

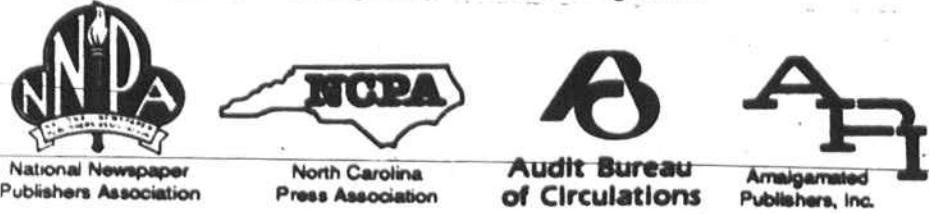
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Our Choice

Get out and vote!

The *Chronicle* endorses the following candidates in the May 5 primary.

President: Five Democrats are on the ballot, but only two are still in the race: former California governor Jerry Brown and Arkansas Governor Bill Clinton. The demographics of Arkansas are troubling: it ranks low in educational performance, low in wages, low in promotions of women and minorities. Jerry Brown may seem an unconventional choice, but he has a strong record of supporting women, minorities, and the environment. Brown has also said he will choose Jesse Jackson as his running mate.

Congress, 5th District: Rep. Steve Neal has loyally served the fifth district since 1975. He is one of the most senior members of the House, and chairs several important finance committees. He has held town meetings across the district on health, education and business issues, and demonstrated his sensitivity to a number of issues important to the black community.

Congress, 12th District: The individual who represents the 12th District must be both a gentle diplomat and a cunning fighter: prepared, if necessary, to be a thorn in the side of legislators whose vision has become clouded by pressure from industrial lobbyists and special interest groups. Democrats Rep. Mickey Michaux and Charlotte attorney Melvin Watt are both well-qualified and honorable candidates. Earl Jones, a lawyer and director of the Guilford County Community Action Program, is the fourth Democratic contender. While some of the other candidates possess impressive backgrounds and records of achievement, we back Larry Little as the candidate most suited to the 12th District seat.

Larry Little grew up and still lives in the heart of the black community. As a practicing attorney, he vowed never to defend illegal drug users and dealers — no matter how large the fee. He is a scrapper, and he will fight for all members of the district.

On the Republican ticket, Barbara Gore Washington stands above the rest. An attorney and former Guilford County clerk of superior court, she has been recognized for her service to the NAACP, is a member of the N.C. Teaching Fellows Commission, and chairs the N.C. Council for Women. Washington's input as a member of the N.C. Republican party includes a platform on enforcing child support orders.

Governor: Former governor Jim Hunt has a strong record of improving education conditions in the state, and working well with business. He served two terms and deserves the chance to serve again. Marcus Williams is also on the Democratic ticket, and his years of experience as a Legal Aid lawyer and director have put him in touch with the crucial, unmet needs of the voiceless of the state. Williams deserves strong consideration.

Lieutenant Governor: Jim Crawford has served in the House since 1983. His interests have led him to chair committees on mental health and education, and he has successfully worked out compromise bills on those issues. Crawford supports a state lottery, which could bring millions of dollars to our schools and state agencies. It is estimated that North Carolinians now spend \$30 million annually on the Virginia lottery.

Labor Commissioner: Of Democrats, Harry E. Payne Jr. is the clear choice over incumbent John Brooks. Republican Henry McKoy has a track record of service in state government, and he has actively advocated for the rights of women and Native Americans. His ideas on worker safety are sound, and he advocates more aggressive action against employers who routinely put their workers in dangerous conditions.

Superintendent of Public Instruction: Of the five candidates, Democrat Owen Phillips has the strongest background in education administration, totalling 26 years as a teacher, principal, and superintendent. Phillips is innovative, clear-thinking, level-headed, and thoroughly dedicated to education. On the Republican ticket, Vernon Robinson is the only reasonable choice, and the only voice of change. Robinson's proposal to eliminate guidance counselors should be reconsidered, but his ideas on changing certification and involving communities in schools deserve to be implemented.

Auditor: Ralph Campbell's experience in government and finance qualify him for this office. He audited state health benefits for four years and performed field audits for the state, and was reelected for three terms on the Raleigh city council. Even if he weren't the only black candidate, he'd get our vote.

Court of Appeals Judge: Joseph (Joe) John Sr. is one of the judges responsible for extending voting hours at black precincts during the 1988 election, which included Harvey Gantt's bid against Sen. Jesse Helms. John's action allowed sufficient time for black voters who were waiting in line to cast their ballot.

District Court Judge, District 21: Ron Spivey has served Forsyth County as an assistant district attorney for the past five years, and was appointed four years ago as felony narcotics prosecutor for Superior Court. He advocates finding new alternatives for the administration of justice, and has been very active in the Democratic party.

Board of Education, District 1: Annette Morgan Wilson is a strong contender for a seat on the school board, having been outspoken for years on such issues, but the candidates with the longest records of active educational experience are Walter Marshall and Geneva Brown. Marshall led the NAACP's educational programs for many years, frequently attends school board meetings, and has rarely missed an opportunity to speak out on educational issues relating to the black community. Geneva Brown has just retired from 25 years as teacher, principal and administrator. She has demonstrated her leadership ability, her understanding of the issues, and has always advocated for black students.

United we grow, divided we stay where we are

To the Editor:

Most of our leaders are of one of two schools, the economic or the political. The economic school is being well presented by Tony Brown. I believe that it is the only one which has any hope of succeeding in advancing the conditions of some African-Americans — those that take advantage of what it offers.

The political school constantly talks about how bad conditions are, implying that the government should do something to better the conditions of African-Americans. It should be obvious that the Republican party's philosophy is "Help yourselves, and we ain't going to make it any easier for you." The philosophy of the Democratic party was best shown during the 1988 Presidential campaign, when Michael Dukakis suggested to Jesse Jackson that he would be helping the party most if he made himself invisible and silent. As Lenora Fulani has often said, "African-Americans get no respect from either the Republicans or the Democrats."

What to do? I believe there is only one way to obtain political respect and power. First, all who wish to have it must unite in one third party, in the model of the National Rainbow Coalition and the Harold Washington party (Chicago). Second, get out 80% to 90% of the votes of the African-American community. Okay . . . I know. I'm no more optimistic that these will be done than you are. But just keep in mind, without them don't expect any political favors except crumbs from the master's table.

Robert Scott

One-sided?

To the Editor:

Several years ago I wrote a letter to you expressing my pleasure and appreciation for how well one of your reporters handled an issue clearly expressing both views without bias. Today, I must write to express my utter disgust for your publications handling of the article of April 23, 1992 titled "Minority Subs Win Victory" and the editorial "Minorities Fight for A Share of Business".

Articles like these clearly fuel the fire of dissent and distrust. I



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Our Readers Speak Out

believe your readers possess the ability to look at a clear reporting of both sides of an issue and make up their own minds as to what is truth. It's a shame your publication does not share my opinion.

Since the *Winston-Salem Journal* chose to ignore this issue and you chose to show only one side, where do we find the truth?

Chris D. Hilton

Thanks for coverage

To the Editor:

Thank you very kindly for the article which appeared in the April 9, 1992 issue regarding Safe Sober Prom Night 1992. We sincerely appreciate your coverage of this project, which received enthusiastic support from students and parents. We greatly appreciate your coverage of this event.

Cordially yours,
Michael Lewis

Supporting the arts!

To the Editor:

All of us at Diggs Gallery want to thank *The Winston-Salem Chronicle* for the great coverage of our current show, *Jacob Lawrence: An American Master*. It is encour-

aging to see an important community newspaper support the arts, the local art scene, and the cultural events at Winston-Salem State University!

Ms. Brooke D. Anderson
Director, Diggs Gallery

Peace through words

To the Editor:

It is my great pleasure to write to you. I expect you will be pleased to accept my appeal regarding International Pen Pals for our school students and club members.

Today it is possible to reach into the hearts and homes of people in almost every country in the world. It is a unique and wonderful achievement to be able to learn how others live, to participate in their hobbies and interests and perhaps at a later date to exchange visits with them and to share the joy of real friendship.

The aim of "Seoul International Pen Pal Club" is to provide a channel of communication for all people, so that they can learn to understand, respect and live in harmony with each other. We have many students and club members who want to exchange letters and friendship

with foreign peoples and they frequently request me to let them have foreign pen friends. I am sure this would help not only their English and emotional life, but also expand their knowledge of foreign lands. Furthermore, I surely believe that this will stimulate and promote worldwide friendship as well as serving as a true foundation of world peace.

I feel it is necessary to publish this simple wish among yours. I courteously request you to run this letter in a corner of your valuable paper. The only information I need of a person is his or her name, address, sex, age, hobbies and picture if possible. I expect to receive many letters from your readers. Every applicant shall hear from a new Korean Pen Pal within 20 days and this service is absolutely FREE.

If you let me have the chance to do this for our students and club members I will appreciate it very much. Looking forward to hearing from you.

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Dog fight to recall D.C.'s mayor in light & dark

A high official in Washington, D.C. told me that more than a few people-in-the-know believe that the inept and suspicious attempt to recall Sharon Pratt Kelly, the African-American mayor, is the underhanded work of forces intent on paving the way for convicted felon Marion Barry's return to politics.

One unsubstantiated charge in this movement that panders to black-on-black racism is that Mayor Kelly has labored to raise the taxes for African-American neighborhoods and lower them for white ones.

That sounds strange because I own a home in D.C. and last year the value of my property increased while my city taxes went down. And my neighbors are mostly African-American.

Among the more vicious charges of a rumor campaign (which is using the name "recall") are those that deride Mayor Kelly for being educated, middle class, and having a skin color that is not dark.

In a sense, there is no recall movement. There is a D.C. media searching for a story and reporting on its failed

search. But it is succeeding in fanning the flames of the anti-incumbent sentiment.

Mary Ann French wrote in *The Washington Post* that it is widely suspected that the "recall movement is fired by class resentments and fueled by

14 is all he had to show for last semester at the University of the District of Columbia," the *Post* said of the 22-year-old recall leader. That's a D+, not sufficient to gain entrance to college in my day.

Ironically, some D.C. residents



TONY BROWN

Syndicated Columnist

black-on-black biases involving skin color, speech patterns, and other acculturations." The biased shorthand that one vicious African-American newspaper columnist in D.C. uses for his assaults on the mayor is "mainstream."

The phantom leader of the recall movement certainly is not mainstream. These are examples of his mangled syntax from the *Post*: "The mayor have . . . She have . . ."

"A reported grade point average of

planned a motorcade to welcome back ex-mayor Marion Barry, cocaine inhaler and exhaler and the man accused of participating in an act of oral sex in public while in prison.

Barry is dark and he left light-skinned Kelly a financial and administrative mess that she has had to handle by making tough decisions. One has to also suspect that her sex is another reason to attack her. Maybe a woman has no right to be in a "man's job."

While the African-American man whose administration transferred more money into white companies to build D.C.'s downtown than into African-American poverty neighborhoods is now being hailed as the savior of the poor African-American, the woman who has returned sanity, fairness, and integrity to D.C.'s government is being lied about and vilified because she speaks standard English and inherited her looks.

Mayor Kelly has one apparent shortcoming. She is letting these loudmouths set her agenda because they have succeeded in hurting her middle-class sensibilities. In fact, her enemies are depending on her ignorance of ghetto gaming.

In the next three years, she will be well advised to watch and learn from the likes of Calvin Rolark who calls a spade a spade to a spade's face.

These recall activists seem to want a dark-skinned mayor with a light-skinned wife who will finish destroying the city. If the rest of D.C. allows it to happen, they will be getting exactly what they deserve.

Lawyers without honor are bad news

Of course this doesn't apply to all lawyers, but figures from the Florida Bar and The Florida Supreme Court

month period. That figure is up, too, by 66 over last year.

The Florida Bar successfully pros-

poling itself and trying to maintain its integrity, but too many lawyers are not cooperating. The number of lawyers disciplined might seem small compared to the total number in the state, but that's analogous to saying there was only one traffic fatality in 1991.

Statistically that figure might be acceptable, even outstanding, but for the family of that one person killed it was a tragedy. Likewise, with the lawyers, for every disciplinary case, someone with a problem who confided in and trusted the lawyer was hurt.

That's a legal tragedy, and it also makes people look at other lawyers, including the honest ones, with a jaundiced eye. The charges covered a variety of activities that warranted various levels of discipline. For example, on the "minor" end, according to the Bar, Mark Thomas Juanico of Miami was publicly reprimanded in court order dated April 2 and placed on probation for one year,

effective January 1, 1992 because of two complaints filed against him in which he failed to return clients' telephone calls and allegedly neglected legal matters.

The minor penalty gives the false impression that the infraction was minor. It was not. How can a lawyer in good conscience not return a telephone call that, for all the lawyer knows, could be critical to the caller?

On the other end, the Bar says John Robert Forbes of Jacksonville was disbarred after being indicted (and later convicted) by a federal grand jury on one count of conspiracy to defraud the United States, one count of fraud and 10 counts of bank fraud.

And to think, these are people we trust with our innermost secrets and to handle matters that could affect us for the rest of our lives. Those who betray that trust are no more than con artists, and instead of being disbarred, they should be behind bars.



AGAINST THE GRAIN

By ROOSEVELT WILSON

show the number of Florida lawyers without honor is frightening.

Florida has 45,000 lawyers, and according to the Florida Bar, as of April 22, the Florida Supreme Court had disciplined 295 during the first nine months of the administrative year that began July 1, 1991. That figure is up by 12 from last year.

Also, there were 5,905 consumer complaints during the same nine-

months and had disbarred 25 lawyers, suspended 75 and publicly reprimanded 43. Another 27 resigned while facing discipline charges, and 36 were placed on probation. Similar figures or percentages can be found in virtually all states, including North Carolina.

What's going on? Why are so many lawyers breaking the rules? Where is the honor?

The Florida Bar has a tough job