

## Hearing Planned For Domestic Violence

A public hearing will be held Thursday, April 3, 7 p.m., at the Hal Marshall County Services Center, 700 North Tryon Street, for citizens to tell the City-County Domestic Violence Task Force about their experiences with domestic violence.

The Domestic Violence Task Force, an ad hoc group appointed by Charlotte Mayor Harvey Gantt and Carla DuPuy, chairman of the Mecklenburg Board of County Commissioners, will submit a final report to County Commissioners and the City Council for consideration and approval on April 21.

Persons who wish to speak at the hearing but desire to remain anonymous will be protected. Those who wish to be heard at the public hearing, or who need transportation, are asked to call the Women's Commission, 338-3210. If possible, please provide a written copy of your comments to the task force at the time of the hearing. You are asked to limit your remarks to 10 minutes. Written comments may be submitted to the Women's Commission, 700 North Tryon Street, Charlotte, N.C. 28202, if you are unable to attend.

For additional information, contact Fay Skidmore, 338-3210, or Jane Harper, who chairs the Domestic Violence Task Force, 372-2830.

## 8th NABA Banquet

The Charlotte Chapter of the National Association of Black Accountants (NABA) will hold its eighth annual Scholarship and Awards Banquet on Friday, April 25, 7 p.m., at the Charlotte Adam's Mark Hotel, 555 South McDowell St.

The keynote speaker will be Bennie C. Cunningham Jr., offensive tight end for the Pittsburgh Steelers.

For ticket information, contact any member of NABA or Roger Williams, 373-5987.

## Sewing Classes

Sign up now for the sewing class being sponsored by the Agricultural Extension Service. Classes begin April 4, 7-10 p.m.

All levels of seamstresses are invited, from beginning to advanced. Within seven weeks instructors guarantee that members of the class will be able to complete a garment. To register, call Mary Martin at 336-2992.

## Child Sexual Abuse

**Special To The Post**

Raleigh - North Carolinians will have an opportunity to participate in the first nationwide satellite training and networking event on Child Sexual Abuse. The two-day conference, From Caring to Action, was held on April 1-2 at Athens Drive High School in Raleigh from 11 a.m. - 7:15 p.m. each day.

This unique in-depth practical training was carried live via satellite to 45 major cities nationwide.

The event was presented by Satellite Training, Inc., of San Anselmo, California, and the Institute for the Advancement of Human Behavior. Continuing education credit is available.

"From Caring to Action" is designed for all professionals who deal with children and families including: child care and day care providers, foster parents, teachers, doctors, psychologists, law enforcement officials, social workers, child protective services workers, attorneys, court personnel, government officials, and private social service agency officials.

Some of the nation's leading authorities had been assembled for the conference. They include Dr. Michael Durfee, David Finkelhor, Ph.D., Sandra Baker, L.C.S.W., Dr. Roland Summit, Kae Mac Farlane, M.S.W., Inspector Seth Goldstein, Ann Cohn, Ph.D., Dr. Eli Newberger, Lucy Berliner, M.S.W., Eliana Gil, Ph.D., Nicholas Grother, Ph.D., and Judge Pamela Isles.

## Sample Ballots

### Available

Ten Democrats and three Republicans are running May 6, in primaries for the U.S. Senate seat. The first district election for the Mecklenburg Board of County Commissioners, two statewide questions, and 12 candidates for four Charlotte-Mecklenburg School Board seats all appear on the upcoming May ballot. If you are not familiar with the candidates, then you need a sample ballot.

Sample ballots will be available until the primaries, at the Main Library and at all branches of the Public Library of Charlotte-Mecklenburg. You are limited to five minutes in the voting booth, so it is a good idea to get and study a sample ballot before you go to the polls.

For more information about the upcoming election, call 336-2133.



The parents of Yvette M. Howey, Mr. and Mrs. Willie M. Howey, announce their daughter's engagement to Bartholomew Crawford, the son of Mr. and Mrs. John Robert Crawford. Miss Howey who is a senior servicing assistant at Southern National Mortgage Company and Crawford who is a career opportunity consultant at Scott Fetzer Company have set their wedding date for September 27 at 4 p.m. The wedding will take place at First Baptist Church-West with Dr. J. B. Humphrey officiating.

## Information About Arthritis

People in North Carolina now have information about arthritis at their fingertips with a new toll-free telephone number. The Arthritis Foundation is testing a national toll-free information service in this area. The service is called the Arthritis Foundation Answer Line.

The Answer Line provides general information about the more than 100 forms of arthritis and about programs and services of the Arthritis Foundation's North Carolina Division. Callers may also request referrals for medical or community services.

The Answer Line is the first national toll-free number for the public to use for arthritis information, according to Dan Litz, Executive Director of the North Carolina Division. The Arthritis Foundation, he explained, is testing the service in five areas of the country including North Carolina.

"This toll-free telephone number is for people who need our services but presently have to make a toll call to reach our office," Litz said.

The Arthritis Foundation's Answer Line operates between 10 a.m. ET and 5 p.m. ET. The service can be reached by dialing 1-800-422-1492.

## Linda Geiger Believes In The Best For Her Brookhill Neighborhood

By Joe Brown  
Post Staff Writer

When it comes to improving the area and providing the needs of the neighborhood, no one does it better than Linda S. Geiger and the Brookhill Community. This leader believes in the best for her neighborhood and proves it in the end results.

The Brookhill Neighborhood is located along Distributor Avenue to South Tryon to Remount Road to Village Court to Tremount Avenue. The area consists of 425 apartment homes.

Ms. Geiger has been president to the Brookhill Community since 1975 and improving has always been the major goal.

"The Toomey property has always been a major problem. It had come up several times at the city meetings. It was to be rezoned to place warehouses there, but we fought it for years. Now, a church is built there," claims Ms. Geiger.

"The community park was improved with the help of the City by planting trees, replacing garbage cans, putting out water fountains and other things."

Other improvements in the area include the drainage problem and the lights on Barringer and Remount Roads, said Ms. Geiger.

The Brookhill Community offers a number of programs to the residents in the area. Ms. Geiger says the senior citizens are given food baskets every year and children are given candy on Halloween. The neighborhood participates in the clean-up program twice a year to beautify the area. The Brookhill area has a special summer program in which they receive a grant from the Mott Foundation.

"This is the second year we are receiving this grant. The first year we got \$4,200 and this year we are going to receive \$6,900," confirms Ms. Geiger.

"The money is used to pay the youth \$3.35 to work jobs in the neighborhood and it pays adults \$25 to supervise them."

The officers of the Brookhill Community Organization are Linda S. Geiger, president; Doreatha Carter, secretary; and Martha McDonald, treasurer.

There is a caring atmosphere that hovers over Brookhill, especially to the senior citizens. "We took our senior citizens to McAdenville to the Christmas lights and also took them



Linda Geiger  
.....Community leader

To Heritage USA," told Ms. Geiger. "We help old persons or persons who have been hospitalized or can't pay their rent. If we can't help them we refer them to the Bethlehem

Center or some other agency to help them."

Ms. Geiger says the participants from the residents varies at the meetings and certain events, but coming together has always been important. She says it is according to what it is that brings the response of the residents. Meetings are held every second Monday of each month at 7 p.m., 621 Village Court or the Bethlehem Center for a large meeting.

Ms. Geiger relates a message to the Brookhill Community. "We have been trying to get crime watch in our neighborhood. We have been trying for a number of years. Our next goal is to get crime watch, because of the high rate of break-ins.

"We are trying to make it a clean and better and safer neighborhood, so pitch in to keep it and improve it," she urges.

Ms. Barbara Dillinger is a close associate with the Brookhill Community and knows the improvements the area has come through.

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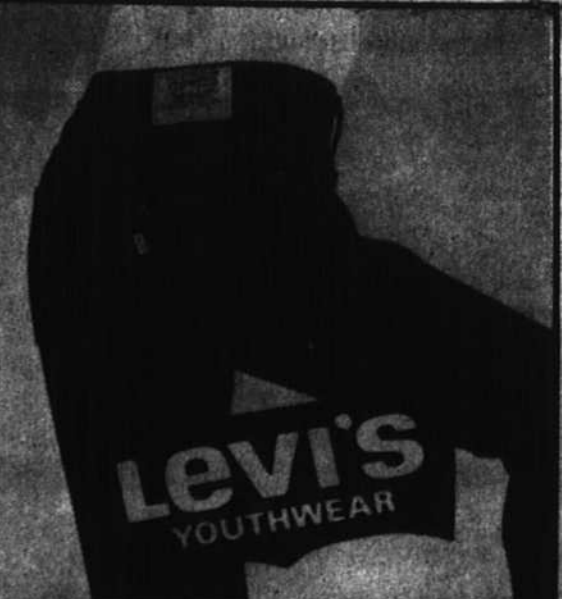
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