

DISCIPLINARY ACTION

Former Heavyweight champ Mike Tyson faces disciplinary hearing May 13 in Indiana Youth Center for allegedly threatening a staff member.

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JAMBALAYA JAM

Fats Domino, one of the forefathers of today's pop music is still on the scene with his honeyed twang and driving piano for a Jambalaya Jam.

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In 1862, a slave named Robert Smalls, leading eight black men and two women, captured the Confederate transport Planter in Charleston Harbor and steamed her out to the Northern fleet to freedom. Smalls was later made the pilot, then captain, of the vessel, and was honored by Congress.

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Two Say Harassed By Police After Report

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At least two African-American citizens have complained that they have been the target of alleged Raleigh Police Department harassment in the wake of a report issued about the status of community/police relations.

The City of Raleigh's Human Resources/Human Relations Advisory Commission issued the report in January at the request of the City Council. It criticized the department's human and race relations training, and revealed low opinions from some African-American citizens on how the police conduct

themselves. The report was requested in the aftermath of the Tony Farrell police shooting in January 1991.

One example of alleged bad police/community relations cited in the report was when community activist Johnny Blaylock was given a ticket last Christmas Day for alleg-

edly driving without fastening his seatbelt.

Blaylock, in an interview published in The CAROLINIAN several weeks ago, said that when he asked the white officer to give him a break and write a warning ticket like many of his friends in North Raleigh said was done for the same offense,

the officer responded curtly, "That's right, we do write warning tickets in North Raleigh," and proceeded to write Blaylock the \$25 ticket. Blaylock said he became so upset, he's not sure if the officer said anything else that implied that breaks on tickets were not given in black Southeast Raleigh, but he's sure

that's what the officer meant.

Several weeks later, Blaylock told his story to a commission member in passing. Without using Blaylock's name, the commission member submitted the story for use in the report. After the report was given to

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Inmates Prepare For Jobs

Re-Entry Program Reviewed

More than 900 inmates in the North Carolina Department of Correction report daily to work release jobs. Each of their paychecks is earmarked for victim restitution, family support and the cost of imprisonment.

"The work release program teaches the work ethic and how to relate to people," says Harry Ballard, chief of program services for the Division of Prisons. "There are motivational factors. For example, offenders like the money they earn and would rather work than sit idle all day. They also like to help support their families while incarcerated. This makes the inmate and other family members feel good about each other."

While inmates assigned to work in the state's prison industries by law must be paid up to \$1 a day, inmates in work release jobs earn a competitive wage. From their work release earnings, inmates have paid more than \$2 million to the Department of Correction for fiscal year 1991-92. The money (\$12.50 a day for every day an inmate works) comes from inmate earnings and partially reimburses the department for the inmate's food, clothing and housing.

For those inmates with dependent families, the department takes a portion of the inmate's earnings and sends it to social services for the inmate's dependents. Social services suggests a certain amount based on the inmate's income and number of dependents.

"Supporting dependents and (See INMATES, P. 2)



THE BOYS CLUB—Area youths find a well-balanced agenda of challenge and fun as they participate in academic programs as well as play under professional leadership and tutors at the Boys Club. Shown in photo are

Robert Jackson, Keith Ray, Freddie Lutz, Taj Peppers, Kevin McFadden and Barshan Parker at the Boys Club. (Photo by Carla Monroe)

RHA Signs Contract With Police, Drug Action To Combat Problems

The Raleigh Housing Authority was among the few public housing agencies across the nation to receive funding from the Department of Housing and Urban Development competitive grant to combat the proliferation of drugs. The Public Housing Drug Elimination grant is the most comprehensive and innovative program RHA has ever implemented to address the drug problem. The program is envisioned to serve as a national model.

As part of the program, RHA has entered into contracts with Drug Action, Inc. and the Raleigh Police

Department to address and provide drug counseling, education and law enforcement of drug sales and its related criminal activity.

The Drug Action contract agreement allows the agency to offer on-site and off-site drug treatment,

education and counseling services to six targeted communities: Walnut Terrace, Chavis Heights, Kentwood, Dandridge Downs, Heritage Park and Halifax Court.

The Raleigh Police contract (See COMBAT DRUGS, P. 2)

Campbell Key To Democrats' Fall Campaign Plans

BY CASH MICHAELS
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Seven years ago, he assumed his first elected office as the District C city representative on the Raleigh City Council. Today, Ralph Campbell, Jr. is one election away from making North Carolina history: becoming the first African-American to join the Council of State as state auditor, and the state Democratic Party's counting on it.

Campbell wastes no time in setting out to get his name out in the right places for state auditor...



In the glow of last Tuesday's come-from-behind Democratic Primary win for the party's nomination to the post in November, Campbell is now shoring up his support nationwide, and doing his part for party unity. There is no doubt that Campbell's GOP opponent, Vernon Armstrong, is counting on riding the coattails of Republican President George Bush during the November elections with former Gov. Jim Hunt heading up the Democratic ticket for an unprecedented third term as governor, and U.S. Sen. Terry Sanford seeking term No. 2. Campbell has wasted no time in setting out to meet the power brokers across the state to get his name out, and hopefully some big bucks in the campaign war chest.

That was evident when Campbell, along with his main former rival for the party nomination, Franklin Freeman, Jr., held several statewide press conferences last Thursday to announce that Freeman was throwing his support behind Campbell's fall candidacy, and would even do some campaigning for him. With Freeman's strong support network throughout the state, that can only spell good news for

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Jamaica Faces Hard Economic Times

KINGSTON, Jamaica (AP)—When Jamaicans on the North American mainland roll out the barrels, it's a sign of bad times at home.

Jamaicans in the United States and Canada are sending freight drums of clothing and food to relatives impoverished by low pay, 80 percent inflation and the removal of subsidies from basic goods.

The squeeze began when Jamaica, like the Dominican Republic and other Caribbean nations, inaugurated a "structural readjustment" program intended to make it more competitive in world markets.

Every weekday, people line up outside Kingston port warehouses long before the gates open, waiting to collect the barrels addressed to them.

"These days, we cannot buy food, so they buy it," Beulah Brown, 32, said of the overseas relatives. She was calling for three barrels shipped by her father from Brooklyn, N.Y.

Brown has seven children. As she spread the contents along a counter for customs inspection, she said her father's help kept the family going.

"Some people don't have anything at all, and—" she paused, looking at her sacks of flour, the laundry detergent, cans of condensed milk—"and they don't have anyone to help them, either."

Peter Callen, manager of the

Universal Freight Warehouse, said the barrels stirred memories of the 1970s, a time of economic chaos and gang violence when tens of thousands of skilled workers left the island.

"When times are hard, families

and relatives abroad tend to send barrels with food and clothes to their families," he said. "It happened in the bad '70s and it's happening again. There'd be even more barrels here now if there was not a recession in the United States."

Callen said the Christmas traffic was the busiest he had seen, up by more than half from the year before. He said thousands of people had lined up on some days and the warehouse often stayed open past mid-

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Community Calendar

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR YOUNG MOMS' GROUP

Were you a teen parent? Would you like to help teen moms grow and develop as responsible, loving parents? MELD Young Moms, a teen parenting and support program for young mothers sponsored by Wake Medical Center, needs you. If you are at least 22 years old, have experience as a teen mother, and are committed to helping other young women through the transitions of parenthood, you could become a group facilitator for the MELD Young Moms program.

Teen moms meet weekly in groups headed by trained facilitators. Training begins June 12. If you would like more information, contact MELD Young Moms at 250-8710.

GIBBONS PRESENTS CLASSIC PLAY

Cardinal Gibbons High School is presenting the classic play "Arsenic and Old Lace" on Friday, May 15, and Saturday, May 16, at 8 p.m. A dinner theater is planned for Saturday night at 8:30 p.m. in the school cafeteria. Tickets are \$7 to the Italian dinner. For further information, call 834-1624.

FAMILY FUN DAY

May is "Healthy Mothers, Healthy Babies" Month. Join the Healthy Mothers, Healthy Babies Coalition of Wake County as they celebrate with the second annual "Family Fun Day: Babies are a Treasure" at Pullen Park on Saturday, May 16, from noon to 5 p.m. Come out and enjoy free rides all day, see Read-a-Roo, "Hello Kitty" and other characters, have your face painted, play the Treasure Hunt game and enjoy onstage entertainment. Stop by the health fair exhibits and play their games. The Wake County Department of Health will provide free immunizations. It's a great time for

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HISTORICAL CEREMONY — Raleigh Deltas attend Bicentennial Historical Ceremony honoring the late Charles N. Hunter. The memorial service unveiling the North Carolina Highway marker was held on New Bern

Ave. at State Street on Sunday, April 26 at 4 p.m. Pictured left to right are Deltas Florence I. Francis, Lucille Webb, Annette Watson, Lugenia Rochelle, Norma Haywood, Rebecca Weatherford, Doris Holloway and Alle M. Peebles.