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Advancing The Dream

## Dr. M.L. King: Spirit Of A Movement

The Raleigh-Wake Martin Luther King Celebration Committee turned to Atlanta, Ga., to find its keynote speaker for the 1989 King Ecumenical Observance to be held Monday, Jan. 16, at noon at the Raleigh Civic Center.

The Rev. Dr. Vernon C. King, the late Dr. King's nephew, is thought to be one of the best young public speakers in America today. Known for his physical likeness to Dr. King, from an early age he began to absorb

the ideals and teachings of his uncle. Young Dr. King is a graduate of Morehouse College where he obtained a bachelor of arts degree in religious studies and sociology. He is currently pursuing a master's in divinity at

Leadership Conference. He also serves on the adjunct faculty of the Martin Luther King Center for Non-violent Social Change, Inc.

One of the founders of the King Committee and its current co-

be very grateful for the commitment and vision these people display year after year."

When asked what he'd like for citizens to do on the King holiday, Lightner said, "The King holiday should mean to us a time to reflect and recommit. We must always continue to strive for a better community... a better society. I'd like to see everyday, ordinary citizens from all sectors of Raleigh and Wake County, black and white... I'd like to see parents and grandparents grab a cherished loved one or an astray teenager by the hand and say, 'Come on, we're both going to do something meaningful on this day.'

Lightner continued, "The King holiday gives us an excellent opportunity to not only celebrate Dr. King and the great accomplishments he made, but



DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.



VERNON KING

"The perpetuation of a dream has to be carried on by the people. It involves people. Everybody ought to pick this flag up and not allow it to trail in the dust..."

Dr. W.B. Lewis

Candler Theological School at Emory University in Atlanta. He was ordained in 1985 at the historic Ebenezer Baptist Church and is a member of the Concerned Black Clergy for Atlanta and the Southern Christian

chairman, Raleigh community activist Bruce Lightner, stated in an exclusive interview with The CAROLINIAN, "Our full committee works very hard to bring to our community the best that it can find. We should all

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### NEWS BRIEFS

#### MEASLES OUTBREAK

Central North Carolina is experiencing a significant measles outbreak, according to officials with the N.C. Division of Health Services. Dr. Rebecca Meriwether of the division's Communicable Disease Control Branch says more than 100 cases of measles have been reported in Rowan County in recent weeks. She adds that additional cases are suspected in Cabarrus, Montgomery, Davie, Davidson, Stanley, Iredell, Gaston and Caldwell counties.

#### AUDIT REPORT

State Auditor Edward Renfrow released a performance audit report titled "Department of Commerce: Division of Travel and Tourism and North Carolina Film Office" recently. The report examines the management and operation of the Division of Travel and Tourism and the North Carolina Film Office and provides findings and recommendations designed to improve these areas.

#### CENTURY 21 CAREER WEEK

Century 21 offices in North Carolina will participate in Career Opportunity Week, scheduled for Jan. 16-22. Throughout the week, individuals considering a career change or those just entering the workforce are encouraged to contact their local Century 21 offices to learn more about real estate careers. There is no fee or obligation.

#### KING'S DAUGHTER TO SPEAK

Ms. Yolanda King, daughter of the late Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., will address the annual King Observance at A&T State University on Friday, Jan. 13. She will speak at the Harrison Auditorium at 11 a.m. The program is open to the public.

#### CHILDREN'S SERVICES FORUM

The first meeting of the Children's Services Forum, a group of about 90 agencies and organizations providing direct services to children, will identify key priorities for children in the 1989 session of the N.C. General Assembly.

The forum will serve as a clearinghouse across the state on children's issues, promote coordination among service agencies, and provide specialized training for nonprofit agencies on fundraising, management, budgeting, etc.

#### WORLD WHO'S WHO OF WOMEN

Ms. Sarah L. Glover, public relations director for the Garner Road Family YMCA, has been extended an invitation by the "World Who's Who of Women," Cambridge, England, for inclusion in the 10th commemorative edition slated for 1989.

#### PUBLIC HEARING

Wake County Opportunities, Inc., will hold a public hearing to review and develop projects from their activities on Jan. 19 at 567 E. Hargett St. The public is encouraged to attend the meeting to review, make comments and give recommendations about the proposed 1989-90 Community Services Block Grant planned activities.

### Governor Offers Reward

## NAACP Seeks Hit-Run Driver

### Teens Say No To Lie Detectors

A car-bashing incident which took place Dec. 22, 1988 and left one person dead and three others seriously injured remains unsolved. As a result, a Greensboro businessman has posted a \$2,000 reward and the NAACP has asked the state to post a \$15,000 reward.

The incident happened near I-40 and U.S. 15-501. Witnesses that saw what happened stated that a white man driving a dark blue Monte Carlo with a Georgia license plate suddenly appeared behind a Plymouth carrying four black people. The Monte Carlo began tailgating the Plymouth that 17-year-old Levern Allen, III was driving in the passing lane. The Monte Carlo rammed the Plymouth twice from behind before Allen managed to accelerate his vehicle into an open spot in the right lane.

Witnesses told police that the Monte Carlo driver followed Allen's vehicle and rammed it again, sending it out of control. Subsequently, the vehicle flipped over several times and went down an embankment, instantly killing 19-year-old Kenneth L. Dungee.

The driver of the vehicle, Allen, lost a leg and Darius Bannerman and Kenneth Newkirk suffered several broken bones. Witnesses said that the Monte Carlo's driver, described as a white man who had brown hair and a mustache, stopped briefly but then left the scene of the incident.

The state Highway Patrol is looking for two people in connection with the hit-and-run car crash, a trooper said Monday. Authorities think that one of the individuals is in the Atlanta area and the other in Raleigh. As of now both suspects will be questioned about their whereabouts on the day of the accident. The suspect in Atlanta has a father-in-law who has a vehicle similar to the one described in the accident. Officers would like to question the man and see if any damage was sustained to the front end of the auto.

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WHAT A CLASS—This vintage photo is a forerunner for the coming Black History Month in February. Shown above is Hampton Institute's class of 1875. Booker T. Washington is sitting on the front row, second from left. He represents the

core of the black quest for education. The CAROLINIAN will offer a special section on black history Feb. 9. The theme this year is "Blacks in the Labor Movement."

## Marion Barry Takes Threatening Blows From Misconduct Charges

BY CHESTER A. HIGGINS, SR.

WASHINGTON, D.C.—Faced with an investigation by the U.S. attorney's office and mounting criticism growing out of his post-midnight visit with a man in a motel who allegedly was under police investigation for offering a motel maid cocaine for sex, D.C. Mayor Marion Barry dug in his heels and vehemently denied he has done anything wrong.

In an emotionally delivered address to the D.C. City Council, Barry declared, "I do not do drugs, I did not see any drugs, and I didn't know there was a drug investigation in progress" when he visited a former city employee, Charles Lewis, at the 14th and Rhode Island Avenue motel in the District's midtown.

He admitted making the visit but

denied wrongdoing. While he was visiting Lewis a reported police drug investigation of Lewis was called off. The U.S. attorney's office wants to know who called it off, if it was, indeed, called off, and why. The motel is located in a drug and prostitution "corridor," a red-light district.

Barry has vowed to "fight for my character, fight for my integrity, fight for my commitment." He admitted in TV interviews that the incident had caused embarrassment to the city and the nation, and said it was a matter of poor judgment on his part and in the future he would be "extra, extra, extra careful" to avoid questions about his personal life. Contrite, he asked public forgiveness.

Barry's night behavior has been the subject of criticism and the cause of raised eyebrows for years. His name

has been linked to several women with whom he allegedly vacationed, or to whom he reportedly paid late-night visits. One woman, a Karen Johnson, allegedly supplied the mayor with drugs and sex. Ms. Johnson went to prison after allegedly being paid to keep her mouth shut. Barry has denied it all. Despite a lengthy probe by the U.S. attorney's office, nothing was proved to the con-

(See MAYOR BARRY, P. 2)

## Beepers Play Role In Illicit Drug Network

Pointing to the growing use of beepers by young people engaged in the sale and distribution of illicit drugs, the legal department of the NAACP has submitted a petition to the Federal Communications Commission asking it to initiate a rulemaking proceeding aimed at developing rules and policies to help limit the use of these devices for such a purpose.

So prevalent has the use of beepers and paging devices become in drug trafficking that federal drug agents report 90 percent of drug dealers use them.

Young people, according to drug enforcement officials, are especially attractive to adult drug pushers as recruits because of their susceptibility to the lure of easy money, and their status as juveniles not subject to the same penalties meted out to adult offenders.

Communication is maintained with the young people through the beepers, which relay instructions on the pickup and delivery of drugs such as crack, cocaine, heroin and PCP. In this way, the dealer limits handling of drugs and raking stiff penalties.

Aware of the purpose for which they are being used, officials have banned them in the public schools of Michigan, the District of Columbia, (See BEEPER, P. 2)

## Afro Committee Makes Plans For Inaugural

Americans of the many religious faiths and ethnic heritages that make up the diversity of this nation prepare to celebrate the 200th year of a peaceful transfer of power and leadership, a tradition unique to the United States of America.

Commemorating the inauguration of George Herbert Walker Bush as president and James Danforth Quayle as vice president, the Afro-American Committee of the American Bicentennial Presidential Inauguration continues preparations for a week of exciting events of special interest to Americans of African descent.

For its contribution to the celebration of the orderly and peaceful system that has operated successfully for 200 years, the Afro-American Committee has announced four major inaugural events emphasizing the inclusion of all Americans into the mainstream of our country and recognizing the contributions made by black men and women to our society's national health, progress and general well-being.

(See GEORGE BUSH, P. 2)

## Judges' Bench

### EXTRADITION WARRANT

New York Gov. Mario Cuomo has signed an extradition warrant for Timothy Jacobs to be returned to North Carolina. Jacobs has been free on bond since his arrest in New York last month on a fugitive warrant. Jacobs' lawyers at the Christie Institute South in Carrboro said they would fight his extradition to North Carolina.

Jacobs' co-defendant, Eddie Hatcher, who is scheduled for arraignment this coming Tuesday in the Robeson Superior Court, said Tuesday that he is on the Fort Hall Indian Reservation near Pocatello, Idaho. Hatcher said he would invoke tribal extradition law if North Carolina authorities try to force him to return to the state.

Hatcher and Jacobs were acquitted in October of federal hostage-taking charges, but have been indicted in Robeson County on state charges of kidnapping 14 people during the Feb. 1, 1988 takeover of the Robesonian newspaper in Lumberton.

Hatcher, whose whereabouts were unknown, said he arrived last weekend at Fort Hall and notified the Shoshone-Bannock Tribal Court that he would invoke tribal extradition procedures if North Carolina issues a fugitive warrant, said attorney John D. Ross of Pocatello.

### MAILBOX BOMBING

U.S. Postal Service authorities and the Federal Bureau of Investigation are looking into the bombing of a Durham mailbox over the weekend. Durham police say a homemade bomb exploded in a mailbox located in front of the U.S. Post Office on Shannon Road about 10:30 p.m. Saturday. The bombing ripped the mailbox apart and sent mail flying through the air. No one was injured in the incident.

Police believe that the bomb was of the homemade variety, made with gunpowder, a pipe and a fuse. A police officer on patrol heard the loud explosion and noticed heavy blue (See JUDGES' BENCH, P. 2)

## Rev. Pickett Elected President Of Raleigh-Apex NAACP Chapter

BY ALLIE M. PEEBLES

Rev. H.B. Pickett, Jr., the new president of the Raleigh-Apex Branch of the NAACP, has been a resident of Raleigh for 25 years. Pickett, a native of Morehead City, is active in the civic, educational and religious activities of the Raleigh-Wake area.

He has held pastorates at the following churches: First Baptist, New Hill; Ridgeway Baptist, Ridgeway; Oberlin Baptist, Raleigh; and Wendell First Baptist, Wendell.

Pickett was an elementary classroom teacher in the Raleigh City School System from 1963-72. He served as counselor and advisor to foreign students at St. Augustine's College from 1972-73. He has served as guidance counselor in the Wake School System since 1973.

The new president received his B.S. degree from Elizabeth City State University in 1961 and a master's degree in guidance and counseling from North Carolina Central University in 1973. He received a certificate in administration in 1974 and a master of divinity degree from Shaw University in 1977.

Pickett has received many honors. Some of them include listings in "Outstanding Young Men of America," "Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities," and "Personalities of the South, 1972." Oberlin Baptist Church named him "Man of the Year" and Iota Iota Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity named him Citizen of the Year in 1974.

Faith Baptist Church honored him with a service award, and (See REV. PICKETT, P. 2)



REV. H.B. PICKETT, JR.