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## NAACP Calls Together Largest Anti-King Verdict March

SACRAMENTO, Calif.—Under a cloudless sky, a crowd of more than 7,500 gathered in front of the California state Capitol on May 7 to protest the not-guilty verdicts in the Rodney King case at a "Rally for Dignity and Justice" called by the NAACP.

Organized by the NAACP in the space of a few days, the demonstration was the nation's largest nonviolent protest against the verdicts.

Fresh from a riot-torn Los Angeles, where he had toured the stricken areas and talked to com-

munity leaders and private citizens, the NAACP's executive director, Dr. Benjamin L. Hooks, told the large and racially mixed audience that the rally was convened not merely to address the obvious injustice in the King case, but to protest the way law enforcement

officials go about carrying out their duties while not adhering to codes of conduct they are sworn to uphold.

Dr. Hooks was one of the first national leaders to respond to the acquittal of the four white policemen in the beating of King, declar-

ing moments after the verdicts were rendered.

"The gross injustice done by the jury in the Rodney King case ranks in infamy with that handed down in the Scottsboro Boys case of the 1930s. In the latter, an all-white jury convicted nine innocent

black boys of rape. In the former, an all-white jury has in effect said the brutal beating of Rodney King seen by millions on videotape was justifiable and all the officers involved acted properly.

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## Eva Clayton Makes History With Win In 1st District Runoff

Eva Clayton is one election away from making history. The former chairperson of the

Warren County Commissioners handily won her runoff race 55 percent to 45 percent Tuesday night, against state Rep. Walter B. Jones, Jr. for the Democratic nomination from the First Congressional District.

She will now face Republican Ted Tyler of Rich Square in the November elections. And if she wins, Ms. Clayton will become the first African-American woman in modern history to represent North Carolina in the U.S. Congress.

It was a jubilant Eva Clayton who, along with more than 100 of her family, friends and campaign supporters at a Rocky Mount hotel, noted the significance of her victory.

"We cannot minimize the significance of this historically... We know we made history because you got involved in the process. This is your day... this is our day... this is the people's day."

From the start, it was a hard-fought battle for Ms. Clayton. When the First Congressional District was created by order of federal mandate to ensure majority black voting, Ms. Clayton was one of four black candidates and two whites who competed for the Democratic nomination.

After coming in a close second during the May 5 primary, Ms. Clayton mounted an aggressive "let's make history" campaign that caught the imagination of the district.

"A message goes forth to all of North Carolina, that in eastern North Carolina, people of good will, whether they be male or female, whether they live in northeast or southeast, whether they be black or white, can unite together and push forward to have a better district," said Ms. Clayton.

Her son, Raleigh attorney Theosius Clayton, Jr., said that his mother's victory was a tremendous accomplishment that the family was proud of. "We were surprised by the number of people present at the victory celebration that did not live in the First District," he said.

One of those people who helped

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EVA CLAYTON

### NEWS BRIEFS

#### WORKERS DEMAND PAY HIKE

More than 400 state employees descended on the Legislative Building Monday to voice demands for their first pay raise in two years. Sen. Henson Barnes, the Senate's top-ranking Democrat, promised the workers a raise this year, but stopped saying exactly how much they can expect.

#### TEACHER OF THE YEAR

Patsy Hester, a math and computer science teacher at William G. Enloe High School, is one of two teachers in North Carolina selected as state semifinalists in the nationwide "Teacher of the year" competition sponsored by IBM and Technology and Learning Magazine. The other semifinalist is Libby C. Gray of Charlotte.

#### CAMPBELL SAYS "NOT YET"

District C City Councilman Ralph Campbell, Jr., responding to a recent story in The CAROLINIAN that indicated that he may have chosen someone already to replace him on the council if he is elected state auditor in November, says that in fact he has not. Campbell says that he has spoken to several people, but has not and will not involve himself in the process.

"I only have one vote, and the council decides, not me," Campbell said. Sources, however, have been buzzing about several candidates already lining up for Campbell's recommendation to the council, with one reportedly saying that he will replace Campbell. Campbell says he told the gentleman to stop saying that.

#### NAACP PREXY SAYS HELP ALL STUDENTS

The president of the Raleigh-Apex chapter of the

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100th BIRTHDAY — May 18th was a glorious birthday for Mrs. Georgia Y. Wall of Raleigh. With the theme, "You Are So Special," St. Paul AME Church members, family, friends and Brithaven staff showered Mrs. Wall with many expressions of love. She is "a very sweet Christian lady," said Lilla Clemens as she spoke of Mrs. Wall's

dedicated service as a class leader and stewardess at St. Paul and member of the Eastern Stars. Mrs. Wall is a graduate of St. Augustine's School and was a seamstress at Ivory-Taylor Department Store for many years, specializing in upholstery and draperies. (Photo by James Giles)

## Local Community Outraged By No Civil Rights Violation Comment

BY CASH MICHAELS

Staff Writer

"The difference between the Farrell case and the Ingram case, even though they were both police shootings, is you had a white officer and a black victim in the first case, and a black officer and a black victim in the second case. I don't think at that time when we looked at that, there was any suggestion that [Ivan Ingram's] civil rights, under the civil rights laws, were violated."

That statement from District D City Councilman J. Barlow Herget during last Thursday's Police Affairs Committee meeting, was supposed to clarify why the Raleigh

City Council wasn't required to ask for a FBI civil rights probe into every police shooting of a citizen, and specifically why it wasn't done in the case of Ivan Lorenzo Ingram.

But what it did was stir up a storm of protest in the African-American community.

The comments are said by some to show exactly how out of touch the city government is with Raleigh's African-American community, and added yet another brick to the proverbial wall separating them.

A federal law enforcement official has confirmed to The CAROLINIAN that Councilman Herget's

opinion was legally incorrect.

"[Councilman Herget's] statement was simply asinine," said Frank Roberts on his "Let's Talk" radio show Monday night. Roberts told his audience that Herget's remarks were "the kind the African-American community has come to expect from the City Council throughout the years. No one on the council challenged Herget's re-

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The foundation directors, police mentors and youth members of successful inner-city projects in Boston, Chicago, San Juan (Puerto Rico) and the L.A. "Challengers Boys and Girls Club" presented testimonials for their projects through poetry, dance, song and statements. The Challengers club has launched a campaign to build a new community building with the help of Los Angeles Lakers' star Earvin "Magic" Johnson and the Eisenhower Fund.

The foundation is the private

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## CRIME BEAT

Editor's Note: This column, a fixture of The CAROLINIAN in years past, has returned to our pages in hopes of deterring crime in our community. The information contained herein is taken from public arrest records and does not necessarily mean those mentioned are guilty of crimes.

#### COCAINE VIOLATION

Twenty-four-year-old John Wayne Johnson of 913 South State St. was arrested and charged with possession of cocaine and assault on an officer. Police say Johnson was arrested on the 800 block of Bragg Street, with 1.18 grams (nine rocks) of crack valued at \$180. Johnson also allegedly assaulted Officer C.L. Lynch during the arrest.

#### ASSAULT ON A FEMALE

Russell Fort, 21, of 608 Nazareth St., was arrested and charged with assaulting Carol Yvette Ratcliff of Suffolk Boulevard. Police say Ms. Ratcliff received a swollen left eye during the assault in Moore Square Park.

#### TASTY TAKE

Forty-year-old Carl Dwight Cannady of 2207 Milbank St. was charged with stealing a beef loin steak and a filet mignon from a supermarket at 5563 Western Blvd.

#### AUTO THEFT

Twenty-four-year-old Tony Lewis of 321 Matthew St. in Rocky Mount was charged with attempted larceny of a motor vehicle, first-degree trespass, resisting, obstructing and delaying arrest. Lewis is accused of trying to steal a \$6,000 Daihatsu car from a dealership at 5500 Capital Blvd.

#### DRUG BUST

Robert Lee Atkinson, 39, was charged with possession of crack cocaine and conspiracy, and 45-year-old Robert Lee Purcell, Jr. of 2105 New Bern Avenue was charged with possession of crack cocaine, maintaining a vehicle for sale of crack, and conspiracy. \$1,256 in currency and \$560 in crack were confiscated.

## Wake County Sheriff Recommends Programs For Better Understanding

BY CASH MICHAELS

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In the wake of the violence and destruction recently in Los Angeles, Wake County's highest law enforcement official is taking no chances. Sheriff John Baker, Jr. knows that in the current highly charged atmosphere of racial tension, anything can happen. As a lawman, he knows it's his duty to prepare for the worst. But Baker is not doing it with riot gear, but with human understanding.

"As humans we tend to fear and distrust that which we do not understand," wrote Baker in a May 26 letter to Wake County Commissioner Vernon Malone and County Manager Richard Y. Stevens. "The obvious answer is to learn about each other's society and develop some communication. Communication is the beginning of understanding."

Thus, the Wake County sheriff's multicultural institute, "Ethics in Civil Law," was born. Baker has asked Dr. Wiley Davis of St. Augustine's College to help develop a program for his deputies and detention officers that would sensitize them to the variety of

ethnic groups that currently reside in Wake County. The program would be loosely based on the human relations training Raleigh police officers reportedly receive at St. Augustine's.

"We envision 16 two-day sessions of the Ethics in Civil Law symposium to be taught partly at our Mt. Auburn facility, and partly on the campus of St. Augustine's College. With these 16 sessions,

we will be able to offer the benefits of this program to all of our deputies, detention officers, and some of the clerical support staff who come into daily contact with citizens," says Baker.

He notes that beyond just the black and white, Wake County has a growing Asian, Hispanic, Middle Eastern, African and Hindu population.

Sheriff Baker is also aware of the growing discontent among young people, and realizes that many times that discontent manifests itself in violent acts, acts that usually land youth in prison. After meeting with a variety of elected and community leaders, as well as youth, Baker proposes to offer young people opportunities:

1. Summer employment. Sheriff Baker recognizes unemployment as a key reason for youth crime, so he has created 10 clerical positions within the department for young people to work during the summer. For 10 weeks, 40 hours a week, \$5 an hour.

2. Continuing education incarceration. For those youth who are first-time offenders, Sheriff Baker



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