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All black district?

COLUMBIA, S.C. (AP) — Under pressure from black South Carolinians, the General Assembly next year is expected to create the state's first majority-black congressional district. Reapportionment also may benefit Republicans.

"I have a firm feeling that we have to draw that district," said state Sen. Glenn McConnell, R-Charleston, about the proposed redrawing. McConnell is a member of the Senate Judiciary panel that will begin drafting a reapportionment plan in April.

Mistaken identity

COLUMBIA, S.C. (AP) — South Carolina newspapers can libel a white person by mistakenly printing that he is black, according to legal precedent in state court.

"To call a white man a negro, affects the social status of the white man so referred to," the state Supreme Court wrote in a 1904 case.

"It would not only be galling to his pride, but would tend to interfere seriously with the social relation of the white man with his fellow white men," the court said.

Petition drive started

PHOENIX (AP) — A petition drive has begun to persuade the Arizona Legislature to place the issue of a paid state holiday honoring the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. before the voters.

The new group handling the statewide drive is called "Victory Together — One Clear Choice." The movement is headed by the Rev. Warren Stewart, of Phoenix.

He said the coalition is well on the way to obtaining thousands of signatures.

Black judge takes oath

TALLULAH, La. (AP) — Felicia Toney Williams, the first black state judge in Northeast Louisiana, took the oath of office this week.

The ceremony was held in the Tallulah Madison Community Center. John A. Dixon Jr., retired chief justice of the Louisiana Supreme Court, administered the oath.

Also sworn in were Williams' fellow Sixth Judicial District Judge Charles R. Brackin and District Attorney James D. "Buddy" Caldwell.

Jackson blasts Bush

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — President Bush should face impeachment if he leads the nation to war in the Middle East without congressional consent, the Rev. Jesse Jackson said Monday.

"There is a way out, and so we must make a further appeal. If Mr. Bush unilaterally disregards the role of Congress in this deliberative process, he must face the challenge of impeachment," Jackson said. "There's not a war wherein there is a state of emergency, and we must move unilaterally and quickly because bombs are heading our way."

Poet arrested

NEWARK, N.J. (AP) — Black poet Amiri Baraka has had many run-ins with the law since his arrest on weapons charges during the 1967 Newark riots.

Though he was acquitted, Baraka has repeatedly run afoul of the authorities during two decades of community activism.

Now, the 56-year-old rebel, formerly known as LeRoi Jones, is scheduled to have yet another day in court.

Baraka and eight others were arrested in Montclair early Sunday at a party that turned into a mini-riot.

'91 Recession could signal opportunity

By PATRICIA SMITH-DEERING
Community News Editor

This New Year finds economic analysts finally conceding that the recession everyone feared is, in fact, a reality although many feel it is of short duration. But for the local African-American community, that news, while gloomy is not necessarily reason for pessimism

according to some business leaders.

It is estimated that one million jobs will be affected

Economic Forecast

nationwide. Nationally, the economic downturn is affecting banks and savings and loan institutions with a total of 169 commercial and savings banks failing in

1990, as well as 211 savings and loans turning up insolvent, according to Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation and the Resolution Trust Corporation figures. Although not as high as previous years, it still does not bode well for the halls of finance.

The U. S. Commerce Department's Index of Leading Indicators, the government's primary economic fore-
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Photo by Lester Davis

Lewis Tyrone Tate was in need of medical assistance New Year's Day. A deceased person call came into the police dispatch office. But when police responded to the call in the parking lot of a local restaurant, they found Tate and another man semi-conscious in a car. Both men were taken to Baptist Hospital, but Tate was kept and is listed in satisfactory condition. Police are continuing their investigation of what happened to the men.

Black students unhappy on white campuses

Chronicle Wire Service

GREENSBORO, N.C. (AP) — If J.J. McEachern had it to do over again, he says he wouldn't attend a predominantly-white university.

He'd probably pick Howard University, a historically-black institution, instead of the University of North Carolina at Greensboro.

"There are a lot of changes that need to be made at UNCG that have taken such a long time. It's really frustrating," said McEachern, president of the school's Neo-Black Society. "A lot of black students are dissatisfied."

Among minority students in the South that dissatisfaction is widespread. A report issued last week says black students on predominantly-white campuses, and white students on predominantly-black campuses, are more likely to feel underserved and underappreciated.

In fact, about half the students in both groups said they would not select the same college again.

This is one of the key findings in the report, "Racial Issues on Campus: How Students View Them."

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Grand Jury to continue term

Federal probe could be reason for extension

By RUDY ANDERSON
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In an unusual move, the chief U.S. District Court Judge for the middle district of North Carolina has signed an order to hold the present federal grand jury beyond its usual year-long term of service.

Judge Richard C. Erwin confirmed that he signed an order in early December that had come from the U.S.

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"The hard work has paid off for me."

-Capt. Richard W. Holden-

Highway Patrol gets first black commander

Chronicle Staff Report

For the first time in the 61-year history of the N.C. Highway Patrol, an African-American has been made a captain and commander of troop that covers an 11-county area in the southeastern section of the state.

Richard W. Holden, who had been a lieutenant based in Raleigh, received the promotion Thursday, Dec. 20. His promotion means his

new base of operation will be out of the Fayetteville area. Fayetteville is where Holden began his career with the patrol. He will command Troop B.

Holden, well aware that he is the patrol's first African-American troop commander, is unnerved by the new high visibility the position has brought him. "The hard work has paid off for me," Holden said. "I hope this will serve as an exam-

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Local sailor's safety in the Gulf is mother's worry

By RUDY ANDERSON
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For Marjorie E. Evans, the last three months have been extremely tough on her. But the new year may prove to be even tougher. She, like so many mothers of servicemen and women now poised for battle in the Persian Gulf, maintains an uneasy vigil as the January 15 deadline for Iraq to withdraw its forces from Kuwait approaches.

Ms. Evans has three children. Two are in the military. Her daughter, Angela Eaton, an Air Force military policeman, is soon to be sent to duty in Panama, Ms. Evans said. But her son, Navy Petty offi-

cer 2nd Class Thomas M. McLendon, is on board the amphibious assault ship U.S.S. Two Jima in the Persian Gulf as part of Operation Desert Shield.

"Each time the phone rings, my heart

"I really don't understand all of it. Why does it have to be like this?"

-Marjorie Evans-

skips a beat," Ms. Evans said during a recent interview. She said her son, a 1981 graduate of North Forsyth High School, has been in the Navy for 12 years, is married and has three children. They live in

Norfolk, Va., where he is stationed. She said she isn't the only one in her family sweating the dangerous situation her son is in.

"His wife keeps the television tuned to CNN, like I do. The children keep her busy, but at night when everything slows down, she starts to think about him and cries. But she's holding up," Ms. Evans said.

She explained that she and her daughter-in-law have already gone through two heart-stopping experiences since her son was sent to the Persian Gulf in October. The first was Oct. 31, she said, when an explosion in a boiler room of the Two



Thomas McLendon

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