

# Hillians from across country gather for reunion

The Hillian Reunion was held Sunday, Aug. 31, at the Martin Luther King Recreation Center. More than 150 family members attended the event.

The unusual name of the family can be traced to the best-seller "Roots" by Alex Haley, according to family members. The family also traces its roots to Indians who settled in this country long ago.

The Rev. James Hillian, the head of the family branch in Winston-Salem, reports that he has found a Hillian listed in the telephone directory of every city he has visited, and when he contacted these Hillians, Hillian says, they were able to establish a relationship.

At the reunion, silver trays were presented to Hillian and his wife for their leadership and faithfulness. Curtis and Viola Werts received trays for heading this year's reunion.

Relatives from High Point



Members of the Hillian family take time out from their reunion activities to gather for a family photo. Approximately 150 relatives attended the event (photo by Santana).

were recognized for bringing the most family members to the reunion, and 5-month-old Aerreal Hillian of High Point received a stuffed bear for being the

youngest member present.

Nezzie Bittle of South Carolina received a special award for being the senior member of the family for more than 86 years.

Relatives traveled to the reunion from New York, Virginia, Maryland, Washington, D.C., South Carolina, Georgia and Oklahoma.

## Military Notes

### U.S. Coast Guard Academy announces national competition

The United States Coast Guard Academy has announced that it is now accepting and processing applications for appointment as cadet, U.S. Coast Guard, Class of 1991.

Applications are being accepted for both men and women. Appointments as Coast Guard cadets are tendered solely on the basis of an annual nationwide competition with no congressional appointments or geographical quotas.

Applications for appointment must be submitted to the Director of Admissions, U.S. Coast Guard Academy, before Dec. 15, 1986.

Candidates must arrange to participate in either the College Board Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) or American College Testing Assessment (ACT) prior to or including the Dec. 13, 1986, administration for the ACT, and the Dec. 6, 1986, administration for the SAT.

The competition for appointment as a cadet is based on the candidate's high school rank, performance on either the SAT or ACT, and leadership potential as demonstrated by participation in high school extracurricular activities, community affairs and/or part-time employment. Most successful candidates rank in the top quarter of their high school class and demonstrate proficiency in both the mathematical and applied science fields.

To qualify for the competition, an applicant must be unmarried at the time of appointment, have no legal obligations resulting from a prior marriage and must have reached the age of 17 but not 22 by July 1, 1987.



Michael Roane

All applicants must be assured of high school graduation by June 30, 1987. Regulations stipulate that all applicants must have completed three units in English and three in mathematics, to include algebra and plane or coordinate geometry or their equivalents, and must fulfill basic physical requirements.

Coast Guard cadets obtain an excellent undergraduate education at no personal expense. In addition, they receive pay and allowances fully adequate to fulfill their ordinary living expenses.

The constantly updated Academy curriculum leads to a bachelor of science degree with a strong academic emphasis on engineering and science.

The selected major studies, when combined with varied elective courses, establish a solid foundation for a challenging career. Graduates of the Academy are awarded a bachelor

of science degree and are commissioned as ensigns in the United States Coast Guard.

Selected officers may pursue further postgraduate education and specialized training at many leading civilian and military graduate or professional schools, in such fields as aviation, business administration, electronics, engineering, law and oceanography.

The Coast Guard performs humanitarian missions vital to the safety and saving of lives at sea. Under the Department of Transportation, the Coast Guard establishes and coordinates search-and-rescue operations by ship and plane, maintains advanced electronic and other aids to navigation scattered around the globe, operates the icebreakers which clear the way for all polar expeditions and enforces marine law and all aspects of merchant marine safety. In addition, the Coast Guard has responsibility for boating safety and marine environmental protection.

For more information write: Director of Admissions, U.S. Coast Guard Academy, New London, Conn. 06320, or call (203) 444-8501.

Marine Corps Sergeant Michael Roane of Winston-Salem is assigned to "Top Gun," the U.S. Navy Fighter Weapons School at Miramar Naval Air Station, north of San Diego.

"I'm an avionics electrician," said Roane. "I maintain electrical systems in the A-4 and F-5 aircraft."

The 25-year-old Roane is the son of Linda Roane of Winston-Salem.

He assisted on the set of the motion picture "Top Gun" by supporting aircraft portrayed as Soviet fighters.

"I thought the movie was great," said Roane. "But I would have liked to see more credit for the maintenance crews who kept the aircraft flying."

A 1979 graduate of Parkland High School, Roane joined the Marine Corps in August 1979.

## Times have changed at South Boston High

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BOSTON — As South Boston High School students returned to classes last week, there was hardly a trace of the racial differences that once caused so much violence that metal detectors and uniformed police filled the halls.

Twelve years after the much-publicized court-ordered busing that triggered the violence, and in the first year that a judge has not been overseeing the system, several students vaguely recalled hearing stories of the early days of desegregation.

Now, said Patti O'Neil, 16, the mood is quite different.

"We just stick together. It's like one big family here," said O'Neil, who stopped examining her junior class schedule to hug a black girlfriend.

The school's principal, Jerome Winegar, is one of the lingering reminders of the city's bitter

desegregation case, from which U.S. District Judge W. Arthur Garrity Jr. withdrew only last year. Winegar was hired as headmaster after the judge placed South Boston High in receivership in December 1975 because of the racial violence.

"It was war for days," Winegar recalled of his first year at South Boston. "It took us 45 minutes to an hour to get school started because you had to keep the students on the buses while others went through the metal detector."

The school of 1,020 students now is 37 percent black, 34 percent white, 17 percent Hispanic, 11 percent Asian and 2 percent American Indian. Boston Mayor Raymond Flynn's son, Raymond Jr., transferred from a private school to South Boston last year, Winegar said.

"Times have changed," he said.

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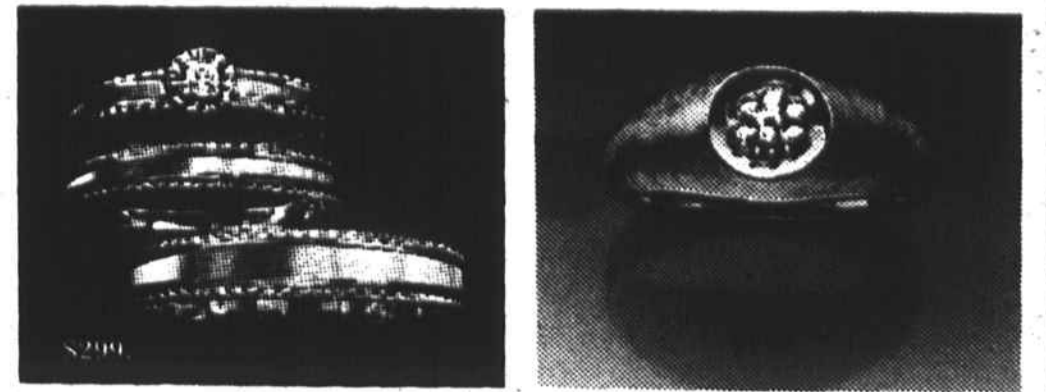
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