

RALEIGH, N.C., THURSDAY. **JANUARY 3, 1991** VOL. 50, NO. 12

# ROLINIAN

i-Weekly

SINGLE COPY 25¢ **ELSEWHERE 30¢** 

**Boys Choir of Harlem To Perform On UNC Campus** See Page 20

**Judge Clifton E. Johnson Named Chairman of Judicial** Standards Commission See Page 13

## Residents Continue Protest Judge OKs City & cocedure On Amphitheater & Park

Press CAROLINIAN Staff Reports
A Wake Superior Court judge says
the City of Raleigh followed the proper procedure when it granted a
special-use permit for a \$12.5 million
amphitheater in Walnut Creek Park.
Some Southeast Raleigh residents
asked Judge Howard E. Manning,
Jr., to review the case last month,
raising concerns that the 20,000-seat
outdoor performance center would

or performance center would bring traffic, noise and drunken van-

dals to the area.

But Manning said that the city had taken the right steps when it granted the permit in mid-October 1990. The open-air theater will feature a covered pavilion providing seating for 7,000, as well as a landscaped em-bankment allowing lawn seating for an additional 13,000.

Along with complete staging facilities, the 77.9-acre complex will include a covered picnic area, as yell

as food and beverage concessions. More than 5,000 parking spaces are

The amphitheater, expected to open in spring, is a joint project of the city and PACE Entertainment of city and PACE Entertainment of Houston, Texas, which builds outdoor theaters and promotes shows. Com-pany officias said the theater could host big-name music groups, touring Broadway shows and other events. Prior to the court's decision, some

citizens in Southeast Raleigh were closely examining the plans and details at Citizens Advisory Council meetings. Camps for approval included Mayor Pro Tem Raiph Campbell and Lythel Hickerson. Campbell said the facility would be beneficial to the

Hickerson, chairman of the Southeast Raleigh CAC, agrees with Campbell that it will be a positive move and a plus for the community

The plan calls for the park to be developed along Walnut Creek, southeast of the intersection of Sunnybrook Road and the Beltline. "It will help create employment for the Raleigh-Wake County area," Hickerson said. "The plan they have now looks very good. As time goes on we'll want to see more details.

Fannie Montague, chairman of the South Community Citizens Advisory

Rep. Daniel T. Blue, Jr., speaker of the North Carolina General Assembly, and Bruce E. Lightner,

community advocate and co-chair of the Martin Luther King Celebration

Committee have been chosen to be

at a special recognition luncheon at the U.S. Supreme Court in

Lloyd Davis, executive director of

the federal commission, stated in a

telephone interview with The

CAROLINIAN, "We looked at people

from across the nation who symbolize

the essence of the King holiday. We

have chosen to honor two young men

from North Carolina whose tireless

and invaluable hours of service in

their community and the creation of

the King holiday in their state cannot

Washington on Jan. 14.

be disputed."

**Local Men Honored** 

**King Holiday Celebration** 

Council, said, "The only thing I heard them say is that we're definitely going to have baseball diamonds. That's all they could guarantee—I really hope they will put some other facilities there."

The softball fields-with accompanying parking, concessions and billboard areas are the only parts of the park for which the city has

(See JUDGE, P. 2)

What Price Slavery Asked

# U.S. Debt Owed African-Americans In D. C. For Parts In

Reparations Becomes 90s Question

BY WILLIAM REED

NNPA News Service
WASHINGTON, D.C.—"The notion of reparations for every black who is descended from slaves is so ridiculous that it should be dismissed without the slightest hint of civilized consideration," is the prevailing tone of espesition to the possibility of such legislation and resulting compensa-tion to African-Americans. This chorus comes not only from conservative whites in Congress, but black members of that body as well.

Although past calls for reparations have fallen mostly on deaf ears, the fact remains that black reparations will probably be the most critical issue for African-Americans in the decade of the 'enle of the '90s

decade of the '90s.

The notion of black reparations is not a new concept. Even though the idea has roots in 1864 when we were given "40 acres and a mule" after the Great Emancipation, compensation to blacks is rarely spoken of by centemporary African-American politicians and never even thought of by the nation's whites. Over the past these decades, various "radical" three decades, various "radical" blacks have called for America to compensate the descendants of slaves who lost as many as 100 million of their fore-cousins and tribe abers in the trans-Atlantic slave trade and for those in our direct of free labor to build the economic infrastructure of this country. The

(See U.S. DEBT OWED, P. 2)

# Ally Mjongs was recently invited by Pierce Frank M president of First World Trade Corp., to visit Rateigh discuss economic developments and Third V

ge also visited Lt. Gov. James Gardner tion at the N.C. State Museum of Art.

"Medgar's murder and the failure

of Mississippi to convict the accused

assassin in two previous trials have

weighed heavily on the Evers family

for the past 27 years," she said. "I am committed to seeing that the past wrongs are corrected."

'It's about time for us to clean up

our act and see that justice is done in

this case," said Vicksburg Mayor

Robert Walker, who was field

secretary of the state NAACP from

people-we want to see justice done

in that case," Walker said recently.

When justice is done... I think it will

be incredible what impact it will have

on the image of the state."

"I think I speak for a whole lot of

Indictment In Evers Murder

# 27 Years Too Long?

JACKSON, MISS. (AP)years after a sniper tried to kill a crusade by Mississippi blacks with a bullet, the shot still echoes in Mississippi's tarnished civil rights

The black community which watched two white juries fail to reach verdicts in the slaying of Medgar Evers believes 1991 may be the time for justice, black leaders said last week.

Byron De La Beckwith was arrested Dec. 17, 1990 in Signal Mountain, Tenn., on a fugitive warrant after he was re-indicted on a murder charge in the June 12, 1963 slaying. Beckwith, despite his 70 years and poor health, continues his white supremacist views and espouses his innocence.

"I'm cautiously optimistic... I hope that it is the foreteller of the kind of justice attitude that becomes a reality," said Aaron Henry, president of the state NAACP since 1960.

Henry says he lives daily with the memory of Evers' death.

"The pain never goes away," Henry said.

Hinds County Supervisor George Smith, who remembers that Evers helped him register to vote the day

before he was blacks had "felt then it would be difficult to get justice. Today we feel dif-

Smith, who has served as a supervisor for 11 years, said the death marked a time when Mississippi blacks were suffering in their fight

for basic civil rights "We were cut off. It was very difficult to even register," Smith said. "It [prosecution] is not going to be easy now. We as a state will have to

go hand in hand. The image of the whole state is on the line." Beckwith, whose fingerprint was found on the scope of a rifle discarded near the scene of the death, was tried twice for murder in 1964. Mistrials were declared after all-white juries

were unable to reach verdicts. The murder charge was dismissed in 1969. Beckwith said the rifle was stolen from his home. Henry said 27 years is not too long

to wait for justice. "I don't think it's too late. You have to begin

Myrlie Evers, widow of the slain civil rights leader, said a conviction is needed to show that what her husband fought and died for was not

## (See 27 YEARS, P. 2) fourth overall.

cold, if not colder than, it has ever been with the demand for emergency food and shelter climbing amid omic conditions and a growing in-

An economic slowdown in recent months has placed added pressure on agencies across the state and nation providing emergency food and shelter who cite growing unemployment and diminishing

Recent surveys suggest that there are approximately 1,000 homeless in Raleigh with that figure doubled in Charlotte. Ms. Pamela Denning, director of social services for the Salvation Army, said, "Most people in Raleigh have been good to the homeless. Some have negative feelings and really don't understand the problem that some homeless persons are facing. There are a vast number of reasons why a person may be homeless."

The public's compassion for the less fortunate neems to be running out in the state and especially in

"The people are probably tired of being harassed by them," says Charlotte police Officer S.M. Bar-bour. "They're intimidated by them." Barbour says he was walking uptown in uniform last week when a street person yelled to the woman with him, "I know what kind of car you drive." "You tell me that doesn't intimidate a woman," says Barbour.

Trena Zaranski, social services for the Salvation Army in Charlotte, remembered how this time last year, she couldn't address all the community groups

recognized by the federal Martin Luther King Holiday Commission. Blue and Lightner will be honored

REP. BLUE LIGHTNER

During the Supreme Court huncheon, Ms. Coretta Scott King, chairperson of the federal commission, will present the two with the commission's highest national award. The commission, established by presidential order with an annual appropriation from the U.S. Congress, was established to "promote and encourage the institutionaliza

(See BLUE, LIGHTNER, P. 4)

### **Gantt vs. Helms Top** N. C. Story In '90 The state's budget shortfall dilem-

Jesse Helms' victory over Democratic challenger Harvey Gantt in the U.S. Senate race edged North Carolina's massive troop deployment to the Middle East as the state's top story of 1990, according to a poll of the Associated Press members.

The Helms-Gantt race, waged cials in the closing weeks before the Nov. 6 election, received five top votes from a possible 19 cast by AP newspaper and broadcast members. The Senate race story won out despite 10 first-place votes cast for thousands of Tar Heel troops being sent to Saudi Arabia.

The Senate story received 148 points, while the troop deployment news garnered 146 points on a scale of 1-10, with 10 points being awarded to a first-place vote, nine for second place and so on.

North Carolina's search for a regional hazardous waste facility placed a close third, 11 points behind the top story, while Blanche Taylor Moore's arsenic poisoning murder conviction of her boyfriend was the state's top crime story and placed

ma was voted the fifth best story of

The top story began to take shape in May 1990 when Gantt, a former Charlotte mayor, became the first black nominated for the U.S. Senate. Gantt framed his Senate campaign largely through television commer- around Helms' record on education.

cusing the conservative Republican of failing to represent the state's values in his three terms.

Helms, tied up with work in the Senate until the final weeks of the campaign, framed the contest as a race between his conservative values and Gantt's liberal values.

In a slashing final week of campaigning, Helms used a television ad showing a pair of white hands crumpling a rejection letter for a job. The narrator said the job had been lost to a minority because of racial quotas for hiring, which the narrator said Gantt supported.

Gantt vehemently denied that he supported racial quotas, but said he did support the Civil Rights Act of

(See TOP N.C. STORY, P. 2)

# **Birth Certificate Nixed** For Commercial Licenses

BY DANIEL A. YOUNG, SR.

Women often delight in relating how a young clerk "carded" them-asked to see their driver's license—when they went to a disco, or while they were in the checkout line at some chain store to purchase any form of alcoholic beverage. And while the clerk was simply doing his job, so as not to be selling inquor in violation of ABC law, the require-ment by the Department of Transportation that all drivers bring in a birth certificate to obtain a commercial driver's license seems restrictive.

At age 48, would you be flattered or offended to be required to produce your birth certificate?

There is no legal reason I can think of," says Jane Gray, special deputy attorney general with DOT, "why a birth certificate would be required. There are other recognizable means for establishing a person's

identification and date of birth for obtaining a North Carolina commercial driver's license, or to satisfy any other legal request."

The Commercial Driver's Manual

states, "When you apply for your commercial driver license the following items are required: two proofs of identity are required: certified birth certificate, and valid driver's license or passport, or other documents which DMV requires."

They also include proof of Social They also include proof of Social Security number, proof of a clear driving status, waiver of skills tests documentation, medical/physical requirement, school bus driver certificate (if applicable). In some cases, DMV will require additional proof of identification or proof of a clear driving record prior to issuing a CDL. CDL.

'The CDL law became effective (See LICENSES, P. 2)

## **Public Said Tiring Of Outcrys For Aid To Tarheel State Homeless**

tolerance toward the homeless by the public.

resources generating greater homeless plight.

large cities, homeless advocates say.

"Now, I get almost no requests to speak on homelessness," she said. "Homelessness was at one time a real buzzword, but now it's lost its glamour as a cause." Waymon Pritchard, director of development and

public relations at the Raleigh Rescue Mission, says it is true more people are becoming softer to the sensitivity of the homeless. "There is a cycle in the way that people give, as there is a cycle in everything. We have seen an increase in the last six months of homeless persons," he says.

"We are taking care of more persons, more nights, than in the history of the Raleigh Rescue Mission," said the 27-year veteran of the mission. "We have on the average of 100 people per night. We are seeing more women with children. We currently have 20 women within our women's division and six to seven have children. We are also seeing more younger

The Raleigh Rescue Mission also offers lodging, food, clothes, job counseling and training for homeless families and individuals.

Mayor Raymond Flynn of Boston in the annual U.S. Conference of Mayors survey said during a press conference on hunger and homelessness that

the numbers are growing.

Flynn said while the 1980s were hard times for the growing number of poor people in the country, "at least in that decade there were growing state and

(See HOMELESS, P. 2)

# NEWS BRIEFS

#### **ANNUAL BENCH PRESS** MEET On Feb. 23, the Garner Road

VMCA will bost its second annual Bench Press Meet. The YMCA urages all members, young and old, of the community, male and female, to either participate or support their favorite body builder. This is just an opportuni-ty for the serious weightlifters to show the benefits of hard work and dedication. For more information contact Reggie Towns at the VMCA.

#### HATS OFF

Matt Moore, a student at Ligon, took top honors out of 5,000 students across the state for his design of a logo for the North Carolina Teachers of Mathematics. The logo will be used en posters to promote interest in math throughout the state. Matt was encouraged by teacher Barbara Sydnor. Enloe High placed first in team competition in the McKee Excellence in Mathematiation last year.

#### **NEW LEASE**

Jin's Dry Cleaning and Tailor Shop has leased space in the Fish Fry Restaurant Strip Center at 3021 Falls of the Neuse Road. George Andrews and Fonville Morisey Commercial arranged the lease

#### MAGNET PROGRAM

The Wake County Public School System is seeking a \$6.4 million federal grant through the Magnet Schools Assistance Program to enhance and continue programs in its existing magnet school net-

(See NEWS BRIEFS, P. 2)