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Effective Leadership

R-WCA Endorses Council Candidates

The Raleigh-Wake Citizens' Association, the city's oldest and most active political organization, has formally backed a slate of candidates for the coming city council elections.

Incumbent Mayor Avery Upchurch beat out challenger Councilman Charles Meeker. The association's official press release stated that Upchurch has demonstrated effective leadership, constantly promotes all of Raleigh and has strongly supported downtown revitalization and other vital components considered to be important to economic development in

Southeast Raleigh.

While the District C campaign intensified, the organization strongly backed incumbent Ralph Campbell, Jr., over challenger Winnie Robinson. After the endorsement was released, Ms. Robinson publicly disputed the effectiveness and strength of the organization. She stated, "The association is losing influence in the community. There's a false sense of how important it is."

Also, attempting to downplay Campbell's strong backing by 18 area civic and political leaders who mailed a letter on his behalf. Ms. Robinson

responded, "The special interest group I am looking for is the mothers and daughters who have been disenfranchised by the all-boys' club. I am going to the constituents directly. It's my first shot out. These luminaries perhaps do not know me."

Commenting on Ms. Robinson's claims, Bruce Lightner, community activist and Campbell's campaign manager said, "We were somewhat surprised by Ms. Robinson's public comments concerning our endorsement letter. Some of the people she referred to as luminaries who may not know her, are in fact, her own

aunt, another aunt's co-worker who is a close family friend, and the president of the college where she attended. All of these people, and most of the others, know Ms. Robinson very well. On the other hand, I'm hoping Ms. Robinson did not intend anything negative, but rather, superimposing a rather flattering compliment to the citizens who signed Councilman Campbell's letter."

Other city council candidates who actively sought and received the group's endorsement were Julian Ford, District A candidate, over incumbent Geoff Elting. In 1987, Elting

received the endorsement.

RWCA president Edwin L. Worth stated, "This particular race provided an excellent example of the organizational diligence in monitoring the sincerity of candidates we support and help elect. In 1987 Mr. Elting stated in our candidate's forum, 'If you support me, and if I am elected, it will be just like having another councilman from Southeast Raleigh. After we closely examined his voting record, it was determined that in fact he voted against many of the key issues of interest to the black community. In no way did he deserve

our support this time."

Frank L. Turner, a Southeast Raleigh resident seeking an at-large seat, also received strong backing from the group. Turner's public experience will be an asset to developing city policy on key issues in housing, transportation and human development programs, the group said. If elected, Turner will be the first African-American at-large council member from Southeast Raleigh under the current district system.

Anne Franklin was also given the

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"Ice," The Coldest Drug Ever Made Will Bring Problem Home

BY TONY BROWN
An Analyst

A cartoon by Oliphant appeared in New York's Newsday newspaper showing President Bush at his desk in the White House facing four hoodlums. The caption read:

"Faced with overwhelming military superiority President Bush signs the official articles of surrender before drug cartel generals in the Oval Office."

Absurd? Preposterous? Can't happen here?

Any army or armed force has historically been organized by the government or individuals capable of financing armaments and pay-

Ice, a smokeable methamphetamine, produces a 24-hour high followed by a violent 48-hour psychological crash. The American Evil Empire knows that ice has everything it needs to wrest the \$150 U.S. cocaine market away from the Colombian drug cartel.

ing the personnel. For example, the drug cartel in Colombia now receives \$150 billion a year from the pocketbooks of Americans via their nostrils and veins. American drug users' money is used to finance, according to Colombia's president, the most powerful criminal empire the world has ever known.

On the streets of America, the cops are already outgunned, and soon will be outmanned, by hoodlums whose growing power is financed by drug addicts who euphemistically call themselves "casual" drug users. The truth is that they are financiers of America's drug plague and the core of the world's drug problem.

Amazingly, 61 percent of Americans favor sending their non-

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Slain Maintenance Worker

Man Receives Death Sentence

Faking Mental Problems

After deliberating for more than 90 minutes, the 11 men and one woman in the jury considering the case of Caesar Lamont Johnson returned a verdict of guilty last week.

Johnson has been sentenced to death by the Wake Superior Court jury for the murder of maintenance worker Jerry Powell at Tara East Apartments last year.

Though Dec. 8 has been set as an execution date, it is highly unlikely that the sentence will be carried out that quickly, as the case is expected to be automatically appealed.

In his closing statement, Johnson's attorney indicated that since his client is mentally unstable, he should not be executed but instead sentenced to life in prison. The defense attorney pointed out that his plea is based on the fact that his client had been raised in an abusive environment.

However, Wake Assistant District Attorney Evelyn Hill stressed to the jury that there are some suspicions of the supposed mental disorders from which Johnson suffers. She pointed out that Johnson is on record at once admitting faking mental problems to allow him to be transferred to Central Prison's mental ward, six weeks prior to his release and murder of Powell. Furthermore, psychological evidence lacked the necessary credibility in view of the violence of the crime.

In conjunction with the death sentence, Johnson is to receive 68

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MAKING A CONTRIBUTION—The Capital Chapter of the North State Law Enforcement Officers Association's president, William S. Holden presents a \$500 contribution to the Martin Luther King Memorial Gardens. Bruce E.

Lightner, King Committee Co-Chair accepts the Association's check. Also shown making a \$100 contribution is Lt. Neil S. Sanders of the Wake County Sheriff's Department. (Photo by Talib Sabir-Calloway)

King Committee Launches Appeal For Funds To Complete Memorial

From CAROLINIAN Staff Reports
Since April, the Raleigh-based Martin Luther King Celebration Committee, Inc. has launched a community appeal to raise \$180,000 to erect a bronze statue and botanical gardens in honor of the late Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

So far, the committee has generated \$159,286, just \$20,714 short of its goal. King Committee co-

chairperson Dr. W.B. Lewis, pastor of First Cosmopolitan Baptist Church, stated in an interview with The CAROLINIAN, "Overall, we're pleased with the response from the many sectors of the community. We will be pushing hard and appealing to more citizens to complete fundraising before construction begins."

The King Gardens will be located in Southeast Raleigh at the intersection

of Rock Quarry Road and the new Martin Luther King Boulevard now nearing completion. With groundbreaking and construction work set to begin on Oct. 25, the committee is planning an all-out community appeal to raise the additional needed funds.

The King statue, like the Vietnam Memorial, is a distinguished piece of art which will be a positive attribute to our community. More than 10,000 people are expected to visit the gardens during the first year alone.

According to official published reports, the project has received \$56,846 from individual contributors, \$77,140 from corporations and businesses, \$14,600 from area churches and \$10,700 from civic and

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Hugo Stresses Need To Study Ecology Factors

BY DR. ALBERT JABS
Contributing Writer

SUMMERVILLE, S.C.—How does one measure suffering? How does one quantify grief on the occasion of loss? What brings people together after such a devastating event as Hurricane Hugo? This writer took a personal look at Hugo in Summerville, S.C. the day after President Bush

went through to obtain answers to the aforementioned questions.

The S.C. National Guard was patrolling the streets; trees were down; cars were crushed; and some houses were heavily damaged.

According to reliable sources in Summerville, the Charleston area has incurred 87,000 damaged houses—17,000 believed to be unlivable, and 5,400 homes were totally leveled. In view of all of this, what is that spirit which prompts people to give special offerings and assistance? This writer gave contributions and so did others. We were changed by what we had observed.

Perhaps more analysis should be placed on the ecological factors which may have influenced Hugo. What are we doing to our land, air and water? Climatic changes could well be a part of the devastation

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Marchers From Across Country To Protest For Housing Now In D.C.

On Friday, Oct. 6, at 2 p.m., a busload of college students will receive a festive sendoff as the first contingent of 400 Wake Countians traveling to Washington to join a march for affordable housing. The sendoff will occur at the parking lot of Fairmont United Methodist Church at the corner of Horne and Clark avenues in Raleigh.

Housing Now!, a nationwide march to call for federal participation in the provision of safe, decent, and affordable housing for all Americans, will culminate with a rally at the U.S. Capitol on Oct. 7. The students are part of the Wake County effort which has brought together people from business, local government, churches, housing providers, and those in

need of housing.

Attention is being focused on diverse housing needs and housing solutions for first-time homebuyers, renters, public assistance recipients, and homeless families and individuals. Returning march participants will be invited to continue their support for affordable housing through a list of volunteer opportunities to be distributed on the buses.

On Saturday, Oct. 7, at 5 a.m., the remainder of the 400 Wake Countians

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NAACP State Branches Hold Conference Here

BY ALLIE M. PEEBLES
Contributing Writer

The Capital Area Chapters of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People will host the North Carolina State Conference of Branches from Thursday, Oct. 19, through Saturday, Oct. 21. The headquarters for the conference will be the Marriott at Crabtree Valley. The youth from high school through college will be meeting at the Sheraton Hotel at Crabtree Valley.

Kelly M. Alexander, Jr. of Charlotte is state president. However, there will be representatives from the national office and other officials. Ms. Angela Grimes is the convention coordinator here in the capital city. The local steering committee has been meeting since December 1988.

The first day of the conference is "Religious Emphasis Day," and the opening session will start at 10 a.m.

The Rev. Claude Willie will deliver the morning message.

The topic will be "The Role of the Black Church in the Civil Rights Struggle of the 1980s." A ministers' luncheon will be held at 1 p.m. at the church. There will be many workshops throughout the conference. One workshop which promises to be of great importance is the Economic Development Workshop. This will be held at the Marriott at 3:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 19. Other workshops on Thursday will be on "The Church and Political Action" and "Religious Affairs."

On Thursday evening there will be a plenary session at the Marriott. On Friday, Oct. 20, registration will be held at 8 a.m. at the Marriott. A memorial service will be held at 8:30. During the second plenary session at 9 a.m., the topic will be "The Role of

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NEWS BRIEFS

GOSPEL SINGERS HURT

Two family members of a Lee County gospel singing group were seriously injured and three others suffered minor injuries when their tour bus skidded off a road and overturned in Franklin County Sunday. All five, Fred Ray Burgess, Sr., his wife Trula J. Burgess, Michelle Burgess, Erwin and Marcella Burgess, are part of the Melody Makers. The driver, Fred Ray Burgess, Jr., was charged with reckless driving. The \$15,000 bus was a total loss.

TRADES SON FOR CRACK

A Kansas City, Mo. woman traded her three-month-old son for \$20 worth of crack, police said last week. The baby was recovered by a woman who witnessed the transaction at a bar. The baby was placed in state custody. The child's 23-year-old mother was in jail awaiting arraignment on charges of child abandonment.

MAN FOUND DEAD

Haskell Lamont Womack, 33, a Raleigh man who had no permanent home, was found lying on his right side, with one leg hanging out the door of a car which was parked on the 400 block of Hill Street. Police said Womack apparently died of natural causes and an autopsy would be per-

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HELPING HAND—The Helping Hand Mission, under the direction of Ms. Sylvia Wiggins, has a marching band to deter youngsters from trouble. The band practices often to prepare for various parades throughout the city. The

mission also has a Thrift Shop and helps the needy. The mission is located on East Martin Street. (Photo by Talib Sabir-Calloway)