

Notes of Interest

Letters on this week's editorial page range from reactions to "Sister, Sister" to reactions to the Chronicle's forthcoming sports magazine to opposition to the proposed four-year terms for state legislators.

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The 'FA' in FATA

Flonnie Anderson used to stalk students in high school hallways to be in her productions. Years later, she's changed her tactics somewhat, but she still strives to expose her community to the arts.

Second Front.

Endorsements

As the June 29 primary moves closer, the Chronicle and a coalition of black organizations announce their endorsements and a series on political hopefuls and their platforms concludes.

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Roots

Not the kind Alex Haley wrote about, but the kind that involve non-traditional remedies and voodoo, are examined by Reporters LaTanya Isley and Ruthell Howard.

Front Page.



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Black Coalition Meets, Announces Endorsements

By LaTanya A. Isley
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A coalition of black organizations and community leaders has endorsed a slate of candidates for Tuesday's primary election.

Last Saturday afternoon the Black Leadership Roundtable met at the Patterson Avenue YMCA to discuss the candidates and their stances on issues pertinent to the

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black community.

According to Alderman Larry Little, the group, which was composed of Little, NAACP President Patrick Hairston, Clifton Graves, the Rev. Jerry Drayton, the Rev. Howard Wiley, Naomi Jones of the Black Political Awareness League, Norma Smith of the East Winston Crime Task Force and many other black community

leaders, will endorse candidates who have addressed those issues most effectively.

For sheriff, it will endorse Robert Woods instead of incumbent Manly Lancaster, mainly because of Lancaster's record on affirmative action.

"Lancaster has disregarded the hiring and promotion of minorities during his years as sheriff," Little said. "After 12 years, he doesn't merit being re-elected. To support Lancaster would be tantamount to rewarding someone for bad conduct."

Little said that although the group is not endorsing Woods on his performance, it is endorsing him because of the issues he addresses that regard minorities and women, such as assuring equal opportunity for qualified personnel in promotions.

According to Little, there was no support for Bob Carter among the participants in the discussion.

The group decided "unanimously" to endorse Mickey Andrews for district attorney over incumbent Donald Tisdale. Little said that Tisdale had been unfair to blacks by excluding them from juries and that since he had become district attorney in 1974, he has hired only one black to serve as assistant district attorney when there were 11 positions. Little also said that Tisdale is unfit to

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Back In Town

Georgia State Sen. Julian Bond sits attentively at the Joint legislative workshop during the convention of the Old North State Medical Society, Old North State Dental Society and the North Carolina Association of Black Lawyers held last weekend in the Winston-Salem Hyatt Hotel. Bond later spoke at the Conjoint '82 Banquet on Reaganomics and the need for unity in the black community in combatting racism. A story on the convention appears below (photo by Santana).

Absence Of Black Input On Screening Committee Irks Leaders

By LaTanya A. Isley
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The screening process for a new school superintendent has met with strong criticism from a number of black leaders recently.

Last Wednesday, Alderman Larry Little accused the Winston-Salem/Forsyth County Board of Educators of

being racially insensitive to blacks by not appointing a black person to the screening committee that is looking at applications for a successor to outgoing Superintendent Dr. James A. Adams.

Little said the screening process is a very important step in the selection of a new superintendent and that the black community should have a part in the selection.

"The black community of Winston-Salem needs to be involved in every step of the process," he said.

Members of the school board have said that Dr. William F. Sheppard, a member of the committee, will serve in the interest of the black community since he is acting director of development affairs at Winston-Salem State University and has ties to the black community.

But Little disagrees. "Sheppard is a nice person but he ain't black and he ain't no spokesman for the black community. Some people seem to forget that," Little said. Sheppard responded to Little's remarks by saying that

"it is a matter of fact that I'm not black, but the law specifically charges the school board with screening the applicants. Unfortunately, all incumbents are white but hopefully that will change in December."

Sheppard also said that the selection of the new superintendent is the responsibility of the school board and no one else.

"The law clearly states that the school board should

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Conjoint '82

Black Professionals Gather In Winston For Historic Meeting

By Althea Bradford
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On June 18-20, the Old North State Medical Society, Old North State Dental Society and North Carolina Association of Black Lawyers assembled in the Hyatt Hotel and Benton Convention Center to bring together, for the first time, the members of these three traditionally separate groups of black professionals. The focus, as printed on the program for the "Conjoint '82" banquet, was on ways of "improving the quality of life for all citizens, particularly those who are poor and black, through the delivery of health care, legal services and the legislative process."

Georgia State Sen. Julian Bond was the keynote speaker at the convention's Saturday evening banquet and he spoke on the theme "Progress Through Unity: An Improved Thrust for Black Professionals."

The activities for the Old North State Medical Society included a future physicians forum and seminars on hypertension and sexually transmitted diseases, among other sessions.

The future physicians forum was conducted by a group of medical doctors who spoke on subjects as diverse as public health and academic medicine. The update on hypertension was led by Dr. John Arradondo, chairman of the Department of Family Medicine at McHarry Medical College. Arradondo said that patients can be educated by their doctors to take their own blood pressure and can usually avoid hypertension by decreasing their salt intake, exercising and visiting their physicians on a regular basis.

The session on sexually transmitted diseases (STDs) was directed by Dr. Sam Pegram of the Division of Infectious Diseases at the Bowman Gray School of Medicine. Pegram said there are at least 25 STDs in the United States and during the 1980s, "you're gonna have a

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Mayor Wayne Corpening
(photo by Alan Guthrie)

Chronicle Interview

Corpening Stresses Jobs, Says Race Relations Good

By Ruthell Howard
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Providing residents in Winston-Salem the opportunity to have a "good quality of life" through job opportunities and housing — that's what the city's mayor, Wayne Corpening, stressed in a recent Chronicle interview.

Corpening says he feels he has a good relationship with the black community. "I work with the black community just like I work with all the other communities," he said. "It's just cooperation. That's how you get things done."

Corpening cited housing as one example of city-wide improvements for both blacks and whites. "I think we've done more for subsidized housing than any other city I know of," he said. "I don't think you can have a good city unless people have good homes, so we're really going all out for housing and I think the proof of the pudding is just going out and seeing what we've done for low and moderate-income homes as well as seeing that you can afford a house."

Corpening said the city has also "finally gotten a good fair housing ordinance, which allows the city or individuals to sue in Superior Court in instances of discrimination. "I think we have a fair housing ordinance passed which is fair and, after all, that's what everybody wants," he said.

"As far as I'm concerned, I hope I do (have a good relationship with blacks). I've talked to several this morning. Some of my best friends, I consider, are blacks."

The East Winston Shopping Center, now under construction in that area, and the proposed Raddison Hotel for downtown Winston-Salem, will help provide jobs and services to the black community, Corpening said. "When I decided to run, (for mayor), I said I was going to do my best to keep Winston-Salem one of the most outstanding cities in North Carolina," he said, "and some things you have to do to make it happen. One of the main things is

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Voodoo--The Forerunner Of Modern Medicine

By Ruthell Howard
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This article is the first in a two-part series.

If you leave a pail of water for spirits to drink at night, they will let you rest.

Sprinkling salt and pepper around your bedroom or pasting newspapers on the walls are ways of keeping spirits out at night. They have to read every word on the newspapers before they can enter the room and by that time, it will be daylight.

Superstitions, like these and many more, folk remedies, spiritualists and root doctors serve as

safeguards against the uncertainties and mysteries of life and as a means of dealing with unhappy love lives, getting revenge, mending a broken marriage or even combatting illnesses.

Folk remedies, which are derived from the Voodoo religion of Africa, are recommended for all types of concerns, ranging from anemia to abortions. A blood pie, consisting of blood from a hog or cow taken immediately after slaughter, is prescribed for anemia. For a goiter, raw fish is a suggested cure and breathing into a paper sack is the cure for hyperventilation (extremely rapid breathing that can cause dizziness or fainting) in "Black Folk Medicine," an arti-

cle in a student health publication at Duke University in Durham called "The Forum."

For many black Americans, folk medicine or home remedies are alternative forms of medicine and the root doctor is often consulted rather than a licensed physician to "cure ills."

While the word "roots," for many, connotes dangerous dealings with evil spirits, supernatural forces and hexes, one medical doctor points out that much of modern medicine has its roots in "roots."

"ONE HAS to go back into history to show throughout the time man has been on earth, folk

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