

Pentagon Balks At Honors For Two Black World War Heroes

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The Pentagon is digging in its bureaucratic heels and insisting that the efforts of a Republican congressman to persuade the military to posthumously award two black World War I and II heroes the Medal of Honor as a "matter of historic justice" just won't wash.

But the military will have "a fight on its hands," Rep. Joseph J. DioGuardi (R-N.Y.), a first-generation Italian who is imbued with a strong sense of justice, declared. He has flatly stated that an Army letter to him is "an unacceptable response" and that he is ready

to go to the mat on this issue.

In a letter to DioGuardi, Assistant Secretary of the Army Delbert L. Spurlock, Jr., who is black, declared that the time limit for such awards—five years after combat action—has run out and thus showing

preference for one soldier over several thousand others would be inappropriate. Spurlock's counterpart in the Navy agrees.

DioGuardi is seeking to have the Army honor Sgt. Henry Johnson, who (See PENTAGON, P. 2)

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JAMES E. BURT

Burt Selected New Regional UNCF Director

WINSTON-SALEM—The national office of the United Negro College Fund, Inc., has appointed James E. Burt as the new area development director for their North Carolina operation.

A graduate of Saint Augustine's College in Raleigh, a UNCF member institution, Burt had continued his studies in public administration at North Carolina State University, the Development Internship Program at the University of Pennsylvania and management in higher education at the American Management Association, Hamilton, N.Y.

Burt is a native of Raleigh. He comes to UNCF from Bennett College in Greensboro where he served as director of institutional development and vice president for institutional development. He was coordinator of alumni affairs and church relations at St. Augustine's and consultant for alumni administration for the Phelps-Stokes Fund, Robert R. Morton Memorial Institute.

He serves as president of the Association of Fundraising Officers, Inc., executive vice president, St. Augustine's Alumni Association; director of the Eloise Logan Penn Chorale. He is a member of the Council for Advancement and Support of Education, a member of the Ad-

Appointment Of Gray No Favor To Jackson

ATLANTA, Ga. (AP)—Democratic National Committee Chairman Paul Kirk denied that the party appointed a leading black congressman chairman of the platform drafting committee to appease Democratic presidential aspirant Jesse Jackson.

"I told him about my intentions, he expressed no opposition," Kirk said. "I told him that with respect to this entire process... we wanted to make sure that there was fair representation of the membership."

Rep. William Gray of Pennsylvania, chairman of the House Budget Committee, was named to

Gethsemane Rainbow

Home To Face Eviction Board Has Resisted Relocation

Board Has Resisted Relocation

On Monday, June 6, Delores Powell-Glenn filed an eviction proceeding against the Gethsemane Rainbow Partnership, Inc., to recover possession of her property located at 1013 S. Person St. Ms. Glenn, former executive director and founder of the Gethsemane Rainbow Partnership, is the owner of the house in which the Rainbow Harbor House is located. The home houses women recently released from prison and offers them support services in the process of re-entering the community.

On Feb. 12, Ms. Glenn notified Alice Ashton, chairman of the board, that the shelter would have to vacate the premises on or before June 1. Her decision was based on the fact that GRP had refused for 1 1/2 years to enter into a lease for the premises. They had indicated that GRP intended to obtain another facility "in a more suitable neighborhood" for its group home.

Believing that there was no long-term plan for use of her property, Ms. Glenn made plans to continue her ministry to women leaving prison and other women in crisis. To do this, she said, she must have the use of her home at South Person Street.

The board of GRP has resisted leaving the property on June 1, despite having had 3 1/2 months to find other quarters, Ms. Glenn said. During this time, she claimed she had obtained commitments from a number of individuals and the Raleigh Rescue Mission for housing of the women now residing in the group home. In addition, she said, she is willing to allow any of the women at the home to remain on a short-term basis.

In a release dated Friday, May 10, (See EVICTION, P. 2)



ROLE MODEL—Pryce Baldwin, center, dines with David Sanders, left, and Grumell Malone, right, at the Kappa scholars banquet at the North Raleigh Hilton. Baldwin is a personal model for both David and Grumell in the Helping Hands Program in the Wake County Public School System. David and Grumell are both in the sixth grade at Ligon Middle School. (Photo by Talib Sabir-Calloway)

Leaders Say Challenge Is Preventing Dropouts

Improving Tar Heel literacy is by far the number one concern of the leaders of North Carolina Citizens for Business and Industry—"The Voice of Business"—whose 1,500 member firms comprise a corporate "Who's Who" of the state.

"Our future is only as bright as our young people," says NCCBI Executive Committee member L. Vincent Lowe, Jr. of Wilson, echoing the sentiments of almost half the respondents to North Carolina's May magazine poll of NCCBI's officers, directors and former chairmen.

The chairman and chief executive officer of Branch Banking and Trust Co. added that North Carolina's sons and daughters "will determine our future course. Currently, less than six of every 10 adults over the age of 25 in North Carolina have completed their high school level education. Every year, approximately 26,000 students across the state join their ranks by dropping out of school.

"The schools must find a way to identify the special needs of all our children and meet those needs in a way that does not label students as potential failures. More than half the entire state budget is spent on education each year, which indicates the problem does not originate from a lack of public money. More care must be taken to see that this money is spent in a manner that will benefit and encourage students."

Lowe says, "The private sector can

help by taking a more active interest in the challenge of keeping children in school and by working to ensure that schools provide programs that will give students the educational foundation they will need to become successful employees.

"Together, the public and private sectors can work to find ways to address the problem of undereducated parents. Convincing the parents to complete their education through the state's well-funded, student-hungry community colleges can help them serve as better role models for their children and influence their decision to remain in school.

"Business and industry leaders in North Carolina should make sure that parents, legislators, educators and, most importantly, students realize what we already know. A good education is the key to success." (See LEADERS, P. 2)

Sanford Center Inmates To Get New Dorms

State Correction Secretary Aaron J. Johnson will join other state and local officials for the dedication of two 50-bed dormitories at the Sanford Advancement Center at 10 a.m. Wednesday, June 15.

"The completion of these dormitories is tangible evidence of our progress toward making North Carolina's prison system more just, humane, and constitutionally defensible," Secretary Johnson said.

These new facilities are part of the state's \$29.3 million Emergency Prison Facilities Development Program, under which 2,554 new beds are being built system-wide to help address the problem of prison overcrowding. Gov. Martin's 1988-89 supplemental budget requests almost \$28 million for the construction of an additional 976 medium-custody beds and support facilities.

"Although this construction will not increase the overall capacity of our prison system, it does improve the conditions of confinement within our prisons," Secretary Johnson added. "This is something we must do if we are to avoid a federal takeover of our prisons."

The dormitories, which will be occupied by inmates, will be occupied by inmates. (See INMATES, P. 2)



MICHAEL JORDAN

Wilmington Residents Seek Stretch Of Local Road To Carry Name of Jordan

WILMINGTON (AP)—New Hanover County commissioners are recommending that part of Interstate 40 be named the Michael Jordan Parkway—a fitting tribute to the basketball star who gets most of his points by driving the lane.

The commissioners voted to recommend that the state Department of Transportation rename part of I-40 in the Wilmington native's honor. The action came after several owners of property on Gordon Road objected to changing the name of the rural, two-lane road where Jordan grew up.

"Everyone around the world knows Michael Jordan," said Joe Augustine, executive vice president of the Chamber of Commerce. He agreed that New Hanover County had turned out other fine athletes, including the Football Hall of Fame's Sonny Jurgensen, former Harlem Globetrotter Meadowlark Lemon and quarterback Roman Gabriel. But he said those athletes hadn't drawn as much attention to the area as Jordan, recently named most valuable player in the National Basketball Association.

But "Let's not bury a part of history just to add a new name," said Oliver Godwin, a longtime Gordon Road resident. The road has been around for years, he said, as have many of its residents.

"An address gets to be part of you," he told the commissioners. "I think Mike needs to be honored," said Winston Thompson, who owns a sign business at the corner of Gordon Road and Market Street, "but why can't we take the Smith Creek Parkway and put his name on it?"

(See MICHAEL JORDAN, P. 2)

Student Interns Get To Look At NC Government

One hundred university, college and technical institute students are getting a firsthand look at North Carolina's state government this summer. They are working as interns for 10 weeks, learning about state government operations while working in fields related to their academic and professional interests. Also, there will be a variety of seminars and social activities scheduled.

The 1988 North Carolina State Government Internship Program began May 27 with an orientation day

in Raleigh. Interns were greeted by Dr. Raymond Camp, chairman of the North Carolina Internship Council; Nancy J.R. Wells, executive director of the Youth Advocacy and Involvement Office and Jeff Agee, state coordinator for the internship program. Eugene Bohl, general manager of WGGT-TV in Greensboro, was the guest speaker.

"The internship program offers our young people a unique employment opportunity," said Secretary of Ad-

(See STUDENTS, P. 2)



AWAITING FAMILY—Jamie, Robert and Jessie await a must be able to provide the brothers with lots of love. (See mature, stable and energetic couple to adopt them. Couples story)

Couples Seeking Adoption Find Black Children Desire Parents

Wanted: Mature, stable and energetic couple to adopt three active young brothers—Jessie, Jamie and Robert, ages 11, 10, and 8. Couples must be able to provide the brothers with lots of love.

As most youngsters, they like to play outside together. They are close and somewhat protective of each other, but are typical brothers who fight and argue.

As the oldest, Jessie has a part-time job delivering papers in the afternoon. He has brown eyes and a medium brown complexion and is considered to be tall and slim for his age, doesn't do particularly well in school and performed below average

this past year. He is in the fifth grade and is really capable of doing average school work.

As the middle child, Jamie is a cute 10-year-old with brown eyes, medium to dark complexion, is a pleasant, charming child whose smile would capture anyone's heart. He is of average height, has a heavy build and absolutely loves to eat. He was slow to develop at an early age but has improved with an enriched environment and stimulation. He is in the fifth grade, enjoys school and he does average work.

As the youngest, Robert is a delightful, energetic child who has had five foster care placements,

causing him to have a lot of instability in his young life. He has brown eyes, medium complexion and is pretty much average height and weight. He has repeated the second grade but is capable of doing average work. He enjoys riding his bike, playing basketball, playing with his toys, watching television, playing with friends and he has good health.

Couples interested in adopting these brothers or other children like them will not have a long waiting period to adopt a black child. Caseworkers at the Children's Home Society will work immediately with black couples who wish to adopt. (See COUPLES, P. 2)



NEW FACILITY—Sheriff John Baker speaks at the grand opening of the Hammond Road Correctional Facility June 8. The facility began housing inmates the following day, and was constructed to help ease the overcrowding problems of the main jail in the courthouse building. (Photo by Talib Sabir-Calloway)