

FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

By Hoyle H. Martin Sr.
Post Executive Editor

Between June 1976 and June 1977, the average cost of a new home in the United States increased from \$47,000 to \$53,100, according to data released by the Federal Home Loan Bank Board.

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The Black Political Caucus, with the implied concurrence of the Black Women's Caucus and the Black Ministerial Fellowship Alliance, endorsed Jim Whittington for mayor and Harvey Gantt, Betty Chafin and Milton Short as council at-large for the September 27 primary.

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Newly appointed U.S. Attorney and former N.C. State legislator, H.M. Michaux, is involved in the prosecution of former Northwestern Bank board chairman Edwin Duncan Jr. Michaux said he will press for legislation to give the state more authority to regulate banks and bankers.

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Coretta Scott King, wife of the slain civil rights leader Martin Luther King Jr., was one of the three persons nominated by President Carter on Monday to join U.N. Ambassador Andrew J. Young at the 1977 session of the U.N. General Assembly.

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Since it is a "vital service" like fire and police protection, County Commissioner Bob



Walton said Monday he favors free ambulance for all citizens of Mecklenburg County. He said, "We don't pay (on an individual basis) for police and fire. Why should we pay for ambulance service? It's a vital service too."

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Charlotte's public schools are slowly becoming re-segregated, according to enrollment statistics released on Tuesday.

While the percentage of blacks enrolled in the Charlotte-Mecklenburg School System has increased by less than one percent since September of 1976, up to 36.3 percent, seven additional schools have gained majority black student populations.

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The Rev. Ralph D. Abernathy, civil rights leader and aid to the late Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., began a week-long

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UNCC To Offer Programs For Area Businesses

The University of North Carolina at Charlotte is offering two programs for area businesses and organizations.

The first is "How to Organize and Manage a Preventive Maintenance Program" Oct. 17-18 at the Sheraton Center.

The second program is "The Job of the Controller" Oct. 27-28 at the Sheraton Center.

The maintenance program is designed to help managers extend the life of equipment, increase safety, cut down on "emergency" repair calls, make more effective use of maintenance personnel and spare parts, and to reduce equipment downtime. The seminar director is Robert R. Ruhlin, director of the engineering management division of Syska & Hennesy, Inc.

The program for controllers is planned to help controllers and financial executives organize controllership tasks so that they can be performed

systematically, purposefully and with a high probability of achievement.

The director is Dr. Jerome V. Bennett, assistant professor of the School of Business

Administration at the University of Richmond.

For further information, call Dr. John Moore in Continuing Education at UNCC, 597-2424.

Deadline Set For Absentee Ballots

By Deborah Gates
Post Staff Writer

According to Glenda White, absentee supervisor for the Mecklenburg County Board of Elections, the deadline for the return of absentee ballots for the 1977 primary election is Monday, September 26 at 5 p.m. The deadline for a request for an application of absentee ballot was Wednesday, September 21.

According to Ms. White, voters may mail their ballots in to the board of elections, 710 East 4th Street, may come by and bring it in, or send it by someone. "Just as long as we receive it by September 26 at 5 p.m.," she said.

Ms. White said that as of September 15, 59 ballots have been sent out and 34 have already returned. She said many ballots come in close to the deadline and she is still expecting many more. As of the same time last year, 85 ballots were sent out and 82 came back on or before the deadline.

Ms. White said that all ballots must be notarized before their return. She said that many people do not get their ballots counted because they didn't get them back by the deadline. She emphasized that ballots postmarked by the 26 will not be counted if they are not in their office by September 26 at 5 p.m.

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