

**CRIME BEAT**

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**CRACK POSSESSION**

Kendall Lewis (no age given) of 1316 Wrentree Court was charged with possession of 13 rocks of crack cocaine valued at \$300. Police say Lewis was arrested at 2909 Trawick Road in a parking lot.

**PURSE TAKEN**

Timothy Orlando Boyd, 25, of 3012-C Bunnalley Court, was charged with common law robbery. Police say Boyd allegedly stole the purse of Joyce Guthrie in the parking lot of 3004 Holston Lane.

**JOHNSON MAY**

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1986 candidate in the Wake District 14 race against Johnson.

Now a lobbyist, Webb recalls that Johnson had opposed the creation of an office on minority health, something the Legislative Black Caucus pushed hard for because of growing evidence that African-Americans in the state had serious health problems such as high blood pressure, poor nutrition and aid, that needed special attention.

"Despite Johnson's opposition, it finally passed the Legislature," said Webb, "and then there was the issue of funding for community development corporations which has a unique high minority interest across the state. He opposed that, too."

Community development corporations are designed to help small businesses in communities of color across the state.

And, as The CAROLINIAN reported last week, Sen. Johnson voted against passage of the King holiday law in 1987, after pledging that he would support it in 1986.

"Anyone can challenge him in a write-in," said Webb. The question is if anyone will.

**CHAVIS HEIGHTS**

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the community of drugs.

"We are recognizing her for speaking out, something that all of us should do for our community," Goode told The CAROLINIAN. He acknowledged that the crack cocaine problem in Raleigh's African-American community is getting worse, and residents are not as informed as they should be. So the family reunion gives them a chance to not only come together in a positive setting, but find out from agencies like Drug Action, Inc., the Raleigh Police Department and others who will have booths there, what they can do to protect themselves.

Goode, a counselor at Drug Action, feels that after the community gets the information, they have to develop the solutions themselves, and not just depend on the answers coming from outside.

As an organization, the Friends Committee is unique. It was created in the living room of its founder, community activist Johnny Blalock. With the spread of AIDS in the black community the result of drug use and the sharing of intravenous needles, Blalock and others realized that you couldn't address one without the other. Meetings were held at St. Ambrose Church, St. Augustine's College, and other places where the community, and especially young people, could be reached.

A hospice house for black persons living with AIDS was mysteriously burned down several months ago, but Goode says the committee will keep on "keeping on."

"I think we've made some progress," said Goode. "But it's like putting a band-aid over a hemorrhage."

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active in the civil rights movement of the 1960s and was in jail for six days.

The graduate of Union Theological Seminary in New York chose his text from Luke 15:11-18 on the subject, "It's Good to Be Able to Go Home."

Hazel N. Logan chaired the memorial tribute.

The pastor emeritus of Martin Street Church, Dr. Paul H. Johnson, was recognized for his nearly 40 years of service.

**BLACKS LEAD**

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As the chief executive officer of the convention, Herman, 43, oversaw a \$35 million budget and had oversight over all policy, execution and planning at the convention.

New York City, which estimated that the convention would bring \$500 million to the local economy, contributed \$20.8 million of the DNCC's \$35 million budget with the DNCC picking up the rest.

Herman, who four years ago served as a senior advisor to Jesse Jackson's presidential bid and was his deputy convention manager during the Democratic National Convention in Atlanta, had to make sure the DNCC's 200 staffers and the 6,000 volunteers were ready for the numerous things that could have gone wrong.

Black businesses benefitted in numerous ways from the convention. Herman's spokeswoman, Flo McAfee, said just before the convention started that 35 percent of all contracts for services had been awarded to minority firms.

"We have more minority participation—particularly by African-Americans and Hispanics—than there has ever been in the history of the party," Herman told Black Enterprise recently.

Cooper, 38, had been responsible for the management and operation of the actual convention since spring 1991. He served in 1988 as the podium producer for the Atlanta Democratic National Convention and joined the Democratic National Committee in late 1990.

Other blacks with top roles at the convention included attorney Hartina Flournoy, as general counsel; Maxine Griffith, director of convention hall planning and management; Lujan Johnson, director of the hotels that were the headquarters of the various operations; Michael Pitts, director of transportation; and Marilyn Shaw, director of volunteer services.

The list of blacks in important behind-the-scenes positions included Yolanda Caraway, as senior advisor to the DNCC chairman; Howie Davis, special assistant to Herman; James Day, deputy of candidate, congressional and other arrangements; Leah Daughtry, director of the convention manager's office, and Michele Brown, executive assistant to the chief executive officer.

**MARTIN STREET**

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lection by Nikki Branch followed, as well as a sermon by Beverly Burnett.

Following the theme, "Fresh Endeavors," renditions of "Lift Ev'ry Voice and Sing" and "America the Beautiful" were presented. Two selections were given from the works of Paul Laurence Dunbar.

Sharing in this special observance were youth from other area churches. They are participants in a special summer program at Fuller Elementary School. One very young participant recited passages from "The Prodigal Son," while the other recited James Weldon Johnson's poem "The Creation." The piano and vocal selections were done by several youth from the church.

Youth of the church also displayed their art. The banner showing African-American achievers was drawn by Victor Knight, Jr.

The family recreation and picnic had to be moved inside because of the intense heat.

During the afternoon, the guest pastor, Rev. Louis Sanders, and his choir arrived from Sparkill, N.Y. They were welcomed by Pastor Charles T. Bullock and later by the crowd of Martin Street members who were present.

Food was served following the viewing of the exhibits and videos in the lower level of the Johnson Building.

On Sunday, July 12, the worship leader was Ms. Mildred Goodson, steering committee co-chairman. The guest speaker was introduced by the other co-chairman, Ms. Mae Delaney.

Rev. Sanders, the guest speaker, stated that he is a native of Plymouth and is a graduate of N.C. A&T State University. He informed the audience that he was

**Supervisor Sues Prison, Cites Racism**

SEATTLE, Wash. (AP)—A McNeil Island Corrections Center supervisor contends in a federal lawsuit that racism was behind his failure to win a promotion in 11 tries.

Herman Guillory, 60, of Tacoma joined the state Corrections Department in 1971 and worked his way up from driver through three counselor-level positions, his attorney Michael Ferrell told U.S. District Judge John Coughenour in an opening statement Monday.

Since 1978, when Guillory became a corrections-unit supervisor at McNeil Island, he has been passed over 11 times for advancement to associate superintendent at various state prisons.

Guillory earned a bachelor's degree in psychology in 1977 and a master's degree in public administration in 1984, Ferrell said.

Guillory was told he didn't get the jobs because he had poor command of the English language, Ferrell said, noting that his client's Louisiana Creole background could account for that.

But Ferrell contended the real reason Guillory, who is black, was not promoted was racism.

Attorneys for the state declined to give an opening statement Monday. But in court papers, the state contends that Guillory's failure to advance was because of poor performance during selection panel interviews or because he did not hold a high enough position to qualify. There is one job level between Guillory's job and that of associate superintendent.

The state has also noted that two of the positions Guillory did not get were filled by blacks.

Guillory is seeking a court order to promote him to associate superintendent, as well as back pay, damages, attorney's fees and other costs.

His current salary is \$3,307 per month. An associate superintendent earns between \$3,307 and \$4,232 per month.

Coughenour is hearing the case without a jury.

**Firm Donates \$100,000 For ChemCom Plan**

WASHINGTON, D.C.—Burroughs Wellcome Co., a North Carolina-based pharmaceutical firm, has donated \$100,000 to the American Chemical Society to support the society's Chemistry in the Community (ChemCom) program.

ChemCom is a high-school science curriculum designed primarily for college-bound students who have made career decisions in fields other than chemistry. ChemCom presents to students the underlying scientific concepts involved in a range of community issues. Students learn the relevance and importance of chemistry in everyday life.

The course places consistent, systematic emphasis on guiding students in becoming better decision-makers by examining alternative courses of action and their accompanying risks and benefits. "This 'user-friendly' introduction to chemistry is contributing to an increased interest among students in taking chemistry courses," said Michael Shea, ChemCom staff associate.

"Supporting ChemCom is a natural fit for us," said Dr. David Yeowell, Burroughs Wellcome vice president of technical development. "The program's content teaches very basic information, but it encourages students to explore science further."

Burroughs Wellcome made the grant in keeping with its support of kindergarten-through-12th-grade programs that concentrate on teacher development and training. "In the long run, he whole scientific community stands to gain from programs like this," Dr. Yeowell added.



**TAKING THE GUESSWORK OUT OF TORNADO PREDICTION**—Dr. Charles E. Anderson and colleagues at North Carolina State University have field-tested a technique they say can predict some 90 percent of tornadic thunderstorms as much as 30 minutes to two hours before a tornado occurs. The technique involves computer modeling based on selected weather data and frequent weather satellite feeds, like those shown here on Anderson's computer screen. (Photo by Herman Lankford, NCSU Visual Communications)

**Father Of Slain Teen Seeks \$300,000 Suit**

LOS ANGELES, Calif. (AP)—The father of a 15-year-old black girl shot to death by a Korean grocer told a judge he is her sole heir and wants the \$300,000 offered to settle a lawsuit brought by attorneys for the girl's siblings.

Latasha Harlins was shot to death on March 16, 1991, at Soon Ja Du's now-closed family store after an argument over whether she had paid for a bottle of orange juice. Mrs. Du was convicted of voluntary manslaughter and sentenced to probation.

The slain girl's father, Vester Acoff, appeared in Superior Court with an attorney last week to argue that he is her sole heir and should get the \$300,000 offered last month by an insurance company to settle a multimillion-dollar lawsuit.

Judge Gary Klausner had been expected to award the money to

Latasha's 11-year-old brother and 9-year-old sister. He said he will decide next Monday how the money should be spent.

A probate judge ruled earlier that Latasha's grandmother, Ruth Harlins, was legal guardian of the youngsters and administrator of the slain girl's estate.

After the hearing, deputies waiting outside the courtroom arrested Acoff on a 1988 felony marijuana possession warrant. Acoff's attorney, Geraldine Green, wouldn't discuss the case.

"I find that this is pathetic for a father to come from out of state to join a lawsuit with (Latasha's) brother and sister. ... I couldn't believe it," said Denise Harlins, the slain girl's aunt.

The shooting, which was recorded by a security camera and shown on television, exacerbated tensions between blacks and Koreans.

**Panhandler Thinks Race Not an Issue In Pa. Attack**

PHILADELPHIA, Pa. (AP)—A panhandler who was lured into a convenience store by the promise of free beer and then beaten and shot said he did not think the attack was racially motivated.

Leon Brown, 25, was discharged after being treated at the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania with bruises, head cuts and a graze wound from a bullet on the left side of his head, a nursing supervisor said Sunday.

Police charged Young Dong Chung, 31, the store manager; Sung Mim-park, 27, and Sung Song, 38, with assault and related charges. Chung was also charged with violating firearms laws. The three were freed Saturday after making \$10,000 bail each.

Police said Brown was asking people for change outside a West Philadelphia market late Thursday night when a store worker asked him to leave. When he didn't, police said, they invited him inside the store for a free beer and then beat and kicked him.

Brown told The Philadelphia Inquirer he frequently stood outside the store to hustle money. On the night he was beaten, he said, he had been washing car windows for pocket change.

He described being invited into the store and getting a bottle of beer from a store employee.

"He tells the customers to leave the store and locks the doors. I say, 'Hey, what about me?' Then one guy kicked me in the head. They turned out the lights and took me to the back of the store and began beating my head."

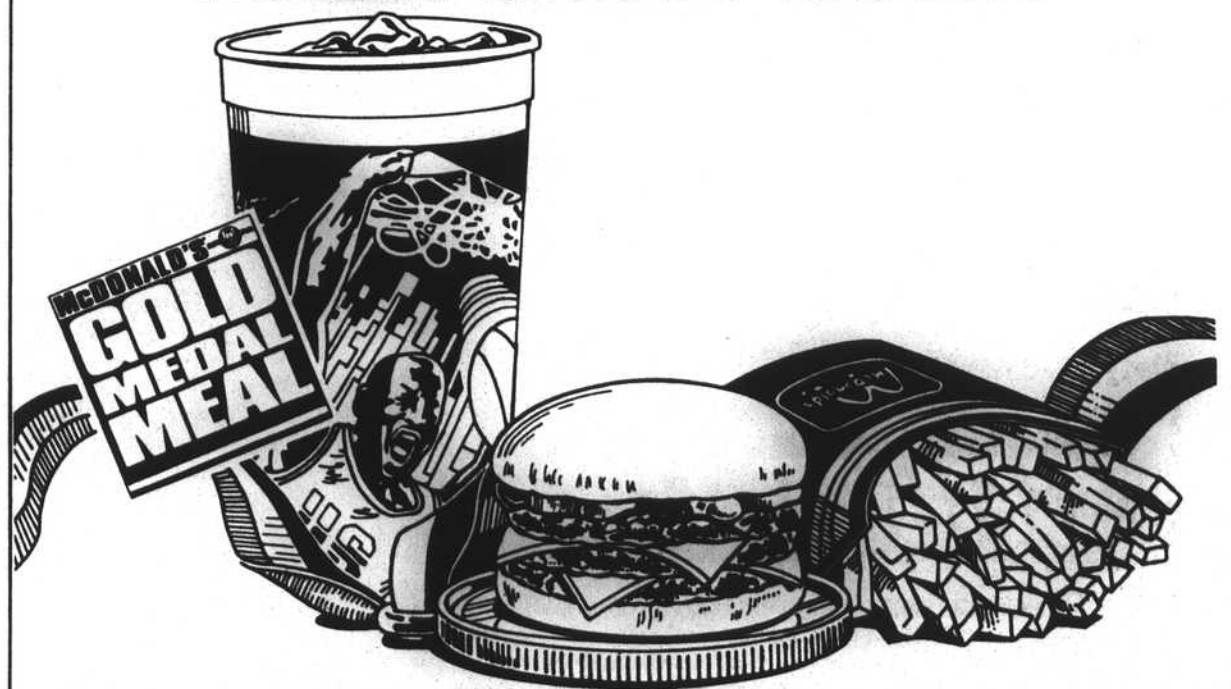
Brown, who is black, said he doesn't blame racial prejudice for the attack.

"All I can say is they were wrong for what they did," he said.

**Auto Theft Affects Everyone's Insurance**

Auto theft has become an \$8 billion-a-year illegal business, says Esther Peterson, consumer advisor to the National Association of Professional Insurance Agents. For answers to insurance questions, write her at 400 N. Washington St., Dept. NU, Alexandria, VA 22314-9980. (News USA)

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