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(photo by James Parker)

**Someone You Should Meet...**

**Name:** Licia Smith  
**Job Title:** Waitress  
**Hometown:** Winston-Salem  
**Describe yourself in one word:** "Ambitious"  
**Hobbies:** Running, playing tennis and modeling  
**Favorite Book:** "The Bible"  
**Favorite Movie:** "Lady Sings The Blues"  
**Persons admires most:** My mother and father, Fred and Aragatha Smith, and Ms. Annie Mae Squire  
**Career Goal:** To become a successful airline stewardess

(If you are single, at least 18 years old, doing something positive in the community, employed and interested in appearing in this column, or if you know someone who meets these criteria, please send your name and daytime telephone number to: **Someone You Should Meet**, Winston-Salem Chronicle, P.O. Box 2151, Winston-Salem, N.C. 27102).

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**Southern Bell: Klan not breaking law**

By DAVID R. RANKIN  
 Chronicle Staff Writer

More On Mail Order Shopping

**Q:** The local chapter of the Ku Klux Klan has a telephone number which people can call and hear a pre-recorded "message of the day." I understand that this phone number is known at local high schools, and many students call this number to hear the message. Is there anything that can be done to stop this information? Is it legal? Is there a chance for rebuttal?

**A:** As far as I can determine, the Klan has the right to play its recorded message because it violates no laws. Under the First Amendment of the Constitution, which covers freedom of speech and freedom of the press, the Klan has the right to voice its opinion on issues using its telephone answering machine.

The way the telephone message is structured, you must dial the number and listen to the message. Since it is structured like that, they are able to do it, according to King Triplett, manager of customer services at the local office of Southern Bell.

"Nobody is obligated to call this telephone number," he says.

Triplett explained that as long as customers do not violate Southern Bell's rules and regulations, the utility must provide them with service.

If the Klan were to call you up and then play the pre-recorded message, that would be harassment, according to the telephone company.

As far as rebuttal is concerned, you could tape your own message on a tape machine and have people call the number to hear your opinion.

**Q:** What can I do if I order something through the mail, and it either doesn't work or doesn't meet up to the claims made about the product when I ordered it?

**A:** According to the Federal Trade Commission, first you need to complain to the seller by mail. You should send a copy of your letter to the U.S. Postal Service, Washington, D.C. 20260, and the Federal Trade Commission, Washington, D.C. 20580. It may help if you let the seller know that you have complained to these federal agencies.

The seller, in most cases, will try to work out the problem with you. For additional information about how to complain to mail order companies, write to the Federal Trade Commission at the above address and ask for its pamphlet "How To Write A Wrong: Complain Effectively And Get Results."

**Who Represents Me?**

**Q:** Who are the local representatives in the North Carolina State House of Representatives, and how can I get in contact with them?

**A:** According to a pamphlet called "They Represent You," compiled by the local League of Women Voters, there are six representatives for Forsyth County in the State House of Representatives. They are:

- 39th District: Ann Q. Duncan, 4237 Mashie Drive, Pfafftown, N.C. 27040, 924-9024.
  - 39th District: Theresa H. Esposito, 207
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**NEWS DIGEST**

**Black organization questions bombing**

Compiled by DAVID R. RANKIN  
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**NEW YORK --** A national black organization recently criticized the police assault and bombing of the MOVE headquarters in Philadelphia, calling the action "... a criminal and racist act of war."

The All-People's Congress, based in New York, commented on the bombing and assault in a statement released last week.

Philadelphia police attacked and later dropped a concussion bomb on the MOVE headquarters on May 12. The headquarters was located in the middle of a black Philadelphia neighborhood. Police were attempting to evict the group because of health violations and alleged threats made to the surrounding citizens. The bomb started a fire which

destroyed more than 60 homes, killed 11 MOVE members and left hundreds of neighborhood residents homeless.

The All-Peoples Congress says that the police action was similar to military maneuvers in Lebanon, Grenada and Central America. "The only difference is that the Third World country in this instance is the black community of West Philadelphia," the announcement says.

The All-Peoples Congress says it demands an end to racist police violence, new homes and compensation for the victims of the fire, and justice and compensation for the MOVE dead.

"The people of Philadelphia need jobs and human needs, not police terror," the announcement says.

**NAACP will focus on civil rights attacks**

**NEW YORK --** The NAACP will hold its 76th annual convention in Dallas, Texas, from June 23 to June 27. The national black organization is expected to focus on the recent attacks by the Reagan administration against civil rights, according to an announcement from the organization's public relations office.

The NAACP has already started a campaign to prevent erosion of civil rights and affirmative action. The first action was taken on May 1, when the organization filed a lawsuit against the U.S. Justice Department's action demanding that 51 local and state governments modify their affirmative action plans by voluntarily removing goals and timetables.

According to national television news reports,

many of the local and state governments are continuing to follow the goals and timetable programs, with officials saying "... we don't want to open old wounds."

The NAACP recently held a civil rights summit meeting in Washington, D.C., to come up with ideas to halt the Reagan administration's rollback on civil rights gains made by blacks.

"These actions by the NAACP leading up to its annual convention will dramatize the plight of freedom-loving Americans in the quest for equal opportunity and justice for all," Benjamin L. Hooks, executive director of the NAACP, said in the statement.

**Newspaper says gasoline caused disaster**

**PHILADELPHIA --** A Philadelphia newspaper recently said that a fire caused when police dropped a two-pound bomb on the roof of the MOVE organization's headquarters was started when the blast ignited two gasoline cans and caused them to explode.

The *Philadelphia Inquirer* studied photographs and videotapes taken during the confrontation. They released their findings in an article printed May 26.

The article says the police dropped the makeshift bomb near a rear bunker that MOVE had con-

structed on the roof of its headquarters. The bomb exploded, igniting a nearby gasoline can and seconds later causing another can to explode. The newspaper says the temperature of the blast was about 7,000 degrees.

Photographs taken by the newspaper during the confrontation show at least three fuel containers on the roof of the MOVE headquarters, according to the newspaper. Police officers who had scouted the roof of the building did not report that the containers were there, the article says.

**Stith**

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dividual when he appointed me. He wanted a person with new ideas and energy. My possible lack of experience is made up for in my willingness to learn and listen."

Stith says he has a direct line to Martin, one that he says both he and the governor use. Stith considers himself a "guarantee" or "insurance policy" for North Carolina's black population.

"What we haven't had in the past is somebody in the board room at the level where decisions are being made," he says. "I feel I'm their (black North Carolinians') insurance policy. With me they are insured. I'm the voice."

Stith's job consists of sharing his opinions with the governor on matters of general policy, attending senior policy meetings and top staff meetings, having input on the state's many boards and commissions and helping to spread the governor's gospel through the numerous speeches he delivers.

But Stith maintains that his post didn't come easily. He says he paid his dues, working on Martin's campaign for governor and with black Republicans in the state.

Still, his gubernatorial appointment has come much like other things in his life: very fast

He attended Hillside High School in Durham and finished the four-year curriculum in only three years. From there, he went to North Carolina Central University and graduated *magna cum laude* in only three years. He then enrolled in Atlanta University's MBA program. He also was a consultant for the Georgia State Small Business Development Center while in Atlanta. But Stith left MBA school and Georgia during his second year there to return to North Carolina and work with Martin.


Despite his accelerated academic career, Stith insists he's

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