Community

To Curb Violence Here, Teens Will Use Strategies from March on Washington By DAVID L. DILLARD

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Youths who attended the 30th Anniversary March on Washington celebration said King's dream can become reality and believe his nonviolent principles would offset vioamong Winston-Salem lence youths.

Tamarian McIntyre a junior at Mt. Tabor High School, and Lakeshia Cobb, a freshman at West Forsyth, were among 10 youths statewide selected to participate in the remembrance of slain civil rights leader Martin Luther King Jr.

McIntyre, said she felt it was important for them to attend the celebration because the dream needs to be passed down to today's youth.

"It was a new experience for me," she said. "King was a part of my parents when he was alive, and (the celebration) keeps him a part of us.

Cobb, 14 — one of the youngest student leaders at the cele-

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bration - said the experience helped her acquire a deeper understanding of King's philosophy.

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"He's a part of my life now," Cobb said. "I've always read about him, but I learned more (at the march).

Both youths were impressed with the non-violent demonstration and wanted to form a similar organization in Winston-Salem.

Bessie Singletary, a consultant with KPCH Inc., a corporation formed from residents of the four public-housing communities, said they would start a local group to handle problems in a non-violent manner.

"Their attitudes changed," she said. "It was a spiritual movement."

Singletary said most of the 800 kids in attendance were from public-housing communities across the country. McIntyre lives in Kimberly Park, and Cobb lives in Cleveland Avenue Homes

KPCH's Bessie Singletary discusses trip with Tamarian McIntyre and Lakeshia Cobb

proves they can get along," she said. Singletary said a local youth committee will be formed employing conflict resolution and non-vio-

lent push for change.

"They wanted to come back here and do some of the things they saw," she said.

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The perception of congressmen as "fat cats in Washington doing nothing" is not an accurate one. At least, according to Charlita Cardwell, who worked as an intern for 5th District Congressman Steve Neal this summer. Cardwell, a junior economics

major at Wake Forest University, was impressed by Neal's efforts to serve all the people he represents.

"He's committed to all of his constituents," she said. "It's amazing how he has loyalty to Democrats and Republicans — even those who didn't vote for him.

Cardwell, 19, who has a twin sister, Charbeda, has always had an interest in politics because she grew up around it.

Her mother, Joan Cardwell, recently became chairwoman of the Forsyth County board of elections, and her father, Charles Cardwell, worked with County Commissioner Mazie Woodruff.

Cardwell's experience as an intern on Capitol Hill enabled her to do research, talk with lobbyists as well as constituents, and attend congressional hearings and sessions.

how government works," she said.

Charlita Cardwell "I have gained a new respect for our representatives."

After doing an internship for District Attorney Tom Keith last year, coupled with her previous internship, her aspirations are to become an international corporate lawyer

"I've been around politics all my life, and politics and law go hand in hand," she said.

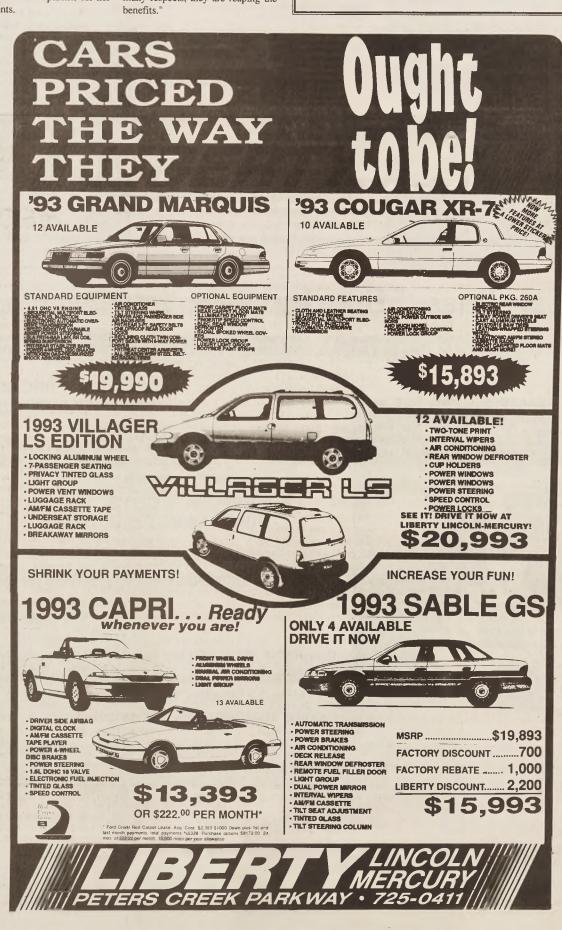
Cardwell's ambition changed with her internship, as she now seeks the legal end of politics instead of an elected position.

"Before, I would have consid-"It was a chance to find out ered an elected position," she said,

"but there are too many political, moral and social ramifications to consider."

Cardwell, who also serves on the local Urban League's board of directors, credits her parents for her achievements.

"My accomplishments are a testament to my parents," she said. They believe the best investment is in your children. My parents have worked tirelessly for us and now in many respects, they are reaping the benefits.



Farrakhan to Speak Sept. 18

Louis Farrakhan will speak on Greensboro's Corbett Sports Arena. Sept., 18 at the Lawrence Joel Veterans Memorial Coliseum. Doors open at 5 p.m. The program begins at 7 p.m.

In April of last year, Farrakhan came to Winston-Salem's Benton Convention Center, speaking to a gathering of nearly 4,000 people on



Farrakhan's appearance will cap Winston-Salem's 1st Annual Unity Day Celebration. Youth workshops and a ministerial conference are scheduled to take place earlier in the day at the coliseum.

Farrakhan has made two recent public addresses in the Triad. In November 1990, he spoke to an audience of approximately 6,500 in

behalf of the Winston-Salem Four.

Conferences and workshops are free and will be open to the public.

The admission fee to Farrakhan's lecture is \$10. The public is invited to attend.

For further information call 725-9888, 761-1008 or 273-0824.

