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Council considers resolution to honor MLK with street

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Charlotte may yet honor Martin Luther King Jr. with a street named after the slain civil rights leader.



Mitchell

Two streets are candidates for the change, initiated by City Council member James Mitchell: Independence Boulevard from the Interstate 277 ramp at 7th Street south past Kings Boulevard to the I-277 ramp and Stonewall Street from Kenilworth Avenue from the I-277 ramp at Independence and Kenilworth west to Mint

Street.

The change is on Monday's council agenda. "I think it's a unique honor and I think it's an opportunity for the entire city of Charlotte to honor Dr. King," Mitchell said.

The city has authority to rename streets, although 75 percent of property owners on the thoroughfare can petition for a change. Charlotte's Department of Transportation has already alerted residents along both streets about the proposal and is soliciting feedback. Calls to transportation spokeswoman Doreen Szymanski were not returned.

City Manager Pam Syfert is evaluating the

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Proposed renaming of Stonewall Street to Martin Luther King Boulevard



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Alito advised against activists

High court nominee recommended against Black Panthers suit

By Jesse J. Holland
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON - Supreme Court hopeful Samuel Alito recommended against appealing a ruling that revived a Black Panther Party lawsuit against the government nearly a quarter-century ago, according to documents released last week.

Alito, working in the Justice Department at the time, argued that the department could win the case in a lower court.



Alito

"None of the legal issues presented by this case seems to warrant Supreme Court review," Alito wrote on Nov. 19, 1981, while he was working for the solicitor general's office. The memo was among another batch of Alito papers released by the National Archives.

Unlike other Alito documents, the 291-document release sparked little to no interest from the groups promoting

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Egypt apologizes for Sudan violence

Clearing of camp results in 25 deaths

By Omar Sinan
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

CAIRO, Egypt - The death toll from Egypt's violent clearing of a Sudanese migrant camp rose to at least 25 Saturday as the presidential spokesman expressed sorrow and garbage collectors moved in to clear away the trash of a failed three-month protest.

The Sudanese refugees were gone, but a picture of two of them, a couple holding hands on their wedding day, remained - until it was scooped into rubbish bins with the rest of the rubble.

The photo, inscribed on the back with the words:

"Congratulations Yassmin and Ridha for your marriage," lay among the abandoned and meager belongings of the Sudanese - dirty blankets, clothes, photo albums, slippers and children's shoes.

As many as 20,000 Egyptian riot police swinging clubs swept into the tiny Cairo park to evict 2,000 or so Sudanese squatters early Friday. Police had spent much of the night dousing migrants with water cannons stationed on all four corners of camp. A protest leader said seven children were among those killed.

With scenes from the violent

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CULTURAL INSTITUTION UNDERGOES CHANGE



PHOTO/PAUL WILLIAMS III

Afro-American Cultural Center Chairman David Taylor (right) has added acting director to his duties as the board searches for a permanent director to replace Beverly Cureton (left), who was fired in July. This photo was taken last June at the unveiling of the Marian Anderson stamp as part of the Afro Center's 30th anniversary celebration.

The center of revitalization

Afro Center takes more businesslike approach to the future

By C. Jemal Horton
FOR THE CHARLOTTE POST

David Taylor has a flight to catch.

As interim executive director of the uptown Afro-American Cultural Center and co-partner in a successful management firm in SouthPark, Taylor's days usually are busy and eventful. But this day

is a whirlwind, even by his typically hectic standards.

It's Monday, a holiday, and Taylor has arrived at his placid office early to squeeze in some work before he boards his airplane. There's business to tie up as he makes certain to facilitate his clients at Dillingham & Taylor Wealth Management, LLC.

And, then, there's the increasingly important work Taylor must do with the Afro-American Cultural Center, which is enduring one of the most critical stretches of its 31-year history.

With so much of his time allocated to his own business, can Taylor, who also is chairman of the cen-

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READY TO PLAY BALL: Center City Partners and the Charlotte Knights back a new plan that would bring the AAA baseball team uptown. It's a sound idea - if taxpayers are out of the equation. See Editorial on Page 4A.



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Retired judge earns courthouse honor

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Former Superior Court Judge Shirley Fulton retired from the bench two years ago, but she's got a permanent place of honor in the building where she worked.

Fulton will be the first African American to have her portrait displayed at the Mecklenburg County Courthouse.

"I feel honored and humbled also," said Fulton, who was a

judge for 16 years and was the first black woman to serve as a Superior Court judge in North Carolina. "A lot of hard work went into getting to this point. It's humbling to know that people think enough of you to do it."

An unveiling and viewing of the portrait will be held Friday at 5:30 p.m. at the Wadsworth House, 400 S. Summit Ave. The portrait will be moved to the new county courthouse upon completion.

The Mecklenburg County Bar

Association commissioned the painting by Michael Shane Neal of Nashville, Tenn.

Shortly before Fulton's retirement, Neal set about the task of getting to know his subject. He interviewed Fulton, family and friends before sitting her down for the



Fulton

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