

Local leaders set agenda for Jackson conference

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THE CHRONICLE

At the urging of Jesse Jackson, some local black leaders have identified issues important to black people that they think should be discussed by black leaders in the South and nationwide in the process of developing a national African American agenda before the presidential election so that blacks can have a voice in the elections.

A local delegation plans to join African Americans from Southern states meeting in Atlanta Oct. 25. A broader, national meeting is planned in December.

At a recent meeting called by the Winston-Salem/Forsyth County Black Leadership Roundtable, black leaders identified these issues:

- Education, including the desegregation of schools.
- Health care.
- Jobs/harassment on jobs.
- Economic development - The

Rev. John Mendez called for rebuilding the infrastructure of inner cities. "If we can build up Kosovo and all these other places, war-torn places, yeah (we need) a Marshall Plan (for U.S. inner cities) that brings us back ... gets us functioning again."



Mendez

Locally, he said, "it seems to me that ... our community ... has deteriorated ... and everything moving out into the suburbs ..."

"It's ridiculous that we've got homeless people here that ... are roaming the streets at a time when the economy is booming. Poverty (has) increased. Children are becoming more impoverished."

Rebuilding the inner city would "

provide jobs as well as economic development within our community," he said.

• Crime, incarceration - The Rev. Jimmie Bonham said, "Jesse (Jackson) and (others) stated that crime is down but incarceration is up, particularly for the African American community. Some cities see prisoners as being the anchor tenants for the city ..."

One woman said, "I think there are some bad and there are some good. But they go out from job to job, job to job, they can't get a job. Now what is this poor guy going to do? He's not going to go hungry. So the first thing that comes in his mind, I'll go over here and steal something. A lot of our (black people) if they had a job, they would work. But let's face it. They don't want to work for \$5, \$5.25 or \$6 an hour 'cause it ain't no money."

"I think that is also tied to the education," Mendez said. "As long as our children are getting thrown

out of school for some of the most trivial reasons, not being educated and we are not dealing with some of the problems that they've got (with this group) ... They go straight from the schools to the streets to drugs and then to jail, just about in that order."

School Board member Victor Johnson said, "Sixty-two percent of suspensions are black kids. Something is wrong."

He also expressed concern about the large percentage of black kids not on grade level.

One woman said there are too few black teachers in the school system.

• Breakdown of the family -

Mendez said, "This issue of the family is serious and that is not separated or isolated from the conditions in the community. It seems like there's something we've got to do to address the ... (needs of the) family. That breakdown is partly responsible for how our children are behaving ... Teen-age pregnancies and children being born as crack babies and other problems that's emerging, that's no longer a joke, that's serious. They have to be addressed, and the resources are not there to address these particular issues."

"I'm thinking in terms of our educational institutions - Winston-Salem State, A&T, Central, Shaw (and others) ... are going to have to develop programs to train teachers to be able to deal with children that are going to school that have been damaged and injured by the dysfunctional problems of the family ... There is something that has broken down here. We've got to begin to

minister to as well as address the issue of the breakdown within the family, teen-age pregnancy ... and really raise that to the point that that's to become part of that Marshall Plan in terms of trying to stabilize the family in order to save the children. None of these are isolated or separate issues."

• Racism, affirmative action, affordable housing, jobs - Alderman Nelson Malloy mentioned these issues. He said, "Affirmative action has been under attack."

• Bill Tatum, president of the Winston-Salem NAACP chapter, expressed concern that James Beatty's nomination for judge on the U.S. Fourth Circuit Court has not been confirmed for the last four years. Beatty is a U.S. District judge for the Middle District of North Carolina.

Tatum also said that "we shouldn't jump on the bandwagon (for presidential candidates) until we get a real strong platform."

WSSU homecoming activities include parade, ball, football game

SPECIAL TO THE CHRONICLE

The Winston-Salem Alumni Chapter of Winston-Salem State University recently announced the 1999 Winston-Salem State University homecoming activities. The activities, dates, places and times are as follows:

• Friday, Oct. 29:
Place: Campus of Winston-Salem State University.

Times:
8:45 a.m. - Founder Day's Wreath Laying Ceremony.
9:45 a.m. - Founder's Day Convocation, K.R. Williams Auditorium.

11 a.m. - Alumni registration, WSSU Campus Alumni House.
1:30 p.m. - Red & White Parade/Pep Rally, WSSU campus.

7 p.m. - Alumni Queen's Reception, Adams Mark Hotel.

9 p.m. - Winston-Salem State University Alumni Homecoming Ball. This year's Homecoming Ball will be last to none for this century. Homecoming 1999 will

feature two popular bands of the '60s and '70s. They are the Delfonics and the Stylistics. The Alumni Homecoming Ball will be a Mardi Gras style celebration - Ram style. The ball will be held at the M.C. Benton Convention Center from 9 p.m. until 2 a.m. The cost is \$30 per person in advance or at the door. BYOB is permitted.

• Saturday, Oct. 30:
Place: Downtown Winston-Salem, WSSU Homecoming Parade. Time: 10 a.m.

Place: Bowman Gray Stadium, WSSU Homecoming Football Game between WSSU Rams and the Golden Bulls of Johnson C. Smith University of Charlotte. Time: 2 p.m.

Place: WSSU Annual Homecoming Block Party & Alumni Registration. Time: 4:30 p.m.

Place: Old School Party, Adam's Mark Hotel (Forsyth Ballroom). Time: 10 p.m. until



The Stylistics



The Delfonics

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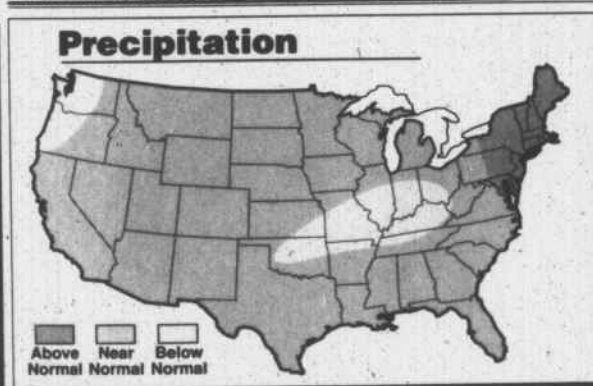
LOCAL 7-DAY FORECAST

Thursday	Thu. night	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
60	41	65/40	69/44	67/39	65/42	64/35	56/33

THE WEEK AHEAD



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U.S. TRAVELER'S CITIES

City	Thursday			Friday			Saturday			Sunday			Monday		
	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W
Atlanta	62	43	pc	69	45	s	74	50	s	71	48	s	71	48	s
Boston	51	44	sh	57	43	r	57	43	s	55	38	s	54	42	s
Chicago	60	44	s	56	36	s	50	32	s	52	30	pc	52	30	s
Cleveland	53	41	pc	58	42	pc	59	39	s	55	37	s	58	40	s
Denver	76	41	s	75	43	s	76	40	s	72	40	s	71	40	s
Des Moines	64	44	s	69	46	s	68	42	s	66	40	s	63	33	s
Detroit	55	40	pc	59	41	s	59	37	s	54	36	s	58	37	s
Houston	74	47	s	79	51	s	81	52	s	82	51	s	81	55	s
Indianapolis	58	41	s	65	41	s	65	40	s	62	39	s	64	41	s
Kansas City	70	46	s	72	48	s	68	47	s	68	47	s	70	45	s
Los Angeles	91	56	s	86	57	s	86	57	s	85	57	s	83	55	s
Miami	85	71	pc	85	70	sh	84	71	t	83	69	t	84	69	s
Minn.-St. Paul	59	42	s	64	42	s	59	37	s	56	35	s	55	23	s
New Orleans	68	45	s	71	48	s	76	51	s	76	52	s	76	55	s
New York City	56	44	r	60	44	pc	56	40	sh	52	38	s	57	45	s
Omaha	72	45	s	68	40	pc	66	38	s	69	40	s	68	33	s
Phoenix	93	64	s	94	65	s	90	64	s	90	64	s	89	61	s
San Francisco	72	51	s	69	52	s	70	52	s	71	52	s	70	59	s
Seattle	67	49	s	64	49	s	60	47	pc	59	44	sh	58	55	pc
Washington	58	44	c	62	44	sh	58	40	s	56	38	s	62	45	s

THE NATIONAL SUMMARY

Cold weather is expected to continue across the eastern half of the nation. The coldest weather will cover portions of the Great Lakes and Northeast, where temperatures will average 10-15 degrees below normal. A storm system will spread rain and high elevation snow across the Northeast. Warm and dry weather will cover the Great Basin and Northwest.

Weather (W): s-sunny, pc-partly cloudy, c-cloudy, sh-showers, t-thunderstorms, r-rain, sf-snow flurries, sn-snow, i-ice.

WORLD TRAVELER'S CITIES

City	Thursday			Friday			Saturday			Sunday			Monday		
	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W
Amsterdam	53	48	c	59	45	r	56	44	sh	53	41	sh	53	42	pc
Berlin	47	42	pc	56	47	r	56	45	sh	55	44	sh	53	44	sh
Buenos Aires	82	56	pc	73	53	s	72	53	pc	73	54	pc	71	47	pc
Cairo	88	64	s	86	66	s	89	68	pc	89	69	pc	90	70	s
Jerusalem	81	56	s	78	57	s	77	57	pc	75	57	s	77	59	s
Johannesburg	78	59	r	84	61	pc	84	61	pc	84	59	pc	81	57	pc
London	53	51	r	58	43	r	56	42	r	56	44	sh	55	43	pc
Madrid	55	52	sh	66	47	c	65	39	s	59	37	pc	59	41	pc
Mexico City	62	47	sh	67	47	pc	67	47	pc	68	47	pc	67	47	pc
Moscow	36	28	c	41	33	c	43	36	s	47	38	pc	50	44	pc
Paris	51	47	r	57	40	sh	54	38	pc	52	39	pc	52	39	pc
Rio de Janeiro	69	60	sh	73	63	pc	76	65	pc	77	67	pc	79	69	pc
Rome	71	57	r	77	61	pc	77	63	pc	79	61	pc	76	57	pc
San Juan	84	78	t	91	78	sh	91	78	pc	90	77	pc	90	78	pc
Seoul	69	48	pc	65	46	s	66	50	pc	69	50	pc	68	53	pc
Sydney	70	59	pc	68	50	s	65	48	pc	63	50	pc	68	58	s
Tokyo	67	57	sh	72	61	pc	69	57	pc	70	60	pc	70	59	pc
Toronto	52	35	pc	53	32	pc	49	26	s	42	33	s	55	36	s
Winnipeg	64	35	c	59	35	s	50	28	s	53	33	s	34	14	pc
Zurich	61	44	c	60	44	sh	55	44	pc	55	40	pc	53	42	pc

SUN & MOON

	Sunrise	Sunset
Thu., Oct. 21	7:33 a.m.	6:38 p.m.
Fri., Oct. 22	7:34 a.m.	6:37 p.m.
Sat., Oct. 23	7:35 a.m.	6:36 p.m.
Sun., Oct. 24	7:35 a.m.	6:34 p.m.
Mon., Oct. 25	7:36 a.m.	6:33 p.m.
Tue., Oct. 26	7:37 a.m.	6:32 p.m.
Wed., Oct. 27	7:38 a.m.	6:31 p.m.

	Moonrise	Moonset
Thu., Oct. 21	5:05 p.m.	3:44 a.m.
Fri., Oct. 22	5:40 p.m.	4:48 a.m.
Sat., Oct. 23	6:16 p.m.	5:55 a.m.

	Full	Last	New	First
Oct. 24				
Oct. 31				
Nov. 7				
Nov. 16				

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