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# The tradition lives

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**Electable**?

black male who has recently Brown Kennedy; but there Black Women More become involved in politics, is a dangerous, unsettling Graves says. "Due respect to (County Graves. "Only black

The black winners in last Commissioner) Mazie women can garner or at-Tuesday's local primary (Woodruff), Evelyn, Mose' were two women and a and state House Rep. Annie tywide race."

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primary victory May 8, all that need be said is that the result speaks for itself. To be sure, Jesse would not have been victorious in Forsyth had it not been for the committed cadre of volunteers who sacrificed their weeknights and weekends assisting the local campaign effort. Further, gratitude should be extended to those of you who had the vision to go out and vote for Jackson.

D. Little; the straw that stimed the drink, the motivator, the overseer, the catalyst, the genius ...

Sadly, however, despite the tremendous contributions Brother Larry has made to this community, there are those who still unfairly criticize the brother, those who, out of one side of their devious months utter how the "brother" has "sold out," and then turn around and exclaim how they cannot understand why an intelligent young man with a master's degree in public administration can't find a job in his own hometown.

It is a sad commentary on this society and on our people that black leadership can still be discredited by some envious or ignorant Uncle Tom or Aunt Thomasina spreading vicious lies that said leadership is either "communist" or has "sold out." Such trash was said about Robeson, Martin, Malcolm, and, yes, Larry.

To his credit, Larry Little has endured the lies, the rumors, the criticism. To be sure, Larry Little has made many mistakes and misjudgments, but, like Jesse Jackson, he has never claimed to be a "perfect" servant, but only a "public" servant. Besides, let he or she among you who is not without sin cast the first stone. We're waiting, brother. We're waiting, sister.

Larry Little has given and given to this community until he cannot give anymore. He is tired, sisters and brothers, and needs your prayers, your consolation, your inspiration now more than ever.

Show your appreciation for this African-American warrior by writing him directly through City Hall or through this newspaper. Call him if you must (722-8028). But whatever you do, do not let this great man go into a shell because of lack of appreciation from his people. For if we lose Larry Little, it is this community and our children who would surely suffer. Think about it.

trend taking place," says tract white votes in a coun-State House Rep. C.B. Hauser, city-county school

to accept."

board vice chairman Beaufort Bailey and U.S. District Court Judge Richard Erwin are the ex-

ceptions, says Graves. or are not perceived, by "But if you look at their white males as being as politics, they are pretty much of a threat as strong much of moderation," he black men," Graves says. said. "All the men had the "History has shown that, backing of the Democratic by choice white society But, behind it all, or rather, on top of it all stood Larry Prove least would just rather deal with heard would just rather does not did not politick in the white people who are militant.

educated and more black women."

politically acceptable to the "If a Pat Hairston or a responsible for her win. Democratic Party's prin- Larry Little cannot run in a cipals and goals. That's not countywide election and bad-mouthing them, but it win, and if folks who are shows or illustrates the type less vocal and who have not of black leadership the demonstrated the same kind white community is willing of commitment to the black community, can run and

Why white voters are win," Graves says, "what more willing to vote for kind of example does that black women versus set for young brothers and qualified black candidates, sisters in the community? male or female, is a "By rejecting Pat mystery, Graves said, but Hairston and electing C.B. he assumes it stems from a Hauser, then the signal is catalyst for healing -- for a you an election. out that, if you want to be healing force in this comslave-master mentality.





Larry Little

"Black women are not, elected, just be this way. munity." Don't be active in the community or be vocal. That's a Newell agrees.

says, reflecting on her abili- are looking at people's woman who is chairman of electable. ty to receive the white vote. record all the way." "But I wouldn't say that.

gressive element that does Silence

exist in this community. It's representative of a desire

Virginia Newell

Terry, who placed second lot of politicking in the controversial and he won keyed have been tagged Unin a field of 12 Democratic white community and Pat the first time out. They candidates for the school Hairston has said that he (white voters) are fearful of a lot of times you have peo-

"I suppose some people off. You have to let them be a Tom, but you have to may deem that there is see your credentials and be play by the rules of the something one needs to say sure you have your house game." in defense of that," Terry clean. I think that people

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## But Newell also is the

for integrity. It's represen- first to admit that being tative of what I term a controversial will not win

of controversial people," Alderman Virginia she says. "Hauser is a good not have to mean non-

example. He had worked in effective. "Terry and Brown did a the party but he was not

think her gender was community." Newell says "Islemine the second and the second s

"You can't write any group she says. "I don't mean to are just dealing with dif-

the executive committee of

voters.

those people they feel they ting help from women's "A lot of people are leery status quo," Parmon said. voters are women."



Earline Parmon

**Clifton Graves** 

"Non-controversial does

"People who are lowcle Toms or ineffective, but

ple who don't toot their

ferent leadership styles." Parmon adds that there is

some truth to the statement Earline Parmon, a black that black women are more

"That seems not only the Forsyth County true of black women, but Democratic Party, agrees women period, particularily that controversy turns off in the local elections," Parmon says. "Women are get-"People tend to look at ting into the issues and get-

won't have a lot of trouble political organizations. And out of and will follow the a higher percentage of the



crazy kind of signal."

## Winston Lake

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and drink and smoke is an unattractive sight.

"They're here and they're not fishing," she says. "It's just a place where they hang out, but nobody bothers anybody.

"It disturbs me, and I don't think they ought to do it," she says. "I think it's just their way of getting away from the adults to really do what they want to do."

She then emphasizes, once again, that the youth "don't get rowdy."

Deputy City Recreation Director Tommy Gavin says his office has received few complaints about young people congregating in the park.

However, as a preventive measure, he has asked the Police Department to patrol the area more frequently.

"Basically, with a large gathering, we can see the potential for trouble," says Gavin. "We're trying to take preventive measures, but there have been no incidents of fighting or destructiveness."

Gavin says he is concerned, however, that some people may not want to use the park because of the congestion in the late afternoon hours, mostly due to the afterschool crowd.

The Police Department is aware of the congestion problem and of the violations involving alcoholic beverages.

"We're through the park quite often; it's controlled like any other neighborhood," says Maj. Oliver Redd, the department's field operations commander.

When park activity picks up in the summer, Redd says, patrolling of the area is beefed up and, on occasion, officers have even volunteepert tre patrok the matter

He also reports that the department has been faced with no widespread, serious problems and that complaints and disturbances have been minimal.

"We seem to keep it (the park) pretty well in hand," he says.

Redd adds: "Our officers are aware that young people like to congregate there. But if nothing's going on, we can't shake 'em down.''

He also says that offenders of the alcoholic beverages regulation have been cooperative when officers ask them to pour out beer or wine, and points out that officers are not obligated to make arrests in such instances.

They sometimes will simply dispose of the contraband and ask the offender to leave the park, he says.

Alderman Virginia K. Newell, whose ward the park is located in, says what bothers her most about young people gathering there with such regularity is that it indicates the amount of idle time they have on their hands.

"We need to impress on those young people that they're wasting their lives away," says Newell. "I certainly think it would be a challenge to the Y (the Patterson Avenue is building a facility near the park) to direct those young people. They (the YMCA) need to go after that

#### young man and lady.

Newell also considers the frequent gatherings to drink and smoke for lack of anything better to do a "dead end for our black kids."

But the youth Newell refers to say the situation is being exaggerated.

"Most people don t come down here and get sloppy drunk," said Jn "They say hello and keep on their way. They don't camp out down here."