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Jackson To Speak At Carolina

CHAPEL HILL - The Rev. Jesse Jackson will deliver the fourth annual Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Lecture at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill on Tuesday, April 14.

Jackson, King's protegee during the civil rights movement of the 1960s, will speak at 8 p.m. in Memorial Hall. The lecture is free and open to the public.

A Baptist minister and civic leader, Jackson was co-founder and director of Operation Breadbasket, an organization of black businessmen and clergy in Chicago founded to promote black employment at businesses operating in black communities. The ideas were successful and spread to other American cities. Jackson was national director from 1967-71.

In December 1971 he founded Operation PUSH (People United To Save Humanity). Since then he has devoted his time to its development, focusing on improving the quality of the life of underprivileged and minority groups. He also worked to develop the PUSH For Excellence in Education (PUSH-EXCEL) program.

In 1979, Jackson toured Israel, Jordan, Lebanon and Egypt as an independent ambassador. He met with Palestine Liberation Organization leader Yasser Arafat and Egypt's President Anwar Sadat to work for a cease-fire between Palestine and Egypt. Jackson has called for United States and Israeli acceptance of the PLO.

Born in Greenville, S.C., Jackson lives in Chicago, Ill., where he is associate minister of the Fellowship Baptist Church. He has written several children's books and a biography of singer Mahalia Jackson.

Beachwood Acres Is Industrious Community

Residents of Beachwood Acres community have cleaned up their neighborhood that is. Two Sanitation Department trucks picked up the undesirables from curbside recently.

But there is more to the Beachwood Acres Community Association. The group meets each Wednesday at 7 p.m. According to member Cora Hubbard, this is an ambitious and industrious community organization. Their main interest lies in the betterment of their neighborhood and their goals include raising money to build their community.

For those who live in the Beachwood neighborhood and want to get involved in an organization concerned about Beachwood Acres' well-being, contact Maurice Hubbard, chairman of the Beachwood Community Association at his home, 392-4232.



Profanity is the use of strong words by weak people.



LOVELY MILDRED EVANS
...An attractive singer

Mildred Evans Is Beauty Of Week

By Teresa Burns
Post Staff Writer
Mildred Evans is an attractive singer on her way to stardom. We say she's on her way because her attitude is so positive.

"You have to go after what you want - Don't let anything stand in your way. If there is something you want, go out and get it. Things just don't happen - you have to make them happen," Ms. Evans proclaimed.

Without a moment's hesitation she'll explain that her love is music. And as an alto her main categories are rhythm and blues. "But I sing a little of everything to try and please."

That little of everything includes country and western, soul, rock and roll and even imitations of Diana Ross, Tina Turner and Rod Stewart, both in costume and characteristics.

Our Pisces beauty, a native of Bennettsville, S.C., also writes the lyrics to various types of songs. "I write Gospel, love songs, sad songs - anything I feel in my life or feel that others feel in their lives," Ms. Evans explained.

"I express myself through writing and singing," she continued. "And I have to feel what I write." A few of the songs she has

penned include "Let's Be Lovers," and "We've Got A Good Thing Going."

In addition to singing on the church choir occasionally, Ms. Evans has performed with several bands, in clubs and restaurants such as the Bradin' Iron and the Cabaret Restaurant in Hickory. In the immediate future her plans are to seek local fame, but she is looking forward to traveling.

Her career interests stem toward recording and building her future in the entertainment arena. She has attended Lincoln Business College studying business keypunch, but "singing is really what I want to do," she confessed.

She has been singing since high school and has over the years picked up tips from her favorites: Aretha Franklin, Millie Jackson, Diana Ross, Gladys Knight, Cher and Teddy Pendergrass.

In her spare time, when she is not practicing to perfect her God-given talent, Ms. Evans enjoys tennis and bicycle riding.

The path awaiting Ms. Evans is a crowded one. Many aspire to become stars but with her determination, talent and personality, her endeavors will not be fruitless.

Sickle Cell Disease Fund Raising Lunched

Sickle Cell Disease affects one out of every six hundred blacks. No cure exists.

Mayor Eddie Knox of Charlotte has proclaimed Sunday, April 5, as Sickle Cell Disease Fundraising and Education Awareness Day and black ministers will lead the drive.

Coordinated by Rev. James Barnett, the fundraiser will commence Sunday at 3 p.m. with a kickoff ceremony at Gethsemane Baptist Church, 2670 Carver Road.

Rev. Paul Drummond, pastor of St. Paul Baptist Church, will serve as the guest speaker.

Participants will include Rev. James Palmer, Rev. George Battle, Rev. A. B. Sutton, Peggy Beckwith and Rev. C. E. Dewberry. Choirs from Gethsemane Baptist and St. Paul will perform musical selections.

Some churches will present donations or pledges during the program; others will hold collections throughout April, Rev. Barnett said.

Letters were sent to 95 local churches requesting their support in the drive.

April 28 Referendum \$53.9 Million Bond Will Have 9 Questions

March To Focus On Violence

Special To The Post
"We Won't Go Back!" will be the theme of a march and rally on Saturday, April 4, in memory of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. The march will focus on support for District Representation and the Voter Rights Act, and protest anti-black violence in Atlanta and nationwide.

Marchers will assemble at 10:30 a.m. at the Federal Courthouse-Main Post Office (423 West Trade St.) and will proceed by foot and car caravan to Marshall Park where they will participate in the unveiling ceremonies of the donor's plaque on the statue of Dr. King, sponsored by the King Memorial Commission.

A rally will follow, featuring Harvey Gantt and Sam Smith, co-chairmen of the Committee to Keep District Representation. Darryl Mitchell of the Southern Regional Office of the Equal Rights Congress will speak about the attack on the 1965 Voter Rights Act, crucial legislation to empower poor people and minorities.

Michael Kemp, past president of the Black Student Union at UNCC will speak about the anti-black violence which has taken the lives of 22 black children in Atlanta, a black man recently lynched in Mobile, Ala., and attacks on blacks by racist groups.

The march and rally are sponsored by the Charlotte Equal Rights Council, the Client Council of the Southern Piedmont, and the N.C. Project of the Southern Organizing Committee.

"We are marching to keep the dream of King alive," said Carrie Graves, one of the march organizers. "April 4 is the anniversary of King's assassination. He gave his whole life for blacks to have political representation. Now we are seeing the things he fought for being turned back. We are marching to say to Charlotte and the country, 'We See March on Page 7



Members of the Atlanta Children Awareness Committee are from left to right: Charly Miller, Patty McGowan, Jean

Kee, Laverne Ellerbee, Audrey Conley, Scottie McNair and Kathy Gary. (Photo by Jim Black Photographers)

Fashion Show And Dance To Aid Atlanta Children

The Atlanta Children Awareness Committee is sponsoring a fashion show and dance on Saturday, April 4, at the National Guard Armory, from 7:30 p.m. to 1 a.m. Brown bagging will be allowed. Tickets will cost \$6 apiece, and are available from Terra's Beauty Salon, Taylor's Barber Shop, Soul Shack, Style Setter and the Mini Pantry.

Proceeds will be sent to the special investigative fund in Atlanta. Mechanics and Farmers Bank on Beatties Ford Road presently holds funds already donated by churches and private citizens.

The ACAC is a local interdenominational group dedicated to raising community awareness of the murder of black youths in Atlanta.

Local supporters of the cause include Carlton Cunningham, Damon Whithers, Dale Huntley, Ronald Davis, Michael Thompson, Chris Ross and Odell Woodard, models, Jim Black of

WGIV, Jim McKee of the Excelsior Club, McCarroll's Catering Service and WPEG Radio.

To reserve a table for the evening, contact Linda Bratton, program coordinator, after 5 p.m. at 525-1997 or Jim Black at WGIV.

The Atlanta Children Awareness Committee holds prayers on the Square weekdays at 12:15 p.m.

In Atlanta, Ga. Lindsay, Nash Join To Comfort Black Mothers

LOS ANGELES - Councilman Gilbert William Lindsay and international recording star Johnny Nash announced last week that disc jockeys throughout America will be presented with free copies of Nash's "Song for Atlanta Mothers" and that the master tape will be given to the organization in Atlanta handling the affairs of the survivors of the tragic child murders in that city.

Negotiations to release the master tape will be handled by staff members in the Councilman's office.

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A \$10.4 million Museum Bond will enable the Mint Museum to construct 68,000 square feet of exhibit galleries, education administrative and parking areas.

To combat the problem of uptown parking, \$8 million is proposed to purchase land in the 200 block of N. Tryon St. and fund construction of a 1,200 space parking garage.

The \$7.5 million for water bond would include improvements to the local utility department, and a 12 million gallon storage tank at the Hoskins Water Treatment Plant along with 13.5 miles of new water mains. Bonds will also finance an engineering study of the water distribution system to determine future improvements.

Transit Facilities Bonds amounting to \$4 million will help purchase 50 new buses and provide the city's share of funding for a new Transit Garage and Operations Center.

Land Acquisition Bonds of 14 million will purchase land and complete the planning for a Coliseum in the central business district.

Sewer bonds totalling \$3.1 million will be earmarked for five miles of new sewer mains, a new pump station to serve the southwestern part of the county and funds to design an addition to the McAlpine Creek Treatment Plant are included in this bond proposal.

\$14 Million For Street Improvement

Charlotte voters will decide if they want the \$33.9 million in general obligation bonds for municipal projects at the April 28 referendum. Nine ballot questions include improvements for transit, streets, sidewalks, school zones and museum facilities. Funds are also designated for sewer and water improvements, an uptown parking garage, and purchasing land for a Performing Arts Center and a new coliseum.

The largest—individual chunk, \$14.2 million, is allocated for Street Improvement Bonds. Envision a new transit mall on Tryon St. from Stonewall to Eight St. and on Trade St. near the Square. Sidewalks will be widened, bus transfer points relocated and more shelters with landscaping and benches to make the areas more comfortable and attractive for bus patrons will become part of the uptown scene.

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A Performing Arts Center will be constructed in the 200 block of N. Tryon St. if \$1.5 million for Land Acquisition Bonds is approved.

State-Wide Fund Raising Project NAACP Legal Defense To Sponsor Educational Fund Dinner April 11

Special To The Post
Attorney Elaine Jones of the LDF Washington Office will be the guest speaker at the Twelfth Annual NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund Dinner on April 11 at the Holiday Inn North, 3815 North Tryon Street.

The dinner will begin at 7 p.m.

Attorney Jones will speak on the subject "What LDF Is Doing for Black Americans and Other Minorities."

The dinner is a statewide fundraising project designed to increase the funds used in defense of blacks and other minorities who suffer injustice be-



Attorney Elaine Jones
...Guest speaker

cause of their race or color and cannot afford to employ legal assistance; and, also, to seek and promote educational opportunities denied to blacks and minorities because of race or color.



Julius Chambers
...National president

Local civil rights lawyer Julius Chambers is president of the national fund and Zoel and Esther Hargrave chair the fund raising committee. Zoel is a retired postal employee and Esther, a retired

teacher. Both are active in civic and social organizations and look upon the dinner as one of their primary projects.

In addition to the address by Attorney Jones, Zoel and Esther said five well known members of the community will be honored. They will be cited for unselfish service to the community through unification efforts, teaching of youth and inspiring black survival locally.

Attorney Jones, a dynamic young lady with considerable experience in the civil rights area, has litigation responsibility in em-

ployment discrimination and criminal cases and directs the LDF's legislative program. She has previously served a special assistant to the secretary, U.S. Department of Transportation; as staff and managing attorney with LDF, New York office and as instructor at the University of Virginia. She also completed a two-year stint in the Peace Corps and worked on the Civil Rights Research Council.

For ticket reservations for the dinner, write or call Zoel S. Hargrave II, 2801 Remington St., telephone 399-8897. Tickets are \$30.00 each.