



Copyright Trail

Singer Lionel Richie delays his testimony in a copyright trial because his doctor says he is suffering from vocal chord Hemorrhage.

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Back To Our Roots

Gladys Graves steering committee chairperson prepares for the 6th annual "Back To Our Roots," an official bicentennial event.

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RUDOLPH LUCIEN DESDONES (1849-1928), published in 1911 in Quebec a French book entitled "Our People and Our History." Many people consider this book to be the first real study black literature in the United States.

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Victim Allegedly Unarmed

Officer Kills Man With Shotgun In Raid

A Raleigh police officer shot and killed a man last Friday night with a blast from a pump shotgun from a distance of about 10 feet during a drug raid by members of the Selective Enforcement Team. Witnesses said they didn't think the man was armed.

Lorenzo Ingram, 35, was killed during a drug bust, and provided no explanation and few details about the shooting. Mayor Avery C. Upchurch has called a meeting November 13 of the Raleigh City Council Police Affairs Committee at 5 p.m. Avery is the chairman of the committee.

approximately 6:35 p.m. by Officer Vincent K. Kerr. The shooting took place at 314 Carver Street during an arrest by the Raleigh Selective Enforcement Team. Five uniformed officers, including Officer Kerr, were participating in the arrest following the purchase of illegal drugs at the

scene by an undercover Raleigh police officer. As a result of the police enforcement action, Christopher Lane Davis, 30, was arrested on cocaine-related charges. He was released from Wake County Jail under a \$700 bond Saturday.

The City of Raleigh Public Affairs director Jayne Kirkpatrick said in accordance with the Raleigh City Council's adopted procedures, the SBI, the District Attorney, and the Raleigh Police Internal Affairs Division immediately began investigations. A report from the Raleigh Police Department will be presented at the City Council's Police Affairs Committee meeting on

Wednesday in Room 201 of the Municipal Building. "According to standard procedures Officer Kerr, has been assigned to administrative duties, pending results of the investigation. He is a 7-year veteran with the police

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Superstar's News On Virus That Causes AIDS Stuns Nation

Earvin "Magic" Johnson, one of the most popular and accomplished players in basketball history, said last Thursday that he had been infected by the virus that causes AIDS and that he would retire immediately from the Los Angeles Lakers.

Speaking in composed, straightforward terms, Johnson said at a news conference at the Great Western Forum, where he played with the Lakers for 12 seasons, that he learned only the day before that he was infected with the human immunodeficiency virus.

"Because of the HIV virus that I have obtained, I will have to retire from the Lakers today," he said. His doctors said that although Johnson was healthy now, continued athletic competition would be unwise.

A gifted athlete whose abilities and magnetic personality brought worldwide popularity and success to his team and the National Basketball Association, Johnson is by far the most famous sports figure to be infected by the AIDS virus. In the 1980s his team won five league championships, and his name and



MAGIC JOHNSON
 AIDS and the virus that causes it. Johnson, who is 32 years old, said

News of Magic Johnson's condition stunned other players and basketball fans around the country. At Madison Square Garden in New York, Pat Riley, who coached Johnson with the Lakers and now coaches the New York Knicks, asked for a moment of silence before the Knicks' game with the Orlando Magic and led the players and crowd in the Lord's Prayer.

face have been used to sell everything from Diet Pepsi to Converse sneakers.

And because his fame spread through all levels of society from schoolyard courts to giant sports arenas, the impact of his announcement is likely to be felt by millions of people whose lives have not been touched by the disease.

In fact, Johnson said at the news conference that he planned to use his celebrity to help educate people about

that he felt fine and that he did not have any symptoms of AIDS. Displaying his trademark cheerfulness and positive attitude, he said he was looking forward to a long life off the court.

"Life is going to go on for me, and I'm going to be a happy man," he said. "When your back is against the wall, you have to come out swinging. I'm going to go on, going to be there,

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Alton Adoption Meant Adjustments For All In Family

When Ramon, Reggie and Ricky hear their mother's drawn out, "ooooohh no," in Louise Alton's gentle, but firm, voice, they know what's coming next—another lesson in good (or not-so-good) behavior.

They've had a lot of those lessons in the past six months since they joined their new adoptive parents.

Mother Louise says they've really learned quickly, though, remembering what the four, five- and six-year-old boys were like when she and husband Louis first welcomed them home.

"They were used to doing whatever they wanted to do," she said. "We sat down and talked and I told them that manners are very important. I told them it's very important when somebody gives you something to say. 'Thank you,' and when somebody's speaking to you, you say 'Yes, Ma'am' and 'No, Ma'am.'"

The three boys had spent their first years in an

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Drugs Bring Violence

Selling Crack For A Living

GOLDSBORO (AP)—For the drug dealers who make their living in Fairview Homes, selling crack cocaine is just that—a living. There is no moral dilemma. It is how they survive.

A half-dozen Edgerton Street dealers sit under a large oak tree in front of a corridor running between two housing buildings. The tree is their office.

S.D. sits under the tree. The 19-year-old talks easily with a reporter, but his eyes are fixed intently on the street. It is the source of his livelihood and greatest risk.

He talks about a welfare mother blowing \$2,000 in a couple of days on the tiny white rocks that give only a brief, 15-minute high. He ridicules her for being stupid, for not taking care of her children.

But he sees no hypocrisy in his statement. He is just a supplier; she is the user.

She is also an exception. Most of the buyers are white. Many drive expensive cars.

"You'd be surprised who comes out. You see nurses, car dealers, all kinds of people," says Bert, another one of the Edgerton Street dealers.

The buyers are nearly as brazen as the boys and young men who sell the drugs.

On a lazy weekday afternoon, a late-model sports car pulls up slowly to the curb. An attractive white woman in her late 20s sits and waits.

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BLACK HISTORY CURRICULUM — Students across the nation will soon have the opportunity to learn more about black history and culture with a new curriculum guide prepared by the National Afro-American Museum and Cultural Center (NAMCC). Unveiling the curriculum guides at a Columbus press event were, left to right, Gary Ness, director of the Ohio Historical Society, which operates the museum; Vivian Turner, contributions programs manager for a RJR Nabisco Co.; John Fleming, NAMCC director; and Julia McNeil, assistant deputy legal counsel to Gov. Voinovich.

NCNB Faces Accusations In Study Of Racist Lending, Loan Denials

NCNB denies home ownership loans to middle- and upper-income African-American families across North Carolina far more often than it does to white families of comparable income levels. The difference in

denial rates, according to a just-released study, range from 33 percent to 117 percent in the state's major metropolitan areas.

The study, conducted by the Community Reinvestment

Association of North Carolina by Peter Skillern, executive director of the Durham Affordable Coalition, examined the denial rates of home ownership applications made to NCNB in Raleigh/Durham, Charlotte, Greensboro, Winston-Salem, Asheville, Burlington, Jacksonville, Hickory, Rocky Mount and Greenville during 1990. Last year was the first time that lending institutions were required to report the number of loans denied according to race. Previously, banks only had to report on loans made in a given geographical area.

This finding about NCNB's pattern of loan denials is particularly significant, the group says, because it comes on the eve of the expected merger of NCNB Corp. with C&S/Sovran Corp. to form NationsBank, which, if approved by the Federal Reserve Board, would be the fourth-largest bank in the United States.

"This study indicates that race is indeed a major factor in whether NCNB approves home ownership loans," said Irvin Henderson, president of the Community Reinvestment Association of North Carolina, at a Raleigh press conference attended by several concerned community leaders.

Henderson noted that the Federal Reserve Board had released a similar finding regarding national banking patterns in recent weeks, as had the American Organization for Reform Now (ACORN). The ACORN study showed NCNB Texas as having the worst record of the 20 banks in its study. Both studies have been widely reported nationally.

When asked to explain the difference in denial rates, NCNB and other banks routinely suggest that

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Shaw Students Sharpening Tools Of Conflict Resolution Skills

BY DR. ALBERT E. JABS

With mothers and fathers fearing for their children; an increase in teenage gangs in Raleigh, along with

the continuing nemesis of crimes and drugs, the social science classes of Shaw University, in conjunction with regular class content, have sharpened their tools of conflict resolution skills.

When Shawn Jackson, 18, was gunned down at the State Fair on Oct. 28, a student was present at the scene. In a subsequent class session, the student and Teighman Hall, a Raleigh probation officer, related the loss of life and the discussion of

question of responsibility, ethics, and morality all entered into the discussion. Affirmative and contrary positions were voiced under the restraints of time and classroom discipline.

Campus and community outreach became apparent as students related the fears of the street to the theory of the class. Students began to examine the nature of gang-building and saw relationships of people wanting identity, starving for attention,

The sense of belonging is a crucial human need. Unless people have socially accepted means of creating a sustained community, they will force underground communities that act as a cancer on the social body.

cultural conflict to the State Fair incident and immediately the class organized into a debate on conflict.

Education was now an exciting affair. Every student was involved and grasping the textbook theory of culture and environmental conflict to the first person experience of the student.

The classroom debates explored cultural phenomena of why or why not the student would want to identify members of the feuding gangs. The

thirsting for hope, and not knowing how to succeed in an ever more complex technological society.

Abstract themes like rootlessness, anomie (no connection), lack of self-esteem, glorification of violence by the media, and the "bloodsucking" of the vulnerable by the mad, money-making moguls of Hollywood who

must bear a major share of the responsibility of glorifying violence through the "Terminator types" and