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Grand jury selection has begun in the alleged rape of a Miss Black America contestant by Mike Tyson.

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New album shows how Vandross downplays the vocal fireworks that won him his reputation.

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Thomas' Opinion Sought On Yahwehs



YAHWEH BEN YAHWEH

Yahweh Ben Yahweh, 16 of his followers and over 20,000 members of the Nation of Yahweh across the nation are presently being detained and private properties allegedly confiscated by the United States Federal Government.

Yahweh Ben Yahweh, along with 16 members have been held by Federal authorities without bail for over 9 months in the Metropolitan Correctional Center near their

headquarters in Miami on various charges from murder to racketeering. The Nation of Yahweh has a number of followers in Raleigh and Durham.

Lawyers for Yahweh Ben Yahweh have requested Supreme Court nominee Clarence Thomas to intervene in the case of the religious leader the 16 followers who are currently being held without bail in a Florida penitentiary.

Yahweh was arrested last November along with the 16 temple members as part of a 3 count federal indictment which charges 18 racketeering acts containing 13 homicides, 2 attempted homicides and the firebombing of a Del Ray Beach, Florida neighborhood. Yahweh and his followers have maintained their innocence since the arrest, charging a U. S. government conspiracy against their religious

group. The trial, originally scheduled for September in a Florida federal court, has been rescheduled for January 1992.

Meanwhile, a Florida judge has ordered Yahweh held in jail without bail since November 7, 1990 under a pre-trial detention clause of the 1984 Bail Reform Act, a law Supreme Court Justice Thurgood Marshall has condemned as "unconstitutional."

The law states that suspects can be held in jail without bail if the court judges the individual as a threat to society.

The Nation of Yahweh, an American-based group of Black Hebrew Israelites who cite historical links to the Biblical Tribe of Judah, has been in existence for 12 years. During that period of time the group

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Bush Urged 'Dump Phony Quota' Ploy

WASHINGTON, D.C.— Declaring that "racial tension is too dangerous to exploit and too important to ignore," Sen. Bill Bradley (D-NY), challenged President Bush to drop the racially divisive "quotas" and "Willie Horton" voter appeals and, instead, use presidential leadership to bring blacks and whites together. He offered a four point program that, with Bush's leadership, can bring Americans together again, he said.

Bradley, the 48-year-old Rhodes scholar a former professional basketball star, was one of the first Senate Democratic leaders to end his silence on the explosive issue of racial politics that has been so cleverly and cruelly exploited by the Republicans in recent years. (Since Bradley has spoken out, Sens. Tom Harkin (D-IA), and Jay Rockefeller (D-WVA) have also condemned Bush's use of veiled racism).

GOP use of the racist ploy dates from Ronald Reagan's 1980's use of the "welfare queen", the 1988 Bush presidential campaign with its shameful use of the "Willie Horton" advertising (Horton was the black convict who committed a capital crime while on furlough), to the Sen Jesse Helms (R-NC) ad utilized in the tight 1990 Senatorial race with black Democrat Harvey Gantt, showing white hands crumpling a job rejection letter because of "quotas". On the strength of this ad, Helms won the nip-and-tuck race.

This usage also includes President Bush's vetoing of the 1990 Civil Rights Bill as a "quota" bill and his present stubborn opposition to the 1991 Civil Rights Restoration Act, again, as a "quota" bill, a stance that seasoned observers believe is a harbinger of how the 1991 GOP presidential campaign will be conducted.

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ILN, New Firm Studied

Officials Planning Meetings

From CAROLINIAN Staff Reports
A new company that appears to be related to the International Loan Network has meetings scheduled in 16 states and Washington, including four in North Carolina.

Letters dated July 29 are being mailed to former members throughout the country explaining the new organization and its goals and listing scheduled meetings. Four meetings are listed in the Raleigh, Rocky Mount, Winston-Salem and Charlotte areas.

The mailing also includes information on a National Membership Conference scheduled for Sept. 19-22 in Charlotte. The conference, is described as "a change to meet ILN members from across the country," and will feature Melvin Ford, ILN president, the Goldsboro News-Argus reported.

Federal officials say they are concerned because ILN is under a restraining order that prohibits the company from recruiting new members or accepting investment funds.

The restraining order issued in July by U. S. Judge Thomas Hogan in Washington, says ILN operated as a pyramid scheme and engaged the sale of fraudulent securities. He ordered the company's assets frozen.

However, on June 15, Goldie Ford, chairperson Rocky Mount advisory board transmitted the following message urging members to write their congressmen concerning the "unfair" freezing of assets: "Enclosed are affidavits from ILN's staff, the explanation of the \$300,000 wire transfer and the defendant's motion to lift freeze of assets, all of which are formal legal documents in the pending court case. Make sure you read and understand this information so you can write to your congresspersons so they can see how unfair the SEC has been in

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SUMMERTech — Educational program for students receives high ratings from the business and academic communities, while offering hands on experience and expertise from professionals at BellSouth. SummerTech '91 students, left to right, Maurice A. Smith, Maranda E.

McBride and Robert McFarland stand in the lobby of BellSouth's international headquarters, where they attended a banquet in honor of them and 24 other students selected for the program.

Vocational Education Opens Doors For College Career Bound Students

• Eric Williams was a 17-year-old rising high school senior. A stong academic student, he knew he would go to college, but had no idea what he wanted to study. During his senior year, he took a machine trades course through the vocational education program. This course spurred him to major in manufacturing engineering technology at a local community college, and today, he is a university graduate with a B.S. degree in manufacturing engineering. This summer, he went to work for a textile manufacturer and is in charge of environmental controls and energy. "I wouldn't be here today if it weren't for that vocational course I

took in high school," he said. • Joy Anderson decided early in life that she liked having fun more than

Today, he is a high school graduate, she has studied in London with Vidal Sassoon and is an entrepreneur of her

"What sets vocational education apart from other courses is that the problems confronting vocational education students are real-world problems and there may be no text-book answers..." June Atkinson, DPI chief consultant, Consumer Education

she liked school. She decided that when that magic 16th birthday came, she would quit school. But, Joy didn't count on one small detail — that she would begin to like school. On her mother's advice, Joy signed up for a cosmetology class. Soon, she was planning a career as a cosmetologist and hoped to someday open her own business. Her first course in cosmetology convinced her to pursue business and accounting courses too.

own cosmetology shop. Vocational education, for a long time overshadowed by college prep programs, is being re-evaluated by students, employers and educators as a way to give students practical and technical skills they will need to compete in the current economy. By the year 2000, at least 85 percent of all jobs will not require a four-year

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An excellent model in lifting up by one's own bootstraps for the African-American community to follow, the Black Jews of Yahweh didn't ask the government "to give them nothing," their motto was, "open up the door and we'll get it ourselves." And in the 1980s they did, in fact, go and get it themselves. They got hotels, motels, apartment buildings, supermarkets, furniture and auto repair shops to service their community, and even obtained a beachfront resort hotel on famed Miami Beach.

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Clarence Brown Facing Scrutiny Of Behavior, Use Of Federal Grants

Clarence P. Brown, an N. C. Central University professor and Durham City Council member, who was suspended last week from his teaching duties by NCCU Chancellor Tyrone Richmond, may be heading for deeper investigations related to his personal behavior and his management of millions of dollars in federal grants.

Brown became the center of attention following a near-fatal stabbing at his home in May, when an

unidentified attacker wounded him on the side, piercing his liver. Later Brown called off the police investigation which shrouded the incident in mystery and questions. Durham Police Capt. E. E. Sarvis said he would reopen the case if ordered to do so by the chief or the district attorney.

Dr. Richmond suspended Brown after a report in The News and

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CLARENCE P. BROWN



FRIENDS COMMITTEE — The Friends Committee, along with WAUG Radio joined forces recently for the 2nd annual African-American family reunion in Chavis Park, located in Southeast Raleigh. Topics for discussion included drugs and AIDS in the community. Prizes were

also distributed. In photo, left to right, WAUG talk show host, Ron Lewis, Friends Committee representatives Mrs. Louis Burian-Aiston and James Goode and WAUG TV operations manager Carolyn Jones-Hunter.