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Construction Contracts

City Program Boosts Black Businesses

BY LANITA LOWERY

Contributing Writer

Black-owned newspapers like The CAROLINIAN and Fayetteville's The Challenge are soon to be receiving a financial boost from the City of Raleigh.

Thanks to the Business Assistance Program, the city will be advertising construction projects open for bids for minority and female-owned contracting firms.

In the past, the City of Raleigh had only used The CAROLINIAN and papers like it to run public service announcements and personnel an-

nouncements. That is a thing of the past, according to Raleigh City Councilmember Ralph Campbell, Jr.

"The Business Assistance Program in the City of Raleigh is set up to assist and to improve the working with minority and women-owned contractors and suppliers of goods and services to the City of Raleigh. That program currently involves construction contracts. We have a goal of 10 percent minority participation in all of our construction projects," explained Campbell.

The CAROLINIAN will be used in

all construction bids of \$250,000 or more be posted in regional, black-owned newspapers. By law these bids have to be advertised. In the past, they have been run in the white-owned dailies, but not in The CAROLINIAN. As of Aug. 30, when the program was adopted, the bids will appear in smaller, minority-owned newspapers.

"We are expanding our program to use The CAROLINIAN and minority-owned newspapers for some other functions to include construction

bids," Campbell explained.

Campbell has been a strong supporter of the Business Assistance Program. Because "set-asides" are no longer allowed without historical documentation of discrimination (Richmond vs. Croson, January 1989), programs like the Business Assistance Program are very important to minority and female-owned businesses. The City of Raleigh never had a "set-aside" program.

The Business Assistance Program is beneficial to the minority community in many ways, Campbell

noted. Not only are black and women-owned contractors being informed of bid openings, but also black-owned newspapers are reaping financial benefits through expanded advertising.

Luther Williams, coordinator for the Business Assistance Program, called the lack of city advertising for bids in The CAROLINIAN an oversight on the part of the city. The city, however, is now trying to make amends, he said.



RALPH CAMPBELL

Jackson Takes On Self-Made Civil Missions

Effort in Global Diplomacy, Policies

WASHINGTON, D.C. (AP)—Jesse Jackson, who met last week with Iraqi President Saddam Hussein on the Persian Gulf crisis, has traveled the world as a self-appointed diplomat to pursue a host of missions of his own making.

The longtime civil rights activist and unsuccessful presidential candidate has visited dozens of countries and conferred with more than 60 heads of state.

One of Jackson's biggest coups came in 1984, when he went to Syria to secure the release of Navy Lt. Robert O. Goodman, Jr., whose jet bomber was shot down during a raid over Syrian antiaircraft positions in Lebanon's central mountains.

Jackson, who at the time was running for the Democratic presidential nomination, brought Goodman home to the United States a month after the pilot was shot down. Jackson called on President Reagan to meet personally with Syrian President Hafez Assad to try to reduce tensions between the two countries.

Assad's assistance to Jackson was seen as a clever move to influence American public opinion to change Reagan's foreign policy in the region.

Over the years, Jackson's efforts in international diplomacy have taken him around the globe and provoked controversy on more than one occasion.

He has hugged Yasser Arafat in Lebanon, accepted a cigar from Fidel Castro in Cuba, conferred with Pope John Paul II in Rome and advocated anti-apartheid civil disobedience in South Africa.

A photograph of Jackson embracing Arafat, the leader of the Palestine (See JESSE JACKSON, P. 2)

Held Without Bond

Man Charged In Beating Death

By-Passer Summons Police

Raleigh police arrested Rufus Wade Brogden, 44, of Route 4, Oxford, Tuesday afternoon and charged him with murder. He is being held without bond in the Wake County Jail.

The alleged victim, a man in his early 40s, was not identified immediately, police said. He was found dead behind an abandoned house on South Saunders Street Tuesday after having apparently been beaten to death.

Lt. J.A. Privette of the Raleigh Police Department said a passerby spotted the man lying in the backyard of a condemned house at 2506 S. Saunders St. about 11:30 a.m. The passerby, who told police he was a friend of the victim's, went to a convenience store nearby and called 911 to summon the police.

Lt. Privette said the dead man had several cuts and abrasions on his face and head. "It appeared he received more than one blow," Privette said.

In other news: The Raleigh Parks and Recreation Department has been selected to receive training in a special program that uses recreation to prevent alcohol and drug abuse.

Raleigh is one of 20 communities across the nation tapped for the training through a \$93,000 grant from the U.S. Department of Education's Drug Free Schools and Communities Program. This training program is sponsored by the National Recreation and Park Association as part of the (See BEATING, P. 2)



HAVING FUN—Labor Day traditionally is associated with outdoor cookouts and good food, and is being enjoyed by (from left) Gwen Holden, Latasha Holden, Tanya Williams,

Lavone Williams and Tommy Massenburg. (Photo by Talib Sabir-Calloway)

Wentz Looks At Drastic Budget Cuts Affecting Basic Education

BY LANITA LOWERY

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The superintendent of Wake County Public Schools this week held the first of five scheduled meetings with the press and aimed attention at the whopping \$2.68 million in budget cuts slated for the school system.

Dr. Bob Wentz, prefacing an explanation of the budget cuts, said,

"What we tried to do was reduce the budget where it would have the least direct impact on kids."

The legislators approved \$44 million for Wake County's Basic Education Program. They also approved a negative reserve and indicated that it has to be made up at the beginning of the year. That is the \$2.68 million, explained Dr. Wentz.

Perhaps the most drastic cut comes in the lessened number of new teachers hired. The BEP allotted 54.5 new teaching positions. Only 14 of those positions will be filled. This cut will save the county \$1.4 million. "We have a net increase for BEP of 14 teachers for 84 schools," Dr. Wentz said.

There will be fewer certified support personnel hired. These are people such as guidance counselors, school psychologists, and social workers. The county was allotted 26 certified support positions by BEP, but only four are going to be filled. Two new schools just opened and each will be receiving a counselor and a media specialist. This cut will result in a savings of \$806,960 for the county.

"In each one of these cases it's not (See DR. WENTZ, P. 2)

A Special Significance

Homecoming In African Motherland

From CAROLINIAN Staff Reports
A mother and her daughter recently returned from a visit to their homeland, Africa, for the first time in nine years imbued with a sense of strength and nostalgia.

Veronica Biney and her young daughter, Nancy, visited their parents, relatives and friends in Accra, the capital of Ghana, during July and August.

"I was happy to go home after nine years," she said. "Things have changed a lot, like the currency. A dollar equals about 350 cedis. Everything is plentiful, but expensive. There are more cars and a lot of construction."

Many African-Americans across the country and from Raleigh are making more visits to the African motherland and returning with a sense of wonder at all they have seen.

Many speak of being inspired by the strength of the bonds of unity that exist and are beginning to evolve between black people on the continent and abroad, especially Africa.

For example, Ms. Ann Hunt Smith, a teacher in Wake County, visited Kenya this summer and returned and acclaimed her visit a "rebirth."

N.C. State University Professor of English Dr. Doris Laryea and her husband, Robert, who is from Ghana, are friends of the Bineys. Dr. Charles Biney is from Accra, Ghana, and is currently teaching at St. Augustine's College. Dr. Laryea visits Africa and is a collector of African crafts, stories and attire.

Many visitors to Ghana see it as more than an adventure but a rich and varied experience in African society that has significance to blacks in the diaspora.

Ghana is the ancestral home of many blacks in the Americas and the Caribbean. Many of the travelers and hundreds of thousands of other blacks are the descendants of Africans sold into slavery in the European slave trade for more than three centuries.

Ghana is a lush tropical paradise,

replete with pineapple, palm and coconut trees caressing the coast of the eastern Atlantic. Ms. Laryea says, "Ghana is filled with people whose warmth, sincerity and kindness match the country's physical beauty."

In a video Dr. Laryea retraces the

footsteps of ancestors with a visit to the old slave castles at Cape Coast and Elmina with the 400-year-old stench of death and human offal and the pain of unknown kin crying out for justice.

(See AFRICA, P. 2)

Rev. Lewis Seeking Presidency With Positive Campaign Issues

The pastor of one of the leading churches in the area continues to campaign for the presidency of the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, Inc., with the theme, "A continuation of unity, strength and progress."

The Rev. W.B. Lewis, pastor of First Cosmopolitan Baptist Church, says his campaign is positive and Christian-oriented. "The convention needs all of the unity and harmony we can give it. I want to continue the healing process, to help bring back brotherly and sisterly love," Lewis said.

The convention will be held Oct. 29-Nov. 1 at the Raleigh Civic Center and auditorium. The convention is expected to attract approximately 3,000 people. Rev. J.C. Harris of Statesville is also campaigning for the presidential seat. Harris is also very well-known and the race is expected to be close.

In a release to The CAROLINIAN, Rev. Lewis made the following statement:

"My campaign will be carried out in a positive manner, and will be

Christian oriented in every respect. I want to recognize all of us as God's children.

"The General Baptist State Convention needs the leadership of a man who is committed to meeting the needs of the convention as a whole, and dedicated to serving the needs of people. These are the trademarks of W.B. Lewis.

"The General Baptist State Convention needs the leadership of a man who is not only sure of his convictions, but also who has a burning zeal for ministering to others. The convention needs the leadership of a man who knows where he is going, one who has the gift of working with and recognizing people. The General Baptist Convention needs a man with the necessary experience and expertise to boldly take the helm and guide the convention forward in God's service. W.B. Lewis is that man. 'I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, Whom shall I send? and who will go for us? and I said, Here am I, send me.' I am ready to be president of our General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, Inc.



REV. W. B. LEWIS

"I call upon the people of the General Baptist State Convention of North Carolina, Inc., to give me your prayers, your support, and your vote to help continue unity, strength. (See REV. LEWIS, P. 2)



TRADITIONAL ATTIRE—Alfred Maia of Accra, Ghana, the father of Veronica Biney of Raleigh is seen in traditional attire at his home in Accra during a visit by his daughter.