

BUSINESS

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Any business which is at least 51 percent minority-owned and controlled is eligible for assistance. The initial fee is free, but management or technical assistance is provided on a per-hour basis.

The center is ideal for people who want to get into business for themselves and aren't sure how to get started, said Sandra A. Strange, a construction specialist.

In the area of marketing, the center offers procurement assistance, advertising and promotion, sales forecasting, consumer marketing, merchandising, public relations, and computer network opportunities.

In general management, it offers assistance in inventory control, business planning, organizational development, personnel development and job evaluations and rating.

"We're here to assist the minority business in any way we can," Harris said.

The Bennington Corporation is a private, for-profit corporation established in 1981 for the purpose of offering business management and training services. The firm's home office is in Louisville, Ky., with branch offices in Raleigh and High Point, North Carolina and Indianapolis, Indiana.

The program is supported by a \$184,360 in U.S. Department of Commerce funds, which represent 85 percent of the project's costs.

Representatives from the U.S. Department of Commerce, North Carolina's U.S. Congressional delegation and state and local government's attended a ribbon cutting ceremony at the Raleigh office Friday to open the center.

The professional staff of the Raleigh/Durham/Triad MBDC will be Charles W. Hogan, Jr. project director; Jo Williams, assistant project director of the High Point Office; Darnell L. Jackson, business management specialist; and Sandra A. Strange, construction specialist.

Hogan is a former program manager for the firm. Prior to that, he was a project manager and estimator for a privately owned construction company and has worked in the construction field for more than 14 years.

Hogan will direct the staff and assist new and existing firms in marketing and other areas.

DEFENSE CUTS

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The NUL executive presented recommendations from 10 scholars and experts on various approaches to addressing the status of African-Americans today. The "papers" ranged from discussion of "Black Americans and the Courts" and "Family Diversity" to "Preventing Black Homicides" and "The Impact of Television Advertising on Black America."

Dr. Ramona Edelin, president of the National Urban Coalition, urged an "African-American cultural offensive" against racism, classism and sexism related to ending segregation from capital and ending discrimination in all areas of American life.

In urging the support of reparations as part of the solution to African-American problems, Dr. David H. Swinton, dean of the school of business at Jackson (Miss.) State University, wrote, "Those who advocate free markets... and who also support the elimination of racial inequality in economic life must support reparations (payments to descendants of slaves) for the elimination of inherited differences in wealth and ownership."

In addition to other recommendations from Dr. Andrew Billingsley and Dr. Gene S. Robinson of the University of Maryland, proposals were also presented by Julius Chambers and Elaine Jones, NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund, Inc.; and doctors Leneal J. Henderson, University of Baltimore; Phillip L. Clay, Massachusetts Institute of Technology; Matthew Holden, Jr., University of Virginia; LaSalle D. Laffall, Howard University Hospital; and Carl C. Bell, executive director, Community Mental Health Council with Esther J. Jenkins, Chicago State University.

The 1989 report emphasized the National Urban League goal of parity (equality in power and value) for African-Americans (with all other Americans) by the year 2000. Referring to the different rate of economic, educational, employment and social progress between black and white U.S. citizens since the 1960s, Jacob said, "We must take advantage of the 'window of opportunity' for the next 10 years" or African-Americans may never achieve equality.

DRUG WAR

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Both the Highway Patrol and the National Guard provided aerial surveillance at the request of sheriffs' departments who suspected marijuana was being grown in their counties.

"The fact that we can assist local law enforcement agencies who do not have their own aircraft means we can be much more efficient in our drug eradication operations," said Secretary Dean.

The Highway Patrol was responsible

for \$39.8 million in marijuana seized; the National Guard \$26.5 million.

1989 was the first year the National Guard has participated in marijuana eradication efforts in North Carolina, using a \$659 thousand grant from the Department of Defense. The North Carolina National Guard has been awarded \$2.144 million for drug eradication in 1990.

ETHICS

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stead of reading about sexual abuse and misuse, we need to be thinking about ethical responsibility involving love and respect; instead of trying to learn more, although that is important, let us try to care more.

Finally, the entire world is in need of ethical repair and healing; what can you do, dear reader, is pick up a piece of paper today, plant a tree this week, and care enough, like Banks, Winston and Sullivan, to tie ethics with all of life—thinking and actions.

DRUG ACTION

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20th birthday party win a FUN-raiser aiming for \$80,000 that will go for education and prevention programs.

"That's right, it's a FUN-raiser," said Swaim. "We'll eat, dance and have a wonderful time. But the celebration will be a hope for 20 years from now, there will be no need for Drug Action."

The festivities will be held Friday evening, June 1, at Prestonwood Country Club in Cary. Musical Entertainment will feature Bill Pinkney and The Original Drifters ("Under The Boardwalk," etc.) and the FUN-raiser decor will include many blasts from the past - juke boxes, old cars, '60s attire.

"The food will be outstanding, but we're again sending a signal to our entire community - no alcoholic beverages will be served," said Swaim. "We can have the ultimate good time without alcoholic drinks."

"And the money goes for education our children about the tragic effects of drug and alcohol abuse. One thing we all know - education works and it's important that every child is reached by this tool."

Door prizes already lined up for the event include two roundtrip airline tickets to Cancun and two more to Aruba, compliments of American Airlines. A full list of corporate sponsors will be announced in about 30 days.

Tickets may be purchased in advance by calling Swaim at 832-4453.

"As we continue to build the evening's agenda, we hope it will be an event no one will want to pass up," said Swaim. "Enjoy an evening like this and help fight drug abuse in your community at the same time - that's a unbeatable combination."

Drug Action has served the community for 20 years, a private agency offering outpatient treatment and counseling for adolescents and adults and, also, education and prevention programs in our schools, businesses and neighborhoods.

RIVALS

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ed by A&T center Jimmy Humphries. The two players shoved each other and the situation quickly escalated into a fight, they said.

The fight, however, does not signal a rift between black colleges, many said.

"There is no problem that exists on black college campuses that does not exist on other campuses," said Oscar Smith, director of marketing and public relations at Saint Augustine's College.

Negative incidents on black college campuses are often blown out of proportion because of financial and enrollment problems that already exist there, said Dr. Theresa Edwards Hayes, a child, adolescent and adult psychologist in Raleigh.

Minor incidences become major events she said, adding she watched Cable Network News' nationwide broadcast of the event only hours after it happened.

Although she doesn't feel concerned about a problem between the schools, the negative images tend to make the community feel ashamed, she said.

"I think most black individuals feel affected," regarding events that have a negative impact on the community, she said.

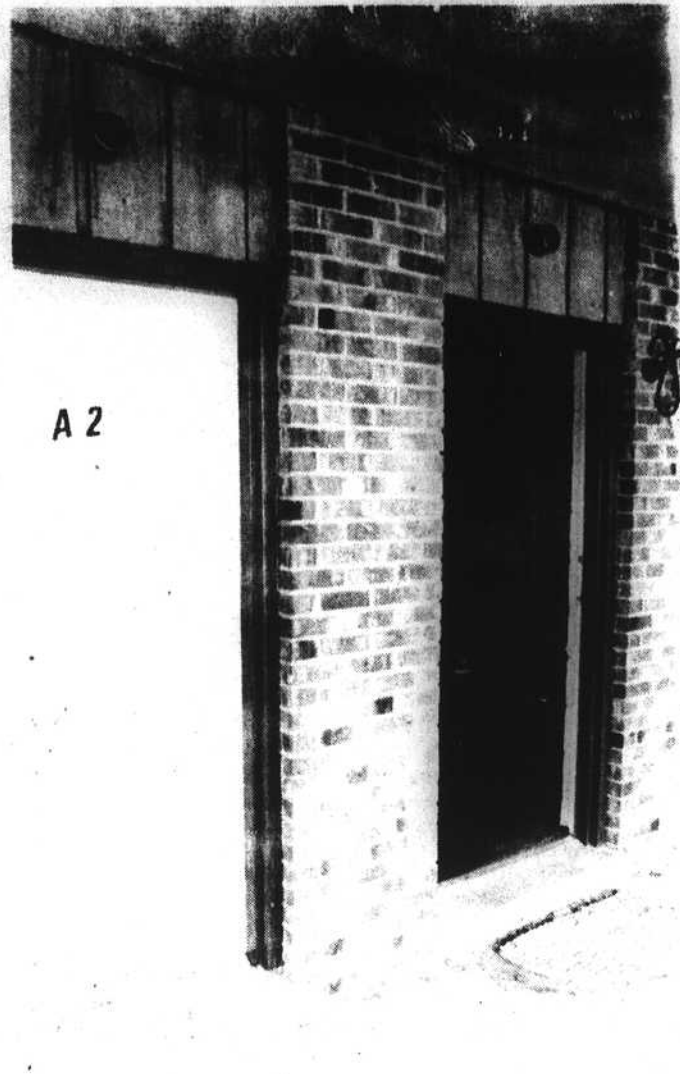
"People need to stay mindful of the other side of the coin. Both of these schools are doing great things. Neither of these schools breed brawlers.

People shouldn't let the incidences, negative or otherwise, cloud their judgement about the academic integrity or excellence exhibited by the students there, she said.

Although there is some speculation about how the fight started, both school's reaction is simple, Elliot said.

"The students start taking up for each other" when they see a teammate or schoolmate in trouble, he said. The result is that each school runs to the aid of the teammate involved and the fight quickly gets out of the control of the police, he said.

Drive Safely



ALARM SYSTEM—The bright red alarm light over the door of each Martin De Porres apartment is a part of the emergency warning system put in place for senior citizens and monitored 24 hours daily to respond quickly to any senior's health emergencies. (Photo by Talib Sabir-Calloway)

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

STRING CLASSES

Weekly evening string classes for beginning and intermediate adult students in violin, viola, cello and bass will be offered at Price Music Center, North Carolina, North Carolina State University. Sponsored by the Raleigh-Wake County Symphony Orchestra Development Association. Classes begin the week of Jan. 23 and will be scheduled according to demand. Contact Jonathan Kramer, NCSU assistant director of music, 737-7952.

AMATEUR MUSICIANS

Auditions for the Raleigh Civic Symphony, for advanced amateur musicians, and for the Intermediate Concert Orchestra, will be held soon. For information, contact Jonathan Kramer, NCSU assistant director of music, 737-7952. Sponsored by the Raleigh-Wake County Symphony Orchestra Development Association.

WOMEN'S CENTER EVENTS

The Women's Center, 315 E. Jones St., Raleigh, is offering the following events for women during January and February.

Separated and Divorced Support Group, Tuesdays, Jan. 23-Feb. 27, from 6:30-8:30 p.m. at the Women's Center. This group will provide a warm, caring atmosphere for women to explore their concerns and cope with the difficulties of separation and divorce.

Cost is \$40.
The Dance of Anger, Tuesdays, Jan. 23-Feb. 20, 6:30-8:30 p.m., at the Women's Center. We live in a culture that disapproves of "angry women." Thus, we have learned to fear our anger excessively, deny it entirely, displace it onto inappropriate targets, or turn it against ourselves. This workshop is designed to help you move away from styles of managing anger that do not work (such as silent submission, ineffective fighting and blaming and emotional distancing and begin to use your "anger energy" in the service of your own dignity and growth.

Cost is \$35.
Assertiveness and Personal Power, Mondays, Jan. 22-Feb. 26, 6:30-8:30 p.m., at the Women's Center. The focus of this group will be on learning about assertiveness as the key to gaining inner personal power. This personal power is an important ingredient to successful relationships. Please read "When I Say No, I Feel Guilty," by Manuel J. Smith, Ph.D., before attending this support group.
Cost is \$40.

BUSINESS AND THE ARTS

The Greater Raleigh Chamber of Commerce and the United Arts Fund will celebrate "Business and the Arts" during a special Business After Hours from 5:30-7 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 25, at Memorial Auditorium. Three Arts Awards will be given to local arts supporters and the United Arts Fund will kick off its 1990 fundraiser. For information or reservations, call the chamber at 833-3005.

TARHEEL TALES

The Raleigh Little Theatre will present "Tarheel Tales," an audience participation play based on the folklore of North Carolina, on Jan. 27 at 11 a.m. in the Gaddy-Goodwin Theatre. Performed by RLT's Masqueraders. Seats are \$3. Family entertainment well suited for grades K-5. Tickets available at the door one hour before curtain or call 821-3111.

TRAVELOGUE

A travelogue, "The Planets," will be presented Jan. 29 at 2 p.m. at Golden Years Clubhouse, 105 Pullen Road. For more information call 831-6878.

OIL COLLECTION

The City of Raleigh and Noble Oil Services will hold a used motor oil collection day on Saturday, Jan. 27, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. All Raleigh residential water and sewer customers are invited to participate in this free collection to be held at the Public Utilities Operations Center on Lake Woodard Drive.

Anyone needing more information should contact the city's Public Utilities Department at 890-3400.

STANDARD FIRST AID

The Hillsborough Street Branch of the YMCA of Raleigh will offer a standard first aid class on Tuesday, Jan. 23, 30, and Feb. 6 from 6:30-9:30 p.m. The cost is \$25 per member and \$30 per non-member. The class will be taught at the Hillsborough Street branch and will cover first aid and adult CPR.

INSIDE AFRICA

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his ilk as "waste brokers," looking to make a buck at the expense of people from less industrialized countries. "It's more a moral issue than an environmental one," comments Ann Leonard, coordinator of Greenpeace's international waste trade project.

Leonard notes that dumping in the Third World has been encouraged by tightened standards and higher costs of waste disposal in industrialized countries. While developing countries are paid relatively large sums, waste brokers reap enormous profits. They could pay \$2 per ton for sludge disposal in Africa, compared to \$200 for legal disposal of that same ton in the United States.

Namibia, in a transitional stage between South African-held colony and independent state, presents

SLAPSTIX

CLOTHES THAT MAKE A WOMAN CAN BREAK A MAN

HOROSCOPE

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During that time, blacks will enjoy prosperity, black women will take a more active role in leading the community and more blacks will seek political and economic independence, some of them joining Jesse Jackson's political movement.

"The stars are always evolving," he said. Between now and August, African-Americans must work to create a strong self-esteem for themselves because "Jupiter will move out of cancer in August and will not come back for another 12 years." The key to continuing their success will be the belief in themselves, he said.

Although Dr. Love's advice is sending a positive message to the community, some in the community say belief in the stars should be monitored carefully so that it won't be confused with religion or what's considered normal behavior.

While some people use astrology as a guide to their daily living, some follow it to a point where they stop doing things they would normally do.

"There's no real harm in a person having a traditional set of beliefs...as long as their beliefs don't interfere with their real life," said Bernard T. Eaton, M.D., clinical director of female admissions at Dortha Dix hospital.

The religious concern is even stronger. "The Holy Scriptures speak against astrology," said the Rev. David Forbes, pastor at Martin Street Baptist Church.

People who call themselves Christians but believe in astrology may have difficulty accepting religion because they can't believe both at the same time, he said.

"People do many things out of lack of full understanding of what the scriptures speak to," he said. "One reads their fate and purpose in life from the Bible," he said.

African-Americans have historically been prone to a belief in a set of rules that help them cope when they can't cope with the harsh reality of being black in America, Dr. Eaton said.

The need exists in the African-American community to escape into astrology or religion because few African-Americans can escape into their careers or attend country clubs to get away, he said.

The problem in living in a world outside of reality however, is that you don't learn anything about yourself or the true methods to reaching your goals, he said.

"If you're looking in a distorted mirror, you see a false sense of reality," he said. "When it comes time to cash in your dreams, you're going to have counterfeit money."

Despite concern over issues involving astrology some in the community say they know how to use it without becoming victims of it. "It gives me an inner peace like the Bible does," said a Raleigh resident who declined to give his name.

He said because he is a Christian, he is not supposed to believe in astrology and does not want his name used.

He also said many people who are Christians don't make it public that they believe in astrology for fear of what people would think.

The Bible supports astrology by telling people not to use it, he said. He has however, found use from it, he added.

In some situations, he was told not to travel during a particular month and so he stayed off the road. Later, he felt good because he said he could have been involved in an accident.

He did, however, say that he thinks the newspaper and telephone methods of astrology are not as serious as getting the word from a consultant.

House Subcommittee To Meet On Affordable Housing Problem

WASHINGTON, D.C.—The House Banking, Housing and Urban Affairs Committee will hold a field hearing in Raleigh this month to examine affordable housing problems and solutions in North Carolina, Fourth District Congressman David Price announced last week.

The field hearing of the Housing and Community Development Subcommittee will focus on three key areas of housing policy: new directions in housing, rural housing programs and public housing programs. Led by Rep. Henry Gonzalez, Banking Committee chairman, the hearing starts at 9:30 a.m. on Friday, Jan. 26, at the N.C. Association of Educators headquarters, 700 Salisbury St., Raleigh.

"This hearing will not only focus the spotlight on North Carolina's affordable housing crunch, but also on its solutions," Price said. "We'll hear from a wide range of public, private and non-profit housing groups that have come up with creative ways to provide decent, affordable housing for North Carolinians."

Three panels of witnesses—including North Carolina housing officials, elected officials, representatives of non-profit groups and public-private housing partnerships—will assess housing programs, discuss problems and offer potential solutions. Witnesses will also discuss potential new roles for the federal government in addressing the housing problem, including new partnerships with the private and non-profit sectors.

"I'm pleased that Chairman Gonzalez and my colleagues on the subcommittee have agreed to come to Raleigh," Price said. "There's no question that affordable housing is a critical issue for the 1990s. After eight years of drastic cutbacks in federal housing programs, we enter the new decade faced with formidable challenges in housing policy. Homelessness is the most visible of these challenges, but waiting lists for public housing are growing every day; renters are being squeezed by higher rental prices; and home ownership rates are dropping for the first time in 40 years."

In response, the Banking Committee has made affordable housing a top priority this year, Price said. "We will focus our attention on developing a comprehensive housing policy for

WISDOM

All human wisdom is summed up in two words—wait and hope.

Continual cheerfulness is the most manifest sign of wisdom. Her state is like that of things in the regions above the moon, always clear and serene.

Montaigne

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