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Police Agency Shows Corrupt Enforcement

Drug Trafficking And Other Crimes

BY ALEXANDER R. JONES
Special To The CAROLINIAN

As the drugs continue to pour into America and destroy our youth, a dark picture is emerging on the involvement of one police agency in this deadly flow. I'm speaking of INTERPOL, the International Criminal Police Organization.

INTERPOL is best known as a romantic agency that gets mentioned regularly in James Bond movies and "Kojak" reruns. But the real INTERPOL is hardly romantic. It is a private police group based in France, with a membership of more than 140 countries. Each country has its own INTERPOL headquarters, generally staffed by law enforcement officials from that country. It is through such national headquarters that corrupt INTERPOL officials have access to sensitive information on drug trafficking from law enforcement officials around the world.

This police organization can funnel sensitive police data on drug interdiction to drug traffickers around the world. INTERPOL is controlled by no country and is immune from legal suits.

There is great reason to be concerned about such access, for revelation after revelation points to extensive involvement of INTERPOL and INTERPOL officials in the drug trafficking which is killing our youth and destroying the fabric of our society.

In 1987 INTERPOL formally bestowed upon the infamous Gen. Manuel Noriega, Panama's self-proclaimed dictator, its prestigious Bronze Medal, INTERPOL's highest honor, for Noriega's effectiveness against international drug trafficking. At (See INTERPOL, P. 2)

Threat To Progress

Abortion Is Not A Civil Right

BY GREG KEATH
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An Analyst

The battle around the abortion issue has raged for years with the understanding that the major combatants involved are either white liberals, white evangelical Protestants or white Catholics. Meanwhile, black America—which is affected more profoundly by abortion than is any other group in society—has experienced its own sharp internal division. While most

black leaders have favored abortion rights, opinion surveys have found mainstream blacks to be among those most strongly opposed to abortion on demand.

Where does black America really stand on the issue? Statistics from the Department of Health and Human Services suggest that black women are more than twice as likely to abort their children as white women. For every three black babies born, two are aborted. Forty-three percent of

As these women struggle with their profound moral choices, many national black leaders have ceased to look at abortion as a moral problem with moral consequences, and have come to see it instead as an opportunity for forging political alliances. African Americans must no longer keep silent on this issue.

all abortions in the U.S. are performed on black women. From figures supplied by the federal government and the Alan Guttmacher Institute, Richard D. Glasow of National Right to Life has estimated that some 400,000 black pregnancies are aborted each year. At the same time, according to a 1988 poll taken by the national Opinion Research Center, 62 percent of the blacks said abortion should be illegal under all cir-

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Project Phoenix

Jobs Help Fight Drug War

Satellite Training Facility

From CAROLINIAN Staff Reports

A newly created project designed to combat drugs in public housing has teamed with an employment program as one of the many approaches to community problems.

The Job Service Satellite Office will help inner-city neighborhood residents obtain training, find work and receive job counseling. The program is in conjunction with Project Phoenix, which was initially designed to solve the plague of drugs and crime in downtown housing communities.

The Employment Security Commission Chairman Betsy Y. Justus, joined by Lt. Gov. Jim Gardner and Raleigh City Councilman Ralph Campbell recently cut the ribbon to officially open the Job service Satellite Office that is supported by Lt. Gov. Gardner's Drug Cabinet.

"Opening the office is a real step forward in North Carolina's efforts to combat drugs," said Lt. Gov. Gardner. "It is my firm belief that this Job service office will serve as a concrete example of our state's commitment to providing a better life for its citizens," he added.

The sole benefit of this type of program is to directly reach those individuals who may otherwise not be able to get out and actively seek (See PROJECT PHOENIX, P. 2)



ONE MAN SHOW—Betsy Justus, of the Job Service, manning the branch office at 12 Edgecomb Terrace in Dept. of the Employment Security Commission is now Charlie Wright. (Photo by Taha Sahir-Calloway)

Program Searches For New Ways To Help Rural Poor With Housing

A group of legislators recently described a first-time effort by Fannie Mae (Federal National Mortgage Association) that participants hope will focus new attention on affordable housing needs of rural Americans.

Senators Terry Sanford (D-N.C.), Richard Shelby (D-Ala.) and Rep. Ike

Skelton (D-Mo.) joined Fannie Mae Chairman and Chief Executive Officer David Maxwell and Rural Housing Services representative Eva

The private and public sectors, using low-income housing tax credit authorized by Congress in 1986, can cooperate to develop affordable rental housing in all areas of the country. The tax credit authority is set to expire at the end of the year unless Congress takes action to extend it.

Clayton to detail a \$1.1 million Fannie Mae commitment that was combined with FHA-insured loan financing to build low- and moderate-income housing in Alabama, New York and North Carolina.

"This program is a start in a search for new ways to help the rural poor," Maxwell said at a joint Capitol Hill press breakfast. "Their plight has been obscured by the wreck and ruin of urban poverty. But it is no less

more housing that is substandard, according to Maxwell.

"Most of us are aware that this country is currently facing a housing crisis. We see the number of homeless sleeping in the streets and lining up at shelters has multiplied," said Shelby. "These are, for the most part, urban problems. What we sometimes fail to see is that the housing problems in rural areas are just

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INSIDE AFRICA

BY DANIEL MAROLEN
NNPA News Service

On Oct. 10, South African President F. W. de Klerk published his intention to release eight major African political prisoners, excluding Nelson Mandela, ANC's leader. On that day the news found its way into the lounges and corridors of the United Nations. All around the UN, delegates hailed President de Klerk for the release of the long-held political prisoners.

I moved in quickly to sense the delegates' mood and views, but I was shocked to meet an air of optimism that de Klerk had done a meritorious thing. I quickly interviewed as many delegates as I could, and found the reaction the same.

Finally, I came across Prof. Dr. Hilary Lee, an Asian-American doctor of science, and the permanent representative of Pax Romana to the United Nations. I immediately liked his response to my feelers. He displayed an open mind and suppressed emotion. He shared my viewpoint that de Klerk's move was a deceptive public relations gimmick intended to beguile mankind into believing that change was taking

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Rep. David Price Home Equity Law To Take Effect

WASHINGTON, D.C.—The Home Equity Loan Consumer Protection Act, sponsored by Fourth District Rep. David Price, will take effect Nov. 7.

The law, passed by Congress last fall, requires lenders to disclose the full terms of home equity loans before borrowers incur any obligations. It also prohibits misleading advertising of home equity loans.

"This new law gives the consumer a fair shake in the increasingly popular home equity loan market," Price said. "Consumers can now shop around for the best terms confident in the knowledge that they're getting all the information they need to make a wise decision." Consumers now have a more accurate picture of costs associated with the loan, and they no

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Alan Frazier Is Answer Man For Retirees And A Teen Role Model

BY RHETA LOGAN
Special To The CAROLINIAN

If you are a retired person, you may wonder who makes sure you receive your pension check each month. In many cases it is someone like Alan Frazier.

Frazier works in the Employee Benefit Services Department at First Wachovia Trust Services in Winston-Salem. The department provides administrative, investment and

technical services to corporations offering pension funds, retirement plans and other employee benefit programs. First Wachovia holds the funds for these plans and, as the trustee, makes monthly payments to thousands of retirees.

Frazier works closely with eight Fortune 500 corporations whose pension funds are administered by the bank. As account manager, he

oversees the daily administration of more than \$700 million in trust assets and communicates with officials of these companies, including chief financial officers and directors of human resources. In addition to managing accounts, he double-checks the accuracy of payments going to the companies' retirees.

Retirees often call on Frazier if they have questions about a benefit payment. Last year, a retired couple passing through Winston-Salem dropped by the Employment Benefit Services Department to have their address changed because they were moving to a new city.

"It was a unique experience because I was able to meet these retirees in person," Frazier said. "Usually I just know them as voices at the other end of the telephone line."

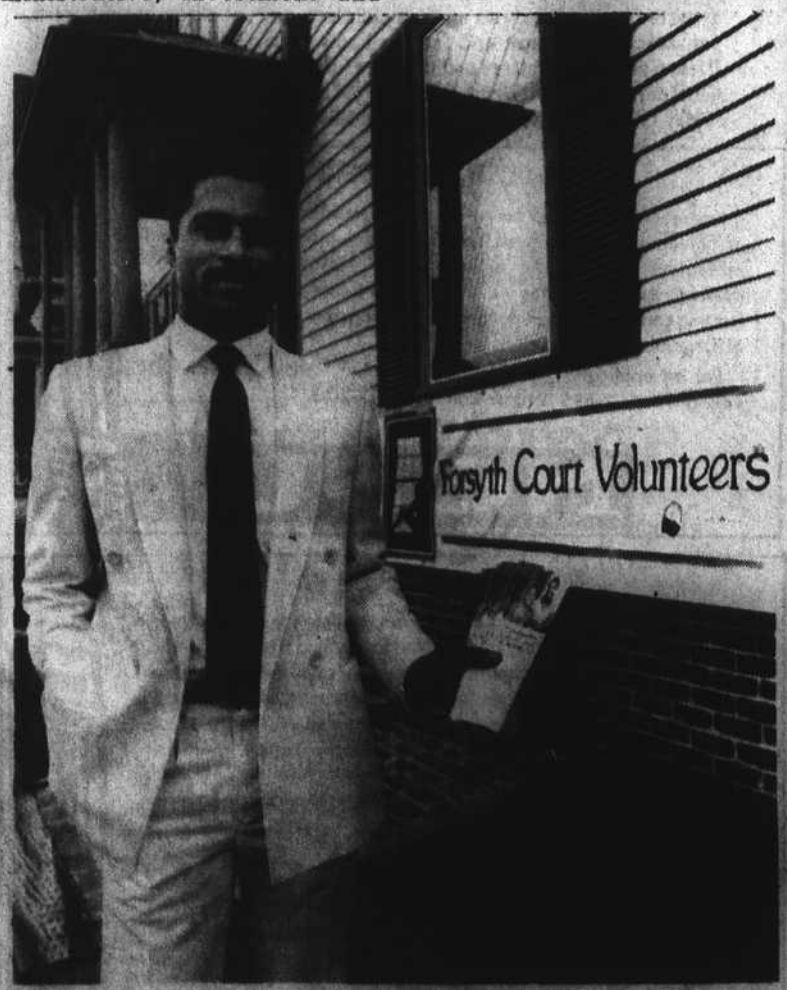
Working on his grandfather's farm as a boy in Jamesville, in eastern North Carolina, may have taught Frazier the skill of helping others. Frazier, who was born in Brooklyn, N.Y., went to live on the farm at age 2.

"My parents decided to send me, the youngest of three children, to live with my maternal grandparents," he said. "I believe my family would agree that both my grandparents and I have benefited from that decision."

Frazier helped on the farm any way he could. "I cut the grass, took care of the animals, plowed the tobacco fields and did whatever was asked of me."

He kept in touch with his parents, brother and sister in New York as he grew up, mostly through summer visits and phone calls. "My mother worked for AT&T and she got a discount on her long-distance phone calls," Frazier said. "She still keeps the family unified through her frequent calls."

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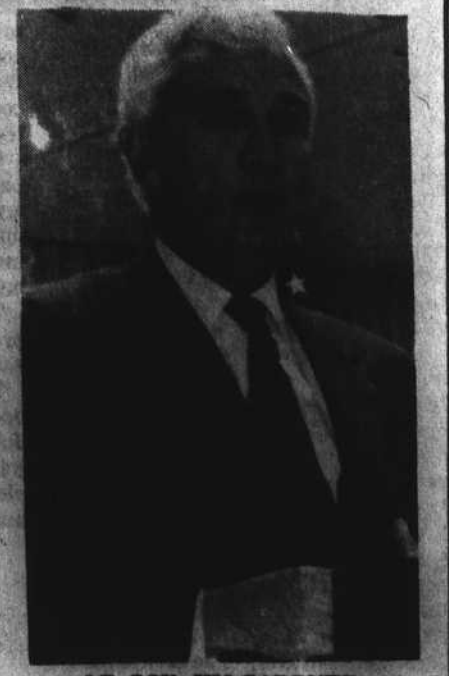
Gardner Says New Drug Tax Bill To Be Powerful Weapon In State "Between You And Me"

BY LT. GOV. JIM GARDNER

Another child has lost a father. Another wife has lost her husband. A security guard and a newspaper reporter were the latest victims in the drug-related violence that continues to tear Colombia apart. Every day we hear more and more about the growing violence in this drug war. Recently, President Bush in a national televised address announced our country's battle plan in the drug war. The following day, I was invited to meet with the president in Washington to hear a more in-depth explanation of our national drug control strategy. As chairman of the North Carolina Drug Cabinet, I want to share with you my thoughts on the president's plan and what we must do here in our state.

I believe that President Bush's plan is a good start. This is an important point that the president stressed to me while in Washington saying that this is the first step in a very long war. One of the key provisions of the president's plan, and one that I agree with wholeheartedly, is a provision that targets the casual drug user. The user is the one who fuels the whole drug scene. It is a matter of supply and demand economics. If we can cut down on the demand of drugs then we cut down on the profit of the drug dealers. That is the number one reason that people sell drugs, to make money, lots of money. That is why I pushed for an important drug tax bill that we passed in this session of the General Assembly. This bill was introduced by Sen. Bob Shaw of Greensboro. It is going to be a powerful new weapon in our war on drugs here in North Carolina. Here is how the new law will work.

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