

Improving The Quality Of Life

Black Families Lauded

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"Networking to Improve Mental and Physical Health" was the theme of the fourth annual Strengthening the Black Family Conference, which held its banquet and awards ceremony on Saturday night at the Martin Luther King Student Center, Saint Augustine's College.

Lauded and awarded for their achievement, despite extreme and dramatic changes in family life today, were Mr. and Mrs. Elijah Booker, Sr., Fuquay-Varina, traditional family; Ms. Jeannette P. Terrell, Raleigh, single-parent family; and Ms. Bemba C. Black, Fuquay-Varina, extended family parent. "When I filled out the

application," said Ms. Terrell, mother of two daughters and a 21-year-old son, "I did not expect to win. When I got the call that I had won, I was so excited. You should have heard me scream."

The Raleigh Chapter of Chums, Inc., in recognizing the need for improving the quality of life of the black family, and with the aid of other community organizations, organized and presented the first Strengthening the Black Family Conference in the spring of 1981. Since that time, the conference has served as a vehicle for bringing together local community groups to develop strategies that will ensure the family's survival.

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FAMILY OF THE YEAR AWARD RECIPIENTS—Recipients of the 1984 Family of the Year Awards are pictured from left: Ms. Jeannette Terrell, single-parent family; Mr. and Mrs. Elijah Booker, Sr., traditional family; and Ms. Bemba C. Black, extended family. Awards were presented during the Strengthening the Black Family Conference banquet, which was held Saturday on the Saint Augustine's College campus. (Photo by Ron Cornwall) (See story)

member of the UNCF board of directors since 1981, and served as vice chairman of UNCF's 1981 and 1982 annual drives. He has also been general chairman of the New York campaign since 1980.

Philip Morris, Inc., has been an active corporate supporter of black higher education since 1962. At the dinner, Cullman presented

planning nationwide screenings of the film in 1984.

An additional highlight of the dinner was the presentation special awards to John R. Opel, chairman of the board of the International Business Machines Corp., and to singer-composer-entertainer Lionel Richie. Bryant Gumbel, co-host of NBC-TV's "Today Show," was master of ceremonies.

Elections Board Announces Deadline

The Wake County Board of Elections wishes to advise all Wake County residents that the last day to register to vote for the May 8 primary election is Monday, April 9, at 5:15 p.m. To avoid long lines at registration sites, it will be beneficial to register as soon as possible.

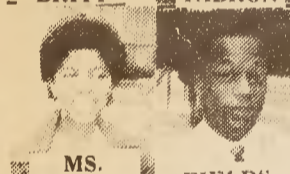
Voters who have moved and have yet to advise the Board of Elections of their new address should do so in writing as soon as possible. Failure to do so may cause a

at any Public Library in Wake County (some of which are open in the evenings and on weekends) or at the office of the Board of Elections, 339 S. Salisbury St., during normal business hours.

Voters who will be absent from the County on Election Day or who are disabled may vote by Absentee Ballot. They may write to the Wake County Board of Elections at Post Office Box 695, Raleigh, N.C. 27602, and request an Absentee Ballot be mailed to them. Beginning

Inquiring Reporter

BY JOHN HINTON
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MS. POWELL **FIELDS**
Question: Do you think blacks are fairly treated by the justice system?
Spurgeon Fields, III, Raleigh, attorney at law: "Not all the time. Prejudice and misunderstandings play a part in this. Cultural and (See INQUIRING, P. 2)

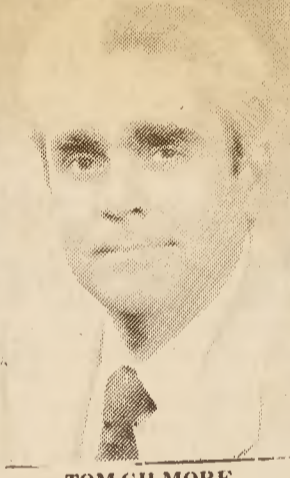
Gilmore Highlights Civil Rights Stand; Says It Is The Best

From CAROLINIAN Staff Reports
Gubernatorial candidate Tom Gilmore says he has the best record on civil rights of any of the Democratic candidates.

"I risked my whole political career to support the ending of the second primary," Gilmore said in an interview from his Raleigh campaign headquarters Tuesday. "The second primary discriminates against blacks and women."

State law stipulates that a candidate must get at least 51 percent of the votes cast in a primary to be declared the winner. If no candidate achieves 51 percent, then a second primary is held to determine the winner.

Currently, the N.C. Association of Black Lawyers is



TOM GILMORE challenging the second primary in state court. Gilmore said he participated in the civil rights movement in the (See GILMORE, P. 2)

WEATHER

Partly cloudy skies with the chance of rain will be on tap Thursday for most of the state, followed by clear skies Friday through Sunday. Skies will become partly cloudy again on Sunday. Highs are expected to be in the 60s with some 50s in the mountains. Highs on Sunday will range from in the 60s to in the low 70s. Overnight lows are expected to be in the 40s. A cold front associated with a low pressure system from Kansas is responsible for the cloudy conditions.

Area Support Grows Jesse Jackson Campaign

BY RON CORNWALL
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The local Jesse Jackson for president campaign won two announcements of support this week as the Wake County campaign committee stepped up its efforts on the heels of Washington, D.C. Mayor Marion Barry's visit to Raleigh last weekend.

Dr. James Colson and Sylvia Crudup Cole announced their support of Rev. Jackson, citing the candidate's performance and potential influence on the Democratic Party before and after the Democratic convention, and the crucial role of the black vote in November.



THE CRUCIAL KEY—Marion Barry (second from right), mayor of Washington, D.C., and active supporter of the Rev. Jesse Jackson's presidential bid, receives the "key to the city" from Raleigh Mayor Avery Upchurch (second from left). Looking on are Lawrence Wray, left, recently appointed assistant city manager; and Bruce Lightner, right, Jackson campaign coordinator for the Fourth Congressional District. While in Raleigh, Mayor Barry spoke at a press conference, at St. Augustine's College and Shaw University, and delivered the keynote address at a banquet sponsored by the Coalition of Progressive Legislation in its salute to North Carolina's 12 black legislators in the N.C. General Assembly.

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Educator Killed Here

Sticker Policy Changes

No Clues In Death Revealed

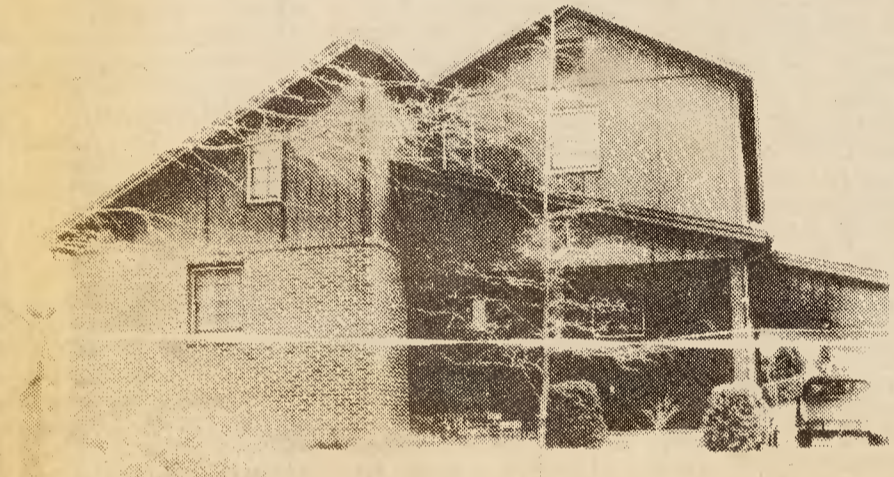
A retired Wake County school principal was found beaten to death in his Raleigh home Monday, police said.

The body of Garland L. Crews, 74, of 604 Delaney St., was found by relatives in a closet of the home which police say was ransacked. "It appears that Crews died of several blows to the head with a weapon," said Capt. R.N. Carroll. Crews was formerly principal at the old James Shepard High School in Zebulon.

Police were unsure if anything was taken from the house. Carroll said police had no suspects in the murder.

Crews was last seen driving his sister to an unidentified destination in Raleigh. Crews was expected to pick up his sister who lived with him during the afternoon. When he failed to show up, his sister notified a son-in-law.

They returned to the two-story home in Madonna Acres to find Crews in a closet in the back hallway, Creice said. Carroll said the wife and his sister were house only ones living in the house.



MURDER DISRUPTS COMMUNITY—The tranquility of this Southeast Raleigh neighborhood was disrupted Tuesday when the body of a retired Wake County school principal, Garland L. Crews, was found in the closet of his ransacked home at 604 Delaney St. Apparently he died of several blows to the head from an unidentified weapon.

D.A. No Longer Drops Charges For Violation

Wake District Attorney J. Randolph Riley is playing hardball with people who fail to renew their inspection sticker after the 30-day grace period.

If the inspection sticker has expired and the driver is cited by police, then the driver must either go to

attorney's office, show them proof that they had their cars inspected, and the charges would be dropped. "Let them tell it to a judge," Riley told reporters. "Defendants would think twice about some hokey excuse they might give to a receptionist when the alternative is sworn testimony in court or speaking to a prosecutor before court begins."

Police and judges are aware of the policy change. State law requires all vehicle owners to have their cars and trucks inspected annually to ensure that cars on public roads are safe to operate. The inspection covers brakes, lights, horn, steering, tires and turn signals. A service station author- (See POLICY, P. 2)

Local Competition Launches A Search For Quiet Heroes

The competition for the "Bring Out Your Best Awards" is now under way. Sponsored by Harris Wholesale, The CAROLINIAN and WLE Radio, the competition will select one black man and one black woman who have demonstrated through their actions that they deserve to be role

models for black youths. The Raleigh community will nominate people for the award. The winners will have their names engraved on a plaque which will be displayed at Shaw University and St. Augustine's College campuses. Harris (See COMPETITION, P. 2)

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MS. ELIZABETH COFIELD

Commissioner Prepares For Major Battle

From CAROLINIAN Staff Reports
Wake County Board of Commissioners' lone black member, Elizabeth B. Cofield, is attempting to set the record straight over development concerns and competing against Vernon Malone and Rosa Gill in the coming election for seats on the board.

Ms. Cofield said, "Many people feel as though Vernon Malone and I are running against each other. That is not the case. The case is that we do have two blacks (Malone and Ms. Gill) from District 5 seeking the same office of county commissioner. Even though they have to run from a district they reside in, they are voted on county-wide."

This voting procedure is unlike the School Board or City Council. With the City Council, one is voted on from the district of residence. School Board members are voted on by persons residing only in that district. Ms. Cofield resides in District 4.

Ms. Cofield's opponent is Herbert Stout, a newcomer, who describes himself as a moderate. Less than two weeks before the filing deadline, Stout was asked to oppose Ms. Cofield. Miriam Block of the City Council, Margaret Riddell in state government and Gov. James B. Hunt's campaign, (See COMMISS., P. 2)

Budget Cuts Keep People In Poverty

People taken off welfare rolls in 1981 generally have increased their working hours and income but have not earned enough to make up for the loss of welfare and food stamp benefits, a federal study said recently.

Many people removed from the welfare system still live in poverty, the study showed. The study was conducted by the General Accounting Office, an investigative arm of the Congress, and is an analysis of how welfare recipients were affected by the Budget Reconciliation Act of 1981.

The law had saved federal money and reduced welfare caseloads. It also confirmed a Reagan administration belief that people would not quit jobs to remain eligible for welfare.

Many people cut from the rolls have no public or private health insurance for themselves or their children and are often denied medical treatment because they could not afford to pay for it, the study indicated.

The study showed an increase in the number of people who stated they ran out of food and had no money to buy more. Many said they didn't have enough money to pay their rent.



SONG OF JOY AND PAIN—Los Angeles, Calif.—Rhythm and blues singer Marvin Gaye lived here with his parents. Neighbors, fans and the curious gather in front of the home where he was shot by his father, the Rev. Marvin Gaye, Sr., during an argument April 1 and later died in a Los Angeles hospital. (UPI) (See story on page 11)