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Reasons Varied African-American Lifestyle Today Faces Threats

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Several months ago, a Philadelphia newspaper editor suggested that black welfare mothers should be "encouraged" to stop reproducing sexually, by implanting in their arms the new, five-year birth control device. To many African-Americans, this was yet one more indication that the black community was under attack, targeted by a new, more sophisticated form of white racism.

In politics, the Bush administration ignored the advice of prominent black Republicans such as former Secretary of Transportation William T. Coleman and Secretary of Health and Human Services Louis Sullivan by vetoing the 1990 Civil Rights Bill. The excuse given by Bush that the legislation made it too difficult for employers to defend themselves against charges of racism in effect appealed to the white supremacist wing of the Republican Party. On this

issue, Bush was closer to David Duke than to the majority of Americans. The ink on the vetoed bill was barely dry before the next racial controversy, the new policy which would deny federal funds to colleges which awarded scholarships to minority students on the basis of race. Black and Latino educators pointed out that colleges had allocated special scholarships for decades to athletes and others with special skills. Nearly all scholarships for minority students

were not based narrowly on race, but on economic need as well as other important criteria. The sharp reaction against this new policy forced Bush into a quick turnaround, declaring that scholarships specifically for racial minorities could be drawn from private funds. But in effect, the entire episode implied that blacks, Hispanics and other people of color should be excluded from higher education. For African-Americans, these two

incidents seemed to symbolize the end of an entire historical period, the civil rights movement for democracy in America. For many years, a sense of optimism and hope pervaded black politics. The movement from racial segregation to full participation within the American mainstream was taken for granted. Now, all the evidence points to a deterioration in the economic and social status of

Group Presses N.C. Lottery As Answer!

North Carolina could use the \$180 to \$200 million a state lottery could raise, even if the state was not facing a budget gap that could grow to \$1.5 billion, lottery supporters say. "I don't think the budget crunch has anything to do with it," said Sen. Ken Royall, D-Durham, who introduced a bill calling for a lottery referendum. "We have never used that as a crutch in the past and we don't intend to use it as a crutch this time." Royall said the lottery could also stem the flow of lottery money to Virginia.

"North Carolinians are supporting a lottery—up in Virginia," he said. "We cannot afford to continue subsidizing Virginia's lottery to the tune of at least \$60 million a year. We need to keep that money right here." Royall said a conservative estimate put the potential lottery income to the state at \$180 to \$200 million. "Playing a lottery is voluntary," Royall said. "No one has to play it, and the people who disagree with the lottery do not have to support it. You cannot say that about an increase in the sales tax—like it or not, you pay it." Rep. David Redwine, D-Brunswick, who is sponsoring a House bill on the lottery, said some of the game could be operating before the end of the fiscal year if the plan were approved by the voters in November.

"If we could have it in operation by March, then between March and the end of the year, we could bring in \$49 or \$50 million," Redwine said. "We'd get at least a little piece of it in the next fiscal year."

State budget officials say the state could face a revenue shortfall of up to \$1.5 billion in the next fiscal year, which begins July 1.

Royall, who chairs the Senate Appropriations Committee, said lawmakers will have to fill that expected budget gap without the help of the lottery in the first year of the two-year budget. But he said the budget could be adjusted in the second year if a lottery is approved and operating. Royall said those who opposed the

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Outburst Alleged Cause Unarmed Man Shot In Franklinton

Police Say Warning Shots Fired

The fatal shooting of an unarmed man this week by a police officer has left African-Americans gravely concerned about the need for a new policy on the use of deadly force by law enforcement agencies in North Carolina.

Franklinton police said Officer Antonio Caldwell shot 24-year-old Darryl Wyche of 3 Sterling St. while he was "acting deranged" and threatening the officer outside a convenience store.

Wyche died later at Franklin Regional Medical Center in Louisburg, said police chief Ray Gilliam. Caldwell is married to WRAL-TV 5 news anchor Renee McCoy.

Police said Officer Caldwell shot Wyche Tuesday in front of the Snack Shack at 108 S. Main St. Clerks at the convenience store had called police for help shortly after Wyche had entered the store, bleeding profusely.

"Here he is slinging blood everywhere. He was just hollering and cursing." A clerk at the store called for an officer.

"He said, 'I'm going to kill you!'" Chief Gilliam said. "He said it over and over several times. The officer began to retreat steadily by backing up, trying to calm the guy down, saying, 'Calm down, talk to me, what's your problem?' The guy continued to advance."

"The officer, with the last attempt, turned around and said, 'Please stop or I'm going to have to shoot,'" Chief Gilliam said. "The guy continued to advance and the officer pulled his weapon and fired once."

Officer Caldwell missed with the first shot from his .387 magnum service revolver, but a second shot struck Wyche in the lower abdomen.

The State Bureau of Investigation is investigating the incident. Officer Caldwell, who has been on the force for about six months, has been relieved of active duty until the investigation.

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VISITS HEALTH PROJECTS—Lagos, Nigeria—WHO Secretary Louis W. Sullivan, M.D., examines a young patient at the Lagos University Teaching Hospital. Secretary Sullivan reviewed child health progress in seven African nations during a mission for President Bush last month (January). The Sullivan mission visited numerous child health projects which provide immunizations and other services, as well as facilities which treat malaria, AIDS, and other conditions. The 750-bed Lagos hospital, established in 1962, is connected with a growing primary health care system in Nigeria. While in Nigeria, Secretary Sullivan praised Health Minister Okoye Ransome-Kuti for his efforts to expand health information and primary health care services throughout the country.



DAN BLUE

Blue Seeks To Move State Forward

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A crowd of about 1,200 invited guests and dignitaries attended the Salute to North Carolina's Black Legislators on the campus of St. Augustine's College where former "Pioneers of Peace" were acknowledged and a Rhode Island Proclamation was presented to Dan Blue, Jr.

Speaker Blue was given an honorary doctoral degree from St. Augustine's College and accepted a

We can look back 60 years from now and say that there came a team of leadership in North Carolina in the '90s, that made it go forward, that was sensitive to history of deprivation and discrimination, but at the same time look forward to take the state where it ought to be going.

proclamation from the General Assembly in Rhode Island congratulating him on his new role as speaker of the N.C. House.

In acknowledging the guests, Blue said, "Since the active civil rights movement, back in the '40s and '50s, North Carolina has been looked at as one of the most progressive states in the South. North Carolina did not go through the experience in the late '60s and '70s that most other Southern states went through in trying to get through the integration process."

"And it didn't do it because our leadership felt that North Carolina had a progressive tradition, and a tradition that said that we come forward to share with whatever problems face us and we do it in a progressive setting."

"You go back to New York," Blue told Ed Towns, chairman of the national Congressional Black Caucus, "and you tell them that Dan Blue does not plan to preside over a House or a General Assembly that allows North Carolina to look backwards and move backwards when all of our challenges are in the future."

"And those challenges are not just to black North Carolinians, they are challenges to all North Carolinians. Whether or not we move forward to provide a decent education for every boy and girl in this state; whether he

City Panel To View Details Of Shooting As Questions Loom

From CAROLINIAN Staff Reports
A Raleigh City Council committee planned to learn more about the shooting of a WRAL-TV 5 engineer by a plainclothes detective through a report by City Manager Dempsey E. Benton, Jr., Wednesday.

The council's Police Affairs Committee is reviewing the Jan. 24 shooting of Tony Farrell, 32, by Det. James Glover after he was mistaken for a robbery suspect.

On the day of the incident, Farrell had left WRAL-TV studios to go home for dinner. A few minutes earlier, a

man had robbed the Kerr Drug Store in the Mission Valley Shopping Center. A description of the suspect was given over police radio, and Det. Glover stopped Farrell's car on Ashe Avenue near downtown Raleigh. The detective approached the car with his gun drawn and fired a shot through the door, striking Farrell in the left thigh when he revved the engine and tried to drive away.

Benton said his report to the committee would address lingering concerns from last month's meeting, including how much time passed before

police realized the shooting victim was not the robbery suspect, and questions of police department procedures.

Police Chief Frederick K. Heineman said he was not prepared to answer those questions at the last meeting. Benton said Heineman was responsible for supervising and disciplining officers and that the city manager handled appeals of the chief's decisions.

Attorney Cressie Thigpen, Jr. last week filed a \$4.5 million claim against the city on behalf of Farrell. City Attorney Tom McCormick is expected to make a recommendation to the city council within several weeks on how the city should respond to the claim. The city could pay it, negotiate a settlement or reject the claim, leaving Farrell the option of suing the city in civil court.

Wake District Attorney C. Colon Willoughby, Jr. last week decided not to bring criminal charges in the shooting.

A meeting with several African-American leaders Sunday at St. Ambrose Episcopal Church concerning the incident has drawn criticism from some residents who said it was closed and did not reflect the community's concern.

Harold Webb, political advisor and activist, who attended the meeting, said when he arrived it was in session and that he was not aware that it was closed. "What's at stake is the credibility of the police department for maintaining faith and support by total community for fair protection of all citizens," Webb said.

H.B. Pickett, president of the Raleigh-Apex Branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, questioned why should a "non-criminal, law-abiding black male citizen be perceived differently than whites by officers of the Raleigh Police Department? They should not be perceived any differently but incidents such as the one that involved Mr. Farrell and the Raleigh Police Department indicate that they are."

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Former Mayor Isabella Cannon Remembers Iraq As "Home"

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For many Americans, particularly those who have family or loved ones presently serving with the American forces as they continue their mission to drive Saddam Hussein out of Kuwait, to hear talk of Iraq is to immediately think in terms of "enemy." But for former Raleigh Mayor Isabella Cannon, "Iraq" becomes a surprisingly different word—"home."

Mayor Cannon, although not an Iraqi, lived in Baghdad for three years during the 1960s as part of the U.S. Foreign Service. But what is even more amazing is that, until now, no newspaper or television station has ever asked Mayor Cannon for her unique perspective on the events in the Persian Gulf, even though she routinely speaks about the crisis and the history of the region before church groups and other organizations.

In an exclusive interview with The CAROLINIAN, Mayor Cannon shared her perspective and firsthand account of some of the deep-rooted reasons for the conflict and subsequent war.

"It is heartbreaking for me to see that things that are happening there," the former mayor said. "I see homes like mine [when she lived in Baghdad] being destroyed and



MS. ISABELLA CANNON

the dreadful things that are happening all over that country."

Mayor Cannon thanks her late husband, Claude Cannon, for the opportunity she had to experience life in the Middle East. A native North Carolinian, "C.M." as he preferred to be called, was assigned to establish administrative procedures for American embassies abroad during World War II.

allowed to accompany her husband on trips to China and other lands, but finally she was able to live with him when he was assigned to Liberia, and then to Baghdad in 1960.

This was certainly an important time to be living in the region because just two years earlier, the United Nations had officially established the state of Israel on territory that had historically been known as Palestine. All of a sudden, the Jews, who had lived and excelled in countries all across Europe and the Middle East, and had just endured near annihilation of their race by Nazi Germany, now had a nation they could call their own, but at the expense of a proud Arab people, the Palestinians.

According to Ms. Cannon, one of the key reasons why the United States is hated so much in the Middle East is because it was at President Harry Truman's insistence in 1947 that the state of Israel was created, and once done, it was the United States who supplied Israel with the supplies and weapons needed to force the Palestinians from their territory.

Against this historic backdrop, Mayor Cannon reveals a startling, yet to this day, unknown fact. "Baghdad, far from Israel, was the largest Jewish community in the whole Middle East. There were

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NEWS BRIEFS

ART PLAN FOR RALEIGH

The City of Raleigh Arts Commission has retained an art consultant to develop a five-year plan for placing works of art in city-owned spaces. Barbara Bloomink, former director of the Hudson River Museum, is working with the commission's Art in Public Places Committee. Ms. Bloomink has scheduled a series of meetings with the arts community, neighborhood representatives and civic leaders. A public meeting will be held at City Gallery of Contemporary Art on Feb. 14. City Gallery is located on Blount Street between Hargett and Martin streets in the Moore Square Arts District.

NATIONAL CONDOM WEEK

Planned Parenthood of the Capital and Coast celebrates its Male Clinic's first year of operation on Valentine's Day, and announced that men may be seen Thursdays from 3-7 p.m. The new hours mark an expansion for the male clinic, which was previously open only on alternating Saturday mornings. The Valentine's Day condom balloons also signal the start of National Condom Week, which runs from Feb. 14-21. Begun in 1978 by students on the campus of University of California at Berkeley, National Condom Week is an awareness campaign focusing on the benefits of conscientious condom use.

TRIANGLE MELD

If you are an experienced parent with an interest in sharing your knowledge and parenting skills, Triangle MELD needs you. MELD is a nationally recognized parenting program, offered locally through Wake Medical Center, which is based on the simple idea

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