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### NEWS BRIEFS

#### ECONOMIC PROGRAM

The Southeast Raleigh Community Economic Development Corp. will meet Feb. 23 at Saint Augustine's College and discuss a variety of topics directed to the needs of the community. Plans will also be discussed on finding a permanent location and adopting bylaws to function as a nonprofit organization. The event will be held in the boardroom library at 6 p.m.

#### ARTS IN THE COURT

A program of dance, drama, music and visual arts as a tribute to Black History Month, "Journey to Jubilee," written by Gerard Edwards, choreographed by Bob Jones and sponsored by the Raleigh Parks and Recreation Department, will be held at the Halifax Community Center Feb. 28 at 5:30 p.m.

#### SHAW UNIVERSITY ENDOWMENT

Predominantly African-American colleges and universities have profited from recent anti-bias agreement settlements between the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission and the leading automobile manufacturers, General Motors Corp. and Ford Motor Co. Shaw University receives \$50,000 and North Carolina A&T State University receives \$200,000.

#### RECEIVES GRANT

Gov. James G. Martin announced this week a grant of \$31,126 to Goodwill Industries of East Central North Carolina, Inc. in Raleigh. Gov. Martin said, "These funds will provide an important service and will help ensure that those with developmental disabilities have the opportunity to live the most fulfilling lives possible."

#### TAP DANCE DAY

Rep. John Conyers, Jr. (D-Mich.), chairman of the House Government Operations Committee, introduced House Joint Resolution 131 designating May 25 as "National Tap Dance Day." May 25 marks the birthday of legendary tap dancer Bill "Bojangles" Robinson, whose dancing was the highlight of many Broadway musicals and motion pictures beginning in the 1930s.

#### KOREAN TRADE MISSION

A Korean fact-finding mission made a visit to North Carolina this week to promote economic cooperation in trade and investment between Korea and North Carolina. Commerce Secretary James T. Broyhill and Myong-Hyun Sohn, minister for economic affairs of the Korean Embassy in Washington, D.C., headed the delegation, consisting of Korea's first secretary, government officials and business executives. The fact-finding mission also visited South Carolina and Mississippi.

#### AGENCY ADMISSIONS

The United Way of Wake County announces that it is now taking applications for new agency admissions to United Way. In order (See NEWS BRIEFS, P. 2)

### Self Protection

## Women Buy Guns For Defense

The streets of Raleigh are somewhat peaceful and the nights are seldom shattered by the heart-stopping sounds of automatic gunfire which takes place in the nation's capital, East Oakland and Detroit.

The rising gun violence in America cries for new rules and laws and many law-abiding citizens, especially women, are fed up to the point of arming themselves to fight back against crime. Others want to disarm 14-year-old punks who carry AK-47s and Uzis.

President George Bush said, "I'd like to find some way to do

something" about easy access to semiautomatic weapons. But the president added, "I want to be the president that protects the rights of people to have arms."

Patrick Purdy did more than slaughter five students and wound 30 others when he fired his rapid-fire assault rifle into a crowd of Stockton, Calif. elementary school children before killing himself with a pistol. His insane bloodbath sparked off another national horror wave with its accompanying frenzy of gun-buying.

"If children playing in a schoolyard during recess are no longer safe, who

is?" a great many people seemed to be asking themselves. It is the kind of question that follows each new media report of crime victim deaths—innocent people who just happened to be in the wrong place at the wrong time. And the answer more and more are coming to, including a growing number of women, is that no one is safe in today's crime-riddled society.

It is not surprising that sociologists say Americans are losing confidence in the traditional forces of crime prevention. While gun buying was once predominantly for hunting and sport, recent surveys show self-

protection to be the main reason nearly 50 percent of gun purchases are now made.

And more and more first-time gun buyers are women. Between 1983 and 1986, according to a Gallup survey, the number of women purchasing firearms increased 53 percent. In California alone, nearly 300,000 people armed themselves with handguns in 1985, and one-third of these are estimated to have been women. Since then, hundreds of thousands of additional women have bought handguns while many more (numbering in the millions by survey) are seriously

thinking about it.

Laws affecting ownership of handguns vary widely from state to state. In North Carolina it is not difficult to obtain a permit. A spokesperson in the Sheriff's office said, "A witness is required to vouch for the character of the person who is purchasing the weapon and to verify residence of the individual."

To obtain a permit one must be 21 years of age or older with no criminal record, including misdemeanors and felonies. A good driving record is also required. Up to five guns can be pur-

(See WOMEN ARMED, P. 2)

### Chavis Heights Area

## Man Held In Fatal Stabbing

### Dispute Leads To Murder

A Raleigh man has been charged with murder after allegedly stabbing a man in Southeast Raleigh during the weekend.

James A. Allen Leonard, 39, of Apt. 4, 526 E. Bragg St., was stabbed several times in the chest and shoulder during an argument in a downtown apartment complex near Chavis Heights over rent money, according to police reports.

Roy McLean, 25, of Apt. 2, 526 E. Bragg St., was charged with murder and assault. McLean was arrested Feb. 21 and is being held in Wake County Jail.

Martina D. Johnson, 28, who lived in the same apartment as Leonard, told police she had been kicked in the face during the argument. According to police, Ms. Johnson and the victim were arguing with McLean and his girlfriend over some rent money when the stabbing occurred.

In other events: Police are looking for a black male suspect they believe has been involved with at least two armed robberies and one attempted robbery.

The suspect is described as black in his early 20s, 5'5" tall and weighing 130 to 150 pounds. He has short hair and a mustache.

Police say a man fitting this description robbed an Exxon at Six Forks Road and later robbed a Fast Fare at 2909 Brentwood Road on Feb. 10 at approximately 3:15 a.m. and 3:25 a.m., respectively.

Anyone having information about this robbery should call 834-4357.



FOR THE PARTY—Mississippi State Comptroller Ronald W. Burris, right, congratulates Ronald Brown, the latter's former vice chair of the party and one of five black officials elected statewide in the nation, is considering a run for governor of Illinois.

## Jobs And Educational Programs Bring "Work Ethic" To Prisoners

The image that some people have of prison inmates sitting around all day watching television at the expense of taxpayers is very durable. It is also false.

Nearly nine out of every 10 inmates incarcerated by the North Carolina Department of Correction have regular job or educational assignments, according to Harry Ballard, chief of program services for the Division of Prisons. "We believe that programs designed to rehabilitate convicted offenders should also teach the offender a work

ethic," Ballard said.

The question of what inmates do with their time in prison has come up on several occasions during the public debate over attempts to maintain a correctional system that is constitutionally defensible. Some opinions have been expressed which suggest that prison life is a life of leisure. A look at the facts, however, does not bear out that opinion.

"Many people are surprised when they discover the extent to which inmate labor is used in North Carolina," Ballard said. "They are

equally surprised as to the variety of job assignments within our prison system."

On Feb. 13, a day when there were 17,735 inmates housed in the prison system, 15,429 (or 87 percent) of the inmates had assigned duties. Those duties range from internal prison operation chores (such as housekeeping, cooking, and maintenance), to work assignments with other state government agencies. Others were involved in either academic and/or programs or were excluded from activities by reason of either health, discipline, or custody-level requirements.

The remaining 2,306 inmates who did not have assigned duties on Feb. 13 were either new to the prison system or did not have job opportunities matching their custody level.

Inmates working within the prisons as part of the Correctional Enterprise program or working with other state agencies earn from 40 cents to \$1 per day. Correctional Enterprise provides a number of low-cost services to state and local government utilizing inmate labor, including printing, food production, paint, highway signs, laundry services, and office furniture construction. Profits from Correctional Enterprise operation are returned for use by state government. (See PRISONERS, P. 2)

## Judges' Bench

### JURY PANEL CHOSEN

A panel of prospective jurors was selected this week in the trial of the third high-ranking Marine to face a court-martial in connection with the death of a lance corporal abandoned in the Mojave Desert.

A panel of 12 officers, two colonels, two lieutenant colonels, five majors, and three captains was selected to be considered for the court-martial of 1st Lt. Allen Lawson.

Lawson, 25, is the third Marine to face a court-martial in connection with the death of Lance Cpl. Jason Rother, 19, of Minneapolis. Rother disappeared Aug. 30 after being assigned as a road guide for a night movement of troops at Twentynine Palms, Calif. His remains were discovered Dec. 4. An investigation showed he probably died of exposure to intense heat the day after he disappeared.

Lawson is charged with willfully disobeying an order, dereliction of duty and conduct unbecoming an officer. (See JUDGES' BENCH, P. 2)

## NAACP Holds Emergency Summit To Address Supreme Court Decision

GREENVILLE, S.C.—Dr. William F. Gibson, chairman of the National Board of Directors of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, the oldest and largest civil rights organization in America, recently chaired an emergency summit to discuss the recent U.S. Supreme Court decision on Richmond vs. Croson.

The emergency summit was held at the 80th annual meeting of the civil rights organization in the Grand Hyatt Hotel in New York City. The

emergency summit was the product of another emergency meeting that Dr. Gibson and Dr. Benjamin L. Hooks, national NAACP executive director, convened in Atlanta, Ga., earlier this month. The session included a team of lawyers comprised of members of the NAACP legal staff and NAACP Legal Committee of the National Board, and distinguished legal academicians and lawyers in private practice across the United States.

The emergency summit in New

York City was to explain to the membership of the national NAACP board, NAACP Special Contribution Fund, Inc., and the national and regional staff, the legal ramifications of the decision. It was also to define what to look for in similar local plans to see if those ramifications met the U.S. Constitution guidelines as outlined in Justice Sandra Day O'Connor's majority opinion. In addition, it was to instruct the NAACP branch and

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### Preserving History

## Black Family Searches For "Roots"

Special To The CAROLINIAN  
Since the phenomenal success of Alex Haley's "Roots," many black families have been inspired to go in search of their own roots.

For four years Ophelia McAlpin Irving dug through wills, deeds, lists, newspaper clippings and histories in search of her family tree. Her diligence paid off when she was able to bring together, for the first time, all living descendants of the brothers William and Louis McAlpins who were among the first generation of freed slaves in America.

Ms. Irving remarked, "I know how Columbus felt when he discovered America, because I've found a whole family I never knew." Over 150 family members and friends gathered for the first three-day family reunion of

the McAlpin clan here in Raleigh at the Marriott Hotel.

Ms. Irving's family search began with the death of her father, Jerry McAlpin, who had been the family's great storyteller. Among those stories was how the McAlpin name was born. It seems at one point there were so many McAlpins in one small town in Alabama that her grandfather changed his spelling to McAlpin, just so the mail could be kept straight.

It is an illustrious family line beginning with William McAlpin himself, founder of Selma University in Alabama and founder and first president of the National Black Baptist Association.

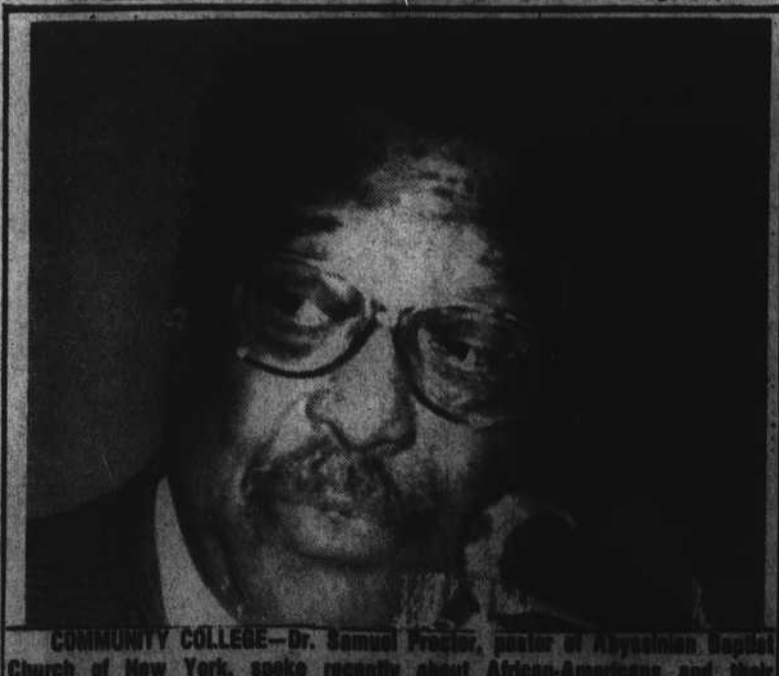
The generations to follow include Eunice Johnson of Chicago, Ebony

Fashion Fair cosmetics director and part owner with her husband John Johnson of Johnson Publishing Co.,

publishers of Ebony and Jet magazines; and her sister, Dr. Helen (See BLACK FAMILY, P. 2)



MCALPIN, JR. RIVERS MCALPIN, SR. MS. ELLIS



COMMUNITY COLLEGE—Dr. Samuel Proctor, pastor of Abyssinian Baptist Church of New York, spoke recently about African-Americans and their contributions to the North Carolina system of 88 community colleges.