

Someone You Should Meet



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Favorite Movie: "Mandingo"
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(Photo by James Parker)

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

Julian Bond's name emerges in woman's drug trial

DECATUR, Ga. (AP) -- The name of former state Sen. Julian Bond emerged last week in the drug trafficking trial of Carmen Lopez Butler, as attorneys in the case argued whether evidence linked to him should be presented to the jury.

At issue were personal papers of Ms. Butler's found during a raid at her home in which cocaine was found. The papers included letters from Bond.

Prosecutors sought to allow testimony about the discovery of boxes containing bags of cocaine as well as the letters.

"They want to show correspondence from Julian Bond to implicate him in all of this," said Darel Mitchell, Ms. Butler's attorney. "The poor man certainly has nothing to do with it."

Mitchell also argued, outside the hearing of the DeKalb County Superior Court jury, that because police did not seize the papers he would not be able to cross-examine investigators about the evidence.

Ms. Butler, the reputed girlfriend of Bond, has been indicted on one count each of cocaine trafficking, possession of cocaine with intent to distribute and possession of less than one ounce of marijuana.

Defense attorneys contend that the cocaine found at Ms. Butler's home was put there without her knowledge.

One of the officers who participated in a Nov. 21 raid at Ms. Butler's home in which cocaine and guns were found testified last Wednesday that Ms. Butler did not say anything when the officers entered the crowded house.

Jurors in black doctor's trial asked about racial attitudes

PERRY, Ga. (AP) -- Attorneys for Vincent Mallory, a 31-year-old black physician from Fort Valley on trial on a murder charge, concentrated their questioning of white prospective jurors last week on their attitudes about race.

Defense attorney Carl Bryant asked jurors to look at Mallory -- a trim, neatly groomed man -- and tell me, is there anything that causes you to feel he's guilty?"

Fifty prospective jurors have been empaneled for Mallory's trial. He is accused of murder and arson in the Feb. 27 shooting death of Shelby Fields, a former patient. The body of Mrs. Fields, who was white, was found in a neighbor's home in Bonaire, which had been set afire.

Prosecutors charge that Mallory burned the house to hide the killing.

Prosecutors argued during the hearing that evidence they say links Mallory to another killing and another arson should be introduced in the present trial. Mallory has not been charged in either of the other two incidents. Nunn ruled that evidence could not be introduced.

Most of the jurors were questioned closely by Bryant about the racial makeup of their neighborhoods, whether they had ever worked for a black supervisor or with blacks as peers, and whether they or their children socialized or attended church with blacks.

The charges against Mallory, a native of Philadelphia and a staff doctor at Peach County Hospital in Fort Valley, have prompted local blacks to rally to his defense. His supporters contend the charges against him are racially motivated.

KKK sponsors "white racist programming" in Houston

HOUSTON (AP) -- The Ku Klux Klan is sponsoring "white racist programming" on a public access channel, a Klan leader says.

The purpose of the programs is to educate white people about "reverse discrimination" and improve the Klan's image, Texas Grand Dragon Charles Lee said last Thursday.

"Our first program will be an hour-long documentary that's going to show our side of the Ku

Klux Klan starting with our history up to today," Lee said.

Lee said he hopes to air programs once a month on Access Houston, a non-profit company that runs two educational cable channels and a community access channel.

Access Houston executive director Tomas J. Cantrell said the public access channels are available to anyone, and there is no censorship of content.

STATEWIDE

Deputies investigate claims of "satanic cult" meetings

JACKSONVILLE (AP) -- Two teen-agers were taken to hospitals after claiming they were possessed by a demon, leading Onslow County Sheriff's Department deputies to investigate claims that a "satanic cult" was meeting.

Maj. Doug Freeman, chief of detectives of the Onslow County Sheriff's Department, said last Friday that deputies were interviewing people in the Deerfield subdivision of Jacksonville concerning allegations about a cult.

Jacky Marlatt, who lives in the neighborhood, said she and her husband, Earl, confronted their 14-year-old son last Thursday morning after discovering he had sneaked out of the house four nights in a row.

She said her son told about meeting in a wooded area with six other teen-agers involved in a cult.

"It was unbelievable," said Mrs. Marlatt, a staff sergeant in the Marine Corps at New River Air Station. "My son began drawing satanic symbols and explaining that the seven kids involved in the cult had to go through the 'six gates of hell' to get to the top of the pyramid. Once you got to the top, he said, you must make a human sacrifice to become a high priest."

Mrs. Marlatt said she was skeptical at first, but became concerned when her son provided details. In addition, she said, other parents in the neighborhood related similar

stories from their children.

"It doesn't matter whether we believe demons are possessing them," Mrs. Marlatt said. "It's what they believe -- and it's real to them."

Other parents declined requests for interviews. Mrs. Marlatt said she was reluctant, but she talked calmly about the stories her son told, including a story that teen-agers had sacrificed a deer and a puppy in the woods and had discussed a human sacrifice involving a 13-year-old girl in the group.

Sheriff's deputies were interviewing people in the neighborhood to try to verify the stories.

At 8:30 p.m. last Thursday, Mrs. Marlatt said, the families of some of the children gathered to go talk to the parents of a 16-year-old boy whom the other children said was involved in the cult.

The mother of one of the children, who has a heart condition, collapsed, Mrs. Marlatt said. While a rescue squad was being called, a 16-year-old girl became hysterical, she said, screaming that she was possessed by a demon named Marcus.

Her son went to help the girl and also became hysterical, Mrs. Marlatt said.

Freeman said the initial information gathered by sheriff's investigators did not include any evidence that drugs or alcohol were involved.

AFRICA

Settlement reached in miners' strike

By DAVID CRARY
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JOHANNESBURG, South Africa -- The largest and costliest mine strike in South African history ended Sunday with the black miners' union accepting an offer its members had rejected last week, industry spokesmen said.

"The strike is over," said Johan Liebenberg, chief negotiator for the Chamber of Mines, which represents the six mining companies targeted during the three-week walkout by more than 200,000 miners.

Strikers began returning to work on the night shift starting at 9 p.m. Sunday.

Leaders of the National Union of Mineworkers declined to comment as they left the Chamber of Mines offices after 3 1/2 hours of talks.

Liebenberg said there was no formal agreement by the chamber that the roughly 44,000 miners fired during the strike would be rehired. He said this was a matter to be resolved by the individual companies.

According to Liebenberg, the union accepted an offer made by the chamber last Tuesday, slightly improving vacation pay and death benefits. That offer had been overwhelmingly rejected last Wednesday in voting by the rank-and-file.

Liebenberg said wages, which had been the focus of the dispute, were not discussed Sunday.

Union officials had said they lowered their wage increase demand from 30 percent to 27, but the chamber refused to discuss altering the 15 percent to 23.4 percent raises it began paying after pre-strike negotiations broke off in mid-July.

Liebenberg declined to characterize the settlement as a victory for the industry, saying: "Both parties realize what the costs of a strike are Both sides have learned to respect each other."

Chamber President Naas Steenkamp, citing violence, lost income and mass dismissals, said, "The cost of the strike has been high."

But he said the strike may have given each side a more realistic perception of the other.

"The union has learned that the industry is capable of setting the limits, sticking to them and showing a lot of determination in the process," he said. "The employer has learned that the union has muscle, organizational capacity, determination and skill."

As the meeting began Sunday morning, there had been widespread speculation, based on off-the-record

remarks, that the negotiators would ratify a settlement already worked out.

The union reportedly had been seeking assurances that the fired workers would be rehired.

The only previous negotiating session between the union and the chamber took place last Tuesday.

Nine miners, including both supporters and opponents of the strike, have been killed since the walkout began Aug. 9. The union says more than 350 miners have been injured and 300 arrested.

According to one independent estimate, the strike has cost the country's biggest export industry at least \$8 million a day in potential profits.

Liebenberg declined to give the chamber's estimate of its losses, but said gold mines were still processing stockpiles assembled before the strike and "have a fairly substantial reserve left."

The chamber said the strike, at its peak, involved 230,000 miners at 31 gold and coal mines, with about 20,000 strikers returning to work in recent days.

The union said 340,000 men struck at 44 mines.

On Saturday, a powerful explosion caused severe damage at a building in Cape Town housing offices of the Congress of South African Trade Unions, a black labor federation of which the miners' union is the largest affiliate.

The congress, known as COSATU, issued a statement Sunday saying that the building's caretaker encountered police at the scene almost immediately after the 3 a.m. blast.

COSATU said three of its other offices, including its headquarters in Johannesburg, have been bombed this year.

"In all these cases there has apparently been no progress in police investigations whatsoever," the statement said.

The congress reiterated its charge that the government was seeking to discredit and harass it.

"The vicious state propaganda aimed at criminalizing COSATU was an invitation to right-wing elements to continue with the campaign of violent attacks," it said. "The continued attacks will no doubt encourage further debate within our ranks on the need for self-defense."

COSATU, which has 750,000 members, is one of the most powerful forces in the anti-apartheid movement. Its political platform calls for a non-racial, democratic socialism.

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