

Britain gets its first black member

Paul Boateng, a British lawyer, is the first black person appointed to the position of chief secretary to the treasury, a position in Britain's cabinet.

Boateng, 50, who was appointed to the position by Prime Minister Tony Blair, serves in the British Parliament and as the Home Office and Finance minister, a position outside of the cabinet.

"First and foremost I am a cabinet minister," said Boateng. "My color is part of me, but I do not choose to be defined by my color. I work for a world in which people are not judged by their color but by the content of their character. I want to be judged by my work in this position."

Elected to Parliament in 1987, Boateng is one of 12 non-white lawmakers in the House of Commons. Britain's minority population is more than 7 percent.

"I hope in future years we will see more non-white ministers entering the cabinet," Labor Party lawmaker John Cryer told reporters.



Boateng

Pennsylvania Councilwoman says police dog has attacked blacks

McKEES ROCKS, Pa. — Dolpho, a 5-year-old German shepherd can tell the difference between marijuana, heroin and cocaine but whether he can differentiate race could mean life or death for the police dog.

A McKees Rocks councilwoman said the borough's lone police dog targets blacks and should be put to sleep.

The dog was imported from Europe two years ago and is trained in drug detection and patrol.

Recently, while K-9 officer Schawn Barger wrestled with a drug suspect, he said a quick-release button on his belt was activated, inadvertently opening a door to the K-9 wagon.

The dog bolted from the vehicle and bit a 9-year-old boy on the leg, not the suspect, and dragged him for about 20 feet, family members said. The boy is black.

Councilwoman Wanda Jones Dixon told the city council that she has received six complaints about Dolpho in the past year. Three involved people involved with drugs, who complained about attacks, but three others were black people who believe the dog jumped at or attacked them because of their race.

The 9-year-old boy was treated for a dog bite and released Friday.

Experts differ on whether dogs can discern race.

A national expert on animal behavior at Tufts University School of Veterinary Medicine said dogs not only can determine race, but can develop prejudices similar to humans.

No decision was made on Dolpho's future Monday.

NEA names Gary director of human and civil rights

WASHINGTON, D.C. — The National Education Association has announced the selection of its new director of human and civil rights, NEA veteran Warlene D. Gary.

For 21 years at the association, Gary has distinguished herself as a manager with an exceptional talent for collaboration with diverse communities and leadership on behalf of NEA's mission of making every public school great for every child.

Most recently, Gary served as NEA manager of parent and community outreach, through which she was instrumental in developing and implementing dozens of parental involvement initiatives in partnership with NEA affiliates. Notably, Gary developed and led the Family-School-Community Partnership program, which has successfully created rapport and support between schools and families in thousands of communities of color.

Gary previously served as manager of intergovernmental relations, associate director of governmental relations, and associate director of human and civil rights. She began her career as a teacher of disabled and disadvantaged students in Washington, D.C., and trained scores of teachers of children with special needs.

"I could not be more pleased to welcome Warlene to our executive team," NEA Executive Director John Wilson said. "Her wealth of experience in education policy and advocacy, combined with her passion for the value of diversity and commitment to NEA, make her the absolute, ideal person for this position. I know that Warlene will lead the human and civil rights department to its utmost potential."

NEA's human and civil rights department, with a staff of 24, is responsible for programs that promote equity and combat discrimination. The staff networks with local, state, and national organizations and trains NEA affiliates to work against any form of intolerance.

Gary, who has assumed her new position, said she is ready for the new challenge. "A safe, harassment-free environment is as critical to learning as the latest technology or a quality teacher," Gary said. "Respect for human and civil rights provides the bedrock for opportunity that our students need to achieve. Education is at its best when it embraces differences, releasing energy and building cohesion."

Before joining NEA, Gary worked for Lynda Johnson Robb on the President's Advisory Committee for Women and as a professional associate at the Council of Chief State School Officers.

A native of Washington, Gary received a bachelor of science degree in physical education and health from D.C. Teacher's College and a master's of education in special education at Howard University. Gary lives in Silver Spring, Md., near her two adult daughters, one of whom is a public school teacher in Maryland.



Gary

Major groups clash over S.C. flag

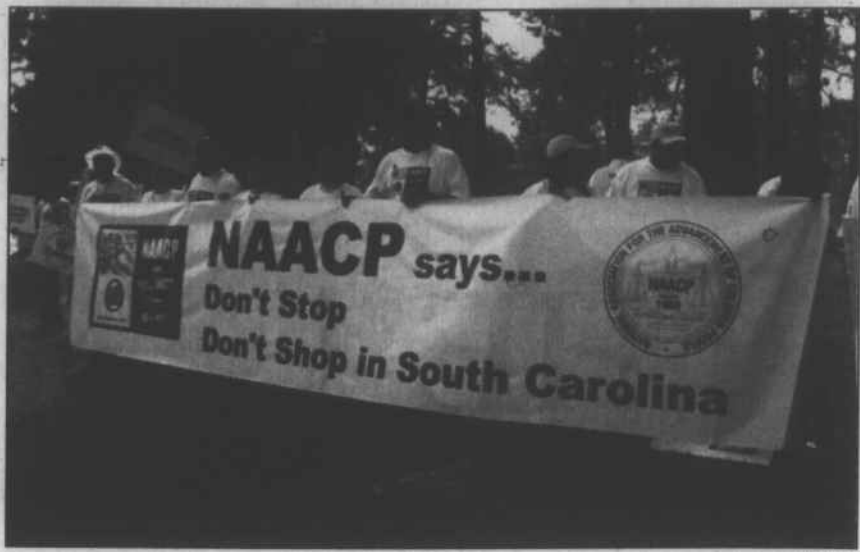
BY HAZEL TRICE EDNEY
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WASHINGTON — The Confederate flag once symbolized national division over the issue of slavery. Now, that same flag has caused deep division among black leaders, pitting top NAACP officials against members of the Congressional Black Caucus.

The melee started about two months ago when Julian Bond, NAACP board chair, and Kweisi Mfume, the organization's president and CEO, wrote separate letters to CBC members, asking them not to hold a fund-raising golf tournament in Charleston, S.C. The CBC members wrote back, accusing the NAACP of being hypocrites because they continue to hold their own events in South Carolina, despite the announced boycott.

The angry exchange of letters was published on the front page of the Charleston Chronicle, a black-owned weekly. The Chronicle obtained the letters and made them available to the NNPA News Service.

"To suggest that I do this fundraising outside of the State is an incredible request, especially in light of the fact that your state and local branches are continuing to hold their fundraisers in the state," wrote Jim Clyburn, South Carolina's only black representative. "As Congressman Bennie Thompson asked in his recent



File Photo

People protest along the North Carolina/South Carolina border on behalf of the NAACP.

letter to Kweisi, 'Why is it alright for you to fundraise in South Carolina and not alright for (me)??'"

Clyburn, at the center of the storm as sponsor of the tournament, also defended himself from an attack by James Gallman, president of the S. C. State Conference of the NAACP.

Gallman sent a memo to all state branches accusing Clyburn and state Sen. Kay Patterson (D-Richland) of disrespecting the boycott and declared them unwelcome at NAACP func-

tions. "They seem to think it is all right to bash the NAACP and then expect us to embrace them as comrades," Gallman wrote. "Henceforth, that will no longer be the case."

Clyburn returned the fire in a two-page letter to Gallman on Senate letterhead — full of expletives — perhaps the biggest indicator of the viciousness of the debate.

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ate letterhead — full of expletives — perhaps the biggest indicator of the viciousness of the debate.

"It is my policy not to waste any energy-and-resources responding to 'Nut-Mail,' obviously written by a fool — but in this instance, I'm making an exception for you!" he wrote to Gallman. "Why would you attack a U. S. Congressman of color & a 'Colored-Senator' — both paid in full Life Members? Well, I'm gonna break your

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New memorial honors civil rights leaders

BY ROBERT WELLER
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DENVER — In sight of mountaintops, a new 9-foot-8-inch high statue honoring Martin Luther King Jr. was unveiled Sunday, part of an "I Have A Dream Memorial" that is a pantheon of civil rights leaders.

In a speech April 3, 1968, in Memphis, Tenn., the night before he was assassinated, King said he didn't care what happened to him. The memorial carries an inscription explaining why: "Because I've been to the mountaintop ... and I've looked over, and I've seen the promised land."

On Aug. 28, 1963, in his "I have a dream" speech, the Nobel Peace Prize winner said America would be truly democratic

when freedom rings from the hilltops of New Hampshire to the snowcapped Rockies of Colorado all the way to Stone Mountain of Georgia.

Much of that dream has been achieved, said Rev. "Billy" Kyles, who was with King when he was assassinated. "We've gone from being three-fifths human to having a man like (Denver) Mayor Wellington Webb in the fourth year of his third term" in a city with a population that is only 12 percent black.

"Now we are known for a little more than the Lennox-Tyson fight." He said he was pleased the statue wasn't being unveiled "during Black History Month. This is American history."

The work of sculptor Ed Dwight's three-layer, 26-foot-high pedestal also includes works representing Rosa Parks, Sojourner Truth, Fredrick Douglass and Mahatma Gandhi in full view of the Rocky Mountains.

The works are in a circular plaza, 150 feet in diameter. King's statue stands above the other four leaders, all of whom were influential in his career.

Martin Luther King III, King's eldest son, as well as relatives of Douglass and Truth were to attend the unveiling ceremony in Denver City Park.

The \$611,000 for the sculpture was paid by donations. The rest of the \$1.2 million cost came from city funds.

Dwight, a former Air Force test pilot who was the first black American to qualify for training as an astronaut, has

created 60 monuments and memorials. After retiring from the Air Force, Dwight earned a master's degree in fine arts from the University of Denver. His first job was a series

of bronzes depicting the contribution of blacks in the American West.

Dwight was recently commissioned to create the largest memorial to African Ameri-

cans in history, the 90-foot-long Black Patriots Memorial that will be built on the National Mall between the Lincoln Memorial and the Washington Monument.

NOTICE MINORITY AND WOMEN-OWNED FIRMS

The North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) is seeking minority and women-owned firms (M/WBE) to bid on upcoming highway projects throughout the State. The Locations of the projects are:

Project No.	County/Route	Type	Location	Metric/English	GOALS BY PERCENT		
					DBE	MBE	WBE
6.031009R	Chowan/Washington	Widening, milling and resurfacing	Four sections of NC-32	English	5%	3%	
6.181004	Greene	Grading, drainage and paving	Intersections of US-258/ US-13/ NC-903 and NC-91/ SR-1247 North of Snow Hill	English	10%	5%	
8.1242203	Duplin	Grading, drainage, paving and structure	Bridge over Limestone Creek and approaches on NC-241 near Beulaville	English	5%		
8.1330505	Wayne	Grading, drainage, Y-Line paving and structures	US-117 from South of SR-1300 at Goldsboro to North of SR-1336	Metric	10%		
6.252001R	Brunswick Fredell Johnston New Hanover Chatham	Guardrail and dynamic message signing	I-40 & I-77 near Statesville, I-40 & 95 near Benson and US-17/NC-87, US-17/74/76, US-421 & NC-132 near Wilmington	English	0%	0%	
6.351010R	Durham Scotland	Widening, milling, resurfacing and guardrail	13 sections of NC-751	English	5%	3%	
8.2590502	Lee	Grading, drainage, paving and structure	Bridge over Big Shoe Heel Creek and approaches on SR-1612 near Maxton	English	5%		
6.549007T	Forsyth	Grading, drainage, paving and structure	US-421 & NC-87 (Sanford Bypass) from East of US-1 & US-15-501 to East of SR-1521	Metric	10%	5%	
8.1621204	Cabarrus	Grading, drainage, paving, guardrail, signing and structures	US-421 from West of US-158 interchange to SR-2662	Metric	9%		
8.1661007	Mecklenburg	Widening, grading, drainage, paving & structure	NC-49 from West of Irish Buffalo Creek to East of SR-2630 (Walker Road)	Metric	10%		
8.U672211	Wilkes	Grading, drainage, paving and structures	I-485 (Charlotte Outer Loop) from North of I-85 to NC-27	Metric	8%		
8.1762002	Avery	Median guardrail	US-421 from NC-268 to SR-2433	English	12%		
8.2721102	Gaston	Grading, drainage, paving and structure	Bridge over Roaring Creek and approaches on SR-1132 near valley	Metric	5%		
8.2812002	Madison	Grading, drainage, paving and culvert	RC box culvert at branch of Catawba Creek and approaches on SR-2445	English	9%		
8.1861002	Transylvania	Grading, drainage, paving and structure	Bridge over SR-1198 and Hayes Run Creek and approaches on US-25/70 & NC-213	Metric	5%		
8.2001103	Jackson	Grading, drainage, paving and structure	Bridge over Tinsley Creek and approaches on SR-1546 East of Brevard	English	7%		
8.2960702		Grading, drainage, paving and structure	Bridge over Thorpe Dam Spillway and approaches on SR-1157	Metric	3%		

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LETTING DATE: June 18, 2002

Prime contractors will be available to receive quotes for trucking, sub-contracting and materials. M/WBE's needing more information and/or technical assistance may come to Room 522 to meet with representatives from the Bennington Corp., NCDOT's Supportive Provider. (919) 832-6027

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