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SISTERLY LOVE: Tasia Isabell (left) gives sister Tanesha Michael a hug and kiss after Kennedy Middle School's awards program last Friday. Tasia, a Kennedy student, joined thousands of Mecklenburg County students for summer break.

NAACP cutting back

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the Baltimore staff will be reduced from 119 members to 70 members through both layoffs and attrition, Dennis Hayes, the NAACP's interim president and CEO, told the Baltimore Sun. Hayes also said that the organization has used \$10 million in reserve funds over the past three years in order to cover shortfalls.

Because of the crisis in finances, the national headquarters is also temporarily closing at least seven regional offices.

The financial situation is yet another controversy for the nation's leading civil rights organization, only four months after former President and CEO Bruce Gordon suddenly resigned after only 19 months in office. He cited differences with the NAACP's 64 member board. Gordon could not be reached for comment by NNPA deadline.

"We are right-sizing our organization to meet present circumstances," Hayes told the Sun. "We had the unexpected departure of

our CEO at a time when we were already without a chief development officer. So, understandably, we have to regenerate our revenue machine, our fundraising machine, to get us to where we should have been."

For more information on NAACP fundraising, the public may call toll free, 1-877-NAACP98. Or write NAACP National Headquarters 4805 Mt. Hope Drive Baltimore, MD 21215.

Hope for homeless in N.C. county

By Jeanna Covington
CAROLINA PEACEMAKER

GREENSBORO - The Ten Year Plan to End Homelessness in Guilford County was unveiled Monday in Jamestown, and according to executive director of the U.S. Interagency Council on Homelessness, Philip Mangano, it will have a national significance.

"There are many more Guilford Counties in our country than there are New Yorks, and San Franciscos and Chicagos," Mangano said during the unveiling presentation of the Ten Year Plan to End Chronic Homelessness last week. Mangano was referring to other areas in the nation similar to Guilford County in size, demographics and homelessness.

"This plan is going to influence and be a model for other cities all across the country."

The program was held in the auditorium of the Percy H. Sears Applied Technology building at See HOPE/7A

Join us for Citizens Informational Workshops MONROE CONNECTOR/BYPASS IMPROVEMENTS IN THE US 74 CORRIDOR FROM I-485 TO US 74 NEAR MARSHVILLE

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The North Carolina Turnpike Authority (NCTA) and the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) will hold two Citizens Informational Workshops to discuss the proposed Monroe Connector/Bypass project.

Workshop #1
Monday, June 25, 2007
4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
South Piedmont Community College
Building A
4209 Old Charlotte Highway, Monroe

Workshop #2
Tuesday, June 26, 2007
4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
NC Cooperative Extension
Union County Center
3230-D Presson Road, Monroe

Representatives of the project study team will present information, answer questions and receive comments regarding the proposed project. The informal setting is designed to promote discussion on issues such as the purpose and need for the project, conceptual alternatives and study corridors, stakeholder issues and concerns, and future steps in the project development process. The same information will be presented at both workshops. There will not be a formal presentation - participants are encouraged to drop in at any time between 4:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. Interested persons may also submit written comments or questions to the address below.

NCTA is proposing to make improvements in the US 74 corridor from I-485 to US 74 near the town of Marshville. Several alternatives, including improving the existing US 74 corridor and constructing a new location facility, are under consideration. Several alternative corridors for a new location facility are being studied. As part of the project, NCTA will study the feasibility and impacts of developing the proposed project, in whole or in part, as a toll road.

Anyone desiring additional information may contact Ms. Jennifer Harris, NCTA, at 1578 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, NC 27699-1578, phone 919-571-3004, or email, monroe@ncturnpike.org. A study area map and other project related information can be viewed on the project website at www.ncturnpike.org/projects/monroe.

NCTA will provide auxiliary aids and services under the Americans with Disabilities Act for disabled persons who wish to participate in the workshop. Anyone requiring special services should contact Ms. Harris by Monday, June 18, 2007 so that arrangements can be made.

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