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# FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK



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Medical costs were among the main reasons the cost of living went up seven percent for retired urban couples from 1976 to 1977. The U.S. Department of Labor's yearly survey said an intermediate-level budget for a retired urban couple would have been \$7,198.

Wilmington 10 leader Ben Chavis has been refused permission to leave his prison cell to travel to Washington, D.C. to accept a human rights award from the Institute for Political Studies.

Gov. Jim Hunt said last week the wide two-to-one victory margin for liquor-by-the-drink in Mecklenburg County hasn't changed his mind about liquor drinking in any form. He indicated that he still opposes liquor no matter how you drink it.

Lew Massey, a second round draft pick by the NBA Los Angeles Lakers in June, has been placed on waivers. The at 6-6, he's a small Massey had been impressive, "but at 6-6, he's a small forward, and we already have two of the best in the NBA at that position..." Massey, the top scorer in UNCC basketball history, took the waiver announcement philosophically saying he wasn't upset and added, "something good'll happen."

Public-housing residents, usually blacks, are the most likely victims of Charlotte's leading crimes. These crimes according to a major survey by UNCC researchers, are burglary and larceny. In

a related development, the Mayor's Crime Commission is identifying data on crime rates in the city's seven council districts. The data will be used in a series of meetings titled, "Is Crime On Your Mind?" beginning in early October.

Through competition with 30 other colleges and universities, Atlanta University won a \$3 million grant to be used specifically to train more Black scientists and engineers. The grant, made available through the National Science Foundation, will establish a resource center for science and engineering training.

A recent nation-wide survey conducted by HUD says "Blacks encounter a 75 percent chance of discrimination in rentals and 62 percent on the purchase of a home." The survey was based on Blacks and whites who applied to the same four private housing agencies in various areas. HUD Secretary Patricia Harris said, "What the study means is that racial discrimination is still a serious problem in this country and we can't forget it."

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## Starring LeVar Burton

# "One In A Million" Is

## WBTB Tuesday Night Movie

LeVar Burton, who played the role of Kunta Kinte in "Roots," stars in "One in a Million: The Ron LeFlore Story," a new motion picture-for-television about the incredible rise of Detroit Tiger centerfielder Ron LeFlore from prison to the major leagues, to be broadcast on "The CBS Tuesday Night Movies," Tuesday, September 26, at 9 p.m. on WBTB, Channel 3.

Also starring in the film, which is based on the autobiography "Breakout" by LeFlore with Jim Hawkins, are Madge Sinclair, Paul Benjamin, James Luisi, Billy Martin (as himself), Zakes Mokae and Larry B. Scott. Former Tiger stars Al Kaline, Norm Cash, Jim Northrup and Bill Freehan also appear as themselves.

In the story, LeFlore, a 19-year-old hoodlum hanging out on the streets of Detroit, is sent to prison for armed robbery. Far from a model prisoner, he winds up in solitary confinement, again and again. He begins to mature when he learns that his younger brother, Gerald (Scott), is being drawn into the same street life of drugs and crime.

He is befriended by another inmate, Jimmy Karalla (Luisi), who encourages him to take up baseball. He is a natural, and soon becomes

the star of the team. Karalla, through his friendship with James Butsicaris, a restaurant owner on the outside who knows Detroit Tigers manager Billy Martin, arranges a

tryout for LeFlore, who impressed Martin with his tremendous rare talent.

The Tigers sponsor his eventual parole and assign him to the minor leagues.

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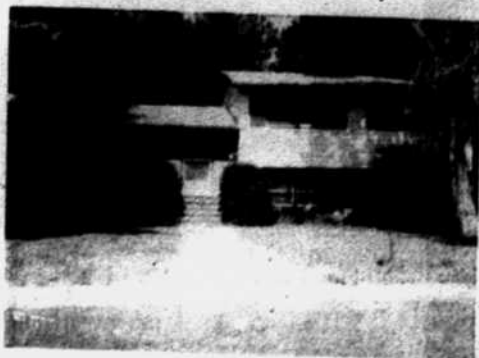
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