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"Comin' Home" Tells '92 Award Recipients In 3-Day Extravaganza

"Comin' Home," the African-American cultural festival to be held this Saturday, has announced recipients of its first annual Outstanding Achievement Award. After selecting Ms. Elizabeth Coffield to be honored at the Raleigh Civic Center for 30-plus years of service to the Wake County community in areas spanning politics, education, cultural arts and religious leadership, the executive committee of the group selected four young people to receive the Achievement Awards. They are:

•Kevin Dwayne Michael, son of Ms. Willa Michael and the late Clarence Conley Michael. Kevin was left fatherless at the age of 8 when his father, an Air Force mechanic, was killed in Vietnam. After coming of age, Michael took his inheritance and began fulfilling a lifelong ambition in the field of transportation. With the help of Bob Springfield, they now own six buses under the BK Express Transportation Charter and Transportation Service.

•Ms. Ayodele Carroo, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Winston and Agatha Carroo, at the age of 14, has exploded on the literary scene with her first book of poetry, *Ancestral Rhythms*, which was recently published. Ms. Carroo, an honor student at Enloe High School, is now in the process of writing her second book, scheduled for early next year, *Beware Naked Feet*.

•Ms. Davida Jones, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David and Sherri Jones, was injured as a child with third-degree burns covering a major part of her body. She overcame many physical and psychological setbacks which delayed her developmental mobility and is now an honor student. She is a member of the National Junior Honor Society, the EMMS book teams, newspaper staff, Broad-

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NAACP-Legal Defense Fund Challenges Welare Reform

BY ANTHONY HEAD

NFPA News Service

WASHINGTON, D.C.—Controversial new welfare legislation in New Jersey violates the civil rights of African-Americans and Hispanics, charges the NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund. The nation's preeminent civil rights law firm recently challenged the law by filing an administrative complaint with the Office for Civil Rights of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services in Washington.

The complaint contends that the legislation is a violation of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1965 prohibiting the use of federal funds by recipients who discriminate on the basis of race. The U.S. government's decision could have a profound impact on other states proposing similar legislation.

The policy adopted by New Jersey would eliminate additional benefits that a recipient of the Aid to Families with Dependent Children now receives when she or he parents an additional child. The legislation mirrors a wave of welfare reform proposals around the country.

"Nationally, the majority of wel-

fare recipients are white but in New Jersey where the majority of recipients are women of color, the legislation was adopted for racially discriminatory reasons and will have a devastating impact on minority women in particular," says NAACP-LDF staff attorney Alan Jenkins. The legislation was sponsored by an African-American assemblyman, Wayne Bryant, who has indicated that the new law is intended to free "his people" from the "slavery" of welfare dependency.

"The state ignores the reality that a large portion of the children born into welfare families are the result of unintentional pregnancy and, all too frequently, of rape," Jenkins said. "To punish these families and their newborn children for tragic circumstances beyond their control extends beyond the realm of questionable public policy and into the arena of governmental cruelty," said Jenkins.

The measure is decried by opponents who say that innocent children will be deprived of assistance for proper medical care, housing, clothing and food, increasing

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CRIME BEAT

Editor's Note: This column, a fixture of The CAROLINIAN in years past, has returned to our pages in hopes of deterring crime in our community. The information contained herein is taken from public arrest records and does not necessarily mean those mentioned are guilty of crimes.

ASSAULT ON OFFICER

Twenty-five-year-old Nathaniel Hough of 702 Wexford Drive was charged with assault on a law enforcement officer and resisting arrest. Police say Hough allegedly assaulted Raleigh Police Officer Matthew Allen McKee while being arrested on the 700 block of Wexford Drive.

ARMED ROBBERY

Michael Lamont Mack, 19, of 117 N. Bloodworth St., was charged with armed robbery. Police say Mack allegedly robbed Manuel Lopez of \$16 at 200 S. Blount St. Lopez was stabbed in the left shoulder and taken to Wake Medical Center.

FORGERY

Michael Thomas Barber, 41, of "Anywhere, Raleigh," was charged with three counts of forgery. Police say Barber allegedly tried to cash \$325 in forged checks at a Hillborough Street bank.

STEALING GAS

Twenty-year-old Brian Wayne Jordan and 16-year-old Dale Porter II, both of 4705 Metcalf Drive, were charged with misdemeanor larceny. Police say Jordan and Porter allegedly attempted to steal four gallons of unleaded gasoline from a truck belonging to a cleaner's on Pleasant Valley Road.

GUN IN THE PARK

John Stanley Stosiak of 7304 Barberry Court was charged with possessing a firearm in a park. Police say the 17-year-old Stosiak was arrested at a city park at 1400 W. Millbrook Road with a .38-caliber, five-shot revolver with four bullets (one live round).

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Garner Subdivision Built Over African American Gravesites

BY CASH MICHAELS

Staff Writer

This week, the family of Willie and Alice Graves will have to make a heart-wrenching decision: what to do about a housing subdivision that's built on top of their family gravesite.

The answer may lie in what the Wake Sheriff's Department discovers. According to Capt. Max Pickett, it's a complicated investigation, but before it's all over, someone may face criminal and civil charges for desecrating gravesites. It started last Oct. 10, when

Walter Perry bought property in the Village of Whiteoak subdivision on Mt. Hebron Church Road. Whiteoak is a mixed community of private homes, developed in the early '80s. For Perry and his family, having a new home meant being able to do all of the things

that people dream of when they plant roots in a community... including building a swimming pool.

But it wasn't until three months ago, when Perry was talking to one of his neighbors about digging

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ROLLING AGAIN—Amtrack conductor D. R. Key of Richmond, Va. assists passengers at the Raleigh Station Thursday prior to the July 4th Holiday. Industries and commuters experienced a two-day strike as workers

continue to push for better wages and working conditions. "With this flow of traffic, things appear to be back to normal," said assistant conductor Melvin Johnson. (Photo by James Giles)

Radio Station WLE Event Raises \$2,200 For Businesses

BY CASH MICHAELS

Staff Writer

"Don't let me have to put you over my knee, community, and spank you!"

The veiled, warm-hearted, playful admonishment from Ms. Margaret Rose Murray came with less than an hour to go in the program. The calls and pledges were slow in coming, and time was growing short. But suddenly, as if on cue, the phones started lighting up, and the call to action was answered. When it was over, like a proud mother, Ms. Murray thanked listeners and contributors for their support.

"I knew you could do it. You always come through, community."

The smiles and applause were shared by Ms. Murray's co-workers, as the first radiothon to raise funds for a small-business incubator in the African-American community ended on a high note of \$2,200 in contributions and pledges. Broadcast lives last Saturday, July 4, on WLE-AM 570, the Business Building Society Radiothon brought community and business leaders together to seriously address the economic future of Southeast Raleigh, and the substantive investment that those in the community must make in order to ensure the growth of black business in Southeast Raleigh.

"This is the time to put personalities to the side, and people in the community come together to make this happen," said Bruce Lightner, community activist and one of the planners of the incubator. He, along with Dr. Paul Van-

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Former Gov. Hunt Says NC's Economic & Ed. Needs Lacking

BY SHEHETTIZI WOODLEY

Staff Writer

For most of the past two decades, former Gov. Jim Hunt has been North Carolina's dominant Democrat.

He served two full terms between 1976 and 1984, becoming the first North Carolina governor since Reconstruction to hold consecutive terms.

From his elaborate corporate law office, Hunt told The CAROLINIAN he believes the state once again needs his leadership to ensure a prosperous future for all North Carolinians.

Hunt said the basis for a sound state economy is an educational system which provides children with the skills employers demand.

"In today's world education is economic development. The best jobs will go to the states and countries with the best educated, most highly trained workforce," he said. Hunt said he would run a cam-

paign that sets a vision which would enable children to visualize themselves as prosperous and productive adults.

"I would set out specific goals to achieve that vision and engage them in helping develop those plans so they [the plans] are realistic and would work," he said.

Hunt said that in order for children to "grow and be their best," they must receive proper care and encouragement during their preschool years.

"We need to recognize the importance of investing more effort and more resources in the first five years of life," said Hunt. "Too many children start school starved of the nutrition, affection and stimulation that are essential to preparing them to learn."

"A higher priority needs to be placed on quality, affordable early childhood education. As governor, I will see that we develop and carry out a plan of action that

gives North Carolina a long-range strategy for its child care system," he said.

Hunt said African-American children in particular suffer from low self-esteem. He said the solution to a low self-image is to ensure that the state's teachers value all children and are dedicated to helping students achieve their potential.

Another key to an improvement in self-esteem among black children is to give them opportunities to learn about their own heritage, he said.

"Also, we must have parent involvement," said Hunt. Too often, "minority parents don't feel they are welcome in the schools. We have to use innovative ways to welcome them."

Hunt said state government must help develop small businesses so young people will be able to find work following graduation from high school and/or college.

As governor, he plans to develop a state entrepreneurial development board. Hunt said he will encourage county governments to develop local boards as well.

"These boards are to actively help new businesses start up and grow," he said, adding that venture capital and technical assistance would be provided through them.

Hunt said small businesses are not benefitting from university research findings which are designed to save businesses time and money.

"I have proposed a technology extension service which will move the research findings from universities down to the businesses and the small industries around the state so they will know the latest techniques to help them succeed in their fields," he said.

Hunt added that he will continue his past successes of recruiting high-paying industries. He said manufacturing must be strong and must expand throughout the state.

"North Carolina is losing the edge it had 10 years ago. We were recruiting the best industries and the best jobs. We were leading the nation in education reform," Hunt

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Local African American Democrats To Depart For '92 Convention In NY

BY CASH MICHAELS

Staff Writer

The 1992 Democratic National Convention is set and ready to go for this Monday at Madison Square Garden in New York, and several of Raleigh's top African-American political leaders are serving as delegates from North Carolina.

In what now amounts to a coronation of Arkansas Gov. Bill Clinton as the Democratic candidate in November to face Republican incumbent George Bush, and possibly independent spoiler H. Ross Perot, the Democratic convention may still offer some surprises for the 98 delegates and 14 alternates from the Tar Heel State.

Headed up by U.S. Sen. Terry Sanford (D-N.C.), the delegation is 25 percent African-American.

At the top of the list, North Carolina Speaker of the House Daniel T. Blue, Jr. (D-Wake), appointed to co-chair the Credentials Committee by party chairman Ron

Brown, one of the three key convention standing committees.

Other prominent Raleigh-Wake African-American leaders slated to represent North Carolina on the convention floor include vice chairman of the state Democratic Party and former Raleigh Mayor Clarence Lightner; Ms. Mary E. Perry, chair of the Wake County Democratic Party; Wake County Commissioner Abe Jones; and Raleigh-Wake Citizens Association member Bernard Allen.

Harvey Gantt, former Charlotte mayor and 1990 U.S. Senate candidate, will join his good friend, next-door neighbor, and 12th Congressional District Democratic candidate Melvin Watt as a delegate to the convention.

First Congressional District candidate Eva Clayton is reportedly going to the convention, but only as an observer. State Democratic Party executive director Everett Ward will also attending.

NEWS BRIEFS

BANK AWARDS ST. AUG. \$50,000

Branch Banking and Trust Co. has pledged a grant in the amount of \$50,000 to St. Augustine's College which will be used specifically to establish endowed scholarships for students majoring in business/finance. The grant will be paid in five installments of \$10,000 and the first of the five was received by the college Friday, June 26.

PRICE WINS FUNDING

Triangle and North Carolina highway safety projects received the backing of the House Appropriations Committee last week.

Fourth District Rep. David Price, a member of the Transportation Appropriations Subcommittee, gained full committee approval to provide \$5.8 million for the widening of U.S. 64 between Jordan Lake and Cary; \$1.5 million to help North Carolina develop a Geographic Information System to reduce the environmental side-effects of highway projects; and \$800,000 to develop a highway safety information management system to increase highway safety in North Carolina.

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