

RALEIGH FEDERAL

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issues of central importance to our constituencies."

And, he said, their program lacked any specifics on lending guidelines and implementation criteria.

"Given previous CRA experience, we believe that a program will only work if it specifically addresses known barriers to community lending. Given the bank's unsatisfactory record, we cannot accept on faith that they will move aggressively and energetically toward community reinvestment."

After the second meeting following the filing of the comment, the bank refused to continue meeting with the committee.

Sterling Goodwin, chairman of the Raleigh CRA Committee, said, "If you look at our community, which is predominantly African-American, you can see that we haven't kept up with the overall economic growth in Wake County. There are reasons for that. African-Americans in Wake County contribute substantially to the economy. We should get investments back through loans for homes and businesses so our community can grow like any other."

"Raleigh Federal is not the largest, nor the only, bank whose record shows it is not being responsive to community needs, but they presented an opportunity for our views to be heard loud and clear by the banking community and the agency that regulates savings and loans."

An article published by Southern Exposure magazine reported that "Blacks are rejected more than twice as often as whites when they apply for home loans from S&Ls, regardless of their income."

In the Raleigh-Durham area, the percentage of rejection rates for blacks is 14.4, while the rate for whites is 3.9 percent.

Pat Funderburk, a member of the Raleigh CRA Committee, says, "Communities across the country that are entering into CRA agreements with lending institutions are proving that doing business with low- to moderate-income people is good business."

"Non-payment of loans is virtually nonexistent in some communities. Everyone wins—the bank, the borrower, and the community," says Funderburk. "We'd like to see that happen here in Raleigh."

Another oral argument will be held Tuesday, Sept. 19, at the same time and location. This was the result of a comment filed by the Durham Community Reinvestment Committee challenging Ole Stone Savings and Loan.

For more information call 779-2280 between 3 and 8 p.m. or 828-8328 after 5 p.m.

BLACK OFFICIALS

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"I think it's undeniable that the character of the investigation leads to some very disturbing questions," he said. Eversley said he is especially concerned about the timing of the probe, during the election season.

Gains by blacks may have threatened those who traditionally wield power, he said.

"The history of African-Americans leads us to have an alternative political position which conservative Republican politicians are threatened by," he said. "The fact that they feel threatened, I think, is clear."

Some in Winston-Salem have also questioned whether the investigation is politically motivated. The U.S. Attorney's Office is headed by Robert Edmunds, Jr., a Republican. The Winston-Salem officials being investigated are Democrats.

Investigators counter that argument, though, by pointing out that the assistant U.S. attorney overseeing the investigation, Doug Cannon, is a Democrat.

But Eversley and Bey are skeptical.

"In light of this onslaught from the government, we're recommending that people come together in unity and protect our politicians from this onslaught... In order to stop this trend, we have to see that justice comes about," Bey said.

Federal prosecutors have braced for charges of racism when the investigation became public.

"We, of course, deny that there is any racist motivation to the investigation. We're just following the investigation wherever it leads... The race or political persuasion of the people under investigation are of no interest to us," the prosecutors said.

James E. Donelson, the assistant district director of the IRS office in Greensboro, said IRS investigators are only interested in possible tax offenses and do not have a policy of targeting black officials.

"I've worked in six offices now... and I can unequivocally say that it is not our policy," he said. "We prosecute on the basis of the tax issues of the case and not the racial bias."

Mary Sawyer, a professor of religious studies at Iowa State University, has written two reports that she says document more than 100 cases nationwide in which mostly white law-enforcement agencies have targeted black elected officials for investigation.

Sawyer and others point to investigations of such black officials as Richard Arrington, the mayor of Birmingham, Ala.; Rep. William Gray of Pennsylvania; and Harold

Washington, the late mayor of Chicago. In all those cases, she said, the investigations were highly publicized and damaging but never led to any charges being filed.

The targets of such investigations, Sawyer said, tend to be the most prominent black officials in a community—those capable of moving on to higher office.

Ms. Burke, Hairston and Womble are considered by many to be three of the most powerful black politicians in Forsyth County.

Ms. Burke said that she had heard the investigation may be part of an overall strategy targeting black officials for investigation, but she said she isn't sure. "I really don't know what the purpose of their investigation is."

Paul Daly, the special agent in charge of the FBI in North Carolina, has heard the claims that the FBI is targeting black officials, but said he has statistics to disprove that.

In the 3½ years he has run the FBI in North Carolina, Daly said, every official convicted of political corruption has been white.

"The investigation was triggered by a complaint made to the FBI [in Greensboro, by a private businessman] that certain political figures in Winston-Salem were extorting money to perform governmental functions," Daly said. "I didn't know the race of the people involved."

Daly said he isn't offended by the accusations against the FBI, but added, "Race should neither trigger nor thwart an investigation."

MEDICAID

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better prenatal and delivery care to Medicaid patients will also help reduce the possibility of infant mortality as well as prenatal complications. On the average, Medicaid reimburses only slightly more than 50 percent of the average physician's charge for obstetric services. Low reimbursement rates and rising malpractice insurance costs make physicians reluctant to take Medicaid patients, thus restricting their access to appropriate health care. To increase the number of physicians providing obstetrical services to Medicaid patients, the General Assembly raised the reimbursement rates by 50 percent, from \$625 to \$925.

A public-awareness campaign aimed at educating women about the importance of early and consistent prenatal care, as well as about the availability of Medicaid coverage to low-income pregnant women and their children, will go a long way to help reduce infant mortality, legislators felt. They appropriated \$260,000 in non-recurring money to develop such a campaign to be used on radio and television and in the newspapers.

In addition to its efforts to reduce infant mortality, the General Assembly provided funds to improve the health of the state's older children. By the end of 1991, all children up to the age of seven whose family incomes are less than the federal poverty level (\$10,600 for a family of three) will be covered by Medicaid. Approximately 26,000 of the state's poorer children will soon be eligible for enhanced health care. Without the legislative change, only children up to age five would be covered.

The Legislature also extended Medicaid coverage for employed single parents whose employment made them no longer eligible for the AFDC program. As of April 1990, such single-parent families may qualify for Medicaid coverage for one year after they have lost their AFDC eligibility.

Experts believe providing health services to children also produces long-term cost savings. Several studies have shown medical costs savings for children who receive comprehensive preventive care. A study done in Texas estimated a savings of \$8 for every \$1 spent on preventive services for children. In Alabama, savings of between \$4 and \$10 were calculated in prevented illness for each \$1 spent. Similarly, a study in Pennsylvania found that children participating in a comprehensive preventive health program had 30 percent fewer long-term health problems, with lower health-care costs.

MEDICAL SOCIETY

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Johnny Gaston, Fayetteville; Dr. and Mrs. Arthur Carter, Greensboro; Dr. and Mrs. Clarence Lloyd, Greensboro; Dr. Beverly Spivey, Fayetteville; Dr. Reuben Rivers, Fayetteville; Dr. and Mrs. Wessel Black, Salisbury; Dr. and Mrs. John P. Holt, Asheville; and Dr. and Mrs. J.E. Trader of Greensboro.

Marie Georgette and Marjorie Lynette Debnam of Raleigh, both third-year medical students at Meharry Medical College in Nashville, Tenn., also attended the conference.

Other participants with close ties to North Carolina were Dr. Glenda Newell of San Francisco, Calif., daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Newell of Winston-Salem; Dr. Charles Curry and Dr. Sadye Curry of Washington, D.C., who completed their training at Lincoln Hospital in Durham, also attended.

Also, Dr. W. David Leak of Columbus, Ohio, a native of Garner; Dr. M. Bruce Shields, Durham, who gave lectures on laser cyclophotocoagulation for advanced glaucoma and surgical approaches to management of coexisting cataract and glaucoma. And Dr. Linda Clayton, Nashville,

Tenn., who is a native of Roxboro, moderated a symposium on human papilloma virus infections of the genital tract. Dr. Charles Finch of Atlanta, Ga., who formerly worked for the N.C. Board of Health and lives in Raleigh with his wife Ellen and four children, was also present.

Ms. Wanda Holt-Wiley of Raleigh, president of the Women's Auxiliary to the Old North State Medical Society, represented that group in the Auxiliary of the National Medical Association.

Dr. Marjorie Debnam was co-chairperson of the Handbook Committee of the auxiliary, and Lt. Col. Sharon Cooper, M.D., U.S. Army, Honolulu, Hawaii, moderated a program and gave a lecture on recent advances in cerebral palsy. Lt. Col. Cooper is the daughter of Dr. Flotilla and Nellouise Watkins of Greensboro.

Also, Dr. Asa Yancey, brother-in-law of Paul Jervay, Sr., and his wife were present. Dr. Yancey is the third vice president of the NMA.

In other events related to the NMA conference, newly-elected chairperson of the Board of Trustees, Dr. Yvonne Harris Veal, a native of Ahsokie, completed her undergraduate studies at Hampton University and was the third black graduate of the Meharry Medical College of Richmond, Va. She is currently practicing occupational medicine in Long Island, N.Y. She is the sister-in-law of Ms. Roger Mae Evans of Raleigh.

Also, on July 17, the House of Delegates was addressed by Brig. Gen. Clara Adams-Ender, M.D., chief, U.S. Army Nursing Corps. Dr. Adams is a native of Fuquay-Varina. Dr. A.A. Best of Greenville served as chairman of the Committee on Amendments to the Constitution and Bylaws of the NMA.

Dr. Jesse Williams of Fayetteville, director of the Health Department of Cumberland County, served on the Committee on Public Health and Consumer Affairs.

Dr. Leslie Walton of UNC-CH gave a lecture on the subject "Oophorectomy—When To Perform?"

Dr. Onye Akwari of Duke University Center spoke on July 16 on "The Pancreas from a Surgical Point of View" and on July 18 he gave a report to the Surgical Section of the NMA on the inaugural meeting of the Society of Black Academic Surgeons at Duke University Medical Center from April 12-15.

Dr. Vivian Pinn-Wiggins, the 88th and new president of the NMA, was born in Virginia just a few miles from the North Carolina line. She was inaugurated on July 16.

Dr. Elizabeth P. King of St. Albans, N.Y. was elected first vice president and chair of the Committee on Miscellaneous Business. Dr. King's mother was born in Eden and her family still lives there.

NEWS BRIEFS

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try Regiment will begin leaving this month for six months of peacekeeping duty in Egypt's Sinai Peninsula. The 549 paratroopers are the latest to join the multinational peacekeeping organization established as part of a peace agreement between Egypt and Israel.

WAKE POLLUTERS

Three Wake County sites, including an abandoned landfill at N.C. State University, are among the 22 worst sources of groundwater pollution in the state. The report by the Clean Water Fund of North Carolina concludes that the state and federal agencies have not done enough to clean up groundwater, even though about half of the state's residents get drinking water from wells. The other sites are Schrader Bellows near U.S. 1 and N.C. 98 in Wake Forest and a tract formerly known as Austin Foods in Cary.

SAT SCORES

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we will be continuing our efforts to boost scores."

"In the past decade, Wake County's participation rate has increased from 60 percent to 76 percent, and its average SAT score has risen by 24 points," he added. "During that same time period, the national average score increased 13 points, and the state average increased 18 points."

In contrast to the Wake County participation rate of 76 percent, nationally 40 percent of the eligible students opted to take the SAT, while statewide the participation rate was 57 percent. According to the College Board, which administers the SAT, the higher the participation rate, the lower the average scores are typically.

The Wake County Public School System for several years has had a number of initiatives focused on raising both the system's average SAT scores and its participation rate. As an example, last year all sophomores took the PSAT at county expense, allowing the system to use individual scores for remedial efforts. English and math teachers have worked to support this initiative in Wake County classrooms. When those sophomores graduate as the class of 1991, the system expects this effort to result in even higher average scores for that class.



UNITED WAY FUNDRAISING TO BEGIN—The United Way of the Triangle area began its fundraising for the 1989-90 year with a big outdoor picnic at the Holiday Inn in the Research Triangle Park. (Photo by Talib Sabir-Calloway)

Prepare your cooling system for winter

No area of the car is more adversely affected by seasonal changes than the cooling system. With winter cold quickly approaching, Prestone offers the following tips to prepare your cooling system for the cold months ahead.

Flush out harmful corrosion

Even if your cooling system is providing ample antifreeze and anti-boil protection, its rust inhibitor package may have lost its effectiveness. As a rule, the entire cooling system should be flushed and refilled with fresh antifreeze each year to maintain optimum efficiency.

If you usually use just water to flush your system, it's a good idea to try a chemical flush. Experts agree that water leaves behind rust, grease, and dirt that inhibit radiator performance.

Check antifreeze/coolant level

For cooling systems with an antifreeze/coolant recovery reservoir, be sure to completely refill your radiator with a 50-70 percent mixture of antifreeze and water. In cars without a recovery reservoir, the antifreeze mixture level should be one inch below the filler neck when the engine is cold.

Get guaranteed results

The makers of Prestone Advanced Formula Antifreeze/Coolant will continue to offer the "Prestone Radiator Guarantee," a program that actually guarantees your radiator against any coolant-related damage, up to \$100, for a period of one year. The program is available nationwide for all cars and

light-duty trucks, regardless of year, make, model or mileage.

To qualify, do-it-yourselfers need to flush their cooling system with Prestone Super Flush and refill with Prestone Advanced Formula Antifreeze/Coolant. Should your cooling system fail, a network of 30,000 service centers are available to repair any radiator damage suffered.

Like all areas of the car, the key to a reliable cooling system is preventive maintenance. If you flush and refill your radiator annually, you can rely on your cooling system through summer heat and winter cold. FC891408

Dr. L. L. Diamini Shaw Divinity Orator Saturday

His Excellency, Dr. Timothy L. L. Diamini, Ambassador and Permanent Representative of the Mission of the Kingdom of Swaziland to the United Nations, will be the keynote speaker at the Annual Fall Convocation, Shaw Divinity School, to be held at 11 a.m., Saturday, September 16, 1989, in the Shaw Divinity School Chapel.

Ambassador Diamini is well known in the world religious community and for his work in international diplomacy.

In making the announcement, Dr. Talbert O. Shaw, president of Shaw Divinity School and Shaw University, stated that "we are honored that His Excellency, the Ambassador of the Kingdom of Swaziland to the United Nations, will be our Fall Convocation speaker."

Bella Davidovich To Perform With N. C. Symphony

One of the world's premier pianists, Bella Davidovich, will perform with the North Carolina Symphony on September 15 in the Raleigh Civic and Convention Center. Davidovich, a former soloist with the Leningrad Philharmonic and a noted interpreter of Chopin, will perform Chopin's Concerto No. 1 in E Minor for Piano and Orchestra, Opus 11, with the symphony.

This concert, which marks the opening of the 1989-1990 classical season, will also feature the symphony performing Barber's Essay No. 2, Opus 17, and Schumann's Symphony No. 4 in D Minor, Opus 120.

Ticket prices: \$18 and \$16 for reserved seats, \$14 adult general admission and \$12 for student/senior citizen general admission. Season tickets are available.

For ticket information, call 755-0000 or 800-292-7469. Some tickets available on the evening of the concert at the Raleigh Civic and Convention Center.

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Shaw Divinity School Pride Day Set For Fri.

Shaw Divinity School will celebrate its annual Pride Day observance on Friday, Sept. 15, with activities designed to promote fellowship among alumni, school pride, and map strategies designed to increase alumni giving.

The annual Alumni Development Workshop will be held from 2-4 p.m. in the fellowship hall. All alumni and members of the Board of Trustees are encouraged to attend.

The annual Apollon Society dinner, honoring all former recipients of honorary degrees, will be held at 6:30 p.m. in the fellowship hall. For additional information, contact Dr. Gregory T. Headen, 832-1701.

Dr. Talbert O. Shaw, Shaw University president, will speak at the banquet.

Containers To Local Residents For Recycling

Approximately 4,000 Raleigh residents will receive Raleigh Recycling containers Saturday, Sept. 16, with instructions on how to participate in the new curbside recycling program beginning the week of Oct. 1 in five city neighborhoods.

Members of the Raleigh City Council will gather at 10 a.m. Saturday in the parking lot of Eastgate Park, 4200 Quail Hollow Drive, for a brief ceremony to kick off the recycling program. Some council members will assist Waste Industries, the city's contractor for the recycling program, in distributing the bright green, 14-gallon containers in the Quail Hollow neighborhood.

Other neighborhoods participating in the program will be portions of Hayes Barton, Worthdale, Brookhaven and the Old Farm/Melbourne Road area. All participating residents will receive their containers Saturday.

Participating households will be encouraged to collect glass bottles and jars, metal beer and soft drink cans and newspapers for recycling. Twice a month on designated days, residents will place their containers at the curb for collection.

The Raleigh Recycling Curbside Program is one part of the city's comprehensive solid waste management system.

Lily Of The Valley Order Of Eastern Star To Celebrate

The Lily of the Valley Order of the Eastern Star Chapter No. 53 will celebrate its 85th anniversary Sunday, Sept. 17, at 4 p.m. at First Missionary Baptist Church, Selma.

The speaker will be Rev. Theodore V. Carter, Sr. He is the pastor of Cokesbury United Methodist Church, Raleigh.

He is being accompanied by his choir, ushers and congregation.

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vouchers, utility assistance, mortgage payments and fuel assistance. Also, there is a homeless program which provides services to homeless individuals or families that will enable them to become self-sufficient.

WCOI also provides pre-employment skills training/counseling, job placement and referrals for clients to employment vacancies in the community, and does follow-up. Vocational and educational training is another advantage of the program.

Currently the program has students attending Wake Technical College, the Raleigh Institute of Cosmetology, the CLC Institute for Paralegal Training, Hardbarger Junior College, and Health Care Network, which is a nursing program.

Among some of the various activities that were scheduled during the four-day "reunion and rededication" conference were workshops which dealt with updating management qualifications and guest speakers, including Hubert Humphrey's son and the director of the National Urban League, John Jacob.

The conference drew more than 2,000 people from all across the nation who were there to share a common cause: to fight poverty among Americans.

Each chairperson was assigned panelists to address the many different aspects that the National Association of Community Action Agencies throughout the U.S. sponsors. Gloria Williams, who is executive director of the Orange-Chatham County Community Action Agency, was among the panelists to speak out on the problems of water and wastewater treatment. And John Leatherwood, NACAA regional representative and executive director of Western Carolina Community Action, located in Hendersonville, was another North Carolinian to participate, but on the subject of weatherization.

The headquarter for the National Association of Community Action Agencies is located in Washington, D.C. For those individuals who may be interested in volunteering as a counselor or who may need assistance with employment, housing, discrimination, or are interested in involving their children in a HeadStart program, the local NACAA may be contacted for information.

Wake County Opportunities, Inc., is located at 567 E. Hargett St. in Raleigh.