs. Campbell, who is manpower training and development supervisor for the city's Department of Human Resources, said, "This program represents a well-coordinated activity involving federal, state and local government, Forsyth Technical College and private employers to provide greater employment opportunities for the citizens of this community."

The program responds to a state Department of Labor survey that revealed a shortage of skilled workers in the air conditioning and heating industries. The department will help provide the training as part of its Pre-Apprenticeship Program.

Joe A. Jenkins, director of the Pre-Apprenticeship Division in the Labor Department in Raleigh, said, "We expect the program to be the first step toward long-term employment. We want to get people into the program and develop them to where they have marketable skills. Once they can get in the job market, they should be able to stay, and build themselves a quality life."

Jenkins said individuals completing the program should move right into the department's apprenticeship program, which involves an additional two and a half years of training.

The Winston-Salem Forsyth County Private Industry Council is acting as a policy and advisory body for the program, Mrs. Campbell said. In addition, a group of private employers has organized an advisory committee to help develop the program's curriculum.

"Through this program, we'll be trying to increase the pool of qualified trained workers in order to meet skill demands of employers within the local labor

market area," Mrs. Campbell said. The city's Human Resources Department will administer the program locally.

There are 15 places available in the program, which has been accepting applications since the first of the year. The goal is to prepare the participants for entry-level positions in air conditioning and heating installation, service and repair.

Applicants must be high school graduates or the equivalent. Applicants must also meet JTPA income-eligibility requirements. One of the program's goals is to attract more minorities and women, Mrs. Campbell said.

The program will involve two sessions covering a 21-week period. The first phase consists of 15 weeks of on-the-job training and classroom instruction. During this period program participants will work eight hours a day for four days with local employers and spend eight hours a day in classroom studies on Fridays and Saturdays at Forsyth Technical College.

During the last six weeks of the program the participants will work 40-hour weeks with local employers.

"One of the most positive parts of the plan is that the participating employers are expected to retain the trainees who successfully complete the program," Mrs. Campbell said.

Mrs. Campbell said interested persons can apply at the city's Human Services Department in the Foundry Building at 222 S. Liberty St. or call 727-8004 for more information.

Movie makes new debut

By The Associated Press

GREENVILLE -- Thanks to the scholarly sleuthing of an East Carolina University lecturer, a movie released in 1948 by a Greenville production company has earned a place in state history.

"Pitch a Boogie Woogie" was the first movie made by a production company based in North Carolina and had an all-black cast -- one made up largely of local performers.

"It's a valuable part of black heritage," said Alex Albright, a lecturer in English at ECU. "It was done for their community. According to black film scholars, they have never heard of any movie being made with stars from the local community. It's a real piece of history."

Albright has invited members of the cast and musicians who helped make the film to witness the "re-premiere" of the movie Feb. 8 on the ECU campus. It will mark the first public showing of the film in 38 years, when it played at six theaters in North Carolina and South Carolina and

then vanished.

Four prints of the film had moldered in the Roxy Theater in Greenville until Albright, a 34-year-old teacher of English composition and American literature, sent a copy to the American Film Institute in Washington last year to have the deteriorating nitrate print transferred to safety film.

When the film came back, Albright cued the projector and watched a grainy, black-and-white musical variety film that lasted 26 minutes.

"My first thought was that I couldn't believe I'd done all this work for 26 minutes," Albright said. "In the back of my mind, I wanted to find an Academy Award-winner that had been lost."

What Albright found was a forgotten page of Greenville's past.

The movie was made in the summer of 1947 and was produced by John Warner, a native of Washington, and directed by his brother, Walter, who moved to New York in the 1920s and