

### Freezing In The Cities

# Homeless Numbers Up In U.S.

Despite municipal programs to gather up the homeless, especially when the temperature plummets, the number of homeless deaths continues to increase across America. "This system is by definition inhumane," said the director of the Legal Action Center for the Homeless, Douglas Lasdon, in New York, where five homeless persons died on the streets during one weekend.

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well concerned citizens of this nation make the issue of homelessness a priority.

"In fact, there seems to be a growing social acceptance that a fair number of homeless people shall die during the winter..."

—Rev. Benjamin Chavis

"There needs to be a comprehensive and effective response to this growing problem," Chavis said. "To depend primarily on the police and other law enforcement agencies to treat the homeless, as if their destitute state is a criminal offense, is neither a compassionate nor humane approach," he said.

In surveying how some of the major cities in the United States handle the homeless, particularly during the winter months, Chavis said the commission was alarmed to find the proclivity to use police action rather

## Home Care Brings Families Closer, Provides Services

Ray Howell is doing the most important thing he'll ever do in his life. He's taking advantage of the chance of a lifetime by returning some of the loving care, kindness and affection his mother has given him over the years.

Ray's mother, Sallie Howell, 90, had a mild stroke a year ago that weakened her left side. She couldn't walk very well, and she needed help with the everyday activities of living. Then, last fall, she broke her hip and spent time in the hospital recovering.

That was when Ray made his promise to himself, and to his mother. "I made a statement to myself," Ray said, "that as long as I could stay able, I would never see her go to a rest home."

Ray has help in taking care of his mother—a tight network of family, friends and home care, all organized like an Olympic relay team, and with each caregiver passing the baton to the next runner who will be ready to accept it again 24 hours later.

Ray lives with his mother in a little white frame house in Pikeville. He's off to work by 8 a.m., when Debbie Teachey, a Personal Care Services aide from the local Home Health and Hospice Care in Goldsboro, arrives to spend the next four hours with Sallie. Then when Debbie leaves at noon, Christine Myers, a longtime friend who lives nearby, arrives to visit from noon until 3 p.m. That's when Sallie's daughter Betty Ruth gets home from work. She stays with her mother, often cooking dinner, until about 4:30 p.m., when Ray comes home.

Although Ray says what he does for his mother "just comes naturally," Debbie Teachey is trained to care for patients like Sallie who need some assistance in order to live at home. The Personal Care Services program is a cost-efficient, Medicaid-funded program designed to help people who, in order to remain at home rather than in an institution, need assistance with the personal aspects of daily living, such as walking, eating, bathing, cooking, light housekeeping and errands. (See HOMECARE, P. 2)

## Syphilis Among Drug Users, Prostitutes Up

While syphilis is occurring less frequently among homosexuals, cases of the disease have increased sharply among prostitutes and drug abusers who may be trading sex for drugs, federal health officials say.

Studies in Philadelphia and Connecticut have noted significant rises in the past three years in the number of syphilis patients from the latter two groups, the national Centers for Disease Control in Atlanta, Ga., said. "The magnitude of the increase... suggests that the trends observed in Connecticut and Philadelphia reflect real changes," the CDC said. "The emergence of syphilis among prostitutes, drug users and their sexual contacts may be a widespread national phenomenon."

"Obviously, biologically, there's no interaction that we know of between

drug use and syphilis," said Dr. Johnathan Zenilman, a CDC specialist in sexually transmitted diseases. "Certainly, what this looks like is that it may be a sex-for-drugs type of phenomenon."

For example, the CDC reported that in Connecticut, the percentage of female syphilis patients reporting that they were prostitutes rose from seven percent in 1985 to 21 percent in 1987; the percentage of females with syphilis reporting drug use rose from zero to 14 percent.

Among the heterosexual males in Philadelphia, the percentage of syphilis patients reporting contact with prostitutes rose from two to 21 percent, while the percentage reporting drug use rose from 5 to 13 percent. (See SYPHILIS, P. 2)

## Funding New Initiatives

# U. S. Navy Seeks Solution To Racism

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WASHINGTON, D.C.—The United States Navy, come hell or high water, says it is determined to improve career opportunities for minorities, and overcome in deed and fact its tattered image of racism that has clung like a barnacle to the organization's underside since its formation in 1775.

In keeping with that determination, a biracial, 24-member Navy study group has just completed an intensive two-month probe of equal opportunity throughout the organization in a more than 300-page report, has made six major recommendations to improve career opportunities for minorities.

In an exclusive interview with

rewriting the bulky, 100-page Affirmative Action Plan and the Navy Equal Opportunity Manual. It requires that all levels of Navy leadership, including flag officers, flag selectees, prospective commanding officers, executive officers, chief petty officers and training instructors, receive additional equal opportunity training.

The study report requires expansion of Navy upward mobility programs, such as the Broadened Opportunity for Officer Selection and Training and the Baccalaureate Degree Completion Programs to offset shortages of technically trained youth and declining numbers of blacks atten-

ding college. Also urged is an adjustment in enlisted distribution procedures and training programs to achieve a representative distribution of blacks and Hispanics in enlisted occupational specialties. And, finally, the report emphasizes the need for providing additional resources to improve minority recruiting for both officer and enlisted programs, and to establish strong, standardized review teams to ensure that minority officers are assigned equitably to "career advantageous billets," and to make certain that all of the other recommendations are fairly and rigorously implemented.

Did the Navy brass discover any surprises in the study? "Yes," said Adm. Boorda, the third-highest-ranked Navy official, and who must implement the initiatives. "I was surprised not by any findings in the study, but the solutions. They were there all the time and they just jumped right out at us. In our day-to-day work, we just didn't see them. Did I learn some things I did not know otherwise? Yes, I learned a lot about enlisted advancements, enlisted assignments, officer fitness reports and why officer recruiting might not be going as well as it ought to be. I learned a lot. There wasn't this lightning bolt that surprised me. It was a steady learning experience as I read through the report and was briefed on it. And what surprised me was how easy the solutions will be."

To understand the dimensions of the Navy's EO task, it is important to know that the Navy's levels of black and Hispanic members, the chief minority groups, are lower than those of any of the four armed services units. Only 3.5 percent of the Navy's officers are black. As of July, it had a total of 250 admirals, only six of them black. All of the blacks are rear admirals, lowest in the ranking system for flag officers. It has set a goal of six percent black officers by 1996. (See NAVY BIAS, P. 2)

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## In Fear Of Lives

# Kidnapper Held Here

## White Wife, Daughter In Hiding

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After an intense five-day hunt, FBI agents arrested Claudie Allen Jacobs in Tampa, Fla. and returned him to Raleigh. Jacobs' arrest was made on a federal warrant of unlawful flight to avoid prosecution. He was charged with kidnapping at gunpoint a black man, Joseph Leon Burris, 25, who was allegedly having an affair with Jacobs' wife, a white woman.

The alleged kidnapping crime took place Nov. 27 in the suburban trailer park of Chadburn, a sleepy little Southern town about 60 miles from Wilmington. No one has seen Burris since and his family and friends believe he is dead.

The 42-year-old, 285-pound Indian surrendered "without incident" at Hooker's Point Waste Treatment Plant where he was employed by a Miami-based company doing construction work, the FBI told NNPA. His car, "a red colored" late-model Oldsmobile, according to Capt. George Dudley of the Columbus County sheriff's office, was found several days later at a local tire shop where Jacobs apparently left it. According to Dudley, Jacobs switched to a pickup truck he owned that had been under repair at the shop. Jacobs was arraigned before a U.S. (See KIDNAPPED, P. 2)



**DISTINGUISHED SERVICE**—Ted Padgett (center) beams unobtrusively as he is honored as the recipient for the Distinguished Service Award for Bigger and Better Business by Eta Sigma Chapter. Shown (at right) is Dr. Dudley Flood, the Chapter's president, who presented the award; and shown (at left) is Dr. James A. Clark, the chapter's chairperson of membership and initiation, who outlined Padgett's accomplishments for the audience.

## High Ranking Reagan Aides Ponder Future

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WASHINGTON, D.C.—The Reagan years are winding down and speculation is rife in the nation's capital over what is ahead for high-ranking blacks currently a part of that administration, or hoping to be a part of the changing of the guard. NNPA took a sampling survey and notes: Lt. Gen. Colin L. Powell, the suave

and sagacious National Security Agency director and the first black to hold this highly influential position, is soon to leave office to head all of the Army's ground forces in the United States—the powerful Forces Command. This may just be a stopping-off place, some insiders believe, before the popular Powell will be named chairman of the very high-profile Joint Chiefs of Staff, the first black ever in that post, as well.

NNPA has been promised an exit interview with the general. Secretary of Housing and Urban Development Samuel Pierce, wouldn't return NNPA's phone calls, but he is said to be angling for an appointment to—guess where?—the U.S. Supreme Court. Most Capitol Hill insiders don't give "Silent Sam" much of a chance to secure this prestigious nomination. But hope springs eternal, doesn't it?

Lt. Gen. (retired) Julius Becton, hardnose director of the Federal Emergency Management Agency, did return NNPA's call and acknowledged he didn't know when or if he would be leaving office. "I won't know that until Jan. 20, 1989," he told NNPA, intimating that he wouldn't mind continuing in the high-level but tension-filled post for another term under the Bush administration.

Clarence Thomas, the embattled chairman of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, told NNPA (See REAGAN AIDES, P. 2)



REP. DAN BLUE

## N. C. May Be 2nd Primary On Way Out

With more Republicans in the General Assembly and an endorsement from the Democratic Party, black legislators who want to eliminate second primaries say next year may be the season they finally win.

"I think [chances] are very good for eliminating it, and it's due to several things," said Rep. Dan Blue, D-Wake.

"First, by the abiding interest of many legislators," he said. "Secondly, the fact that Democratic legislators understand the significance of the action and the state convention [supporting an end to runoffs]. And thirdly, I think that Republicans for the most part are not opposed to it."

Critics say second primaries, or runoffs, discriminate by making it harder for blacks to win nomination in majority white districts. Lawmakers have tried three times to change it. Each time they've failed.

Supporters say they will raise the issue again after the legislature convenes Jan. 11, the Charlotte Observer reported Wednesday.

The new House minority leader, Rep. Johnathan Rhyne, R-Lincoln, said he thinks Republicans "would be inclined to favor" abolishing runoff primaries.

"It's generally seen as being more fair," Rhyne said. Republicans also may have an interest in the issue. If runoffs (See DAN BLUE, P. 2)

## WLE Lifting Holiday Spirit Helping Needy

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The holiday season is going to be a little better, healthier and happier for a number of Southeast Raleigh residents, thanks to the efforts of WLE-AM 57.

At noon on Dec. 22, WLE began distributing bags of food to area residents that had lined up outside the station. The bags contained an assortment of canned goods, fruits and cereals. Brother James Thomas, the host of the gospel radio show at WLE, was the coordinator of this goodwill effort.

Thomas said, "They [WLE] have been donating bags of food for a number of years to organizations for disbursement to the needy in the Wake community. However, this year a decision was made in conjunction with the management and staff at WLE that it would be good for the station to disburse its own donation to area residents personally."

As the people shuffled in and out of the station there was laughter, smiles and many salutations of good cheer, holiday greetings and thank-yous. As (See HELPING NEEDY, P. 2)



**RALLYING TO HELP**—coach Operators of Capital Area Transit, were on hand to help Lois Sanders and her family after a tragic fire destroyed her home and most of her belongings. The food basket was their way of giving Ms. Sanders and her family a hand. Pictured here from left are E. Moore, Glen Young, Lois Sanders, Bobby McLaughlin, and Lucille Alston. (Photo by Talib Sabir-Calloway)



**ON TARGET**—Howard Carter, keeps busy and on target as the personnel director at Wachovia Computer center on Old Wake Forest Road. (Photo by Wilbert Sanders)