

**BLUES FESTIVAL**

B.B. King and Joe Cocker will perform at the Great American Blues Festival on Sept. 11 at Walnut Creek Amphitheatre.

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**HIGHEST ACHIEVER**

Quisan Tioneka Parker received the highest achiever award in the Black Teenage World Scholarship Program.

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On Aug. 5, 1864, Admiral Farragut steamed 18 federal warships into Mobile Bay, closing off the Confederate port to blockade runners. John Lawson fought bravely with the victorious fleet, and was awarded the U.S. Naval Medal for heroism.

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**Ms. King To Meet Youth Assembly**

BY CASH MICHAELS  
Staff Writer

The legacy of civil rights leader Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. is expected to take center stage this week in a series of events that will rekindle his social philosophy and dream, but none will be as poignant as when his widow, Ms. Coretta Scott King, visits Raleigh's Martin Luther King, Jr. Statue and Memorial Gardens.

As The CAROLINIAN first reported last week, Ms. King is expected to be the keynote speaker this Saturday at the 5th annual MLK "I Have a Dream" National Youth Assembly, to be held at the Radisson Hotel in Downtown Raleigh. Some 700 youths from all over the country are expected to come to the Capital City to take part in this three-day conference on the importance of Dr. King's

philosophy of nonviolence and multiculturalism to young people.

However, The CAROLINIAN has also learned that there are tentative plans for this Saturday afternoon to have Ms. King visit the King Gardens on Rock Quarry Road and the soon-to-be-opened Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. Reportedly, the thoroughfare will be dedicated and opened on Wednesday, Aug. 5, three days before Mrs.

King's visit.

According to Bruce Lightner, co-chair of the Raleigh-Wake MLK Celebration Committee, a ceremony is tentatively scheduled to be held at the gardens after Ms. King delivers her keynote luncheon address.

She will then be brought to the site for brief remarks to those gathered.

When Mrs. King arrives at the

King Gardens, it would mark the first time since its inception and completion that she, or any member of Dr. King's family, has visited there.

Mrs. King's last visit to Raleigh was in April of 1987, after the North Carolina General Assembly passed the state paid holiday honoring Dr. King.

During that visit, Ms. King spoke (See KING GARDENS, P. 2)



MRS. CORETTA S. KING

**Clinton Selects Chairman**

The Clinton/Gore campaign has named three prominent North Carolina Democrats to head its statewide effort and reached out to supporters of former presidential candidate Ross Perot.

At a news conference attended by supporters of both Clinton/Gore and Perot, Bob Geolas, the state director of the Clinton/Gore campaign, announced that N.C. House Speaker Daniel T. Blue, Jr., N.C. Attorney General Lacy H. Thornburg and Democratic leader Jeanette Hyde of Raleigh will chair the Clinton/Gore effort in North Carolina.

Thornburg, who is completing his second term as North Carolina's attorney general, said that the team will be reaching out to supporters of Perot, who dropped out of the race after the (See DEMOCRATS, P. 2)



**WRITING ACROSS THE CURRICULUM**—Dr. Joyce Russell-Robinson, left, Dr. Helen C. Othow and Dr. John Little participated in Saint Augustine's College's second annual 'Writing Across the Curriculum Program.' The purpose of

the retreat was to educate the faculty on how to strengthen the students' writing and how the curriculum could be enhanced to implement the goal.

**Food Lion Criticizes Efforts Of Workers In Push To Unionize**

WASHINGTON, D.C.—Food Lion Vice President Vince Watkins has labeled a recent campaign against the grocery chain as a "back door attempt to pressure

Food Lion employees to unionize." Late in June, representatives of the United Food and Commercial Workers Union initiated a "Dear Colleague" letter among congress-

sional supporters calling on the secretary of labor, Lynn Martin, to divert department resources to give special attention to alleged wage and hour violations by Food Lion. In response, a letter was distributed by members of Congress requesting potential signers to hold off until Food Lion had had a chance to respond to the allegations. Food Lion offered to meet personally with each member of Congress who expressed a concern on the issue.

On June 20, the letter to Secretary Martin was sent with 73 signatures. Watkins criticized the letter for having a pro-union bias because two-thirds of the signers had an 80 percent COPE rating or better. COPE stands for the Committee on Political Education of the AFL-CIO and indicates how strongly a member of Congress supports labor union positions.

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**NationsBank Aims To Aid Community, Small Businesses**

BY SHEHETTIZI WOODLEY  
Contributing Writer

The fourth-largest bank in the country has established a program designed to help meet the banking needs of individuals from low- to moderate-income neighborhoods and for small businesses.

NationsBank established the Community Investment Program in 1988. The bank designated \$10 million for CIP to provide lending for community development in the market it serves.

According to a report produced by NationsBank, CIP's budget will be used to strengthen sectors that historically have been underserved. Targets include:

1. Consumers who live in low- to moderate-income areas or have an income that is less than 80 percent of the market median income;
2. Small businesses located in low- to moderate-income areas with annual sales of \$10 million or less;

3. Real estate projects in low-income areas, that use low-income housing tax credits or benefit consumers with incomes less than 80 percent of county median income;

4. Loans that support the agriculture industry, including FHA and other government-sponsored loans;

5. Loans to non-profit organizations, government agencies and other programs serving low- to moderate-income consumers and neighborhoods; and

6. Special-purpose credit programs, such as the Child Development Loan Fund.

The report also listed consumer deposit services geared toward low- to moderate-income customers. The services include:

- Baseline Checking Account**—Designed with a \$25 opening deposit and 10 free withdrawals.

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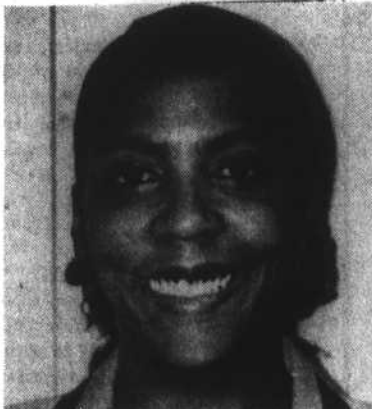
**The People Speak**



THOMAS JARRETT

African-American businesses must accept the responsibility of providing top-notch service to all their customers. We must make offers that are hard to refuse.

**Briefing: The Business Building Society (BBS) of Wake County has launched an effort to create an incubator that would allow minority-owned businesses to begin and prosper. However, the group has encountered difficulty in raising funds to make the incubator a reality. What other measures should be taken to ensure the economic growth of minority-owned businesses?**



ROSALYN HODGE

Consumers should make a conscious effort to support the existing minority-owned businesses in the Triangle. This can enhance the community with establishments that are concerned about the African-American consumer and possibly be a springboard for future growth. We should stop patronizing establishments that only take our resources out of our community.



JESSE LLOYD SAPP

First [business owners] should ask for God's help and knowledge in starting the business, then must work hard and have love for the community. When they reach the top of the ladder, they must reach out and help someone else. Above all, they should read the Bible and consult God. They must work together. Divided they will fall.



DOUGLASS MARTIN

I think people need more jobs first. Without jobs they won't have the money to start a business. The city should have some law to protect Raleigh business from the out-of-town competition.

**COMMUNITY CALENDAR**

**FANS DISTRIBUTED**

The Council on Aging of Wake County, Inc. is distributing fans for low-income Wake County residents. Fans may be picked up at any one of our three Senior Centers located in Raleigh, Wendell, and Garner. For more information call 856-6444 in Raleigh, 365-4248 in Wendell, or 779-3922 in Garner.

**GROUP FOR FEMALE EX-OFFENDERS**

The Women's Center is offering a sharing/discussion group for female ex-offenders. This group is known as the Release group and will meet on a weekly basis. We are asking that interested women contact the center to sign up before Aug. 12.

**MIKE CROSS CONCERT BENEFITS HOSPICE**

Mike Cross will perform a concert to benefit Hospice of Wake County Thursday, Aug. 6, at 8 p.m. at the Rialto Theatre in Raleigh. Tickets are on sale at the Rialto Theatre at Five Points and through the Hospice of Wake County office (in the Raleigh Federal building next to Crabtree Valley Mall). Hospice of Wake County will sell hot dogs, soft drinks, beer and other concessions starting at 6 p.m. in the parking lot of Dupree and Webb Insurance, across the street from the Rialto Theatre. For more information, call Hospice of Wake County at 782-3959.

**SORORITY CELEBRATES ANNIVERSARY**

Eta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. will celebrate its 50th anniversary national convention Aug. 7-14 at the Westin Hotel, Renaissance Center, Detroit, Mich. The presiding officer is Mildred L. Harpole, national president. Alpha Chapter, Detroit, Mich., will host this convention. Doris Hodge is general chairwoman.

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black community, as previously reported in The CAROLINIAN, the report said, "We still insist that the clock of civil liberties not be turned back on black America. Big business, government, and the courts must still be pressed to do the right things."

The report contained a number of recommendations including the following:

- The NAACP Board of Directors requested that each NAACP unit convene a community meeting, not later than Oct. 5, to identify problems, goals, objectives and action items that meet the needs of the local jurisdictions engaged in the fight against crime.

- The working relationship between NAACP, the black community and law enforcement must be improved by developing mutual trust and respect for each other via personal meetings of the NAACP leaders and the highest-ranking law enforcement officials in their respective jurisdiction. Such meetings should occur at a minimum of once every six months.

- It was strongly recommended that community-based policing and a police civilian review board be implemented in each jurisdiction. The need was also stressed for more black law enforcement officers who live and work in the lower socioeconomic neighborhoods.

- Local NAACP units should become aggressively involved in addressing the crime problem. A suggested beginning is to initiate discussions with local criminal justice, law enforcement, judicial, corrections and executive branch officials.

(See NAACP, P. 2)