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# North Carolina Refuses Low Cost

## Insurance For High Crime Areas

### Private Companies View The Plan As A Threat?

By O. Imani Uhuru Aka  
(V.W.P.)  
Businessmen in high-crime areas were urged this week by the Black-Jewish Information Center to look into the Federal Crime Insurance Program, which offers low-cost protection against property loss resulting from robbery and burglary.

The program is available in 21 states, but North Carolina is not one of them. The Post contacted Jeannie Zukav at the Federal Crime Insurance Office, in an attempt to find out why the state was not a part of the program. "The state would not accept the plan," she said. "The program offers insurance coverage to businessmen in high crime areas at very low premiums, and this may be the reason North Carolina won't accept the plan, private companies may view the plan as a threat to their business." When asked what could be done to change that, she explained, the program is always open, a state just has to show interest toward being included in the program. Interested parties should contact their congressman to ask why their state is not part of the program.

"Over the years, we've witnessed many communities deteriorate because their businesses were unable to secure crime insurance," according to James Rose, an official at Federal Crime Insurance. "The program makes crime insurance more readily available in areas where shopkeepers and other entrepreneurs have been unable to buy or retain such protection."

Administered by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), the program provides commercial enterprises with coverage of up to \$15,000 on a per-occurrence basis. Policies may be obtained through licensed property insurance agents and brokers or through Safety Management Institute of Washington, in Washington, D.C.

Efforts to contact North Carolina congressman Jim Martin produced no results. A spokesman for the Black-Jewish Information Center emphasized the importance of the program in helping to stabilize urban communities in ghetto and transitional neighborhoods. "The fear of crime, erosion and declining sales markets are driving many business operators to the brink," he said. "Federal crime insurance can help halt the further flight of business people from these neighborhoods."

### Social Services

### Extends Free

### Bus Service

The Mecklenburg County Department of Social Services extended its free bus service to the Food Stamp Office on South Independence Boulevard, Monday, May 16.

The bus has been running on a regular schedule between downtown Charlotte and the Social Services Center on Billingsley Road, and this service is being continued. The bus leaves the Civic Center, on East Trade Street, every hour on the hour, from 8 a.m. until 4 p.m. Monday through Friday, with a stop on Independence Boulevard, at the door of the East Independence Plaza building, where the Food Stamp Office is located. After the bus leaves the Food Stamp Office, it then goes to the Social Services Center.

The return trip from the Social Services Center originates every hour on the half hour, from 8:30 a.m. through 4 p.m.

### Transit Planning

### Office Moves To

### New Location

The City's Transit Planning Office has moved to a new location at 130 South Davidson Street. The move from the third floor of the City Hall Annex to the former Civic Plaza Building will provide greater accessibility to elderly and handicapped persons enrolled in the Transit Assistance Plan for the Elderly and Handicapped (TAPE). In addition, the new offices are only one block from the NO-FARE Zone in uptown Charlotte.

The TAPE Program was begun in 1974 to offer reduced bus fares to senior citizens and handicapped persons in Charlotte. Today more than 5,500 individuals are enrolled in the program which offers tickets at one half the regular 40-cents price. TAPE tickets are sold in quantities of 10 for \$2.00 at 13 public housing rental offices, City Hall or the mobile city hall.

To register persons 62 years or older and individuals with a certified handicap should visit any of the above locations. Proof of age and/or a certificate of disability signed by a medical doctor is required.

The Transit Planning Office is responsible for the planning, monitoring and evaluation of the local bus company. The telephone number will remain 374-3234.



JOCELYN MOBLEY  
...Goodwill store clerk

## Jocelyn Mobley Is Beauty Of Week

By Jeri Harvey  
Post Staff Writer  
Jocelyn Mobley, the Post's Beauty of the Week, has some advice that could benefit most of us. That advice is, "Get to know yourself." She feels that by understanding ourselves we enhance our chances for happiness. With an outlook like that and her lovely smile, we think our beauty should go far.

Jocelyn, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Willie McCoy, is a native of Charlotte who attended J.T. Williams Jr. High, West Charlotte High and graduated from Garinger.

In Junior High this young lady played softball and was a cheerleader and in high school was a member of a dance group. She says her favorite subject was math. "Because I felt it would be the most useful knowledge I could have - something that would help me in any career I chose." She got very good grades in that subject and often if the teacher had to be out she appointed Jocelyn to carry on the class. Her math instructor at West Charlotte, Mrs. Hughes, also happens to have been her favorite teacher because, as Jocelyn said, "She took the time to try to help us with personal problems as well as with math. She took time to listen."

Right now Jocelyn is applying her math skills as a clerk in a local Goodwill Store and, at the same time, using her understanding of people to counsel the handicapped workers employed with her. Eventually she would like to own a small business - possibly a restaurant or clothing store - but for now she is content with her present job because she enjoys the feeling of helping others less fortunate than herself.

The church Jocelyn attends is Mt. Carmel Baptist where Rev. Leon Riddick is pastor but she admits that she is "not very active." Tennis and softball are some of her spare time activities and she considers herself "a pretty good pool player." Billy Dee Williams is her favorite actor and the reason she laughingly gave was, "Because he is PRETTY and he also happens to be a very good actor." Ram Grier is her favorite actress because of the kinds of roles she plays. Parliament Funkadelic, Natalie Cole and George Benson are the recording artists she enjoys most.

"Good Times" rates as Jocelyn's number one TV program because she says, "It deals with the every day life of the black family in a down-to-earth, realistic manner, without any phoniness. It tells it like it is without trying to gloss things over." Jocelyn enjoys good food, especially fresh green beans and steak and pizza. She says she could "never really get into health foods because I'm too fond of meat and soul food."

Her beauty is 5'8", weighs 125 pounds and has light brown eyes and brown hair. Born September 8, 1953 under the sixth sign of the zodiac, she considers herself a fairly typical Virgo. Honest, modest, the ability to meet life head on and deal with it and shrewdness in money matters are all traits that she feels most Virgos possess. Jocelyn says she usually starts her day by reading her horoscope and tries to use the information for guidance through the day.

In spite of her career and hobbies, the center of Jocelyn's life is her daughter, Ebony. Four-year-old Ebony is already having "woman to woman" talks with her "mommie" about the things that are important in her young life. Jocelyn feels this is essential even at this age in order that Ebony will know she can always bring her problems to her mother. According to Jocelyn, "Ebony is the most important thing in my life and all my plans for the future are built around her. I want her to have the very best life possible - materially and emotionally." See BEAUTY on Page 10

### Screening Identifies 159 Victims

A total of 1,781 individuals participated in a free blood pressure screening program sponsored by eight local hospitals May 12-14 at Southpark as part of the observance of National Hospital Week. Nearly nine percent of those tested were determined to have elevated blood pressure and were advised to see a physician. Left untreated or unidentified, high blood pressure can lead to stroke, heart failure and kidney damage. According to standards used by the Heart Association, a blood pressure reading of 140 over 90 to x-120 is considered elevated for the 15 to 50 age group, and any reading 160 over 95 or over is elevated for individuals over age 50.

The majority of those identified last week with elevated pressure readings were in the under age 50 category. By percentage, this age group showed 11.2 percent with elevated blood pressure, while the 699 people over age 50 tested showed 6.7 percent high readings. An additional 10 persons of undetermined age also had high blood pressure readings.

A further breakdown, identifying participants by race, revealed that of the 1,781 total participation 125 were Blacks. High blood pressure readings showed in 15 of the 125. By percentage, 12 percent of the blacks tested had elevated readings (13 under age 50 and two over age 50).

Within the next two weeks the hospitals plan to send letters to each of these individuals, reminding them to see a physician and have their blood pressure rechecked.

The blood pressure screening project was part of a large National Hospital Week exhibit at Southpark which also included demonstrations of cardio-pulmonary resuscitation, displays of student art work on the theme of National Hospital Week ("We Put The Care In Health Care"), and photographic displays by each of the participating hospitals - Mercy, Presbyterian, Charlotte Memorial, Huntersville, Rehabilitation, Community, Orthopaedic, and Eye, Ear, and Throat.

### Post Office

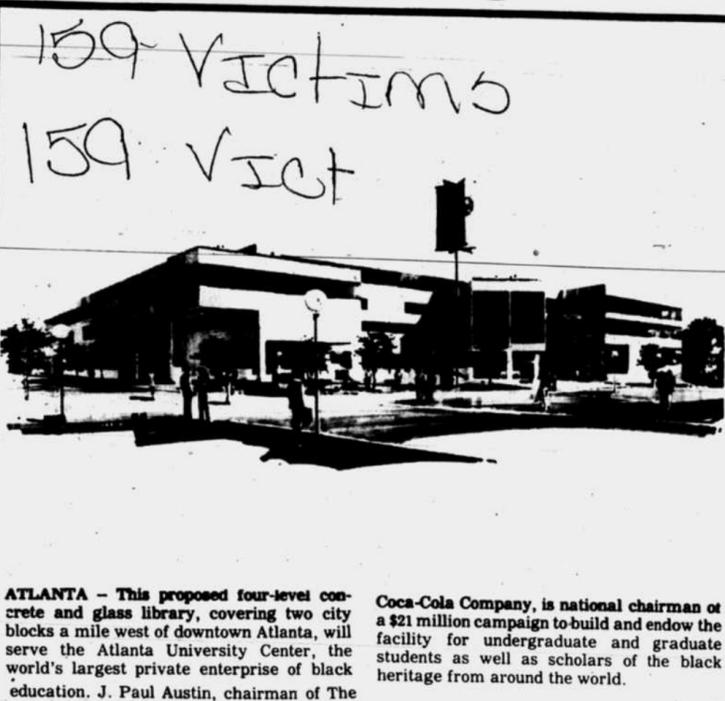
### To Observe

### Memorial Day

The U.S. Postal Service will observe Memorial Day Monday, May 30, according to Postmaster, O.B. Sloan.

Sloan said, "There will be no home delivery, but special Delivery mail and parcels containing perishable matter will be delivered, and certain special services will be provided.

There will be box service available at the West Trade Street Station from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. also at Classified Stations from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. A self-service postal unit will operate at the Amity Garden Shopping Center, American Bank and Trust, at 5930 Fairview Road and at Hickory Grove and Delta Roads, Tryon Mall Shopping Center, Independence Shopping Center and in the West Trade Street Station lobby.



ATLANTA - This proposed four-level concrete and glass library, covering two city blocks a mile west of downtown Atlanta, will serve the Atlanta University Center, the world's largest private enterprise of black education. J. Paul Austin, chairman of the

Coca-Cola Company, is national chairman of a \$21 million campaign to build and endow the facility for undergraduate and graduate students as well as scholars of the black heritage from around the world.

## York Memorial Cemetary Care Concerns Blacks

By Hoyle H. Martin Sr.  
Post Executive Editor

Upon entering the York Memorial Park Cemetary is a sign that says "Perpetual Care" mounted on old wood with peeling and chipped paint.

In commenting on the sign, an elderly lady whose husband is buried there said, "When York opened it had a beautiful entrance but over the years the whole place has been allowed to go down."

In a POST article (April 7) that indicated community concerns about conditions at York Memorial Park, Kelly Alexander of the Alexander Funeral Home was quoted as saying, "If you want better service, you have to tell the owners what you want done."

A number of callers to the POST from largely elderly ladies with loved ones buried at York, have since expressed concerns about the park's conditions; however, it appears that little has been done to fully express these concerns. One caller said, "I guess things have gotten bad because we have not said anything about it."

Mrs. Johnnie Evans, retired coordinator of the Northwood Estates Community Association,

said in a telephone interview, "Blacks left Pinewood Cemetary because of its poor conditions and the promise of 'perpetual care' at York Memorial." Nevertheless, people have complained that the grass and hedges are constantly in need of cutting, the sign at the entrance is in need of a fresh coat of paint, there are holes in the gravel roads in the Park especially when it rains, there is rarely an attendant on duty and tractors that are used to dig graves often are driven over graves that leave mud holes and endanger or damage the bronze name plate on some grave sites.

Howard Halberstadt, president of the firm that owns

York Memorial said in a telephone interview that "we charge only \$90 for a grave at York Memorial, at other cemeteries it costs \$295. Of the \$90, \$20 goes for perpetual care - largely for keeping the grass and hedges cut." He noted in responding to questions from this reporter's personal visit and tour of the cemetery that "while the grass is usually cut weekly it had not been cut last week due to the unusually dry weather." He added that because of the closeness of the grave sites they could not avoid tractors being driven over some graves.

Halberstadt further noted that his firm makes no profit from York Memorial and that with the absence of discrimination "those people" can buy cemetery plots anywhere they want to now.

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### Inflation Hits Blacks

Inflation has passed unemployment as the primary economic concern of Americans during the past 12 months, according to a recent New York Times - CBS News poll. Significantly this concern is even evident among groups that traditionally rank unem-

ployment as their first economic problem. While blacks continued to cite unemployment as the most serious problem, they nevertheless shifted from a 3-1 margin for unemployment in September to a 2-1 margin in April.

### For Congressional Seat

## Maxwell To Challenge Jim Martin

By Hoyle H. Martin Sr.  
Post Executive Editor

Charles K. Maxwell, a former two-term State Senator, has announced that he will challenge Republican incumbent Jim Martin for the 9th District congressional seat which includes Iredell, Lincoln and Mecklenburg Counties.

Maxwell, 53, a farmer and real estate land developer said in a press release, "I'm not running against anyone," rather, "I am running because I think it is time for some fresh ideas and new leadership from this district...because it is time we had as much influence in Washington as many of the other districts."

A 30 year resident of Mecklenburg County, Maxwell continued, "I am running because we desperately need someone who is not afraid to address himself to the problems of providing adequate health care for the working man, the elderly, as well as the family unable to provide for themselves. We need someone who will protect our interests in banking, in manufacturing, in transportation, in business, in farming, in industry, and in sales and distribution of our products."

In commenting on the solution to such problems, Maxwell said the answer is not necessarily in "the creation of governmental bureaucra-



Charles K. Maxwell  
...Former state senator

gent legislation."

Maxwell noted he plans to take his campaign to every neighborhood, factory and store to meet the people.

Maxwell has had other experience in government when he served as a state highway commissioner from 1970 to 1973. He is currently vice-president of Carolina Developers, Inc., and secretary treasurer of South Eastern Developers, Inc.

A Davidson College graduate and a Whiteville native, Maxwell lives in Huntersville with his wife Doris and three children.

Some Black political leaders have spoken favorably about Maxwell's candidacy.



Why can't life's problems hit us when we're 18 and KNOW EVERYTHING?