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## Black Informer

### Terror In Black and White

by Sharyn Bratcher  
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Winston-Salem's reign of terror began and ended about four years ago, while most of the general public remained serenely unaware that it had ever happened at all.

If one subscribes to the old adage "The pen is mightier than the sword," it could be said that a literary Jack the Ripper was at large—in fact several of them.

proficiency in English ranged from post-college to high school remedial.

The issues contained serious articles about the city/county ambulance service, the school board, and other local issues, but the feature that made it a potent weapon was a satirical item entitled: "The Tom of the Month," in which a prominent man would be ridiculed, complete with details of his sex life.

There was no black newspaper in town in the early seventies, but there were problems that still linger on: Reynolds Health Center, urban renewal, black representation in government. Somebody in the black community was dissatisfied with the blacks in power, and tried to dispose of them with malicious precision: by character assassination.

The Black Informer never mentioned the name of its victim, but a detailed, if unflattering, physical description, and obvious references to the man's business and other interests made the subject as readily identifiable as an obituary.

Various influential figures in the black community began to receive a newsletter mailed to them anonymously. The Black Informer, as it was called, was based on the sort of paper that large organizations—like the city government—buy in bulk.

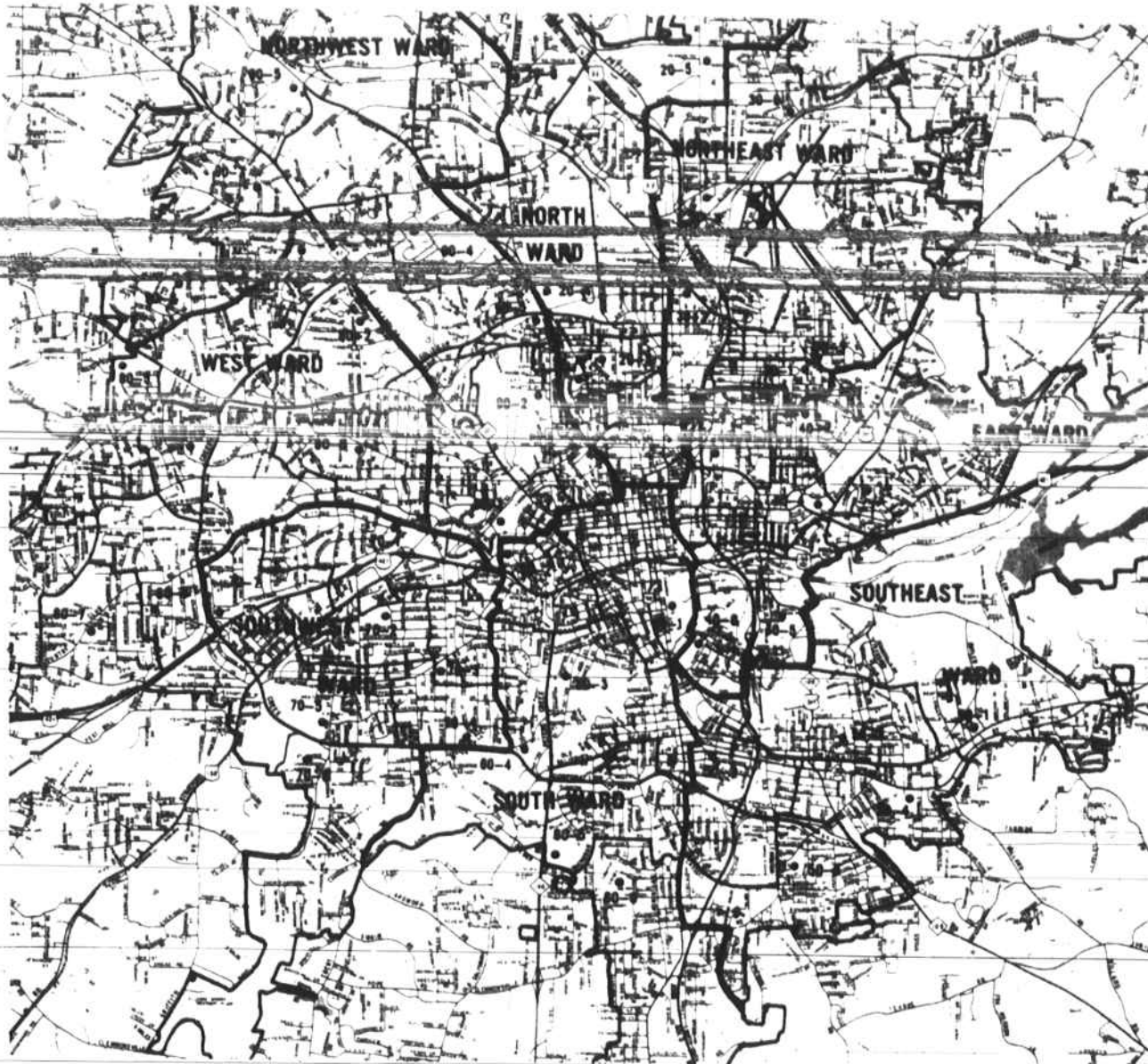
The anonymous writers threatened one city employee with photos they claimed to have taken of him with various young women: the pictures would go to his wife unless he resigned, they warned.

There were five issues in all, appearing about once a month, and each featuring articles by various authors whose

Another well-known man in the community was accused of "fixing up his white friends with black women."

If the gossip was based on fact, then the Black Informer's staff must have had connections within

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This map shows the eight different wards in Winston-Salem. The ward you reside in determines which of the aldermanic candidates you are eligible to vote for. Listed below are the candidates running in each ward.

### 28 Seek 8 Seats In Primary

Twenty-eight hopeful politicians are competing for the eight seats on the Winston-Salem Board of Aldermen. In the primary race on Tuesday, September 27, voters may select the candidate within their own political party who will run in the two-party election.

Each alderman represents a specific section of the city, and only the residents of that 'ward' may vote for him.

The candidates running in this year's election are:

**NORTH WARD**  
Richard Davis-Incumbent-D  
Larry Little-D  
No Republican candidate.

**NORTHEAST WARD**  
Vivian Burke-D  
David Wagner-D  
Rodney Sumler-R  
Clarence Watson-R

**EAST WARD**  
C.C. Ross-Incumbent-D  
Virginia Newell-D  
No Republican candidate.

**SOUTHEAST WARD**  
Eugene Groce-Incumbent-D

Donald Holcomb-D  
Larry Womble-D  
Jean Brown-D  
No Republican candidate.

**SOUTH WARD**  
Ernestine Wilson-Incumbent-D  
Wanda Crouse-D  
John Geis, Jr.-R

**SOUTHWEST WARD**  
W. Henry Turner-D  
Marshall Kurfees-D  
Mary P. (Candy) Wood-D  
Elvin Burton-D  
Doris Blackwell-R  
John J. (Jack) Cavanaugh-R

**WEST WARD**  
Bahnsen C. Hall-Incumbent-D  
Jean R. Marshall-D  
Robert S. Northington, Jr.-R

**NORTHWEST WARD**  
Jon B. Devries-D  
Archibald Scales-D  
Clarence G. Washington-D  
Veryl E. Becker-R

## HUD To Probe 129-C Land Sale

By Sharyn Bratcher  
Staff Reporter

The black community has reacted with outrage, if not surprise to the disclosure of the resale of redevelopment land to a white contractor who had been outbid by two black developers in an earlier transaction.

Mayoral candidate Cecil Butler called a press conference to discuss the matter, stating that he had contacted the Department of Housing and Urban Development, asking them to investigate the matter.

Because of incidents like this, Butler said, he is calling for a disclosure of the financial holdings of candidates and department heads in municipal government.

"If financial holdings of public figures continue to be a secret then unsolved questions concerning city expenditures will remain a source of controversy," said Butler.

Virginia K. Newell, a candidate for alderman in the Northeast Ward, says that if she is elected she will call for a complete investigation of the Redevelopment Commission.

"The whole concept of the Redevelopment Commission is to upgrade minorities," said Mrs. Newell angrily.



Virginia K. Newell



Cecil Butler

"Unless some consideration is given to minorities, then we will continue to have blacks on welfare."

"Here was an opportunity for a black man who

had the resources and experience to develop the property—not many blacks would be in a position to do so, you know," she said, "And he was denied

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### In Fayetteville Murder Case 17-Year Old Gets 30 To 40 Years

By Carolina Community News Service

Fayetteville, N.C.

Convicted for second degree murder of Ricky Miller and sentenced 30-40 years in the prisons of North Carolina, with a minimum release of 30 years, Terry Wayne McDougal, 17 year old high school student collapsed as Judge Giles Clark pronounced the sentence in the military town.

So hysterical was Terry's public defender, Mary Ann Talley, after the verdict and sentence, that she had to be taken out of the courtroom before proceedings could

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### Forsyth Bar Questions Clients of Legal Aid

by Sharyn Bratcher  
Staff Reporter

The Forsyth County Bar Association is planning an investigation of the clients of the Legal Aid Society, to determine whether all of them are eligible for free legal services.

Richard Badgett, president of the Barr Association, stated that he will appoint a committee of attorneys at the end of the week to investigate the Legal Aid Society and see that the guidelines are being followed.

The Legal Aid Society, funded by a national federally sponsored organization and by the local United Fund, defends persons who cannot afford private attorneys.

They do not take criminal cases, however. Anyone too poor to hire a lawyer who is charged with a criminal offense may have an attorney appointed by the court, from a list of attorney-volunteers. Legal Aid represents low-income persons in civil cases, particularly divorce.

"That seems to be the major bone of contention. Several lawyers have complained to the Bar Association that legal aid has taken divorce cases from those in private practice.

"Every Monday Legal Aid goes to court with about seven divorce cases," said Bertram Brown II, a lawyer of the staff of legal aid. "These lawyers see us with that many cases and they think if they had those seven cases, at a private attorney's fee of \$150, they could make over \$40,000 a year, doing just that."

A divorce, if uncontested, is easy money for an attorney. It takes about forty-five minutes of his time, including the ten minutes before the judge.

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### Rep. Neal Says,

## Panama Canal 'Too Muddled'

Winston-Salem -- Rep. Steve Neal, D-N.C., said here last Friday that the Panama Canal "is far too muddled" for Congress to hastily approve the treaties scheduled to be signed in Washington this week.

"There obviously are some strong arguments in favor of the treaties, or they wouldn't have so much high-level support. President Carter, former President Ford, Henry Kissinger, all the top military brass, and even Sen. Barry Goldwater are solidly behind the treaties," Neal said.

"At the same time, my feeling is that a large majority of the American people is opposed to the treaties. We have our own reasons, and the administration will have to give us better reasons before we will change our minds," he said.

Back in the Fifth District for a week of appointments and public appearances, Neal said the Panama Canal issue is a topic of interest everywhere he goes. His own position, he said, is one of "wait and see."

"I'm not trying to duck the issue," he said. "But when I'm asked how I would vote on the issue, I called upon to do so today, I have to say that I would not be fully prepared to

vote, because I don't have all the information I need to make a solid decision."

He said President Carter has promised to brief members of Congress and has asked him to keep "an open mind" until he has all the facts.

"I'm trying to do that," Neal said, "but there are many questions I'd want answered before I could support the treaties."

For instance, Neal said, he is concerned about the

eventual turnover of the canal to a government now headed by an eccentric dictator, Omar Torrijos, "who doesn't seem to be either stable or responsible."

Also, Neal said, he is concerned about the military importance of the canal. "I know we have a two-ocean navy, and that many of our fighting ships and oil tankers can't get through the canal, anyway; but we have to keep

our defense options open, especially in this hemisphere."

Finally, Neal said he has serious questions about "paying Panama to take back the canal, after we paid to get control of it in the first place."

The answers to these questions will have to be weighed, eventually, against our relations with Panama and other Latin American countries.

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### Candidates List Campaign Expenses

By Sharyn Bratcher  
Staff Reporter

Ten days after a candidate files his intention to run for office, he must list his expenditures to date with the local Board of Elections.

All four of the candidates for major have turned in their 'blue sheets', but the results are not equally enlightening.

Carl Russell, who listed himself as campaign treasurer after first naming his wife—which is not allowed—, stated that he

had collected \$312 and spent \$534.87, mostly for posters and radio advertising, thus far.

Cecil Butler lists contributions totalling \$540, but has spent \$971 thus far in the campaign, rent for his Trade Street Mall headquarters and parties at the headquarters figure heavily in his expense bracket.

William Pfefferkorn has raised \$2079.27 at the time of the report, \$1549.27 of which came from his own personal funds. His main expenditures were \$700 rent for his headquarters near Colege Plaza, and \$593.84 for bumper stickers.

The most surprising

listing of all came from Wayne Corpening, who has the reputation of being the "money" candidate, since he is an executive of Wachovia Bank, and since he met with the presidents of many of the city's major industries in a Twin Cities Club "get-together" before announcing his candidacy. Corpening's first financial report states that he has collected no money, and spent none.

This seemed inaccurate, in view of the fact that Corpening has his campaign headquarters in the former quarters of Cahill and Swain downtown, and last week gave a party to

"open" his headquarters, entertaining notable Democrats like Major Franklin Shirley, Alderman C.C. Ross, and County Commissioner Mazie Woodruff.

"This report was filed August 25th," explained the clerk at the Board of Elections. "He only filed on August 24, so this report only covers 24 hours."

The next statement of Corpening's finances is not due until September 19—one week before the primary on Sept. 27.

"Very slick," commented one political observer. "We won't know what he's doing until it's too late."