Dinkins asks halt on construction site

NEW YORK, N.Y. (AP) -Mayor David Dinkins wants construction on the site of the Negro Burial Ground in lower Manhattan to be halted and plans made for a national museum.

The 18th-century burial ground was rediscovered last fall at Broadway between Duane and Reade streets when the federal government began excavation for a 34-story, \$276 million office building.

It is the only Colonial-period African-American cemetery to be excavated in the United States, according to the General Services Administration.

Over 400 human remains and more than 1 million artifacts have been excavated, Dinkins said Mon-

The mayor has asked Rep. Ted Weiss, D-Manhattan, and other local congressmen to press for legislation to transfer management of the cemetery site to the Smithsonian Institute or National Parks Service.

Dinkins, New York's first black mayor, said he would like to see the burial site turned into "a worldclass museum to interpret the history and culture of 18th-century African New Yorkers in the context

of the 500-year history of African people in the Western hemisphere."

In a letter last week to William A. Diamond, regional GSA administrator, Dinkins wrote: "No additional bodies should be exhumed ... nor should excavation of that site continue. Options for completing the building without further excavation must be examined."

Dinkins also expressed concern in the letter that human remains and artifacts were not being properly cared for and that "current construction plans do not include provisions for an adequate memorial/museum or for reinterment of the human

GSA spokesman Rene Miscione said the agency "will be responding directly to the mayor" before making a public statement on his concerns.

The site, also used to bury paupers, Revolutionary War prisoners and victims of contagion, is three blocks north of City Hall and was outside the city limits when it was used as a cemetery.

"You can learn an awful lot from those remains . . . There is an awful lot of history there," Dinkins



Bolpatong residents shout abuses at Zulu Inkatha supporters outside the Vanderbijlpark court Monday. A prosecutor said 78 Zulus who appeared in court Monday would be charged with Murder in the Polpatong massacre that derailed black-white political talks. The suspects are residents of a workers' hostel near the Bolpatong township where more than 40 black were killed on June 17

Labor Dept. investigates teen-agers' complaints

PAINESVILLE, Ohio (AP) — The U.S. Labor Department is investigating a complaint that a Lake Erie College supervisor made racial remarks and often touched three boys who had summer jobs at the college, a newspaper said.

The three teen-agers, who are black, had jobs at the private college in Painesville as part of the summer employment program administered by the Lake County Employment and Training Administration.

The (Cleveland) Plain Dealer reported today that officials with the Labor Department and the Employment and Training Administration office confirmed an investigation was being conducted but declined to discuss it.

"We received an allegation and it's being investigated," said ETA Director Art Iacofano. "If there is any merit to it, we will take action."

A mother of one of the boys filed the complaint with the Labor Department after she overheard the boys teasing each other about being the "girlfriend" of the supervisor when she picked them up after work about July 1.

When questioned, her son told her that the man had called him a racial slur more than once and often would massage the boys' backs and necks and tickle them. One of the boys said he tried to touch him "in his privates," she said. The other two boys also said they had been called a racial slur.

The three juveniles have written statements to the ETA about the incident.

The boys had been hired to work on the college's maintenance crew. The college is among more than 50 work sites that ETA contracts with to employ youths 14 to 21 at minimum-wage jobs.

Lake Erie College's acting president, Harold Laydon, said the individual in question was not the boys' immediate supervisor. He said he has not taken any disciplinary action against the man because college officials are still trying to sort

Orangeburg NAACP wants Springfield police chief fired

COLUMBIA, S.C. (AP) — Springfield officials should fire the town police chief for his part in the shooting death of a black motorist, said Orangeburg NAACP members who plan to hold a public meeting tonight on the issue.

Henry Dukes is on administrative leave while the State Law Enforcement Division investigates a July 11 incident in which he shot and killed a black motorist. Dukes is white.

"We want to let the town of Springfield know that we want Chief Dukes to be fired," Rev. Sam Fredericks Orangeburg chapter president of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

"The shooting there was unnecessary. It was a senseless,

cold-blooded murder," Fredericks told The State newspaper of

Dukes told SLED investigators he fired at Willie Edward James, 30, after James stole the chief's nightstick and threatened to hit him with it. Another town policeman told investigators he stood by during the shooting.

Town Council Member Julia Kittrell said she had not been informed of the meeting and doesn't know whether town officials will act further on the matter.

The gathering will be used to encourage prosecutor Thomas Sims to pursue charges against Dukes, Fredericks said.

"I think if there is a thorough investigation it will lead to an indictment," he said.

Memorial service to be held for owner of blackowned Boston radio station

BOSTON, Mass. (AP) — A cial aid for Boston area students. memorial service will be held Thursday for Kenneth Nash, the owner and operator of Boston's only black owned radio station, WILD.

Nash, who bought the AM station in 1980 from Sheridan Broadcasting, died of leukemia Sunday at Spaulding Hospital. He was 54.

The Brooklyn, N.Y., native honors black men. was involved with many charities, including the WILD Scholarship Foundation, which provided finan-

He also served on the board of the Salvation Army, the Urban League of Eastern Massachusetts, the Massachusetts Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children and the American Jewish Commit-

Last year he was inducted into the Beta Boule Fraternity, which

He is survived by his wife, Bernadine, of Boston, and his

Three killed as police, black group battle, at cemetery

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa (AP) — Three blacks were killed when police and a militant black group exchanged gunfire at a cemetery while attending separate funerals for slain colleagues, spokesman for both sides said Mon-

Also Monday, a prosecutor said 78 Zulus would be charged with murder in the Boipatong massacre that derailed black-white political

The battle broke out Sunday at a cemetery in Evaton, south of Johannesburg, where police buried two black officers and the Pan Africanist Congress one of its members.

Police spokeswoman Capt. Ida van Zweel said members of the left-wing PAC shot at police, who returned fire, killing three PAC

But PAC official Mark Shinners said police

fired first without provocation. PAC officials said that up to 50 of their supporters were injured in the shooting, but provided few details. Police and black groups have clashed

repeatedly in townships south of Johannesburg. The relatively small PAC has refused to enter black-white negotiations with President F.W. de Klerk's government. The group has demanded he hand over power to blacks.

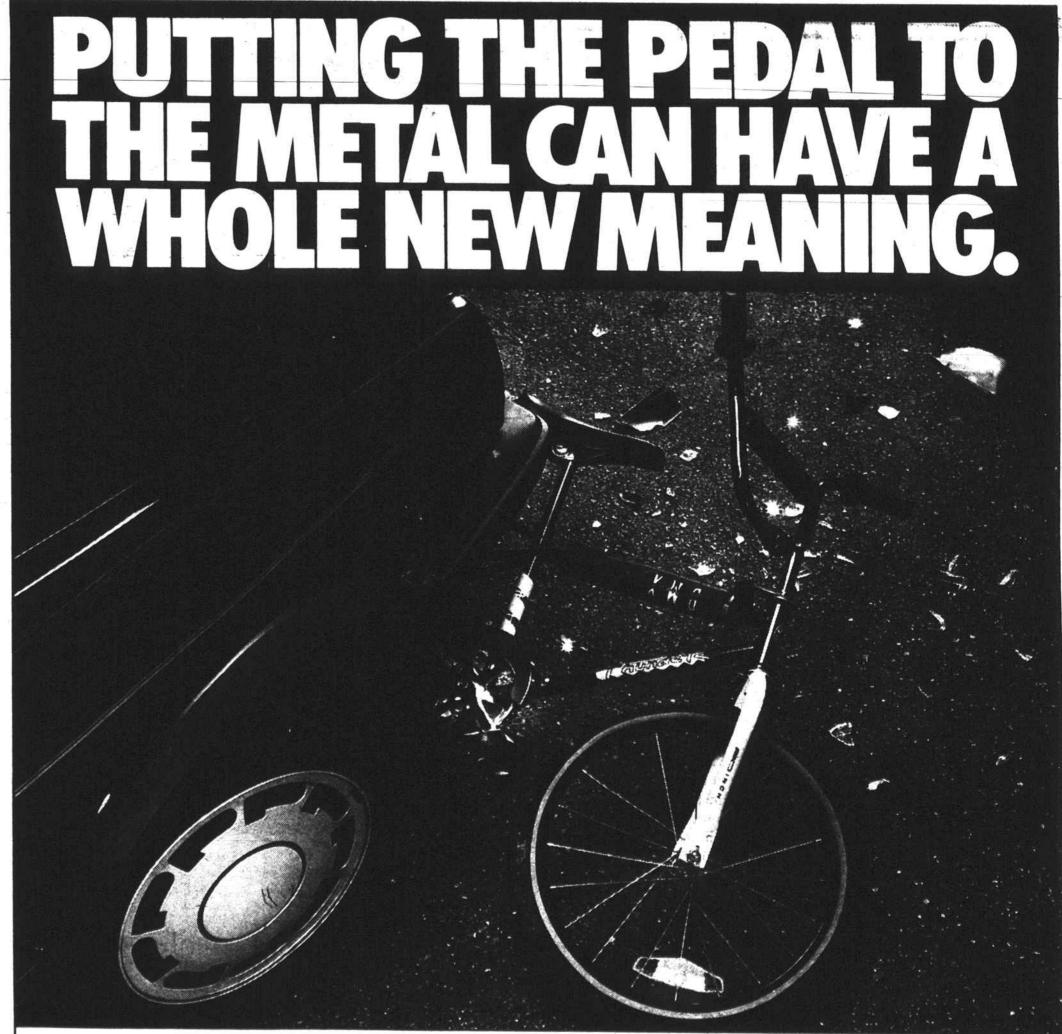
Militant black groups such as the PAC have targeted police for attack to protest apartheid. year, most of them black.

Sunday in Lamontville, in the eastern province of Natal, and they found the body of another officer in Natal who had been missing since Thursday near the eastern port of Durban.

Police on Monday reported four additional unrest-related deaths overnight, including a 5year-old black girl killed when gunmen fired on a vehicle in the Alexandra township bordering Johannesburg.

About 8,000 blacks have died in political violence the past three years.

The African National Congress accuses the ernment of instigating the township vio-More than 100 officers have been killed this lence, but the government traces the thousands of deaths to a power struggle between the ANC Police said two officers were fatally shot and the Zulu-based Inkatha Freedom Party.



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