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at . Louis Farrakhan may not get along with everyone, he but has much clout when it comes to other folks' diet. How much,

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Well, the mere possibility that the Nation of Islam's main man night grab some grub at Renaissance Place restaurant Wednesday led to a change in are. Not to be seen on the buffet able was pork, that other white meat. Apparently, it didn't bother the patrons, who didn't seem to notice the lack of swine. Now, if the peach cobbler got missing ...

Preacher Man still hanging...No matter what you think about Leonard Harris' reasons for joining the fracas that is the this year's mayoral compaign, you gotta admit he's real interesting. In case you've been living on Mars, or South Charlotte, Harris, known throughout Grier Heights as "Preacherman" for street corner oratory, is a Democratic contender for mayor. Anyway, Preacherman, who says God told him to enter the fray, showed his tuff at a recent candidates forum. He actually came off with plid ideas and ways of implementing them. In essence, he's just the opposite of most local ols. Gotta give ya props, though. You da (Preacher) man.

· WSOC has pulled off a first for Charlotte TV by hiring a sistah sportscast-Karen Mayes, currently at WTVT in Tampa, Fla., starts at Channel 9 Sept.

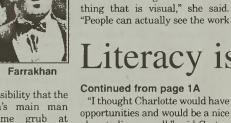
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sports, a gig that once was held by Pat Minnis before he was kicked

to the curb over the summer. A Vanderbilt University grad, Mayes was Tampa voted Bay's best TV talking head in 1995, a high point in a career that started in

And peep this - girlfriend was once a cheerleader for the NFL's Tampa Bay Buccaneers (or Yuccaneers, for their losing ways). In Fly's dream of dreams, Mayes and WBTV's Delano Little would square off in a dueling sportscasters match with Minnis as referee. Loser has to cut Ericsson Stadium grass - with scissors. • Before there was Tiger, there was Charlie...Charlotte native Charlie Sifford, a ground-breaking African American golfer, will be honored for his contributions to sport this month. Sifford, the first black to earn a Professional Golf Association tour card, is among 12 honorees Sept. 30 at the 12th annual Greater Sports Legends Dinner to benefit Miami Project to Cure Paralysis. The project. made up of 70 scientists researchers and dlinicians, is working to cure paralysis by cord spinal Sifford injuries. • The Sandman cometh...Fly called Mayor Pat McCrory "Sandman." Anyway, Fly's spies have gotten some calls about it. Folks just can't figure out why the moniker. Tell you what. Tune into one of those City Council meetings. See if you ain't asleep after about 10 minutes.



opportunities and would be a nice place to live as well," said Carter, who works for First Union Corp.'s insurance group. Though she was looking for

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street.

moved in with their son down the

Polk and White slipped into

decay while the surrounding

University City area blossomed

into one of Mecklenburg's most

desired living areas. The county's

community improvement pro-

gram secured a \$785,000 federal

and state grant to reverse the

decay and with volunteer help

from the students, embarked on

Katrina Brown of the county

community development depart-

ment helped spearhead the

"I think it is good ... it is some-

rebuilding the neighborhood.

renewal effort.

work in the business community, and went back to school to Hampton University for a business degree, Carter likes the idea of teaching or training.

"I knew I was going to do some type of volunteer work," she said. 'I needed to decide what I wanted to do. When I got here that was on my list of things to do."

She spotted a list of volunteer opportunities during the Christmas holidays and becoming a reading tutor "sounded like something I wanted to do." Carter took the two-session

training in January and met

we have been planning for coming to fruition. They can see the result of their hard work."

Polk and White's resurrection

The students will rebuild all six houses, under the direction of UNCC College of Architecture. Also joining in the renewal effort are volunteers from First Union Insurance Group, who will help build a sign marking the community entrance off Mallard Creek Road. First Union's University City complex is less than 2 miles from Polk and White.

The Barringer home should be ready in December and they should be able to move in shortly after Christmas.

Money to rejuvenate the community is coming from the N.C. Commerce Department of

Division of Community Assistance.

Donald Barringer moved to Charlotte after graduating from North Mecklenburg High School in 1976. When his father became ill and a house nearby his parents' became available, he returned to Polk and White.

"A lot of this development has really just popped up in the last five years," Barringer said. "A lot of it has been going on probably about 10 years. When I left this was still nothing but fields."

Barringer says a lot of his childhood memories remain in the small community.

"This street still has a lot of the old country setting, without the farming, I guess," he said.

Literacy is a calling for tutor Continued from page 1A "I thought Charlotte would have CPCC's ABLE program

Robinson the following month.

They work together each week, at least one hour, often two. "It is better to work one-on-one,"

Carter said of the process.

The keys to helping a student is "attitude," she said. "I think first of all you have to have the attitude you want to help someone. You have to have a positive attitude about what you are doing."

CPCC provides a number of teaching tools for reading, including the Reading for Today series of books.

Carter said she and Robinson are building a word list which the student must be able to read, spell, and use in a sentence. They

skills

Robinson is making progress, Carter said.

thing that if you work on it, you can progress," Carter said. "A lot

better job.

ing, it will improve her life," Carter said. "I'm glad I followed through on it. It is very rewarding. Sometimes I think I get as much out of it as she does.

to help others learn to read, call at 330-6715.

"It takes time, but it is some-

depends on the student." Robinson has already gotten a

"She can see how with the read-

For more information about the ABLE program and volunteering Valerie Crockett or Jane Chanon

work on phonetics and language

McCarty banquet postponed

By Herbert L. White THE CHARLOTTE POST

Oseola McCarty's spirit of giving will be honored by a Johnson C. Smith University scholarship a little later than expected.

McCarty, who gained national attention when she donated \$150,000 from her savings to Mississippi Southern University, was to be the guest banquet honor at a Wednesday at the Charlotte

Marriott Executive Park hotel, but it has been postponed because of illness. McCarty, who amassed a small fortune from years of taking in laundry, donated half of the proceeds to Southern Miss for a scholarship for African American students.

McCarty, who never went to college and had never been on the USM campus, made the grant as a way to further education opportunities for stu-

"I want to help somebody's child go to college," McCarty said. "I just want it to go to someone who will appreciate it and learn."

Proceeds from the banquet will help establish a scholarship fund at JCSU.

"This is an extraordinary opportunity for Johnson C. Smith University to continue

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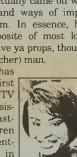






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