

Someone You Should Meet



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(Photo by Michael Cunningham)

If you are single, at least 18 years old, doing something positive in the community, employed and interested in appearing in this column, or if you know someone who meets these criteria, please send your name and daytime telephone number to: Someone You Should Meet, Winston-Salem Chronicle, P.O. Box 3154, Winston-Salem, N.C. 27102.

THE NATION

SCLC marks its 30th anniversary this week in New Orleans

NEW ORLEANS (AP) -- The Southern Christian Leadership Conference was set Monday to mark the 30th anniversary of its birth here with the second of its pilgrimage marches through New Orleans to honor the struggle for civil rights.

"Marches have always had a place in SCLC history. That's where the civil rights movement had its birth," SCLC spokeswoman Marti Chitwood said.

"We've been able to call the attention of the general public to the things that need to be righted when they are wrong."

The marches were held in preparation for the opening Tuesday of the SCLC national convention, with 4,000 delegates attending through Saturday.

"We are determined to compel this nation to address the problems of the poor, as we continue our Poor People's Crusade on into the 1988 presidential

election," SCLC President the Rev. Joseph E. Lowery said.

The SCLC said its pilgrimage pays tribute to historic events of the civil rights movement when the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. was "demonstrating on these same streets."

March leaders planned to speak out against Reagan administration policies they say have led to cutbacks in federal funds for urban areas and setbacks for poor Americans. Marchers planned to visit public housing projects, an area jail, a hospital and other landmarks.

The SCLC convention will focus on such issues as housing, health care, the death penalty and poverty as the organization returns to its birthplace. The SCLC was founded at New Zion Baptist Church in New Orleans.

Black mayors are told to put economic gains first

EUCLID, Ohio (AP) -- Blacks must gain more economic clout before they can make significant political gains, a state senator recently told a group of black mayors from Michigan, Ohio and Indiana meeting in this Cleveland suburb.

Sen. Mike White, D-Cleveland, told the convention of the Ohio Chapter of Black Mayors that blacks must become more self-reliant economically by creating and running their own businesses. He said that is the way

black businessmen can deal with unemployment and poverty.

Thirteen black mayors attended the convention, which ended Saturday.

"Rainbow Coalitions are fine and dandy," White said last Friday, referring to the Rev. Jesse Jackson's efforts to attract non-black supporters to his presidential cause. "But how can others take us seriously if we can't coalesce together among ourselves?"

Dick Gregory awarded honorary degree by his alma mater

CARBONDALE, Ill. (AP) -- Comedian and social activist Dick Gregory has received an honorary degree from Southern Illinois University, where he gained fame as a track star more than 30 years ago.

The nationally known political and social activist, whose rapid delivery in comedy routines once rivaled the speed with which his legs moved in foot races, was given an honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degree by the university.

"It's just a great day," he said at Saturday's ceremonies. "I came here on a track scholarship running, and I walked

back today," said Gregory, who grew up in a St. Louis ghetto.

Gregory, whose time in the half-mile stood unbeaten at Carbondale for eight years, saluted and cautioned the nearly 2,800 graduates taking part in summer commencement exercises.

And he offered both praise and advice to the university for the strides it has made since the days when the fastest man on campus couldn't eat in the same restaurants with his white teammates.

STATEWIDE

85-year-old man found beaten to death in his paint store

GREENSBORO (AP) -- An 85-year-old man was found beaten to death just inside the front door of his Greensboro paint store.

L.J. Lowe was found about 12:15 a.m. Saturday after family members became concerned when he did not come home.

"He'd work in there evenings, and he was there

seven days a week," said Lowe's son-in-law, Al Snider. "That and church was all he did."

Lowe had run the Mary Carter Paint Store since his retirement from Burlington Industries 25 years ago, Snider said. He said there had been two or three previous break-ins at his father-in-law's store.

Kernersville man arrested and charged with murder

WINSTON-SALEM (AP) -- A Kernersville man was arrested in San Diego, Calif., and charged with murder in the death of Stephen Gray Petticord, whose body was found near Kernersville shortly after midnight last Wednesday, authorities say.

The State Bureau of Investigation and Forsyth County Sheriff's investigators drew the warrant Saturday charging Timothy Owen Thomas, 26, in Petticord's death. Thomas was being held on a fugitive warrant for murder in the San Diego County Jail without bond.

A spokesman for the San Diego police said that Thomas had been taken into custody there but that he could release no details of the arrest.

Petticord, 35, was found dead in his mobile home near Kernersville with a stab wound in his chest, Maj. E.D. Alston said last Thursday.

The home had been ransacked and his television, videocassette recorder and car were apparently stolen, Alston said. The car was found last Thursday by police officers in Jackson, Tenn.

Four teen-agers charged after weekend rampage on I-40

WINSTON-SALEM (AP) -- Four teen-agers allegedly armed with baseball bats and a portable toilet went on a rampage that ended when the toilet was thrown off a bridge over Interstate 40 and onto a car, authorities say.

The woman in the car, Lois Myers of Davie County, was not hurt, police said.

Capt. Bill Klinzing of the Winston-Salem police said

police believe that the youths, swinging baseball bats, also damaged mailboxes and smashed the windows of nearly 40 vehicles in a three-hour spree that ended at 6 a.m. Saturday.

The four youths have been charged with eight counts each of malicious injury to property, Klinzing said.

AFRICA

Strike continues at gold and coal mines

By GREG MYRE
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JOHANNESBURG, South Africa -- The black mineworkers' union said Monday that at least 340,000 miners joined a strike that could cripple the gold and coal industries, the main source of South Africa's export earnings.

The National Union of Mineworkers called the strike, the country's largest legal walkout ever, to back demands for wage increases and improved benefits.

The strike began late Sunday and closed 44 of the 46 targeted gold and coal mines, the union said.

At least seven miners and two mine security officers were reported injured in strike-related violence. The union said at least 11 members or union officials were arrested in four separate incidents.

"The members are prepared to mount a bitter and protracted struggle for a living wage," union General Secretary Cyril Ramaphosa told a news conference.

The union is the nation's largest.

Ramaphosa said it was up to the Chamber of Mines, which represents the major mining houses, to make the next move -- "The ball is in their court."

Union spokesman Marcel Golding said earlier that at least 60,000 of the strikers were not union members, but joined the walkout to show support.

The union claims 261,901 paid-up members and a total of 370,000 signed up out of a national total of about 600,000 black miners. It says members voted overwhelmingly to strike 28 gold and 18 coal mines, most of which are in the eastern Transvaal province and the central Orange Free State. The union also called for strikes at gold and coal mines where it is not recognized officially.

Roughly 80 percent of South Africa's exports are derived from mining. Gold alone provides about 75 percent of mineral exports and more than half the country's foreign currency earnings.

Ramaphosa said he did not know what percentage of South Africa's gold and coal production was represented by the struck mines.

Anglo American Corp., which produced 39 percent of South Africa's total gold output of 638.2 tons in 1986, said Monday that all its mines were affected by the strike. It issued a statement alleging "incidents of violence and intimidation" by strikers against miners who wanted to keep working.

The statement reported three clashes, including one

in which six miners were injured at Vaal's Reef mine, and said security officers used tear gas and rubber bullets against "intimidators."

Union officials were instructed to begin strike balloting Monday at 12 other mines that produce platinum, chrome, uranium and diamonds.

The Chamber of Mines says the union has only 170,000 members out of a black mining work force of 600,000 men.

Sunday night, security men at Anglovaal Ltd., which does not recognize the mineworkers' union, fired rubber bullets to disperse an "unruly mob" at its Lorraine Gold Mine in the Orange Free State. The company said one miner was treated for a leg wound.

Golding said union members were holding a meeting at Lorraine when security people attacked them.

The union said Monday the only "tension point" was at Johannesburg Consolidated's Randfontein Estates gold mine, west of Johannesburg. It said security personnel there ordered miners at gunpoint to go to work.

The company denied the charge, but conceded that mine operations were not "normal."

Mining industry officials gave no overall estimate of how many workers were on strike.

Golding said miners were evacuating hostels on mine property and were being taken to their homes to avoid violence. Black mine workers live in hostels on mine property and seldom see their families.

Blacks do nearly all the underground work at mines, except blasting. The 26,000 white miners do supervisory and special jobs.

The strike is legal because the union declared a dispute over specific grievances, negotiated with management, reached a mutually agreed deadlock in July, balloted its members and received a vote to strike.

Mining companies implemented 15 percent to 23.4 percent wage increases July 1. The union is demanding 30 percent across-the-board increases.

It says black miners are paid an average \$172 a month, one-sixth the average white miner's wage, and blacks have an average annual leave of 14 to 18 days, compared to 35 days for whites.

The union also wants an increased death benefit and danger pay.

Under South Africa's apartheid system, the 5 million whites control the economy and maintain separate districts, schools and health services from the 25.6 million blacks, who have no vote in national affairs.

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