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Coretta Scott King To City For MLK Nat'l. Youth Assembly

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It's been five years since her last visit, but the mission and purpose is still the same: to spread the philosophy of non-violence... the philosophy of her late husband, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr..

Coretta Scott King, widow of the slain civil rights leader, is scheduled to come to Raleigh on Saturday, Aug. 8th, to deliver a keynote address during the fifth annual MLK "I Have a Dream" National Youth Assembly. Headquartered at the Radisson Hotel in downtown Raleigh, the three-day conference (Aug. 7-9) is expected to draw approximately 700 young people (ages 9-19) from across the United States.

In a letter about the assembly, Ms. King says this year's theme, "Unity Through the Peaceful Resolution of Conflict," "is designed to be a seed program for leadership skills that can be taken back to local communities."

The program is sponsored by the Martin Luther King Jr. Federal Holiday Commission, the North Carolina MLK Holiday Commission, the MLK Youth Assembly Committee and the N.C. Agricultural Extension Service.

Ms. King says "the theme supports the Commission's goal of providing meaningful tools and training for our youth to deal with the day-to-day problems confronting them in their homes, schools, playgrounds, and neighborhoods."

Because of the violent aftermath of the Rodney King verdict in Los Angeles a few months ago, national and local organizers feel an urgency to deliver a strong message that not only reinforces the non-violent teachings of Dr. King, but develops an understanding for multiculturalism and youth empowerment.

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many more youth on the road to responsible and productive citizenship," writes Ms. King.

Barbara Robinson, housing discrimination specialist with the N.C. Human Relations Commission and liaison to the N.C. King Holiday Commission, agrees.

"We have been monitoring a rise in hate violence incidents in the state of North Carolina, and I assure you that they are still occurring even more frequently than you might imagine," she said.

"We've noticed some unrest in the schools. The youth attending this conference are the leaders of tomorrow. They must learn about the different types of violence, and ways to deal with it. Dr. King left us a way to positively move toward accomplishing and improving the social problems that we have without causing devastation."

The conference will include workshops and speeches focusing on "Kingsian" principles, as well as a bus tour of Raleigh.

Mrs. King last came to the capital city in April of 1987 after the N.C. General Assembly passed a state paid holiday honoring Dr. King. Her visit energized Raleigh's African-American community, and inspired the construction and naming of Martin Luther King Blvd.



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Upper Room Dedicates New Church Home



DEDICATORIAL SERVICE—"Go up to the mountain, and bring wood, and build the house; and I will take pleasure in it, and I will be glorified, saith the Lord." Haggai 1:8
(Top Photo) Hundreds of Upper Room Church of God in Christ members spanning across State lines gathered here Saturday for the official opening service of Upper Room's new edifice at 2901 Sanderford Road.

(Bottom Photo) After prayer and words of thanksgiving (l.-r.) minister William Cooper III, Senior Assistant Pastor; Elder Patrick L. Wooden, Sr., Pastor; and wife Pamela eagerly and joyfully perform the ribbon-cutting ceremony. Bishop LeRoy J. Woolard, Jurisdictional Bishop Greater North Carolina, delivered the message. (Photo by James Giles)

NAACP's Dr. Hooks Says Goodbyes

BY CHESTER A. HIGGINS
Special to NNPA

NASHVILLE, Tenn.—The NAACP's 83rd annual convention in "Music City, USA" was enlivened by the rousing farewell speech of Executive Director Benjamin L. Hooks, the appearance of Democratic presidential aspirant Ark. Gov. Bill Clinton, his newly selected running mate, Sen. Al Gore, and independent presidential candidate H. Ross Perot.

It was disheartened by Perot's "you" and "your people" remark that some observers say directly led to the unraveling of his campaign four days later; the failure of President George Bush to respond to an NAACP invitation to address the assembly, and moviemaker Spike Lee's second last-minute failure to show.

Saying goodbye in his keynote speech, Dr. Hooks stirred an overflow, standing-room-only audience to more than a score of standing, hooting, foot-stomping, whistling, hand-clapping, shouting, cheering

ovations as, fighting back tears, he said, "I have fought the good fight. I have kept the faith."

Dr. Hooks does not actually leave office until April 1993, when his contract expires, but the speech in Music City USA, about 200 miles northwest from his native Memphis, Tenn., marks his final convention appearance in the present official capacity.

Fisk University has established a Benjamin Lawson Hooks Chair on Social Justice to encourage progress in areas of social justice and civil rights as well as to pass the principles of leadership in public policy to future generations.

Ray Danner, chief executive officer of the Danner Co. and founder and retired chairman of Shoney's, donated the first \$100,000 toward the \$1 million chair. "I am here because of the lifetime leadership and courage you've given to our nation," he told Dr. Hooks, who will be the chair's first occupant.

The Federal Bureau of Investigation cited the departing official,

as did Anheuser-Busch, the giant brewing company. A star-studded tribute was held in honor of Hooks and his wife of 41 years, Frances. It was headed by singer Dionne Warwick, and included the legend Rosa Parks, who said, "The struggle continues, and as it continues, we will always remember the dedication of Dr. Hooks."

Also taking part in the tribute

were entertainers Ossie Davis and Ruby Dee, Malcolm Jamal Warner, Dawnn Lewis, Tony Brown, BeBe Winans, Al Jarreau, Isaac Hayes and gospel singer Whitney Phipps, and actor Fred Morsel. The tribute was taped for later broadcast by FOX.

Prizewinning artist Ernie Barnes autographed one of his famous paintings as a gift to Hooks. Rec-

ord company executive Buddy Killen presented him a giant gold record.

Board Chairman William Gibson has named Ernie Green, of the Little Rock Nine fame, to lead a 21-member search committee for Dr. Hooks' successor. An October deadline has been set. An ob-

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Black Democratic Leaders Urge: 'Get Bush Out Of White House'

BY VINCENT THOMPSON
An Analysis

NEW YORK, N.Y.—The more than 760 black delegates to the Democratic National Convention left the Big Apple after the four-day convention willing to sit on the sidelines while the ticket of Bill Clinton and Al Gore goes courting the nation's white suburban voters.

Black delegates and politicians agree that they are moving to the side for one reason: to get George Bush out of the White House. The leaders say they are willing to forego their traditional liberal agenda to elect a president they could talk to and influence later.

"I get a lot of questions from people who are looking for the promised land to be hand deliv-

ered to them on a silver platter. It does not happen that way... We can either do something or do nothing. If we as black people choose nothing, we know we're gonna go down the drain. We can either vote for the Democratic ticket or the Republican ticket or we can stay at home. We know Republicans have made black people poorer, more babies dying, fewer of us educated, more living on the streets... This ticket is a chance of change for the better with a program and a plan that I believe is a good plan," Atlanta Mayor Maynard Jackson said.

Jackson called for black voters nationwide "to turn out in larger numbers than at any other time in our history to take back the political process and will give us a chance for a far better... way of life in this country."

Although a few notable black leaders were slow to back Clinton—the Rev. Jesse Jackson backed the ticket the day before the start of the convention an Virginia Gov. Douglas Wilder at the mid-point of the convention—most blacks in the party pledged their unqualified support.

Philadelphia Mayor Wilson Goode called Clinton and Gore, the first presidential ticket made up of Baby Boomers, "practical realists. I think they have the vision and I think they will do something to turn this country around."

At past conventions, Democratic presidential candidates have spent considerable time wooing black delegates and, through them, voters. The Clinton campaign admits that one of the reasons the Arkansas governor became the Democratic Party nominee is due to the support he garnered in the nation's black communities. Clinton has now made it clear he will not come close to the level of courting of blacks that Democrats have

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Crowd Of Nearly 350 Take Part In Chavis Park Family Day Fete

BY CASH MICHAELS
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"You are my favorite people in the whole wide world. You are the future!"

Most of the children sitting down really didn't know what James "Twiggy" Sanders was talking about, or even who Twiggy Sanders, or his world-famous basketball team the Harlem Globetrotters was. But after telling them he cared, he then did some basketball tricks, which etched smiles on their young faces. Sanders knew he had them then.

"Youngsters, they're about feelings. They don't care about philosophy. That's why I just try to them that they're important to me and the world," said the 40-year-old Raleigh native.

Whether he knew it or not, Sanders was speaking for the many celebrities, community activists and public officials who came together last Saturday in Chavis Park for the third annual African-American Family Day Celebration. Sponsored by the Friends Committee Against Drugs and AIDS, Inc., the day-long event focused on saving youth from the perils of drug usage and the transmission of HIV virus that is usually associated with it in the black community.

It all started with a parade of 35 marchers from Moore Square Park downtown to Chavis Heights. Some of the marchers were former drug and alcohol addicts, and for them, marching and shouting proudly was a way reinforcing their independence from the demons that submerged their lives only recently.

Once at Chavis Park where tables from such organizations as Drug Action Inc., the Wake County Health Department and Teens Against AIDS were set up, the attention turned immediately to youth with a series of track and field events.

With parents watching on, the competitive spirit of kids, ages 9 to 19, only helped to reinforce the mission of the day.

"We have to go an extra mile for these kids," said Mrs. Jessie Copeland. As an activist and head of the Chavis Heights Community Association, Ms. Copeland has led the way for residents in housing projects to reclaim their communities from drug dealers.

For that, she was honored at a special ceremony later in the day with a plaque noting her contributions. Raleigh Police Chief Freder-

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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.

ALLEGED DRUG DEALER

Ernest Derrick Artis, Jr. (no age) of 1755 Bruckner Blvd., Bronx, N.Y., was charged with possession with intent to sell and distribute and maintaining a vehicle for drug sales. Police say Artis was arrested on the corner of Bloodworth Street and New Bern Avenue, allegedly with 20 baggies, \$121 in U.S. currency, a 1985 Chevrolet Cavalier and marijuana.

ASSAULT ON A CHILD

Eighteen-year-old Gerald Lee Mitchell of 452 Dorothea Drive was charged with assault on a child under 12 years old. Police say Mitchell was arrested in a playground on the 500 block of Dorothea Drive.

DAMAGE TO PROPERTY

Roy Rogers, 35, of 591 Lake Wheeler Road, was charged with damage to property. Police say Rogers allegedly shattered a front window at 801 Sardis Drive.

CRACK COCAINE

Seventeen-year-old Bobby Myers Jr. of 1505-B Raleigh Blvd. was charged with possession of crack cocaine and resisting/delaying a law enforcement officer. Police claim Myers was arrested with six rocks of crack valued at \$120, \$50 in U.S. currency, one pager valued at \$200, and one pocket knife. He was arrested on the 700 block of Haywood Street.

THEFT OF PAINKILLERS

Kimberly Hahn Dillon, 27, of 1501 Heron Pond Drive in Chapel Hill was charged with misdemeanor larceny. Police say Dillon allegedly stole seven boxes of Advil ibuprofen, 12 boxes of Tylenol caplets, two boxes of Tylenol tablets and one Cornsilik facial powder, total value \$170.43.

NEWS BRIEFS

FREE SPEECH BILL DIES

A proposal to wipe out prohibitions against political activity by city employees in dozens of cities died in the General Assembly. A conference committee of House and Senate negotiators recommended that the political activity provision be dropped from a bill that prohibits discrimination against employees for their off-duty activities. Both House and Senate adopted the recommendation.

ROBBER FORGETS GUN

A young woman tried to rob the State Employees Credit Union near N.C. State University, but forgot one thing: a gun. The empty-handed robber, thought to be about 20, entered the credit union and handed a note to the teller demanding money. The teller wouldn't give it to her. She said, "I can't do this." The woman, apparently frustrated by the delay, briskly walked to the door and broke into a trot once she reached Hillsborough Street.

OPEN HOUSE

There will be a dedication and open house service for the Dorothy Nixon Allen Manor on Sunday, Aug. 2, at 4 p.m. in Holly Springs. This facility is a 17-unit apartment complex built on New Hill Street for the elderly and handicapped.

GROUNDBREAKING

The Postal Service held a groundbreaking ceremony for a new \$56 million Raleigh General Mail Facility, designed to be one of the most advanced mail processing operations in the nation, sectional center manager/postmaster Floretta E. Reed of Raleigh, said. The ceremony was held last Friday on Westgate Road, north of Hwy. 70. The GMF is scheduled for completion in early 1994.

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