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NEWS BRIEFS

PUBLIC HEARING

The Task Force on Excellence in Secondary Education invites comments from the public on the subject, "It's Time for a Change in Student Performance in Our Secondary Schools." The meeting is scheduled for July 12 from 7-10 p.m. at Broughton High School. The task force stated, "This state's poor ranking on the SAT gives us notice that it is time for a change in our secondary schools." The task force invites all interested parties, from both the public and private sectors, to comment on ways to improve secondary education.

CRIMESTOPPERS

Sometime between midnight and 6 a.m. on June 27, Leroy Eiter, a white male, age 57, was assaulted on the front porch of the Church of the Good Shepherd located at the corner of Hillsborough and McDowell streets, Raleigh. The victim is in critical condition. The Raleigh Police Department has no suspects at this time. Anyone having information regarding this crime, please contact Crimestoppers at 834-HELP. The investigators assigned to this case are Det. M.D. Carroll and Det. C.K. Womble.

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N.C. Businesses Splitting Over Tax Increases

North Carolina's two most influential business associations have lined up on opposite sides of the debate over how to close the state's \$550-million budget gap. Susan Valauri, director of the 14,000-member state chapter of the National Federation of Independent Business, today announced that the small-business advocacy group would "adamantly resist" efforts to bridge the deficit through higher taxes.

Valauri released results of a survey taken last week among NFIB/NC members. The survey found that seven of every 10 small-business owners want to eliminate the deficit solely through spending cuts, fund transfers and accelerated payments to the state. Only 28 percent favored balancing the budget through across-the-board spending cuts coupled with tax increases to pay for expanding the state's Basic Education Plan (BEP).

Valauri acknowledges that the survey results, which NFIB uses to establish its legislative policies, puts the small-business group at odds with the North Carolina Citizens for Business and Industry (NCCBI), which has endorsed raising taxes to

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Unhealthy Behavior Patterns

U.S. Bad, Habits Hard To Kick

Kentuckians smoke the most, Wisconsinites are the plumpest and South Dakotans don't think much of seat belts.

Such are the findings of the Behavioral Risk Factor Survey, a 36-state effort to measure America's nasty health habits.

In North Carolina, too many people smoke and too many people don't get enough exercise.

The survey, conducted by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and participating state health departments, asked Americans about the things they do to jeopardize their health, such as smoking, staying fat, going

on drinking binges and sitting on their seat belts.

The CDC, in reporting the results this week, said unhealthy behavior patterns vary considerably from state to state. That was indeed the case in the 1988 survey of 36 states and the District of Columbia.

Jim Fear, who works as a staff duty officer for the Greensboro Police Department, matches the descriptions of both problems of North Carolinians. He works 12 hours a day, four days a week at a desk where the only exercise he gets is answering telephones.

Fear says it takes him a day to

recoup at the end of the work week.

"Seeing how I smoke also... I smoke entirely too much (two packs a day) in the office," Fear said. "I wish I didn't smoke but I do. When I get off I try to get some exercise, working around the house or putting up fences on some land in Randolph County."

Does he worry about the behavior the CDC says is killing him?

"You think about it, especially when you start to get older," Fear said. He's 46.

In Kentucky, 34 percent surveyed reported they were smokers—highest among the states. But just one percent reported drinking too much, best

in the nation.

"For drinking, this is a very conservative state, with a lot of religious conservatives. Alcohol has consistently been frowned upon, and that has a lot to do with it," said Phyllis Skonicki, manager of the Health Promotion Branch for the Kentucky Department of Health Services.

"The tobacco issue is something else in Kentucky," she said. "We're one of the largest [tobacco] growing states in the nation... from the smallest farm to the largest, you're going to find some tobacco."

In Wisconsin, 28 percent were overweight, according to the CDC.

Twenty-five percent reported "binge-drinking"—five or more drinks in a sitting in the month before the survey—and six percent admitted drinking and driving.

In those categories, Wisconsin was worst among the states.

"As far as our weight, it's really a Midwestern thing," said Michael Soref, coordinator of the Wisconsin survey. "Whatever it is that makes the Midwest high on that... applies to Wisconsin, too."

Other survey extremes:

• The slimmest state is New Mex-

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Mailed To Home

\$5 Million In Cocaine Seized

Allegedly Concealed In Stereo

A Wake Superior Court jury convicted a Durham man this week of selling cocaine while Wilson police, state and federal agents seized \$5.5 million worth of cocaine that had been mailed from Panama.

The jury convicted Calvin Purnell, 32, of Durham, of trafficking in cocaine by possession, trafficking in cocaine by transportation and conspiracy to traffic cocaine.

Purnell was arrested in February 1989 outside the Angus Barn on U.S. 70. The arrest was part of an undercover drug investigation of employees in the restaurant's kitchen.

Purnell was arrested just as he was about to deliver cocaine to a restaurant employee. He was carrying more than 70 grams of cocaine in the crotch of his pants.

The officers found four kilograms of uncut cocaine with an estimated value of \$1.5 million and later found 10 more kilograms of cocaine worth \$4 million concealed inside stereo equipment mailed from Panama.

Judge Joe Freeman Britt sentenced Purnell to 21 years in prison and fined him \$120,000. Purnell was given the minimum seven-year sentence for each count and ordered to serve them consecutively.

In Wilson, police and state and federal agents seized \$5.5 million

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OFFICIALS PROTEST—Public officials and members of the private sector, among them Vernon Malone, Robert Wentz, Marc Jordan and others, gathered at the Wake

County School Board to decry cuts in state funding for education. (Photo by Talib Sabir-Calloway)

Home Street Home Calls For A Voice In Policing And Running Raleigh Shelters

Elderly blacks, poor women and children and the homeless are the most deprived groups in our society by whatever standard one would choose to use— income, health status, housing characteristics and others.

Unlike the elderly, poor women and children, the homeless represents a visible forgotten minority and is growing in numbers amid apathy as

demonstrations and other tactics increase to alert the public about this serious problem.

Home Street Home and "Voices of the Homeless" are included in a series of programs and activities to commemorate Governor James Martin's proclamation of July as Homeless Month.

Home Street Home is an organiza-

tion of homeless people in Raleigh, formed in March 1990. Its founders, Mary Uebelgunne and Brenda Starr, were responsible for Governor Martin's decision to issue the proclamation. Fed up with their homeless situation, the two had laid out a bed-sheet petition on the Fayetteville

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U.s. Intervention Urged

Rebels Forcing Liberian Leader Out

A guerrilla rebellion has plunged Liberia into a total state of war. Rebels attacked this week in a two-prong offensive, cutting all major land routes out of the Liberian capital.

Heavy automatic gunfire and artillery erupted in the eastern and western suburbs as an exodus of people streamed from the city center to escape the fighting and headed for areas believed already controlled by the rebels.

Previously many expected a quick change of government. The United States advised its diplomatic personnel to leave the country and temporarily shut down its Peace Corps program.

This week, state-run ELWA Radio, a Christian missionary station said that the government was imposing a curfew from 6 p.m. to 6 a.m. throughout the country. The radio also said diplomats were advised to stay in their missions or residences.

In response to the rebel onslaught, President Samuel Doe rebroadcast his June 25 proposal to include the rebels in a broad-based interim administration to govern until elections next January.

In Washington, State Department spokesman Margaret Tutwiler said the United States is willing to help Doe depart the country if he asks for such assistance. As for the possibility of evacuating remaining Americans, she said the United States "is considering all options." The U.S. Navy has had a task force off the coast. She said fewer than 800 Americans, in-

cluding 70 working for the U.S. government remain in Liberia.

Doe's characteristically brutal response to guerrilla control of approximately one third of the country drastically eroded support for the government.

His troops have terrorized villages suspected of supporting the rebels, led by Charles Taylor, one of Doe's former ministers. Taylor wants to get rid of Doe who seized power in a bloody 1980 coup, and bring democracy to the country.

Liberia, founded by freed African-American slaves in 1822, has been relatively unstable since Doe toppled a civilian government.

Doe's proposed national-unity

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N.Y. Rep. Flake Plans To Stump For Rep. Price

Rep. Floyd Flake, D-N.Y., a leader of the Congressional Black Caucus, will be the featured guest at a fundraiser for Fourth District Rep. David Price next week.

Flake is scheduled to attend a barbecue dinner at Carnage Middle School, 1425 Carnage Road in Raleigh, from 5:30-7:30 p.m. on Monday, July 8.

Flake will also participate in a welcoming program at St. Paul AME Church on Edenton Street from 3-4:30 p.m. that day, sponsored by St. Paul and St. Matthews AME churches. He will meet with area ministers from 5-6:45 p.m. at Carnage School. All events are open to the public.

Flake has represented New York's sixth Congressional District since 1987. As pastor of Allen AME Church in Jamaica, N.Y., he arranged construction of a 300-unit senior citizens' home, developed a church-based home-care agency and encouraged a

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REP. FLOYD FLAKE



DOE MUST GO Embattled Liberian President Samuel K. Doe has agreed in principle to resign on the condition that his safety and that of his minority-Krahn tribe be guaranteed. But the cry is for vengeance. U.S. warships are off the Liberian coast and Washington has said it will

evacuate Doe if he asks. Doe's government could collapse within days. Liberians marched in Washington shouting "Doe Must Go," in protest of the Liberian government. (Photo by Talib Sabir-Calloway)