

## 'Outta the Bag' series to begin at park

The Arts Council will launch its 1986 season of "Outta the Bag" concerts Monday, May 5, at noon in Winston Square Park with folk music by Hadden, Rothfield and Carr.

The performances are scheduled from noon to 1 p.m. daily from May through September and include a wide range of musical and other entertainment.

In addition to the "Outta the Bag" series, the Arts Council will also begin two additional park programs in May.

"Super Saturdays for Kids" will include programs for children each Saturday morning in Winston Square Park.

During May the programs will include clowns, magicians, dancing and music. The times will vary.

The third park program offered from May to September is Friday Evenings in the Park. This year's series will be held each Fri-

day at 5:30 p.m. and will include musical entertainment.

For more information about the programs call 722-2585.

### Efficient Club holds first meetings of 1986

The Efficient Club held its first meeting of the year in February at the home of Emma Penn.

Club President Cara Broome presided at the meeting.

The club's March meeting was held at the home of Theodosia Patten. The meeting's discussions included plans to make donations to Hospice and the Crisis Control

Ministry.

The April meeting was held at the home of Madgelene Walls. The agenda included drawing names for secret pals; a dinner was served following the meeting.

Estelle Belton is the club's secretary, Mrs. Patterson is the financial secretary, and Rosa Jamison is treasurer.

### Local chefs prepare for Mayfest contest

The Fourth Annual Mayfest International Culinary Competition will be held May 17 in conjunction with the Mayfest International Festival. The competition is open to anyone who is not a professional cook.

Entrants may submit either a main dish or a dessert, representing any geographic region.

There will be first, second, third and honorable mention prizes awarded in the main-dish and dessert categories.

All participants will be invited to a Judges' Reception following the awards and will receive a culinary competition recipe book.

Persons wishing to enter the competition can pick up an entry form at the Arts Council or at any participating restaurant.

The deadline for entries is 5 p.m. on Friday, May 9. There is no cost to enter. For more information call 722-0966.

### Governor sets 'N.C. Family Weekend'

Gov. James G. Martin has proclaimed the third weekend of May "North Carolina Family Weekend." This has been done in conjunction with the observance of 1986 as "The Year of the Family" in North Carolina.

Working in cooperation with all of the departments of state government, the lieutenant governor, the Council of State, the community college system, civic groups and business organizations, the governor is

asking North Carolinians to take time during the weekend of May 16 to 18 to participate in a family activity.

In his official proclamation of the special weekend, Martin said, "North Carolina's families have always been and remain the foundation of our state's strength and progress. ... It is time for our families to reverse the trend toward disunity and come together again in strength."

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Winston-Salem

### Negative campaigns

To The Editor:

There has been considerable debate in our state recently, especially on the editorial pages, about "negative campaigns." Many North Carolinians have expressed concern over the increasingly negative and bitter tone of the election campaigns that we have experienced in our state in recent years.

Most Tar Heels take no pride in the fact that our state has received a national reputation for this type of campaign. And we fear that this election year may bring us more of the same.

Now there is something we can do about this situation. I am writing to invite concerned North Carolinians -- and especially candidates for public office -- to join in an effort to restore decency and fairness to political campaigns in our state.

I serve as president of the North Carolina Institute for Legal Elections, a non-partisan, non-profit organization dedicated to reversing the trend toward negative campaigns.

The Institute has developed a model Fair Campaign Practices Code for North Carolina. We are distributing it to all candidates for state and federal office and encouraging them to sign it and pledge to abide by its provisions.

We realize that we may be criticized as well-meaning novices who simply do not understand modern politics. Or some candidates may somehow feel threatened by our efforts.

But our only purpose is to provide a standard of decency and fair play that can serve as a guide to candidates and to voters. We want to encourage full and vigorous debate on the issues, but we want to discourage personal attacks, misleading advertising and appeals to racial or religious intolerance.

Most of all, we want to restore public confidence and inspire citizen participation in our political process. We want North Carolinians, especially young people, to feel again that politics can be a positive and enlightening pursuit.

Anyone interested in learning more about the Institute for Legal Elections and our Fair Campaign Practices Code is urged to write to me in care of the Institute at P.O. Box 28046, Raleigh, N.C., 27611.

We invite all North Carolinians, whatever their party or political viewpoint, to join us in the cause of restoring fair campaigns to our fair state.

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Raleigh

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