

FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

By Hoyle H. Martin Sr

Mecklenburg County Commission chairperson Elizabeth Hair, said at the groundbreaking ceremonies of the Berean Seventh-Day Adventist Church's evangelistic education center on Sunday, "This is a milestone and a dream, a milestone of growth for Christian education and Christian leadership and the realization of a dream for more quality education in our community."

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Incumbent City Council woman Betty Chafin announced on Tuesday that she will seek re-election as an at-large member to the Charlotte City Council. In a prepared statement she said on the steps of City Hall, "My first two years on the Council have been filled with challenges, opportunities for learning, some frustrations, but most significant, a genuine sense of accomplishment. I believe my presence has made a difference. I am asking the people of Charlotte to permit me to serve them for two more years." We support her candidacy.

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NAACP director-designee Benjamin Hooks said in a television interview on Sunday that here are a number of questionable points with regard to President Carter's commitment and performance where Blacks are concerned. However, the former Federal Communications Commissioner said that attorney general Griffin Bell is doing "a remarkably good job."

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The Carter administration is asking Congress this week to provide government subsidies to families that adopt hard-to-place children - the handicapped and-or members of some minority groups. Such subsidies will enhance considerably opportunities for black children to get a permanent home.

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Reports out of Washington indicate that the next FBI director will probably not be among the five "finalists" previously mentioned by the



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Carter administration. Law enforcement experts say William Lucas, the 49-year old black sheriff of Wayne County (Detroit) Michigan, will probably be dropped from consideration after disclosures that he accepted free trips from influential people. The other candidates may be scrapped because they have some questionable past experiences, they're too young, just average or not Democrats.

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Vernon Weaver, head of the Small Business Administration admitted at a U.S. Senate hearing last week that white people had reaped huge profits from government programs designed to start black owned businesses. Reportedly, minority businessmen served as paid "fronts" for the whites.

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WBTV To Air "Best Friends" Tuesday Night

"Best Friends," a comedy about the zany adventures of a group of teen-agers from varying backgrounds, who

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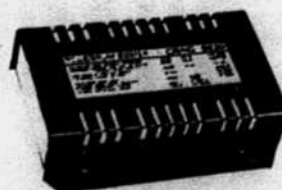
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