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Migrant Overseer Allegedly Charges Workers For 'Crack'

CAROLINIAN Staff Reports
Four farmworkers recently walked 40 miles from Benson to Raleigh to escape a labor camp owned by B & B Produce.

According to Jim Lewis, of the Episcopal Diocese of North Carolina, their stories include accounts of: Being recruited from homeless shelters with false promises of \$4.25/hr. wages, which they say they never received, that workers kept in debt due to numerous illegal deductions by crew leaders for

everything from soft drinks to crack cocaine, some worker's debt exceeded \$1,500 despite grueling 12-hour days and meager meals of beans and rice, intimidation and threats, sometimes at gunpoint, by crew leaders against workers who left were often tracked down or had a bounty placed on their heads, and many other allegations.

Plans have now been made by the Christian Social Ministries for the Episcopal Diocese in Raleigh, along

with some of the farmworkers, to form a rally, on Saturday, Nov. 16, at the State Farmers Market on the Lake Wheeler Road. The event will take place between the hours of 8 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. with a news conference at 9:00 a.m.

The migrant workers also stated that they fled the camp last month in order to inform federal investigators that the crew leader worked them as many as 90 plus hours a week, but paid them almost nothing after deducting charges for cocaine,

alcohol, cigarettes and food.

The crew leader is identified as Carrie Bonds, who has a history of run-ins over migrant labor rules and regulations. Bonds, 60, of Lake Wales, Fla., leads migrant crews throughout the South. Bonds denied doing anything wrong, saying that the workers have just made up the story.

Although several workers, now living in a Raleigh homeless shelter, said they were recruited to the camp in Benson this summer to pick fruits

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Mission Boycotted By Home Street Home

BY DAVID SAWYER
Staff Writer

Home Street Home plans a boycott of the Raleigh Rescue Mission's annual Thanksgiving dinner as the homeless population in the city grows.

The co-founder of Home Street Home said that the "preying on the homeless" by organizations must end, and a boycott of the mission was necessary.

Mary Jean Uebelgunne said, "Every time I read a newspaper, or watch TV, I'm reminded how bad, ugly, and horrible the mass media make us look. None of the media attention is directed at the cause, but at making us the sacrificial lamb, the scapegoat."

Ms. Uebelgunne also said the reason she planned to boycott is that

it's "Holiday suicide, meaning that a homeless person really feels bad when they're handed something, only because the community gets in the spirit of giving once or twice a year."

Uebelgunne explained that no formal date has been set for the boycott, but it will take place near the actual dinner meet.

Ms. Uebelgunne stated, "We are captive animals in the system of shelters, mental wards, prisons, jail houses, nursing homes, and retirement homes, where people with superiority complexes are in charge of people like me, with inferiority complexes."

Bill R. Brown, the executive director of the Raleigh Rescue mission, said that no one likes to be

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RPD Chief's Report Issued

Self-Defense Claimed

Victim Ingram Funeralized Here Tuesday

BY CASH MICHAELS

Contributing Writer
A Raleigh police officer shot and killed Ivan Lorenzo Ingram during a drug raid last Friday night, because he felt he was in danger. That is the version of the city's third police shooting this year, offered in a preliminary report to the Raleigh City Council's Police Affairs Committee Wednesday by Police Chief Frederick K. Heineman.

The report, released to the media and City Councilors the night before, recounted events that led up to the tragic, yet controversial death of a 35-year-old Raleigh native, who was not carrying a weapon when he was killed.

According to the police version, on the night of November 8th, a Raleigh police undercover officer, working with the Drugs/Vice Squad and the Selective Enforcement Unit (SEU), worked the Oakwood Avenue area in an effort to buy drugs and arrest dealers.

Between 6:20 and 6:30 p.m., the undercover officer drove up to 314 North Carver Street, where he saw "3-4 people in the yard..." according to the report. "...While remaining in his vehicle..." the report says, "...he purchased drugs from a black male in the group". When the agent left the address, he transmitted to the SEU officers that the buy had been made and from whom.

When the SEU officers, all wearing badges, blue caps and aprons with "POLICE" emblazoned on them, drove up to 314 N. Carver Street, they quickly got out to approach the group of men in front of the house. One of the SEU, Officer Vincent Kerr "was responsible for covering the outer perimeter and protecting the SEU members and was carrying a shotgun for this purpose". Reportedly, the police were on guard for any attack by drug dealers during their operation.

"As soon as the officers got out of their car, they began yelling 'Police! Everybody on the ground!'" states the report. "Four of the subjects immediately followed the officer's commands. One subject, Mr. Ivan Lorenzo Ingram, began to walk quickly away from the group. Officer Kerr stepped in his path and told him that they were the police and he (Mr. Ingram) needed to stop. At this time Mr. Ingram's hands were visible to

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REGISTRATION BEGINS—Pictured above is a scene from the registration for the Strengthening the Black Family Conference Kick-Off Dinner. The event was held recently at First Baptist Church, on Wilmington Street. The Conference

is in its twelfth year. Strengthening the Black Family Conference XII is scheduled on Saturday, April 25, 1992 at Saint Augustine's College.

Urgent Need For Unity

Brown Revamping Demo. Party

BY CAPITOL NEWS SERVICE

WASHINGTON, D.C.—When Ronald H. Brown was elected the first black chairman in the almost 200-year history of the Democratic National Committee in 1989, many people wondered why he wanted such a difficult assignment, or what one party leader called "a mission impossible."

Coming out of the disastrous Dukakis presidential campaign in 1988, Democratic Party leaders were engaged in bitter infighting, finances were low and organization morale evel lower. Some party leaders and major fundraisers clearly indicated that they would not support Brown as the new chief of the Democratic Party.

However, Brown accepted the difficult challenges, refused to run from any of the problems, and aggressively moved to revamp the party into a strong, professional campaign organization. The most

dramatic indication of Brown's acceptance by the Democratic Party's elite came at the party's 1991 gala fundraiser on Sept. 26, with a black-tie crowd of 2,600 paying \$1,500 per plate.

During the introductions of the Democratic VIPs at the gala, there was only one standing prolonged ovation, and that was for Brown. According to party leaders, the African-American chairman has earned the respect and support of Democrats for his leadership in fostering unity among the various party factions, for developing a coordinated strategy and effective campaign organization for the 1992 presidential campaign, and for raising a record amount of funds for the effort to re-capture the White House.

The Democratic Gala netted \$2.4 million in an upbeat atmosphere in which several Democratic presidential contenders insisted that "We can beat Bush."

In June 1991, Brown convened a unique meeting of party activists, donors, and presidential candidates in Middleburg, Va., to discuss greater communication, cooperation and collaboration among the Democratic Party's presidential candidates and implementing what he described as an urgent need for party unity.

Brown is credited with developing positive relationships between the national party, officials and the various presidential campaign staffs that never existed before in recent primary elections.

Under Brown's leadership, the DNC in 1990 coordinated campaign activities in 31 states, resulting in the Democrats winning eight House seats, five state house chambers, complete control of two state houses and a U.S. Senate seat from the Republicans. This campaign also played a critical role in the Democratic sweep of the "big three"

governors' races.

Brown has traveled extensively in support of key races in 23 states and more than 60 cities, translated into victory for 70 percent of candidates on whose behalf he appeared. On the eve of Pennsylvania's senatorial election last week, Brown was campaigning from dawn to dusk for the Democratic candidate, Harry Wofford, who scored a stunning upset of Republican favorite, former U.S. Attorney General Dick Thornburg.

In the important area of fundraising, the DNC, under Brown's leadership, surpassed all of its 1990 goals collecting \$12 million. So far

equal employment, Brown has also made history. The deputy chair of the DNC and chief executive officer of the 1992 Democratic Convention is an African-American woman, Alexis Herman. The chief financial officer is Frank Williams, Jr., and Mario M. Cooper is convention manager. Other blacks hold top positions throughout the Democratic Party organization and in the 1992 convention structure. Former Little Rock, Ark. Mayor Lottie Shackelford is one of three elected DNC vice chairs.

A native of New York, Brown grew up in Harlem where his father was manager of the famous Teresa Hotel

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this year, the party has raised close to \$8 million. Brown was successful in persuading Sen. Jay Rockefeller (D-W.Va.) to serve as DNC finance chairman, and California Rep. Robert Matsui to serve as treasurer.

At a black leadership luncheon over the Congressional Black Caucus Legislative Weekend in September, Brown announced the launching of an extraordinary campaign to raise at least \$500,000 from the black community through a series of Chairman Circle receptions in 26 cities. Raising this amount of money from black contributors would be a historic first for either party.

In the sensitive area of fair and

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Strengthening Black Family Sets 12th Confab Here

First Baptist Church, Wilmington Street, was the scene of a kickoff dinner for the 12th annual Strengthening the Black Family Conference. The dinner targeted representatives of community organizations and was sponsored by Strengthening the Black Family, Inc. and Capitol Broadcasting Co.

Strengthening the Black Family Conference began in 1981 when the Raleigh Chapter of Chums, Inc. initiated the project. Because funding was denied the group at that time, Chums sought the aid of community groups. Through the years, community organizations and interested individuals have made the conference a needed resource for our community.

Because of organizations' and individuals' skills in networking as they planned and implemented the conference, it has experienced much growth. Eleven conferences have been held, attracting more than 5,000 people. Workshops have been presented on a wide variety of topics. Strengthening the Black Family, Inc. has been formed, as a tax-exempt organization.

The group has become part of a national effort by participating in the North Carolina Consortium which was awarded a 12-month grant from the W.K. Kellogg Foundation to

develop model community-based health programs.

The group also maintains two plaques on display in the Richard B. Harrison Library honoring the Family of the Year recipients.

The recent dinner was informational for the sponsors and participants as ideas were exchanged.

The invocation, welcome and introductions were given by Ms. Geraldine Burroughs, president of Strengthening the Black Family, Inc. The purpose and history of the group were reviewed by Ms. Lucille Webb as she showed how individuals and organizations have enhanced their

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NEWS BRIEFS

PETITION TO FREE YAHWEH

A petition signing for the release of Yahweh Ben Yahweh and his followers will be held on Saturday, Nov. 16, at the Raleigh Safety Club on Branch Street. The event will take place between 11 a.m. and 11 p.m. Free food and beverage will be served. The event is sponsored by the People for Truth.

CITY GETS TRANSIT AWARD

The City of Raleigh has received the "PTI Journal" National Transit Award for the Innovative Transit Project of the Year for the CAT Connector.

Raleigh Transit Authority Chairman Rebecca Murray presented the award to the City Council at the council's meeting Tuesday. Representatives from the city's Department of Transportation accepted the award Oct. 29 at the Tech Trans 91 Conference in Las Vegas, Nev. The award was presented at a luncheon by federal Urban Mass Transportation Administrator Brian Clymer.

ROLE MODELS NEEDED

The Adult Role Model program of Wake County Youth Services Center is actively recruiting volunteers to work with the many youth that are in need of the one-on-one relationship that will help foster their development. Clients are typically between nine and 15 years of age. A minimum of six hours a month and a one-year commitment is requested of the volunteer.

Help your community today by calling 856-5210 for more information. Black males and females are strongly urged to call.

COUNCIL APPROVES USE

The Raleigh City Council Tuesday approved recommendations from a land use study that will help manage traffic from new development planned for the intersection of Six Forks and Strickland roads.

The council ordered the study after approving a site plan for

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RWCA Holds Community Service Awards Program

On Saturday, Nov. 16, at 6 p.m., the Raleigh-Wake Citizens Association will present its annual Community Service Award Banquet. The banquet will be held at the Brownstone Hotel, 1707 Hillsborough St., in Raleigh.

Guest speaker for the banquet will be the Hon. Daniel T. Blue, speaker of the House, N.C. General Assembly.

Highlights of the event will include presentation of service awards to nine community residents. Honorees include James Goodman, WRAL-TV 5; Speaker Blue; Rev. Dr. W.B. Lewis, pastor, First Cosmopolitan Church in Raleigh; Ms. Jessie Copeland, Chavis Heights resident; Ms. Margaret Rose Murray,

community activist; Eddie Sanders, N.C. State Employment Commission; Ms. Sarah Davis of Apex, founding "mother" for the Raleigh-Apex NAACP and strong voter registrar; Rev. Dr. John W. Fleming, historian, minister and teacher; and doctors George and Margorie Debnam, community activists.

The banquet will be an opportunity to hear and share some of Raleigh's interesting African-American history and support a historic organization.

Ticket cost is \$18 per person. Call 231-3978, 828-0506, or 231-2941 for additional information or tickets. Tickets may also be purchased at the door.