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## Meeting Planned

# Project Phoenix Under Fire By Residents

BY W. MASON, JR.

The Friends Committee, along with residents of the city's public housing population, are planning to meet Wednesday May 2 at 7:30 p.m. to discuss the effectiveness of Project Phoenix, the city's anti-drug effort in public housing.

The meeting will be held at the Copeland Community Center in Chavis Heights and is expected to concentrate on what some residents are calling an ineffective program that is hurting residents more than helping them, said a group

spokesman.

Residents have complained that although the city is providing more protection and getting some of the drug dealers out of public housing, city police are also harassing innocent people, stopping residents on the street for no reason and in some cases charging people without reason.

The city's drug effort, however, is also taking its toll in other areas of the city.

Raleigh police announced the results of a six-month investigation into city drug trade in North Raleigh

and on some of the city's college campuses.

As a result of the investigation, 99 people were charged on 365 felony and 18 misdemeanor counts. Some of the 24 students charged, half in fact, lived on some of the city's college campuses.

The charges were a result of what police have called operation Snowball, a state-funded undercover drug operation that started in July 1989 that targeted various parts of the city's drug culture.

A Wake County grand jury handed

down the indictments April 19.

Police confiscated 138 grams of cocaine, 460 grams of marijuana, 557 units of LSD and 10 vehicles as they began making arrests Friday.

Officers posed as college students and frequented nightclubs, such as T. K. Tripps on Falls of the Neuse Road, Cheers, The Longbranch and the Officer Tavern, where they made undercover drug buys, police said.

Police said they spent \$8,028 in buying the drugs an uncovered drugs that carried a street value of about \$19,525.

The city's drug effort, however, is a small part of a statewide effort to control drug operations in the state.

Margaret Person Currin, United States Attorney for the Eastern District of North Carolina, announced the seizure of an eleven acre estate located on the Northeast Cape Fear River, Pender County, pursuant to the "Thomas Jackson Hawes" Drug Task Force (OCDEF) investigation and the federal asset forfeiture laws. The estate, which encompasses approximately eleven acres of riverfront property, includes an estimated

four thousand square foot private residence, boat docking facilities, and equestrian stables, all of which were seized pursuant to a federal order issued by Federal District Court Judge James Fox.

That order, as well as the related Complaint for Forfeiture "In Rem" filed by the United States Attorney, and the Warrant authorizing the seizure by the United States Marshals Service, had been previously placed under seal prior to the seizure. The Complaint, Warrant, and Order have

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## "Save The Children" Day Nears

SNOW HILL—Vision of Deliverance, Inc., a social justice and evangelistic outreach ministry, has called a May Day march "to save the children."

The ministry, in a statement of demands submitted to The CAROLINIAN and published in its April 26 issue, said, "The Greene County Public School System is guilty of the malpractice of the education process."

The Rev. Mark C. Olds, founder of the ministry, said the May Day march will impart the message, "No change this summer, no school this fall."

"We are registering our list of demands to correct injustices and project solutions," the release said. "Today we say to Dr. J. Ivy Smith, chairman; Jasper Barfield, Jr., vice chairman; and all members of the Greene County Board of Education sensitive issues can no longer be ignored... we come to serve notice that the dispensation has expired for the utilization of the public education system as an indoctrination center."

The release pointed specifically to the negative image of blacks projected in the curriculum and textbooks used throughout the school system.

"These textbooks fail to portray the accurate history of the African-American people. Our history does not commence with the slave arrival in Jamestown, Va., in 1619," Rev. Olds said.

"People of African descent have a rich and proud heritage. The legacy

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# POLICEMAN SHOOTS MAN IN BACK

## Blacks Protest Killing

HOUSTON, Texas (AP)—The Harris County civil rights prosecutor assigned to present evidence to a grand jury has defended the actions of a former police officer who was not indicted in the shooting death of a black security guard.

Don Smyth, who heads the Harris County District Attorney's civil rights division, told the Houston Post that former Officer Scott Tschirhart was justified in shooting Byron Gillum in the back.

"Tschirhart had already killed the man before he [Gillum] had gotten out of the car," Smyth said. "If this was excessive force, it doesn't mean anything."

Tschirhart, 27, shot Gillum eight times—four in the back—after he stopped the security guard for an alleged traffic violation near the University of Houston on Nov. 15. Witnesses told investigators the officer shot Gillum, 24, several times as he fled the car.

Tschirhart, who is white, said he believed Gillum was reaching for a gun on the front seat of the car.

Former Police Chief Lee Brown fired Tschirhart in January. Gillum was the third black civilian Tschirhart had killed during his seven years on the force. Tschirhart has appealed his firing to an independent arbitrator.

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MOLLIE LEE COLLECTION—Congressman David Price, Americans in Congress, 1870-1989, to be added to the presented to Sandra Chambers, branch manager of Mollie Huston Lee collection at the library. (Photo by Tally Richard B. Harrison Library, 2 copies of the book, "Black Salt-Calloway")

## New Book Find Home In Mollie Lee's Black History Collection

BY W. MASON, JR.

Before a group of supporters and community leaders, Congressman David Price, Fourth District Representative, presented a new book to the Richard B. Harrison Library that will strengthen the black community's knowledge of its political history.

Price presented the book, "Blacks

in Congress 1870-1989," to the library. The book was authored by the Office of The Historian, U.S. House of Representatives and dedicated to the memory of former Congressman Mickey Leland. The book contains biographical sketches of black members of Congress who served during the time span of 1870-1989.

The book is to be added to the Mollie Huston Lee Collection housed

at the Richard B. Harrison Library. The collection consists of approximately 100 books on black history that have been donated by various people. Many of the books are out of print.

The collection is named after Lee, who was the head librarian at the library for 37 years. In December 1989, due to extreme cold weather, water pipe bursts, damaging several hundred books in the collection. The damaged books were sent away to be freeze dried. Some have been returned, others were in doubt of being restored.

"The Libraries have become an important part of our literacy training effort," Price told a group of about 40 well-wishers who attended a brief presentation Friday. "African-Americans have made many significant contributions to congress," he said.

Although the collection is one of the best collections of black literature, it was Mollie Lee who made the collection a treasure.

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## Inside Africa

# Dr. King Center Aiming To Aid ANC

HARARE, Zimbabwe (AP)—Coretta Scott King, the widow of slain U.S. civil rights leader Martin Luther King, Jr., said Friday she is exploring ways her organization might help the African National Congress and others fight racial injustice in South Africa.

Ms. King, winding up a four-day visit that coincided with independence anniversary celebrations in Zimbabwe, said she met with ANC leader Nelson Mandela, who also attended the celebration in Harare.

She declined to disclose the outcome of the talks, but said the Martin

Luther King, Jr. Center for Non-violent Social Change in Atlanta had sought ways to make "a positive and constructive contribution" to the elimination of South Africa's apartheid racial system and the revitalization of the economies of neighboring black-governed states.

The center, of which Ms. King is president, has tried to draw attention to the importance of southern Africa, to lobby in the United States for a "Marshall Plan" to aid the region and to find out how best to raise funds for organizations including Mandela's guerrilla-backed ANC, she

said. "The King Center strongly believes that the stabilization, economic revitalization and human development of the resources within the southern African environment is critical to world peace and international cooperation in the immediate future," she said.

Ms. King commended racial harmony between the more than nine million blacks and 90,000 whites in Zimbabwe, the former British colony of Rhodesia that gained independence 10 years ago after a seven-year guerrilla war in which

about 40,000 mostly black lives were lost.

"Zimbabwe has shown all the world, and especially South Africa, that black majority rule... does not mean oppression and exploitation of whites," she said.

She denied that her organization's commitment to nonviolent protest was at variance with its backing for the ANC, whose guerrilla wing mounted bombings and sabotage attacks in South Africa.

"It is understandable how people resort to violence when they have no other recourse. Martin Luther King understood that," she said.

But she noted that the ANC had agreed to hold preliminary talks with the South African government in May and said her organization welcomed the dialogue.

"We say non-violence is not passive but very strong. Non-violence is the way of bringing more lasting peace," Ms. King said.

Among other African presidents she conferred with in Harare were Quett Masire of Botswana, Joaquim Chissano of Mozambique and Kenneth Kaunda of Zambia, current chairman of the seven-nation African Frontline bloc neighboring South Africa.

In related events: the staunchly conservative Sun reported recently that ANC Deputy President Nelson Mandela flew into a storm when black American leader Jesse Jackson called him the new Jesus Christ. Clergymen and members of Parliament were outraged at the insult, the paper said.

Jackson, who flew to London to meet Mandela again and attend a pop concert, said the ANC leader had won the respect of the world "in the same way Jesus got it, through suffering."

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## National March Seeks Abolition Of Death Penalty

The National Pilgrimage for Abolition of the Death Penalty will begin the morning of May 5 outside Florida's death row at the state prison near Starke, Fla. From May 5-19, marchers from more than 30 states will make the 400-mile pilgrimage from Florida's death row to inner-city Atlanta, Ga. The pilgrimage will symbolically reverse the route many people have traveled—from impoverishment, illiteracy, racism, and unemployment to a life of crime and ultimately death row.

"The message the United States sends to the rest of the world through the use of capital punishment is that we are a people unable to solve our social problems without the use of violence," says John G. Healey, executive director of Amnesty International USA. "For a country viewed as a world leader in the protection of human rights, this is a disastrous message."

Participants will reach out to communities along the route, holding educational forums about the death penalty, a punishment which they say has been abandoned by all our NATO allies, except Turkey, which hasn't executed anyone since 1984.

The pilgrimage, sponsored in part by the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, the American Friend Service Committee, the Interreligious Task Force on Criminal Justice, the National Coalition to Abolish the Death Penalty, and Amnesty International USA, aims to discuss and dispel many of what it calls the misconceptions about capital punishment.

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## "Bring Out Your Best" Program Adds New, Unsung Winners

The Bring Out Your Best program, which matches local businesses to area students to encourage academics and scholarship, ushered more winners into its ranks at a recent program.

In his usual affable manner, J.D. Lewis, corporate director of minority affairs of the Capitol Broadcasting Co., Inc., emceed the eighth annual "Bring Out Your Best Awards" ceremony at Shaw University recently.

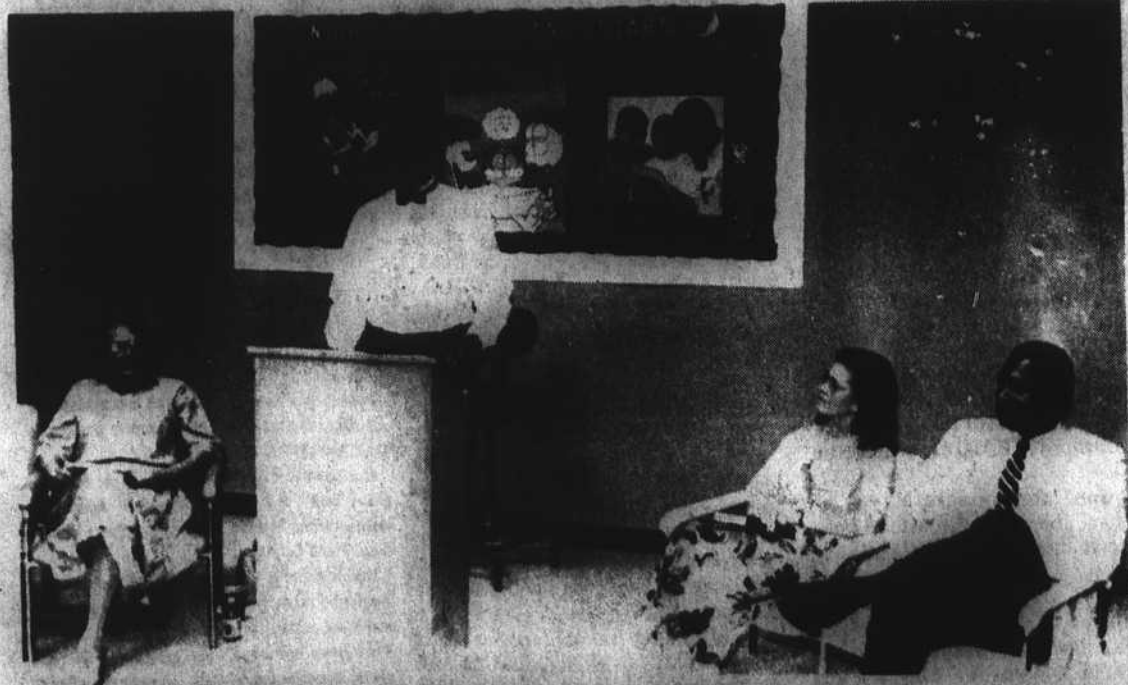
After greetings brought to those at the banquet awards by representatives of the City Council, the City of Raleigh and the Raleigh-Wake Citizens Association, award winners were announced by Ms. Harriet B. Webster and Victor Coffey.

This year's scholarship recipients from Shaw University were Ms. Bessie J. Bukhay, Charles W. Glenn, Ms. Shelley N. Horton and Scott L. Mitchell.

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MS. BESSIE BUKHAY



CELEBRITY READERS—Night of a Thousand Stars event sponsored by the Wake County Public Library had celebrities appearing at branches throughout the county. At the South Raleigh branch the distinguished group of readers was, from left, Janis Keyes, Johnny Ray Moore, at podium, Ruby Greene and N. E. Pickett. (Photo by Tally Salt-Calloway)