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Pat Hairston He'll Step Down, But Stay Active

By Ruthell Howard
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Patrick Hairston, local National Association for the Advancement of Colored People president, is stepping down, but not out.

Hairston, who succeeded the Rev. J.T. McMillan at the helm in 1978, calls the position of NAACP president a 36-hour-a-day, thankless job that offers prestige, but few monetary rewards.

"It (being president) costs you in gas and time, doing things for people," Hairston said, "and all these things are not (instances of discrimination). You do it because you feel for people."

Hairston said he took the oath of office, not purely for pleasure or personal gains, and "I have not had purely personal gains. I know about the sacrifices I have made and I feel good about them and about what I've done."

"Civil rights fighters get burned out real quick," he added, "because the people don't support them like they should."

After being NAACP president for six years, Hairston said he is disappointed with the people in Winston-Salem because they are not "catching on."

"The NAACP depends on its membership for money," he said. "If we had a \$10-million budget it would not be as much as having 10,000 members. The average black person feels we are here by the grace of the community and we don't need any money."

Hairston added the NAACP is one of the primary reasons for the gains blacks in America made during the

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Valerie Broadie: "I have been able to do things in my life that my ancestors died for me to be able to do...I feel a responsibility to put back by being involved in United Way and Planned Parenthood" (photos by Santana).

She's Taking A First-Hand Look At The South

By Ruthell Howard
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Valerie Broadie came to the South because she had never been here before. "I wanted to see for myself what it is like," she said.

Broadie said she noticed that there is a more relaxed atmosphere as compared to the pace in the North, and "it's nice in a way not to have to move so fast. But it's misleading to think there isn't the same amount of pressure. It may not be as evident, but it is

still there." The city's economic development coordinator says

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she thinks there is a "lot of potential for blacks in Winston-Salem, but we have to be more practical and make our money talk for us a little more."

Broadie is responsible for "knowing what is going on in the local economy, who the people are who influence the economy and what they are doing — for example, working with the Chamber of Commerce to make sure we and other people around are not doing the same things they are doing."

Though Winston-Salem has some problems with structural unemployment, or unemployment that is prevalent among a certain group, Broadie said, the city will not be hit by the kinds of "deep economic

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Black Homosexuality: The Burden Of Being A Minority Twice

By LaTanya A. Isley
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A few years ago, former Miss America Anita Bryant, waged a campaign against the homosexual population in America. Bryant said that as teachers homosexuals would provide negative role models for children. In Dade County, June 7, 1977, there was a 2 to 1 vote against an ordinance banning discrimination in employment based on an individual's sexual preference.

The Sunday after the election, a Dade County campaign worker was stabbed. Two weeks after the election, in San Francisco, Robert Hillsborough, a homosexual, was stabbed 16 times by attackers

screaming "Faggot, faggot!"

In 1975, the U.S. Supreme Court upheld the right of a local school board to fire any teacher solely for being homosexual.

"Being a black homosexual means not only being outcast by whites but by blacks as well."

Some say that the homosexual population is the most discriminated against minority in the United States, which includes blacks, jews, hispanics, orientals and the other minorities who make up the American "melting pot."

Dr. George Weinberg, a practicing psychologist in New York City, says, in "The New Gay Liberation Book," that the discrimination against homosexuals is due to "the misconception that heterosexuality is natural and that homosexuality is a departure from nature."

Weinberg contends that homosexuality is a part of nature and an animal instinct.

"Homosexuality abounds in the animal kingdom, and there is nothing unnatural about it there or with humans," he says.

Weinberg also says that the root of discrimination against homosexuals is "an illness, which we call homophobia."

According to Weinberg, homophobia refers to "the

morbid and irrational fear of homosexuals, and the hatred of them," which he says originated from the teachings of religion and the secret fear in many heterosexuals that they themselves are homosexual.

According to Donna H. Burke, associate director of Spectrum, a local center for psychological services, approximately four percent of the male population is exclusively homosexual, while two percent of the female population accounts for the homosexual population.

Burke says that most homosexuals to keep their homosexuality a secret or let only a few people know about it.

"People are generally discreet about it (homosexua-

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Perceptions Of Homosexuality

By LaTanya A. Isley
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Homosexuality is a subject many people prefer not to discuss or think about. But, with the recent upsurge of the gay rights movement, homosexuality has become a more visible

way of life — and an issue. Recently, the Chronicle asked Winston-Salem residents their views on homosexuality.

Patrick Grimes: "I think it's morally wrong and socially unacceptable from my stand-

point."

Mark Williams: "We're all changing in this world and if that's what they want, that's them. I don't think there's nothing wrong with it."

Tyrone Anthony: "I prefer women myself. If that's what they get their

fulfillment from, they can enjoy it as much as they can."

John Ellis: "As long as they don't bother me, I won't bother them. What people do in their private life is their

business. I believe in 'live and let live'."

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Patrick Grimes



Mark Williams



Tyrone Anthony



John Ellis

Losing Your Job: Getting Yourself Together After The Pink Slip

By Ruthell Howard
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People are fired from their jobs for various reasons, including new management or the tight economy, says Pat Little, employment counselor, but losing a job has basically the same effect on people regardless of the circumstances under which

they were terminated. Little sees scores of job seekers daily at the Employment Security Commission and helps applicants deal with job termination, choice, change or adjustment.

"Some people come in who've been fired and are still angry about it," Little said, "and haven't dealt with it at all. Being ter-

minated has been a blow to the ego and self-esteem and has made them feel bad. They have to accept the situation, face up to it and build from that point on."

According to Little, Ruby Ellen Howell, our hypothetical job-seeker, made a big mistake in looking for a job by randomly picking stores or businesses to apply and then just going there.

"Most people are trusting their job hunting to blind luck," Little said. "They feel the job is out there and they're going to find it

without any type of planning." You must organize your job search, Little added,

and decide where you're going. Then learn about the company and the field and what kinds of jobs are available, whether you are

looking for just any job or planning a career.

For example, Little said, if

you go to a bank and apply for a job as a teller, you may not get a job because the bank doesn't need a teller. But if you had taken the time to check in the banking industry, there are "all kinds of jobs you could apply for," Little said. Little said few entry-level jobs are available because there are many skilled people for employers to choose from

and even though an employer may be willing to train someone for the job, you have to be "realistic." He is not going to train you if there is someone else who is already prepared for the job, she said.

As a counselor, Little sometimes refers applicants to educational planning and works with young people who have dropped out of

school or are recent graduates and have no idea of the job market. Little also gives counseling to people who have jobs and need help adjusting to the position.

Being with a job counselor has been beneficial to Ruby. First, she learned about herself as a person and prospective employee.

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Black Music: The Key To Permanence Is Good, Raw Talent

By Ruthell Howard
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Oscar "Daddy-Oh" Alexander, announcer for radio station WAIR says black music has evolved as blacks have evolved: through suffering, endurance and through good times and bad.

Alexander, after being in the music business for 25 years and having June 18 proclaimed "Oscar Alexander Day," is in the highlight of his career.

Sitting in his downtown office, in view at the community he loves, Alexander reflects on the evolution of black music. "Blues artists, like the B.B. Kings, the Muddy Waters, the Jimmy Reeves,

and a lot of others in those days had a five-piece combo consisting of a guitar, bass, drum, piano and a horn," he says. "The difference between then and now," Alexander says, "is that the big record companies are taking over these particular type artists and have added (to the band) other horns, synthesizers and even violins."

Alexander says this has transformed what was "grassroots" music into music that is more defined and commercial. "It's what they call a crossover," he said. White artists, he says, are beginning to accept it, but instead of calling it rhythm and blues music, they call it beach music. "They are even

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