

# Angelou receives Avon honors

Maya Angelou, a writer and native of St. Louis, was honored Sunday, June 28, by Avon Products Inc. for her lifetime achievements.



Angelou

Known worldwide for her autobiographical work, poetry and lectures, Miss Angelou was among 50 black women honored at the "Salute to International Business & Professional Women." She also was featured as the guest speaker at a brunch sponsored by Avon for the honorees.

The international salute, a four-day event, was sponsored by *Dollars & Sense* magazine in conjunction with the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, the world's largest black sorority.

Other honorees included attorney Jewel Lafontant, a senior partner in a Chicago law firm, and Harriet Michel, the first woman head of the New York Urban League.

"The women honored ex-

emplify the significant contributions black women have made in all walks of life throughout the world," said Joyce Roche, vice president of merchandising for Avon and a 1986 award recipient.

Winners were selected by *Dollars & Sense* magazine from nominees submitted by its

readers, past honorees, community organizations, corporations and the readers and publishers of black newspapers. Miss Angelou, born Marguerite Johnson in St. Louis and raised in Stamps, Ark., has spent her life dedicated to the arts, literature, drama, music and social causes. Her formal education ended with a high school diploma. But Miss Angelou, who speaks seven languages, is the author of several books, including "I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings" and "Now Sheba Sings a Song."

Now living in Winston-Salem, Angelou lectures extensively. She holds a lifetime appointment at Wake Forest University as a Reynolds professor of American Studies.

"I speak to the black experience," Miss Angelou has said, "but I am always talking about the human condition — about what we can endure, dream, fail at and still survive."

# Barristers' Wives convene in New York

National Barristers' Wives Inc. will hold its 36th anniversary convention in New York City at the Marriott Marquis Hotel July 19 to 24.

The continuing theme of the organization's annual meeting is "Child Advocacy -- A Commitment to Justice: the 1980s, the Decade of the Child."

The 1987 aspect of this theme is "Strengthening the Family: Strengthening the World." The study of this subject was so rewarding that the group decided to explore it farther this year.

The Barristers' Wives of New York Inc. will host the convention. The chapter is noted for its varied cultural activities and has received national acclaim for its

Second Opportunity Program -- a funded program which provides carefully structured tutoring and guidance to youthful first offenders and has shown a high rate of reclamation. Dr. Alene Smith is chapter president and Lottie Roux is local convention chairman.

The organization's national projects include the annual awarding of legal education scholarships, providing funds for the digging of wells in drought-stricken parts of Africa and annual support of the United Negro College Fund.

Katie Robinson of Los Angeles, national president, says one important item on the con-

ference agenda is a possible name change. The organization's membership includes several men whose wives are lawyers or judges; and the use of "wives" in the name is becoming increasingly inappropriate.

In addition to the regular business sessions, the conference will be marked seminars, a workshop, the fifth annual Youth Achievers Breakfast, and a number of cultural tours. Some activities will be held in conjunction with the National Bar Association which will be convening at the same time in the same hotel. Daily cultural and educational activities are planned for the children and teen-agers who accompany their parents.

# Dorothy Wynecoff treated to retirement gala event

Family members and friends recently gathered at the Winston Lake YMCA to honor Dorothy Ellis Wynecoff. Mrs. Wynecoff retired from the Winston-Salem/Forsyth County School System June 16 after 24 years of teaching.



Dorothy Wynecoff recently was treated to a festive retirement party sponsored by her family members and friends.

During that span, she had taught at Carver High, Griffith Junior High and Mineral Springs Middle School for the last 15 years.

She worked with children in the educable mentally-handicapped program for 22 years. Prior to her teaching career, she worked in the business office of the Kate B. Reynolds Hospital for 13 and one-half years.

A native Winston-Salem, Mrs. Wynecoff graduated from Atkins High School, Livingstone and received her master's degree from North Carolina A&T State University. She is also a graduate of the Star Stenographic School of Business. She is married to Donnell Wynecoff and the couple has one daughter, Dr. Debra Wynecoff-Ogden of Bolivar, Tenn. Mrs. Wynecoff is the daughter the Rev. and Mrs. Golden Ellis.

Guests at the event included Mrs. Wynecoff's grandson and son-in-law. Also attending were Mrs. Wynecoff's mother, Sadie Ellis, and her sisters, Olivia Morgan and Mildred Knox.

"Reflections" were given by Mrs. Bronnie Daniels, who represented Kaye Shutt, principal at Mineral Springs Middle School. Other participants were Janet Wheeler, basileus of the

local chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, and the Rev. Jerry Quick, pastor of Goler Metropolitan AME Zion Church. Music was provided by A. Louisa Foy.

Annette M. Wilson, Mrs. Wynecoff's niece, coordinated the reception.

Hostesses were Arabell Parker, Barbara Brown, Golden Wall Imogene Young and Priscilla Green.

# Stokes

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government property and obstructing justice, Stokes declared. However, he indicated that giving North limited immunity would not prevent special U.S. Atty. Lawrence Walsh from prosecuting the Marine officer and others involved.

Stokes said he is ultimately concerned with "What did (President) Reagan really know...If he did know, when did he know it and if he doesn't know, when did he forget it, because the basic issue is violation of the Constitution's separation of powers between the chief executive office and the Congress.

"It is ironic that during the 200th year celebration of the Constitution, we have a President who thinks he is so popular, that no matter what he does

wrong, he can survive..."

In addition to investigating the diversion of funds

to Nicaragua, Congress may probe reported diversion of funds to Angola and Mozambique forces, Stokes agreed. The briefing was held in the Rayburn House Office Building before Congressional Black Associates and the Senate Staff

Caucus of African-American employees who are supporting the Bethune-DuBoise Fund named for pioneer civil rights educators Mary McLeod Bethune and William Edward Burghardt DuBois.

C. Delores Tucker, chair, of the Democratic National Committee Black Caucus and organizer of the bipartisan BDF urged young African-American professionals and grass roots workers to join the

political movement to have the same impact as growing "white youth power." Reps. Charles Rangel and Edolphus Towns (D-NY) and George Crockett, D-Mich, also participated.

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