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Janet Jackson signs worldwide recording contract as part of her exciting career. Page 9

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Blues singer Alberta Hunter was born in Memphis in 1895. At the age of 12 she left for Chicago, where she peeled potatoes and began her singing career. Her first recording (See THIS WEEK, P. 10)

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Murder and Mayhem Youth Gangs Become Criminal Menace

Youth gangs have grown into a major criminal menace, bringing murder and mayhem to record levels throughout the country. Juvenile delinquents once were viewed as rebels in leather jackets who "rumbled" in back streets and alleys. Today, they call themselves "gangbangers" because of the semi-automatic

weapons they use to terrorize entire neighborhoods. Their bullets kill not only targeted victims but children and other innocent bystanders as well.

Troubled schools, the breakdown of families and other problems feed the youth-violence epidemic. Law-enforcement officials warn that new

tight-knit gang networks have spread from inner cities to the suburbs and small towns.

Sgt. John Gales, a 20-year veteran of New York City's police gang unit, says that the greatest change in today's gangs is their mobility and disregard for human life. "In the 1950s and '60s, 'fighting gangs'

weren't involved in serious crime," he says. "Attacks on adults or families were off-limits. If a kid even snatched a purse, he would be shunned as 'crazy.' Today, crimes for profit like extortion and robbery give kids enough money to purchase unlicensed pistols and shotguns." Gangs vary in size and intensity. A

1990 University of Chicago study of 45 cities reported 1,439 gangs with 120,636 members. Reports found the problem growing in many locations. Boston, with six known gangs in 1987, now has 25 with 650 members. Between 1984 and 1988, Miami's four gangs grew to 60, with more than 3,000 members. The Seattle area

claims 50 gangs, mostly new; Asbury Park, N.J., has 37 and Cleveland 75. Milwaukee reports 4,000 gang members. Denver's 3,000 young gangsters and the 2,000 in Phoenix model themselves on groups in Los Angeles, where gang membership (See YOUTH GANGS, P. 2)

Man Shot By Police

Armed Robbery Charges

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In what some may consider to be yet another bizarre shooting incident involving a Raleigh police officer, a drug suspect was "unintentionally" shot and wounded Saturday morning by a plainclothes detective according to officials, when several officers accidentally pushed the detective into the suspect while wrestling him to the ground, causing the gun to go off. The suspect, 35-year-old Jerome Cook of Cumberland County, was arrested, taken to Wake Medical Center where he was treated for a flesh wound across his chest and released. He was then charged with armed robbery, and taken to the Wake County Jail and held on a \$5,000 bond.

Raleigh Police Chief Frederick K. Heineman, at a hastily called press conference at police headquarters Saturday morning, so that the press in his words, "don't run off cocked with rumors and stories," said the shooting occurred during the undercover drug operation in the Fox Ridge Manor housing complex on Rock Quarry Road. According to Chief Heineman, police had received numerous complaints and reports about drug deals taking place at a cul-de-sac on the 2300 block, otherwise called an "open-air drug market".

Reportedly, a two-prong attack using undercover police officers started Friday afternoon going into the night. First, officers posing as buyers, arrested four drug dealers. Then, the second part of the plan consisted of a sting operation, where undercover officers, now posing as drug dealers, would also arrest buyers who came to the location. Instead of using real crack or cocaine, the police "deal-

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POLICE SHOOTING—Citizens are keeping a critical eye on the shooting of Tony Farrell by a plainclothes Raleigh policeman on Ashe Ave. in connection with a search for a robbery suspect. District Attorney Colin Willoughby said he

will decide either Tuesday or Wednesday (March 26 or 27) whether to bring criminal charges, remand the case to a county grand jury or decide to do neither, after reviewing a report by the State Bureau of Investigation.

Hardee's Food System Named Title Sponsor For Walnut Amphitheatre

The Sony Music/PACE Partnership announces that an agreement in principle has been reached for a multi-year commitment with Hardee's Food Systems, Inc., of Rocky Mount, as the primary venue and concert series sponsor for Walnut Creek Amphitheatre.

"The Association of Hardee's and PACE combines the best of two dynamic and successful companies," said Rodney Eckerman, executive vice president of the Houston-based multimillion-dollar PACE Entertainment Group. "We welcome this exciting new relationship." PACE is a leading national producer and presenter of diverse, live entertainment. Hardee's operates 4,022 restaurants in 42 states and 10 foreign countries.

Hardee's Walnut Creek Am-

phitheatre is being developed and will operate under the direction of the Sony Music/PACE Partnership and Cellular Door Concerts, through a 20-year lease agreement with the City of Raleigh. The first of its kind in the

Carolinas, Hardee's Walnut Creek will draw audiences from as far east as Elizabeth City and as far west as Winston-Salem. The amphitheatre is

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African Recovery Act Campaign Launched To End Starvation

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A massive campaign to prevent 21 million from starvation in Ethiopia, Sudan and Somalia was launched last week by the anti-hunger organization, Bread for the World.

The campaign seeks to end the continuing cycle of war and hunger through passage of the Horn of Africa Recovery and Food Security Act of 1991, H.R. 1454, introduced March 14 in congress by Rep. Alan Wheat (D-Mo.) and Rep. Byron Dorgan (D-N.D.).

Ranking members of the House Select Committee on Hunger, Rep. Tony Hall (D-Ohio), Rep. Bill Emerson (R-Mo.), and Doug Bereuter (R-Nebraska), and the Africa Subcommittee, Rep. Mervyn Dymally (D-Calif.), Rep. Howard Wolpe (D-Mich.) and Rep. Dan Burton (R-Ind.) are also initial co-sponsors of the legislation.

"While we lament the destruction and number of deaths from the Middle East crisis, the number of innocent victims from conflict in the Horn of Africa is many times higher," said Sharon Pauling, African policy analyst for Bread for the World. "Since 1985, two million people have been killed by war and famine and 2x million are presently on the brink of starvation. We cannot ignore this crisis, where living skeletons roam

upon what has become the bloodiest battleground on earth."

Pauling noted the many similarities between recent events in the Middle East and neighboring Horn of Africa, such as unresolved border disputes and brutal repression

by the ruling governments. Pauling also added that the countries in both regions have been the recipients of vast stockpiles of weapons supplied by the United States and the Soviet Union; weapons which they have used for terror and mass destruction.

"Unfortunately," said Pauling, "while the situation is much more severe than it was in the Middle East, there is little public awareness or outrage about what is going on in the

(See INSIDE AFRICA, P. 2)

Rev. Raney To Lead Laodicea Flock As Pastor

The Rev. G. Wesley Raney of Newport News, Va. has answered the call to, become pastor of Laodicea United Church of Christ and will conduct worship services April 14.

Rev. Raney previously served as pastor of Tubman-King Community Church in Daytona Beach, Fla., where he was extensively involved in community activities and wrote a well-reward column in the Daytona Times.

Tubman-King Community Church is a leader in membership growth in the Florida Conference, U.C.C. and Rev. Raney's ministry includes conducting workshops, seminars and

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REV. G. WESLEY RANEY

BEEP Addresses Careers, Goals

The Black Executive Exchange Program, developed to address the concerns of black colleges and universities to better prepare students for industry-related careers, is in top gear at St. Augustine's College.

Raymond Skipper, management development specialist, Phillip Morris USA, recently visited St. Augustine's College to teach in a personal management class. He is the first visiting lecturer for the 1991 BEEP which began in 1971.

The program and lectures afford a unique perspective on the application, African-American managers and professionals and give students an inside look at the real and transitory trends and patterns of business, industry and government.

Skipper also held student conferences and met with faculty members and administrators during his visit.

St. Augustine's College has participated in the program every year since 1971 and Ms. Mable B. Wright has served as the faculty liaison for most of those years. The program has been assigned to classes in the Division of Business.



RAYMOND SKIPPER