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Prayer Tower as part
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Let's Read

Pulitzer Prize winning author
Alice Alice Walker to give
public reading during visit.

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This Week

Vibraphonist and band
leader Lionel Hampton was
born in Birmingham,
Alabama in 1913. In 1936, he
broke the "color barrier"
in jazz when he was invited
to join the Benny Goodman

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Changing The Rules

Policeman Tells Rights Act Impact

Montgomery, Ala. is a city whose name figures prominently in the history of the civil rights movement. It was there, on Dec. 1, 1955, that a seamstress and the treasure of the local NAACP branch, Rosa Parks, decided that she was not going to give up her seat on a city bus to a white man. Ms. Parks' arrest touched off the now famous Montgomery bus boycott.

Now, 36 years later, another person from Montgomery, Police Maj. Sidney Williams, an African-American, is playing a key role in yet another civil rights struggle... securing passage of the Civil Rights Act of 1991 is now being considered by Congress.

Maj. Williams was in Washington recently to support the bill and recount his personal experience with

discrimination in the Montgomery Police Department that led to his filing a successful civil rights suit. He made the point that were he to file that same suit today, he could not win.

The reasons lie in a decision handed down by the U.S. Supreme Court in 1988 changing the rules on how an individual goes about proving job discrimination has occurred.

Prior to that ruling, in the Ward's Cove vs. Antonio case, if it could be proven an employer used a selection test or procedure that adversely impacted minority workers, the employer had to prove, by a preponderance of evidence, that the use of that selection procedure furthered a legitimate business interest.

Maj. Williams did this in 1979—after failing the test for

sergeant three times. He persuaded a federal judge that the examination and other promotional procedures used by the Montgomery Police Department had not been proven to be job related. They were ordered abolished.

"After I won my case and new and fairer selection procedures were put

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MALCOLM X

Malcolm X Day Celebration, Rally Planned

Plans for the 20th annual Malcolm X Day observance were announced in Washington, D.C. at the National Press Club by Betty Shabazz, widow of the slain Muslim leader and Washington Informer newspaper publisher Calvin Rolark, founder and president of the United Black Fund.

This year's celebration will be combined with the campaign for statehood in the District of Columbia and the South African Support Project for African Liberation, said organizers Malik Edwards and Charles Stephenson.

The month-long observance will begin April 18 with a Malcolm X Award Dinner tribute "to our shining black prince," followed by a series of events climaxed by a statehood rally at the historic home of Frederick Douglass in Southeast Washington to begin the final drive for "freedom for D.C. citizens by any means necessary," Edwards emphasized. Malcolm X's birthday is May 19.

Shabazz said she was scheduled to speak in several other cities including New York, Chicago, Des Moines, and Madison, Wis. She urged followers of Malcolm to broaden their thinking to support human rights everywhere and emphasized that her husband

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Curriculum Targets Drugs

Prevention Program In Education

In some elementary classrooms across North Carolina, students are getting instruction in more than the basic subjects these days. Their lessons in mathematics, health, science, social studies, language arts and other subjects may be teaching them the dangers of alcohol and other drugs.

North Carolina's new alcohol and drug education resource guide includes learning activities that integrate information on alcohol and other drugs with the regular curriculum. This integrated approach to instruction is designed to give teachers more flexibility in incorporating alcohol and drug education into what is already taught and to strengthen drug prevention efforts in schools.

The "Alcohol and Other Drugs Interdisciplinary Curriculum" for grades kindergarten through five was developed by the Alcohol and Drug Defense Section, Division of Student Services of the Department of Public Instruction.

State Superintendent Bob Etheridge hailed the release of the

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A JOB WELL DONE—Shown here is Dr. Prazel R. Robinson, president of St. Augustine's College, Mrs. Margaret Rose Murray of WLE and Dr. Talbert O. Shaw, president of Shaw University. They were congratulating

Mrs. Murray after another successful radiothon held on WLE-AM for the United Negro College Fund. This year's radiothon was so successful that the time was extended for two hours.

U.S. Senate Focuses On Problems, Crisis Facing Young Black Males

WASHINGTON, D.C.—With thousands of black soldiers returning from war in the Persian Gulf, a U.S.

Senate committee shifted national focus to the "tragic plight and alarming crisis" facing young black males

in American urban cities.

The Senate Banking, Housing and Urban Affairs Committee invited a number of black policymakers to participate in a unique hearing to consider new policy initiatives and approaches for solving the complex problems affecting young black males in this country.

Committee Chairman Sen. Donald W. Riegle, Jr. (D-Mich.) said, in convening the roundtable hearing, "Young black men today face problems that stack the odds against them. We cannot stand by while so many Americans fall behind. Our

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Preventions And Risks

Minority Women Need AIDS Counsel'g

ATLANTA, Ga. (AP)—Women at high risk for contracting AIDS often don't acknowledge that danger and

must be counseled to alter their behavior, a federal study showed.

"The point we're trying to make

here is that there are some women who do not know what their risk is," said Carl Campbell, a public health

advisor for the federal Centers for Disease Control.

"Women need to be worked with more closely in helping to identify what their risk to the infection is."

The Atlanta-based CDC collected data from public clinics nationwide that counsel and test women for sexually transmitted diseases, drug treatment and family planning, as well as clinics that test solely for the HIV virus that causes AIDS.

Campbell, who analyzed AIDS tests conducted on 407,556 women in 1989 and 1990, concluded that there is a particular need for public health agencies to make minority women aware of AIDS preventions and risks.

Although only 17 percent of all women in the United States are black or Hispanic, they account for 73 percent of the 15,493 AIDS cases reported among women through 1990, CDC figures show.

The study found that about 80 percent of the women—81 percent of blacks, 76 percent of Hispanics and 69 percent of white—said they weren't at risk for AIDS and therefore don't avoid such risks as drug use.

But 3.4 percent of blacks, 3.2 percent of Hispanics and almost one percent of whites—a total of 8,638 of all the women tested—did test HIV positive.

And the CDC found that women who consented to be tested for HIV while at drug-treatment centers had even higher incidence of the disease than women who sought HIV testing at

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SENATE HEARING—Key participants in a U.S. Senate hearing on the plight and crisis facing young black males in America were Gov. L. Douglas Wilder, of Virginia, Senator Donald W. Riegle (D. Mich.), Dr. Dorothy Height, president, National Council of Negro Women, and Senator Terry

Sanford (D.N.C.). The hearing was conducted by the Senate Banking, Housing and Urban Affairs Committee, chaired by Sen. Riegle. A national conference on black males is planned for Washington, D.C. on May 22-24.

INSIDE AFRICA

Creative Farmer Finding Success

BY MARGARET SAFO

In the past two years, Rebecca Laryea has won an award for being the best cowpea farmer in her sub-district of Katamanso, about 36 kilometers from Ghana's capital, Accra, and has been chosen to take part in a two-week, Swiss-sponsored workshop in agro-forestry.

The 49-year-old farmer sees these as a reward for years of hard work. "I never joke about my farming because that is what my 10-member family and I live on. I plant at the right time and weed my crops regularly," says Ms. Laryea.

Although this untiring woman may not joke about farming, she is always experimenting with it, trying new methods and inputs to enhance her yields. Last year an experiment with intercropping paid off, giving "exceptionally high" yields of casava, cocoyam and maize.

For several years, Ms. Laryea has used chemical fertilizer, but since cash is increasingly hard to come by she is cutting back on this. "There are a lot of cattle ranches here so I use free cow-dung."

She is now anxious to try alley-cropping, one of the techniques she learned at the agro-forestry workshop. "They taught me that if I plant trees like Leucaena in a row, I can plant crops in between," says Ms. Laryea. "After a year I cut the branches and allow them to rot. Later, when I plough the rot under, it will mix with the soil and I won't have to buy any fertilizer. That means a savings of about 40,000 cedis (\$120) each season." Such a savings represents two-thirds of what she spends on in-

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Eva Clayton Saluted As "Woman Of Vision"

People from across the state will pay tribute to Warren County Commissioner Eva M. Clayton during an event that is being touted as a "Salute to African-American Women of Vision." The program will highlight the leadership role Ms. Clayton has played in the areas of education, local and state government, religion, civic organizations and family support and development.

The event was organized by a committee of friends and co-workers, all of whom have seen the positive impact Ms. Clayton continues to have on those around her. Special guests for the tribute banquet include former Senate hopeful Harvey Ganit, former House member Rev. Sidney Locks and Sen. Frank Ballance of Warrenton. Keynote speaker for the occasion is the Hon. Josephine Clement, retired member of the Durham County Commissioners.

Eva Clayton has served citizens in the Tar Heel State for more than three decades. As founder and presi-

dent of Technical Resources International, Ltd., she has headed up a

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