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Community Development Corps Plan Attack On Poverty

The recent conference of the North Carolina Association of Community Development Corporations in Raleigh brought together strategists and tacticians for waging war in North Carolina. The enemy is poverty, isolation and neglect. The victims are often rural or inner-city and black.

The North Carolina Association of Community Development Corporations plans a coordinated attack in

conjunction with local community development organizations, banks, foundations and agents of state and local governments. The local non-profit CDCs work with rural, inner-city and usually minority populations.

Already CDCs across the state have built 75 units of housing in three years. A contractor's association has been formed, attracting more than \$1 million in new contracts. A minori-

ty loan fund has been established, as have a day care center, landscaping service, and youth center. The framework is evolving to do even more.

"I think what pleased me most about the meeting," explains Abdul Rasheed, NCACDC director, "is that we did not get negatives or naysayers in terms of the legitimacy and the long-term impact possibilities of community development corpora-

tions to improve the quality of life of North Carolina citizens."

Banks represented at the conference included Wachovia Bank and Trust, First Union National Bank, Centura Bank, North Carolina National Bank, and the Self-Help Credit Union. "We got commitments to participate affirmatively in ways in the banks' best interests," Rasheed continues. "That means in ways that would not increase the banks' risk

levels, vulnerability, or be against regulatory constraints."

Rasheed explains the conference explored ways for local and state governments to increase their involvement with community development corporations as well. Representatives of the Z. Smith Reynolds Foundation, Babcock Foundation and Winston-Salem Community Foundation were present. Others represented include the N.C. Rural

Development Center, N.C. Low Income Housing Coalition, N.C. Legal Services, N.C. Housing Finance Agency, N.C. State Community Development Block Grant Office, N.C. Institute for Minority Economic Development and the Local Initiatives Support Coalition of Richmond, Va.

One goal of the meeting was to bring (See DEVELOPMENT, P. 2)

Move On To Repeal State's Run-Off Law

(AP)—Repeal of the state's second primary law may hinge on whether lawmakers believe Harvey Gantt's nomination for U.S. Senate disproves the notion that runoffs hurt blacks, lawmakers say.

"Too many times, a second primary has given people the chance to gang up on a candidate on a racial basis," said Sen. Ralph Hunt, D-Durham, sponsor of the repeal bill.

"And many times the winner in a second primary gets less votes than the leader in the first primary because fewer people turn out."

"That was the accepted wisdom until Gantt's relatively easy victory over Mike Easley in the 1990 Democratic runoff for U.S. Senate—a runoff that provoked less divisiveness than earlier ones. Gantt is black and Easley is white."

Another black legislator who has sponsored repeal bills in the past said Gantt's relatively easy win over Easley may defuse enthusiasm for repealing the second primary.

"Even now a lot of people may be lulled into thinking that you can come out of a second primary all right," said Rep. H.M. "Mickey" Michaux, D-Durham.

For years, blacks have labored to eliminate the law that allowed runoff primaries whenever the frontrunner failed to get 50 percent of the vote.

The threshold was reduced to 40 percent in last year's legislature. But opponents of the law say the deck is still stacked against black candidates in a runoff because of the lower turnout and the tendency of some voters to cast their ballots solely on the issue of race.

The Gantt-Easley race "was one of the more humane second primaries (See RUN-OFF LAWS, P. 2)

Genesis I & II Focus

Housing Conditions Hit

Repairs Go Without Attention

From CAROLINIAN Staff Reports
Some residents of Genesis Phase II, a single-family housing development for low- and moderate-income citizens, are growing frustrated with repair problems they say have not been resolved or left unaddressed from a punch list.

Residents of Genesis II on Candor Lane, East Street, Haywood and Swain streets say they are concerned about repairs and forwarded copies of a letter accompanied by a cassette recording to Raleigh Mayor Avery Upchurch; Mayor Pro Tem Ralph Campbell; Amy Thomas, North Carolina National Bank-Charlotte; John Greene, chairman of the Eastside Neighborhood Task Force; Julian Prosser, Community Development Corporation; Lee Reynolds, contractor and president of Genesis II Neighborhood Association.

The letter, signed by Hubert Griffith of 613 Candor Lane, who has been a resident since July 1990, also a member of the Eastside Neighborhood Task Force, said, "Residents are frustrated with dealing with these problems. Most feel problems could have and should have been taken care of much, much sooner. We appreciate the help given in the past, but we feel the situation will only grow worse if we don't get further assistance."

"Some problems are minor but if they don't get attention now, they will become major. Dilapidated housing was demolished to bring forth Genesis Phase II. Help us stop our houses from being slums of the future."

Griffith said items on his punch list not addressed included sagging living room and master bedroom ceilings and lumps in the painting, cracking joints in the bathroom tile, potholes of water that stand in the driveway.

Cathy Ector, 612 Davis St., said (See RESIDENTS, P. 2)

Walnut Creek Amphitheater Takes Shape

Developers say that construction is on schedule for completion of the amphitheatre at Walnut Creek, scheduled to open in mid-summer.

Walt Lederle, director of operations for the amphitheatre, said construction got off to a strong start after the January groundbreaking. Thanks to good winter weather, Lederle said the 77-acre site is fully cleared, several parking areas are graded, and the footings have been poured for most of the permanent structures.

The site is now accessible from the two primary entrances near the intersection of Rock Quarry Road and Sunnybrook Road just outside of the Beltline and I-40. Both entrances have been graded and surfaced with a first coat of paving materials.

Walnut Creek Amphitheatre, a \$13.5 million, 20,000-seat facility, is being developed and operated under the direction of the Sony Music/PACE Partnership and Cellar Door Concerts, through a 20-year lease agreement with the City of Raleigh. Located in Raleigh's new Walnut Creek Park, the amphitheatre is designed specifically for concerts and live performances, offering acoustics and sight-lines far superior to those at other regional venues.

"The amphitheatre approach to (See WALNUT CREEK, P. 2)



CONCERNED OVER PROJECT—Nine new single-family homes bought on Candor Lane, East Street, Haywood and Swain Streets need repairs. Some of the repairs remain from the original punch list not addressed or unsatisfactorily resolved. Residents said dilapidated houses were demolished to bring forth Genesis Phase I & II, and reportedly expressed concerns that their houses could fall prey to the same fate. (Photo by James Giles)

SBA Designs New Program Spurs Growth In Female Firms

The U.S. Small Business Administration has completed a nationwide program for women business owners that solidifies an effort to promote and encourage the growth of female-owned firms.

Susan Engelleiter, SBA administrator, said there were a variety of services to help entrepreneurs wanting to break into business. "Many of our programs are for women. But I don't believe any of them have met with the virtual instant success of our Women's Network for Entrepreneurial Training program."

WNET matches experienced women business owners with women who have been in business at least one year and are ready to expand. According to Engelleiter, "Women are increasingly important to the nation's economic development. The experience shared by mentors and proteges will contribute to helping small businesses succeed and grow."

To meet the unique financial needs of women in business, the agency is working to implement the "under \$50,000" loan program that, while not limited to women, will be especially beneficial to companies in service industries, where women are heavily represented. "We have worked hard to promote this program," Ms. Engelleiter said.

The program has helped women like Dr. Suzanne Sewell of Marion. She came to the SBA last year looking for capital to start and equip Crestview Veterinary Hospital there. The SBA worked with her to obtain a \$50,000 loan to start up and hire staff.

"Historically, smaller companies have had a difficult time breaking into the government market, and women-owned businesses have found it almost impossible," Ms. Engelleiter said. "In 1990, women owned more than 25 percent of the sole proprietorships in this country, yet less than one-half of one percent of government contracts were awarded to women. By 1993, women owned 31 percent of all sole proprietorships and received a record \$1.9 billion in federal contracts, or 1.2 percent of all such awards. Although women's share of federal contracts more than doubled during the 1980s, the situation demands improvement and agency programs are making a difference."

Commenting on WNET, Janet Silber, Homeplace Builders of Raleigh, said, "I would like to know that my hard-won experience can benefit another woman and that it won't stop with me."

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Katherine Moore of Eastern Delivery Service has had several mentors in her career. However, because of the nature of her business, none were women. "I am keenly aware of the importance of having advice and counsel when trying to succeed in the business world. I certainly hope that I can be of assistance

to some one else," she said. Other mentors selected for this program in North Carolina include Carolyn Grant, Plants by Grant, Raleigh; Carey Stacy, DiaLogos International, Raleigh, with protege

Patricia Lovely, P.J.'s Creekside Deli, Washington; Marilyn Nason, WNC Business Journal, Asheville; Katherine Moore, Wilmington; and Bonnie Widenhouse, Touchberry and Associates Realtors, Charlotte, with protegee Katherine Gardner, Cor-

(See SBA PROGRAM, P. 2)

Resolution Trust Program To Expand

Rev. Jesse L. Jackson, Sr., president of the National Rainbow Coalition, and L. William Seidman, chairman of the Resolution Trust Corp., have announced plans to hold regional conferences for minority businesses and to expand the minority business community's relationships with the RTC via their Minority Outreach Program.

The pair made the announcement during a joint press conference held in conjunction with the day-long RTC Minority Outreach Conference held at the Sheraton Washington Hotel, in northwest Washington, D.C. More than 900 minority- and women-owned businesses from across the country participated.

"The outreach so far has been limited and ineffective," Jackson said. "The red tape process has legislated us in but minorities have been regulated out. The fallout from the bailout is an opportunity for the locked out. This is a first in a series of regional conferences designed to not only address minority concerns, but provide them with the information to receive lucrative contracts and advertisements."

Seidman, who admitted the federal agency has not been effective in reaching minorities, said, however, "We have made an effort, but we clearly [have not reached our goals]. We haven't done as much as we could have. But minorities must also do their part by registering with the RTC in order to be qualified to be included in the RTC's registrar list."

The RTC released data indicating minorities had received five percent (\$17 million) and women received 25 percent (\$76 million) of the nearly \$330 million in contracts awarded to date. The RTC, according to Jackson, has given minority law firms a mere one percent of a total \$137 million paid in legal fees during the first nine months of 1990.

Jackson spearheaded the conference following numerous complaints from various minority enterprises which charged that the RTC was not only stifling business opportunities through redlining, but that the agency has entwined most in red tape.

Seidman and Jackson met last August to discuss the RTC's commitment to minority- and women-owned firms. Today's Minority Outreach Conference was a first in a series of joint ventures between the Rainbow Coalition's Commercial Division and the RTC.

Legendary Coach, Harvey Reid, Jr. Collapses, Dies During Playoffs

A legendary boys' basketball coach collapsed during a playoff game earlier this week at Wilson Fike High School. Harvey Reid, Jr. was 64.

Reid, North Carolina's winningest prep coach, collapsed with about four minutes remaining in the first quarter during the first-round playoff against Fayetteville E.E. Smith.

Reid was taken to Highsmith Rainey Memorial Hospital, where he was pronounced dead. Fike Principal Clint Johnson told team members of their coach's death.

The cause of death was not immediately known, and arrangements for Reid's funeral were incomplete at press time.

Reid, who had a career record of 512-206 in 42 seasons, appeared fit before the game. He suffered a heart attack in 1979, and his recovery made him an advocate of cardiac rehabilitation, an exercise and recovery program for heart-attack victims. In 1989, Reid underwent heart bypass surgery.

Reid began his basketball coaching career at Elm City's Frederick Douglass High School, where the team played on a dirt court for the first four seasons.

The Demons finished the 1991 regular season 12-7 overall and 9-3 in the Big East, good for third place. Fike lost in the first round of the Big East tournament last week.

During the 1990 playoffs, in which Fike advanced to the state championship game, Reid became the 15th high-school boys' basketball coach in the nation to record his 500th victory.

Reid coached teams to seven state championships, five state runner-up finishes and 50 league titles.

His first team was 9-13, and his second team went 1-15. Douglass finally got a gym in 1959, and his teams won all but five home games in the next 10 seasons. Douglass won state titles in 1962, '64 and '65.

When integration came, Reid became the coach at Elm City High School and won state titles in 1974, '75 and '76. With the merger of the Wilson County Schools into three high schools, Reid was named head coach at Fike, where his 1991 team won his seventh state championship.

Reid, a graduate of Anne Chestnut High in Fayetteville, earned a bachelor of science degree from Johnson C. Smith University in Charlotte and studied additionally at the University of Kansas and Wake Forest University.

He began his professional career as a math teacher and football coach at Academy Heights High School in Pinehurst in 1949 before going to Frederick Douglass in 1949. Most people will say that Reid will be remembered as a molder of men on and off the basketball court.

NEWS BRIEFS

DESERVING FAMILIES

Strengthening the Black Family, Inc. is seeking nominations for deserving families in three categories: Traditional, Single-Parent and Extended Family. This organization seeks to recognize families in your community who have overcome obstacles and serve as a role model for others. If you know of a deserving family, please call them at 956-7474 by March 11.

GREENE JOINS PA. FIRM

Ava D. Greene has joined the firm of Reed Smith Shaw & McCarty as an associate in the Pittsburgh, Pa. office. She held the position of senior attorney in the litigation department of the Maxima Corp. in Rockville, Md. Ms. Greene is a native of Raleigh and the daughter of the Hon. and Mrs. George R. Greene, Sr. of Raleigh.

GROUP HONORS PRICE

A national, non-profit housing organization honored Fourth District Rep. David Price for his efforts to promote home ownership recently. The National Council of State Housing Agencies gave Price an award during its 10th annual legislative conference, recognizing his efforts to preserve the mortgage revenue bond program. The organization represents state housing finance agencies, which finance, develop and preserve home ownership and rental housing for low- and moderate-income families.

Price is an original cosponsor of legislation which would make the mortgage revenue bond program permanent. The program, which reduces home mortgage

(See NEWS BRIEFS, P. 2)