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INSIDE AFRICA

BY DANIEL MAROLEN

As minister of the Native Affairs Department, and before he became South Africa's prime minister, Hendrik F. Verwoerd ordered all white civil servants in his department never to shake hands with Africans. He considered shaking hands with Africans as signifying equality. But, Verwoerd lived to shake hands with Africans before his assassination in his parliament in 1966. And, in more recent days, President P.W. Botha relegated Africans to the status of non-people, non-citizens and non-participants in the running of their country, South Africa. And he only dealt with their leader, the 27-year imprisoned Nelson Mandela, as a jailed prisoner. Botha, like Verwoerd, accorded Africans the status of inferiority. Botha's infamous ethnic-oriented "tri-cameral parliament" took away all citizenship rights from the Africans.

Last week's invitation by President Botha to Nelson Mandela, leader of the African National Congress, to an agendaless meeting was a most mind-boggling event. No one ever dreamed that an event like that would occur. But, like Verwoerd, the architect of institutionalized apartheid, Botha, the architect of South Africa's political monstrosity, apartheid tricameral parliament, surprised all of mankind by dragging aging Mandela from his custody to have tea with him in the presidential palace of

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Gridiron Star Gets Probation

CHENEY, Wash. (AP)—Running back Percy Moorman, kicked off the Oregon State football team after he was convicted of telephone harassment, apparently won't be eligible to play football at Eastern Washington this fall.

Moorman had been projected as the starting tailback for Oregon State. After he was kicked off the team he contacted Eastern Washington about transferring there, and Coach Dick Zornes said last Wednesday he'd be interested in having Moorman play for the Eagles of the Big Sky Conference if he's eligible this fall.

NCAA regulations, however, require transfer students to sit out a year before they can play for another NCAA school.

Rick Evrard, director of Legislative Services at NCAA headquarters in Mission, Kan., said Moorman is subject to the one-year residence requirement for transfer unless he qualifies for a waiver.

"In his case, he doesn't seem to qualify for a waiver and I don't think he'll be able to play this year," Evrard said.

Hal Cowan, sports information director at Oregon State, said he doubted Moorman could play at Eastern Washington this fall.

"The way I understand it, our associate director Jack Davis told Moorman he would help him transfer to an NAIA school," Cowan said.

"Whatever is going on regarding

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BLACK PASTOR INSTALLED—St. Joseph's Catholic Church witnessed the installation of the second African-American pastor in the Peartree Lane church's history Saturday. The Reverend Javan J. Saxon is seen here reciting the Rites of Installation during Saturday mass. Raleigh native, Rev. Thomas P. Hadden, was St. Joseph's first black pastor. (See Thursday Edition For Story.)

Legislator Gets Advocate Of Yr. Award

Rep. Thomas Hardaway (D-Halifax) was named the North Carolina Association of Minority Businesses, Inc.'s "Advocate of the Year" for his work during the 1989 session of the General Assembly at its eighth annual banquet held recently in Durham. Virginia's Lt. Gov. L. Douglas Wilder, currently a candidate for governor, was the keynote speaker at the banquet whose theme was "Inclusion in the 1990s."

Rep. Hardaway was recognized for his efforts to sponsor and work for passage of legislation to promote economic development in the minority business community. In accepting the award, Rep. Hardaway stated, "Today, you honor me more than you know, for I have dedicated a large part of my time to working for minority economic development in North Carolina. As chairman of the House Subcommittee on Highway Finance, my subcommittee supported a provision to establish a 10 percent goal for minority business participation in the \$8.6 billion highway program."

Hardaway added, "This provision is tantamount to the State of North Carolina issuing a check made payable to the North Carolina minority business community in the amount of almost \$900 million. Our challenge now is to develop the capacity within the minority business community that will enable us to cash the check."

Rep. Hardaway went on to say that he accepted the award "on behalf of the countless numbers of individuals who have preceded me and without whose efforts I could not have advanced the interests of the minority business community."

Reggie Gross Stunned By Sentences

BALTIMORE, Md. (AP)—Former heavyweight boxer Reginald Gross, who once faced heavyweight champion Mike Tyson, is now facing three life sentences for the contract killings of three men.

"You fell from a most promising career as a boxer," U.S. District Judge Paul V. Niemeyer said while imposing the maximum sentence last Thursday. "Unfortunately, you elected a life in which you were subsequently to pursue some of the most brutal crimes."

Two of the life terms are consecutive, which means that Gross will not be eligible for parole for at least

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Data Released On Usual Weekly Earnings In U. S.

WASHINGTON, D.C.—Median earnings for black men working at full-time jobs were \$362 per week for the second quarter, 78 percent of the median for white men (\$479), according to the U.S. Labor Department's Bureau of Labor Statistics. The median for black women was 92 percent of the median for their white counterparts (\$392 versus \$429).

Median weekly earnings of the nation's 84.4 million full-time wage and salary workers were \$396 in the second quarter of 1989, an increase of 4.2 percent from a year earlier. Over the same period, there was a 5.3 percent rise in prices as measured by the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers.

Data on usual weekly earnings are collected as part of the Current Population Survey, a nationwide sample survey of households in which respondents are asked how much each wage and salary worker usually earns per week. The highlights from the second quarter 1989 data are:

• Women usually working full time had median earnings of \$324 per week, 88.4 percent of the \$367 median for men. This earnings ratio has changed little since 1965, but is considerably higher than it was a decade ago. Over the 10-year period since the second quarter of 1979 (the first year that these data were collected on a quarterly basis), median usual weekly earnings for full-time wage and salary workers have risen 62 percent among men and 62 percent among women.

• The highest weekly earnings for men were reported for those in the 45-to-54 age group—\$458. Peak earnings for women of about \$369 were among the 25-to-44 and 45-to-54 age groups.

• Wage and salary workers in managerial and professional specialty occupations had the highest weekly earnings (\$501). The median for men in this occupational group was \$495; that for women was \$496. Persons employed in service occupations (\$253) and in farming, forestry, and fishing occupations (\$245) had the lowest earnings.

Louisiana St's 1st Black Grad Now Poet Laureate

BATON ROUGE, La. (AP)—Pinky Gordon Lane, the first black woman to earn a doctorate at Louisiana State University, is now Louisiana's first black poet laureate.

Her three volumes of published verse are "Wind Thoughts," "I Never Scream" and "The Mystic Female," which was nominated for a Pulitzer in 1979. She is widely published in magazines and periodicals including Southern Review, Ms., Black Scholar and Black Literature Forum.

"The poet laureate represents the highest achievement, past and present, in poetry in our state," Gov. Buddy Roemer said during a

ceremony last Wednesday in his office. "Our poet laureate has a well-earned reputation established on the national and state levels."

Roemer said Lane's selection capped Louisiana's first systematic search limited to poets of recognized stature. In the past, lawmakers could use the post as a political plum, he said.

Lane, a native of Philadelphia, came to Baton Rouge in 1956 when her husband, Ulysses, accepted a position in Southern University's education department. She joined the

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Martin Street Baptist To Host 4,000 Lott Carey Conventioneers

Martin Street Baptist Church will host approximately 4,000 Lott Carey foreign mission conventioneers from Aug. 28-Sept. 1. All convention business and general sessions will be held at the Civic Center, and the Radisson will serve as the host hotel. Nine other hotels throughout Raleigh will be the temporary home of the guests.

The foreign mission convention was founded more than 90 years ago in Sierra Leone, West Africa by a former Virginia slave. Humanitarianism—the ability to respond to human needs anywhere in the world—is one of the major objectives of this Christian organization. Currently, more than 136 missionaries serve in Guyana, India, Kenya,

Liberia and Nigeria. Each foreign station is headed by a native of the respective country. Some stations have a leprosarium, a health facility designed and equipped to serve those afflicted with leprosy.

The major organizational components and their respective presidents are: Women's Auxiliary, Ms. Virginia Turner; Layman's League, John Cooley; and Youth Organization, Ms. Kimberly Watson.

Dr. Wendell Sommerville is executive secretary of the national organization, and Dr. John Foster serves as president. The national office is located in Washington, D.C. Financial support is provided by patrons—individuals, church congregations and local conferences and conventions. In recent years, patrons have given more than \$1.25 million in support of this organization's goals.

Dr. Sommerville expects missionaries to do something TO people,

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D. C. Police Chief Goes To Republican Party

WASHINGTON, D.C.—Retiring District of Columbia Police Chief Maurice T. Turner, Jr., a lifelong member of the Democratic Party, last week announced his decision to become a member of the GOP. Turner cited President Bush's personal commitment to a "kinder, gentler" nation and a new day in civil rights, and specifically lauded the president's tough stance against crime and drugs and the party's commitment to policies which encourage minority entrepreneurship.

"Under Democratic leadership, the problems faced by urban America have continued to worsen," said Turner. "The Republican Party is a progressive party with new ideas and is now the best able to bring America's cities back to life. It's time for a change, and it's a change in which I want to participate."

Turner, whose tenure as chief of police was highlighted by the successful implementation of the Repeat Offenders Program which targets career criminals and organized crime, joins more than 120 state and local elected officials from across the country who have switched to the Republican Party in recent months. Republican National Committee Chairman Lee Atwater hailed Turner's decision, and praised the chief for his "political courage" and his long-standing commitment to law-and-order and civil rights.

"Maurice Turner's decision to switch to the Republican Party shows that we are the party best equipped to meet the challenges facing America's cities," said Atwater. "His commitment to his ideals should serve as an inspiration to others ready to join our cause."

Turner, a lifelong D.C. resident and third-generation Washingtonian, joined the District police force as a foot patrolman when black officers were not allowed to ride in patrol cars. He has long been recognized as one of the city government's most devoted proponents of civil rights. During the civil unrest of the late 1960s, he serv-



BUSH WELCOMES TURNER—Retiring Washington, D. C. police chief Maurice Turner, a long time Democrat, is welcomed to the Republican Party by President George Bush during an Oval Office meeting.