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Salisbury's Big Band sound

The Big Band Music Club will party Dec. 20 at Ruffy-Holmes Senior center. See Rowan Events, page 8B.

For S.C. families, home will finally be sweet

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BLUFFTON, S.C. — A housing program to help people find adequate homes in Beaufort County will start moving families in next month.

The Hilton Head chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People developed the Housing Initiative Program about seven months ago to aid those like Debbie Moore.

While the outside of her house here looks normal, the inside resembles an inner city slum.

She has positioned buckets throughout the house to catch water from a leaky roof. She plugs the bigger holes with pillows. And it's cold.

The house has no electricity and Moore, who lives there with her husband James Scott, said the portable heaters she plugs into

the wall only short out the fuse box, which lies dangerously open in her bathroom.

"It's a good thing we love one another and cuddle together or else we'd be cold," she said in The Island Packet of Hilton Head. "When it's raining outside, it's pouring in here."

The program, also sponsored by Hallmark Designer Homes, NationsBank and Advantage

Mortgage, offers grants and loans to people who can't afford the down payment on a home.

NAACP President John Ingram said Moore works for the Island's Chamber of Commerce and has a daughter in college. He said the problem is that housing is so expensive, the alternative is substandard living.

"It's a shame that people who have a decent job have to live like

this," Ingram said. "This is ridiculous. We're talking about working people who do the right thing."

Ingram said the first beneficiary of the program is a family of three that is set to move into a modular home in mid-January.

Moore's case, he said, will be placed on the fast-track.

In return for 350 hours of community service, the program lets people own a modular home or

land.

Representatives from all four of the major resorts on Hilton Head — the Hyatt, Westin, Marriott and Crowne Plaza — attended an NAACP meeting last Thursday to solve the housing shortages.

Scott Schreiber, general manager at the Marriott, told Ingram that he would have 15 applicants for the Home Initiative Program by the end of January.

Report: Take down rebel standard

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COLUMBIA, S.C. — Though Gov. David Beasley declared removing the Confederate flag from atop the Statehouse a politically dead issue earlier this year, his Commission on Racial Relations included the recommendation in its report released last Friday.

After two years of work, the 22-member commission that Beasley heavily promoted when he created it issued the report with little fanfare. Among its recommendations is that the flag be lowered.

State Sen. Glenn McConnell, R-Charleston, was the only commission member who would not sign the 55-page document. There was no explanation why McConnell, who owns a Confederate memorabilia gallery in Charleston, dissented and he could not immediately be reached for comment.

A message left for the commission's chairman, Tony Grant, was not immediately returned.

Just a few commission members said they had concerns about specific items that included the flag and creating criminal sentencing guidelines.

"I think the report was not everything I would have liked it to be, but it was the best we could do and achieve a consensus on one of the most passionate issues existent in the world," said College of Charleston President Alex Sanders.

"There was nothing I disagreed with," he said. "I probably would have emphasized the nature of the problem more. The problem is a deep and an almost intractable one. I think the problem pervades virtually every aspect of our lives."

Among the recommendations:

- Legislative approval of Beasley's Performance and Accountability Standards for Schools report issued earlier this year, which calls for students to be tested at each grade level.

- Establishing "unity task forces" in schools.

- An analysis of state government employment and a recruitment and promotion plan targeting minorities.

- Establishing community task forces in each county to promote racial reconciliation.

- Instituting sentencing guidelines to reduce disparity in punishment meted out to defendants.

- Requiring law enforcement officers to take race relations training.

Shaw's champions



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World heavyweight boxing champion Evander Holyfield (center) announced he was giving Shaw University \$100,000 during the Raleigh School's annual alumni awards banquet last month. Holyfield received an honorary doctorate of humane letters degree from Shaw President Talbert O. Shaw (left) and Board of Trustees Chairman Willie Gary. After making the announcement, Holyfield spoke to the audience of 300 for 20 minutes.

Durham hosts a national dance conference in Jan.

By Herbert L. White
THE CHARLOTTE POST

Durham will host one of the largest gatherings of African American dancers next month.

The African Dance Ensemble is hosting the 11th annual International Black Dance Conference Jan. 22-25 at the Omni Durham Hotel and Durham Civic Center.

The four-day conference will

bring more than 400 dancers, administrators, educators and students to the city for workshops, classes, professional and young professional dance showcases.

Several youth dance companies will perform Jan. 23 at the Young Professional Showcase. Companies such as San Diego Performing Arts School in California, New Orleans Center for Creative Arts and Second

Generation Company are scheduled to perform. Admission is free, but seating is limited.

The Professional Dance Showcase will highlight seven troupes, including Seventh Principal of South Orange, N.J.; Lula Washington Dance Theatre of Inglewood, Calif.; Kariamu Dance Theatre of Philadelphia; Ballethnic Dance Company of Atlanta; UCI Etude Ensemble of Irvine, Calif.; Cleo Parker-

Robinson Dance of Denver, Colo.; and Muntu Dance Theatre of Chicago.

Admission is \$17 and students with ID is \$10. For ticket information, call the Carolina Theatre at (919) 560-3030.

The first IBDC was held in Philadelphia, with subsequent conferences held in Dayton, Ohio; Denver; Los Angeles; Washington and Dallas.

Rep. Clayton backs farmers' claims against USDA

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

U.S. Rep. Eva Clayton, D-N.C., will meet with President Clinton later this month to discuss efforts to deal with discrimination complaints from black farmers, the congresswoman's office says.

Clayton, who represents the 1st Congressional District, is scheduled to meet with Clinton on Dec.

Will meet with President Clinton Dec. 17

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Hundreds of farmers have never even been told the status of their complaints, some dating to the early 1980s, according to a new audit by the U.S. Department of Agriculture. Earlier this year,

Clayton introduced legislation aimed at improving minority access to credit.

"I hope that we will be able to bring attention to the terrible injustices that have been wielded against these true American

workers," Clayton said in a release. "Without our farmers, there are no food products, we must support all of our farmers."



Clayton

Rowan Events

Dec. 12

6 p.m. — Basketball Game, Salisbury High School, 500 Lincolnton Rd., Salisbury. Salisbury vs. Davie County.

7 p.m. — Bible Study, Jerusalem Baptist Church, N. Long St., Spencer.

7:30 p.m. — Bible Study, Tower of Power United Holy Church, 601 E. Cemetery St., Salisbury.

Dec. 13

9-10 a.m. — Intercessory Prayer Line, Jerusalem Baptist Church, N. Long St., Spencer. Call in prayer requests. From 9-10 a.m. each Saturday morning: 637-3447.

12 p.m. — First Basketball Shoot-off, North Rowan High School, 300 N. Whitehead Ave., Spencer. Cost: \$15/person per event. First place: \$150 Cash per event. Games, music, food. General admission: \$30. For information call pager: 647-7062.

2 p.m. — Kwanzaa Workshop, Paul Laurence Dunbar Center, 820 S. Long St., E. Spencer. Facilitator: Ahmad Daniels.

3 p.m. — Basketball Game, Catawba College, 2300 W. Innes St., Salisbury. Catawba vs. Newport News.

5 p.m. — Kwanzaa Program, Moore's Chapel AME Zion Church, 500 Partee St., Salisbury.

5:30 p.m. — Women's Basketball Game, Livingstone College, New Trent Gymnasium, 701 W. Monroe St., Salisbury. Livingstone vs. Catawba.

7 p.m. — YMCA Youth Talent Competition, Livingstone College, Varick Auditorium, 701 W. Monroe St., Salisbury. A Salisbury Community YMCA Drill Team Fund Raiser.

Dec. 14

3 p.m. — A Royal Celebration, Livingstone College, 701 W. Monroe St., Salisbury. A play on tour. Written by Sibyl Lee. Also celebrating Kwanzaa. For information call: 442-1893.

3 p.m. — Church Anniversary, Rose of Shari-

on Holiness Church, 255 Camp Rd., Salisbury. Pastor: Rev. Lewis Walker. Guest speaker: Rev. Edgar Shephard with congregation of Henderson Grove Baptist Church, Salisbury.

3 p.m. — Robinson County Pastor's Aide Union, New Zion Baptist Church, Foil Orchard Rd., Salisbury. Pastor: Rev. Paul Jones. Guest speaker: Rev. Nilous Avery and members of Mt. Zion Baptist Church in charge of the service.

4 p.m. — Hanging of the Green Ceremony, White Rock AME Zion Church, Granite Quarry.

5 p.m. — Trip to Tanglewood. Meet at Mt. Tabor Presbyterian Church, 935 Mt. Tabor Church Rd., Cleveland. Bus trip to see

Christmas lights. Donations accepted for adults and children. Sponsored by the Christian Education Committee.

6:30 p.m. — Evening services, Church of God of Prophecy, 730 N. Long St., E. Spencer.

Dec. 15

3 p.m. — Tutorials, Paul Laurence Dunbar Center, 820 S. Long St., E. Spencer. Monday thru Thursday.

4:30 p.m. — Tutorial Program, Third Creek AME Zion Church, 415 E. Main St., Cleveland. Each Monday and Wednesday from 4:30-5:30 p.m.

5:30 p.m. — Basketball Game, Livingstone College, New Trent Gymnasium, 701 W. Monroe Street, Salisbury. Livingstone vs. Virginia State.

6 p.m. — Narcotics Anonymous meeting, Paul Laurence Dunbar Center, 820 S. Long St., E. Spencer.

6 p.m. — Basketball Game, Salisbury High School, 500 Lincolnton Rd., Salisbury. Salisbury vs. Concord.

Dec. 16

3 p.m. — After-School Reading Program, Soldiers Memorial AME Zion Church, 308 N.

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