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Former Black Panthers now fighting crime

Three men start program to keep kids out of trouble

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Crime and drugs in Winston-Salem's African-American neighborhoods, particularly the public housing communities, have a new enemy. Its name is Black Men and Women Against Crime, which was formed last year by former members of the Black Panther Party, John Moore, Robert Greer and Nelson Malloy.

"We started meeting back in June of last year. We found that drugs had gotten to be a heck of a problem

in most of the black communities. By us being members of the Black Panther Party back in 1969, we had a reunion in June, and all the old members all got together, and we were discussing the problems that we were having, and that it didn't seem like anybody was doing anything effective," said Greer, who serves as president of the organization.

The three men got the idea to form a group against crime after seeing a television program about a similar

Former Black Panther Party members John Moore (left), Robert Greer (right), and North Ward Alderman, Nelson Malloy (not pictured) are trying to pattern a crime prevention program after one they discovered in Kansas City. The idea is an outgrowth of a reunion of former Panther members.

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Neighborhood grant program is underway EWCDC to give technical aid to low-income communities

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The East Winston Community Development Corporation (EWCDC) has been chosen to help assist a grant program designed to improve the quality of life in low-income neighborhoods in the city initiated last week by the Winston-Salem Foundation.

The Foundation announced last Thursday that the Neighbors For Better Neighborhoods program would help provide technical assistance to neighborhood organizations so those organizations can consider long-term improvement strategies in their communities. In considering those strategies, neighborhood groups could then choose an idea that will bring about positive change in the community, and funds would be provided to help implement the change through the foundation.

"The ideas are going to come out of discussions by members of the organizations in these communities who identify problem areas,"

said Veronica Bitting, the technical assistance provider from EWCDC for the program.

"We won't be giving them ideas, they will come up with their own," she said. Some organizations may come up with programs to combat drug and alcohol abuse, she said, others may see a need for daycare services, after school programs, or beautification projects.

The neighborhoods that qualify for the program must have a majority of households with incomes less than 80 percent of the median household income level. That would be approximately \$16,000 or less. Grants to neighborhood organizations with the best ideas could range from \$100 to \$5,000 depending upon the specifics of the proposal.

The EWCDC will assist in forming new neighborhood organizations or those already in existence. Neighborhoods in both the city and the county are eligible to participate and the organization's membership and leadership should reflect that community's makeup.

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What a vision!



Mercy Obey Jones, "Miss Africa of North Carolina 1991." (See story on page A3)

Photo by Mike Cunningham

Civil Rights Bill passes; Bush veto cannot be stopped

WASHINGTON (AP) — A Democratic civil rights bill passed in the House of Representatives Wednesday but was unable to muster enough votes to override an expected veto from President Bush. The vote followed a biting debate that centered on the politics of race as much as on the measure itself.

The vote was 273 in favor and 158 against the bill, falling 15 vote shy of the number needed for the veto override.

"This is a shame and a disgrace that in 1991 we're still debating whether we should protect our fellow American citizens from discrimination," said Rep. John Lewis, D-Ga., an organizer of sit-ins and freedom rides in the civil rights movement of the 1960s.

But Rep. Henry Hyde, R-Ill., led the Republican contention that the Democrats' legislation would force employers to use hiring quotas to avoid lawsuits. "This bill codifies racial preferences ... a quantum leap back from Martin Luther King's dream," he said.

After a Bush alternative and a liberal plan were defeated Tuesday,

the Democratic proposal was cleared for House passage Wednesday. Both sides watched for how close it would get to 288 votes, the two-thirds majority that would be needed to override a veto.

The Senate has not acted on its version of the legislation. If a House-Senate compromise eventually emerges — and congressional leaders expect it will this year — the veto showdown would not come until that final version cleared both houses and was sent to the White House.

The House bill is designed primarily to overcome a series of 1989 Supreme Court rulings that have made it more difficult for minorities to win job discrimination suits.

It also would change job discrimination laws to expand the rights of women, religious minorities and the disabled to collect monetary damages if they are victims.

Although the Democratic bill specifically prohibits the use of quotas, Bush and his aides say the sum total of the bill's provisions would lead to de facto quotas being

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High court limits damages

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Supreme Court, ruling Monday in a North Carolina case, left intact a ruling that a key 19th century civil rights law does not protect workers allegedly fired because of their race.

The court, without comment, rejected an appeal by a North Carolina man who said a bank fired him because he is black.

Baptist protest boxing match

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — Members of the nation's largest black religious organization picketed and chanted today in New Orleans protesting the International Boxing Federation's sanctioned fights in apartheid South Africa.

Reverend T.J. Jemison, president of Baptist Convention U.S.A. was joined by about 20 ministers and lay persons from Louisiana in front of the Fairmont Hotel where the IBF and the United States Boxing Association are holding a convention until Saturday.

Pregnancy: The man's responsibility

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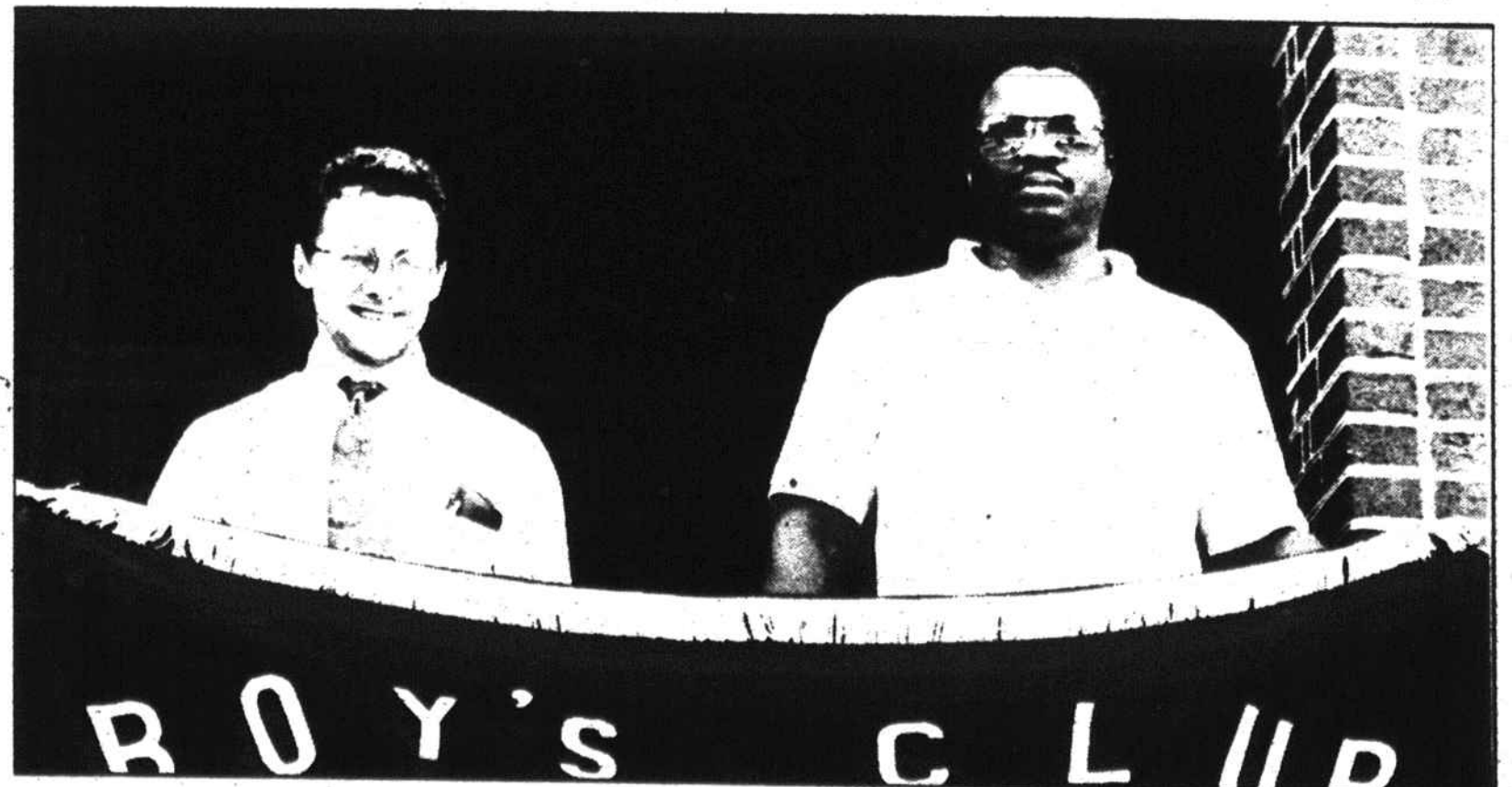
When most people discuss the issue of teen pregnancy, the first thing that comes to mind is usually the young girl, her responsibility to her baby and how her life will be affected by that new responsibility which many teenage girls are not ready to take on. But there is

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another side to this issue; after all girls don't get pregnant by themselves, and that raises the question of just what is the male responsibility in teen pregnancy.

In the mid 1980s, a group called "Man Talk" was formed to answer that question for young African-American males. According to Bill McClain, athletic and physical education director at the Boys' Club of America and a volunteer with "Man Talk," the program "was originally designed to help black males identify their roles as relates to their relationships with black females." He added that "the idea and the objective, was to help black males develop a greater sense of responsibility as relates to teen pregnancy...from a preventive standpoint."

"Man Talk" ended in 1990 and is no longer in operation, because of lack of funding. However during its last year, it was very popular, with four different meet-



Craig Cashwell (left) and Bill McClain (right) help young African-American males prevent unwanted teen pregnancies.

Photo by Mike Cunningham

ing sites in Winston-Salem. The Boys' Club on Martin Luther King Jr. Drive was the largest site, with about 45 participants. "We had two age groups. They were broken down eight to 11 years and 12 to 16 year olds. We

had a total of about 45 participants with a weekly attendance of probably 15 kids in each group. Attendance was really good," said Craig Cashwell, a volunteer with

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