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Happy Birthday!!!

Thomas Lindsay of Detroit, Mich., was just one of the thousands of people from all over the world who braved below freezing temperatures, snow and many miles to help wish Dr. Martin Luther King, sponsored by singer Stevie Wonder was held at the Washington Monument and a benefit concert was held the next day at the D.C. civic center. More pictures on page 2.

New Fight Brewing Over CD Fund Use

By Mari Wooden and Donna Oldham Staff Writers

Representatives of various neighborhood groups in the city are divided over the question of whether to relocate or revitalize areas of East Winston.

While some feel that relocation in existing housing is the key, regardless of where it is, another group felt it more important to take federal community development funds and refurbish already existing neighborhoods. A third group felt it was more important to take the development funds and build new housing before tearing down the old.

"It is obvious to anyone who has any intelligence, that the houses in East Winston need to be demolished and people relocated," said Alderman Virginia Newell, following Monday night's board of aldermen meeting.

Mrs. Newell's comments came in light of heated discussions between the aldermen and members of the neighborhood groups about the city's proposed application for over \$2 million in federal community development money for fiscal 1982, which begins June 30.

"I am trying to get decent homes for people all over the city. That's what the East Winston Restoration Association is all about," Newell said, continuing, "The people who live in these homes have begged for me to do something."

Roy O. Miller, chairman of the East Winston Restoration Association, asked the board and Mayor Wayne A. Corpening to take a foot tour from East 11th Street and Cleveland Avenue to continue to Cameron and Gray Avenue to "see the homes that aren't fit to live in."

"Some of the houses can't keep heat and pipes freeze. Kids can't go to school because there's no water or heat for them to get ready in. Children of both sexes often sleep in the same beds 'cause it's the only way they can keep warm," Miller said.



Benjamin Erlitz

Virginia Newell

Benjamin Erlitz, an attorney with the Legal Aid Society of Northwest N.C., challenged the idea of relocation calling it "a meat-ax approach we can't afford."

"It's a mistake to spend over \$2 million to destroy homes. It's a bad investment to end up with empty space," Erlitz said, continuing, "The city will have a high

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200,000 Demand National King Day

By Donna Oldham Staff Writer

More than 200,000 black people proclaimed their own holiday and celebrated it in Washington last Thursday for the whole world to see.

Led by singer Stevie Wonder, and politicians, movie stars and dignitaries, people from all over the world converged on the nation's capital to lend their support in making Dr. Martin Luther King's birthday a national holiday.

Bundled for cold and snow, the crowd, who all forsook their jobs and school to take part in the rally heard the keynote address by King's son, Martin III, who gave stirring and spirited rendition of his father's speech "How Long?"

"My father had a speech that he loved which asked 'How Long, Lord?'" And the answer would be 'Not Long.'

Now I'm asking," said the young King, "How long will it be Lord before we can have a national holiday? Not long. No lie, no matter how strong, or how

long it's told can live forever."

While King spoke people in the audience whispered and nodded their approval. "Lord, that child sounds just like his daddy don't he," an elderly woman said.

Earlier Thursday morning, approximately 5,000 people had braved the cold weather and beginnings of a two inch snow fall to participate in a march down Martin Luther King Avenue in Anacostia's third annual Martin Luther King day parade.

Although Wonder led the march in the beginning, curious observers and overzealous fans made his completion of the walk impossible. A police cruiser was summoned and Wonder was driven away.

Although the crowd at both the march and the rally came mainly to see and hear Wonder, D.C. delegate Walter Fauntroy, newly elected chairman of the Congressional Black Caucus and a colleague of King's served as master of ceremonies at the Washington Monument rally.

"After you leave this rally, I want you to go and find your congressman and tell him to demand that he or she vote to make Martin Luther King's birthday a national holiday," Fauntroy urged the crowd.

Activist/comedian Dick Gregory reminded the crowd that the last time Congress had voted on the subject of King's birthday, the bill was defeated by five votes. "This year if they don't pass it, we'll make them sorry. If they don't vote the right way, then when it comes re-election time, we as citizens will vote the right way," said Gregory, continuing, "If Martin's birthday isn't made a holiday this time, next year we'll bring two

million niggers instead of 200,000."

D.C. Mayor Marion Barry, who was booed by a

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Zaharah Simmons, left, NBIPP national coordinator; the Rev. Ben Chavis, center, and Barbara Arnwine, right, during last Saturday's organizational meeting of the state branch of the NBIPP.

Broadie Blasts City Critics

By Donna Oldham Staff Writer

developing a shopping center in East Winston are untrue.

The city's economic development coordinator Valerie Broadie told the Chronicle Monday that says that insinuations by a local black group that the city had not done all it could to aid them in

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National Black Party Meets

By C.B. Hauser Special To The Chronicle

"Blacks in other countries and third world peoples everywhere know of our leadership and who we are. Everyone knows who we are but us."

These words were spoken last Saturday by Zoharah Simmons, National Coordinator of the National Black Independent Political Party (NBIPP).

The National Black Independent Political Party of North Carolina held its statewide organization meeting Saturday at the Patterson Avenue YMCA.

According to Barbara Arnwine, a Raleigh lawyer and state party coordinator, North Carolina has been divided into eight organizational districts with three in the eastern part of the state where most of the black population is concentrated. Winston-Salem/Forsyth County is located in region III.

The NBIPP was formed last August during a meeting in Philadelphia, Pa., which was attended by approximately 1500 people from 27 states. North Ward Alderman Larry D. Little was a delegate to the convention and was one of the organizers of Saturday's meeting.

Ms. Simmons was keynote speaker for the group which

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Exploring Gay World

By C.B. Hauser Special To The Chronicle

Although our society has a "hush, hush attitude" toward the discussion of sex, two events happened in Winston-Salem last week which ran counter to this attitude.

On Monday night a group of our citizens appeared

before the school board, some demanding more and others asking for less sex education instruction in our public schools.

On Tuesday night a larger group attended a Mental Health Association sponsored seminar aimed at developing a better understanding of the problems presented by homosexuality - sexual preference for persons of the

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Locals Brave Cold For King Day Rally

By Mari Wooden Staff Writer

Braving the 40 degree temperature, a crowd of approximately 200 persons gathered at the NCNB plaza at noon last Thursday to commemorate the 52nd birthday of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

The program was hastily organized by concerned citizens with hopes that the local event would coincide with a national celebration held in Washington, D.C.

Alderman Virginia Newell began the program by welcoming citizens to the ceremony, honoring Martin Luther King as "a man of God, a Nobel Peace Prize winner, a man who exposed the racism, discrimination and injustice imposed on black Americans by America."

"I was saddened today when I went by my daughter's school over in Ardmore and saw no pictures or anything honoring the birthday of Dr. King. I

do know, however, that in 30 days there will be posters and pictures to honor George Washington and Abraham Lincoln. And in September the same things will be done to honor Christopher Columbus..."

Rev. Durnell in an emotion filled speech highlighted King's life. He said that "King was a compelling spokesman, the bridge from black to white

America." He further described King as a warrior for justice, a fighter for freedom and a soldier in the battle for justice. He urged the crowd to remember King's "I have a dream..." speech given at the Washington Monument and that the dream would not be fulfilled as long as the poor people are held hostage by hunger and poverty and black and brown people are held hostage by racism."

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Local Rally

To celebrate Martin Luther King Day in Winston-Salem, local residents assembled in the NCNB Bank Plaza during their lunch hours to honor the slain civil rights leader