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Light Crime

CrimeStoppers' Computer Gets Message Out

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CrimeStoppers provided a new way to fight crime. It's the computerized telephone dial-a-crime "Voice-to-Dial Computer" that has been used to help solve crimes.

The computer, bought by the CrimeStoppers board last year for \$5,000, has been used in other business capacities such as for insurance companies, Chalmers emphasized.

"It's been only in the last couple of years that it has been used in this capacity," he added. "When we purchased it, there were only four or five in the country."

The computer system will save money and man-hours, agreed police Sgt. Tom Montague, Lt. T.T. Blalock of the sheriff's department, CrimeStoppers board member Ewing Harris and Chalmers.

For example, Chalmers cited recently a rash of break-ins which occurred in Bragtown. Along with running the crimes in CrimeStoppers, 250 flyers were handed out by police door-to-door with information about the break-ins.

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SERTOMA CLUB CELEBRATES AMERICAN HERITAGE WEEK — The James E. Shepard Sertoma Club recently celebrated Freedom Week at W.G. Pearson School Freedom Week is an annual celebration of Sertoma International to promote American heritage. During this celebration, a speech was given by Herbert E. Tatum, Jr., explaining what freedom is and what it means to maintain freedom as young citizens. A flag was presented to each fifth grade student symbolizing the significance of this celebration. Pictured (front row, l-r) are: Toland Gooch, Dawn Bowden, Antoine Williams; (second row): Syrena Williams, Tatum, and Deltra Johnson.

Jacob Lists Steps To Achieve Full Employment

On the 40th anniversary of the passage of the Full Employment Act of 1946, John E. Jacob, president of the National Urban League, declared in Washington, D.C. recently, that the promises contained in that act "have come to nothing" and "the promises of the Humphrey-Hawkins Full Employment Act of 1978 have been betrayed."

Speaking at a symposium on full employment sponsored by the National Committee on Full Employment, Jacob pointed out that there are one-third more people in poverty today than there were in 1979, the income gap between the top fifth of the population and the bottom fifth has grown to the point where this country has the most unequal distribution of income in the industrial world, and black unemployment is some 15% while black youth unemployment is over 40%.

"Some people think we have full employment because over a hundred million Americans are at work. But a fifth of them are part-timers, and over two million work full-time for less than poverty level wages... You can't define full employment by white males alone... Full employment is what it says it is — a decent job at a decent wage for all Americans who want to work," he declared.

Surveying the overall employment picture Jacob said that over the past six years America has lost 1.6 million factory jobs, it incurred a trade deficit in manufactured goods of \$112 billion in 1985, and while three out of five white workers found new jobs, only two out of five displaced black workers did likewise.

"We have to get our economic house in order" to achieve the goal of full employment, Jacob said, as he listed five steps that should be taken.

- 1) "Rational trade policies that create jobs here at home and don't export them to East Asia and other parts of the globe. That doesn't mean protectionism. But it does mean helping our industries compete, it means forcing our trading partners to create jobs here in America if they expect to sell us their goods..."
- 2) "An industrial policy that preserves our manufacturing base... It means public policies that reward firms for job creation, that create an environment in which they can compete, and that helps them export goods made in the U.S.A. ..."
- 3) "Investment in human resources. They are our most precious assets and the place to begin is by ensuring quality education for all American children..."
- 4) "Affirmative action to ensure that blacks, women and minorities share in the benefits of education, training and job creation... Without a strong commitment to affirmative action, even a full employment policy that creates millions of new jobs will leave blacks twice as likely to be unemployed as whites..."
- 5) "A National Full Employment Policy. Not another broken promise, but a real program like the National Urban League's plan for a Universal Employment and Training System that guarantees productive work to all of the jobless and training to all who need it to become productive."

Ray Guthrie To Seek Post Of Sheriff In Election

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There's a saying, "If you want to make sure a job gets done, do it yourself."

Ray Perry Guthrie, Jr., 32, is taking that advice by running for sheriff. He has written against his four opponents, he said. In fact, he knows a couple of them quite well. One of them is even his boss. None of this, however, has deterred him from seeking the office.

"I decided about two years ago to run for sheriff," he said. "But even when I went to work there (as deputy sheriff in 1980), I always thought I would run."

"I just felt I could do a better job," he added, "because there's a lot to be desired in the existing conditions."

That's not to say, he quickly pointed out, that he's not supportive of the present sheriff's department of which he is a part; it only means he wants to see it get better.

One main concern that Guthrie has is personnel related matters.

"I'd like to set up a review board," he said, where people could go, before they are dismissed. I would not suspend or fire anybody unless it's [because of] a violation of law, not just because I didn't like them."

For those deserving individuals, Guthrie said he would create more promotions, and work for increased salaries.

The fourth personnel matter would involve hiring more African Americans in the department and promoting them.

The second biggest topic of concern is drugs in schools, Guthrie said.

"Vice is a big thing," he said, "especially in trying to keep drugs out of schools. It's a problem that needs to be solved."

The way to begin solving that problem, Guthrie explained, is to start with excellent personnel and leadership.

Through his various ex-



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periences, he thinks he can fulfill both requirements.

Guthrie's training leading to the present, began 14 years ago. After completing Southern High School in 1972, he studied criminal justice for two years at Durham Technical Institute.

After a brief stint in 1974 as a salesman for Thompson Auto Sales, Guthrie served as a

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Thomas Andrews To Oppose David LaBarre

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Thomas J. Andrews, a 47-year-old attorney specializing in trial practice in Durham, has announced his candidacy for Judge of his District Court for Durham County. He will run against incumbent Chief District Court Judge David Q. LaBarre.

"I am running for Judge of District Court in order to serve the people of Durham in this very important judicial position. The work of the District Court affects the lives of more people in a more immediate and personal way than the work of any other court in our judicial system."

"I pledge my entire ability and energy," he added, "to the just, fair, impartial and courteous handling of this important judicial work."

Andrews came to North Carolina in 1961, when he served as interim summer minister for the First Presbyterian Church of Burnsville, located in the mountains.

He came to Durham where he graduated after Duke University Law School, after which he served in the Peace Corps and practiced law in Boston.

He returned to Durham in 1970 and taught criminal and commercial law for eleven years at the University of North Carolina in Chapel Hill before entering private practice in 1982.

He has also written articles for legal journals on criminal law subjects and has served as Chairman of the Criminal Law Section of the Association of American Law Schools.

For several years, he worked with a committee of Superior Court judges in preparing the instruction used by all judges in the state to explain the law to juries in criminal cases.

Andrews has been an integral part of the legislative process through appointment by former Lt. Gov. Jimmy Green as public member to a legislative commission studying sexual assault laws, the principal drafter of North Carolina's Rape Victim Shield law, a member of the city's advisory council on employment and training, and as chairman of the transfer of the duties of that office to a private industry council.

"I hope that when the people of Durham consider my ability, experience, age and temperament," he said in a prepared statement, "they will conclude that I will make an outstanding District Court Judge, and will vote for me as the superior candidate for this position."

"In 20 years of practicing and teaching law," he added, "I believe that I have demonstrated open-mindedness, impartiality, even-handedness, and the ability to treat all persons with dignity and respect; which are essential qualities of an effective District Court Judge."

Andrews has been active in civic and religious affairs, serving

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PHILIPPINES — Sister Gemma Silverlo talks with comrades in the mountains of the province of former first lady Imelda in Eastern Samar. The Nun was there to negotiate the

surrender of New Peoples Army members to the government of President Corazon Aquino. (UPI Photo)

AA Unemployment Rises To 14.8%

WASHINGTON, D.C. — The Labor Department's latest unemployment report shows that joblessness among African Americans rose to 14.8% during February. That figure was up from 14.4% in January. Currently, the unemployment rate for African Americans stands at nearly 2½ times that for whites. Overall, the nation's jobless rate rose from 6.7% to 7.3% last month. While African Americans have the nation's highest unemployment rate, the nation's Hispanic population was hardest hit last month with its jobless rate jumping 2.2 points to 12.3%