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Joel Coliseum

No shows for blacks on the marquis

Excuses, excuses, excuses.

Why is it that the only acts that come to the Lawrence Joel Veterans Memorial Coliseum are farm-bred? We have tractor-pulls and rodeos. We have horse shows and dog acts. We have cowboys who rope steers and cowboys who strum guitars.

We don't have rhythm-and-blues. We don't have black performers. Most black citizens can't remember the last time they were in the coliseum, other than to attend the Winston-Salem State University homecoming (an event for which coliseum officials can not take credit). On the other hand, many local blacks drive to Greensboro for live entertainment. What's wrong with this picture?

Coliseum officials say they have tried, for two years, to find a strong black act that would be a success here. They promise that something good is planned for August. If they can't pull this one off, someone's job should be in jeopardy.

Until then, perhaps black folks should help them out by calling, writing or dropping by the coliseum offices (located in the Benton Convention Center) and let them know what type of entertainment you would plunk down your hard-earned money to see. The bond referendum that helped finance the new coliseum took money out of black wallets and white wallets, and pledged to bring entertainment for everyone's tastes. We hope that happens soon.

Not everyone likes cowboy shows.

TRACKS! - Yolanda King's production

In three weeks, distinguished members of the King family will come to Winston-Salem to bring *TRACKS!*, a multimedia production that explores the issues Dr. King lived and died for. It is a show that ventures boldly into the nitty-gritty of racial issues, politics and religious strife.

Dr. King's daughter, Yolanda King, portrays several characters in the show and weaves the production together, including the use of several large screens for slides, as well as recordings of parts of his speeches.

The city is doing their part by covering 50 percent of the production costs to bring the show to our fair city. Another \$22,000 is needed to finish the job. Undoubtedly the act should have been — and could have been — better promoted, pointing fingers at this point won't do any good.

Let's all give what we can, and promote the production in every way possible.

Our opinion

We must rally in support of the production honoring Dr. King.

About letters . . .

The *Winston-Salem Chronicle* welcomes letters from its readers, as well as columns.

Letters should be as concise as possible and should be typed for printed legibly.

They also should include the name, address, and telephone number of the writer.

Columns should follow the same guidelines and will be published if we feel they are of interest to our general readership.

We reserve the right to edit letters and columns for brevity and grammar.

Submit your letters and columns to:

Chronicle Mailbag
P.O. Box 1636
Winston-Salem, N.C. 27102

Reader calls for end to political race-baiting

To the Editor:

Race-baiting is wrong. For leaders of either major political party to employ racial stereotypes or veiled racial references designed to provoke latent racial prejudices is irresponsible, devious, and inflammatory. As a Republican, I know that the principles to which I am committed (hard work, saving money, the power of the individual, efficient government, and equal opportunity) can stand on their own without desperate appeals to basic emotions that are at the root of many of our most serious ills.

I call on all of our leaders, Democratic and Republican, to renounce the politics of race and focus on building a sense of community in this community in this county and in this state. If we honestly wish to live together in a colorblind society that rewards initiative and achievement, then we have to make the commitment today to abandon the old ways and fill our rhetoric with the politics of inclusion, opportunity, and hope.

Sincerely,
Andy Nilsson, Candidate
N.C. Senate, 20th District



CHRONICLE MAILBAG

Our Readers Speak Out

Winston-Salem State they are creating the W.E.B. DuBois-Cheikh Anta Diop Scholar.

Chronicle thanks

To the Editor:

On behalf of myself and the JV players recognized Saturday night, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for a very enjoyable evening at your awards banquet. We enjoyed the speakers, the entertainment, and the food was delicious.

I would also like to thank you for the trophies presented to Johnny Senn, Maurice McMillan, and Bryan Epps, the certificates given to the others, and the plaque given to me.

Again, thank you for a great evening.

Sincerely,
Mike Pennington
JV Football Coach,
Carver H.S.

Academic jocks

To the Editor:

I was pleased with your emphasis on highlighting the academically positive side of Winston Lake YMCA basketball.

Our youth need to be more encouraged challenged by receiving publicity of that type.

Keep up the excellent work!!

Sincerely,
Mundy Realty Company
Carolyn R. Hardy
Broker-In-Charge

Keep celebrating

To the Editor:

The Black History Month celebration has passed as an official occasion, but for all thinking African-Americans it continues throughout the year. And one of the most commendable and enduring celebrations is evident at Winston-Salem State University in a program aimed at developing scholarship and leadership among students there. It's called the W.E.B. DuBois-Cheikh Anta Diop Scholars Program.

In an age of the Rhodes Scholar, named after the 19th century British Imperialist and racist Cecil Rhodes, or the Fulbright Scholar, named after the late Senator J. William Fulbright, it is heartening and refreshing to see that at Win-

ston-Salem State they are creating the W.E.B. DuBois-Cheikh Anta Diop Scholar.

The program is named in honor of two great intellectuals of African descent — the late Dr. W.E.B. DuBois, who this year is being honored by the U.S. Postal Service on its Black Heritage stamp, and the late Dr. Cheikh Anta Diop, who was one of Africa's leading scientists and intellectuals, and whom Morehouse College feted with a honorary doctorate in 1985.

I certainly applaud the exemplary leadership and wisdom of WSSU's chancellor, Dr. Cleon F. Thompson Jr., in holding to the historic mission at WSSU, and for recognizing that black people can serve as examples of leadership, scholarship and inspiration not only to black students, but to whites as well.

Mrs. Rachel Jackson

Bring it home!

To the Editor:

I am supportive of and applaud you and Dan Brock in your efforts to try and win the bid to bring the CIAA tournament (I prefer to call it a happening) to Winston-Salem, for the years 94, 95 and 96. I am sure you all will do everything to ensure that the CIAA will be held here in Winston-Salem during those years mentioned. At one time during the late 50s and early 60s, the CIAA was held here and it generated a tremendous amount of interest and it was very successful and brought a lot of pride, excitement and activities to Winston-Salem.

I believe this will be an economic boom or an economic shot in the arm for Winston-Salem. This is a major African-American activity across the country that has such an impact on any community or any city that it goes into. It is very popular and well attended. The "spin off effect happening" will benefit other areas of Winston-Salem, such as: the restaurants, cafes, hotels/motels, service stations, shops, boutiques, clothing stores, shopping centers and the advertising agencies.

The Chamber of Commerce and also the City of Winston-Salem need to go all out and not hold anything back and pull out all of the stops to make sure that this activity

comes to Winston-Salem. Who knows maybe Winston-Salem will be known as the home of the CIAA. Most of the major African-American colleges that play in the CIAA tournament are station in and around Winston-Salem and certainly in the State of North Carolina.

I believe the citizens of Winston-Salem and surrounding areas will support the CIAA tournament being held here. If there was something like an informal survey taken, I believe it will show something like an informal survey taken, I believe it will show overwhelmingly that all of the citizens of Winston-Salem will benefit, especially the City itself.

It is another way of exposing the eastern seaboard and other areas of the United States to the benefits of Winston-Salem. Who knows, there may be other kinds of activities and programs that may come into Winston-Salem because it has shown that it is very friendly and interested in wanting to host these kind of activities. We have a lot to build upon here and a lot of virtues to extol to those people who will be making those decisions.

Speaking as a private citizen and as an alderman for the City of Winston-Salem, I wholeheartedly support your efforts and anything that I can do to assist, I will be more than happy to do so.

Sincerely,
Larry W. Womble
Alderman,
Southeast Ward

Enough is enough

To the Editor:

For decades now America has been attempting to imitate the roles of missionary, peacemaker, and policeman to the world, spreading its ideals of freedom, justice, and equality to those who desire it. Yet, when we look at how our government has rejected assistance to the Haitian refugees who seek refuge for political and social oppression in Haiti, the role of missionary is suddenly defunct.

And when we examine how America in its recent past extended its arms to welcome refugees from Asian and Spanish countries, even in the midst of economic stability, one tends to wonder why suddenly there is no "Welcome" mat for

Haitians? Of course, we as a democracy-oriented people would rather be objective and not entertain thoughts that racial prejudice and discrimination are possible underlying factors. Yet, how can we (especially we who are black ourselves) not view America's rejection of the Haitians as anything but racially motivated?

For America has a notorious history of maltreatment and discrimination of blacks — history which is still being made today! Far too long now we as blacks, African-Americans, have sat on our hands condoning the injustices perpetuated by America against our race. For when we sit silently by and permit this government to blatantly ignore apartheid abroad, as well as ignore inequality in employment, education, politics and community resources among blacks are, and now, the Haitian refugee situation, we as blacks are consenting our agreement with them!

When Fidel Castro emptied his jails and expelled the bulk of Cuba's undesirables, America accepted them with very few qualms. Yet, when Haitian refugees seek similar asylum (whom are neither criminals nor undesirables), they are denied access and sent back! It almost appears as if America is saying, "Enough is enough! We have all the blacks we desire already!"

It is time we as black people stand up and shout out against the blatant injustices which must be endured by our black brothers and sisters — both here and abroad — and force America to stop giving lip-service to freedom and equality for all people, yet falling miserably short when these people are black. Our ancestors played a major role in building this country from the ground up — with blood, sweat, and tears. Therefore, we as people ought to have some say-so as to whether or not black refugees be permitted to enter here. And we must begin by raising our collective voices and righteous indignation in favor of the Haitian refugees!!! Not to do so, is not only to trample the ideals of Martin Luther King Jr. fought and died for, but is also a desecration of Black History Month.

For enough is truly enough!
Robert Jones

Radio Black America goes on the air

Nearly 75% of people surveyed in a Time/CNN poll believe Americans haven't been told the truth about the assassination of

In fact, it will be the first weekly opinion survey of black Americans, called the Buy Freedom Opinion Poll. Both local and

for the service.

The callers will also get a toll-free 800 number they can call for information on getting a free magazine and catalog.

Between March 18 and 25, callers can respond to the question on everyone's mind: Do you think Mike Tyson should go to jail?"

The implications of this and other matters of current interest, the Rodney King trial and the absence of any discussion of black concerns in the 1992 presidential primaries, to name two issues, can be addressed immediately by listening and responding to the black-oriented radio stations in this network.

For example, WPUL-AM in Daytona Beach, WYLD-AM in

New Orleans and WUFO-AM in Buffalo, New York are among the stations nationwide that will ask the black community to make its voice known on current issues and will provide weekly results to their markets and to the nation.

In addition to being the first polling of this magnitude among blacks, there is another innovative aspect: The "networking" of media to educate people on current and historic events by stimulating public debate on pertinent questions later announcing the results of the national and local responses to the issues.

The bottom line of this new media alliance: A better informed public and a stronger community.



TONY BROWN

Syndicated Columnist

President John F. Kennedy.

But what do black Americans think about this subject or any other?

On March 18 at 1 p.m. EST, over 50 black-oriented radio stations will become what I loosely call Radio Black America.

national poll results will be announced on a weekly basis.

Callers can vote on issues of current interest via a touch-tone phone 24 hours a day 7 days a week by calling 1-900-967-5558. A flat charge of 99 cents is placed on the caller's monthly phone bill