

Extraterrestrial Suds

Reviewer John Slade isn't quite as crazy about "Return Of The Jedi" as everyone else. The problem with the film, he says, is that it conjures images of "The Young And The Restless" in outer space.

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A Passionate Reader

Stacy Kennedy loves to curl up with a good book -- and another and another. And her passion for prose has paid generous dividends.

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The Crown Prince

The Rev. James Cleveland brought his special brand of gospel music to the Coliseum recently -- after a conversation with Staff Writer Robin Adams.

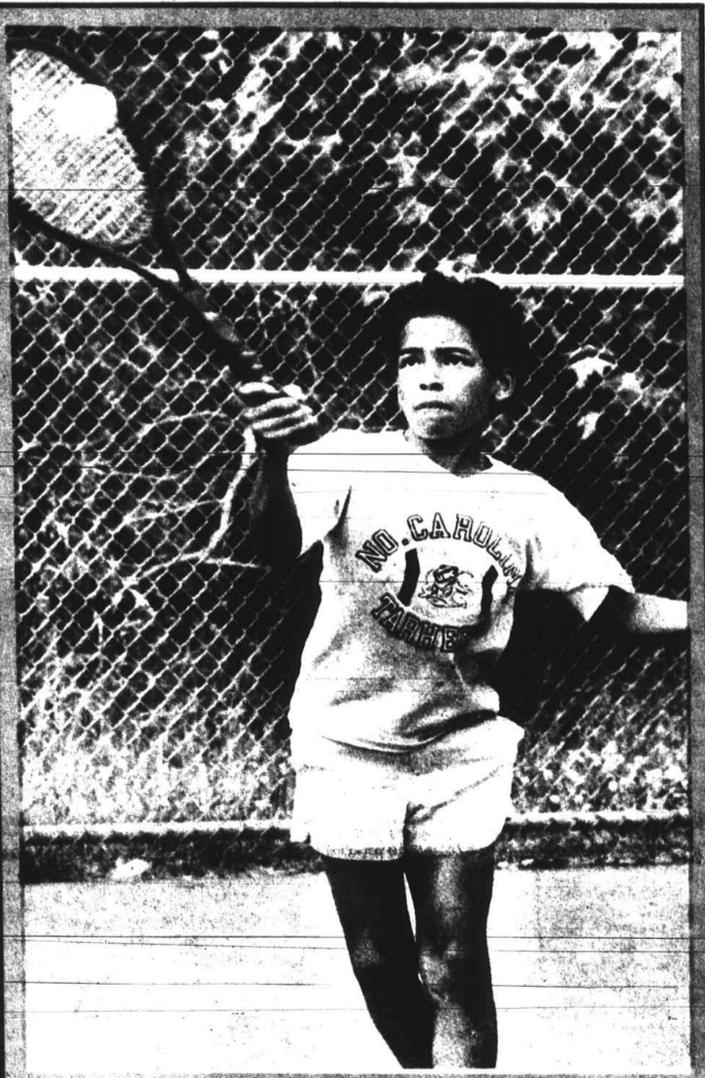
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David Thompkins, 11, has been playing tennis since he was seven, and his goal is to play in the prestigious Wimbledon tournament. More on Thompkins and other young tennis players appears on Page B2 (photo by James Parker).

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*Columnist Tony Brown examines Congressman Mickey Leland's war against black buffoonery on television, including "Mr. T."
*Advice columnist Yolonda Gayles responds to a woman who suspects that her mother may be a lesbian.

District Attorney's Decision Disappoints Black Leadership

By RUTHELL HOWARD
Staff Writer

Black leaders say they were disappointed but not surprised that District Attorney Donald K. Tisdale's choice to fill a vacant assistant prosecutor's post in his office is a white male.

The graduating Wake Forest University law student will join the rest of Tisdale's all-white staff provided he passes the North Carolina bar exam this summer.

When former Assistant District Attorney Joseph Gatto was recently appointed to the Forsyth County District Court bench, some black leaders saw the vacancy as an opportunity for the district attorney to improve his frayed relationship with the black community by appointing a black assistant.

But Tisdale, who is a Democrat, told the *Winston-Salem Journal* last week that he has already chosen the as yet unnamed white man as Gatto's replacement.

"Mr. Tisdale is continuing his pattern of ignoring the black community," says Earline Parmon, vice chairman of the Democratic Party's executive board. "The fact that nobody in the black community came to him is not important. He could have gone to the black schools."

Ms. Parmon says that there were also black people who supported Tisdale's campaign who could have helped him find a black applicant.

"It shows that he wants to continue to ignore the black community, even though he is serving the black community," Parmon says, adding that it isn't too late for Tisdale to change his mind.

"People assume that blacks want to do that (be an assistant district attorney). I don't know of any who do."

-- Attorney Michael Grace

NAACP President Patrick Hairston says he is among those not surprised by Tisdale's decision. "I anticipated it," Hairston says.

Alderman Larry Womble says he, too, expected the same outcome.

"I wasn't surprised that he made that decision that he made, although I was hoping against hope that he would give consideration to a black," Womble says. "Looking back over his track record, I was hoping against hope."

Womble also says he doubts that Tisdale will change his mind and appoint a black. "I'm not

very optimistic," he says. "I doubt that he will change his mind. I am disappointed, yes. But it behooves us as blacks to keep on top of these things and make sure we monitor any other vacancies that come up."

But at least two black attorneys say that most black lawyers do not want that kind of position.

"It would be difficult to fill any DA's office with any blacks," says attorney Michael Grace.

Grace says he has been offered the position in the past, and was offered the current opening, but turned it down.

"People assume that some blacks want to do that. I don't know of any who do," Grace says.

Grace says that prosecuting is a "frame of mind" and that it's a difficult job for blacks in Forsyth County because there are so many black people going through the courts.

"You have to make some very tough decisions," Grace says. "You have to make some enemies, and you have to hurt some friends."

Grace says people were concerned about having a black assistant DA, but he doesn't know of any blacks who showed interest in the job. "It's tough to live here and function here and be a DA," Grace says.

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At East Winston Branch

Library Staff Members Transferred

By RUTHELL HOWARD
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Sudden changes in the Forsyth County Public Library system have left its East Winston branch with a new white director and a new staff, and some people wondering how the move will affect the library's future and relationship to its surrounding black community.

Jane Steele, who was head librarian at the branch, was moved to the Periodicals and Documents Department of the Main Library downtown. Steele was replaced by Barbara Anderson, a former employee in the Main Library's Business Science Department who was recently promoted.

Anderson is the second white librarian to head the East Winston branch. Betsy Turock

headed the library several years ago when it was linked to the Kernersville branch and shared directors with that branch.

Margaret Allen, who had been at East Winston for nearly 18 years as an assistant librarian, was transferred to the Reynolda Manor branch and replaced by Gwen Anderson, and Shirley Holloway, who was head of East Winston's Children's Department, was transferred to the Thruway Branch and replaced by Patricia Brown.

All four are black.

The former East Winston librarians, who were informed of the transfers on Monday and Tuesday morning and moved on Tuesday, say they are surprised.

"I hope it's a change for the better," said Allen on Tuesday morning. But Allen declined

to discuss the situation further and Holloway and Steele refused to discuss their transfers or to comment on the situation.

Members of the Friends of the East Winston Library, a support group for the branch, say they are upset.

"It's puzzling me at this moment," said J.C. Simpson, president of Friends. "There is concern about Mrs. Allen being moved."

Simpson said he learned of the transfers from teen-agers who frequent the library and asked him for an explanation. "The children were asking me about the changes," he said. "I was shocked. There was no warning."

Having worked with Allen and the library, Simpson said he was disappointed. "We have worked very hard there," he said. "Mrs. Allen

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Kimberly Park Residents Sentenced

By RUTHELL HOWARD
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The April scuffle between Winston-Salem police officers and four Kimberly Park residents has resulted in jail sentences for the residents, who last week were charged with assaulting the officers.

One case, which involved Tyrone Foy, his mother, Alberta Foy and Carolyn White, ended in District Court after the officers testified that they were kicked and assaulted by the residents while trying to arrest Tyrone Foy for drinking beer in public.

Marie Downey, who was also involved in the incident

but was accidentally given a separate trial, received an active two-year sentence for assaulting an officer.

Both cases are being appealed by the defendants through their attorney, David Hough.

The officers said that the residents interfered with Foy's arrest at the 1700 block of Derry Street on April 26. But the residents insisted that one officer, Ed Hurley, instigated the incident when he grabbed Foy by the neck, knocking him to the sidewalk and scraping his face on the concrete, even though Foy was willingly going along with arresting officer K.B. Leonard. The residents also said they were assaulted by the police officers.

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Hauser's Bill Dies On Senate Floor

RALEIGH -- A bill introduced by state Rep. C.B. Hauser of Forsyth County that would have altered bail bond procedures by the courts was killed Tuesday morning by the Senate Judiciary One Committee, which is chaired by Sen. Julian Allsbrook, D-Roanoke Rapids.

The bill, one of the recommendations of the Citizens' Commission on Alternatives to Incarceration, was passed by the House on April 29, by a vote of 102-1.

The Senate committee had been holding the bill since April 30, and agreed to consider it after considerable prodding by Hauser.

After an attempt by Sen. Cary Allred, R-Alamance, Sen. Cecil Jenkins, D-Concord, and Sen. William Staton, D-Sanford, to keep it alive by sending it to a subcommit-

tee failed by a 3-4 vote, the bill was given an unfavorable report on a motion by Sen. Ollie Harris, D-Kings Mountain, which was seconded by Sen. Don Kincaid, R-Lenoir.

The vote was 5-2.

"The bill would alter bail bond practices which discriminate against the poor and minorities," Hauser said. "It would have required judicial officials to give a reason why they require a bail bond. They would check one or more of four blocks and state why they held the opinion checked."

"In addition to correcting practices which discriminate against the poor, the bill would have prevented the

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At 71, John Wood, the oldest school board member, has consistently called for the formation of "traditional schools" and maintains a hard line (photo by James Parker).

Our School Board

Wood: Stubborn And Conservative

By ROBIN ADAMS
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This article is the third in a series profiling school board members.

John Wood might best be described as the Jerry Falwell of the Winston-Salem/Forsyth County School Board. In addition to his conservative leanings, he is quiet and stubborn, adjectives he considers flattering.

"All of those words about me are true," Wood says. "And my actions at the last board meeting show how stubborn I can be. Because a majority had decided on something, other people started changing their votes so we would appear unified, he said of the meeting in which board chairman Marvin Calloway threatened to resign.

"I vote for an issue if it serves the purpose for which it was intended. I don't let people offer me a trade. I don't go for the politicking. Nobody can change my mind but me."

And when it comes to being quiet, Wood says he

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