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

From 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 bring traffic, noise and drunken vandals 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 embankment 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 well as food and beverage concessions. More than 5,000 parking spaces are planned.

The amphitheater, expected to open in spring, is a joint project of the city and PACE Entertainment of Houston, Texas, which builds outdoor theaters and promotes shows. Company officials 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 Ralph Campbell and Lythel Hickerson. Campbell said the facility would be beneficial to the community.

## What Price Slavery Asked

# U.S. Debt Owed African-Americans Reparations Becomes 90s Question

BY WILLIAM REED  
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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 opposition to the possibility of such legislation and resulting compensation to African-Americans.



VISITING AMBASSADOR—The ambassador to Tanzania Ally Mjenga was recently invited by Pierre Frank Nkomo, president of First World Trade Corp., to visit Raleigh and discuss economic developments and Third World countries. Mjenga also visited Lt. Gov. James Gardner and Kwanzaa celebration at the N.C. State Museum of Art. (Photo by James Giles)

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 '90s.

## Indictment In Evers Murder 27 Years Too Long?

JACKSON, Miss. (AP)—Nearly 30 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 past.

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, 1960 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.

## NEWS BRIEFS

### ANNUAL BENCH PRESS MEET

On Feb. 23, the Garner Road YMCA will host its second annual Bench Press Meet. The YMCA encourages all members, young and old, of the community, male and female, to either participate or support their favorite body builder. This is just an opportunity for the serious weightlifters to show the benefits of hard work and dedication. For more information contact Reggie Towns at the YMCA.

### 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 on posters to promote interest in math throughout the state. Matt was encouraged by teacher Barbara Snyder. Enloe High placed first in team competition in the McKee Excellence in Mathematics last year.

### NEW LEASE

Jin's Dry Cleaning and Tailor Shop has leased space in the Fish Fry Restaurant Strip Center at 9021 Falls of the Neuse Road. George Andrews and Fonville Morley Commercial arranged the lease.

### MAGNET PROGRAM

The Wake County Public School System is seeking a \$4.4 million federal grant through the Magnet Schools Assistance Program to enhance and continue programs in its existing magnet school network. (See NEWS BRIEFS, P. 2)

"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 sometime."

Myrtle 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 meaningless.

## Birth Certificate Nixed For Commercial Licenses

BY DANIEL A. YOUNG, SR.  
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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.

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 Security number, proof of a clear driving status, waiver of skills tests documentation, medical/physical requirements, 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.

"The CDL law became effective as of Jan. 1, 1989. It was intended to be a more stringent law than the regular driver's license law. It was intended to be a more stringent law than the regular driver's license law. It was intended to be a more stringent law than the regular driver's license law."

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

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

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## Public Said Tiring Of Outcries For Aid To Tarheel State Homeless

The outlook for the homeless this year is just as cold, if not colder than, it has ever been with the demand for emergency food and shelter climbing amid worsening economic conditions and a growing intolerance toward the homeless by the public.

asking or talks about the homeless  
"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."

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 resources generating greater homeless plight.

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.

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."

"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 homeless people."

The public's compassion for the less fortunate seems to be running out in the state and especially in large cities, homeless advocates say.

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

"The people are probably tired of being harassed by them," says Charlotte police Officer S.M. Barbour. "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.

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.

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

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

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