

Election sparks unrest

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 peacekeepers opened fire, killing two people and wounding four. The body of the second victim was not seen.

In the hills above Port-au-Prince, hundreds of scream-

ing protesters stormed into the upscale Montana hotel, where election officials have announced results of Tuesday's elections. Protesters have alleged the electoral commission is manipulating the vote count

to prevent Preval from winning a first-round victory in this battered and poor Caribbean nation.

Helicopters landed on the roof to evacuate people. No violence was reported at the hotel.

Big names running for county board

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there's no presidential race, but CMS remains a lightning rod as public confidence in the board continues to flag. On Tuesday, the board voted to back its own education reform plan, although public momentum has been building for recommendations pushed by a business-

backed task force.

Taxes and social programs will also be a campaign issue. Federal cutbacks to health care programs and education will force local municipalities to either pick up the tab or scale back services.

McGarry is the latest

school board member to test the waters in a county election. Rembert, who lost an at-large race for school board in 2003, was elected commissioner a year later. Last year, incumbent school board representative George Dunlap lost an at-large commissioners race.

Surgeon keynotes banquet

Johns Hopkins pediatric neurosurgeon Dr. Benjamin Carson will keynote Duke Energy's



Carson

Minority Professional Association's 10th annual Scholarship Banquet Feb. 27.

The banquet will be held at the Hilton Charlotte

Center City on Feb. 28 at 7 p.m., with a silent auction and reception preceding the banquet at 5 p.m.

Carson is director of the division of pediatric neurosurgery at Johns Hopkins Medical Institutions.

Proceeds will go to the MPA's scholarship program, which has provided approximately \$500,000 in minority scholarships throughout the Carolinas since 1997.

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