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"The same little girl came to my door later and asked if my son could go to MacDonald's with her and her family," says Brown.

"They're evicting me because of kids getting into squabbles."

She notes that there are only a few black families in Woodsmill. Her children are the only blacks that play outside.

Mullican says, "She was evicted-because of numerous incidents that her children weren't supervise. She says she mailed Brown three or four letters warning her to control her children's behavior. One letter was certified, she said. Brown verified that she received a yellow slip in her mailbox but never went to the post office to retrieve the letter.

Mullican agrees that white children were involved in the same or similar behavior as Brown's children. But she argues, "Our point is, the incidents kept on happening. It's been different children in different cases. We also asked her about their language, not to use certain language.'

Mullican and McGrady verified that other tenants were notified about their child's behavior, but were not given eviction notices.

According to Brown, she visited office manager Kimberly McGrady last month and told her that she felt she and her children were being unfairly singled out.

"She said that every time something happens to black people, they say it's racism," said Brown, "She said she couldn't help it that more black people can't afford to live here, and that she had 'allowed' more black families to move in than other managers."

Brown says when she asked McGrady why the other children's families were not evicted, McGrady answered that they had complained and Brown hadn't.

doing the same things that Brown's children were, McGrady answered, "I believe they were all doing the same things, but they had been warned just like her children had, and we have to send so many notices and then we take care of the problem, and that's what we done."

Mullican says she sympathizes with Brown. "I think Brenda's a very concerned mother, but children have to be looked after. It's unfortunate for single, working mothers. She tries to do the best that she

Mullican vehemently denies that either Vista Realty or the white families who complained about Brown's children were discriminating against them because of race.

"Her children seemed to be involved in something," she pauses and laughs, "shall I say, more frequently." Then, in a more somber tone, she added, "We've not had any racial problems out there. Woodsmill's a nice place to live. We have asked other families to move because of their children. It

has nothing to do with race. We don't even keep percentages. We have nothing to hide, it's just that things get blown out sometimes."

Brown is a secretary in Sara Lee Corporation's health care office. When her co_workers heard of her plight, they raised more than \$500 so she could consult an attor-

Dr. David Rice, who manages Asked if white children were Sara Lee's health care plan and supervises Brown, said of her, "She is a model employee, one of the best secretaries in the building, bar none. It would be really difficult to believe that the problem is with Brenda. It is so incongruous. So many people here are absolutely astounded."

Vicki Lathery, who works in Sara Lee's human resources office. said, "Something's not right about this. If they have a problem with the kids, they should let the parents work it out."

Brown worries that the eviction could mean that she will be permanently labeled an undesirable tenant and a negligent mother.

most. My kids have been disciplined well. I have very little tolerance of misbehavior from my kids," she says. "I tried to instill in my kids that things are not just handed to you. You have to work hard. And if you're black, you have to work extra hard."

As she packed her belongings several weeks ago, she saw two of the children involved in the inci-

dents watching her, laughing and asking the mock question: "Oh, are you moving?"

Brown hopes to have the infractions removed from her tenant file and reclaim her good name, although McGrady says she has no intention of doing so. Mullican said, "that would be discrimination, to remove the infractions from her file."

Brown is disappointed with her first attempts at retaining legal representation. Last week, attorney Mickey Felsenburg agreed to represent her and accepted a \$225 retainer from Brown. But Felsenburg, a senior partner at Elliot, Pishko, Gelbin & Morgan, called Brown on Oct.12 to say that the other senior partners felt it would be best for the Human Relations Commission to handle her case. Felsenburg stated that the magistrate could not instruct Vista Realty to make changes in their tenant files. Brown has been unable to reach Human Relations Commission Chairman Emery Rann, who has been out of "That's what bothers me the town for the past three weeks attending conferences.

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have been where Perot had an edge. Perot responded more from the gut, and did not appear to be as well-programmed from the standpoint of how to make the most out of the media. Perot's ability to answer questions and give analogies that people could relate to made him clearly more of the person who related to the day-to-day issues of the nameless and faceless masses.

Nat Irvin, WSSU director of development: I wasn't that interested in what Clinton and Bush had to say; without Perot, this would have been a boring rehash of preplanned responses. I think this shows that Americans are looking at whether we need a manager rather than a politician for president. Who knows who that person will be? Perot's value is that he challenges the status quo.

A comedian recently said what we really need is a black woman for president: She'd say, 'Congress won't do what? Don't make me come out of my Oval office!'

Geneva Brown, school board member-elect: Bush looked the same. I'm not for four more years of that stuff. Perot, I don't know where he's coming from. He doesn't have a plan. He was real flippant. I hope the next debate will show us some real issues and answers. I hate in campaigns when they get negative. I'm looking for somebody to lead the country; I don't care what Clinton did in 1969. I think Clinton would do the most for education. Bush hasn't done anything for education. Look at the things they've cut, Head Start and all, even through Nixon and Reagan years, it's still going on.

Dr. Brian Blount, interim chairman WSSU mass communications department: I was disappointed that the whole debate seemed to be a rehearsal. I think of a debate as allowing insight into the candidates' plans of actions for solving problems. This seemed to be repetition, and reflection of the past. It wasn't a debate of ideas, it was more of a character assisination.

I don't think anyone edged out the other one. Perot was fresher with his responses than the other two. He was more down-to-earth in terms of talking about what should be done for the U.S. Clinton's proposed pro-

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Al Spain, national fleet manager for Flow Automotive: Mr. said, but he didn't tell me how he was going to accomplish anything. Clinton held his own. I think the

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president should get off of what Clinton did as a young man, and get on with the issues of today. What Bush said about the Civil Rights Bill deterred me, because it didn't do that much for civil rights. He watered it down and tried to kill it, Perot looked good, I liked what he then he was tried to take credit for the bill itself. But the president did good, considering he was the one everybody had to shoot at.

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