

Banking Officer

Farad Ali has been elected banking officer at Wachovia Bank of North Carolina, Raleigh, after being recently transferred into the corporate banking department.

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Revisiting Doo-Wop

Stevie Wonder will be featured on "Street Gold: The Original Leads of the Temptations," music series revisiting the street groove of doo-wop.

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The "Mississippi Rag," released early in 1897 by a white bandleader, was the first authentic rag ever published. But late in that year a second rag—the "Harlem Rag"—was published by black pianist Tom Turpin.

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FBI To Investigate Shooting Death



IVAN INGRAM

BY CASH MICHAELS
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After eight months, two local investigations and a grand jury decision, the U.S. Justice Department will finally mount a six-month probe into events surrounding the police shooting death of Ivan Lorenzo Ingram. Last week, the Federal Bureau of Investigation was officially assigned to gather evidence as to whether Ingram's civil rights were violated when he happened upon a police raid last Nov. 8, and was shot point-blank by a Raleigh police officer.

It was a resistant Raleigh City Council that instructed the city

administration to formally request the FBI probe. As first reported by the CAROLINIAN in June, not until the Rev. David Foy, community activist, confronted members of the City Council during the May 27 Police Affairs Committee meeting about not requesting a federal investigation, was it even seriously considered by city leaders.

Before the committee voted to approve the request, District D City Councilman J. Barlow Herget said the reason why no FBI investigation was requested at the time of the shooting was because it involved a "black officer and a black victim." Vincent Kerr, the Raleigh

police officer who shot Ivan Ingram, was black. Herget said that because no one raised any racial issues over the shooting, the council didn't see the need to request a civil rights probe.

But according to Special Agent Chuck Richards of the North Carolina branch office of the FBI, in the case of a police officer allegedly abusing or killing a citizen or a suspect, the race, color or ethnicity of either is not as important as whether or not a sworn officer carried out his duty appropriately.

He cited the case of several officers on the Gastonia police force who've been federally indicted for

abusing homeless men by pouring hot coffee and oil on them. In many cases, both the officers and the victims were white.

To the family and friends of Ivan Ingram, the news of a federal probe is just the beginning of their unending efforts to have the case reopened bearing fruit. There have been lingering questions, not only about the shooting, but the subsequent investigations by the state and the city.

After the shooting, a preliminary, and then subsequent report to the city's police affairs committee by Chief Frederick K. Heine-

Kerr's version of events: that once he and three other officers with the Selective Enforcement Unit raided 314 N. Carver Street on a drug raid, he saw Ivan Ingram walk away from a group of four men in front of the address, ordered him to stop several times, and stepped in his path. Kerr claims that Ingram said nothing. When he saw Ingram reach into his coat pocket with his left hand, then seem to pull it out quickly, Kerr fired his 12-gauge shotgun from approximately six feet away, hitting Ingram once in the abdo-

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Jones Proud To Be Maverick

BY CASH MICHAELS
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His fellow Wake County commissioners better get used to it, because Abraham Penn Jones has no plans to stop speaking out on the issues he deems important. And he has no problem being the only one to do it.

Commissioner Jones was the only one to speak out against paying for a planned Triangle baseball stadium with a hotel and meals tax. The project collapsed.

He was the only one to address the lackluster numbers of African-American department heads and supervisors in county government, raising the question "Is the county's affirmative action policy really working?" County officials still haven't adequately answered the question.

And now Jones is the sole elected voice questioning why the board of commissioners has a "hands off" policy concerning funds allotted to the Wake County School System. This battle may be the most controversial of all, but Jones says those who don't like his



ABE JONES

position on the issue, can "unelect" him.

"If being an independent thinker is a maverick, then I'm a maverick," said Jones, now in his second year on the commission. "I finally realized somewhere in the first six

or seven months of my four-year term that the only way to really do this job the way I think I have to do it is, notwithstanding where the others are, go ahead and voice my opinion and vote the way I feel is absolutely best!"

Many in Wake County's African-American community like Jones' maverick style, finding it refreshing and honest. But many political stalwarts say Jones is a loose cannon who talks too much publicly, and sooner or later, may self-destruct politically, if someone doesn't do it to him first. Jones shows no signs of being afraid of either.

Fresh from attending the Democratic National Convention in New York as a North Carolina delegate, Jones did the one thing last week that his fellow Wake county commissioners wish he would stop doing: He appeared on WLLC-AM's "Let's Talk with Frank Roberts."

It was widely reported recently how a "social" meeting of all of the

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HISTORY REPEATING SELF — St. Agnes Hospital closed after 65 years of service to the Raleigh and surrounding communities in April 1961. Now, however, through its Department of Physical Therapy, Health and Physical Education and Allied Health, plans to establish a

new wellness complex as a benefit to the public in the Southeast Raleigh, Oakwood and adjacent public housing facilities. The City of Raleigh recently awarded the program a \$100,000 grant. (Photo by James Giles)

Wake Commissioner Vernon Malone May Oppose Sen. Johnson In Fall

BY CASH MICHAELS
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No doubt about it, state Sen. Joseph Johnson (D-Wake) is a politically marked man, and as The CAROLINIAN reported last week, there are candidates being lined up on both sides of the partisan aisle to either replace him on the ballot come November, or oppose him outright.

The name of most interest to the African-American community is that of Wake County Commission Chairman Vernon Malone.

Malone, who has a long history in elected office, reportedly told a local newspaper that any talk of his wanting to either run against Sen. Johnson or replace him on the ballot "would be presumptuous on my part to get that far ahead of circumstances that are developing."

Observers say Malone may be waiting to see who the Republicans put up to run for the 14th District Senate seat, and certainly what Sen. Johnson himself decides to do.

Johnson wounded both himself and his party politically recently when he tried to dodge paying a traffic ticket for not wearing a seatbelt. Not only did Johnson use an obscure 1787 law to shield himself from being cited, but he demanded that the two Raleigh po-

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Senate Gives Up On School Bond Package

(AP)—The state Senate decided last Thursday at the prompting of the University of North Carolina system to drop its holdout on the \$398 million education bond package.

C.D. Spangler, Jr., president of the UNC system, told a caucus of Senate Democrats that the battle with the House over bonds was hurting the 16-school system.

"C.D. Spangler came in and said we had been stalwart warriors, fighting for the university system," said Senate President Pro Tem Henson Barnes, D-Wayne. "He said he did not want there to be a long and continuing fight among the universities' friends in the General Assembly."

Barnes said he would end the three-week standoff with the House, which has repeatedly refused efforts to force a vote on the

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The People Speak



BILLY WRIGHT

I've been sitting in the shade listening to the speakers and enjoying my people.

Briefing: This has been one of Raleigh's hottest summers in the past few years and some Chavis Heights residents shared their secrets on staying cool.



AL ALSTON

I'm staying out of the sun and staying cool.



UVONNE BLAYLOCK

Just staying cool and in the air conditioning as much as possible.



EBONY DUNCAN

I'm staying in the house under the air conditioner.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

LIGON ALUMNI MEETING

All members of the J.W. Ligon Alumni Association need to meet on Saturday, Aug. 8, at 5 p.m. at the Ralph Campbell Community Center, 756 Lunar Drive.

AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL MEETS

Amnesty International of Raleigh meets Wednesday, Aug. 5, at 7 p.m. at Fairmont Methodist Church, 2501 Clark Avenue at Horne Street. All are welcome.

"TRUTH" AUDITIONS

Theatre In the Park announces auditions for the comedy, "The Unvarnished Truth," by British playwright Royce Ryton, Aug. 3 and 4 at 7:30 p.m. Male and female actors, aged 25 and up, are invited to audition. Please prepare a one-minute monologue. TIP is located off Pullen Road near N.C. State's belltower. Call 831-6058 for more information.

FIRST NIGHT RALEIGH SEEKS PERFORMERS

First Night Raleigh, the largest New Year's Eve celebration in eastern North Carolina, is seeking performers for all indoor and outdoor venues. The unusual but clean is especially encouraged. First Night Raleigh is an alcohol-free, family-oriented celebration which strives to unite the entire community on this special evening through the arts. Performances begin with a children's program from 2-5 p.m. The "People's Procession," which begins at 5:30 p.m., marks the start of all evening programming. Performances are held in bank lobbies, churches,

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