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### Veighed And Wanting

ere are a number of black individuals who are qualified and can muster the support needed to run for presidency, says Tony Brown, but Jesse Jackson is not one of them.

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### Well-Rounded Star

Tramaine Hawkins not only "cooks" when she sings a tune, but can prepare a mean vegetable casserole as well. Her thoughts on dishes, determination and devotion appear in this week's church feature.

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### Destined

Some people may not believe in fate or destiny, but both factors seemingly shaped and determined Winston-Salem Urban League President Thomas Elijah's life and career.

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## Does 'The Ivy League VD' Strike As Much Among Blacks?

By RUTHELL HOWARD  
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It begins as little, red, painful sores that later blister and open, emitting a liquid that spreads the infection to other areas.

It is referred to in an Aug. 2, 1982 *Time* magazine story as "the scourge, the new Scarlet Letter, the VD of the Ivy League and Jerry Falwell's revenge."

What "it" actually is, however, is herpes, a 2,000-year-old, recurrent and incurable viral infection that plagued ancient Rome with one form of infection on the lips commonly known as cold sores.

Another form of the virus, which is similar to cold sores but infects the genitals instead, has reached what one expert calls "epidemic proportions," but appears to travel more in white, middle- to upper-class circles, according to national figures.

"Most people who have herpes don't go to the doctor for it. There's no cure for it, so they say, 'Why go to the doctor?'"

-- Health Education Division Director  
Genie Sloan

A study by the Herpes Resource Center in Palo Alto, Calif., an organization comprised of 30,000 herpes sufferers in 45 chapters nationwide, reported last year that 51 percent of its members are female, 95 percent are Caucasian,

80 percent are 20-39 years-old, 53 percent have at least four years of college and 56 percent have annual incomes of \$20,000 or more.

But skeptics argue that herpes is as much a problem in the black community as it is in the white community. The *Time* article points out that the disease seems to strike "nice, healthy, educated, clean-cut Caucasians of the middle and upper classes," but adds that blacks and the poor may not turn up in herpes surveys or self-help groups because they have "more crushing problems to cope with than venereal disease."

"Blacks get it," Tom W. Moore, who works at a Mississippi VD clinic, says in the *Time* article. "They just aren't obsessed with it."

In Winston-Salem, however, the belief that

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Ebony On The Air

Photo: Allen will be on the air on the premier April 17 of the "Ebony/360 Country Showcase," Johnson Publications new venture into the television world that appears to emulate "Entertainment Tonight." Another black magazine, *Essence*, will debut its own show in May. Details are on Page 10.

## Chicago's Black Mayor: Winston Reacts

From Staff Reports And Dispatches.

Chicago has barely elected its first black mayor.

Riding the crest of strong black and Hispanic support, 60-year-old Rep. Harold Washington edged white Republican challenger Bernard Epton in a close, often bitter race that featured an 85 percent voter turnout, the greatest in Chicago since the 1944 presidential election.

At press time, Washington had 636,136, or 51.5 percent of the votes, as compared to Epton's 48.2 percent.

Although a number of white voters in the heavily Democratic city decided to vote Republican rather than back Washington, who has vowed to dismantle Chicago's long-standing patronage system, Washington's white support increased from the 6 percent he had garnered in the primary to approximately 20 percent in the general election.

Washington, a two-term Democratic congressman, had served with Epton in the Illinois Legislature.

Some local reactions to the Washington victory:

Larry Little, Northwest Ward alderman:

"Washington's victory was most significant. I feel that the key in this is that, with a good black candidate who is qualified, you can spark a degree of enthusiasm in black folks that brings them out in astounding numbers. Not only did they register to vote, but they voted."

Mayor Wayne A. Corpening: "From what I read in the newspapers, and that's all I know, I feel that the right man won. Whether it's a black or white candidate, it shouldn't matter. I think it comes down to who's running."

Nelson Malloy, a local resident: "He's (Washington) got his work cut out for him. I

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Making A Joyful Noise

Gospel music is much, much more than mere entertainment, says Tramaine Hawkins, shown here delivering one of her spirit-filled, soul-stirring gospel tunes to a Triad audience at Winston-Salem State University during a recent concert. More on Mrs. Hawkins appears in this issue on Page 20 (photo by James Parker).

## False Alarms

### They Pose A Bigger Danger To Black Community

By RUTHELL HOWARD  
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The alarm sounds. Approximately 30 seconds later, the members of Engine Company No. 3, dressed in their "quick-hitches" firefighting outfits, board their engine, which speeds to answer the call.

During the nearly four-minute ride to the reported fire, the captain considers all the variables involved in answering the call: the type of neighborhood, the type of fire and what it will take to extinguish it.

"You can't understand what you go through when you go on an emergency run," says Tom Canter, a Winston-Salem firefighter for 11 years. "It's hard to account for the stress."

A lot is involved in answering a fire call, the firemen say. That's why the members of Engine Co. No. 3 and probably other companies as well, are disturbed when they are kept busy answering false alarm calls each year while genuine emergencies could be occurring at another location in their territories.

While those calls are answered, too, usually by another company, it takes that company twice the amount of time to answer a call out of its area and could allow the real

fire to create even greater danger. Company 3, which answers fire calls in the predominantly black North Liberty Street area, views its false alarm problem as an even greater hazard since fires occur more often in the city's black community, and, in fact, "any area that has low-income or low socioeconomic people," says Deputy Fire Chief Pete Harless. Harless attributes the higher incidence of fires in the black community to the presence of sub-standard houses that aren't always well-maintained.

The lack of new wiring or attempts by tenants to heat an entire house with insufficient heating equipment -- such as stoves that aren't designed to heat a four-room house -- can lead to fires, Harless says.

Because the black community has more fires, it has more fire-related deaths as well. Last year, five out of seven fatal fire victims were black. And each year, there are usually more black than white fire deaths, says Assistant Fire Marshal Mary Johnson.

"Because we have more fires over there, then any false alarm would be crucial to that area," Johnson says.

Citywide, Winston-Salem had 229 false-alarm calls last year, but firemen say that even one is "one too many." Each engine company is situated so that it is within

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## Apartments: Good Intentions Drown In Red Ink

By RUTHELL HOWARD  
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A chance to furnish low-income housing with federal money nearly a decade ago seemed to be a golden opportunity for two local churches.

But ventures by Goler Metropolitan AME Zion Church and New Bethel Baptist Church as apartment owners presented almost as many problems as they did solutions.

The churches built apartments in the early 70s through Program 236, a federally-funded project that allowed churches and non-profit organizations to borrow government money to build low-income housing.

Now New Bethel is plagued with upkeep problems and its management is trying to address the myriad complaints of the apartments' angry tenants. And Goler Metropolitan is selling its apartments to its management, First Columbia Management Inc., after dealing with years of tenant problems.

Both church ventures seem to suffer the same types of concerns -- leaking roofs, poor plumbing and heating and maintenance complaints.

New Bethel tenants recently staged a protest, complaining that are too many unresolved maintenance problems to justify a soon-to-be-enacted rent increase.

At Goler, maintenance also seems to be a major concern. Waiting for the exchange of ownership to be ap-

proved by the Housing and Urban Development Department and the subsequent \$450,000 First Columbia promised to make in repairs, Goler tenants complain that their maintenance needs are neglected and have been for too long.

"This house has been like this for six years," says Dorothy Holmes, a Goler resident who complains that water drips from her light outlet when it rains. "Every time it rains around here, everybody is scared to turn the lights on."

Why did the efforts by these two churches to provide housing result in so many problems?

Goler officials elected not to discuss their problems

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An interview with former Olympic skater Tai Babilonia, who now tours with her Olympic partner Randy Gardner as part of the Ice Capades troupe.

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● The first in a series of interviews with members of the school board.

● A look at "slasher movies" by Chronicle Reviewer-at-Large John Slade.

● The premiere of our expanded new Religion section.

● A look at the storied history of the venerable old Patterson Avenue YMCA.