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UPDATE

## Afro-Am society begun at West

By CHERYL WILLIAMS  
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■ Chronicle Update is a regular feature that focuses on developments in news and feature stories previously printed in the newspaper. It will appear during the third week of each month.

In response to concerns expressed by several black students and parents, West Forsyth High School now has an Afro-American Society. A new cultural organization at the school also has been formed.

At an Oct. 6 school board meeting, two black parents and six students complained that the school's faculty and administration often are insensitive to black students. The group also complained of a lack of black representation on school clubs and athletic teams.

One remedy suggested by both the parents and the students was the formation of an Ebony Club or a similar organization.

A school system official and West Forsyth Principal Jerry Peoples at that time expressed reservations about forming a club that would appeal mainly to blacks, although the other seven high schools in the system have Afro-American societies and Ebony clubs.

Nathaniel Barber, an English teacher at West Forsyth, is the adviser for the Afro-American Society.

"The purpose of the club is to give the students the opportunity to go back and understand black history as well as work as a service organization of the school," Barber said.

Barber said that the club has 10 members so far and has elected officers. The club's members so far are all black, he said, but the organization is open to all students.

The club is also working on a schedule of events for the rest of the 1986-87 school year, Barber said.

Peoples said that the other new club, the Culture Club, will be involved in a variety of activities, including service projects, dance and speech.

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Photo from Ebony

NO, they don't generally wear headdresses and skimpy bathing suits in the Motherland. And, yes, that is African model Iman in such an outfit. She returned to her native Somalia recently to shoot a photo layout for Ebony magazine.

COVER STORY

## Biggs among nominees for District Court judge

By ROBIN BARKSDALE  
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THE 21st District Bar has nominated a slate of three candidates, including a black woman, for a District Court judgeship.

One of the candidates will be chosen to replace District Court Judge Lynn P. Burleson, a forsyth District Court judge who has announced that he will step down Jan. 31.

The candidates, elected by approximately 240 bar members last Thursday, include Assistant District Attorney Loretta C. Biggs -- the lone black member of the county DA's staff -- and two trial lawyers.

Mrs. Biggs, the only black and the only female candidate, received votes from 149 of the lawyers casting ballots. She has been with the district attorney's office since 1982. At age 31, Mrs. Biggs is the youngest of the candidates nominated.

"I'm excited and I feel real good about the nomination," says Mrs. Biggs, a 1979 graduate of Howard University Law School. "This is something I had hoped for, but I didn't expect it quite this early in my career. But there does seem to be a tendency to have younger judges in Forsyth County."

A native of Atlanta, Mrs. Biggs was employed as a staff counsel at the Coca-Cola Co. in Atlanta before relocating to Winston-Salem.

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LORETTA BIGGS: Excited at the possibility of a judgeship.

WARREN SPARROW: Biggs' successor may or may not be black.

Photos by James Parker

## Poll: Black students favor open clubs

By CHERYL WILLIAMS  
Chronicle Staff Writer

Black students overwhelmingly favor open memberships for service clubs, while only a little more than half of the white students support them, says a school system survey.

According to the survey, the third of eight being conducted by the city-county schools, 73 percent of the 230 black students polled favor service clubs that are open to all interested and qualified students.

White students, however, were divided on the issue, with 51 percent of the 552

surveyed opting for open clubs and 49 percent preferring that the clubs remain selective.

Most service clubs currently admit members by application. Some black students have complained that current members tend to pick their friends as new members, keeping traditionally white clubs white.

Among service clubs in the schools are the Anchor clubs and Key clubs. Most service clubs are predominantly white, with the exception of Ebony clubs and Afro-American societies.

The parents surveyed supported open

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SPORTSWEEK	B1
QUOTABLE	Whether a film is labeled "black" or "white" -- the green goes to white. PAGES 5.

## Cancer claims Jones

By YVONNE TRUHON  
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Lafayette Nathaniel Jones, assistant secretary for civil rights in the state Department of Transportation and a Winston-Salem native, died in Raleigh of lung cancer Monday.

Jones ran unsuccessfully for a seat in the 20th state Senate District in 1984 as a Republican, but he and fellow Republican Wallace Vanhoy were defeated by Democrats Marvin Ward and Ted Kaplan.

Jones also had been employed in the N.C. Department of Natural Resources in Fayetteville. Before moving to Fayetteville and then to

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Lafayette Jones

## Report card

### Consultant chides and praises city

By CHERYL WILLIAMS  
Chronicle Staff Writer

The city has taken too long to find a home for a bus transfer mall and has not done enough to address its housing needs, says David Crane, a Boston urban developer, in a written review.

In his evaluation of Phase I of a 12-year economic development plan forged by Crane and his team of consultants, Crane suggested that the city consider the alternatives to the controversial first bus transfer site. He also says there needs to be a stronger

public-private partnership to finance housing.

In general, however, Crane praises the city for its progress during the first three years of the plan. He says some of the progress has even exceeded his expectations, such as the commitment by voters and Wake Forest University to finance a new coliseum.

The original site recommended for the transfer center was at Third and Main streets downtown, adjacent to the U.S.

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Holiday Hugs

Santa Claus gets a big Christmas hug from Natasha Peck, one of the youngsters at the sixth annual Christmas party at Bethlehem Center. The party is sponsored annually by the Phi Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Inc. (photo by James Parker).

## Anti-Klan organization: Martin's dragging feet

By MARTHA WAGGONER  
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RALEIGH -- A North Carolina anti-Klan group says the number of violent incidents related to racial or religious hatred increased during 1986, along with the number of marches and rallies by supremacist groups.

In a report released last Wednesday, North Carolinians Against Racist and Religious Violence, or NCARRV, said the number of violent incidents increased from 31 in 1985 to 36 in 1986, including one death attributed to racist violence.

The report also showed that the number of rallies and marches increased from 33 in 1985 to 54 this year, and the number of counties affected increased

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