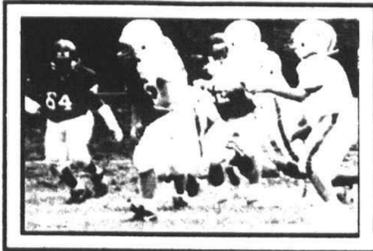


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NAACP Launches Food Lion Boycott

By Travis Mitchell
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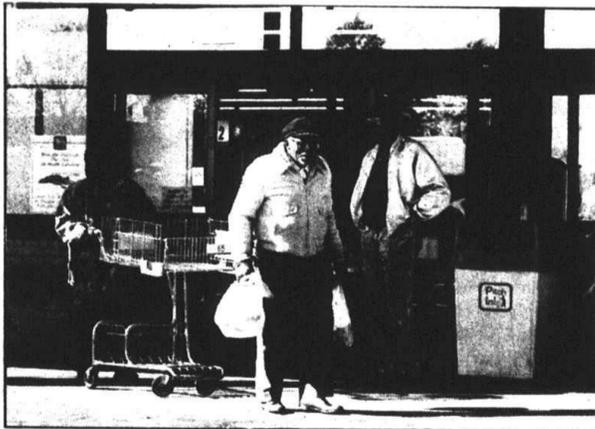
Shocked by last week's ABC news report alleging that Food Lion Grocery stores may be selling old meat and fish laced with bleach to its customers, the NAACP is urging the African-American community to shop elsewhere.

"A price break at the expense of consumer exposure to infection is no break," said Kelly M. Alexander, Jr., NAACP national vice-president.

Kelly said the NAACP has asked the state and public health authorities to conduct increased inspections of Food Lion stores in North Carolina; and requested the N.C. Department of Labor to investigate the working practices of Food Lion Stores.

"I call upon all African-American consumers in North Carolina to join with me in defending the health of our community," Kelly said.

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Food Lion Shoppers not discouraged by ABC's report.

Fish Merchant Sues East Winston Center

By TRAVIS MITCHELL
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A local black businessman is suing East Winston Shopping Plaza owners claiming that mismanagement and neglect has led to fewer customers—And less money!

John Sledge, owner 47th Pier Inc., filed suit against East Winston Shopping Plaza. According to the suit he is about ready to close-up shop because his customers are deterred by drunks, muggers and

bums. The law suit lists BCK Properties, Inc., based in Minnesota, and limited partners East Winston Associates, as defendants.

All-American Associates, a Winston-Salem realty firm, manages the center on behalf of the owners.

"People complain about a lot of things," said Will Jenkins, All-American Associates manager.

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ON THE AVANT GARDE

BY TANG NIVRI

Living in a House Full of Democrats

Somebody help me please! An unthinkable thing has happened: I'm living in a house full of Democrats! Surrounded. Ughhhhh!

Everywhere I turn, everywhere I move, there is a Democrat lurking about. Yes, the plague of the Democrats has been visited upon my home.

It began with my 3-year-old son, the "Deacon" that innocent, cute little brown-eyed beautiful, brown-skinned intelligent baby boy who came home one day and declared himself to be a Clinton-Democrat — and proud of it! Two days later, his 9-year-old sister and 12-year-old brother had fallen victim to the same disease.

What a horrible thing indeed to see one's children smitten by the left-winged liberal flu of the democratic mosquito. A sight almost too much for this father to bear.

Liberals, every one of them. My children, liberals!?

From the instant they were born, I made it a point to vaccinate them against the infection of the democratic socialist flu — knowing its effects could be devastating if not fatal.

For all of their young lives, I challenged them to go against the flow, to learn to think for themselves, to be comfortable with evaluating issues, no matter how tough.

I insisted that they bring something to the table from their own life's experiences, using it to evaluate the other guy's position; to not be swayed by emotions and pity. To think about the effect, and not just the intent. To question the role of money — what it could do, and what it couldn't do. To constantly question the role between the individual and the government. I even read excerpts from Huxley's Brave New World for their bedtime stories.

They were taught to be independent — whether they voted for a Democrat, Republican, or third party candidate. Above all else, be independent. Never, never, never let anyone think that they can take your vote for granted!

But alas, all is now lost, for they too like so many others succumbed to the lure of the silver-haired fox from Arkansas and the smile of the baby-faced koala bear from Tennessee.

Since They've Won!
Now that the little buggers have won the election, things have gotten even worse.

When I wake up in the morning, instead of my 5-year-old baby boy running in to give me a hug, he now runs in to tell me the latest Democratic party line, and what they plan to do for the country.

"The first thing is the economy, Daddy. We've got to get people back to work. People need jobs," he says as I hide under the covers.

When I go to the bathroom, there is my oldest son sitting on the potty, reading Al Gore's book on the environment, asking me about he depletion of the ozone layer and when am I going to get rid of our old van? Democrats everywhere.

When I sit down for breakfast — grits or

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Court Date Set For Black Policemen

▲ Community Questions DA's Slow Response To Stoner, McKellar, Bowman

By TRAVIS MITCHELL
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Trial dates were set Monday for two Black Winston-Salem police officers. One was charged with sexual assault and the other with drug trafficking.

Some members of the black community are questioning the expedition of these cases when the Bowman, Stoner and McKellar cases have yet to be settled.

Leroy Blair, Jr. and Joy M. Barber, former Winston-Salem police officers, were arraigned Monday, Nov. 30 trial dates were set for both.

Their cases were not related. Blair was charged with second-degree rape and sexual assault in October, but prosecutors said that his Forsyth County Superior Court appearance in November

could be suspended until March. Blair's attorney, Carl Parrish, has indicated that he needs more time to prepare.

Barber, 26, was charged Sept. 17 with assisting her boyfriend to sell cocaine.

No court date has been set for Richard Reynolds Bowman, 28, who was charged on Aug. 20, with second-degree rape and first-degree burglary. Bowman, who is white, was charged with the offense two months before Barber and Blair.

Sources indicate that Bowman's lawyers are negotiating with prosecutors for a possible plea-bargain arrangement.

Speculation has grown unabatedly in the black community that the Blair and Barber cases were expedited as a smoke screen to

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First Ever!



New Sheriff in Town. Jackie Barrett smiles as she claims victory in her race for sheriff of Fulton County Ga., Tuesday in Atlanta. Barrett becomes the first black woman to be elected sheriff in the U.S.

Democrats Predict Clinton Honeymoon, Black Agenda

By M.C. Davis
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Piedmont black leaders said President-elect Bill Clinton's cabinet will reflect the more inclusive promise that attracted black voters to the polls on Election Day.

If inclusive appointments don't occur with regard to some 8,000 key posts that Clinton must fill, then those same black voters can emerge from the victory only to face a short honeymoon, said the Rev. Douglas Summers of the Winston-Salem Urban League.

"If Clinton sticks to what he promises by making sure he addresses the concerns and issues of our com-

munity, then the honeymoon might last quite awhile. Otherwise, the honeymoon would end very quickly."

"The honeymoon continues," said Earline Parmon, co-chairman of the Clinton-Gore Campaign in Forsyth County.

Parmon said she has not received resumes from hopefuls seeking jobs in the Clinton Administration. "I suspect Rep. Dan Blue, who was Democratic co-chairman for the state, has gotten quite a few resumes."

Judgeships are included in the upcoming appointments.

"There are things that we expect and they are forthcoming," Parmon said. "We want jobs, a national

health care plan and those things that people all over America want. And we want it pretty fast. I know that in the first 100 days, Clinton will have to get his people in place."

Clinton's promise of including more minorities was substantiated last Friday when he named Vernon Jordan, a Washington lawyer and former National Urban League president, as transitional team chairman.

"I think Vernon Jordan is a man who has a lot of intellect and he knows the economy," Alderwoman Virginia Newell said. "Mr. Jordan will make sure that black people's needs are, at least, discussed."

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Family Feud Is No Factor In Children's Death

By TRAVIS MITCHELL
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The mother of three children who were killed in an early morning blaze in Happy Hill Gardens last month was picked up for questioning by Winston-Salem Fire Investigators, last Friday. Vickie Westmoreland, 36, was questioned by fire officials and ordered to take a lie detector test. Officials said that Westmoreland passed the test and was released.

According to David Brooks, a Winston-Salem Fire Department investigator, Westmoreland became a suspect in the fire because two of her previous residences have burned. In 1989 her home on Short St. and in 1990, a Manly St. home, burned.

Shedrika Jamell Byers, 15; Sheconda Denise Byers, 13; and Delmar Greg Byers, 11, died in the fire on Monday Oct. 26.

"I want my name cleared," said Westmoreland. "I passed a polygraph test on Friday. The fire on Manly St. was started because I left a heater on top of a chair."

Sources indicate that officials are looking for the boyfriend of Hazel Brown, the woman who was questioned by fire investigators two weeks ago. Brown allegedly confessed to neighbors that she set the blaze.

Brown later plead innocent, passed a polygraph test, and was released by fire investigators.

According to Westmoreland, Brown's 45-year-old boyfriend pulled a knife on her daughters Sunday, Oct. 25—the day prior to the Alder St. fire. She said that

her daughters and Brown's children had been involved fighting for months.

Neighbors said that the feud intensified during the weeks prior to the fire, but fire officials maintained that no link has been established between the fire and the feuding.

"It is still undetermined," said Brooks. "I am still actively working on the case, but it is just one of those things. I've done everything."

Brooks said that he has talked to some 40 residents since the fire occurred. Brooks received word that SBI laboratory test results, which analyzed materials from the scene of the fire, were negative.

"I don't want to write this one off as undetermined," said Brooks. "But I might have to."