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Pre-election notes ...

Notes on the eve of our state's primary:

Though we recommended who we perceived to be cream of the political crop last issue, we are not nearly so concerned that you think as we do as we are that you think period -- and exercise your franchise today as well as during the runoff June 5 and November's general election.

Since this is one of those elections in which everybody and his brother appears to be running for something, it's sort of hard to distinguish one candidate from the other.

Some of them not only look alike and talk alike, but they appear to have the same hairdresser and speechwriter, too.

So it's doubly important to know the issues before you go to the polls this time and when you go during the next two elections to follow.

You'd be surprised at how many candidates don't know them....

Not only are there candidates aplenty this election, but there are candidates' forums everywhere you look, too. Unfortunately, the candidates outnumber their audiences at many of these well-intentioned but often fairly useless gatherings.

And, while it's fun to get everybody together for doughnuts and coffee and speeches, it's doing neither the public nor the candidates a whole lot of good for the candidates to talk and listen basically to one another.

We suggested in the last election that local black organizations hold fewer forums and we make that suggestion again.

Why not hold one or two jointly-sponsored forums? Then we could pool our efforts and get the voters out to see what the folks who spew the slogans and flash the smiles are really all about....

Though Jesse Helms and Jim Hunt have a long way to go in their U.S. Senate slugfest, Helms obviously has gone for the knockout early.

Jabbing viciously with television commercials that attack Hunt's record and what the Helms camp perceives as the governor's failure to take stances on the issues, Helms has taken negative advertising to new lows.

And he just may punch himself out before it's all over....

It was encouraging to see the Black Leadership Roundtable recently pass its acid test as a viable black political organization.

Despite the fact that Roundtable members Victor Johnson and Larry Womble are avid supporters of and campaign organizers for Eddie Knox and Rufus Edmisten, respectively, the Roundtable membership weighed the candidates as objectively as could be expected enroute to endorsing Tom Gilmore for governor.

It wasn't an easy decision to make but it was the right one....

The Baptist Ministers Conference And Associates also made some right moves in endorsing Jesse Jackson for president as well as Meyressa Hughes Schoonmaker for Court of Appeals judge.

We do wonder, however, why the clergymen's group stopped there, and didn't make endorsements in any of the other races....

Post-election notes ...

Post-election observations:

The last time a black person sought the presidency, Winston-Salem's black community took its votes somewhere else.

Though Congresswoman Shirley Chisholm was the same dynamic, articulate firebrand she is today, she couldn't sell her act to black folk, who instead voted in droves for Terry Sanford.

Jesse Jackson may make us forget that trek into the Twilight Zone.

Jackson's forces, who have largely had to fuel their campaign with nickels, dimes and perspiration, reaped the dividends Tuesday, when their candidate turned in an impressive performance in Forsyth County.

Jackson ripped through the county's predominantly black precincts like the gusty winds that swept through Winston Tuesday, pummeling Mondale and Hart in the black community.

We are pleased that Forsyth County can be counted among the zeniths in Jackson's campaign. And he and his campaign forces deserve the victory. They certainly worked hard enough.

Unfortunately, Jackson didn't do so well in the state at large, placing third behind Mondale and Hart, largely because the white electorate refuses to vote for him. But he's still done better than anyone could ever have imagined when he announced his bid for the presidency on "60 Minutes" only months ago.

Moreover, as a baseball sage once noted, "It ain't over til Please see page A5



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Chronicle Letters

Leasing course a big mistake

To The Editor:

I was present at the April 16 Board of Aldermen meeting when leasing Reynolds Park Golf Course was on the agenda. I have sent all of you my resume. You know my background, so I can speak as an authority on leasing or any other matter dealing with golf.

You would be making a big mistake leasing Reynolds Park; most experiences with leased golf courses have been bad ones. The people who lease the course try to take all the money out and put back as little as possible. They mostly leave the owner with a poorly conditioned golf course and some very unhappy players.

I have read the lease agreement and no one will accept it as it is, and there is no such thing as an iron-clad contract. Your problem is not whether you should lease Reynolds. You need to hire an experienced, qualified person who is a Class A member of the PGA to operate the golf course on the Recreation Department Level.

I am not trying to belittle or embarrass the persons who are now running the course, but they are not trained to operate a golf course; if they were, they wouldn't have made so many small mistakes.

There is no way in the world that Reynolds Park Golf Course should lose money. That course gets enough play, and with the golf carts revenue -- which is the top money-maker in golf -- you should show a profit at the end of the year, if the operation is run right.

Here is what you should do: You should take the golf operation from Recreation Department and set up a Bureau of Golf and hire a Class A PGA professional to run both Reynolds Park and Winston-Lake courses. This way, you would keep control of your golf courses.

I am a Class A member of the PGA and I am presently unemployed. PGA members pledge to elevate the standard of the professional golfers and to promote interest in the game. With this in mind, I am going to offer my service to the city for one month at no charge, during which time I will show you how you can make a profit from your golf course and keep control of it while keeping the user happy.

The biggest mistake you can make is leasing your golf course to a private company, which would be a big, big headache.

Harold Dunovant
Winston-Salem

Thanks

To The Editor:

(This letter was addressed to Staff Writer Audrey Williams.)

Just wanted to drop you a line to let you know I enjoyed the article ("Reid says Winston turns him on," April 26). From all indication, most of my friends enjoyed it also. As I completed the entire paper, I found your work to be very professional and precise.

Again, thanks for taking the time to meet me and I'd like to wish you the best of luck in your journalism career.

Frank Reid III
Winston-Salem

Truly Grateful

To The Editor:

We are truly grateful for the ways you assisted us in implementing our Fair Housing Week activities this year. Your involvement, as well as other community involvement, contributed very much to making our Fair Housing Week efforts highly successful.

James Ford, Chairman
Patricia A. Grueninger
Human Relations Specialist

To my mom from Thema, with love

By CLIFTON GRAVES
Chronicle Columnist

(Author's note: The following article appeared in the May 5, 1983, issue of Chronicle. Because of numerous requests and comments from readers, the article appears again with minor revisions. Happy Mother's Day.)

Though my daughter, Thema, is 2½ going on 25, she has not yet mastered her verbal and writing skills. Therefore, she requested that her daddy write this tribute to her mommy, Sylvia, and share it with all of you:

Dear Mommy,

I would just like to thank you for all you have done for me these past 33 months (plus the nine months you carried me).

I realize that since we were born on the same date (Sept. 20) it was inevitable that us Virgos would have conflicts. But I must admit that you have handled yourself well and controlled your temper -- most of the time.

Now, I realize that it irks you when I spray your expensive perfume on

me, intentionally spill my cereal on the living room floor, or raise a fuss when you try to comb my hair. But, hey, Mommy, I am just a little kid. Besides, Daddy doesn't seem to mind when I act crazy -- so why should you?

But really, Mama, I do appreciate all those mornings you awoke at 3:00

and rocked and sang me back to sleep. I appreciate all those days you stayed home from your job to take care of my bad colds and fevers. I appreciate you taking time to read those black history, biblical and fairy tale stories to me. I appreciate you getting down on the floor and playing with me as if you were my age. And I really appreciate the way you still smile as I go through my "potty training" period and "terrible twos."

Now, you are not perfect like

Grandmommy Mayme (Daddy's mother), who buys me nearly everything I want and lets me do as I please. Neither are you as understanding as your mommy, Grandma Louise, or my great-grandma -- my namesake -- Haida.

But I guess they don't have to put up with me 24 hours a day like you do, either. So, for all the reasons above, I just want to say, Happy Mother's Day, Mama!

I love you, in spite of your shortcomings! And when I grow up, I pray that God will bless me with all the beauty, love, understanding and patience that befit the African translation of my name, "Queen."

For, if He does, then I can be just like you, Mommy.
Happy Mother's Day!

Love,
Thema Haida Graves

(Author's note: Thema (Tay-mah) is of West African derivation and means both "queen" and "hope."

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Clifton Graves

South Africa and the 1984 election

By DR. MANNING MARABLE
Guest Columnist

The racist South African government has shifted tactics in recent months in its continued efforts to maintain apartheid. In a flurry of diplomatic activity, Premier P.W. Botha has forced a "Carthagian Peace" upon his Marxist neighboring states, Mozambique and Angola.

The cold realities of fighting against the most powerful military and economic power in the region have brought both black nations to the bargaining table. Mozambique's agricultural production has been severely curtailed by a regionwide drought. Apartheid-financed rebels have murdered and raped Mozambique's peasants; tens of thousands have fled into Zimbabwe seeking relief. Botha's deal with the Frelimo government was quite simple: Either sign a non-aggression pact with us, or we'll destroy your political economy and massacre thousands of your people. Mozambique leader Samora Machel had no choice.

The economic situation in Angola isn't as severe as Mozambique's, but apartheid troops have launched murderous raids in the southern part of that country for several years. By financing the terroristic Unita outfit, South Africa has been able to disrupt Angolan transportation and communications systems, and create a mood of panic and instability. A month-long cease fire may break down, but for now, the racist regime will try to dictate the terms for a puppet-like state in Namibia.

Two elements in South Africa's offensive have largely been obscured in

the American media. The first factor is apartheid's effort to change its fascist image in the West.

As the New York-based Africa Fund notes, in 1982 South Africa bought advertising space in the *Wall Street Journal* for 13 ads at \$24,000 per ad. In the *Washington Post*, a similar ad series ran, costing \$5,200 to \$7,200 per advertisement. The ads pictured blacks and whites together "in settings implying full equality, as lawyers, students, sportsmen."

The image of a democratic country moving rapidly toward full racial equality is projected in glowing terms. Nowhere do these ads mention the 6.1 million people arrested and tried for pass law offenses between 1967 and 1980. Nowhere is it mentioned that South Africa has the highest penal population in the world, with 440 people jailed per 100,000. The political trials, the filthy

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prison conditions, the torture-extracted confessions, the deaths in detention, the forcible removals of millions of Africans from their homes -- all are conveniently ignored.

The other factor in South Africa's racist strategy lives in the White House. The ruthless and criminal policies of Pretoria are guided and directed by Ronald Reagan and his administration, as the Washington Office on Africa has long argued. In 1981, Reagan asked Congress to repeal the Clark Amendment prohibiting covert military aid to

Angolan terrorists, authorized the U.S. training of South African Coast Guard, and vetoed a UN Security Council resolution condemning South Africa's invasion of Angola.

In 1982, the Regan administration rescinded controls on "non-lethal" exports to apartheid's military and police, voted for a \$1.1 billion IMF loan to South Africa, tried to deport South African poet and activist Dennis Burtus from the U.S., sent 2,500 electric shock batons to South African police, and appointed a pro-apartheid executive, Herman Nickel, as U.S. ambassador to Pretoria. Last year, the Reaganites granted a license for U.S. companies to service South African Koeberg nuclear power reactor, and established offices in Johannesburg promoting greater U.S. investment inside South Africa.

We can use the 1984 elections for our own offensive against South

Africa. Jean Sindab of the Washington Office on Africa suggests that all candidates for congressional office and the presidency be asked: "Do you believe U.S. national security interests are best served by supporting the racist regime in South Africa? Do you favor a ban on all U.S. exports to South African military and police? Do you support pending legislation to prohibit new investment in South Africa? Do you support efforts by state and local legislature to divest from corpora-

WHAT ARE YOU WORKING ON?



I'M TRYING TO MAKE THE B-1 BOMBER INVULNERABLE



LOOKS PRETTY COMPLICATED



OH, IT IS--

I HAVE TO PUT AT LEAST ONE SUBCONTRACT IN EACH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

