

CRIME

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from North Carolina banks last year, with no injuries or innocent bystanders hurt during bank robberies.

In metropolitan areas, bank robberies occur more often, leaving the perpetrator's chances for escape greater.

Towns with populations less than 50,000 are often hit, but the robber is more likely to be caught.

NEWS BRIEFS

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SHOOTING

Delwin Edward Harris, 27, of C-14 Washington Terrace, was shot in the side at his apartment Tuesday and police charged his roommate, Harley Mandell Williams, 37, with assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill, inflicting serious injury. Harris was in critical condition Wednesday at Wake Medical Center. Police said the men were arguing over rent money.

PET PIGS IN CITY

A City Council panel Tuesday unanimously gave pigs a chance to live as pets in the city, changing an ordinance that kept swine out of the city limits. City Attorney Thomas A. McCormick, Jr. explained to the Law and Finance Committee that pigs were the only animals locked out by the ordinance. Recently, local hog owners brought two Vietnamese potbellied pigs to City Hall and asked the council to change the ordinance.

BUDGET CRUNCH

Slumping corporate profits, sluggish income tax collections and unexpected expenses have put the state budget in a hole. State economists predict a \$220 million shortfall. Experts say North Carolina is not alone. There are at least 27 states, many along the Atlantic seaboard, that will have difficulty meeting budgets this year.

AIRPORT NOISE

The Raleigh-Durham Airport Authority agreed to hold a public hearing Feb. 29 on an ordinance that would reduce jetliner noise around the airport. After the hearing and a 45-day period for written comments, the authority could approve the proposal, which would take effect this year.

HOUSING

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Task Force and co-sponsor of the National Affordable Housing Act, said that for too many years, housing has been too low on the agenda of the Congress and the administration.

"The Rural Housing Revitalization Act will be incorporated into the National Affordable Housing Act when the bill is considered by the Senate early this year," he said.

"Jack Kemp took over the helm at the Department of Housing and Urban Development and injected new life into the agency. In his efforts to clean out the dead wood, however, Secretary Kemp uncovered leftovers from the Reagan era at HUD: widespread fraud and incompetence.

"Both HUD and the Congress have responded to the HUD scandals with in-depth investigations to expose criminal activity and to determine necessary programmatic changes. One result of this investigation was the passage this fall of a HUD reform bill.

"However, the scandals at HUD must not be used as an excuse to avoid addressing the housing crisis facing our nation, which has left 8,000 homeless in North Carolina alone. Over the past three years, the Senate Banking Committee has met with housing developers, low-income housing advocates, and government officials to develop an appropriate response to the crisis. This effort culminated in the introduction of the National Affordable Housing Act, of which I am a cosponsor.

"The act increases federal funding for housing by some \$4 billion and encourages state and local governments, nonprofit organizations, and businesses to pool resources to meet pressing housing needs. However, this legislation has been put on hold as the federal government has grappled with the debacle at HUD."

ELDERLY

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"I'm not bothered too much except sometimes I just get a little cold." Despite many concerns of the elderly—housing, health care, Social Security benefits—there are services in Wake County that can make life for them more comfortable.

The Council on Aging, a private, non-profit agency in Wake County, offers services for the elderly, including adult day care for those who cannot function at home by themselves and caregiver training, which teaches family members and others how to take care of the elderly in their family.

"More people are becoming aware that more services are out there for the elderly and more people are finding out about our service," said Mary Ledbetter, an information and referral director with the agency.

The council also offers a home weatherization program to help the elderly with their heating and cooling bills as well as tips on minor plumbing.

"We give people housing assistance on a one-to-one basis," she said. The council also offers house cleaning services where people go into the home to clean for those who cannot do it themselves.

"It's great to live to be 70," said Cassie M. Snow, who said she will be 71 in February and is looking forward to it.

"When you're young, you have to do what you're supposed to do. When you get old, you can do what you want to do," she said.

"You can watch television when you want to. You can do what you please."

Among the necessary services for the elderly are programs that give them recreational choices and an outlet to meet friends.

The Meals on Wheels program in Wake County offers nutritious lunch meals five days a week for people 60 years and older. The meals are served in outlets in Holly Springs, Garner, Auburn, Wake Forest, Wendell, Whitaker Mills and Tucker Street. Residents who want to participate in the program must call a day in advance. For information, call 833-1949 or 832-2592.

In addition to meals, the Meals on Wheels program also offers Bingo, a sing-along program and exercise program, with each program falling on a different day of the week.

"We just have fun over here," said Lois Hooks, a spokeswoman for Linda Roan, who is the Title III project director.

Novella Sills, 70, a resident of Cosmo Estates on Cross Link Road, said the programs and other services for the elderly make her think and feel young.

"I don't feel like I'm 70," she said while standing in the doorway holding onto her walking cane. "Maybe in my 30s maybe. I feel good just about all the time. I just thank the Lord for being here."

Despite the hard times for the elderly, most older people find strength in God, but many cautioned the young about preparing for their old age.

"Our young people need to start saving money," she said. "When they get old, there won't be as many services available for them as there are now," she said.

The Adult Services Division with the Department of Social Services in Wake County has seen its services to the elderly increase as the elderly population grows.

"We have been providing a number of services for the elderly," said Delores Wilson, Adult Section chief with the department.

The department provides services for the elderly and disabled. It also provides health services and helps the elderly locate the proper medical care they need. There are also a number of services that help the elderly feel more comfortable in the home.

"We work with other agencies to meet the needs of the elderly population," Wilson said.

EXCELLENCE

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of a Partner in Learning activity, and all new material is presented so the students can discuss it and share ideas among themselves as well as with her.

The ability to use resources and find information seems to be one of the most useful skills she teaches. Every group of desks has four dictionaries and a thesaurus on it at all times. A dictionary is useless if it lives on a shelf. She encourages her students to ask her questions and she encourages them to question their fellow classmates.

Because of the nature of her subject, she has quite an extensive curriculum guide available. She uses this as just that—a guide. Her students come to her from such a wide variety of backgrounds and experiences that her teaching must be flexible enough to meet their needs. Like most teachers, she borrows good ideas and incorporates them into her own lessons.

Her favorite method of assessing student progress is through the use of interdisciplinary units. Whether it's a major American author, poetry, a work of nonfiction, or a literary classic, her students write music, build statues, design mobiles and paint exquisite pieces of art to represent their individual interpretation of the material. Even students of "lower" abilities find an appropriate and successful method of representing their ideas.

She prefers to teach individual skills such as grammar and spelling within the context of literature and writing. When studying adverbs, students write sentences, descriptive paragraphs, and they find modifiers in their stories. This brings all the areas of language into a meaningful, relevant context for seventh graders.

But even more impressive than her teaching methods is her philosophy of teaching.

"My commitment to education began at a very early age," she said.

"I was exposed to the academic lifestyle as a very young child and it was always a priority in my family to do our very best in school." These are some of the values she strives to pass on to her students.

"We have wonderful discussions in my classroom where I work to compare the importance of an education to a job. This is, after all, the most important career they will ever have. It's also the only career in which the mode of compensation cannot be taken away. Knowledge is forever—no one can take away the wonderful experiences that a child learns in the classroom."

In addition to a strong commitment to their own education, she tries to instill a spirit of creativity and self-worth in her students.

"Too often I have seen children humiliated and made to feel unappreciated because their work or their questions were not exactly what the teacher was looking for. This is one of the reasons why I chose to work with 'at-risk' students this year. I have a real need to let these children know that they are appreciated and respected for the very fact that they are children.

"When a child feels that he or she is important to someone, their own feelings of success and self-worth are naturally enhanced. I have literally seen a child sit more straight and glow with inner pride as the result of one seemingly insignificant, yet positive, comment."



HAPPY BIRTHDAY—David J. Wilson, (center) in bed, is surrounded by family and friends as he celebrates his 99th birthday. Born January 4, 1891, Mr. Wilson is old enough to remember 13 different presidents. Also in the photograph are from left, Marie Wilson, daughter, Louis

Wilson, Jr., grandson; Josephine Stokes, grand daughter; Carlton Carmon, great grandson; David Wilson, Jr., son; and Alee Waters and Harvey L. Freeman, close family friends. (Photo by Talib Sabir-Calloway)

Former Wake County Publisher Ted Vallas Files For Commissioner Seat

Ted Vallas, former owner of the Independent in Fuquay-Varina and the Western Wake Herald in Apex, filed Monday as a candidate for Wake County Commission from District 2.

Vallas, 57, is challenging incumbent commissioner Stewart Adcock, who has also filed seeking a fourth four-year term. Both men are from Fuquay-Varina. District 2 covers southern Wake County and includes Fuquay-Varina, Apex and Garner.

Channeling more funds into Wake County's education system would be a high priority if he is elected commissioner, Vallas said in an interview this week.

Vallas said he is also interested in promoting industrial development as

a means to strengthen the tax base which has become flat within the past several years.

Protecting the environment is also a major concern of his. He said he has looked with concern at the area in western Wake County which the state is considering as a low-level waste site and has become convinced that, if the site were developed according to proposed federal regulations, it would not propose any real hazard to the community because "it would contain no more hazardous waste than what we already have around us... from our hospitals and industries."

And, Vallas said, if the county were to be selected for the low-level waste

site, he believes that would protect the area from ever being chosen as a site for a high-level radioactive waste dump such as the one in Barnwell, S.C.

Vallas, who is retired, said he has the time and wants to be of service to the public. He also said he believes elected public officials are elected to serve the people, not to tell people what they are going to do.

He said, for example, that he would never have voted in favor of putting a rock quarry in southwestern Wake County, "not because it is good, bad

or indifferent but because the people didn't want it."

A Raleigh native, Vallas has lived in Fuquay-Varina since 1971 when he purchased the Independent. He later purchased the Western Wake Herald and published both papers until his retirement in 1988. Before returning

to North Carolina 19 years ago, he worked for 15 years with the Wall Street Journal. He was the eastern advertising manager when he left the Journal to return to his home state.

KING HOLIDAY

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We are confident that the new King Boulevard will serve as a daily reminder and a source of inspiration for generations to come."

In addition to the street dedication, the city and the Raleigh MLK Celebration Committee will conduct a joint groundbreaking ceremony for the Martin Luther King Memorial Gardens. The King Gardens will be located on the corner of Rock Quarry Road and the new King Boulevard.

Construction of the \$180,000 facility culminates a year-long community fund drive by the Raleigh committee. The centerpiece of the gardens will be a 6'2" bronze statue of Dr. King which becomes North Carolina's first public park totally dedicated to the memory of Dr. King and the civil rights movement. Unveiling of the King statue to the public will take place on Monday, Jan. 15, at noon in the Raleigh Civic Center.

One of the organizers of the King Gardens concept is Dr. W.B. Lewis, pastor of First Cosmopolitan Baptist Church, who co-chairs the King Committee. He stated, "When completed, the gardens will become a shining example of what we can do when we come together. It is a tremendous attribute to the spirit and resolve of ordinary citizens working together to make meaningful contributions to their community."

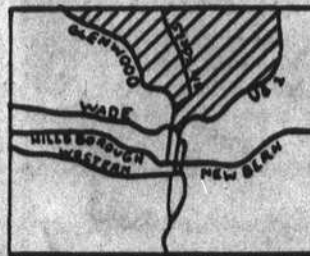
Ms. Thelma Cumbo Lennon, who serves on the fund development committee for the project, stated, "This permanent memorial to Dr. King goes far beyond the man himself. We recognize that the total sum of the civil rights movement had many important and active leaders. The young people of our community, and indeed our state, will be able to visit this memorial and learn about Dr. King and the many others who helped shape the history of our society. It will be a beautiful addition to Southeast Raleigh."

Monday's holiday activities kick off with the Martin Luther King Memorial March, assembling at 10:30 a.m. on the east side of the state Capitol and proceeding through downtown Raleigh. At noon, the Martin Luther King Ecumenical Observance will take place at the Raleigh Civic and Convention Center. The keynote speaker for this year's program will be the Rev. William L. Reverly of Detroit, Mich. Concluding the day's activities will be the Martin Luther King Evening Musical Celebration at 7 p.m. at the Civic Center. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. All programs are free and open to the public.

CITY OF RALEIGH LEAF COLLECTION SCHEDULE

BEGINS JANUARY 16, 1990 FOR THIS AREA:

Begins on Glenwood Ave., moving east to US 1 North (Capital Blvd.), covering area between Glenwood Ave. and US 1 (Capital Blvd.).



Trucks will be in the shaded area Jan. 16, 17, 18 and 19. This is an estimated schedule, however, which may change due to weather, amount of leaves, etc. Consult Cablevision Channel 10 which will run an update should this schedule change, or call 831-6446. Leaves should be raked to the curb.

Leaves may still be bagged and left at the curb for regular Wednesday trash pickups. Requests for delivery of leaves (full truckload) are being accepted. Call 831-6446.

COMMIT TO QUIT



BE ELIGIBLE TO WIN



Who's eligible? Any smoker who works or lives in Wake County and who quits smoking by January 14th.

What do I have to do? Stop smoking for one month, between January 14 and February 14.

Deadline: Mail your entry form by January 14 to:

COMMIT to a Healthier Raleigh

What can I win?

- \$1,000 cash grand prize
- One-year membership to Capital Athletic and Aquatic Club, plus 50 one-month memberships
- \$100 gift certificate at Hudson-Belk
- Other valuable prizes

ENTRY FORM

- Yes! I want to kick off the '90's by kicking the habit.
- Yes! I COMMIT TO QUIT smoking beginning no earlier than January 1, no later than January 14.
- Yes! I know that I will be eligible to win \$1,000 in cash and other prizes, if I have been smoke-free between January 14 and February 14.
- Yes! My hang-in-there friend will help me and will confirm whether I have been smoke-free during this time.

Please print:
 Name _____
 Address _____
 Home Phone _____ Work Phone _____
 Workplace _____ Age: _____ Sex: M F
 I have smoked for _____ years. I smoke _____ cigarettes daily.
 (how long) (number)
 My hang-in-there friend is:
 Name _____
 Address _____
 Home Phone _____ Work Phone _____

* Carbon monoxide meter testing (BREATH TESTS) may be performed to further verify non-smoking status.

Form must be postmarked by January 14, 1990. Mail it TODAY to...

COMMIT
 To a Healthier Raleigh 821-4222

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