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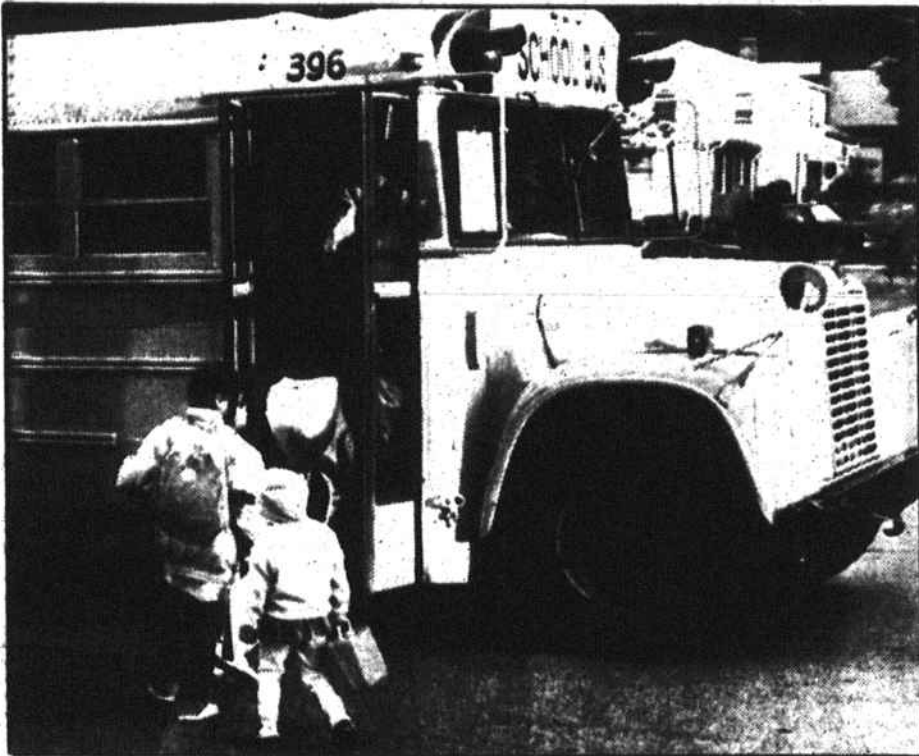
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Kimberly parent group questions selection process



Students who live across from Kimberly Park are bused to other areas to attend school.

Low-income kids excluded?

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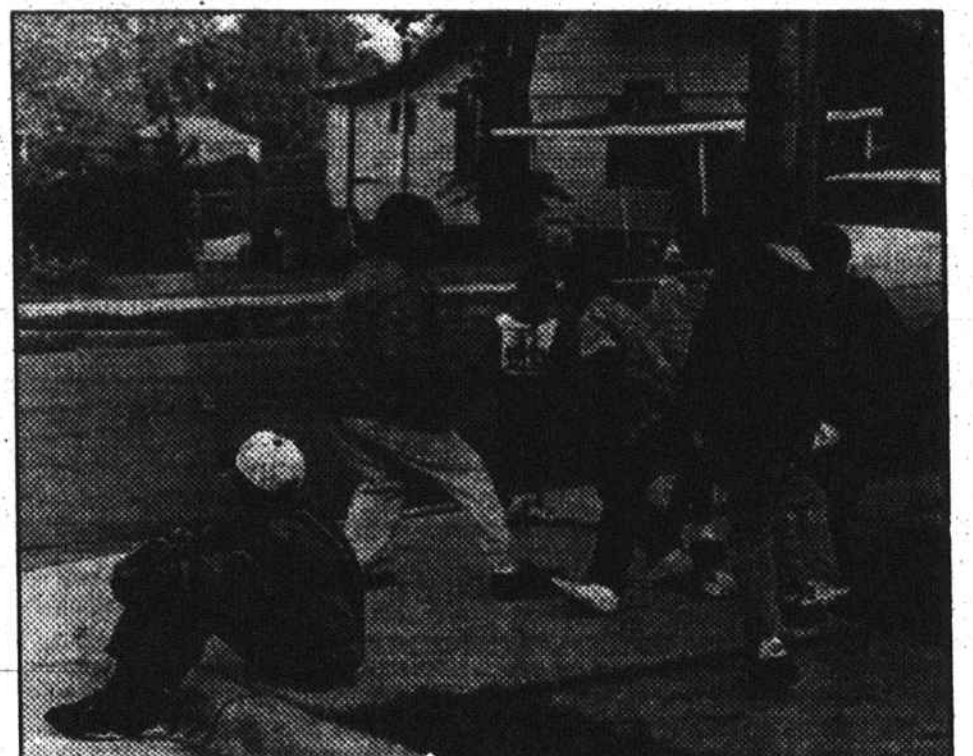
On the corner of North Cherry and 16th streets, a handful of children stand within sight of Kimberly Park Elementary School waiting for the bus to carry them to Bolton Elementary School. They are not the only children in the system who live across the street from one school but are bused to another, but their situation has spurred the wrath of an African-American parent group at Kimberly Park.

Few parents agree with the way their children are bused to achieve integration, but the African-American parent group takes exception to the student selection process for Kimberly Park. They believe that students from Kimberly Park Terrace, a low-income

housing development, were excluded from the Kimberly Park district in order to attract middle class and upper middle class white students to the school.

"The black community fought to keep at least one black school open in our community," fumes Gail Burnette, who can stand on her porch and see the school. "That school was Kimberly. Since it became a magnet school, we see Lincolns and Mercedes every morning dropping off kids and picking them up, but we don't see many black children from the neighborhood going there."

Perched on a hill at the corner of 17th and Cherry, Kimberly Park Elementary is at the edge of its district. The district stretches equally to the east and west, and extends far



District lines prevent these kids from attending Kimberly Park Alternative School.

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ON THE AVANT-GARDE
BY TANGI NIVRI

The 'Best Choice'

There she was, a beautiful three-year-old little girl selling crack cocaine to an undercover policeman. She could have been anybody's child.

Selling crack and then taking the money back to her mother. There she was, this little three-year-old African-American child whom anthropologist have deemed "Lucy," the mother of all human civilization, selling crack cocaine in a downtown crack house slum.

But not only was she selling the drug, she was also watching over her three siblings — all much younger than she. The house was roach and rat infested. There was no food, no lights, no running



water and of course, no plumbing.

The year, 1991. The place, Houston, Texas. The mayor, Kathy Whitmire. The Governor, Ann Richardson. The Senators, Phil Gramm and Lloyd Benetsen. The Vice President, Dan Quayle. The President, George Bush, The country, the United States of America.

And where was her mother? Oh, she was across the street in some kind of drug stupor. Did she have any money? Yes, she had a thousand dollars she had received from her welfare check. And why didn't she buy any food for the children with the money? Her response, "This is my money. They have their own money."

Yesterday afternoon, a few folk gathered at the Best Choice Center here in Winston-Salem to watch the NBC program entitled, "A Closer Look," hosted by Faith Daniels. The reason we gathered was to see the Best Choice Center presented to the United States as a model for survival — an alternative to simply feeling helpless.

We also gathered to celebrate the fact that right here in our community of Winston-Salem, a few people have drawn a line in the sand.

They have stood up and declared an all out war against what is the most powerful evil force on earth. This is a force which if left unchecked, will not only destroy us now, but us in the future. Indeed in many ways it already has. I suppose I shouldn't be shocked when I see the three-year-old little girl selling crack. It is no more shocking than seeing a crack baby whose mother didn't care anymore than to will her very offspring her own drug addiction. I shouldn't be surprised.

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Turner forced out of New Walkertown project

By SHERIDAN HILL
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New Walkertown Market Associates has quietly worked out an agreement to change developers, a move which should lay to rest some, if not all, of the ongoing controversy surrounding the proposed shopping center. Herman Turner, the Durham developer who worked with the project for over two years, will step aside.

Originally planned as a catalyst for development in East Winston, the project has been set back with lawsuits, counter suits, and a foreclosure sale which was to take place today. On Wednesday, attorneys finalized an agreement with Southern National Bank on an agreement to postpone the sale for 30 days.

James Grace, director of the East Winston Community Development Corporation (CDC), confirmed yesterday that the board of directors will work on a restructuring plan. Herman Turner will no longer serve as president of New Walkertown Market Associates. A new president and a new developer will be selected at

next week's stockholders meeting.

"As a pioneer of this project, I've had to be very aggressive in order to make some things happen, and in the process I've ruffled a few feathers," said Turner, in a prepared statement. "To facilitate further progress of

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— Herman Turner

the shopping center project, I have volunteered to step down as project developer."

A PUBLIC-PRIVATE VENTURE

New Walkertown Market Associates was established as a corporation with three voting directors:

James Grace for the East Winston CDC, the law firm of Michael Greeson and Michael Grace, and Herman Turner for Turner Development. Michael Grace is James' brother. Greeson and Grace have represented the corporation as well as Turner Development. Herman Turner served as president of New Walkertown Market Associates and president of Turner Development.

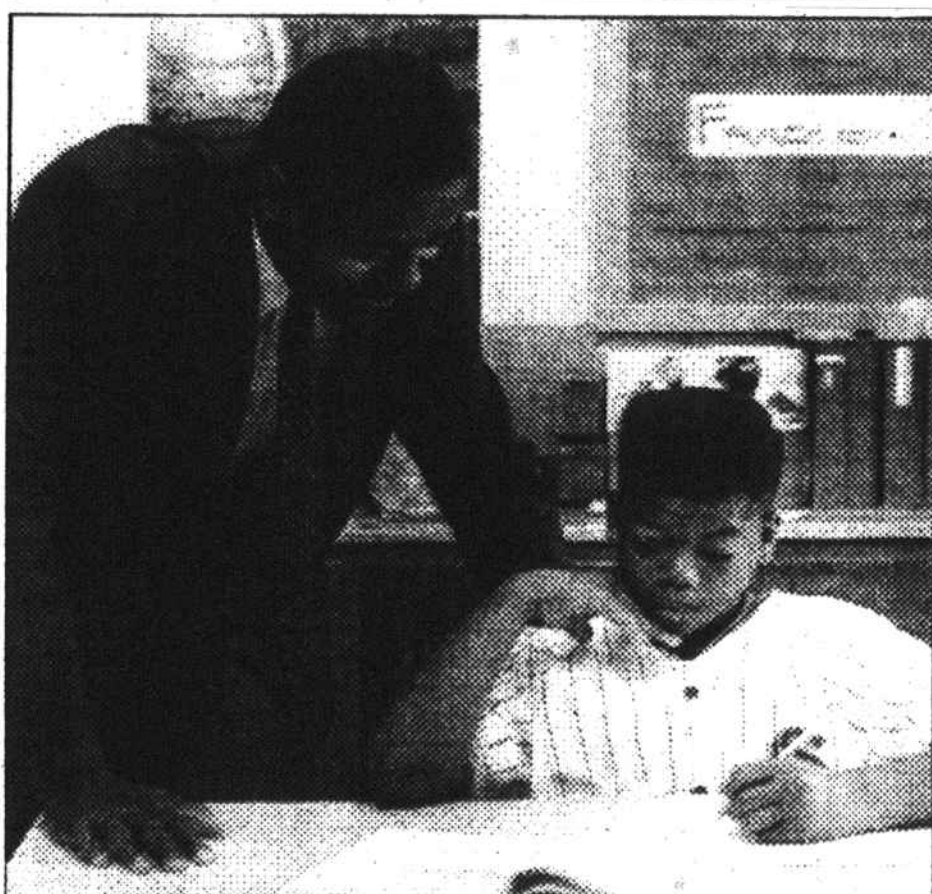
"Greeson and Grace represented Turner Development before New Walkertown Market Associates was formed," said James Grace.

While some have questioned the close ties of the arrangement, James Grace notes that it is a unique arrangement that helps a non-profit group such as the CDC become more active in the commercial development process.

"You'll rarely find a deal put together with three vested parties like this. A number of cities are trying to work out this kind of arrangement. It is new ground, and a learning experience for everybody."

Grace feels that the legal community is also just

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Ben Henderson, the principal at Petree Middle School, looks on while a student goes over an assignment.

Getting a helping hand

Project HELPP started

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An optional middle school for students who suffer from emotional and behavioral problems has begun an effort to help those students adjust better when transferred back into Winston-Salem/Forsyth County's regular middle schools.

That effort is Project HELPP, which stands for Honor, Encouragement, Learning, Prevention, and Prepare. It is a collaboration between Petree Middle School and the other middle schools, based on the fact that Petree students often have a hard time adjusting when they are mainstreamed back into the regular schools from which they were transferred to Petree.

To help the students adjust more successfully, Project HELPP was initiated in August of this

year, to provide a support system for them.

"What we're doing is preventing them from coming back," said Benjamin Henderson, principal of Petree Middle School. "We're out there counseling. They're out there learning too about middle school concepts."

There are a number of objectives for Project HELPP. According to a written overview of the project, provided by the staff at Petree, the objectives are 1) "to provide assistance to middle school instructional teams who are assigned former Petree students," 2) "classroom observation of the students in their home school instructional setting," 3) "to provide individual and small group counseling when appropriate," 4) "to provide intervention for students who are at risk of being excluded," (banned from a middle school), 5) "to

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ACLU opposes N.C. redistricting plan

RALEIGH (AP) — The American Civil Liberties Union has asked the U.S. Justice Department to reject North Carolina's legislative and congressional redistricting plans, contending they discriminate against minorities.

In a 45-page letter dated Wednesday, the ACLU argues that the plans violate the federal Voting Rights Act by failing to create as many black-majority districts as possible. All three plans "are infected" with a "racially discriminatory purpose," diluting the strength of black voters to ensure the reelection of white Democratic incumbents, the letter said.

"The purpose behind each of the plans was the pro-

tection of the Democratic majority in North Carolina," the ACLU said. "Districts that admittedly could have been drawn were not, and racial majorities in existing districts were reduced ... so that black voters could be used to protect Democratic incumbents in nearby districts."

The Justice Department is reviewing the redistricting plans adopted by the General Assembly. If the department finds the plans do not meet federal requirements, it can send them back to the Legislature for revision.

On Monday, a legislative delegation is scheduled to travel to Washington and defend the redistricting

plans. Later in the week, Republican lawmakers are expected to meet with federal officials on behalf of the state Republican Party.

Democrats, who control the General Assembly, prepared the redistricting plans. The drafters of the plans have said they sought to avoid excessive "packing" of blacks into minority districts.

But the ACLU said Democratic lawmakers rejected black districts in areas where white Democrats depended upon black voters to win; where white Democrats face increasing opposition from Republican challengers; and where white Democrats hold impor-

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