

TO RECEIVE TOP HONOR

Grammy Award winner Janet Jackson to receive Entertainer of the Year Citation at Soul Train Music Awards.

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LEGAL BATTLES

Much of the estimated \$100 Million Mike Tyson earned has been drained by legal entanglements, now less than \$15 million.

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THIS WEEK

In 1964, Cassius Clay defeated Sonny Liston to capture the world heavyweight boxing championship. Two days after he won the title, Clay announced that he was joining the Black Muslims. He then changed his name to Muhammad Ali.



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Walker Takes Post At West Cary

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This week, the students and staff of West Cary Middle School turned a page and started down the long road of a new beginning. Ever since the still-unexplained disappearance a month ago of their beloved principal, Irmis Estes, the continuous stream of questions and fears have been more than just a distraction: They have been a dark cloud that hung over the whole school.

So when the Wake County School Board last week chose someone who was well enough equipped to take

over the principal's post, they were particular to pick someone who could lead with a strong but sensitive touch. That's why Elvia Walker is now West Cary's principal.

Ms. Walker is widely respected throughout the Wake County system. Prior to her tenure as assistant principal at Broughton High School in Raleigh (where she spent the last 14 years), Ms. Walker also taught at Ligon Junior High and Fuquay High before that. While she welcomes the opportunity to lead a school, she readily realizes the unusual circumstances.

"It's sad and unusual..." Ms. Walker told The CAROLINIAN. "I knew Estes, and from knowing him, knowing that he loved his school and that he wanted only the best for those youngsters out there, I think he would want us to go on and do something with those kids, and make this a productive year for them. So based on that, and [a situation] we've never really had to deal with before in Wake County, I'm excited about working with those youngsters. A lot of what I'm feeling right now is out of respect for what Irmis has done, and what I know he

would want to have done." Many of Ms. Walker's supporters, like Wake District 4 School Board representative Harriet Webster, felt that Ms. Walker's talents should have been recognized earlier, and pushed hard for her to become the principal of Broughton High School when the former head there retired last year. But Ms. Walker doesn't look back. She instead is pleased to point out what she has to offer the students and staff at West Cary High now.

"I think the key word is being sensitive to other people. You know

if you're sensitive to my needs as to what I'm about [for example], that makes you able to work within the confines of whatever you're involved in. Now basically I like kids, and always have. I enjoy people; the friendships that I have cultivated over the years are long-lasting. But I have a lot of fun with kids. And believe me when I tell you that they give me back a whole lot more than I give them."

That said, Ms. Walker is quick to say that she believes in discipline

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MS. ELVIA WALKER

Hate Crimes Rising In N.C.

David Duke Politics Play Role

Reports of organizing by Klan, Nazi and other white supremacist groups hit an all-time high in North Carolina in 1991, more than doubling the number of organized racist and anti-Semitic rallies, meetings and marches reported in 1985, according to North Carolinians Against Racist and Religious Violence, a Durham-based monitoring group.

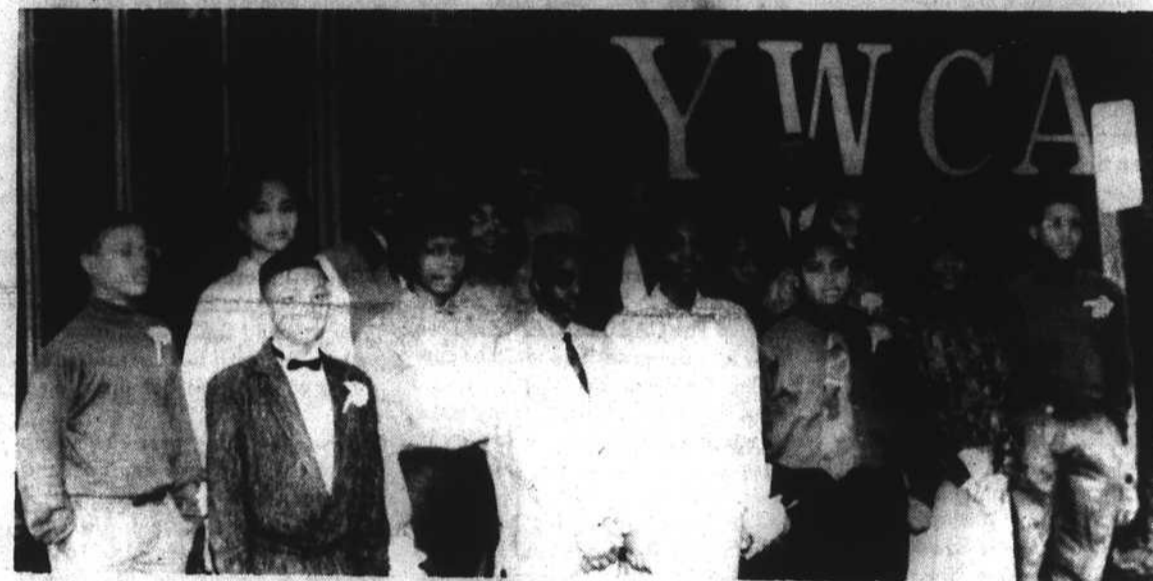
The report, released last week, lists 71 incidents of hate-group organizing by such groups as the Christian Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, the Confederate Knights of America, the Aryan Knights, the SS of America, and the Populist Party. The number of incidents reflects a 115 percent increase over the level of organizing reported when NCARRV began staffed operations in 1985.

"There is a new boldness within these groups," said Christina Davis-McCoy, NCARRV executive director. "David Duke's success in mainstream politics has given all supremacist groups a sense of legitimacy and confidence, especially in North Carolina."

The report notes that the state is home base for three national Klan groups, one neo-Nazi group, and the Populist Party, described in the report as the main electoral vehicle for supremacist candidates in mainstream politics.

RHA Implements Program To Assist Residents Toward Self-Sufficiency

The Raleigh Housing Authority has implemented programs to assist participants toward economic self-sufficiency since 1984. Two of the



NEW HORIZONS—After a five (5) week series on Dating: "A Positive Outlook" for male and female youth 13-14 years of age. The YMCA New Horizons Program in conjunction with the Carolina Girl Scout Council treated the

youth participants to a dinner date. Program Coordinators pictured back row, left to right: Queen Lewis, Phyllis Pittman, Michelle McDonald and Anthony Lewis. (Photo by James Giles)

New Horizons Project Seeks Unique Approach To Pregnancy Prevention

The Pines of Carolina Girl Scout Council and the YMCA New Horizons Program will collaborate in a joint effort to provide an innovative approach to pregnancy prevention education in a new program, "Project Listen."

The program is designed to help participants listen, identify the situation, seek solutions, take actions, evaluate progress and note results, according to New Horizons director Phyllis Pittman.

The program took on its first four

projects Jan. 18. They began a five-week series on dating: "A Positive Outlook" for male and female youth 13 to 14 years old. The series was instrumental in getting the young

people to give some positive thought to dating and also to realize their alternatives.

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Corporate Gifts Help Bicentennial

The economy is sluggish, businesses are taking a closer look at their expenditures and making careful selections for corporate giving, people in general—even though

they may be better off than in years past—feel the pressure of these economically uncertain times.

And yet, the generosity of the corporate community in greater Raleigh again has hit a high point. "Miracles do happen," says Betsy Davis, director of development of the Tammy Lynn Center, and chair-

person of this year's corporate giving campaign.

To date, corporate giving associated with this 1992 Raleigh Bicentennial-sanctioned event, has raised slightly over \$39,000. This amount has come from 50 companies in the Triangle area. "Last year," said Davis, "we were able to

raise \$21,325 from 36 companies. We were elated... it was nearly a \$5,000 increase over the prior year. I can't even describe what I feel about this year with an increase of nearly \$18,000 over last year."

The final decorative touches are underway on the seventh floor of

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Community Calendar

CAPITOL NEEDS NEW TOURGUIDES

The State Capitol in downtown Raleigh began classes for new guides on Feb. 24.

The free classes will train guides to lead tours through the historic 1840s building. The 9:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m. sessions will continue each Monday through March 16.

Capitol guides conduct tours for the public, relating the history of the National Historic Landmark building.

Those interested in sharing details of the building and of our state with others may register by calling John Watson at the Capitol at 733-4994.

The N.C. Capitol, located between Wilmington and Salisbury streets and Edenton and Morgan streets in downtown Raleigh, is an agency of the Department of Cultural Resources.

FILMMAKING LECTURE

A film/lecture featuring international filmmaker Martina Attille will be presented at 8 p.m. Wednesday at North Carolina State University Student Center Annex Cinema. The program includes a screening and discussion of *Coffee Colored Children* and *Dreaming Rivers*. Sponsored by

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resident who wants to advance employment and/or educational opportunities. PSS serves low-income single parents between the ages of 20 and 30. These participants receive Section housing certificates and services to enable them to become self-supporting.

The newest program is the Heritage Park Economic Empowerment Demonstration. The grant is one of only 13 demonstrations to the funded nationwide and is unique in that it is a joint effort between the U.S. Departments of Housing and Urban Development and Health and Human Services. Twenty-five low-income families will have the opportunity to get off of AFDC and move into home ownership.

As part of this funding, RHA was able to hire a full-time program assistant, Pearllette Ramos. Ms. Ramos is responsible for developing strategies and implementing methods to assist low-income parents to become free of both public and hous-

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TUTORIAL CLASS—Mrs. Catherine Turner assists students in the Charlotte Greene Room at First Congregational United Church of Christ during tutorial sessions every Tuesday by a professional teaching staff. Students attending classes are

pursuing subjects in the sciences, math, English, reading skills and language arts. Mrs. Margaret B. Lindsey is director of the program.