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Job Training Program

Wake Receives Homeless Funds

When we walk down the streets of any major city in the United States, we see many individuals who are without permanent shelter, a place to shower or keep their belongings.

Not only has homelessness become one of the most controversial issues our society has had to deal with in the last decade, it has also become one of the most pervasive.

Organizations, both government and nonprofit, which are involved in tracking this problem cannot seem to agree on an accurate count of the number of homeless individuals or families. A study done in 1982 suggested that 2.2 million people were homeless, based on estimates from those working with the homeless, The

U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development in 1984 estimated this number to be 300,000.

The National Coalition for the

tal Housing Resources," a recent congressionally sponsored study published by the Neighborhood Reinvestment Corp., predicts that in the next

"The problem facing homeless families often goes beyond the lack of shelter. By providing assistance with long-term job skills and job retention, jobs for the homeless is helping families get their lives back on track..."

Rep. David Price

Homeless estimates the current number of homeless to be three million. "At Risk of Loss: The Endangered Future of Low-Income Ren-

15 years there could be as many as 19 million homeless people in America. The national need is mirrored in the situation in Wake County. In Raleigh,

more than 17,000 families pay more than 30 percent of their income for rent. Public housing waiting lists hold the names of 1,902 families for publicly assisted housing and 2,706 families for rental assistance. These families earn under \$15,000 per year. An estimated 500 people are homeless at any given time. Of these people, 30 percent are employed. A quarter are veterans, and two-thirds are parents.

This week, Rep. David Price will be in town to offer his congratulations on the re-funding of Wake County's Jobs for the Homeless Office. Also attending will be members of the Private Industry Council, the County Job Training Council, county commissioners and Raleigh City Council

members. The program will begin at 2 p.m. Friday in the parking lot of the Jobs for the Homeless Office on Blount and Lenoir streets. The program is one of 21 demonstration projects nationwide providing job training for the homeless.

Andrew N. Carrington, director of leased housing with the Raleigh Housing Authority, pointed to a transitional housing program with nine units located on Poole Road.

With the transitional housing program, homeless families are referred to city housing coordinators from community organizations including

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REP. DAVID PRICE

Civil Rights Commission

Police "Misconduct" Viewed In D.C.

Alleged Excessive Force Used

WASHINGTON, D.C.—The U.S. Commission on Civil Rights convened a public briefing recently to examine allegations of police misconduct against nonviolent demonstrators and the use of excessive force in making arrests.

During the nearly three-hour session, participants presented information to address the legal repercussions of and possible solutions to police misconduct. Most of the representatives included firsthand experiences from representatives of law enforcement agencies and non-violent demonstrators.

Linda K. Davis, chief of the Department of Justice's criminal section of its Civil Rights Division, opened the briefing. Other presenters were Chief Robert McCue of the West Hartford, Ct. police department; Chief Melvin C. High, assistant chief of police for the District of Columbia Metropolitan Police's field operations; Dr. Lawrence Sherman, president of the Crime Control Institute and professor of criminology, University of Maryland; Don Jackson, former police sergeant in Hawthorne, Calif.; Charles Liteky, nonviolent peace activist and member of several veterans' organizations; Chet E. Gallagher, Las Vegas, Nev., police officer and founder of 'Pro-Life (See POLICE, P. 2)



HOMELESS DILEMMA—Homeless people huddle around a fire to stay warm in front of the Amtrak railroad station, and just outside a homeless shelter. With the cold

weather quickly approaching, this scene will be repeated with more frequency. (Photo by Talib Sahir-Calloway)

Legislature Reforms Income Tax For Simpler, Easy Calculations

If you are one of those many people who waits until the evening of April 15 to do your income taxes, the General Assembly has made the night a little shorter.

No longer will you have to do a completely separate set of calculations to compute your state income tax: From now on, your state tax will be figured as six or seven

exemptions and standard deduction limits.

The changes are expected to provide tax reductions for 98 percent of the state's single persons with dependents, as well as for 65 percent of the state's married couples, who will for the first time be able to file a joint state return.

In addition, the tax system reform

under the new system: interest earned on federal securities and on bonds issued by North Carolina and its local units, Social Security and Railroad Retirement benefits, and up to \$1,500 in National Guard pay.

The new system maintains all the tax credits allowed under the old system except two unused energy conservation credits and the low-and moderate-income credit, which were replaced by higher, personal (See TAX REFORM, P. 2)

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percent of your federal taxable income—that number found on line 37 of the federal tax return.

The Legislature has changed the way North Carolinians will figure their state tax to make life simpler and calculations easier. The modernization adjusts the entire income tax system for inflation by substantially increasing personal

removes 700,000 of our state's poorest citizens from the tax rolls.

The new system allows a small handful of adjustments to federal taxable income: Some preserve provisions unique and deemed important to North Carolina; others were needed for technical reasons.

Some items exempt under the old system will continue to be exempt

Voting System Changed In Clinton For Compliance With Rights Act

Edward Faison, Jr., Vera M. Faison, Aaron and Sherlene Fryar, James Hall, and Mary Harper, won their suit against the City of Clinton (out-of-court), to change the voting system.

These six residents entered a Consent Decree against the officials of Clinton alleging that under Section 2 of the Voting Rights Act of 1965, 42 U.S.C. Section 1973, the At-Large method of electing the Clinton City Council and the Clinton Board of Education denied them and other African-American voters equal opportunities to elect candidates of their choice.

African-American citizens constitute approximately 38 percent of the population of Clinton.

No African-American candidate is known to have run for the city council before 1973. After 1973, African-American candidates ran at least eight times, but were elected only twice. The same individual won both times, but he was defeated the last time he sought reelection.

The incumbent members of the City Council and City Board of Education consented to change the method to bring the election system in compliance with the Voting Rights Act.

The City Council consisted of four members.

The City of Clinton has now been divided into five Single Member

Districts, two of which consist of a majority African-American population. This gives African-Americans the possibility of electing at least two members to the City Council.

The City Board of Education consisted of five members. However, it has consented to have six members

on the Board with three of them being elected by a limited At-Large system (Voters may vote for only one of the At-Large candidates).

The Justice Department is presently negotiating with the Sampson County Board of Commissioners and the Sampson (See VOTING SYSTEM P. 2)

Wake County Educator Selected For Award

BY TRACEY HALL

Staff Writer

Ms. Etta S. Solomon, retired Wake County school teacher and educator with the North Carolina Association of Educators, was recently honored for professionalism and leadership.

The award was issued by the National Reference Institute and the Who's Who Society of America. Ms. Solomon, who retired from Garner Senior High School, taught everything from home economics to mathematics during her 30-year tenure. Now Ms. Solomon is very active in her community, where she is a member of the Retired Teachers Association, PTA volunteer, Esther's Widow Club, the Raleigh-Apex Branch of the NAACP, a member of Martin Street Baptist Church, Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority and works with various local charitable organiza-

(See EDUCATOR, P. 2)



ETTA S. SOLOMON

NCCU Naming New Officials To Hold Board Positions

FROM CAROLINIAN Staff Reports

North Carolina Central University during its annual meeting elected a new chairman of the board of trustees, three officers and new board members.

Bernard Allen of Raleigh was elected chairman of the board of trustees and John N. Smith of Durham vice-chairman. Allen holds a master's degree from NCCU and Smith a bachelor's degree in mathematics.

Along with three officers, Walter S. Tucker of Winston-Salem was elected secretary. The officers were elected for a one-year term. Allen and Smith are serving terms on the board which end in 1991. Tucker was reappointed this year for a four-year term which ends in 1993.

NEWS BRIEFS

BELL REAPPOINTED

Gov. Jim Martin has reappointed David B. Bell, Jr., of Raleigh to the Wake Technical Community College Board of Trustees. He will serve until June 30, 1993. Bell owns First Protective Financial Corp. of Raleigh. He received a bachelor's degree from N.C. State University and has earned degrees from American College of Insurance and Financial Services.

He is a member of the National Association of Life Underwriters and the American Society of Chartered Life Underwriters. He is also affiliated with the Registered Representative National Association Security Dealers and the General Agents (See NEWS BRIEFS, P. 2)



BERNARD ALLEN