

# Community Scene

## Clubs & Socials

**FIRST AID** — The Durham Interdenominational First Aid Dept. of the Durham Ushers Union held its monthly meeting Nov. 27 at Pilgrim Baptist Church on Cornwallis Rd. Devotional was lead by Mrs Wilma Smith and Mrs. Shirley Farrington. Mrs. Willier McKeithen, vice chairman, presided. All committee reports were heard and adopted. Mt. Vernon Baptist Church, and Pettiford Grove Baptist Church in Kittrell were visited by Mrs. Willie Rucker of the expansion committee. Mrs. Betty Avery, chairperson provided desert and punch after dinner. Dinner was hosted by Mrs. Doretha Quick. Gifts were exchanged. Mrs. Wilma Smith will be given the First Aid Dept. card. The next meeting will be hosted by Mt. Vernon Church, Dec. 11, 6:30 p.m.

Other members present, Frances Satterwhite, Mmes: Marie Umstead, Fannie Reed, Sarah Turrentine, Pauline Holman, Lealer McMillan, Bettie D. Avery, Leona D. Jones, Willie Hooker, Mary E. Young, Esther McKenzie, Lena Johnson, Sarah Harris, and Hastie Price. Visitors were Mmes. Alberta Harris, Rosetta Walker, and Gloria Smith.

**DAUGHTERS OF DORCAS CLUB** held its annual Christmas dinner December 7, at the Henderson Center. Mrs. Minerva Evans, president presided.

The devotional was led by Mrs. Georgia Thompson. Mrs. Mary Horton read a poem. The prayer was given by Mrs. Willie Sneed and Dr. Frank Weaver gave the grace.

Following dinner and fellowship the guests and members enjoyed fun time led by Mrs. Minerva Fields.

Attending were, guests - Mmes. Jenifer Brown, Lorena Mason, Virginia F. Norman, Lillian B. Jenkins, Tiny Ruffin, Odell Fields; Andrew Bell Cobb, Hortense McClinton, Rhebo Rogers; Reuben O'Neal and Frank Weaver.

Other members present were Mmes. Arclia Bryant, Marie Betts, Ernestine Coley, Martha Dooms, Josephine De Nard, Mildred Goss, Mary Harris, Effie C. Hill, Johnnie McLester, Nekoda O'Neal, Otelia Steward, Hattie Suint, Queen Weaver and Willie B. White.



**SAUDI ARABIA** — U.S. Air Force Sergeant Cy Chapa of Randolph, Texas, sleeps with his M-16 automatic assault rifle on top of his rucksacks at a military base in Saudi Arabia. Chapa arrived

from his hometown and was waiting for transportation to his new unit in the desert. (UPI Photo)

## Black Dress Is Perfect Backdrop For A Jewel Of An Evening Bag

**NEW YORK (AP)** - Judith Leiber opened a boutique bearing her name and her legendary handbags - at Bergdorf Goodman's Fifth Avenue store one recent evening.

The occasion called for champagne, caviar and a gathering of glitterati. One guest approached the designer, saying she still has a bag she bought 25 years ago. To which Leiber replied: "Well, for heaven's sake, give it to someone and buy a new one." You can own

more than one, of course - if you can afford it.

They range from about \$950 to \$4,450 retail. But the anecdote is a way of saying they're worth the price because they endure.

It's also a way of saying that investing in a new evening bag can put a classic in your closet as well as perk up your party clothes. Especially this holiday season when the financial picture may not include a new frock.

Reenie Brown, publisher and

editorial director of Accessories Magazine, a trade publication, says you should be able to buy a knockout bag, albeit not a designer one, for \$50 to \$100.

"What looks really good," she says, "are the new metallics - pewter, silver and bronze, not so much gold." Whiting & Davis has beautiful metal mesh bags in all of the metallics for about \$60 retail which are available at major department and specialty stores nationwide.

Brown also says '60s-style prints, including Pucci, are good bets, along with sequins and quilted satins in black and brights.

Manufacturers to look for, she says, include Sharif, Magid, Genie, Frame, La Regale, Bally and Victor Costa.

Victor Costa's Pucci-inspired bags range from \$125 to \$150 in blue, pink and multi-color mixes. The kidney bean and flapped clutch have gold-tone shoulder chains while the top-handle box has a

gold-tone twisted metal clasp. They're available at Bloomingdale's, Macy's New York, I. Magnin, Nordstrom, Harris Co. in San Bernadino, Calif., and Jacobson's in Winter Park, Fla. Among those on the high end of the quilted bags is Tiffany & Co.

It introduced silk grosgrain squares in magenta, lime and navy with silk shoulder cords that can be tucked in to make a clutch. They're \$325 each at Tiffany stores nationwide.

At Cartier boutiques are vibrant silk bags based on two of their popular silk scarves, Diademe and Indes Galantes. They're available in four styles in either black, red or blue with the signature clasp and a shoulder chain in 18-karat gold gilt. Prices range from \$450 to \$500.

Brown says you should consider an evening bag as an investment that you can use year-round. "If you want to spend a few hundred, you can get a really beautiful one," she says. "Some of them, such as Judith Leiber's minaudières, are works of art." Indeed, a couple of Leiber's latest minaudières are true works of art. The pave of Austrian

crystals is based on paintings by her husband, Gerson, an accomplished artist as well as her business partner.

Minaudière, pronounced me-no-de-AIR, is a French word meaning "with a coquettish air." In the 1930s Alfred Van Cleef used it to describe small, ornately jeweled handbags. Leiber says her latest is always her favorite, which to date includes "Precious Pup" (\$2,450), often mistaken for the first family's dog, Millie, and "Chinese Baby" (\$2,890), an infant lying on his tummy. They're available at major department and specialty stores nationwide including Neiman Marcus, Saks, Bergdorf's and I. Magnin.

Luc benoit evening bags also include minaudières, ranging from \$5,000 to \$15,000. A mere \$9,000 will get you either "L'Etoile" or "L'Erte," handcrafted of sterling silver, 22-karat gold and guilloché, an intricate type of enamel in the style of Fabergé.

They're available by special order from Stanley Korshak, Dallas.

## Dying In The Desert

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Both also said they have supported President Bush so far in his deployment of troops.

Selective Service records show that 1,767,556 young men were drafted during the Vietnam war, counting from July 1, 1964, through June 30, 1973. Most went into the Army. In 1966, for instance, the Army took 366,000 and the Marine Corps 15,500. Other services received only a few.

When the draft was discontinued in 1973, Sens. Sam Nunn of Georgia and Ernest Hollings of South Carolina protested that the action could lead to a largely poor, largely minority force.

Neither Nunn, now chairman of the Senate Armed Services Committee,

nor Hollings could be reached for an interview. Nunn's press secretary, Scott Williams, said, "He may have had reservations back then but I think he would say now the force is excellent." Lawrence J. Korb, an assistant secretary of defense for manpower in the Reagan administration and now a senior fellow with the Brookings Institution, said, "Militarily, it is the best force we have ever had. In terms of equity, it is at least as fair and probably fairer than the draft you had in Vietnam." "You forced the lower class to go in whether they wanted to or not and offered them very little benefits," Korb said. "These kids were dragged off the street, given a few months' training, and sent over there." Meanwhile, he said, college deferments and other loopholes provided the affluent with "a system that you could drive a truck through to get out of service." The Pentagon says recruits now receive an average of a year's training before joining their units.

Congressional and Pentagon studies show that blacks are disproportionately represented among recruits but say the force is more representative of the population than its critics have suggested.

In 1987, almost 20 percent of recruits signing up with the military for the first time were black, according to a study issued in October by the Congressional Budget Office. About 15 percent of youths of enlistment age are black.

The study said that about 55 percent of male active-duty recruits that year came from ZIP-code areas where average family income was in the bottom half nationally.

"Lower-middle-income areas were most heavily represented; the very bottom of the distribution was only slightly over-represented," the study said. "Areas in the top tenth of the income distribution provided only about 6 percent of recruits, but even in the highest-income areas in the country some young people enlisted." A Defense Department study issued in July gave similar figures, reporting that 23 percent of the active duty enlisted force in fiscal year 1989 was black, compared with 12 to 14 percent of civilians of comparable age.

"Today, enlisted recruits are not drawn primarily from an underclass, as they are sometimes thought to be," said the report.

"Survey data indicate that the great majority of recruits' parents are married, own their own homes and are employed." The report said that by a common measurement of socioeconomic status the parents of recruits came out nine-tenths as well as a comparison group of parents of youth in the general population.

Weinberger dismissed the argument that the force is unrepresentative as "absurd and basically imbecilic" and "insulting in the highest degree." "If you really want a definition of a racist," he said, "it seems to me that the critics of this system are the people who are the most racist in the country. Are we criticizing the black population because so many of them want to be in the military?" Gen. Colin L. Powell, the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, who is black, told The Washington Post recently, "I don't think it's disproportionate or wrong. I think it's a choice the American people made when they said have a volunteer Army and allow those who want to serve to serve."

### Outfitting a soldier: \$1,456

The main cost for outfitting a soldier goes to equipment (\$1,007.35). Desert clothing costs \$164.75 and chemical protective clothing and equipment is \$279.92. A packet of food costs \$3.80.

Backpack (\$35.75)	Desert hat (\$4.90)	M-16 rifle, plus ammunition (\$475.00)
Shoulder straps (\$2.65)	Neckerchief (\$4.10)	Brown undershirt (\$2.40)
Two-quart canteen (\$5.45)	Sleeping bag (\$64.25)	Suspenders belt (\$6.95)
Canteen cover (\$8.75)	Bullet-proof vest (\$251.00)	Waist pouch (\$11.30)
Hot weather boots (\$33.20)	Belt (\$6.60)	Meal packet (\$3.80)
Socks (\$1.65)	Desert trousers, day (\$14.40)	Helmet (\$103.00)
	Desert helmet cover (\$2.50)	Drawers (\$1.50)
	<b>Also:</b>	
	Small arms case \$4.30	Mask 120.00
	Pick shovel 2.00	Mask hood 8.60
	First aid 3.35	Atropine kit (nerve gas antidote) 14.00
	Pack frame 23.85	Detector kit 49.07
	Desert coat, day 15.48	
	Parka, night 28.70	
	Parka liner, night 11.85	
	Trousers, night 19.50	
	Body armor cover 24.65	

Overgarment \$68.15	Mask 120.00
Vinyl overshoe 8.70	Mask hood 8.60
Gloves 7.85	Atropine kit (nerve gas antidote) 14.00
Helmet cover 3.55	Detector kit 49.07

SOURCES: U.S. Army Material Command; Reuters; U.S. Army Defense Personnel Support Center

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## City of Durham Weekly Calendar



**WEEKLY CALENDAR: DECEMBER 17 — DECEMBER 21, 1990**

The DURHAM CITY COUNCIL holds its regular meetings on the **FIRST and THIRD MONDAYS OF EACH MONTH at 7:30 p.m.** in the City Council Chamber, located on the first floor of City Hall. These meetings are open to the public.

City Government meetings scheduled during the next week include the following:

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 17, 1990**  
6:30 p.m. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE of the HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION (Theatre Room/1st Floor)  
CITY COUNCIL MEETING (Council Chamber/1st Floor)

7:30 p.m.

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 18, 1990**  
7:30 a.m. COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMITTEE of the HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION (Criminal Justice Library/NCCU Campus)  
SPECIAL COUNTY COMMISSION/CITY COUNCIL MEETING (Committee Room/2nd Floor)  
HOUSING APPEALS BOARD (Council Chamber 1st Floor)

5:00 p.m.

5:00 p.m.

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 19, 1990**  
3:00 p.m. CATV ADVISORY BOARD (Personnel Briefing Room/1st Floor)  
URBAN TRAILS & GREENWAYS COMMISSION (Theatre Room/1st Floor)

7:30 p.m.

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 20, 1990**  
4:30 p.m. FRIENDS OF WEST POINT (West Point Park/Museum of Photography)  
EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES (Durham Co. Library/Main Branch)

6:30 p.m.

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 21, 1990**  
8:30 a.m. SUBDIVISION REVIEW BOARD DEVELOPMENT REVIEW COMMITTEE (Committee Room/2nd Floor)

NOTE: All meetings are held in City Hall, 101 City Hall Plaza, unless otherwise indicated. Additional meetings may be scheduled after this list is submitted for publication. Free parking is available during the Council Meeting in the Chapel Hill Street Parking Garage, located across Mangum Street from City Hall.

Any citizen wishing to be heard on agenda matters, please call the City Clerk's Office at 580-4166 to place your name on the speakers' list.

Interpreters for the Deaf and the Hearing Impaired are available by giving a 48-hour notice. If needed, please telephone 580-4180 or T.D.D. No. 688-5483.

MAYOR & CITY LIFE PROGRAM will be on Cable Channel 8 every Wednesday from 7:00 to 7:30 p.m.