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THIS WEEK
On Oct. 6 in 1871, nine black singers—eight emancipated slaves—left Nashville to try to raise \$20,000 for Fisk University. By late October they called themselves the Jubilee Singers. They toured Europe a year later. By 1878, they had raised \$150,000 for Fisk.

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Adoptive Parents Needed

Black Orphans Find A Tough Road To Homes

BY CASH MICHAELS
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"What I'm about to say is like coffee, the kind of coffee your grandmother used to make... strong, bitter... and black!" And with that warning, social worker Warren Arsad of the Wake Department of Social Services and the Friends of Black Children Council proceeded to paint a stark picture of the plight of African-American foster children in this country.

His remarks came at a gathering of 40 people who came to the St. Augustine's College Fine Arts

Theater last Thursday to attend a panel discussion on the need for more black foster and adoptive parents. Arsad, one of the speakers, promised not to "lighten" the crisis with "milk or cream," nor "sweeten" the grim reality facing the African-American community by adding "sugar or saccharin." He kept his promise.

"The statistics are staggering," said Arsad. "Sixty-five to 70 percent of the kids in [social services] custody in [Wake] county are black." National figures are virtually the same. Why? According to Arsad, as the world dramatically changes, the

African-American community still finds itself facing classic and historic problems... problems that ultimately lead to children of single-parent or broken homes being abandoned.

"We are still faced with poverty, hunger, black-on-black crime, alcoholism and drug usage," said Arsad. He suggested that this vicious cycle contributed to the violent sexual and physical abuse that many foster children in public custody had experienced prior.

"And where does the responsibility lie?" Arsad asked the audience. "It lies firmly on our [the black com-

munity's] shoulders."

Several of the panelists, like Carolyn Mayfield, Linda Brown and Khalif Ramadan, were foster and adoptive parents. They shared their experiences, and the special needs of the children they all took into their homes. While the circumstances of each of the children were different, what they needed beyond a stable roof over their heads and strong guidance was basically the same.

"It takes a lot of love," said Ms. Brown, the adoptive mother of two, "a lot of understanding and a lot of patience." Many of the children,

because of their prior circumstances, have learning disabilities and self-esteem problems that only time and love can cure, which is why, according to Tina Martin, coordinator of the foster and adoptive care program for the Wake Social Services Department, these parents are required to attend special classes.

Probably one of the key reasons why many people who can either adopt or become foster parents don't is that they don't understand what is involved, or if they even qualify.

Foster care is a program which provides temporary homes for

children who, for one reason or another, cannot live with their families. Occasionally, parents place their children in foster care because they realize they are unable to carry on their responsibilities as parents. Children in foster care usually range in age from birth to 18 years. They are placed with families or single people who are licensed by the state as foster parents.

Since foster care is temporary, these children remain in their new homes until a permanent home can be found. This can take from several

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U.S. Deplores Racist Remark By Japanese

A Japanese leader made an apology to Americans following a racial slur comparing blacks to prostitutes.

Justice Minister Seiroku Kajiyama, appointed as minister of justice Sept. 13 after his predecessor resigned for health reasons, watched police raids on foreign prostitutes in the Shinjuku red-light district recently and told reporters he thought the prostitutes "ruin the atmosphere" of neighborhoods.

"It's like in America when neighborhoods become mixed because blacks move in, and whites are forced out," he said.

As justice minister, Kajiyama is in charge of Japan's immigration policy and faces the growing dilemma of how to cope with an increasing number of immigrants, many of them illegal, seeking high yen-based wages.

The U.S. State Department issued a statement later deploring the remarks as "offensive to American people," and Prime Minister Toshiki Kaifu rebuked Kajiyama during a cabinet meeting last week.

Kajiyama, 65, said his comments were "completely inappropriate... I retract the remarks and apologize to those concerned." He reiterated this apology to American Ambassador to Japan Armacost who said he would convey Kajiyama's apology to President Bush and Congress.

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Ex-Boyfriend Charged

RALEIGH MAN HELD IN STABBING Girlfriend Allegedly Assaulted

A Raleigh man has been arrested in connection with the stabbing of his former girlfriend. The woman was listed in serious condition at Wake Medical Center Friday after police said her ex-boyfriend had entered her apartment at night and stabbed her repeatedly with a kitchen knife.

Diane Jameson, 29, of the 7300 block of Gumwood Lane, was in the hospital's surgical intensive care unit, according to hospital authorities.

Police arrested Ronnie Jackson Poythress, 32, of the 8100 block of Farmlea Circle, shortly after the incident. He was charged with assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill and is being held in Wake County Jail in lieu of \$25,000 bond.

In other news:

Authorities continued their investigation Tuesday into alleged sexual abuse at a church day-care center—a probe they said could take weeks to complete.

Social workers and police were beginning the task of interviewing all the students who attended the day-care program at St. Mark's AME Zion Church on South Roxboro Street.

Sgt. Robert M. Cox, of the police's juvenile division, said the investigation would take time.

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SEAT BELT PATROL—Officer T. E. O'Neal of the Raleigh Police Department is seen greeting Albert Strickland, Wintershaven resident. Officer O'Neal was on the beat reminding children to prompt their parents to buckle up! Also pictured (l.-r.) Chris and Mary Tammell, and Mrs. Susie Norwood. (Photo by James Giles, Sr.)

New Laws Get Tougher On Illegal Drug Traffickers, Drunk Drivers

BY LT. GOV. JAMES C. GARDNER

Life is about to get tougher for drunk drivers and drug traffickers, thanks to some new laws that went into effect on Oct. 1.

Each of these new laws was part of the 1990 Omnibus Drug Act which was introduced on my behalf during this summer's legislative session. As

passed, the bill included six tough new laws.

Beginning Monday, drunk drivers who have more than three prior impaired driving convictions within a seven-year period will now be charged as "habitual" drunk drivers.

Before this law, the worst penalty a drunk driver could get was a misdemeanor charge, no matter how many

times they had driven drunk on our roads. Now, they will be charged as felons, and if convicted, they will get a mandatory one-year prison sentence which cannot be suspended. They will also permanently lose their driver's license.

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INSIDE AFRICA

BY DANIEL MAROLEN

An Analysis

South Africa's President deKlerk is far from being a reformer. He betrayed Nelson Mandela by baiting him out of jail to participate in changing South Africa to a non-racial democracy. But since his release seven months ago, Mandela has been fighting all alone to democratize South Africa, while de Klerk was busy at intensifying, consolidating and perpetuating apartheid and white minority domination.

Recently, de Klerk made an unprecedented move to invite blacks and other South Africans to membership in the Nationalist Party, South Africa's apartheid organization! De Klerk's extension of his party's membership to all South Africans is both preposterous and spine-chilling... Who would join apartheid? For what reason would they join apartheid? Joining apartheid would be a drastic step backwards in the global struggle to end the most inhuman scourge of apartheid, which has killed thousands of black people over the centuries, and continues to kill more and more. Besides, the obnoxious and brutal violence of the scourge of apartheid has led South Africa into a global isolation by the world of nations, and pushed the country to the brink of calamity.

To some short-sighted people, de Klerk's offer of membership in NP to blacks and other South Africans is a worthy reform. But, to most people, de Klerk's offer is simply betrayal at

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On Nov. 6 Ballot

Housing Bond Issue Gains Momentum

From CAROLINIAN Staff Reports

The City of Raleigh and the Downtown Raleigh Development Corporation are sponsoring a series of community workshops for anyone interested in planning for new public facilities in downtown Raleigh.



BOND ISSUE—Dr. Ngozi Aal-Anubia addresses consultants in the City Council Chambers concerning a \$20 million housing bond issue on the Nov. 6 election ballot. The purpose of the bond issue on the Nov. 6 election ballot is to provide affordable housing in a decent environment for low- and moderate-income residents of the city. (Photo by James Giles, Sr.)

Two forums were held last week at the Raleigh City Council chambers with input from community and planning consultant RTKL and Associates. The consultant is under contract to develop a "coordinated vision for downtown" that represents public interests and concerns.

City Council member Mary Watson Nooe, in reference to the housing bond project to be decided by voters in the Nov. 6 election, said, "I'm sure it is going to pass. It is an issue that speaks well to the economic development of Raleigh. It is not a giveaway program. It is a loan that helps working families help themselves."

Dr. Ngozi Aal-Anubia, a resident who spoke during the forum last week, said, "If the project is to be successful, everyone has to work together. When African-American businesses look good that compliments the city." Ms. Aal-Anubia is part-owner of Apple 1-Hour Photo which has selected Southeast Raleigh as an investment area for business.

Housing and development are vital issues to Southeast Raleigh residents and the \$20 million bond proposal is geared to provide affordable housing in a decent environment for low- and moderate-income residents of the City of Raleigh. Included in the purpose is also to acquire, construct and rehabilitate rental and owner-occupied housing; to expand efforts to improve the viability of Raleigh's older neighborhoods where housing needs are the greatest.

The city has estimated that it will take five years to spend these bond funds which will be administered by the city and outside parties contracted to handle some of the administrative tasks required by the program.

Other public forums are scheduled Oct. 2 at 7 p.m. at Optimist Park Community Center, 5900 Whittier Drive; Roberts Park Community Center, 1300 E. Martin St., at 7 p.m.; Green Road Park Community Center, 4101 Green Road, at 7 p.m. on Oct. 3; Carolina Pines Community Center, 2305 Lake Wheeler Road, at 7 p.m. on Oct. 3 and Glen Eden Pilot Park Community Center at 1500 Glen Eden Drive at

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RESIGNS POST—At a recent Oval Office meeting, President Bush wished Bonnie Guiton much success in her new position as President of the Earth Conservation Corps based in Washington, D.C. Guiton, one of the highest ranking Black women in the Bush Administration, recently resigned as Special Advisor to the President for Consumer Affairs. The Corps is a national, privately-funded, nonprofit organization, modeled after the Civilian Conservation Corps of the 1930's, that will enlist teens and other young adults to replant the nation's damaged forests and rebuild city blocks.