

The NAACP's View

At best, says Walter Marshall, vice president of the local NAACP, the city-county school reorganization plan treats blacks as only numbers.

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A Crowning Honor

Though Paula Mickens, Miss WSSU, says being chosen the school's queen is a great honor, "the title didn't make me. I make the title."

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'The 700 Club'

An uncharacteristically excited Bighouse Gaines begins the road to his 700th win and a possible divisional title Friday night.

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Leadership Roundtable Says It Will Oppose Bond Package

By JOHN SLADE
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A related story appears on this page as well as an editorial on Page 4.

The Black Leadership Roundtable has formally announced that it opposes the city-county bond package and will advise Winston-Salem residents to do the same at the polls Nov. 8.

The Roundtable announced its opposition to bonds that would help finance the reorganization of the city-county schools and the expansion of Forsyth Technical Institute last week after a lengthy meeting, and said earlier this week that it also opposes six other bonds requested by the city.

"We're not going to take anything less than what is right for the black community," said

Bill Tatum, chairman of the group.

The organization said in an open meeting Tuesday night that the bond referendum is a "smoke screen" for what special interests want. "It (bond referendum) will have no great impact on the black community," said Tatum. "The city has not dealt with housing and other

"We understand the city's concern, but we also understand that blacks can make or break the bond referendum."

-- Mel White

issues of concern to blacks. All they tell us is that 'We can try. We can do a study.' When you come into our community and tear down (buildings and neighborhoods without replac-

ing them), you don't tell us you can do a study."

The total \$35 million city-county bond package, which, the Roundtable says, spells few economic or educational gains for blacks and the poor, includes

- \$15 million to expand the Benton Convention Center and construct an accompanying parking deck.

- \$7.5 million to help finance the reorganization of the city-county schools.

- \$4.5 million to expand Forsyth Technical Institute.

- \$3 million to develop an industrial park east of Winston-Salem State University.

- \$2.2 million for street improvements.

- \$1.1 million to improve downtown sewers

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Another Bond Issue

Julian Bond is both the subject of a brief "People" profile of his family life on Page A10 this week and a less-than-complimentary column by Tony Brown on next week's editorial page.

Next Week:

- The Chronicle announces its editorial stance on the Nov. 8 city-county bond referendum.

- Plus, we'll feature more information on the bonds, as well as the pulse of the black community concerning the issue.

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Ford Praises YMCA, Jackson Candidacy

By JOHN SLADE
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Tuskegee, Ala., Mayor Johnny Ford lauded the YMCA's goals and accomplishments and repeated his endorsement of a Jesse Jackson presidential bid at the Patterson Avenue Y's 56th Annual Meeting and Awards Banquet last Thursday night at the Benton Convention Center.

A crowd of nearly 300 gave Ford, the keynote speaker, a standing ovation after his address, which emphasized the humanitarian work of YMCAs all over the country.

"The YMCA is one of the greatest movements in the nation," said Ford, who became Tuskegee's first black mayor in 1972. He was re-elected in 1976 and again in 1980. Ford termed the work of the YMCA "a precious work -- helping to mold and shape the lives of young people. Man has never stood taller than when he stooped to help a child."

Ford complimented the work of the Patterson Avenue YMCA in particular, saying it has made a great contribution to Winston-Salem. "What you do at Patterson is of great worth to the community," said Ford, noting the organization's aquatics program and daycare center as

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Johnny Ford, the mayor of Tuskegee, Ala., termed the YMCA one of the greatest movements in the country (photo by James Parker).

Roundtable Denounces Invasion Of Grenada

Members of the Black Leadership Roundtable denounced Tuesday night the invasion of Grenada earlier this week by the United States and six Caribbean nations -- Antigua, Barbados, Dominica, St. Lucia, St. Vincent and Jamaica.

President Reagan said in a statement to the press Tuesday, "Let there be no mistake. This collective action has been forced on us by events in the eastern Caribbean."

Reagan referred to the takeover of the island nation of 110,000 last week by a military junta when Prime Minister Maurice Bishop and several of his cabinet members were killed. Reagan said the reason for Tuesday's invasion of the island by 1,900 American troops and 300 troops from the six other nations was to protect approximately 1,000 Americans there. American troops will remain on the island, said the president, until a "free election" is held to establish a new government.

In response to the U.S. takeover of Grenada, Roundtable spokesmen Larry Little and Clifton Graves issued the following written statement:

"We deplore the unwarranted and unprovoked military invasion by the United States of Grenada.

"We see this invasion as a flagrant violation of international law, the United Nations charter and the territorial sovereignty of an independent nation. We totally reject the reasons given by the Reagan administration for this senseless invasion as being nothing more than a pretext for a resumption of the archaic 'gunboat diplomacy' of a generation ago."

The statement further reads: "Contrary to what Please see page A3

Where Are The Black Men? Not In These Parts, Ladies

By ROBIN ADAMS
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Where are the available black men?

According to 1980 census data, the Winston-Salem/Greensboro/High Point area is not one of the best places to look. In fact, for increased odds of finding that handsome, professional black male, Anchorage, Alaska, and Honolulu, Hawaii are better choices.

As for the few black men who are here, some black women say they'd like to know where to look, noting that black men don't patronize local clubs, that congregations of most churches are predominantly female, and that most of the young, black professional men are married.

Some of those complaints appear to be valid. According to local "sex ratios," there are only 83 black males for every 100 black females. The national sex ratio -- the number of black males divided by the number of black females multiplied by 100 -- is 89.6. In order to compute the sex ratio, all males, from infancy to senior citizen, are used. When the number of black males between the ages of 15 and 49 is used, the local sex ratio decreases to 81.1. And the number further decreases when the number of black males in prison is subtracted.

In a 1980 study on black males in North

Carolina prisons, Dr. Darnell Hawkins, an associate professor of sociology at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, concluded that, out of 100,000 black males between the ages of 15 and 54, 2,260 are in state prisons. "But, because Winston-Salem does not have 100,000 blacks, that formula might not apply directly," Hawkins said.

Why are black males so scarce? According to an article published in the August 1983 edition of *Ebony* magazine titled "Is the Black Man an Endangered Species?," there are numerous factors that influence the number of adult black males:

- Black males have the highest mortality rate in the first 28 days of life.

- Almost half of the homicide victims, 42 percent, were black and 48 percent of the offenders were black. The leading cause of death for black males between the ages of 15-24 is homicide.

- More blacks than whites were in combat or non-technical units in the Vietnam War, and, as a result, a disproportionate number of blacks were killed.

- The suicide rate among black males has more than doubled in the past 10 years.

- The unemployment rate in the black community has been traditionally higher than in the white community, causing more black men to accept jobs with more hazardous working conditions. The result

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Ministers Remain Uncertain On Whether To Support Bonds

By ROBIN ADAMS
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The Baptist Ministers' Conference and Associates, a group of local black clergymen, decided last Tuesday not to take an official stand on the approaching \$35 million city-county bond referendum. The organization has encouraged each minister to make his own decision.

Yet, as of last week, revealed an informal *Chronicle* survey, most black ministers have not decided whether they will or won't support the bonds. The survey shows that, while many of the ministers are leaning toward supporting the bonds, most have not made definite decisions.

"Well, this referendum is so confusing that I am taking a neutral position," said Dr. Jerry Drayton, pastor of New Bethel Baptist Church. "I think we should let the people vote the way they want to vote. Right now, the black community is so divided (concerning the bond referendum) that anything I say would be with one group and against another. I will be voting my conviction and want others to do the same."

Drayton would not reveal how he plans to vote.

Said the Rev. B.F. Daniels, pastor of Union Baptist Church: "I'm just thinking

about it. I haven't made a decision. I'm just trying to get all the facts together to make a decision."

The Rev. Kelly O.P. Goodwin, a retired minister who was not at the conference's meeting last week, said, "I personally favor getting the most we can out of a situation where votes are concerned. And, with this bond referendum, there is a possibility of getting some jobs. But there are some more issues that have come up that will need studying.

"My answer (concerning his position) is not really a yes or no answer," said Goodwin. "It's a matter of getting the most for our people. I don't see this as a moment for antagonism. We need to weigh carefully the decision we make right now."

While there are some ingredients in the bond package that the Rev. Leonard Lassiter, pastor of Grace Presbyterian Church, said he can support, there are many others that he questions.

"I like the prospect of new positions and new potential for Winston-Salem," he said, "but I have some feelings that there are no specific guarantees or real assurances that any real gains will be seen in East Winston.

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