

National NEWS



Remembering The Dream

ATLANTA, GA — Coretta Scott King, left, widow of slain civil rights leader Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr., and the Rev. Jesse Jackson, center, clasp hands as the Rev. Bernice Albertine King, King's daughter, looks on during closing ceremonies of the 25th Annual Ecumenical Service to honor Dr. King in Atlanta on Monday. Jackson is wearing the MLK, Jr. Peace Prize he received at the service.

Job Discrimination Claims

WASHINGTON, D.C. — The Equal Opportunity Commission reported last week that job discrimination complaints reached their second highest level in history during 1992. Records of such complaints have been kept since 1964. According to the EEOC, there were 70,339 complaints filed — just 410 short of the 1988 record. The most commonly filed complaint was discrimination based on race, which accounted for nearly 41 percent of all complaints.

No Charges Against Rodney King

LOS ANGELES — Prosecutors in Los Angeles have decided against filing charges against black motorist Rodney King over the incident that led to his brutal videotaped beating by four white police officers. King could have been charged with drunk-driving and evading arrest but the prosecutors issued a statement saying they decided not to "in the interest of justice." It was the virtual exoneration of the four officers who beat King that prompted last spring's Los Angeles riots. King is still negotiating a financial settlement with the city.

Charges Brought Against Officers

LOS ANGELES, CA — Only 230 prospective jurors out of a pool of nearly 4,500 said they would be willing to be sequestered for at least two months in the upcoming federal trial of the four white police officers accused in the videotaped beating of black motorist Rodney King. The trial is scheduled to begin on February 2. The difficulty in getting a jury adds to the controversy surrounding the case. Already, it has been learned that a secret copy of the government's case against the four white officers was leaked to the attorney for one of the officers. The federal government has brought civil right charges against the officers.

Black Tourist In Critical Condition

TAMPA, FL — The black New York tourist who was robbed and set afire by three white men near Tampa, Florida remained in serious condition last week with first and second degree burns over 40 percent of his body. The three whites have been charged with robbery and attempted murder. One of the men was denied bond. The burning of 31-year-old Christopher Wilson of Brooklyn, N.Y. appears to have been racially motivated.

Jackson Takes Basketball Owners To Task

DALLAS, TX — Prompted by racist remarks from Cincinnati Reds owner Marge Schott, national black political leader Jesse Jackson last week called upon the owners of major league baseball to adopt "affirmative action programs to develop minorities for power positions" in the front offices of the sport. Jackson met with the owners and in effect, warned them that he was establishing a national commission to monitor minority issues in both professional and college sports. The group Jackson, recently formed is called the Rainbow Commission on Fairness in Athletics. He also threatened to organize boycotts of those teams which did not advance minorities as team lawyers, accountants and managers. As for colleges, Jackson said the Rainbow Commission would rate them according to graduation rates and minority hiring.

Fraud Charges In Kenya

NAIROBI, KENYA — The east African nation of Kenya has held its first multi-party democratic elections in 26 years. But opposition groups are accusing the ruling party of President Daniel Arap Moi of fraud. Moi won the presidential race even though the opposition groups gathered more than 60 percent of the total vote. Kenya has long been one of Africa's most stable and prosperous countries, but it has never been a democratic country. Observers fear the opposition to Moi could lead to violence. Moi has been president since he succeeded Jomo Kenyatta in 1978. Despite his victory, several of his top political associates lost their races.

Blacks Urged To Form Wealth Clubs

WASHINGTON, D.C. — "Every problem facing black America, from family deterioration to poor health, could be eliminated or significantly reduced if there were more financial security and wealth in our communities." Those are the words of James W. Nathan, founder of a new black self-help organization. The group — Wealth Clubs of America is a non-profit organization which details how small groups of blacks can form wealth-building clubs and produce large sums of money, should write: B.L.C., P.O. Box 28422, Washington, D.C. The material is free, but include \$1.00 to cover postage.

Savimbi's Headquarters Captured



UNITA — Rebel leader Jonas Savimbi is seen in this 1989 file photo during a visit he made to Washington, D.C. Government troops captured Savimbi's headquarters Saturday after defeating rebel forces in a street-by-street battle.

They Came To Honor King

Among those who proffered their thoughts on what would have been the civil rights leader's 64th birthday were a student, a judge and a preacher.

"There's a major disease out there," said Kendrick Sexton, a student at East Forsyth High School. "It's a disease that kills people. It's a disease created by mankind. That disease is called racism."

The cure, he told the attentive gathering, is love.

"There's no question we live better than our parents," said Loretta Biggs, a Forsyth County district court judge. "There's no question that black purchasing power is at an all-time high. There's no question that in the field of entertainment we reign supreme."

But, she said, we have to ask ourselves who is filling the jails and

prisons of our country. "Why are 60 percent of all black babies born to single mothers? Why do we continue to abuse and misuse our talent?"

"Have we picked up the baton?" she asked the audience. "Our forefathers built bridges with no tools. Now we have the tools."

And the people applauded. "It's time to stop the killing with guns or drugs or just plain old indifference."

And the people applauded. "You don't have to reject King to embrace Malcolm."

And the people applauded and gave her a standing ovation when she finished her stirring speech.

Ed Christman, the chaplain at Wake Forest University, told the audience that King's "strength came not from himself but from God."

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Ginny Britt, executive director of the Crisis Control Ministry, said that every chair in the waiting room at the ministry is full. Thirty years later, after the March on Washington, poverty still exists, she said.

She told the audience that Polly, who comes to the ministry to get help for her prescriptions, dreams that one day she will have health insurance. Larry, another ministry client who has been laid off, said his dream is to be able to pay his mortgage. Ruth's dream is to get off welfare.

"My dream is that all their dreams are realized," Britt said.

The Rev. Dr. Kelly O. P. Goodwin, pastor emeritus of Mount Zion Baptist Church and the keynote speaker, offered a pastiche of thoughts, most of which focused on developing the mind.

"If you don't develop your

mind, you will be a slave," he said. He stressed the importance of cultivating the mind, and said it is "the one thing nobody can take away from you."

He told the audience that America is the greatest "experiment on whether people can live together," but you have to learn to understand yourself. "Until you understand yourself, you're a dangerous person. Nobody knows what he's going to do, or to whom he's going to do it to."

"We don't want to be white, we want to be what we is," he said, evoking laughter.

"I call upon you to make Winston-Salem the best place in the world."

Before the crowd dispersed, its members joined hands and sang the civil rights anthem, "We Shall Overcome."

Bethania Landowner

problems with the deed. He speculates that Byers' father was "swindled" by his brother Isaac in the transfer of land 83 years ago.

Isaac may have led William to

believe that William owned that land," Dawson said. "From what I heard, they were not on good terms." Tart is performing his services for free through an agreement

with Legal Aid Society of North Carolina. So far, he and his staff have spent over 50 billable hours researching Byers' chain of title.

"I know what's in the register

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of deeds," he said. "I'm going beyond that, to the artifacts and people who live out there. I'm trying to gather all the information possible so we can get to the bottom of this."

All-America Bid Includes CIAA As Key Project

By SHERIDAN HILL
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Rev. John Shields and Dorothy Graham-Wheeler are part of the group of 50 that is working for the All-America City status.

For the first time since 1964, Winston-Salem is applying for the All-America City rank — and the city's bid for the Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association tournament is a key part of that attempt. A kick-off luncheon was held Friday at the Lawrence Joel Veteran's Memorial Coliseum to generate support and enthusiasm for the project.

Three citizen-driven projects were chosen to satisfy the application requirements for All-America City: the Winston-Salem Forsyth County Coalition on Alcohol and Drug Problems; the CIAA tournament; and Common Vision, the area's long-term strategic plan for progressive and fair-minded development. The CIAA is the oldest black basketball conference in the nation, composed of 14

historically black colleges including Winston-Salem State University. After a two-year community-wide effort, Winston-Salem won the bid to host the CIAA tournament in 1994, 1995, and 1996. The All-America Committee, headed by Mayor Martha S. Wood, agreed that the Winston-Salem won the bid because of the high degree of cooperation between the white and black community.

John Davis III and Geneva B. Brown co-chair the committee, which has selected 50 individuals to help apply for the status of All-America City. Over 100 N.C. cities apply each year. Should the city be chosen as one of 30 finalists, it will be required to make a formal presentation in Tampa, Fla. May 20-22. From 30 finalists, only ten communities will win the title of All-America City.

Chronicle Award Nominees

The Winston-Salem Chronicle invites you to help in the selection of this year's recipients for our Man and Woman of the Year and for our Community Service Award.

Recipients will be chosen by the Chronicle staff and advisory board. Judging will be based as follows: The Man and Woman of the Year will be persons who have demonstrated an outstanding character trait, who serve as a model for others. This could be the fact that they have triumphed over some personal tragedy, or helped an individual (or group of people) overcome some obstacle in order to obtain a better standard of living. The incident or incidents for which the Man and Woman of the Year are being nominated must have occurred during the year of 1992.

The recipient of the Community Service Award will be judged based on his or her contribution to the African-American community. The individual must have demonstrated a commitment to serving the African-American community through his or her affiliation with community service agencies, community-oriented projects or community institutions, i.e., schools, churches, etc.

Your nominees (one for Man of the Year and one for Woman of the Year, the other for Community Service Award) should be Winston-Salem residents and will be recognized in the Jan. 28, 1993, special edition of the Chronicle as well as receive commemorative plaques.

Please print legibly and be as specific as possible in describing your nominees' accomplishments. Nominations must be received by the Chronicle no later than 5:30 p.m. on Jan. 22, 1993.

WOMAN OF THE YEAR

Nominee's Name _____
Nominee's Address _____
Occupation _____
Activities, memberships, affiliations _____

Please explain briefly why you think this person deserves to be "Woman of the Year".

Your Name _____
Your Address _____
Your Phone: Home _____ Work _____
Your Signature _____

MAN OF THE YEAR

Nominee's Name _____
Nominee's Address _____
Occupation _____
Activities, memberships, affiliations _____

Please explain briefly why you think this person deserves to be "Man of the Year".

Your Name _____
Your Address _____
Your Phone: Home _____ Work _____
Your Signature _____

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Nominee's Name _____
Nominee's Address _____
Occupation _____
Activities, memberships, affiliations _____

Please explain briefly why you think this person deserves to receive "Community Service Award".

Your Name _____
Your Address _____
Your Phone: Home _____ Work _____
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