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REGISTER TO VOTE!

The deadline for registering to vote in the May 8, 1990 Primary Election is 5:15 p.m., April 9, 1990. This deadline also applies to any change to your voting record, such as a change of address, name change, or political party affiliation. Changes may be made between now and 5:15 p.m. the day of the deadline at any Wake County Public Library, or at the Board of Elections, located in Room G-12 of the Wake County Office Building, 337 South Salisbury Street, Raleigh. The board's office hours are 8:30 a.m. to 5:15 p.m., Monday through Friday. If you have questions or need additional information, call the Wake County Board of Elections at 856-6240.

Redevelopment Plan

As City Moves In, Some Forced Out

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For volunteers and workers at the Helping Hand Mission, 415 E. Martin St., their days are numbered.

Sylvia Wiggins, director of the mission, was told that she must leave the building and find another building from which to operate, she said. She is negotiating with the city to get relocation benefits and help in finding a new building, she said.

Helping Hand Mission, which has operated at the corner of Martin and East streets for about eight years, is one of a number of buildings that will be torn down or redeveloped as part

of the city's Downtown Redevelopment Plan.

Other buildings that have been acquired by the city are Pretty's Lounge on East Street and the Warehouse of Tires at the corner of Person and Davie streets, said City Councilman Ralph Campbell, Jr. Those properties were acquired within the last three months.

As part of a five-year plan, other buildings in Southeast Raleigh near the City Market, particularly on Martin, East, Bloodworth, Davie and Person streets, will be acquired by the city.

The city will contact the owners of the property and negotiate a sale of the property, Campbell said. If a deal cannot be made, the city will acquire the property through eminent domain, which gives the city the legal right to the property.

As a result, some homeowners may be forced to leave their homes. Businesses may be forced to move.

"The Helping Hand Mission is scheduled for demolition next year," Campbell said. Residential units will be built where the building now stands. While property owners get relocation benefits during such tran-

sactions, the city has been meeting to develop a package for the Helping Hand Mission, which falls into a special category since it is a non-profit organization, Campbell said.

A relocation package for the Helping Hand Mission has not been finalized, he said.

Meanwhile, Wiggins and others are worried, not only about what will happen to them but what will happen to the community.

The facility provides food and clothing to the needy, many of whom are referred there by the city, Wiggins said. Volunteers deliver food to

the sick and shut-in who either cannot make it out themselves or are disabled and are dependent on the help of others.

About 2,000 people, particularly residents in area housing projects, depend on the mission for clothes and food. Many of them have been turned away from other city agencies or are not eligible for some city services due to income or size of family.

"A lot of people can't read," Wiggins said, sitting in her small office amidst dusty books, broken toys and a computer. "We help them fill out

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Black Women More Likely To Marry Men Who Are Older

GAINESVILLE, Fla. (AP)—Black women are nearly twice as likely as white women to marry older men because of a shortage of eligible black men, a study released last Friday by the University of Florida shows.

Black men have a higher death rate than white men because of poorer health care and higher disease, homicide and prison rates, said sociology professor Constance Shehan.

Ms. Shehan, sociology department chairman Felix Berardo and other UF researchers used Census data to identify 4,490 marriages of whites and 540 marriages of blacks involving large age disparities.

In other findings, the researchers reported people from lower incomes were most likely to marry someone much older or younger than themselves.

Women who marry older men also are more likely to choose someone of a different race, ethnic group or educational background. Women in interracial marriages were almost twice as likely to have much older husbands than women who married within their race.

"When a 25-year-old actress marries a 50-year-old rock star with a \$12 million estate, it gets a lot of publicity and it reinforces the myth that May-December marriages occur within the upper class," Ms. Shehan said.

Women who marry older men also are more likely to choose someone of a different race, ethnic group or educational background, the study found. Women in interracial marriages were almost twice as likely to have much older husbands than women who married within their race.

"It appears that as people get older they feel less constrained by traditional age boundaries, and they also realize that the pool of eligible mates has changed," Berardo said.

The study also showed that women who remarry are more than four times as likely as women marrying for the first time to select a much older man, Ms. Shehan said.

In addition, marriages in which the wife is much older are seven

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Domestic Dispute

Donald 'Lollipop' Wilson Slain

Son Held In Death Of Father

Donald Lamont Wilson, 17, son of Donald "Lollipop" Garner Wilson, 54, was charged in his father's death following a domestic dispute Sunday, police said.

Wilson, of 709 Ravel St., was arrested without incident at his home. His father was shot several times in the neck and head with a handgun after an argument between the two, police said.

The incident occurred in the kitchen about 10 p.m. Sunday, police said. Police said Wilson's wife and son were the only two in the house when the incident occurred.

Funeral services for Wilson, a barber and local nightclub owner, will be held Friday at 3 p.m. in the chapel at Lea Funeral Home.

In other news: Edward Julian Brickie pleaded guilty earlier this week to conspiracy to traffic cocaine and was sentenced by a Wake Superior Court judge to 35 years in prison.

Brickie pleaded guilty after lawyers completed selecting a jury for his trial. Brickie was arrested June 26 after investigators discovered more than two pounds of cocaine in a New Jersey rental car leased by Brickie. Two other men, Terrance Williams of Raleigh and William Chillis of New Rochelle, N.Y., also were arrested and have since pleaded guilty to trafficking charges.



IN SEARCH OF JUSTICE—Protestors have taken their demonstrations to the streets and rural roads of North Carolina and are now moving their protest another notch to the seat of state government as they prepare to petition state Attorney General Lacy Thornburg in their "search for justice" in the slaying of Sidney Bowers by a state trooper. (Photo by Talib Sabir-Calloway)

Wake Schools Seek More Funding For Growing Number Of Students

With the student population of the Wake County Public School System expected to increase next year by 2,200 students, a major portion of the system's proposed 1990-91 budget request reflects growth-related costs. The administration presented its re-

quest to the Wake County Board of Education's Finance Committee on Tuesday, April 3.

"Continuing rapid growth, both now and in the future, represents the greatest fiscal challenge facing this system," said Bob Wentz, Wake County Public School System superintendent.

A public hearing on the budget is scheduled for Monday, April 9, at 7 p.m. in the board room of the administration building, 3600 Wake Forest Road, Raleigh.

The proposed total operating budget, including state, local and federal funds, is \$300 million. Of that amount, the local current expense budget fund for 1990-91 is \$91.7 million, an increase of 14.9 percent over 1989-90. The county's share of

this budget, \$80.9 million, reflects an increase of \$12.8 million, or 18.8 percent over 1989-90.

"Of the increase in county funds, more than \$3 million is directly related to growth in the student population and in additional square footage," said Farrell E. Hanzaker, associate superintendent of finance.

The rest of the increase reflects inflation, salary increases, and the need to improve or expand services to students.

The system opened five new schools and added expansions or renovations to 14 schools this year. Approximately 1.2 million square feet of new facilities were added this year. To help provide instructional space this fall, two new schools, Lead Mine

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NEWS BRIEFS

NEW GRANT

Gov. Jim Martin last week announced a \$90,975 Community Development Block Grant small business award to the town of Angier. The economic development grant will be used to assist Bow Dasher, Inc., a local business which produces children's apparel accessories.

SAINT AUG. GRANT

A \$105,000 grant from the Southern Education Foundation that was awarded to Saint Augustine's College is playing a major role in expanding resources for disciplines in the humanities. Director of Library Services Dr. Everett A. Days says the grant has played a major role in helping the college to upgrade and expand resources in the humanities area.

COASTAL CELEBRATION

The North Carolina Humanities Council and the North Carolina Department of Agriculture are helping to support the second annual Coastal Carolina Celebration. The event is being staged to call attention to North Carolina's deteriorating coastline and efforts to revitalize it.

FUTURE TEACHERS

More than 200 high school students converged on Raleigh April 2 for the 20th annual North Carolina Association of Educators Future Teachers of America Convention.

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Retrovir Delays Progression Of AIDS Infection, Price Reduced

A new drug may slow the spread of AIDS, according to a study in the New England Journal of Medicine.

The drug, Retrovir, can delay the spread of the HIV virus in people who do not show symptoms of a weak immune system, the study said.

The use of the drug as a treatment for people with the virus is being considered.

The findings of this and other studies formed the basis of the recent decision by the Food and Drug Ad-

ministration to expand the indications for Retrovir to include persons who have tested positive for HIV infection but have not shown symptoms of the disease.

The article, by Dr. Paul Volberding of the University of California at San Francisco and other investigators, details a study conducted by the AIDS Clinical Trial Groups of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases in collaboration with Burroughs Wellcome Co. The test in ques-

tion involved nearly 3,200 participants and 32 institutions which were divided into two substudies according to the number of T4 cells in their blood and randomized equally into three treatment arms.

The placebo arm of the substudy involving patients with fewer than 500 T4 cells was halted by an independent monitoring board in August 1989. All participants were given the option to receive Retrovir therapy at the 500mg daily dosage regimen since preliminary results had shown that the drug could delay progress of HIV infection in patients with fewer than 500 T4 cell counts. These patients continued to be followed, as well as patients whose counts were above 500 and who were undergoing the placebo-controlled subset of the study.

The substudy reported in the article was a double-blind trial in adults with asymptomatic HIV infection with similar T4 cell counts. They were randomly assigned to one of three treatment groups: placebo, Retrovir at 500 mg per day, or Retrovir at 1,500 mg per day.

Seventy-four participants progressed to AIDS or advanced AIDS-related complex during the course of the study. Overall, AIDS developed in 33 participants in the placebo group as compared with 11 in the 500-mg Retrovir group and 14 in the 1,500-mg Retrovir group.

"We conclude that [Retrovir] is safe and effective in persons with asymptomatic HIV infection and 500 or fewer CD4+ cells per cubic millimeter," they said. The authors indicated that continued observations of the individuals in the study will help to further define the long-term

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SPEAKING ON AIDS—Dr. M. G. Quigley of Raleigh spoke to the Strengthening the Black Family Conference of the medical aspects of the AIDS virus. (Photo by Talib Sabir-Calloway)

Freeman Appointed Wake County Judge

William M. "Bill" Freeman of Fuquay-Varina has been appointed a Wake County magistrate and is assigned to Fuquay-Varina. He was sworn in earlier this year after having been nominated by Superior Court Clerk John Kennedy and approved by Chief Superior Court Judge Robert Farmer.

Magistrates are nominated for two-year terms. Their primary duties are to issue arrest and search warrants, set and collect bail bonds, initiate involuntary commitments to psychiatric hospitals, accept guilty pleas for minor crimes, decide small-claims disputes worth up to \$2,000, and perform marriages.

Freeman joins a cadre of 646 magistrates, serving in every county of North Carolina.

Recently, there has been some criticism concerning the poor educational background of some magistrates in the state. Of the 17 magistrates in Wake County, one is a lawyer, one has a master's degree, seven are college graduates. Freeman, a holder of four college degrees, has two master's degrees and a doc-

torate. A retired educator, Freeman has been a teacher, counselor, high school principal, and an assistant superintendent in both



JUDGE FREEMAN Wake and Nash counties. He is currently serving as a presiding elder of the Fayetteville District of the Central North Carolina Conference of the African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church.