



Hotter Than Ever

Legendary bluesmaster B.B. King will headline a hot blues festival with Dr. John, Buddy Guy and the Fabulous Thunderbirds at Hardee's Walnut Creek Amphitheatre.

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Her Own Story

Sister Thea Bowman, renowned spokesperson for African-American Catholics tells how she brings the joy of life to schools and congregations.

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Andrew Young was born in New Orleans, 1932. He was a close aide to Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr. In 1972, he was elected to Congress from a Washington district; and in 1977, he was appointed by President Carter as U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations. He was elected mayor of Atlanta, Ga., in 1982.

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Harris Plant Marks Success

Five years ago on May 2, 1987, commercial nuclear power came to life at Carolina Power and Light's Harris Nuclear Plant in southwestern Wake County.

Since that day, the Harris plant has received some of the best scores in the Southeast for plant operations from the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, has set company records for continuous days of operation, and has produced electricity for customers more efficiently than the national average.

The Harris nuclear plant has enjoyed five years of successful operations and has saved customers almost \$400 million in fuel costs.

"The Harris plant has enjoyed five years of successful operations thanks to the talents and hard work of our employees," said Gerald Vaughn, vice president of the Harris Nuclear Project. "I want to thank and congratulate each of our employees for making the Harris plant one of the top-performing nuclear power plants in the country."

This spring, the Harris plant set a new company record by operating nonstop for 271 consecutive days. To date, the plant has produced more than 28 billion kilowatt-hours of electricity. That's enough electricity to serve the needs of CP&L's 835,000 residential customers for (See HARRIS PLANT, P. 2)

Rodney King Verdict Shock To Area

BY CASH MICHAELS
Staff Writer

"They said it looked like they were only 'tapping' Rodney King," said an exasperated Broughton High student. The African-American teen was telling a friend about why one of her black classmates left the classroom earlier: White students were making light of the surprising Rodney King case verdict.

When a Simi Valley, Calif. jury last Wednesday acquitted four white Los Angeles police officers in the brutal videotaped beating of black motorist Rodney King, the world was literally in shock, and L.A. erupted into unprecedented violence.

Dozens of people were killed, hundreds injured, and still more were arrested. The subsequent

shooting, looting and burning of the "City of Angels" saddened many African-Americans across the country. Violence also broke out in Atlanta, Philadelphia and Seattle.

In the Triangle, very little violence was reported. But African-Americans were no less shocked and concerned.

One hundred students at North Carolina Central University in

Durham marched through the streets with clenched fists, shouting "No justice, no peace," "Savage cops," and "We shall overcome."

On Friday, hundreds of St. Augustine's College students marched through downtown Raleigh, voicing their opposition to the verdict.

Mayor Avery C. Upchurch issued a statement, telling citizens that "no

one in city administration approves of police violence," and that Raleigh has one of the finest police departments around. Many, however, viewed the mayor's statement with skepticism.

Callers to Frank Roberts' "Let's Talk" radio program on WLLE-AM said they were outraged and under-

(See KING VERDICT, P. 2)

Third Trial For Barnes Looms

Citizens Express Outrage

BY CASH MICHAELS
Staff Writer

Despite a Superior Court jury verdict that found Willie Barnes not guilty on one charge, the prospect of yet a third trial in the broken BB gun case has African-American citizens very concerned and in some cases even outraged.

Barnes, the 16-year-old teenager who was tried and convicted last February on charges emanating from allegedly bringing a broken BB gun to school, was acquitted last Wednesday on one of three charges of assaulting three Enloe High administrators. But a 12-member jury deadlocked on the two remaining assault charges and two counts of communicating verbal threats.

Judge Gary Trawick declared a mistrial on those four charges, and Wake Assistant District Attorney Ricky Spoon, the prosecutor, immediately announced that the case would be retried, possibly sometime this month.

Barnes told reporter that if he has to go to court a third time, he is ready.

The two-day trial started a day later than expected, causing many

(See BB GUN, P. 2)



EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES — Gary Florence, MCI Corporation representative, discusses MCI employment opportunities with computer operations students LaShawn Holloway of Raleigh and Sonya Speed of Fuquay-Varina and with computer programming student Katina Robertson of Wake Forest. MCI was one of 39 area

companies represented at a career fair at Wake Technical Community College Wednesday, April 22. The college's placement office sponsored the fair, which attracted more than 500 students. Companies in business, engineering technology, public service and vocational fields offered information at the fair.

Lucille Hunter School During Great Depression Beacon For Students

BY JOHN T. MOORE, JR.
Contributing Writer

The pupils of Lucille Hunter Elementary School were very fortunate to reside in an educational city like Raleigh during the Great Depression and thereafter.

Raleigh, as we have known it from 1792-1932 and even until today, has all kinds of cultural, state, city, county and private buildings.

Also, the Hunterites had better school facilities, equipment, better trained and experienced teachers

and principals than their rural cousins in many, many parts of North Carolina.

Economically speaking, during the Great Depression, African-American sharecroppers suffered

along with the white landowners of big cotton and tobacco farms because of foreclosure, and therefore, their farm "hands," too, suffered.

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Community Calendar

NETWORKING EXCHANGE

The Cary Alumni Chapters of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority and Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc. will be hosting a Professional Networking Exchange on Wednesday. The event will be held at Tremors located at 912 W. Hodges St. in Raleigh from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. Please come join the Triangle's leading professional men and women for an evening of innovative networking and social interaction. Various representatives from local businesses and industries will be present. The admission will be \$6 per person at the door. Proceeds will be donated to various scholarship funds.

AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL MEETS

Cynthia Langlykke will speak on her recent visit to the northern Mexican border as a YWCA representative at the Raleigh Amnesty International meeting, Wednesday, May 6, at 7 p.m. at Fairmont Methodist Church, 2501 Clark Avenue at Horne Street. All are welcome. For information, call 832-0225.

PRICE HOLDS COMMUNITY MEETING

Fourth District Rep. David Price will hold a community meeting in Raleigh next week to find what's on the minds of Wake County residents. The community meeting will be held on Monday, May 11, at 7 p.m. in LeRoy Martin Middle School, 1701 Ridge Road in Raleigh. During the meeting, Price will give an overview of issues now before Congress, then will turn the floor over to Raleigh residents for questions or comments.

The Raleigh meeting is part of an ongoing series of community meetings that Price has held since coming to Congress.

RDU DIRECTOR TO SPEAK

The Greater Raleigh Convention and Visitors Bureau will hold its bi-monthly "Eye-Opener" Breakfast Program on Thursday, May 14, from 7:15 to 9 a.m. at the Mission Valley Inn, 2110 Avenet Ferry Road, Raleigh.

Travel and transportation will be the topic, with guest speaker John C. Brantley, director of Raleigh-Durham International Airport.

ARTISTIC SERIES

The Artists Series of Saint Andrews Presbyterian Church, 7506 Falls of the Neuse Road, Raleigh, presents the Raleigh Ringers, a premiere handbell ensemble, Sunday, May 17, at 4:30 p.m. Sacred and secular ringing will prove to be entertaining for all. No admission charge. For further information, contact Floyd Lowman, 847-1913.

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Winn-Dixie Cuts Food Costs Here

In response to what Winn-Dixie describes as a "heightened demand" for low prices, the grocery retailer will reduce prices in all 1,200 of its stores, located throughout the Southeastern United States. Winn-Dixie President James Kufeldt announced last week that the price reductions will impact thousands of food items and that it represents a significant step toward lowering the total food bill for its customers.

The price-reduction program has been underway for several weeks, and was completed by April 29. "It's a big job to lower prices on thousands of items at 1,200 supermarkets," Kufeldt said, "but customers have told us

(See WINN-DIXIE, P. 2)

Mobil Oil Chairman Heads NAACP 1992 Corporate Campaign For Funds

Allen E. Murray, chairman of the board, president and chief executive officer of the Mobil Corp., has been named chairman of the NAACP's 1992 Corporate Campaign, Dr. Benjamin L. Hooks, the NAACP's executive director and chief executive officer, has announced.

More than 400 of the nation's largest corporations land companies are contributors to the Corporate Campaign. This year's goal is \$4 million.

"We are most fortunate to have Mr. Murray as this year's chairman," Dr. Hooks said. "We know of his sincere commitment to equal opportunity and equality. Under his leadership we are confident of a very positive response from the corporate community."

"It is a great honor for me to have an opportunity to be of service to the oldest and one of the most revered civil rights organizations in the nation, the NAACP," Murray said. "Its rich tradition of leadership in advancing freedom and equality throughout our society has earned the gratitude and support of all Americans."

Murray has been with Mobil Corp. since 1952 when he joined the company as an accountant. From

1956 until 1965, he held various financial and planning positions in the Middle East Department.

In 1967, Murray was appointed general manager of the Middle East (See NAACP, P. 2)



CORPORATE CAMPAIGN — Allen E. Murray, president and chief executive officer of the Mobil Oil Corp. and the NAACP's 1992 corporate campaign chairman, presents a check to the NAACP for \$100,000. Accepting is Dr. Benjamin L. Hooks, NAACP executive director/CEO.