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Black Vies For Manager

By Yvette McCullough
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When the Winston-Salem Board of Aldermen begin interviewing for a new city manager this week, one minority candidate will be among the applicants. The position of city manager has been vacant for over a month since the resignation of Orville Powell, who left in face of growing criticism from the Board of Aldermen.

Robert E. Slavin of Korn Ferry International in Los Angeles a consulting firm hired by the city to seek our applicants for the position, told the Chronicle that there would be one minority candidate among the possible six applicants.

Slavin declined to give out any

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additional information in a telephone interview but said the aldermen will receive a report on all the applicants Thursday. Interviewing begins Friday.

According to guidelines set up by the Aldermen, the new city manager should have a B.S. degree in administration or business administration and has been a manager of a city with the population of 50,000 or assistant city manager of a city with a population of 100,000.

An expert in placing minorities in top-level municipal jobs said recently

that the social and political makeup in Winston-Salem makes the city favorable to naming a black city manager.

Michael Rogers, director of the Minority Executive Recruitment Program of the International City Management Association said that the city's makeup is similar to other cities where blacks have been hired.

"In most of the cases, the black population averages around 40 percent or near that and there's a fairly well organized black community and there's

a black presence on the city council," Rogers said.

When contacted, two of the black aldermen said that they were not aware that a minority is among the applicants. However one alderman said she thought the timing for selected a new city manager is bad.

"The middle of the year is a bad time of the year for someone to want to make a change in jobs," said Alderman Newell. "I think this selection was hastily put together and the city has been going smooth and the meetings are going pretty well."

"In order to get a good person this time of year, might be a little difficult since most people usually change jobs in May or June," Newell continued.

Man Shot In Mouth

By Patrice E. Lee
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A 21-year-old woman is being held in Forsyth County jail after allegedly shooting a 46-year-old man in the mouth and back, court records show. Dorothy Cecelia Davis, of 3010 Old Greensboro Rd., has been charged with assaulting and seriously wounding William Witherspoon, of 928 E. 18th St., Saturday during an apparent domestic dis-

pute.

Ms. Davis is being held in Forsyth County jail in lieu of \$50,000 bond and Witherspoon is in critical condition at N.C. Baptist Hospital, said spokesmen Tuesday.

Court records show that Ms. Davis had received a summons Saturday for criminal trespass at Witherspoon's home Nov. 8 and that she has waived her right to be defended on both charges by a court appointed attorney.



On Guard

Ever watchful is this odd couple of riot-equipped Greensboro police persons during the funeral march for five

people killed the week before in an anti-Klan rally. Their elaborate protection proved to be most useful in keeping out the rain as a massive police presence prevented any significant trouble.

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Annexation Dilutes Voting Strength

By Yvette McCullough
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The proposed annexation of 8,500 people into the city may have an effect of diluting the black vote and making it more difficult for Winston-Salem to have a black mayor, according to several political observers.

Alderman Virginia Newell told the Chronicle that annexation could dilute the black vote in a city wide election such as mayor.

"I had not looked at annexation from the point of view of diluting the black vote, but I strongly suspect it would," Alderman Newell said. "In the annexation hearings all facets of annexation ought to come forth and we should ask the researchers to give us this kind of information."

"Our chances of having a black mayor because of the dilution would be very slim," Alderman Newell continued.

The Winston-Salem Board of Aldermen is presently considering the annexation of five areas into the city. The general locations of the five areas are: Peace Haven-Country Club Road; Salem Woods-Atwood Acres; Janita Lakes; Peters Creek Parkway-Brewer Road and Ransom Road.

Under the Federal Voting Rights Act, annexations or other political redistricting which has an adverse impact on minority political opportunities can be blocked by the U.S. Justice Department or Federal courts.

Kathie Chastain, elections director told the Chronicle that they did not have any information on how many of the 8500 would be registered voters nor what ward they would be assigned.

According to voter registration figures there are approximately 66,938 registered voters in the city, 21,101 which are black. However if all 8,500 to be annexed were registered voters, including at most 75-100 blacks, their presence would decrease the black percentage by three percent. In terms

of wards, the alderman could decide to make additional wards or add the areas to existing ones.

Tracy Singletary, the campaign manager for former Alderman Carl Russell, during Russell's bid for mayor told the Chronicle that the annexation could also affect wards in terms of diluting the black vote.

"As the wards get wider, blacks will lose a lot of strength and insure that not more than three blacks are elected alderman," Singletary said.

Singletary also said that in a city wide election blacks would have a hard time being elected.

"The problem in Winston-Salem is that it is a strong party politics town," Singletary said. "Any black running has two strikes against him."

"One, it is hard for a black to get the blessings of a party to run with and second, whites don't vote a straight party ticket and blacks do," Singletary continued.

Cleveland Gilliam, an unofficial candidate for the Southeast ward said he would favor redistricting present areas within the city and making them wards.

"Happy Hill Gardens and Cleveland Avenue Projects both have large populations and they could have an alderman representing them by the themselves," Gilliam said.

"The black aldermen should vote against annexation, because this is just one of the white's tools to hurt blacks."

Larry Womble an unsuccessful alderman candidate for the Southeast ward said he doesn't see the affect of annexation hurting blacks except in city wide election.

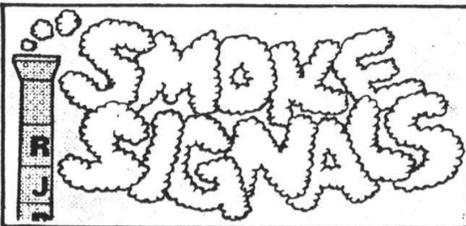
In a special meeting Monday night, Joe Berrier, the assistant city manager for operations, recommended that the proposed annexation be delayed because it would be almost impossible to extend city services to these areas by Jan. 1. The aldermen are scheduled to make a decision by Dec. 17.

First in a Three-Part Series

Hard Times Bring Mental Stress

By Patrice E. Lee
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"Each year it seems harder for us (a black family of four) to make ends meet and keep up with rising prices (on my husband's \$14,000 salary). It has affected our entire household and lifestyle so much that there is an air of tension and strife that didn't exist before," a concerned mother recently explained to noted black



psychiatrists Alvin F. Poussaint and James P. Comer.

"With rising rents and heat, we have no money left for entertainment (mostly movies and dances) or clothes. My husband and I fight more because we can't have the same kind of fun we used to have."

Now it looks like inflation is going to get even worse and I just start crying when I think about it. I don't know—maybe I'm just afraid and worried when I think about it. Do you think my problem is one that a psychiatrist can help me with or should I just stick it out? I feel I would get over this if I just had more money."

Poussaint and Comer used this Chicago woman's situation to illustrate that socioeconomic conditions do have a profound effect on the mental health of families and individuals.

"During the Great Depression, a time of acute economic upheaval, many individuals had turned to alcohol, crime and suicide. Today we are seeing clear relationships between unemployment (and underem-

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Kennedy Used to Pioneering Role

By John W. Templeton
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Just after Atty. Annie Brown Kennedy had received the Citizen of the Year award from the local chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, a young man of about 12 walked up to offer his congratulations.

"I want to be just like you," he said to the new state representative, sworn in last Friday as the first black woman to serve in the N.C. General Assembly.

"Let's hope there will be a lot more opportunities available to you," she replied.

The answer was characteristic of the role of pioneer which Mrs. Kennedy has found herself cast in ever since her youth.

When she was the young man's age, Kennedy had no real career plans, "but after I got to college, I really wanted to go into business. The dean (at Spelman College) tried to dissuade me. She suggested teaching or social work."

It didn't work. The then-Annie Brown went across the street to the all-male Morehouse College on a cooperative basis to study business administration, the only such major in her class.

Brown went on to study law at Howard University, the seat of a national campaign of civil rights litigation. "We were told that we needed tools which we could use to help black folk achieve freedom and equality of opportunity," Kennedy recalled during a Chronicle interview in her neatly

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Honored

Staff Photo by Templeton

Rep. Annie Brown Kennedy, the first black woman to serve in the N.C. General Assembly, accepts award as

Citizen of the Year from J.O. Lowery of Psi Phi chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Inc.

WSSU needs our support. At one time fans were clamoring for a new football coach and a winning football team. We have that now, so what's the problem.

--Yvette McCullough