

MICHAEL JORDAN

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The Smith Creek Parkway, as yet unbuilt, is expected to relieve congestion on Market Street and handle traffic from I-40 into Wilmington.

Commissioner Jonathan "Joe" Barfield opposed a recommendation by Commissioner W. Albert Corbett that the county museum be asked to find a way to honor Jordan and other area natives who have made significant contributions in their fields.

Barfield said Jordan, who plays for the Chicago Bulls, is special and deserves more "than to put him away in a museum. The museum already has an exhibit featuring Jordan and other famous athletes from the county."

Jordan and his mother, Delores, were excited when told of the proposal to rename Gordon Road the Michael Jordan Parkway, said Helen Herstine of the Wilmington Parks and Recreation Department. Ms. Herstine said Ms. Jordan sent a telegram expressing her enthusiasm for the idea.

But county board Vice Chairman Nolan O'Neal said he thinks Jordan would be embarrassed if he knew the proposal had caused so much controversy.

The commissioners are not empowered to rename the federally funded I-40, which is under construction between Raleigh and Wallace. But Barfield said he thinks the Department of Transportation, which can extend such accolades, would have no objection.

JAMES BURT

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Burt says his plans for the North administration Management Society, Policy Council of Guilford County Headstart Division of the United Day Care Services, Inc., the NAACP and a host of other professional and civic organizations.

Burt has received numerous honors and awards including the Raleigh City Council Award for Outstanding Community Service; the Raleigh Community Relations Award. He is listed in "Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities," "Who's Who Among Black Americans," "Who's Who in the South and Southwest," "Outstanding Young Men of America," and others.

Burt says his plans for the North Carolina operation of UNCF are simple. "To let every citizen of North Carolina realize the importance of our UNCF colleges and universities, and the necessity of their support as our six UNCF institutions strive to generate the necessary revenue that will supply the needs of the students of these institutions."

He is married to the former Arteria Perry. They have two children, Lesia, 20, and Levi, 17.

The United Negro College Fund is made up of 42 historically black colleges and universities throughout the country. Six of those UNCF institutions are in North Carolina, including St. Augustine's College and Shaw University in Raleigh.

The UNCF is in its 44th year of fundraising for its member colleges and universities, all of which are four-year, degree-granting institutions. They give thousands of disadvantaged students their only chance to earn a college education, providing through their achievements a future for these students, and a marketable professional cadre of employees for business, industry and government.

LEADERS

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tion is essential for a good future," says Vincent Lowe.

Increasing the overall "literacy of our population" was also the number one concern of Citizens for Business and Industry's 1986-87 chairman, Richard L. Daugherty, who is IBM Corp.'s general manager at Research Triangle Park. "Our education system must focus on basic skills (reading, math, and science, in particular), technical literacy [needed for] a well-trained and flexible workforce [and] restructuring the traditional school system including improved facilities, focused curriculum, graduation standards, and educator careers and salaries."

INMATES

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occupied by inmates on June 13, were built by the L.P. Cox Co. of Sa. They were built under a \$4.1 million contract covering the construction of dormitories at Sanford, Durham, Orange, and Wake correctional facilities. The company also has two other contracts totaling \$6 million for dormitory construction at six other facilities across the state.

PENTAGON

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served with the 369th Infantry in World War I, and Seaman Dorie Miller, who served aboard the battleship West Virginia when the Japanese attacked Pearl Harbor. Sgt. Johnson drove off 12 German soldiers, was gravely wounded, but saved a soldier's life. He was awarded the highest French honor, the Croix de Guerre. He died in 1930.

Miller's heroics were even more signal because he was a mess steward (worked in the ship's mess hall) and thus was not considered a combatant (the Navy was rigidly segregated at that time and most blacks served as messmen). Nevertheless, he manned a machine gun, after he helped move his mortally wounded captain from the ship's bridge, and fought heroically. He was killed in 1943 during a torpedo attack. Later, the secretary of the Navy awarded Miller a letter of commendation but the clamor of the black press at the time persuaded Admiral

Chester Nimitz, commander in chief of the Pacific Fleet, to upgrade that to the Navy Cross, the second highest award.

DioGuardi told NNPA he got involved with what he thought was "a simple issue" when a constituent, historian Leroy Ramsey, contacted him in 1986. "It was a lonely campaign," he said. "I thought it would be rather uneventful. Then I received Spurlock's letter." DioGuardi insists that the military's rule is upside down and has not applied in several other cases involving blacks. It is, he repeats, a "matter of simple justice." He and Rep. Mickey Leland (D-Texas) have co-sponsored bills to void the statute of limitations for the Medal of Honor so both black heroes can be considered for the award.

Black veterans recall with a large degree of bitterness the rigid segregation and brutal prejudice they suffered under during the two World Wars. Many blacks—officers and enlisted men, and civilians—who have served even in recent years at the Pentagon recall that lingering vestiges of racism still dog black promotions and efforts to secure top honors and assignments. Some observers wonder, then, why Spurlock, of all people, could support such a rigidly unfair rule.

Ramsey, who said he has diligently studied the record, found that not one Medal of Honor of the 549 awarded in World Wars I and II went to any of the 1.5 million blacks who fought in those wars. He says he was planning a book on black World War II veterans, but when he got into his research "I realized that no black had received the Medal of Honor in either of the World Wars. So I put the book on the back burner and took off in an effort to see if I could get that righted." Ramsey is a former associate history professor at Hofstra University.

According to Pentagon Army spokesman Lt. Col. Greg Rixon, the highest-ranking black to receive the Medal of Honor was Lt. Col. Charles Calvin Rogers. He won it in furious action in Vietnam, Nov. 1, 1968. Two years ago Rogers retired from the Army with the rank of major general.

STUDENTS

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ministration James S. Lofton. "Interns bring new ideas and a fresh perspective to state government and leave with practical job experience and an understanding of state government operations."

Interns were selected from among 415 initial applicants. Before being chosen the interns were interviewed by the Internship Council and then by potential supervisors. To qualify for the program a student must be a North Carolina resident attending a college, university, community college or technical institute.

The internship program, sponsored by the Youth Advocacy and Involvement Office, offers a variety of opportunities in fields such as communications, social sciences, art and design, natural and physical sciences. Each student has been assigned to a specific department and will receive a stipend. Project sites are located in Raleigh and across the state. The internships will last through Aug. 5.

APPOINTMENT

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Gov. Dukakis and Rev. Jackson is another indication of a party with its eye on the future, with its eye on unity."

The platform drafting panel, along with one non-voting representative from the Dukakis and Jackson campaigns, convened June 12 on Mackinac Island, Mich., to develop a working draft. Theodore C. Sorensen, former aide to President John F. Kennedy, has been asked to assist the committee, Kirk said.

The draft will be considered at a final meeting of the full platform committee June 25 in Denver, Colo., and will be presented before the party on July 19, during its national convention, Kirk said.

Kirk said he hopes the committee will produce a platform that will solidify voter confidence in the Democratic Party and steer clear of a wish list for a variety of special interests.



FINAL SCHOOL DAYS—While the ceiling fans whirl public schools let students out early to give the classrooms overhead these students at Bugg Elementary are getting and the students a chance to cool down. Summer vacation ready to beat the heat that plagued the Triangle area last started June 10. (Photo by Talib Sabir-Calloway) week, and end another school year. For several days, the

COUPLES

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Guidelines used by the Children's Home Society for couples to adopt a black child are: to have sufficient income to support another child, room enough in their home for another child and to be young enough to see the child grow up.

At the Children's Home Society there is no cost for couple who wish to adopt a black child. In addition, there may be an adoption subsidy available for some children who are adopted. The Children's Home Society is supported through the United Way, grants, foundations and individual donations. Couples who are interested in adopting these brothers or other school-age children like them may contact the nearest district office of the Children's Home Society. Offices are located in Asheville, Charlotte, Fayetteville, Greensboro, Greenville, Jacksonville, Raleigh and Wilmington.

EVICION

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Ms. Glenn said she "regrets this conflict with the administration of GRP, and reiterates her love and concern for the women residents." She said she "hopes that once the administration of GRP moves its activities to another location," she will be able to "resume her ministry using her property to meet the needs of the women who are a mutual source of concern."

Gov. Proclaims Awareness Wk. Of Hurricanes

Gov. Jim Martin has proclaimed the week of June 12-18 as "Hurricane Awareness Week" in North Carolina. Hurricane Awareness Week is an annual cooperative effort of the Emergency Management Division of the N.C. Department of Crime Control and Public Safety, the National Weather Service, and the Marine Affairs Division of the N.C. Department of Administration.

In proclaiming the week, Gov. Martin noted the recently completed Eastern North Carolina Hurricane Evacuation Study as the newest aid in preparing coastal counties to face a hurricane.

"Through the cooperative effort of the North Carolina Division of Emergency Management, the Army Corps of Engineers and the Federal Emergency Management Agency, our coastal officials now have better decision-making information with which to make evacuation plans in the event of a hurricane," said Gov. Martin.

The highlight of this year's campaign will be a three-day hurricane "table-top" exercise which will involve various state agencies and North Carolina's coastal counties. Officials will plot a mythical hurricane as it bears down on the coast. By using information, they will be able to practice what steps would have to be taken in the event of a real hurricane situation.

Hurricane season officially began June 1 and continues through Nov. 30. Most hurricanes occur during the months of August, September and October.

For more information on hurricane safety, Hurricane Awareness Week or the hurricane drill, contact your local emergency management agency.

Complets Train'g

Army Pvt. Robert S. Darby, son of Nikki Smith of 905 N. May St., Southern Pines, and Steve Darby, Jr. of 413 Raleigh St., Fuquay-Varina, has completed basic training at Fort Dix, N.J.

During the training, students received instruction in drill and ceremonies, weapons, map reading, tactics, military courtesy, first aid, and Army history and traditions.

Teacher Said Poisoned By Pupil

CHASE, Md. (AP)—A Chase Elementary School teacher, allegedly poisoned by one of her students last week, was criticized in several anonymous letters that complained she and other school officials were more severe with black students than white.

Walter G. Amprey, assistant Baltimore County school superintendent, said "maybe half" of the letters that have come to his attention in the last month mentioned the teacher, Dorothy Dorsey, by name.

Ms. Dorsey is white. The student charged in the alleged poisoning incident, who had been suspended twice previously for disruptive behavior, is black.

Ms. Dorsey, 37, was tested last week at Franklin Square Hospital in attempts to determine exactly what was put in her cup of coffee. The student charged with poisoning the teacher was released to his parents after appearing before a juvenile master.

Amprey said the letters he saw accused both Ms. Dorsey and Principal Russell Hopewell of treating black students differently than whites in discipline cases.

He said "most of the letters" seemed to have been written with the same typewriter and implied that it was possible someone set out on a campaign to discredit the school.

"Most of the letters were typed with the same typewriter and those were all addressed to 'To Whom It May Concern,'" Amprey said. "I wrote back to some of them and asked them if they would meet with me. None of them ever responded."

Howard H. Gets \$900K Grant From Hugues Med. Insti.

The Howard Hughes Medical Institute last week announced that it is awarding \$900,000 to Howard University for a five-year program supporting undergraduate education and research programs in biological and related sciences.

Howard University is one of 44 institutions receiving grants totaling \$30.4 million.

The grant to Howard University will help fund programs for high school and college students, the purchase of scientific and computer equipment, and faculty and administrative costs for the programs.

"One of the institute's principal goals is to support education related to biology and medicine in the broadest sense, and to ensure that the next generation of medical researchers has the best possible training," said Dr. Purnell W. Choppin, president of the institute.

Dr. Joseph G. Perpich, vice president for grants and special programs, noted that 34 liberal arts and 10 historically black colleges were chosen for support from a "highly select group of institutions." He said that the quality of proposals was "extremely high."

Dr. James E. Cheek, president of Howard University, said that the university was "extremely pleased to be included in this distinguished program that the Howard Hughes Medical Institute has initiated. We look forward to a long and fruitful relationship with the institute."

High Court Declines Action On DC Black Firemen's Case

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The Corporation Counsel's office of the District of Columbia was pondering its next move, if any, following the refusal of the U.S. Supreme Court to hear the city's appeal of a lower court's ruling on the district's suit to increase black hiring in its fire department.

The U.S. Court of Appeals of the District of Columbia last year struck down a D.C. plan requiring the city to hire six blacks for every 10 job openings. The lower court had declared such quotas to address alleged discrimination are unconstitutional. Seasoned observers remember when fire (and police) stations in the very heart of all-black communities in cities across the nation were lily-white.

Even after integration in 1954, D.C. black firemen were assigned to specially labeled beds or rooms in the firehouse and had to eat with separate knives, forks and plates, and promotions were slow or nonexistent.

Corporation Counsel Frederick

Cooke said, "The district is going to evaluate what the Supreme Court has done before making a decision on future action." Beverly Burke, public affairs director for the office, told NNPA that "The city is in the process of developing new hiring and promotions tests to address the personnel situation in the fire department."

She said U.S. District Court Judge Charles Richey, who first heard the case more than three years ago, could order punitive damages and award promotions and back pay to firefighters who claim they were discriminated against. One source said the city is paying a consultant \$200,000 to develop a new hiring plan for the fire department. Ms. Burke said she is unaware of this thrust but said she understood that Judge Richey already has a plan in hand and was just awaiting the Supreme Court decision before announcing its particulars.

The D.C. Fire Department is 40 percent black in a city that is 70 percent black.

Sock it to 'em, daddy-o



THE JOY OF SOCKS! The well-dressed father takes care to look just right from head to toe. If you know a dad who's been neglecting the latter, here's help from the Modulus Collection by Format. Their fashionable and comfortable socks come in a variety of interesting patterns including the "Lee Lacerca" sock (far left) and the "Jazz Legacy" (far right), which sports a stylized saxophone on the ankle.

Truly comfortable dress shoes are an egg-cellent choice for Father's Day

For the busy dad who travels, goes from meeting to meeting, or catches lunch on the run, there is a Father's Day gift that will comfort his tired, aching feet.

The average businessman takes 1,800 steps every day. If your dad wears traditional leather-soled wingtips, he carries close to three pounds of weight with every step. That's a total of almost three tons of weight carried around on his feet. No wonder dad's feet hurt!

Embracing the heightened awareness of health and fitness, a new breed of men's dress shoes has emerged, and just in time for Father's Day.

Pioneered by Rockport, the Walking Shoe Company, these shoes are a hybrid, combining the good looks of a traditional leather-soled dress shoe with the comfort and support of a well-made athletic shoe.

With a new pair of lightweight dress shoes, not only will packing for business trips be easier, but walking around all day will be pleasurable, not painful.

Comfort in a dress shoe depends on two elements: Design and weight. The DressSport, manufactured by The Rockport Company, for example, weighs a mere 14 ounces. The weight difference is primarily due to the Vibram sole, a combination of rubber and a cushiony micro-cellular substance.

According to Dr. Suzanne Levine, noted New York podiatrist and author of *My Feet Are Killing Me!*, "Leather soles are usually too thin and wear out too fast. A synthetic substance absorbs more shock and is more lightweight, flexible and durable than leather."

The design of the insole is another important factor determining comfort. "An A car with manual shift averages two miles more per gallon than one with automatic shift."

insole has two basic functions: To absorb moisture and to provide cushioning," says Dr. Levine.

DressSports are designed using the same biomechanical research that goes into Rockport's complete line of walking shoes for men and women. Many comfort dress shoes feature additional cushioning as well as a layer that specifically absorbs moisture away from the foot.

But what makes Rockport DressSports

such a great Father's Day gift is the fact that they are as attractive as their traditional all-leather counterparts. Comfort is no longer sacrificed for style.

Comfort dress shoes for men have become so popular that Rockport's line has been featured on ABC's *Good Morning America* and in *Business Week*. Rockport's DressSports come in a wide variety of styles, colors and sizes—one that's certain to suit the dad in your life.

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