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Buying Medicine
Although the tragedy involving
poison-laced Tylenol capsules has
drawn the public's attention to the
subject, consumers should always
take care when buying medicine.

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Chamber of Commerce, notes from
appreciative readers and an open let-
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Bill Hayes.

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Going Solo

Lionel Richie, who has gained fame as a singer and songwriter with the
Tuskegee, Ala.-bred Commodores, has tried something new recently — a
solo album. More on Richie — and the album — appears in our Arts and
Leisure section on Page 10.

Black Officers Discontented With Police Affirmative Action

By Ruthell Howard
Staff Writer

Black members of the Winston-Salem police force have complained recently of racism in the department and what they perceive as a double standard for dealing with blacks, especially where promotions are concerned.

According to several officers, who preferred to remain anonymous, affirmative action in the department is not working.

"The thing that bothers me and upsets me," one officer says, "is that the chief (Lucius A. Powell) and everybody else say, 'We're working on affirmative action progress,' but I say, 'where is it?'"

The officers contend that blacks who have been eligible to be tested and placed on the department's promotions lists were eliminated early in the competition by white supervisors who gave them low ratings.

Under that procedure, supervisors make individual evaluations of officers, and, based on

those evaluations, recommend officers to be further evaluated at Promotional Assessment Centers, where officers are judged by a panel of three to eight police officials on their ability to perform in various hypothetical job situations. Officers are then ranked and placed on a promotions list.

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Before June 15, evaluations given by an officer's supervisor determined whether he was allowed to take a test, which he had to pass in order to go to an assessment center for a promotion.

One officer, who was recently evaluated under that system, says his supervisor gave him

low ratings in areas, such as attendance, where he knew his record was excellent, and gave no reason for the low marks.

"My supervisor asked me how many sick days I have," he says. And even though his attendance was high and he had a large number of sick days, the officer says he received two out of a possible four points on attendance.

He adds that he received similar scoring in other areas in which he had performed well.

Another officer, who also went through the promotions process, says her supervisor's evaluation brought her score down nine points and she failed to make it to the center. Her question is, "Do we need a performance evaluation?"

"It's a personal opinion one person is making against another," she says.

All the officers interviewed complain that the testing is an "unfair" method of determining who should go to an assessment center. "All that shows is that a person has the ability to

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Ministers Endorse Black Candidates

By Ruthell Howard
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In an effort to reassure black candidates that their organization is "still with them," the Baptist Ministers Conference and Associates, a coalition of area ministers from various denominations, made a special endorsement last week of all black candidates running for office, says the

Rev. Jerry Drayton, pastor of New Bethel Baptist Church and chairman of the conference's Political Action Committee.

After hearing concerns at its Oct. 5 meeting by state House candidate Dr. C. B. Hauser that the the ministers announced no official slate of endorsements during the primary elections and therefore no official endorsement of black can-

didates, either, the group decided to confirm its support for black candidates, Drayton says.

Hauser's views were echoed by county commissioner candidate Mazie Woodruff, who also attended the meeting.

"Mrs. Woodruff and Dr. Hauser were there on appeal for our support, and all the time, we were going to support them. But the

fact that they came asking for it implied that they were unsure," Drayton says.

"This was a case where we wanted them to be assured of our support."

Drayton says the ministers had elected to support the black candidates before the primary elections, but because they released no official slate of endorsements, black candidates got the wrong im-

pression. Division over who to support in the sheriff's race had prompted the ministers not to announce endorsements as they customarily do.

Some ministers voted to support Robert Woods, one of two Democratic candidates who challenged the incumbent, Manly Lancaster, during the

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A Look At Black Students And The College Board Exam

By Edward Hill Jr.
Staff Writer

This article is the first of a two-part series.

A study recently released by the College Board has indicated that black students scored an average of 110 points lower than their white college classmates on last year's college entrance examinations.

The first analysis ever published on how various racial groups fare on the Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT), also indicated that students from affluent black and white families scored considerably higher on the test than did low-income students.

But, while SAT scores are one of the key requirements many colleges consider when reviewing applicants for admission, the amount of emphasis placed on that criterion varies.

Annie Jenkins, associate director of admissions at

Salem College, says that SAT scores are not the "end all" and "be all" at her institution because they can be misleading.

"Sure, the SAT has significance, but there are other determining factors to consider," said Jenkins. "Here at Salem, we look at a variety of things about the student. Some students may not score high on the test, but they may be hard-working students or achievers with the ability to learn and comprehend. After all, it's an aptitude test, not an achievement test."

Jenkins cited numbers as a possible variable contributing to the low test scores among blacks. "Perhaps there are more people taking the test than before," she said. Some students may be taking it who shouldn't. That would bring down the scores. Minority students have traditionally scored lower on the tests."

Jenkins said that two percent of the 600 students at Salem are minorities and added that the school has had

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Sonya Hairston, a freshman at Winston-Salem State University, feels blacks score lower on the SAT than whites because they don't get the adequate preparation.



Freshman Belinda Stockton of WSSU says high school guidance counselors could do a better job in helping black students to prepare for the SAT.

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Will Food Stamp Increase Help?

By Edward Hill Jr.
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Two weeks ago, Congress granted an 8.5 percent increase to food stamp recipients. That increase -- the first since 1980 -- will affect families across the nation, including 6,000 in Winston-Salem who receive food stamps monthly.

A family of four with zero income will reap the most from the increase, with its average benefits rising from

\$233 to \$253 per month.

The Chronicle polled residents downtown recently to gauge their reactions to the increase and how it will affect their monthly food bills.

Janice Jones: "I think it will help a lot because food prices are steadily going up all the time. It means that my little girl and I will be able to get more of a variety of food every month. It also might last a little longer and not run out so soon."

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