

Breath Analyzer Is New Weapon In War Against Drunk Driving

RALEIGH — Officials of the North Carolina Department of Transportation believe they have found a new weapon in the war against drunk driving and will be studying its effectiveness over the coming months.

The new "weapon" is a deep-lung breath analyzer connected to a vehicle's ignition/electrical system that prevents the driver from starting the engine before he or she has passed an alcohol breath test. The relatively new technology, called ignition interlock, is already in use in 16 other states.

interlock device will also require an immediate "learned" breath code to help prevent others from starting the vehicle for an intoxicated driver. The participant and the interlock-equipped vehicle will be required to come in for periodic monitoring and screening.

The cost of the program is to be paid by the interlock participant at a rate of \$70.00 per installation and removal, and \$50.00 per month

lease and monitoring fee. Officials expect the cost to be substantially reduced through insurance discounts similar to those that have become available to participants in other states.

Installation and monitoring for the pilot program will be provided in Asheboro by Guardian Technologies, Inc. of Cincinnati, Ohio, a manufacturer of interlock devices.

GTE Signs Another Tenant In SmartPark With Latest Telecommunications Technology

Research Triangle Park (RTP) of North Carolina - one of the nation's largest and most prestigious high-technology parks - has signed an agreement with GTE Telephone Operations to become a GTE SmartPark. GTE will assist RTP in jointly marketing the Park to prospective tenants.

A GTE SmartPark is an office complex designed to accommodate the latest in telecommunications technology. Through its pre-planned and flexible environment, including fiber-optic capability, GTE can quickly and easily handle tenants' current and future voice, data and video requirements. With this technology in place, tenants can readily subscribe to advanced services such as GTE CentraNet, a fully featured business telephone system, video conferencing and high-speed data transmission.

Payton F. Adams, president of GTE Telephone Operations-South Area, and James O. Roberson, president of the Research Triangle Foundation of North Carolina, jointly made the announcement. The foundation owns and operates RTP.

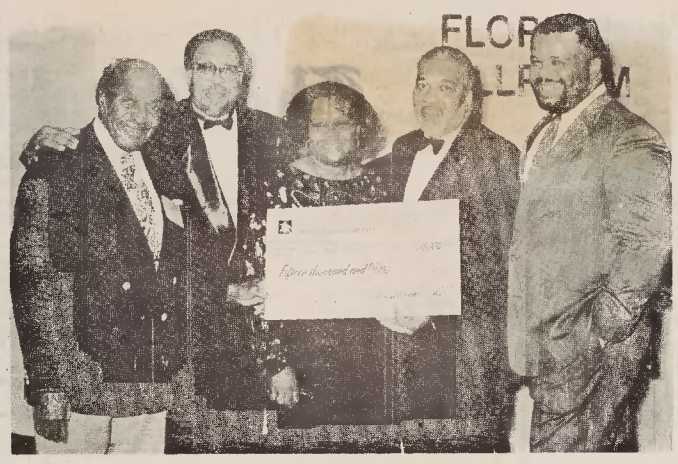
"Our new marketing agreement will provide increased visibility for the Park and its advanced telecommunications services," Roberson said. "These capabilities are important for the high-technology, research-oriented tenants to whom we market the Park's services."

"GTE installed a fiber-optic loop

around RTP more than six years ago in anticipation of its future telecommunications needs," Adams said. "We're pleased to be associated with a park well-known for its technological advances. This SmartPark partnership is an expression of our mutual philosophy to provide advanced services to the Park's tenants and to economic development in the Research Triangle area."

GTE maintains 23 GTE SmartParks around the country. Twelve are in GTE's South Area, including Central Park, another SmartPark located in the Research Triangle area. RTP is home to more than 50 corporate, academic and governmental research facilities, such as Northern Telecom, Glaxo, National Institutes of Health, IBM and Burroughs-Wellcome Co. The development exceeds 12 million square feet, representing a capital investment in excess of \$2 billion. Construction is under way which will open substantial new areas to development.

"We provide high levels of performance standards in telecommunications and other services to our tenants," Roberson said. "The Park's residents are engaged in research, development and scientifically oriented programs, and require the latest telecommunications services for their daily operations."



ANHEUSER-BUSCH JOINS BLACK LEGISLATORS AT ANNUAL CONFERENCE — Victor M. Julien (second right), director of special programs at Anheuser-Busch Companies, presents a contribution to members of the National Black Caucus of State Legislators (NBCSL) at its annual conference recently in Miami. Anheuser-Busch's support for the NBCSL also included a concert performance by vocalist Phyllis Hyman at the group's "Prestigious Awards Banquet." NBCSL members shown accepting the contribution (from left) are: Michigan State Senator David Holmes Pa.; Pennsylvania State Representative and NBCSL President David P. Richardson; Florida State Senator Carrie P. Meek; and Maryland State Senator Larry Young.

In Milwaukee The Street Is No Longer Home

MILWAUKEE — In December 1988, staff members of an experimental Labor Department-funded program hit the streets here looking for people; in particular, they were looking for veterans who were calling alleys and parks home.

With a staff of three and a \$50,000 start-up grant provided by the Veterans' Employment and Training Service (VETS), the Milwaukee Homeless Veterans Reintegration Program hit the ground running.

"We talked to people in libraries, city hall, parks and places where people eat for free," says Thomas Wynn, Jr., project director. "When you do identify a veteran, you can't push him into the program. You must first get to know him and prove you can be trusted to help."

Stanley Green, a 42-year-old Vietnam veteran who spent two years on the streets, was among the first to accept that help.

"I was in the gutter and wallowed in it for two and a half years, and I didn't like it," Green says. He lost a full-time welding job prior to becoming homeless and now credits the Milwaukee project for putting him in the mainstream.

Now employed by the city at just under \$10 an hour, Green lives in his own apartment and has maintained steady employment for several months.

"They got me started," he says of the project

staff. "If it wasn't for them and their support, I don't think I would be here."

Wynn says there is little the program can do unless the veteran is prepared to help himself. Green agrees. "When you're down, and you've been down so long, either you stay there or you crawl back up," Green says. "It's up to you whether you want to stay there in the gutter."

Nearly 200 veterans took part in the program during its first six months. Seventy have found work and 23 have located permanent housing. Alcohol and drug treatment was provided to 55 veterans.

Wynn shares credit for the program's success with many of Milwaukee's public and private social service agencies. A list of these agencies reads like a local Who's Who of domestic assistance programs and allows the Homeless Veterans Project to quickly obtain proper assistance.

With an estimated 3,500 homeless vets in the Milwaukee area, all with obviously difficult and varied problems, access to many different sources of aid is imperative.

"Creating this network of services and building more is the backbone of our program," says Wynn, "and it's the reason we'll continue to be successful in moving American veterans from the streets into their proper place in the community."

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Unemployment Situation For African Americans Shows Little Change

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Unemployment for blacks showed little change from October, according to the U.S. Labor Department's Bureau of Labor Statistics. The jobless rates for blacks was 12.1 percent, compared to 11.8 percent in October and 11.2 percent in November 1988.

For black men, the unemployment rate was 10.7 percent, compared to 10.3 percent in October and 9.8 percent in November 1988. Black women had a 10.4 percent rate of unemployment in November, showing only a slight change from October's rate of 10.0 percent and the November 1988 rate of 9.8 percent.

Black teens had the highest jobless rate at 32.8 percent, down slightly from the 34.2 percent rate

of October and up slightly from the 31.1 percent of November 1988. The jobless rate for teen men, at 33.1 percent, was comparable to that of black teen women, with a rate of 32.6 percent.

Overall, employment rose in November and unemployment showed little change. The jobless rate was 5.3 percent and the civilian worker rate was 5.4 percent; they had been 5.2 and 5.3 percent, respectively, in the prior two months.

Nonagricultural payroll employment, as measured by the survey of business establishments, rose by 210,000 from the October level, which has been revised downward. Total civilian employment, as measured by the survey of households, increased by 240,000 in November.

Unemployment (Household Survey Data)

The number of unemployed persons, 6.7 million, and the civilian worker unemployment rate, 5.4 percent, were about unchanged in November. The jobless rate has hovered between 5.0 and 5.4 percent for more than a year now. There were also few changes in the jobless rates among individual worker groups. The rate for adult men was 4.7 percent, identical to that for adult women. Unemployment rates were virtually unchanged for teenagers (15.5 percent), whites (4.6 percent), blacks (12.1 percent), and Hispanics (7.8 percent).

Although the total number of

unemployed was little changed, the number of jobless persons who were on layoff from their jobs rose substantially over the month; the November level was nearly 1 million, up from a range of 750,000-875,000 over the past year.

Civilian Employment and the Labor Force (Household Survey Data)

Total civilian employment rose by 240,000 in November to a seasonally adjusted level of 117.8 million. Adult women accounted for all of this gain. Over the past year, civilian employment has

expanded by 1.9 million, with the increase about evenly divided between adult men and adult women. This raised the proportion of the working-age population that is employed to 63.0 percent, as compared with 62.6 percent a year earlier.

The seasonally adjusted civilian labor force rose by 410,000 in November to 124.5 million and the labor force participation rate matched June's all-time high of 66.6 percent. Over the past 12 months, the labor force grew by 2 million persons.

January 12 Deadline For State-Funded Youth Games

The new year could bring cash to local youth groups and organizations to help them implement community projects.

Annually \$6,500 is available to North Carolina organizations composed of young people, ages 13 to 18, who want to implement new programs that will benefit their peers. The mini grants are administered by the N.C. Youth Advisory Council (YAC) and average \$500 each.

Jan. 12 is the next application deadline, one of three during the fiscal year.

According to program administrator James Rochelle, dozens of youth groups and the youth they serve have benefited from the funds. Recent recipients have included the

- * Alfordville Rural Community Organization, Maxton, \$800 towards completion of a recreational field and purchase of playground equipment;
- * Substance Abuse Youth Intervention Organization, Thomasville, \$500 to sponsor Project Graduation, an alcohol-free celebration;
- * Triangle Youth Philharmonic, Cary, \$700 towards purchase of orchestral music;
- * Youth Awareness Club, Fayetteville, \$250 for the publication of a youth newsletter.

"Mini-grants are a wonderful opportunity for youth organizations to obtain funds for special projects," Administration Secretary James S. Lofton said.

The N.C. Youth Advisory Council functions under the Youth Advocacy and Involvement Office in the N.C. Department of Administration.

Applications will be screened by the board of directors of the State Youth Council when it meets Feb. 2-4 in Goldsboro and will be reviewed by the YAC before grants are made.

For application of information, contact the Youth Advocacy and Involvement Office, 121 W. Jones St., Raleigh, N.C. 27603-1334 or telephone (919) 733-9296.

Would You Believe.....

A man picked up a little porcelain dish at a convent rummage sale for \$3; that the nuns had been using for sugar. Curious as to what it could be worth, he took it to Sotheby's in New York only to find it was rare and valuable, fetching \$30,000.

Although gorillas look ferocious, they are really rather quiet apes. At night, the father gorilla sleeps on the ground, but the mother and the baby gorillas sleep in big nests of sticks and leaves, or in lower branches of trees, where they are safe from prowling animals.

The term, "the 400," the wealthiest and most fashionable members of society in 1892, was derived after the number of people Mrs. William Astor's ballroom could accommodate.