"Men should be leaders, both In the community and in their households," Nordlander, a Republican, was quoted. "It's

their God-given responsibility." Among some of the more outraged women were female 'African-American leaders, who have often struggled to the top under the double yoke of sexism and racism.

"That man is operating in B.C., before Christ," said former East Ward alderman Virginia Newell, who is chairperson of the Mathematics Department at WSSU and heads GFN Realty. "He is obviously out of tune and touch with the mood of the country. It is so sad that a man who is as young as he is can make such unchristian statements that women should be inferior."

"It's really difficult to believe that an elected official could make those statements about the

leadership ability of women in this community," said Forsyth County Commissioner Earline Parmon, who is also the founder and director of LIFT Academy. "All citizens of this community, including women, are equal, and women should not be considered

second-class citizens." Iola Dobson, a retired educator, was also incredulous that Nordlander could hold such a view. "It is ridiculous in this day and time that an elected official would have this view of women." said Dobson. "The day of women being inferior is past.

Almost all of the women polled said they would actively support a campaign against Nordlander's reelection. He is running against Democrat Fred

School board member Geneva Brown supported Wood and her past work as mayor. Commenting on Nordlander's penchant for citing biblical authority, she pointedout that the Bible was also used to justify slavery.

When somebody uses a Bible and uses God in a sense that makes God prefer some people over others, I view that person as suspect," said Brown. She called for voters to throw Nordlander out of office.

Dr. Irene Hairston, former vice chair of the city and county planning board for 16 years and now chairperson of the Winston-Salem Libraries board of trustees, also connected Nordlander's statement to other prejudices she feels the alderman holds.

"This is another prime example of. Mr. Nordlander's supreme intolerance of certain groups of people," said Hairston. "He should never be accorded the privilege of serving the people in any capacity.'

"Women have always and will continue to be driving forces in

leadership roles," Hairston added. Nordlander, when interviewed Tuesday by Chronicle staff writer Bridget Evarts, refrained from comments on female leadership.

## HUD signs Memo of Understanding for partnership with Urban League

THE CHRONICLE Staff Writer

Secretary Andrew Cuomo signed a memorandum of understanding (MOU) with the National Urban League in a partnership agreement to provide technical assistance for community development activities.

The partnership will aim to increase minority home ownership, create more affordable housing, create jobs and take other actions to revitalize the community. Under the agreement, HUD will work with local Urban League affiliates to identify ways to wipe out housing discrimination. All cases of housing discrimination discovered by the Urban League will be referred to the HUD Office of Fair Housing

and Equal Opportunity for immediate investigation.

The Urban League will form new partnerships with other public and private organizations interested in addressing the social and economic needs of the community.

"D" Smith, president and CEO of the Winston-Salem Urban League, met with HAWS authorities to arrange for the Urban League to participate in the \$27.7 million HOPE VI grant recently awarded to HAWS.

"We are extremely excited about the creation of this partnership with HAWS," Smith said. "This agreement will enable us to serve the needs of the community in a more comprehensive way. The resources we can offer at the

WSUL, which include workforce preparedness for our associates, welfare-to-work and self-sufficiency initiatives, will be of great value to HAWS and the commu-

The Urban League can also qualify as a partner in several other HUD programs, such as economic development and supportive services, drug elimination and the Tenant Opportunities program.

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