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The youngest of Winston-Salem's aldermen is also one of the most intriguing, a former Black Panther who has traded his fatigue jacket for a three-piece suit—but who still remembers where he came from.



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Blacks & the GOP

Should black people consider abandoning their traditional support for the Democratic Party and barter with the Republicans? A number of local residents think so—if the GOP is willing to shape up its act.

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Album Covers

Sometimes they're more interesting than the high-priced vinyl discs they contain—and sometimes as suggestive as *Playboy* or *Penthouse*.

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Controversy

Black contractors are in the news again, this time after leveling charges against individuals, groups and institutions in the black community that, they contend, don't patronize them in favor of white firms.

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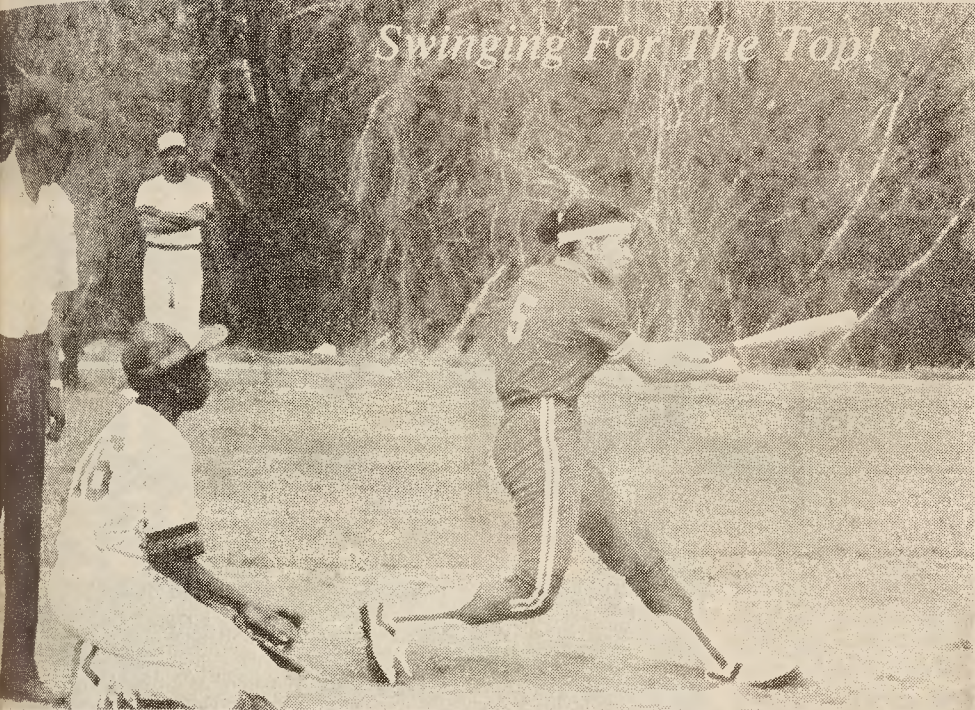


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Hamette Captain Terry McPherson slams a pitch to left fielder in action against Fayetteville State last week. Later in the week, the team beat Johnson C. Smith 7-6, and 21-0 to take the CIAA Southern Division title. Details on page 17.

Black Firms Snubbing Minority Contractors, Group's Letters Charge

By Ruthell Howard
Staff Writer

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Is the black community snubbing black contractors?

In several cases, yes, contend a number of black builders and suppliers in the city.

The Voice of Independent Contractors and Entrepreneurs, formerly known as the Voice of Minority Contractors and Suppliers, has charged, in letters circulated throughout the black community, that black professionals and churches are draining the community economically by giving their business to white firms.

One letter called for blacks to "unite on an economic front. For too long, we have allowed investors, entrepreneurs, contractors, venture capitalists and others to rob us of the wealth that exists in the black communities. Let us stop taking money out of the black communities and putting it in the hands of businessmen and professionals who will never be in the position to help us."

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University, Dr. David Branch, a local ophthalmologist who plans on building a new office building; Second Calvary Baptist Church, which is building a new sanctuary, and Macedonia True Vine Pentecostal Holiness Church, which built a new sanctuary and renovated its old building, were cited as examples of those guilty of taking money out of the black community by not using black contractors in their construction or not giving the opportunity to work as general or subcon-

tractors to blacks.

Mechanics and Farmers Bank, Winston Mutual and the owners of the Twin City Medical Building were praised for using black

many will have minority general contractors or greater than 60 percent participation? It should be 100 percent. Every time a dime leaves the black

"If they're (contractors) not competent and competitive, I won't do business with them. I don't give a damn what color they are."

—Attorney R. Lewis Ray

community, it hurts all of us." The letter urged blacks to use black professionals.

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Community Opposes Group Home

By Ruthell Howard
Staff Writer

East Winston residents, who are determined to improve their community are concerned that a new neighbor might thwart their efforts.

The St. Benedict Convent, on the corner of 14th Street and Hattie Avenue, is being sought by the Forsyth/Stokes County Mental Health Center as a group home for Willie M youth.

The Franciscan Nuns of St. Benedict's parish are leaving in June, and the convent is up for lease.

Fearing the consequences of sharing their neighborhood with a group home for the emotionally disturbed youth, who are characterized as dangerously aggressive and in need of constant monitoring, some residents have appealed to diocese Bishop Michael J. Begley in Charlotte to consider their concerns and are preparing to take steps to try to prevent the home from being established in East Winston.

Johnnie Johnson, neighborhood manager for the East Winston Restoration Association, said residents feel the house

could be used for a purpose that is more vitally needed in the community, such as a boarding house for senior citizens, a neighborhood cultural center or a place for neighborhood meetings. "We are sympathetic to the needs of the kids," Johnson said, "but we feel East Winston is not a good place for the home. You've got to consider the impact on the area. An institution like that would not be serving the community."

East Winston has experienced its share of crime and drug problems, but residents are trying to change the image of the

neighborhood, Johnson said. "This is not the place for the group home," Johnson said. "Everyone we've talked to said they feel East Winston does not need the facility with the problems we already have. They would be locating the home in an area where there is already a problem of vagrancy and drugs."

Johnson said residents have tried to communicate their feelings to the Forsyth/Stokes County Mental Health Center, have talked with St. Benedict Church Council members and are considering taking legal ac-

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May 3-7 Bighouse Gaines Week

By Ruthell Howard
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"If I've had any heartaches, I can forget them. This makes up for them," said Winston-Salem State basketball coach "Bighouse" Gaines at a press conference held Wednesday announcing that May 3-7 will be proclaimed "Bighouse Gaines Week" in Winston-Salem and throughout the state.

A motorcade of city and school officials, a reception at the Benton Convention Center on May 4 at 4:30 p.m. and a banquet on the WSSU campus May 7 will honor

Gaines, who will be inducted into the Naismith Basketball Hall of Fame in Springfield, Mass., on May 3.

John Thompson, coach of NCAA runners-up Georgetown University, will give the keynote address at the banquet.

Gaines, who said he never really had a plan of action for his life, came to Winston-Salem 36 years ago. In that time, he amassed more victories than any other active collegiate coach. "Anytime I started to leave someone was always pulling on my coattail," he said.

Gaines said he was "really honored" that the city and the state have earmarked an entire week to recognize him.

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Photo By Santana

"Bighouse" Gaines

Black Builders Picket Church's Groundbreaking

By Allen H. Johnson
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A group of black contractors who say they are desperate for work picketed the ground-breaking ceremony of a black church Saturday afternoon.

Members of the Voice of Independent Contractors and Entrepreneurs, who have alleged that Second Calvary Baptist Church ignored them in selecting a contractor for its new sanctuary, protested silently just prior to the church's ground-breaking ceremony

on Seventh Street and Cameron Avenue.

The group had wanted to protest during the ceremony, but its parade permit expired at 2:00, when the groundbreaking began.

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Photo By Santana

John Bynum

Man Jailed Over Ticket He Already Paid

By Ruthell Howard
Staff Writer

A local man was arrested recently and spent a night in jail under a \$5,000 bond over a \$5.00 parking ticket he had paid two months earlier.

John Bynum, an employee at Medical Park Hospital, said two officers came to his home and arrested him April 1, when he refused to appear in court for not paying the ticket.

But court and police officials say that Bynum is at fault and that the system worked just as it is supposed to.

Bynum received a \$31.00 ticket in January after leaving his car double-parked, blocking a moving land of traffic downtown. When Bynum appeared in court and explained the situation to Superior court Judge Harold, he received a lesser fine.

"My wife has to be on the kidney dialysis machine," Bynum said. "I thought I had to rush her to the hospital. When I explained to Judge Harold, he reduced the fine to \$5.00."

A show-cause order for failure to comply was issued Jan. 21 and sent to the police department when Bynum failed to pay the fine, which was due Jan. 20. On Jan. 22, Bynum paid the ticket, but the show-cause order, which was dated for a court appearance on April 1, remained in circulation.

Bynum contends he was falsely arrested because he had already paid the fine. "When an officer came to my home on March 23 with a summons to appear in court for not paying the ticket, I told him I had already paid," he said. "Then two officers came back on April 1 to arrest me."

Bynum was jailed that night until 11 a.m. the next day, when his wife found the receipt and gave it to his lawyer.

"My lawyer, Westley Bailey, took the receipt before Superior Court Judge Tash and I was released," he said. "If I hadn't kept the receipt, I would have stayed in jail until April 25 for a trial, or I would have had to pay \$750.00 for the bondsman to bail me out."

"I've read about this type of thing in the newspapers," he said, "and I'm really upset because I wasn't given any type of explanation. And when the officers got me downtown, they wanted to push me around."

One sergeant in the Winston-Salem Police Department, who asked to remain anonymous, explained that the department is short-staffed and has a backlog of warrants and summons that can be served at any time. He added that Bynum's experience is not unusual.

"Television has brainwashed people concerning things like warrants," he said. "There was nothing wrong with the way this was handled. We have papers that were See Page 2