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"He wanted to be remembered as one who tried to love and serve humanity."
-- Coretta Scott King

A DREAM REALIZED



Coretta Scott King said last week that President Reagan should join in the King observances (photo by Nancy Lou Shia).

Now it's reality

By JERRY KENION
Special To The Chronicle

■ The Chronicle offices will be closed on Monday, Jan. 20, in observance of the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday.

LOS ANGELES - A Jan. 20 network television program will culminate singer Stevie Wonder's six-year effort to see Americans celebrate Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s contributions to humanity.

Wearing a bright orange sweater with a green dragon on it, Wonder brought a touch of whimsy to an otherwise serious and subdued press conference last week. He was joined by Coretta Scott King, who heads the Martin Luther King Jr. Federal Holiday Commission, and Mary Pasetta, who will produce and direct the television special.

Wonder, who comes across as a gentle man and a gentleman, stood when someone whispered to him that Mrs. King was approaching her chair on the podium. That gesture of respect for Dr. King's widow set the tone for the event.

It was in 1980 that Wonder joined the struggle to create a national holiday honoring Dr. King. Wonder said the first thing he did, "after letting Motown (his record company) know, so they wouldn't be in shock," was to announce that he would go on tour to get out the word of his Please see page A7

King to be remembered locally in array of services, programs

Coalition plans full schedule of citywide activities for Jan. 20

By L.A.A. WILLIAMS
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A full slate of local activities before, during and after Jan. 20 will mark the first national holiday in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

While scores of local churches and community groups have planned memorial services and programs in Dr. King's honor, a coalition of citizens will sponsor a citywide celebration Monday.

The Martin Luther King Commemoration Committee, which includes representatives of the Baptist Ministers' Conference of Winston-Salem and Vicinity, the North Carolina Black Repertory Theater Company, the Winston-Salem NAACP branch, the East Winston Library, the Winston Lake Family YMCA, the East Winston Youth Group, Winston-Salem State University and radio station WAAA, has organized a series of daylong activities on Jan. 20 in memory of the slain civil rights leader.

Those activities will coincide with the national observance of Dr. King's birthday, which actually falls on Jan. 15. The act making the third Monday of January a federal holiday in honor of Dr. King was passed by Congress in late 1983 after 16 years of effort by King's family, friends and supporters. The city's aldermen followed suit earlier this month by designating Jan. 20 as a holiday for city employees.

Dr. King is the first black American to be



Martin Luther King Jr.: 1929-1968.

honored with a national holiday.

A "Unity March" and program were held by faculty and students at WSSU on Dr. King's birthday Wednesday. Dr. William H. Turner, chairman of the WSSU department of social science and one of the organizers of the event, said the service was held earlier because the students will not be in school on Monday.

"We felt that the entire campus should have Please see page A14

Four aldermen support naming arena for Joel

By L.A.A. WILLIAMS
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A proposal to name the new coliseum after black Vietnam veteran Lawrence Joel is gaining support, reveals a poll of the city's aldermen.

The aldermen are expected to decide on a name for the yet-to-be-built new arena in the first half of this year, according to City Manager Bill Stuart. But one alderman says she already is

prepared to formally propose the Joel name.

"I will make the recommendation that it be named the Lawrence Joel Coliseum for the reasons stated," says East Ward Alderman Virginia K. Newell. "I believe it is proper and fitting."

Mrs. Newell says the measure should be introduced "within the next two or three months."

Joel is the only Winston-Salem native to win the Congressional Medal of Honor. He received the Please see page A13

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Wood: YES	Harpe: NO	Womble: YES	Hairston: YES
Burke: UNDECIDED	Newell: YES	Northington: UNDECIDED	Frye: UNDECIDED

Kennedy and Burke file for seats in state House

By L.A.A. WILLIAMS
Chronicle Staff Writer

One of Forsyth County's two black representatives to the state House filed for re-election this week, while a new face has emerged to challenge for the other seat.

As expected, Annie Brown Kennedy, Forsyth County's representative from the 66th House District, filed for office Monday.

Mrs. Kennedy, 61, a Winston-Salem lawyer, said in a prepared

statement, "I am extremely appreciative of having the opportunity to represent the citizens of Forsyth County in the North Carolina General Assembly. ... I have worked hard to represent the various interests of my constituents. ... If nominated and elected, ... I pledge to continue to represent my constituents to the best of my ability."

Filing Wednesday afternoon to run in Forsyth County's other predominantly black district was Please see page A3

Fla. funeral home owner refuses to accept black woman's body

By The Associated Press

FELLSMERE, Fla. - It seemed like something out of post-Civil War days. But Police Chief Daniel Onorato was told that it's standard practice for funeral home operators in this Indian River County town to refuse to pick up the bodies of blacks and other minorities.

Police called the Pottinger and Son Funeral Home to pick up the body of a woman who died at her home. Pottinger's is one of three funeral homes that pick up northern Indian River County residents who die at home, police said Wednesday.

But when funeral home owner Daniel Pottinger Sr. arrived, Onorato said he asked: "Why did you call me? White funeral homes don't pick up blacks."

As the family of Willie Coleman, whose age was not available, looked on, Pottinger climbed back into his hearse and drove away, an officer told Onorato of the Dec. 29 incident.

"He (Pottinger) said it's a standard policy they've had for many years, an unwritten law, that they didn't pick up blacks, Haitians and Mexicans," Onorato said. "I couldn't believe that. I said this was 1986. We don't have bias on race, color or creed."

The police chief said he asked Indian River County Sheriff Tim Dobeck to strike the funeral home from a rotating list used for area body pickups, which Onorato said bring in business for the homes while providing a public service to an area with no other means to get the job done.

But Dobeck said Pottinger would stay on the list.

"There are only two other funeral homes in the north county," Dobeck said. "The funeral homes do us a favor in that they don't charge us for picking up the body. There's no contract."

The Stone Brothers Funeral Home, an area business serving mainly black clients, Please see page A2



Louise G. Wilson's daughter, Louise L. Wilson, accepts the Charles McLean Award for her mother (photo by James Parker).

Mrs. Wilson honored with McLean Award

By L.A.A. WILLIAMS
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More than 750 members, supporters and friends of Winston-Salem's branch of the NAACP turned out Sunday night for the branch's annual Freedom Fund Banquet at the M.C. Benton Convention Center.

Among the evening's highlights was the presentation of the Hanes Group/Charles McLean Community Service Award to Louise G. Wilson, a keynote address by Marshall Bass, vice president of R.J. Reynolds Industries Inc., and the official changing of the guard of the NAACP's leadership.

Hanes Group President Paul Fulton presented the McLean Award, which is named for former State NAACP Field Secretary and local resident Charles McLean and recognizes service to the local community.

Fulton praised Mrs. Wilson, who retired in December as director of the Experiment in Self-Reliance Inc., for guiding ESR's outreach programs in housing, job training, feeding the elderly, budget counseling, emergency assistance and community organization.

Louise Lynette Wilson Please see page A2