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## Report cites EMT racism

By The Associated Press

BOSTON -- A special commission has issued a report charging racism by Boston's emergency medical technicians and describing a case of a white man with minor injuries taken to the hospital before a black man shot in the head, who later died.

The city-appointed Boston Human Rights Commission's report also identifies instances in which the city's Emergency Medical Services Department allegedly dealt with minority employees unfairly, *The Boston Globe* reported Saturday.

The commission noted one "notorious instance of inconsistent discipline" involving an unidentified EMS manager who was reinstated to his former position after punishment for an alleged instance of racism involving patients.

"In June 1985, he was involved in an accident where a Boston policeman (Caucasian) with minor injuries was given priority in treatment and transportation (was denied) to a man (black) with a shot to his head, who was left behind and died."

The manager was suspended without pay and recommended for demotion, but following appeals he was reinstated to his former position, the report said.

Of the 133 emergency medical technicians employed by the city agency, 10 are minorities, the report said. Only one of them was hired between January 1984 and March 1986, the commission added.

"It is just tragic that this has happened to a service that has provided a vital service for the city and has provided it well," said city Health and Hospitals Com-

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## Gang wars

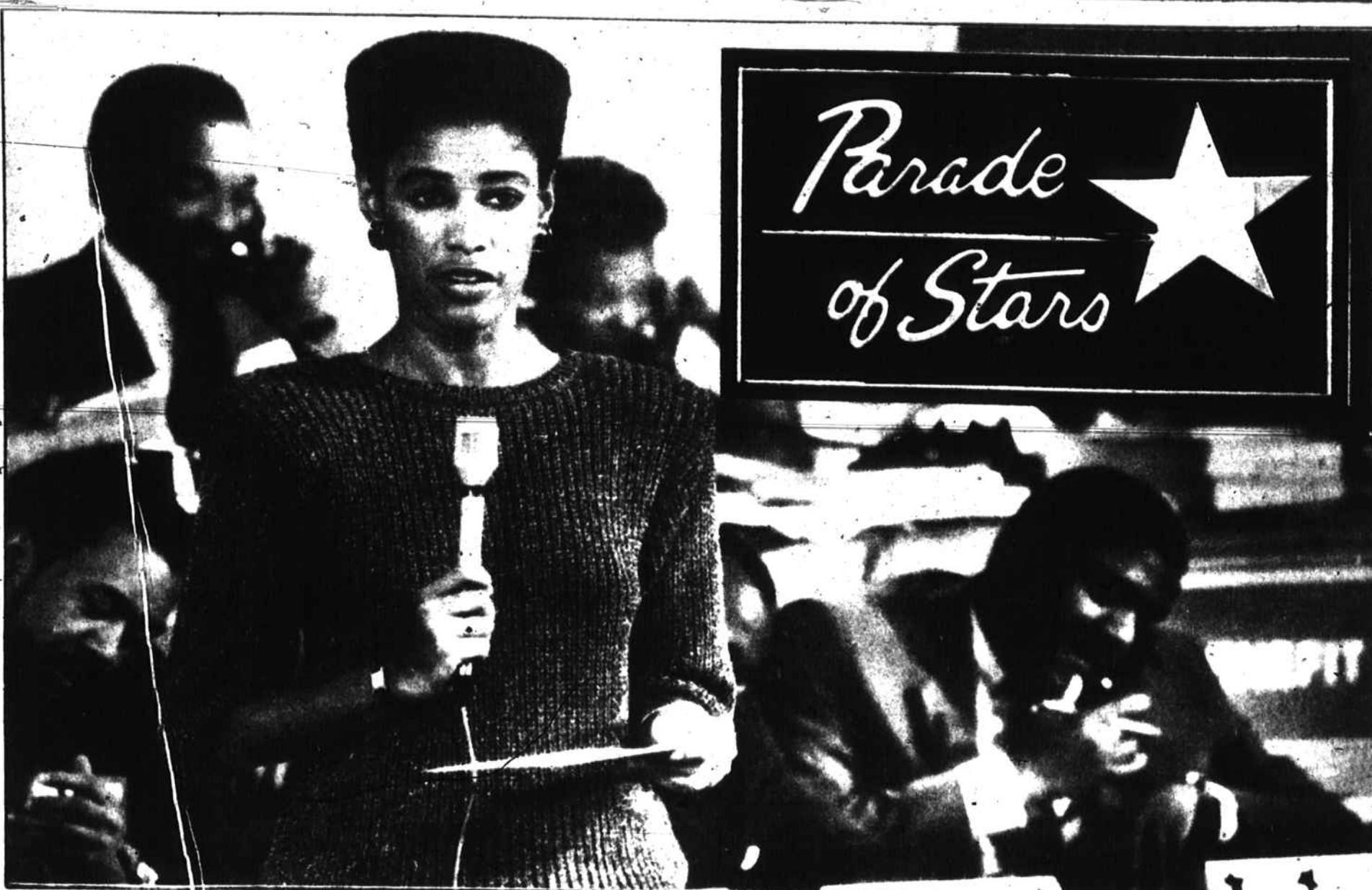
### Police here say we're lucky not to have them in Winston-Salem

By CHERYL WILLIAMS  
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If you think of gangs as groups of young people who are closely knit, have a leadership hierarchy, display extreme loyalty to each other and specialize in crime, then Winston-Salem does not have any, say police department officials.

What the city does have, they say, are loosely knit groups of young people who "hang together."

"We don't have people walking around in Hell's Angels outfits," said W.C. Crump, a detec-



Local telethon hostess Sallie Hayes, public relations director at UNCF member school Bennett College in Greensboro, makes her pitch from the Hyatt Hotel in Winston-Salem during Saturday's telethon. Behind her, volunteer operators from the Triad man the telephone lines (photo by James Parker).

## National total: \$10.2 million

By The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES -- Dozens of celebrities helped raise almost \$10.2 million in cash and pledges for 43 predominantly black colleges through Saturday night's "Lou Rawls Parade of Stars" telethon.

The amount was expected to increase by about \$1 million once late donations were tallied Sunday, said telethon director Melvin Shaw. He said the seventh annual variety show raised \$10,153,047 Saturday night.

Among the 50 celebrities who appeared during the six-hour

phone-in drive were George Burns, Bob Hope, Charlton Heston, Aretha Franklin and Bill Cosby.

"Our future in many ways depends on what happens with the youth of today," Rawls said Saturday. "If we can't get them on the right road today, we're going to look for trouble up the road."

"Thirty-five to 40 percent of our black politicians of today come from these black schools."

The telethon was carried in 56 cities, Shaw said, with some cities adding their own presentations.



WNRW, Channel 45, in Winston-Salem televised the Triad telethon (photo by James Parker).

## COVER STORY

### Local telethon surpasses goal

Triad raises \$78,722

By CHERYL WILLIAMS  
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THE local United Negro College Fund received a late but welcome Christmas present when it surpassed its Triad fund-raising goal for the first time in three years last Saturday night.

The Winston-Salem-based fund-raising effort was part of the seventh "Lou Rawls Parade of Stars" telethon that annually raises money for 43 private, historically black colleges and universities.

The national telethon was co-hosted by Rawls and a team of guest emcees that included Marilyn McCoo, Ed McMahon and Jayne Kennedy.

The nationally televised event spanned six hours and featured periodic cut-ins to local television stations.

In the Triad, WNRW, Channel 45, broadcast the local fund-raising effort from the Hyatt Hotel.

Stations in Durham and Charlotte also broadcast telethon cut-ins.

Marilyn Baldwin, who coordinated the Triad telethon effort, said that the unofficial total in Triad cash and pledges had reached \$78,772 as of Tuesday, with more dollars and pledges still to come.

"This is the first year we've exceeded the goal," Ms. Baldwin said. "We feel really good about it. This gives us the push we need to go ahead and get '87 completely organized and make it a year-long campaign."

Last year, the 3-year-old Triad telethon fell short of its \$78,000 goal by more than \$30,000.

According to figures from the area UNCF office in Winston-Salem, the Charlotte area, which includes Concord and Salisbury, raised \$208,247, surpassing its goal of \$200,000. The Durham area, encompassing Fayetteville and Raleigh, also exceeded its goal, passing its \$100,000 target to raise \$108,040.

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Channeling her energy: A7 (photo by James Parker).

**QUOTABLE: "... Dwight Gooden is typical of black Americans: buying what they want and begging for what they need."**

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## Murder charges against youths dropped; grand jury could restore them

By The Associated Press

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NEW YORK -- Murder and other charges against three white youths charged with chasing a black man to his death were dismissed by a judge Monday when two other blacks who had been attacked refused to testify.

However, Criminal Court Judge Ernest Bianchi sent the

case to a grand jury, which could restore the charges. He set bail for Jon Lester, 17, at \$25,000 and for Scott Kern, 17, and Jason Landone, 16, at \$15,000.

Landone and Kern posted bail and were freed later Monday, said corrections spokesman James Whitford.

Meanwhile, police reported an apparent retaliatory attack in which 10 to 12 black men accosted and beat a light-skinned

Hispanic man walking in Brooklyn.

Before the judge's ruling, a police detective had testified that Lester admitted to police that he told friends that night "let's go kill" blacks they had spotted, but that Lester later told police he really didn't mean to say kill. "I meant to say let's fight them," he said.

The judge also dismissed manslaughter and assault charges

against the three, leaving only reckless endangerment charges.

The judge's reaction drew screams of protest from three dozen blacks in the courtroom. The judge ordered them removed.

The three youths had been charged in the death of Michael Griffith, 23, who died late the night of Dec. 19 or in the early morning on Dec. 20 when he tried to flee attackers chasing him and

two companions and ran into the path of a car.

The attacks in the white neighborhood of Howard Beach in Queens have been described by Mayor Edward I. Koch as the city's worst racial incident since he became mayor in 1977.

Lawyers for two survivors of the attack, Cedric Sandiford and Timothy Grimes, had insisted that their clients would not testify at the hearing unless the driver of

the car that hit Griffith was charged.

Bianchi denied a prosecution request for a one-day postponement.

"The people are bound by what they can produce, what they could produce and what they didn't produce," Bianchi said.

As for the murder charges, Bianchi said, "I can't see that at all."

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