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First Solo Outing

Kathy Sledge makes her first solo debut with "Heat" since leaving the acclaimed pop-soul group Sister Sledge
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THIS WEEK

In the 1850s, the largest slave market in the country was located in New Orleans, the South's largest city. But of 25,000 blacks who actually resided there, nearly 40 percent were firemen, some even prospered in the city's breezy environment.

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Commission Says Crabtree Must Comply

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A panel of the Raleigh Human Resources/Human Relations Advisory Commission says it has done all it can do in mediating the continuing dispute between the African-American community and Crabtree Valley Mall, and suggests that a true solution can only be achieved when these two groups decide to

deal directly with each other.

The recommendation comes in the aftermath of the latest collision between the African-American community and the large retail facility. Just two weeks ago, 17-year-old Lorenzo McKoy, an African-American youth, was acquitted of criminal charges stemming from a Jan. 25 altercation with Crabtree security.

The city's Human Resources Department investigated the incident, and contended that mall security not only was at fault, but also systematically targeted black teens to be expelled from the mall.

Many citizens, as well as civic and community leaders, voiced outrage that mall management would not drop charges against McKoy in the face of that investigation. Now

McKoy is expected to file a civil suit against Crabtree to recover damages for allegedly being beaten, false arrest, public humiliation, emotional distress and more.

During a special called meeting last Wednesday, Dr. Allan Cooper, chair of the Human Relations Crabtree Task Force, submitted a report on the status of the Crabtree controversy and recommendations

as to what should happen now.

The report says that Crabtree management is reviewing all security policies and procedures, particularly those dealing with teenagers and how they're dealt with. The mall will also provide pre-employment psychological testing of prospective security personnel, as

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Ceremony Commemorates Dr. King

Gardens Retiring Debts

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On the 24th anniversary of the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., a ceremony commemorating the historic significance of the civil rights leader's contributions, and marking the debt retirement of the King Memorial Gardens, will be held. On Saturday, April 4, the Martin Luther King Celebration Committee will hold the King Gardens debt-retirement ceremony starting at 10 a.m.

Bruce Lightner, co-chair of the committee and King Statue and Gardens project, says that the Hon. Martin Luther King, III, the eldest son of the late Dr. King, has been invited to attend the proceedings.

"On the anniversary of Dr. King's untimely death, the Gardens will offer public testimonials to the advancements and improvements in the social order, the history of the King Park, music, dance, food and take final orders of engraved bricks for the King Memorial Wall," Lightner told THE CAROLINIAN.

Beyond just celebrating the life and work of Dr. King during the

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BLACK PRESS WEEK—Black Press Week activities in Washington, D.C. included a luncheon at the National Press Club. Among those attending the luncheon were (from left) Dr. Carlton Goodlett, publisher, San Francisco Sun-Reporter; former congressman Walter Fauntroy; Clyde Allen, Director, PR Event Marketing, House of Seagram,

which hosted the luncheon; Robert W. Bogle, NNPA president and publisher, Philadelphia Tribune; "Sonny" Messiah Jiles, NNPA first vice president and publisher, Atlanta Inquirer, and Calvin Rolark, publisher, Washington Informer.

Wake County Residents Participating In Household Hazardous Waste Program

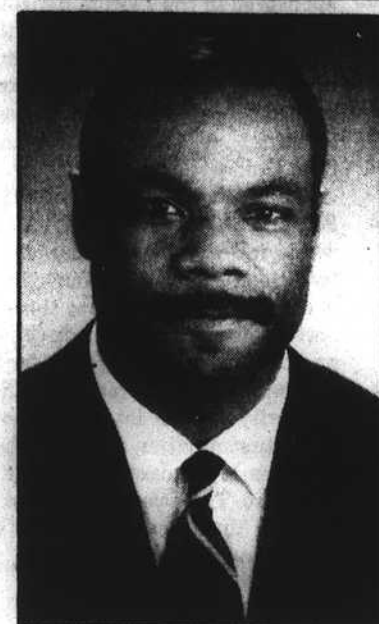
The City of Raleigh and Wake County will sponsor a Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day Saturday, April 4. Residents may take their hazardous wastes to the

Public Utilities Operations Center off of Lake Woodard Drive or to Gate 5 of the North Carolina State Fairgrounds on Youth Center Road. Both collection centers will be open

from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Raleigh and Wake County residents have a unique opportunity to participate in paint recycling at the HHW Collection Day. Representatives from Habitat for Humanity, a nonprofit organization that builds homes with low-income residents, will be collecting and recycling good quality latex paint on April 4. Partial cans of paint will be consolidated by color into five-gallon and 30-gallon containers. All of the re-

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MARCUS WILLIAMS

Williams Bids For Governor

North Carolina needs the vision of a new generation of politicians if it is to move ahead, Wilmington attorney Marcus Williams said as a candidate for governor.

"It is time for a vision that will embrace working people, rather than the needs of the incumbents," Williams stated.

Williams, 38, said it is time for "the generation of John F. Kennedy" to step forward and "allow these older politicians to retire."

Williams resigned as executive director of Legal Services of the Lower Cape Fear, an agency that gives legal help to the poor.

He promised to trim state spending by seven percent, fight the development of a low-level radioactive waste facility in the state and work to equalize funding between rich and poor school systems. The North Carolina Politi-

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America Responds To AIDS

Campaign Emphasizes AIDS Virus Risk

Saying that millions of Americans still do not understand that they may be at risk for HIV infection,

HHS Secretary Louis W. Sullivan has announced a new phase of TV ads and other AIDS educational

efforts in which ordinary people emphasize the risk of infection to women, sexually active young people, and small-town Americans.

"Our urgent message is that this disease is not confined to the big cities," Secretary Sullivan said. "Americans of all ages need to understand that if they engage in high-risk sexual or drug-abuse behaviors, regardless of who they are or where they live, they can become infected with HIV."

The new campaign, "Americans Working Together to Prevent HIV Infection and AIDS," has special impact, Secretary Sullivan said, because it focuses on the true stories of three individuals with HIV infection. "They are real people who understand the risk and are willing to share their experience in order to help others," Sullivan said. The individuals are Krista Blake, 19, from Columbiana, Ohio; Peter Zamora, 19, from Hialeah/Miami,

The number of reported AIDS cases has just surpassed 200,000; the magnitude of the epidemic is increasing, with the first 100,000 cases occurring over an 8-year period and the next 100,000 in just slightly more than two years. AIDS is now the third leading cause of death among adults ages 25-44.

The new phase of the CDC educational program, "America Responds to AIDS," reflects surveys that show most Americans know the basic facts about AIDS but do not believe that people in their town or group are at risk. The aim of the new message is to say that anyone who engages in high-risk sexual or drug-use behaviors is at risk, regardless of age, gender, or where they live.

Fla.; and Frankie Alston, 36, from Alexandria, Va.

"A million Americans are currently infected with HIV. This represents almost one in every 100 adult males and about one in every 800 adult females," Dr. Sullivan said. "Every 13 minutes another person is infected. If we are to control this epidemic, every person must know he or she can be at risk."

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RESIDENCE PROJECT — Lenwood E. Ward, former executive at Atlantic Richfield Co. will be participating in St. Augustine's College's Executive In Residence Project. Ward received a BS degree in business from North Carolina Central University, Durham in 1963. For the past 28 years he has worked in various managerial positions for the Atlantic Richfield Co. During the last 10 years, he has worked extensively with young people in the area of minority education, specifically at historically black colleges. St. Augustine's College in Raleigh is the school at which he has had the longest running and closest association. He is returning to the College as special assistant to the President for education and business liaison and visiting lecturer.

Community Calendar

CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS

The Heritage Arts Program of Southeast Raleigh Community Development Corp. seeks volunteers to assist at a family festival planned for Moore Square Park in downtown Raleigh on Saturday, May 2. This Bicentennial event pays tribute to elders and ancestors of the African-American community. Call (919) 664-8524 for information.

WAKE PLANNING BOARD HOLDS HEARING

Wake County citizens will have an opportunity to comment on the joint U.S. 401 North Perimunicipal Area Plan at a Wake County Planning Board Public Hearing on Wednesday at 1 p.m. in Room 700 of the Wake County Courthouse. The area included in the plan is located along U.S. 401 North between the Neuse River and Burlington Mill Road. If you have questions or need additional information regarding the plan or the public hearing, contact the Wake County Planning Department at 856-6310.

OPEN HOUSE

From ferrets to parrots, sows to cows—animals will be the main attraction at the North Carolina State University College of Veterinary Medicine's Open House on Saturday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. An added attraction will be the Southern States Percheron Draft Horses. All activities are free and open to the public.

BOATING SEASON

The Shelley Lake Boathouse will begin its spring boat rental season on April 4. The Boathouse will operate on Saturday and Sunday only through April 26. The hours of operation will be 11 a.m. until dusk. For more information on rentals, special events, concerts and classes, call 881-3931.

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