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Pageant Founder Agrees To Drop \$607 Million Lawsuit Accusing Former Ring Champ Mike Tyson Of Fondling Contestants.

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Jody Watley Top Artist

Jody Watley Emerges As One Of World's Premiere Artists And Concert Performers. She Returns With Hit, 'Affairs Of The Heart.'

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RECLAIMING OUR PURPOSE

During this holiday season each of us must make a commitment to get involved in an issue affecting our children and to work consistently and passionately on their behalf. The gift of love is the greatest gift we can give our children, and a gift that is very important.

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Emergency Food And Shelter

Recession Fuels Needs Of Hungry, Homeless

Fueled by the recession and by cuts in a wide range of federal and state programs, demand for emergency food and shelter in cities across the nation continued to grow during the past year, and is expected

to grow in the year ahead, according to a survey report issued last week in Washington by the U.S. Conference of Mayors.

In its annual survey, this year covering 28 cities, the mayors' or-

ganization found that the needs of the hungry and homeless in urban America continued to grow as in previous years, and that aid facilities in most cities—overcrowded and underfunded—turned away an

estimated 17 percent of those seeking food and 15 percent of those seeking shelter.

Officials in the survey cities estimated that over the past year requests for emergency food assis-

tance increased by an average of 26 percent and emergency shelter requests increased by an average of 13 percent. Only two cities did not report an increase in emergency food requests; only three did not see an

increase in requests for emergency shelter.

Just over two out of three people requesting emergency food were members of families—that is, chil-

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The Children's Story Or, Christmas Fantasy

BY J. CHANEY

Special To The CAROLINIAN
The fifth night of the winter solstice, a new star appeared in the east.

The people of the village marveled because it was so bright.

The village elders said the star was a sign but they did not know what it signified.

The children knew. The children said:

"The star proclaims the birth of the Christ Child to Mary whose husband is Joseph. His name is Jesus. He has been sent from Heaven in fulfillment of the prophecies to be the Savior of mankind."

The people were astonished. This was not the way small children speak.

A patriarch respected for his wisdom asked, "How do you know these things?"

A little girl not quite five, her sister a year younger and a little boy only five answered, "An angel told us."

The people of the village looked at one another and shook their heads as adults do when children say such things.

"How do you know it was an angel?" the patriarch asked.

"We know," the children replied, "because we talked to it, and the angel told us it was."

The children's parents and the

other people of the village might have learned no more if one of the little girls had not asked, "Can we go to Bethlehem? Is it far? The angel said the Christ Child will be found there in a manger."

The patriarch was a learned man. He knew the prophecies, he had read the ancient writings. As he understood the prophecies, the Messiah promised and expected would come radiant with divine authority.

The patriarch feared an infant born to obscure parents in a stable would not be accepted as the Promised One.

Years passed. Jesus began His public ministry. The two little girls and the little boy who talked to the angel grew up and had children of their own.

When Jesus and His disciples came to Judaea across Jordan, great crowds followed Him. Many brought children for Him to lay His hands on. They even brought babies for Him to touch.

The disciples scolded them for it. Jesus was indignant. He rebuked His disciples and told them, "Let the children come to me; do not try to stop them, for the kingdom of Heaven belongs to such as these."

And He put His arms around the children, and laid His hands upon them, and blessed them.

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Police Policy Examined

Public Comment Invited

A team of assessors from the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc. will arrive here Jan. 11, 1992, to examine all aspects of the police department's policy and procedures, management, operations, support services and invite public comment.

Verification by the team that the police department meets the commission's state-of-the-art standards is part of a voluntary process to gain accreditation—a highly prized recognition of law enforcement professional excellence, Chief Frederick K. Heineman said.

The Raleigh Police Department must comply with 758 standards in order to gain accredited status, according to Chief Heineman. "The ability of the police department to meet the standards established by an international accreditation commission should further reinforce both the employee's and citizens' confidence in the level of professionalism demonstrated by the agency," Chief Heineman said.

The accreditation manager for the

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"TOP" GREENE LANE — At a recent dedication, a street was named honoring John P. Green's volunteer work to improve Raleigh's downtown neighborhoods. Greene replied, "I am happy to have to have made a small contribution to a large project to help improve the quality of life for others. I am very proud because this is my

community. I live only a few blocks away." The event also marked the celebration of 8 new homebuyers in Southeast Raleigh. Financing was a collaborative effort with the City of Raleigh, Raleigh Federal Savings Bank and the N. C. Housing Finance Agency. The developer is the Downtown Housing Improvement Corp. (Photo by J. Giles)

Shaw, Saint Augustine's College Receive Grants To Aid Libraries

The United Negro College Fund announced that Shaw University and St. Augustine's College will receive \$80,000 each in grants from the AT&T Foundation. This funding is part of a \$3.7 million grant that

AT&T contributed for the improvement of libraries to UNCF's Campaign 2000: An Investment in America's Future.

Of the total grant, almost \$8 million is designated for support of li-

brary facilities at the 41 member schools, while \$700,000 is for unrestricted operating support. A fund of \$50,000 has been designated for a Presidential Initiatives Fund to support strategic planning and new programs under William Gray's leadership.

The \$3.7 million grant to UNCF is the largest single grant ever given by the AT&T Foundation, and according to Ron Laughlin, state public relations manager, AT&T, demonstrates AT&T's belief in the critical roles UNCF schools play in both producing leadership in the black community and in providing higher education opportunities for young black Americans.

"AT&T is proud of its long-standing partnership with both the United Negro College Fund and the historically black colleges," said Laughlin. "A college education should extend beyond what is learned in a classroom. It should encompass the rich experience of what you learn for yourself on your own, and certainly one of the best places to do that is in a library. We hope this grant, focused entirely on improving the Saint Augustine's College and Shaw libraries, will enrich the students' educational experience here."

Through this latest grant to UNCF, AT&T continues its tradition of support to the nation's historically black colleges and universities. The \$3.7 million UNCF grant is over and above the amount the AT&T Foundation annually contributes to historically black colleges and universities.

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NC Black Business Owners Facing Obstacles To Growth, Development

DURHAM—African American business owners in North Carolina apparently face obstacles to growth that women who own firms in this state don't confront, according to Andrea Harris.

Harris is president of the North Carolina Institute of Minority Economic Development.

"When we analyze the data carefully," Harris explained, "we must conclude that either the barriers aren't the same, or that women business owners have learned how to breach the barriers more quickly and effectively. Frankly, I doubt the latter, but whatever the case, we must know."

For African American women who

own businesses, race appears to be a larger factor than gender in determining how well they do in business.

Therefore, according to Harris, the

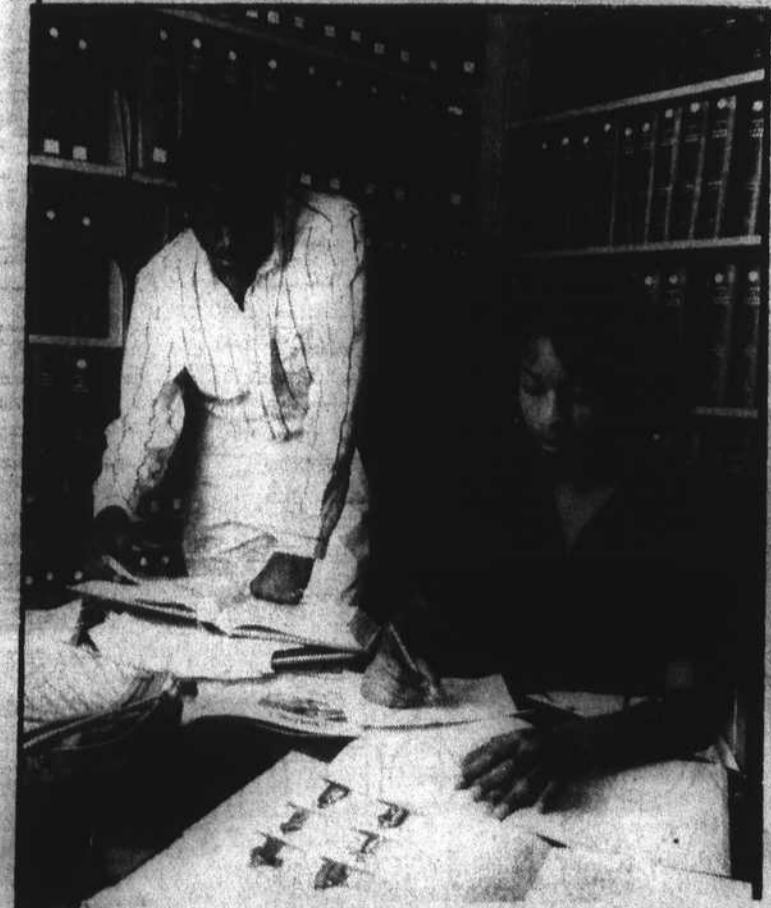
data concerning patterns of business growth and development. The first study will begin in January, Harris said, and the Institute plans to announce the findings in April.

The N.C. Institute Of Minority Development is one of a handful of African-American "think tanks" in the nation and the only one that focuses exclusively on economic development issues.

Institute will launch an annual survey of black business in North Carolina to gather more current and relevant

The Institute has contracted with the School of Business at A&T State

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CAMPAIGN 2000 — Library facilities such as those used by students at Dillard University in New Orleans will be upgraded at 41 United Negro College Fund member schools as a result of a \$3.7 million AT&T Foundation grant to UNCF's Campaign 2000: An Investment in America's Future, the most ambitious fund raising campaign in UNCF's history. The grant to UNCF is the largest single gift ever made by the AT&T Foundation.

Childhood: Luxury For Young Poor

Sahana Monjalisha, an 11-year-old professional beggar, has earned her living on the streets of Dhaka, the capital city of Bangladesh, for six years. Every morning, she walks two miles from the shantytown where she lives with her mother and 11 brothers and sisters to stake her place outside the luxurious Sonargaon Hotel. Rooms at the hotel, which are frequented by rich western businesspeople, average between \$150 to \$200 per night.

Throughout Bangladesh, hundreds of thousands of dirty and ragged children—as young as four years old—roam city streets scavenging for small change and crumbs. Millions of unskilled and illiterate adults, many of them blind or crippled, crowd the airport begging for pennies and crusts of bread.

"When parents don't have enough money to put food on the table," says Shelly Kessler, who manages asian programs for CARE, the world's largest private relief and development organization, "they are less likely to keep their kids in

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ON THE OUTSIDE LOOKING IN—Sahana Monjalisha peeps through the gate of an exclusive Bangladeshi hotel.