

# Jackson Stamping Print Firmly On Democratic Party Policies, Future

Both the apparent Democratic nominee for president of the United States and his persistent challenger remain equally at the forefront of that party's race for the White House as the party convention nears.

With the second-largest bloc of delegates at his disposal, Jesse Jackson is widely acknowledged to be in a position to play the high-stakes power broker at the Democratic Na-

tional Convention in Atlanta. Jackson is already playing a large role in shaping the party's platform, bringing to the fore key social and economic issues. In addition to the problems of homelessness, joblessness and the federal deficit, Jackson's growing political muscle has forced the party to address the drug epidemic, spending for educa-

tion and the introduction of a national health program.

"We need to change our national priorities. We need to have sensitivity to the most vulnerable Americans," Jackson told Black Enterprise. "The mission that we seek to achieve is economic justice in our country and peace in our world."

Paul G. Kirk, chairman of the

Democratic National Committee, acknowledges that it is in the best interest of the party to treat Jackson fairly and with respect. "It's clear Jackson is going to be a major force in the fall," said Kirk.

Jackson supporters will be critical to a Democratic victory in November. In addition to garnering

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REV. JESSE JACKSON

## Operation Teach Bringing Blacks Into Education

During its first six months, a program to encourage minority students to consider teaching as a career has helped eight high school seniors who plan to become teachers to enter college. The program has worked with a total of 194 students in six school systems.

The program, sponsored by the North Carolina Association of Educators, is called Operation Teach. It was begun last January after a major NCAE study showed the number of minority educators in public schools has declined sharply.

"We are very pleased with the initial success we have been able to achieve in such a short time," said NCAE President Gladys Graves. "From what we've already seen, we know that in the next several years this program will grow significantly. We expect an increase in the number of school systems participating and in the number of students next year."

Successful black educators in junior and senior high schools in Durham City, Guilford County, Jones County, Nash County, Onslow County, and Weldon City schools are the heart of the program. Each educator serves as a mentor and role model for a small group of black students who are potential college graduates. The educators also work with the students' parents.

The educators work with the students on image-building, communication skills, goal-setting, test-taking skills, and interviewing skills. Each educator makes sure each student in the group gets the courses necessary for college entrance, applies for scholarships, and applies for appropriate grants or financial aid.

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## Driving Victim's Car

# Rape Suspect Escapes

## Reward, Search Continue

An intensive manhunt was underway in Southeast Raleigh last week for a suspect who allegedly raped a woman and stole her car.

The incident, according to police reports, occurred last week in the 500 block of Elm Street.

The suspect is described as a black male, 20 to 25, approximately 6'3" and weighing 210 pounds, short-haired with a large build. He was reported to be wearing a gray hooded sweatshirt and dark pants.

The suspect was reported seen driving the victim's white 1988 Chrysler LeBaron convertible following the incident.

Police said the suspect used the victim's bank card to withdraw money from the automatic teller at the State Employees Credit Union on New Bern Avenue. Police believe the suspect was driving the victim's car

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PLANNING STRATEGY—Black empowerment is taking more assertive forms, within all parties and in many forms. Here, Everett Ward, political director of the N. C. State Democratic Party talks strategy with Ken Eudy, Deputy Director of the Democratic Party at the recently held state Democratic Party Convention. (Photo by Talib Sabir-Calloway)

# "Bald Eagle" Phenomenon Strikes

## Health And Violence Some Of The Problems Of Black Males

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As this country moves toward the year 2000 and attempts to strengthen its competitive position in global markets, there is a critical problem facing the nation—the vanishing black male.

This "new bald eagle" phenomenon is occurring as minority, female, and immigrant workers become increasingly vital to America's system of productivity. The fiscal and human loss associated with the endangered black male could further erode

America's position as leader of the free world.

Identifying solutions is made difficult by the fact that the roots of this problem are multi-dimensional.

Disadvantaged black youth continue to be raised by female heads of households in a changing inner-city environment. Economic changes resulting in massive job loss, and relocation of businesses to the suburbs, South and abroad have created an atmosphere of uncertainty. The inner city has become a haven for frustration, violence and drugs. The black male, once an earnest worker, has emerged as the symbol of decline due to the lack of opportunity and jobs.

There are many contributing factors to the endangered status of the black male that requires extensive research and study. However, an awareness of the magnitude of this problem, as well as the development

of programs to preserve the black male, will be the great challenge facing America over the next decade.

There are numerous reasons for the loss of black males in our society. A major contributor to this loss are health disorders (i.e., heart disease, cancer, cirrhosis). Moreover, drugs, violence, and high rates of imprisonment are significant contributors to this phenomenon.

In recent reports black men are six times as likely as white men to be murder victims and are 2½ times as likely to be unemployed. Since 1970 there has been a general decline in black male participation in the labor force. In 1984, 52 percent of black unemployed were males (teens and adults), according to National Urban League statistics. By every measure, the unemployment rate of black males is significantly greater than that of white males.

Productive work remains the most

important way to develop self-worth. Without meaningful jobs, the black male cannot adequately provide for himself or his family. He is left to survive with minimal resources. Consequently, selling drugs becomes a convenient way to make fast money and develop status in the community.

The use of guns and other forms of violence are often done for protection against other would-be criminals. Violence fosters violence. In this regard, black teenagers develop similar attitudes and behaviors to survive. The result is an exceedingly high black teen homicide rate. More often than not, the juvenile victim and perpetrator of such crimes are black males.

The FBI reports that in 1986, 39.6 percent of all homicide victims were black males. A staggering 52.4 percent of these victims were between the ages of 15 and 29 years of age.

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## Justice Still Elusive Issue In Middle East

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Who are the aliens or the Ishmaelites in the world today? Who are the people that are homeless in the city of Raleigh? Who are the dispossessed, the disenfranchised, the damned, and the despised?

Students at Shaw University know something about the homeless in Raleigh and the Middle East. When they visited the Ark at 410 S. Blount St., they heard about Julius—one of the Raleigh homeless who died a few blocks from where Middle East students discuss their own family status as Palestinian aliens in places like the West Bank and Gaza.

Approximately 250,000 Palestinians live under military occupation in the West Bank and Gaza. This is part of the 5.1 million Palestinian diaspora which has been exiled in Lebanon, Jordan and other countries. One hundred thousand live in the United States.

Why are the Palestinians referred to as modern-day Ishmaelites or aliens? For one thing, they have lived under military occupation since 1967—in the West Bank and Gaza—and basic rights have been denied.

Although things, or media images, have improved, there still can be one-sided media treatment which stereotypes all Arabs as radicals, extremists, or terrorists. This writer has friends in both Israeli and Palestinian references—and after teaching Palestinians for years let me state unequivocally that the above stereotypes are simply not true.

Since Israel's inception as a nation in 1948 the area has been plagued with interminable wars (five). While Israel's security must be established, justice and human rights must also be accorded to Palestinians; in this

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# Blue And Blue Ribbon Panel Give Perspectives On "Election '88"

According to a recent Gallup survey, the black community has been the least satisfied with Ronald Reagan's performance in the past eight years. After almost a decade of unmet expectations, what can black Americans do to place the most effective candidate in office?

ELECTION '88: A BLACK PERSPECTIVE, an original production of North Carolina Public Television, will address the community's goals and how they can be realized through the leveraging of votes and the forming of coalitions.

The program will be videotaped at 8 p.m. on Friday, July 8, at the Martin Street Baptist Church, 1001 East Martin St., Raleigh, N.C. The special airs at 9 p.m. on Friday, July 15, over

North Carolina Public Television's 10 channels. It will be distributed by SECA on Westar IV Transponder C at 2 p.m. on Sunday, July 17.

The forum, which will be taped before a live audience, will feature insightful commentary from distinguished political figures. At press time, the following people were included among the panelists:

Dan Blue, State Representative, 21st District (Wake Co.), North Carolina.  
Carolyn Coleman, NAACP Southern Voter Education Coordinator, Greensboro, North Carolina.  
Charles Hayes, U. S. Congressman, 1st District (Chicago), Illinois.  
Basil Paterson, Attorney, Meyer,

Suozzi, English and Klein, New York.  
Ed Towns, U. S. Representative, 11th District (Brooklyn), New York.

Linda Faye Williams, Associate Director of Research, Joint Center for Political Studies, Washington, DC.

Among the issues that will be addressed are the changing face of urban politics, the role of the black family in shaping America's legislative policies, and the contributions of current presidential candidates to black progress.

The executive producer of ELECTION '88: A BLACK PERSPECTIVE is Paul Vandergrift, Ed. D., director of educative services for North Carolina Public Television. The program is the fourth in the BLACK ISSUES FORUM series.



CONGRESSMAN JOHN LEWIS

# Georgia Congressman Helps In Fundraiser

Congressman John Lewis of Atlanta, Ga., will be the featured guest July 11 at a fundraising reception for Rep. David Price at St. Augustine's College in Raleigh.

Rep. Lewis, a key lieutenant and advisor to the late Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., is attending the event to assist Rep. Price in his re-election effort this fall. The event will be held from 5:30-7:30 p.m. at the Martin Luther King, Jr. Student Union Building on the St. Augustine's campus.

Dr. and Mrs. Prezell Robinson are hosts for the reception. The event is being co-sponsored by more than 50 community leaders.

David Price was elected to Congress from the Fourth District in 1986. He is the Democratic nominee in the Nov. 8 election.

Born the son of a sharecropper on Feb. 21, 1940, in Troy, Ala., John Lewis attended public school in Alabama. He holds bachelor of arts degrees in religion and philosophy from Fisk University in Nashville, Tenn. Lewis is also a graduate of the American Baptist Theological Seminary.

As a close associate of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Lewis has been in the vanguard of leadership for change since the demonstrations throughout the South. His commit-

ment to human rights was a part of the effort that eventually led to the passage of the most significant civil rights law—the 1965 Voting Rights Act. During the 1960s, he was considered one of the "Big Six" leaders of the civil rights movement, along with Whitney Young, A. Phillip Randolph, Martin Luther King, Jr., James Farmer, and Roy Wilkins.

In a political race that attracted national attention, Lewis was elected in November 1986 to represent Georgia's Fifth Congressional District over former Georgia state Rep. Julian Bond.

He began his first term in Congress on Jan. 6, 1987. Lewis has brought to Washington the same sense of ethics and morality he has always represented in the political system.

As a freshman member of the 100th Congress, Lewis is a member of the Public Works and Transportation Committee and the Interior and Insular Affairs Committee of the U.S. House of Representatives. He also serves as one of the freshman co-chairs of the Congressional Coalition on Soviet Jewry and was appointed to the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee, which is the party committee whose purpose is to elect Democrats to the U.S. House.

Since joining Congress, Lewis has

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