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Federal Court issues strong warning to county

Judge calls county's claim against NAACP 'frivolous'

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A federal judge admonished Forsyth County "to refrain, in the future, from making arguments to the court without citing either relevant supporting or contrary case

law" in the case of NAACP vs. Forsyth County.

The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People has filed a lawsuit against the county, challenging the form and method of election of the Forsyth County Board of County Commis-

sioners. U.S. District Court Judge Eugene A. Gordon called the county's contention that the NAACP lacked standing to file the lawsuit "clearly frivolous." Gordon said, in an opinion filed May 12, that "the Supreme Court has repeatedly

addressed the issue of an organization's or association's standing to sue..."

The county had also asked the court to dismiss the action, which goes to trial on June 6, because the NAACP complaint contained allegations on the part of the "Forsyth

County Branch" of the NAACP. The court acknowledged that the "Forsyth County Branch" of the NAACP was not a party to the litigation, but allowed the NAACP to amend its complaint to say the "Winston-Salem Branch."

"Dismissal of plaintiffs' claims

for a defect of a clerical nature would exalt form over substance, and allowance of this amendment clearly does not prejudice defendants," said Gordon.

Gordon dismissed the county's assertion that the action was not a Please see page A11



Cynthia Nix, left, and Edna Goolsby enjoy a grand ole time at Mayfest '88 held last weekend in downtown Winston-Salem. The two served as volunteers for the event (photo by Craig T. Greenlee).

WAAA files bankruptcy petition

By CRAIG T. GREENLEE
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WAAA, the city's first Afro-American owned and operated radio station, has filed a petition to reorganize under Chapter 11 of the federal bankruptcy act.

In an aired statement on Tuesday at noon, Mutter D. Evans, WAAA owner, told the station's listeners that WAAA would continue its operations and that there would be no interruption in their broadcast schedule.

The statement was made on the final day of an extension the station had been granted in order to satisfy a \$250,000 loan secured through the Small Business Administration.

In March, the SBA issued a notice of a public foreclosure sale on the premises of the station which is located at 4950 Indiana Ave. Had that auction taken place, the station's assets which include machinery, equipment, furniture, fixtures and a 1976 Ford Station Wagon would have gone up for sale to the highest bidder in a cash only transaction.

The station's action is technically known as reorganization under Chapter 11 with the debtor in possession. "What that means," Evans explained, "is that WAAA will continue to operate and do business. The courts have granted the company the time and space to heal itself without the risk of doing additional damage."

Evans likened her station's situation to the Please see page A12

Height: Black family in trouble

By CRAIG T. GREENLEE
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Every member of the Afro-American family is in trouble due to problems involving health care, employment opportunities, education, and child care, according to Dorothy I. Height, national president of the National Council of Negro Women Inc.

Height was here last week for the organization's Spring 1988 Leadership Institute held at the Winston-Salem Hyatt Hotel. The NCNW president explained that the council's aim is to help fortify the Afro-American family in order to improve the quality of life for Afro-Americans.

NCNW is a coalition of community based organizations working in unison to bring about positive change by building on the traditional strengths of the Afro-American family.

Height points to several factors concerning the Afro-American family that are of prime interest.

- High infant mortality rate;
- Lack of sufficient health care for children;
- High unemployment rate for young Afro-



Ingram Height

American males; • The Afro-American elderly are among the poorest of the poor.

She adds that poverty is now more deeply entrenched in the Afro-American community than it was a decade ago. For example, more than 40 percent of all Afro-American households are headed by women, and 58 percent of those families live in poverty. Seventy percent of the children living in households headed by women are poor, according to Height.

In spite of those statistics, Height feels that the council is making some inroads.

"Our organization is making progress in several areas," Height said, "and we are continuing to Please see page A12

THE NATION'S NEWS

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Atlanta children to be honored

WASHINGTON --Plans are being laid to honor Atlanta's 29 missing and murdered children, slain nearly a decade ago, with a national library designed to educate the country on child victimization issues. The Atlanta Children's Memorial Resource Center will offer information to parents of missing and victimized children and social work professionals.

Newsman Arthur Carter dies

WASHINGTON -- Arthur M. Carter, a longtime editor and publisher of the Washington Afro-American newspaper and former Pulitzer Prize jurist, has died of cancer at age 76. Carter, who had headed the newspaper for 16 years until his retirement in 1986, died May 22 at the Washington Hospital Center.

Burger King, PUSH sign pact

CHICAGO -- Burger King has worked out an agreement with the Operation PUSH civil rights group under which it will deposit \$1.6 million in 18 black-owned banks as part of a long-term plan to increase economic opportunities for blacks.

Local woman blazes path at N.C. State Vet School

By ROBIN BARKSDALE
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Being the "first" can be fun but it can be disappointing in some cases, says Donna Matthews, a recent graduate of the North Carolina State University School of Veterinary Medicine.

Ms. Matthews, who graduated May

7, is the first minority female to graduate from the school's veterinary program.

"It's kind of bad that they still have to have that kind of situation," said Ms. Matthews about the lack of minorities studying veterinary medicine. "There are 200-plus students and to only have two in a class seems to be kind of a bad situation."

She said that many Afro-American students interested in veterinary medicine choose to attend Alabama's Tuskegee Institute because the school traditionally has had a good program. Many of the Afro-American veterinarians, Ms. Matthews said, are graduates of Tuskegee.

"Probably about 90 percent of the black veterinarians graduated from Tuskegee," she said. "There are just so many that went there and because of that usually all you will hear about is Tuskegee's program."

Ms. Matthews opted to remain in the state and enroll in the budding veterinary program at N.C. State. She said her decision was based on her desire to remain in North Carolina and to attend a school which had a pre-veterinary program as well as a professional school.

"State had just gotten its veterinary school and I wanted to go where I could get good educational opportunities," said Ms. Matthews, the daughter of Mr. and

Mrs. C.O. Matthews. "It's also good to be at a school that has a professional school because you are prepped for their curriculum in undergraduate school. There's not the question of whether you meet requirements that you would have if you attended graduate school on another campus."

Although she is a "first," Ms. Matthews said that she has seen the number of Afro-American veterinary students grow since she began graduate school four years ago. She said the shortage of minorities in veterinary programs may be

due, in part, to the fact that there have not been many Afro-American veterinary professionals after which students can model themselves.

"Veterinary medicine isn't an option that most blacks consider," said Ms. Matthews, whose first job was working with local veterinarian Dr. Calvert Jeffers. "It is gaining in popularity and it seems like a large number of blacks are interested now. When I first came on campus, there were only a few that I

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Donna Matthews, joined above by pets Napoleon, left, and Butch, recently became the first minority female to graduate from the N.C. State University School of Veterinary Medicine (photos by Mike Cunningham).