

Health Project

Cynthia Newbille-Marsh Has Been Named Director Of The National Black Women's Health Project To Facilitate Public Education On Health Issues.

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From Pop To Hip Hop

Milini Khan, daughter of Chaka Khan, performs With Talented Team of Young Ladies, Pretty In Pink, Music Covering Pop To Hip Hop.

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THE GREATEST
These three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love. This kind of love is not just a warm feeling toward others. It is a decisive determination to love others and to do what is best for them. It becomes a reality in our lives.
Rev. Billy Graham

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Brown Plans Strategy For Businesses

Television star Tony Brown is stirring up a revolution among America's poor and unemployed blacks — entrepreneurial revolution! Brown says his new 900-number network, starting this month, will provide pool money for business start-up loans to American blacks.

Host of the PBS talk show Tony Brown's Journal, Brown plans to build up the marketing muscle of

existing black businesses and help start new ones through a telephone-based network called Buy Freedom.

Brown will create a listing of small, black-owned businesses. Each business listed has its own 900 extension. For information on the business's discounted product or service, customers pay \$1.99 per minute, plus 99 cents each additional minute. One dollar goes to the small

business, which also can compile a hot customer data base from the calls it receives.

The remaining profits from the calls go into a fund that guarantees loans for minorities who normally wouldn't qualify for a bank loan because they lack collateral or credit. "My dream is to create 50,000 new businesses," says Brown, "and take 50,000 families off welfare."

To get your business listed on the Buy Freedom network call 212-575-0876.

The Buy Freedom 900 Network is being ushered in by stories in the November issue of Success magazine and Fortune magazine.

The 100th anniversary issue of Success, the Magazine For Today's Entrepreneurial Mind, calls the 900-number network an "entrepreneurial

revolution.

"Tony Brown is stirring up a revolution among America's poor and unemployed blacks." Success says that "pool money" will be provided by the Network to make start-up loans.

Success also said that each business would offer a "discounted product or service. On one extension, you will find a 2-hour video — How To

Start Your Own Successful Business with a free booklet called Business Planning Workbook for \$19.95, usually sold for \$32.

A man in Houston sells an automobile gas saver and self-manufactured cosmetics line; a woman in University Park, Ill., has a computer service and a man in New

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Drug Dealers Caught

Offenders Sentenced To Prison

The number of persons sent to prison for narcotic and drug violations during fiscal year 1990-91 increased 10 percent over 1989-90.

The increase in drug offenders being sent to prison is one of the findings in two statistical abstracts prepared by the Department of Correction's Office of Research and Planning. The reports on the Division of Prisons and Parole are prepared semi-annually for planning purposes.

The report indicates 4,143 offenders entered prison in fiscal year 1990-91 for narcotic and drug crimes compared with 3,760 in 1989-90.

There were 26,311 offenders sent to prison in 1990-91. That is an 11 percent increase over the 23,733 offenders admitted in 1989-90.

"Law enforcement and the courts are doing a better job of arresting and prosecuting offenders, resulting in more offenders being sent to prison," says Ken Parker, manager of the department's Office of Research and Planning. "As the trend of three years of double-digit increases in prison admissions continues, the need for additional prison space grows."

The 1990-91 admissions included 5,154 offenders sentenced for assaultive crimes such as murder, rape and robbery; 10,432 offenders sentenced for property crimes such as breaking and entering, auto theft and worthless checks; and 10,745 sentenced for public order crimes such as narcotic and drug offenses and driving while intoxicated. There was a 12 percent increase in admissions for offenders sentenced to assaultive crimes; five percent for property crimes, and 17 percent for public order crimes, when comparing 1990-91 prison admissions to 1989-90.

The number of felons admitted into prison during 1990-91 increased by 10 percent to 14,640 from 13,323 in 1989-90. The number of misdemeanor admissions during 1990-91 increased by 12 percent to 11,691 from 10,411 in 1989-90.

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125th ANNIVERSARY — Dr. Prezeli R. Robinson, president, Saint Augustine's College accepts a proclamation from Mayor Avery C. Upchurch of Raleigh while celebrating the 125th anniversary of the institution. Saint Augustine's College has been located in the historic

section of Oakwood since 1867 and is one of the nation's post Civil War liberal arts institutions of higher learning. Dr. Robinson has provided leadership as president of the college for 25 years.

New Regulation Prohibits Funds, Donations For Higher Medicaid

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services last month announced a regulation which will prohibit the payment of federal Medicaid funds to match donations by or on behalf of health-care providers or the Medicaid portion of certain provider taxes that are returned in the form of higher Medicaid payments.

"The use of donations and provider taxes increases federal Medicaid costs without an increase in state expenditures or services, effectively altering the matching rate," HHS Secretary Louis W. Sullivan said. "These devices are contrary to the cost-sharing partnership that is the hallmark of Medicaid."

The rule states that funds donated from providers will be subtracted from nominal state Medicaid expenditures before the federal

matching share is calculated. Consistent with the 1990 budget law, matching funds will be available for state tax revenues earmarked for Medicaid with the following exception. Federal matching funds will not be available for revenues from the Medicaid portion of taxes

narrowly imposed on hospitals, nursing facilities and ICF/MRs, then repaid to them through higher Medicaid payments. Most current state programs which use taxes to increase payments to hospitals with

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North Carolina 2000

Education Reform For 21st Century

BY GOV. JIM MARTIN

Have you ever given any thought to how a road is built?

First, planners decide if a road is needed and what location options are available. All the options are studied, particularly for their environmental impact. Once the studies are complete, engineers design the road. Finally, after much public involvement, materials and right-of-way are acquired, and construction begins. Some time later traffic is sailing smoothly on a state-of-the-art roadway.

We're trying to build the road to excellence in education here in North Carolina. We know that education is the key to economic and world leadership in the future for both our state and nation. We must educate our citizens so they can use future technology, qualify for a job and raise a family in the fiercely competitive global marketplace of the 21st century.

That future is now, and a new road to radical education reform is desperately needed. Jobs have already become increasingly more technical, requiring a more skilled and trainable labor force, but our system of education has not kept pace. More than 31 percent of our citizens still lack a high-school education, and some who have graduated from high school lack the

basic skills they need just to read their diploma, a job application, or a warning label.

Simply throwing more money into education is not the answer. Since 1985, education spending has increased by 76 percent, rising from \$1.8 to \$3.3 billion per year in 1990-91. Student achievement has not increased even 10 percent.

We've studied our options and have even brought in a few education engineers to design specific reforms.

What we need now is to begin constructing our road, taking what we've learned and implementing it to bring real reform into every school system in this state.

I want to construct our road to educational excellence by radically reforming our entire educational system through an organizational structure called "North Carolina 2000." This initiative will provide the materials and organization to take what we've learned about reform and

make it a reality in every classroom in our state.

This statewide effort sets clear state and national goals for our students, initiates reform at the local level based on local needs, and establishes a system of accountability and reward for better results.

"North Carolina 2000" is designed to closely parallel President Bush's

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INSIDE AFRICA

BRAKLAAGTE, South Africa (AP)—It isn't even a dot on most maps, but Braklaagte is not hard to find.

Just look for military tents billowing in the breeze and razor wire that runs like a weed through a once-tranquil hill town, separating soldiers and civilians engaged in an unusual war.

On one side of the conflict is the government of Bophuthatswana, a tribal homeland recognized as an independent nation only by South Africa.

On the other are residents led by Pupsey Sebogodi, who want the town to leave a nation that doesn't exist and return to the jurisdiction of South Africa.

This farming community and the neighboring town of Leeuwfontein have been in a state of siege since

their 25,000 residents were transferred from South African rule in 1990.

Bophuthatswana's blue and orange flag flaps above the stone huts and well-kept farms, but the violence that has cost the lives of a dozen policemen and civilians is not over.

The dismantling of apartheid in South Africa, accompanied by the possibility of black-majority rule, stokes the determination of Sebogodi and his followers.

"South Africa is an apartheid regime, but I'm telling you, the apartheid and oppression in Bop are greater," he said on a sunny day in the Southern Hemisphere winter.

Sebogodi and thousands of others recently returned to Braklaagte from seven months of exile in Zeerust, a

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Funny "Junk Man," Redd Foxx Dies Of Heart Attack

Comedian John Elroy Sanford, who played a crabby junk dealer on the 1970s TV series "Sanford and Son," died Oct. 11 after suffering a heart attack on the set of his new show.

Redd Foxx died at Queen of Angeles Hollywood Presbyterian Medical Center, according to Jeff Sagansky, president of CBS Entertainment. He was 68.

Foxx was rehearsing a scene for the CBS series "The Royal Family" at a Paramount Studios sound stage when he collapsed.

It was in Harlem that Foxx got his name "Redd" because of his hair color and light skin. He ran away from his home in St. Louis, Mo. when he was 13 to join a street band, then began working as a comic in the 1940s.

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