

CENTER STAGE

Crooner Peabo Bryson will take center stage during the Great Raleigh Festival which includes four days of music, food, crafts and carnival rides.

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RUNNING FOR DIRECTOR

Arthur Ashe, the former tennis star who has disclosed he has AIDS will run for re-election as director of Aetna Life and Casualty Co.

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Ernest E. Just was the first recipient of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People's Spingarn Award in 1915 for his research in egg fertilization. The award was named for Joel E. Spingarn, chairman of the NAACP from 1914 to 1919, and 1931-35.

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Racial Tensions Rise At Broughton High

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African-American students attending Needham Broughton High School in Raleigh are outraged, as are their parents, and a letter from a white parent of a student at Broughton accuses the school of "a lack of sensitivity to issues of race and cultural diversity." All of this is just the latest chapter in a continuing series of incidents indicating a

tense racial climate at one of Wake County's flagship schools.

Several black students told The CAROLINIAN that this latest round of controversy started during an African-American history assembly in February. The Broughton Gospel Choir was scheduled to sing "Lift Ev'ry Voice and Sing," known as "The Black National Anthem," but at the last minute was told not to

by the school administration. The reason as alleged by the students was that several white students and their parents opposed its presentation.

One African-American female Broughton student told The CAROLINIAN, "[The Gospel Choir] didn't even know. They were up there and they were getting ready to sing the [black] National Anthem, and [the

school administrators] told them to sit down. They said that some of the white students feel uncomfortable hearing the anthem, and they also feel uncomfortable when we wear Malcolm X shirts to school. But it's okay for them to wear the Confederate flag to school."

A controversial editorial by a white Broughton student, William Henson, published several weeks

ago in the school newspaper, the "Hi-Times," confirms that white students were not pleased with the Black History Month assembly. "A fine example of this ill-bred politics Broughton's annual Afro-American History Club assembly... this assembly assuredly raises the dander of many at Broughton, but are its goals and messages worth all the hassle? I would say no," Henson

wrote. A white parent, Ms. Tina Martin, who has a freshman daughter at Broughton, was so upset when her child told her about the assembly incident that she wrote a letter to Principal Diane Payne. In a copy of that letter that was sent to Wake Schools Superintendent Robert

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Blacks Await King Verdict

Police Assault Charges

LOS ANGELES, Calif. (AP)—Racial upheaval could follow a disappointing verdict in the trial of four white police officers accused of beating black motorist Rodney King, black activists said.

"People are following every word in the King case and they are hoping for justice," said Compton City Councilwoman Patricia Moore.

"But if it does not happen, rest assured that this community and possibly the nation will see upheaval as never before."

Sgt. Stacey Koon and officers Timothy Wind, Theodore Briseno and Laurence Powell have pleaded innocent to charges of excessive force and assault under the color of authority in the March 3, 1991, beating of King.

Koon, Powell and Briseno have testified in the trial, which is being held in the Ventura County community of Simi Valley, but Wind has elected not to take the stand.

The beating was videotaped by a private citizen and its TV broadcast heightened racial tensions in Los Angeles. It also sparked nationwide outrage over police brutality.

Ms. Moore said many blacks already believe the criminal justice system is skewed against them.

Claytee White, spokeswoman for the Los Angeles branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, said that her office has been flooded with calls from people of all races regarding the King trial.

"Many of the reactions are very angry," Ms. White said. "Some people have said they don't believe

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EXPO PLANS — Left to right are Rev. David Dolby, Margaret Rose Murray and Angela Grimes who are mapping out plans for the coming event.

Candidates Take Position In Quest For RWCA Endorsement & Support

In an election year where public officials are under more scrutiny than at any time since Watergate, the Raleigh-Wake Citizens Association held its candidate's forum at St. Ambrose Episcopal Church last Thursday.

The purpose of this election-year ritual is not only to invite Wake County's African-American community to see and hear the candidates for public office up close, but to also provide the RWCA Political Action Committee enough information about their platforms to make endorsement recommendations to the full body this Thursday evening. At that time, the body can either accept the PAC's recommendation per

candidate, or new ones will be entertained from the floor.

The RWCA is expected to announce its final recommendations this Thursday after the process is complete.

While many distinguished candidates like former Gov. Jim Hunt and

State Auditor Edward Renfrow were present, there was a particular interest in the judicial races, especially since it was an RWCA-endorsed District Court judge, Anne B. Salisbury, who outraged the com-

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Blacks Can Rally To Relieve Haiti From Oppression

BY WILLIAM REED

NNPA News Service

Why hasn't the African-American community rallied to help the situation in, and about, Haiti? After the way that black Americans held rallies, raised funds and kept the issue of apartheid in South Africa in front of the world community, why have we been so silent on the critical issues of black Haitian boat people and freedom inside of Haiti?

When it comes to white people and their oppression of blacks, black America has already shown the force, and broad social, political and economic activism we can bring to bear. But when it comes to black-on-black oppression within our own, such as is occurring in Liberia and Haiti, we become quiet as church mice. For our own kind, a few hundred miles from our shores, who are much worse off than black South Africans, we elect to leave it to white people to sort the situation out. Where are the fundraisers, clothing and medicine drives, state and national lobbying efforts and delegations to Haiti that the African-American community can do for, and within, its own?

Haiti is the place where the identity of black people in the New World was formed. In 1791, Toussaint L'Ouverture helped launch the evolution in Haiti, then named Saint-Dominique, that made it the first

republic in the Western Hemisphere and the first to abolish slavery. The repercussions from Haiti's black uprisings had broad reverberations throughout the Americas. When the country's Frenchmen fled with their slaves to America for refuge, the possibility of these black "West Indians" bringing an attitude of revolution with them so terrified American slaveholders that, in spite of the economic impact, they forbade the admission of Haitian slaves. The liberation attitudes of Haiti, and its people, inspired blacks such as Gabriel Prosser to plot his Virginia slave revolt in 1800 and Denmark Vesey to lead an insurrection in Charleston, S.C. in 1822. Even when their uprisings failed, Haiti remained a beacon of freedom for blacks and a nightmare for whites in this hemisphere.

Today, Haiti is one of the poorest lands in the world. Its infant mortality rate is 115 per 1,000 live births and far exceeds that of black South Africans. The average life expectancy in Haiti is 53 years and malnutrition accounts for more than one-half the country's deaths. Haiti spends less on education and public health for its six million people than any other country in the Western Hemisphere. The country has had seven different governments in con-

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Community Calendar

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Volunteers are needed to help with Artsplasure's 13th annual Spring Arts Festival on May 16 and 17 in Moore Square Park (downtown Raleigh). If you've been looking for volunteer work that is actually fun, then don't miss this party. They usually need people to work in three-hour shifts during the big weekend. Couples and families are encouraged. Call Artsplasure for further information at 831-6221.

CHOOSING CHILD CARE

A workshop to help parents answer questions about the kind of child care they want will be presented by Child Care Resource and Referral, 3901 Barrett Drive, Suite 104, on Wednesday, April 22, from 7-9 p.m. Free; no pre-registration necessary. This program is funded by United Way, and is offered monthly at various locations in Wake County. For more information, call Child Care Resource and Referral, 571-1520, Monday-Thursday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Parents seeking referrals to specific child care providers should call on our referral line, 571-1420. Referral line hours are Monday-Thursday, 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

YMCA AWARDS BANQUET

The Garner Road Family YMCA's 47th annual meeting and awards banquet will be held April 24 at St. Augustine's College at 7 p.m. Lawrence Bradley, YMCA vice president, is the chairman of this event. The speaker is Sheriff John H. Baker, Jr. of Wake County. Thirteen awards will be given to businesses, individuals, and organizations.

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Duke Focuses On Cultural Diversity

DURHAM—People like Grant Hill, a member of the NCAA championship basketball team, student leader Tonya Robinson and twins Dart and Don Jackson probably sacrifice closeness to their black culture by attending a predominantly white institution like Duke University.

But these African-American students believe the gains outweigh the negatives.

Duke juniors Dart and Don Jackson are used to being in the limelight. Growing up in a small, predominantly white community, they were outstanding students who excelled not only in the classroom but as student leaders and athletes. The fact that they're twins and African-Americans only added to their distinction.

As the Jacksons began checking out universities, they were faced with some tough decisions. Both received scholarship offers from various institutions, and Don was offered full scholarships from Iowa and Morehouse colleges. Then Don Jackson received notice that he had also received a scholarship from Duke.

Although Dart, who also received Duke's Reginaldo Howard Scholarship, had decided he wanted to go to Duke, Don didn't want to attend Duke at first but after seeing the campus, changed his mind.

The Jacksons, sons of James and

Patricia Jackson, said their parents made it clear that money was not an issue when it came to their education. Nonetheless, they said the scholarship was a significant factor in their decision.

The Reginaldo R. Howard Memorial Scholarship, which includes a \$6,000-per-year award, is presented each year to academically gifted black freshmen. The scholarship is designed to promote leadership,

participation in student activities and improvement of campus relations.

The Howard scholarship is especially important now because the current economic situation is having an effect on black students, said Harold Wingood, acting director of undergraduate admissions. However, apparently the economy isn't interfering with the number of minorities who enroll in institutions

such as Duke. African-Americans will make up 13 percent of the class of 1996. The Graduate School estimates for the class of 1996 aren't available. However, officials expect an increase in the graduate and professional schools, which currently have black enrollment at 3.5 percent.

Deciding where to spend the next

Did Schwartzenegger Deliver The Right Message In Wrong Place?

BY CASH MICHAELS

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"...We want to move up and improve in this state!"

Though Gov. Jim Martin was standing right next to him it was clear that the man known the world over as "The Terminator" was in charge. Megamoviestar Arnold Schwarzenegger, exuding both irresistible charm and irrepressible muscles, came to Raleigh last Wednesday to continue his "Fitness for the '90s" crusade as national chairman of the President's Council on Physical Fitness and Sports. Like the legendary character from his blockbuster film, Terminator 2, Schwarzenegger was on a mission of mercy. But unknown to Arnold, his mission may have been



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may have been misdirected away from the youngsters who needed to hear his message the most.

He was one state away from fulfilling a promise he made to President George Bush when he was appointed more than two years ago: visit all 50 states, speak with all of the governors not only about maintaining but improving physical education programs in the schools, and talking with as many young people as possible about good nutrition and exercising regularly.

For someone from a foreign country who struggled against all odds to become the No. 1 bodybuilder of the '70s and '80s, and the No. 1 movie box office attraction of the '90s, Schwarzenegger ironically admitted that his commitment to get America's youth physically fit "is the biggest challenge I've ever taken on in my life."

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