MLK holiday impresses some young people

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The Martin Luther King Jr. holiday meant more to Damien and Justin Perkins than a day off from classes at Thomas Worthington High School in Ohio.

For the two brothers attending a celebration at Worthington United Methodist Church Monday, it brought home the fact that they could attend the upper-middle class school near Columbus after all.

"We can see the effects now," said Damien, who at 18, was born after King was assassinated in 1968.

Added 14-year-old Justin: "Everyone can go to the same schools. There's probably still discrimination, but I don't see that much of it myself."

King's dream was that all young blacks would some day feel as Justin does, and all across the state government offices and schools were closed to allow Ohioans time to commemorate King's message of nonviolence and racial equality.

In Athens, in southeast Ohio, residents remembered by refurbishing the Mount Zion Baptist Church. Volunteers stripped and revarnished the floors and pews and laid new carpeting in the 92-year-old church.

King visited Ohio University in December 1959 as a participant in a student ecumenical church conference. Although he did not preach at Mount Zion during his visit, project coordinator Nick Zefran said King visited many church members.

On Sunday, civil rights activist Rev. Al Sharpton urged nearly 1,100 people gathered at the New Friendship Baptist Church in Cincinnati to continue King's work.

"Many of us will forget it's a holiday we had to fight for," said Sharpton, president of the Rainbow Coalition of New York. "The least we can do is teach our children what Dr. King is about.

"He shut down bus stations and changed the way of the South."

Virgil Watkins, 52, participated in civil rights demonstrations while he was a student at Fisk University in Nashville from 1966 to 1970.

Watkins, a resident at the Cherry Street Mission in Toledo, said he believes that although segregation has been outlawed and open contempt for minorities is rare in most places, racism has taken new forms.

"When I was a kid in the '60s, I knew I couldn't go out to Grosse Pointe," he said, referring to the affluent suburb of Detroit. "But now, you feel it more than you see it."

But Liz Pierson, chairwoman of Toledo Neighborhood Block Watch, said blacks are better able to challenge discrimination because of King's courage.

"He made it clear that there is an answer," she said. "And that we should go and find it."

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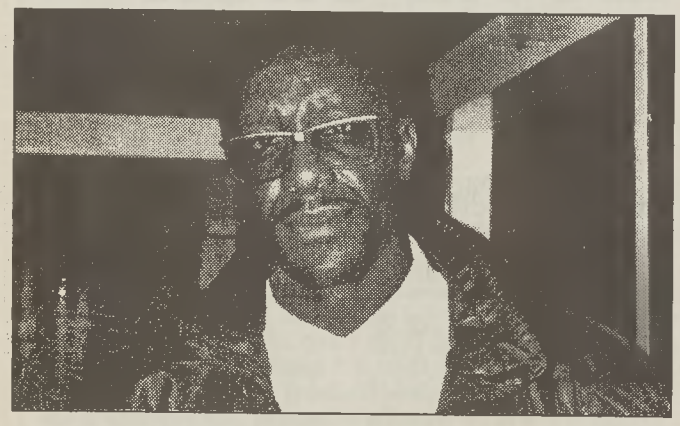

Ken Stanford

Sharon McLeod

Ken Stanford, 34, is originally from Detroit. He moved to Charlotte three months ago. Stanford is a territory manager for Toshiba.

He's is looking for someone who is religious and likes to listen to jazz music.

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Sharon McLeod, 30, is a resident in Vass, N.C. She enjoys playing basketball and is a member of the Church of God of Vass. She works for the Moore County school system.

McLeod said she is tired of meeting men who do not have jobs. She is searching for an intelligent man who has a job.

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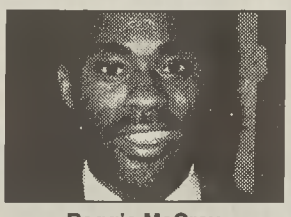
Reggie McCray, 32, is a Charlotte native. He enjoys playing any kind of sports, especially football and basketball. He is a machine operator.

McCray said he is fed up with dating women with children. He is open to date any female who does not have children.



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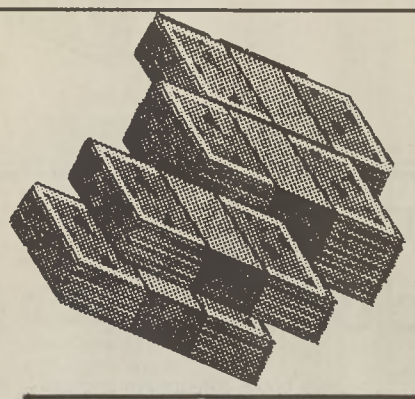

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0 - Sea Biscuit
1 - Black Beauty
2 - Gallant Fox
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4 - Centurion
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8 - Golden Trot
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Charlotte Post Bill Buster Derby

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