



A Songbird

Songstress Maria Howell returned to Winston-Salem last Thursday to perform a free outdoor concert at her alma mater, Winston-Salem State University. Accompanying her was the Seventh Street Band, a group whom she performs with at Jonathan's Jazz Cellar in Charlotte. Miss Howell is well-noted for her film debut singing in the choir scene in "The Color Purple." (photo by Mike Cunningham)

THE NATION

Black voter registration is on the rise as election approaches

SHREVEPORT, La., (AP) -- Reagan administration policies and Jesse Jackson's 1984 presidential campaign have played a role in stimulating black voter registration, a local NAACP official says.

"I think a lot of it has to do with Reagan's policies against the poor and blacks," local NAACP President Larry English says.

"Jesse Jackson's running definitely has an impact on blacks voting. Blacks are more sophisticated now," he said.

Black voter registration in Caddo Parish has increased during the past year while white registration has declined, voter registration figures show.

Registrar A.W. "Buck" Fulco says Caddo voting rolls total 116,934, a slight decrease in registration compared with 117,054 registered during the same period in 1986.

Since July of last year, however, black registration in Caddo has climbed from 34,212 to 34,471, Fulco said.

During that same period, white registration declined from 82,371 to 81,950, he said.

Fulco said voter decline in Caddo may be caused by several factors. He said purging and canvassing of voting rolls is one factor.

"Voting rolls are always fluctuating. People die or they move," he said.

Because this is an election year, Fulco said he expects registration to increase as the Oct. 24 primary elections near.

"We expect about 5,000 to 6,000 people to register before the Sept. 23 deadline," he said. "We have made voter registration accessible. Because the sites are open until 7 p.m., many working people have the opportunity to register."

Percentage of minorities hired on the increase in Boston

BOSTON (AP) -- The city of Boston says the percentage of minorities hired rose during the second quarter of this year and more got higher paying jobs.

The Mayor's Office of Affirmative Action said 41.7 percent of employees hired during the quarter which ended June 30 were members of minorities, compared with 40.1 percent of those hired during the first quarter.

The office said the newly hired workers brought to

minorities employed full time by the city.

During the first quarter of this year, 56 percent of newly hired city workers for jobs paying less than \$16,000 a year were blacks, Hispanics and Asians.

But the percentage dropped to 47.8 percent during the April-June quarter, while the number of newly hired minorities making between \$16,000 and \$24,999 rose from 29 percent to 40.7 percent, the office said.

Jemison: Children shouldn't just mimic media heroes

LOS ANGELES (AP) -- Dr. Mae Jemison, the first black woman chosen to become an astronaut, says that although she is considered a role model, children need to establish their own goals rather than mimic media heroes.

"We need people who will take responsibility and do the best they can, instead of looking up to role models," Jemison said Sunday at a reception sponsored by several community groups. "If I am a role model, I hope it will be for those who want to do something

something different."

Jemison, 30, is one of 15 new astronaut candidates who will begin NASA training Aug. 17. The 13-man, two-woman group is the first new unit since the January 1986 Challenger disaster that killed seven aboard.

She said she had no specific heroes as a child, focusing instead on her own studies and career goals. She received a bachelor's degree in chemical engineering from Stanford University and a medical degree from Cornell University.

OFFBEAT

Here comes the bride -- at last

By MICHAEL MOKRZYCKI
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CONCORD, N.H. (AP) -- A New Hampshire man who placed a want ad last month offering \$1,000 to anyone who finds him a suitable wife said Sunday he's gotten more than 150 replies, gone on 10 dates and hopes to have selected a mate by the end of the year.

"My social life is very active," Jim McClarin, a 41-year-old remodeling contractor from Meredith, said in a telephone interview.

McClarin had advertised for a wife before, but found his requests weren't specific enough. So four weeks ago he placed a 219-word ad in the Boston *Sunday Herald* and offered the reward.

Among the qualities McClarin sought were intelligence, literacy, creativity and inquisitiveness; a desire to affect the world in some significant and creative way; concern and caring for people; and a desire to marry and have at least one child with him.

And bold, dark eyebrows.

"Even though my own eyebrows are not bold and dark, I tend to go for that in women," McClarin said. "I don't know why."

The *Herald* gave McClarin some free advertising, writing five stories about him in the week after his ad ran.

"The first response to the ad contained a number of

women very much along the lines of what I was looking for, and I still haven't met them all or even talked to them all on the phone," he said.

"Some very well-educated women, some of whom hold important positions, and I seem to be going through a flurry of former beauty queens right now."

After the *Herald* and wire service stories, McClarin found his picture on the front page of the supermarket tabloid *Weekly World News*, among the headlines about the magician who accidentally sawed a woman in half and the farmer whose pickup truck was stolen by a giant UFO.

That picture and the story inside brought responses from around the country, although he describes those as more entertaining than interesting.

"I've gotten some letters from 76-year-old grandmothers saying, 'Forget those younger women -- give me a chance,'" McClarin said.

Many don't seem interested in the reward, or say they'd give it to charity, he said.

"It was an attention-getter, I guess, but in terms of people finding me a wife for \$1,000, that hasn't motivated very many of them."

McClarin strongly advocates advertising for the love. He figures his ad should save him time and money in his quest for a wife.

He said it's also helped his attitude.

AFRICA

State of emergency declared in Sudan

KHARTOUM, Sudan (AP) -- The government, plagued by a costly 4-year-old civil war, on Saturday declared a nationwide state of emergency and said it was necessary because of a rapidly deteriorating economic situation.

A government statement broadcast over the official Omdurman radio Saturday night said the move was taken by the elected government of Prime Minister Sadek el-Mahdi and was endorsed by the state's five-man sovereign council.

Sudan has been living under a state of emergency since Gen. Gaafar Nimeiri was overthrown in April 1985, but the statement didn't explain how the new emergency would differ. Government officials were not immediately available for comment because of the late hour.

The northeast African country is struggling with 100 percent inflation, severe commodity shortages, strikes and the civil war.

Rebels who control much of the largely Christian and animist south are fighting a government and army supported by the predominantly Moslem north.

Foreign observers estimate that the rebels number about 30,000.

The government, which has a foreign debt of about \$12 billion, spends an estimated \$390,000 a day to fight the rebellion.

The statement said the emergency intends to restrict dealing in foreign currency, control marketplace and civil disorder and combat the hoarding of commodities and a flourishing black market.

It also seeks to combat smuggling, which it said is on the rise, halt interruptions of public services -- an

obvious reference to the labor unrest -- reduce crime, rid the nation of unlicensed arms and defend against "enemies of democracy and the country," the statement said.

The rebels are reportedly gaining strength, partly through increasing support from the Marxist government of bordering Ethiopia.

The insurgents do not advocate secession but claim to want a united Sudan with a secular government that does not discriminate against southerners.

Nimeiri ruled with an iron fist for 16 years until two weeks of street violence protesting conditions similar to the current ones led to his ouster.

Press reports said last week that 22 of his followers were arrested for anti-government activities.

Members of El-Mahdi's government say Nimeiri borrowed heavily from foreign countries and that most of the loaned money was misused and mismanaged.

It costs Sudan \$800 million a year just to service its foreign debt.

There are periodic shortages of commodities, most recently matches, soap and motor oil. Other items are available only on the black market at three to four times the official price.

The civil war has forced hundreds of thousands of people to flee their homes and settle in squatter camps around Khartoum and other major cities. The government blames southerners and foreign refugees, estimated to number between 1 to 2 million people, for an increase in crime.

Sudan has more than 18.5 million people and is about one-third the size of the continental United States.

Several anti-apartheid leaders arrested

By LAURINDA KEYS
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JOHANNESBURG, South Africa -- Police detained at least 10 anti-apartheid leaders during the night in a new crackdown on dissent, lawyers said Monday.

Azhar Cachalia, treasurer of the United Democratic Front, the country's main anti-apartheid coalition, was taken from his home at 4 a.m. by two plainclothes policemen, said Ismail Ayob, head of Cachalia's law firm.

Johannesburg law firms reported at least nine leaders of United Democratic Front affiliates were taken into custody early Monday morning, and they said more leaders may have been detained elsewhere in the country. Cachalia is of Indian descent, while the other detainees included Indians, whites and at least one black.

Ayob said police informed him that three of his clients detained during the night were being held for questioning.

Under a national state of emergency declared June 12, 1986, police have the power to detain people without

charge indefinitely.

Cachalia was one of only a handful of front executive members still able to operate in the open. Before he was detained, Cachalia had prepared a press statement criticizing the detention last Wednesday of two other front officials and said that almost all senior coalition leaders were being held.

The United Democratic Front is a coalition of 600 civic, youth, education, church and civil rights groups and claims to have the largest membership of any anti-apartheid coalition in the country.

By law and custom, apartheid establishes a racially segregated society in which South Africa's 25.6 million blacks have no vote in national affairs. The 5 million whites control the economy and maintain separate residential districts, schools and health services.

Unlike the outlawed African National Congress guerrilla group, the front espouses a non-violent end to apartheid.

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