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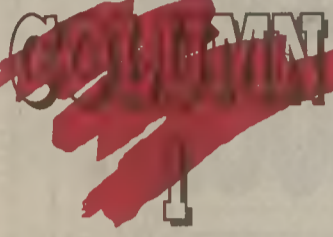
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Mecklenburg Advisory Boards

Mecklenburg County wants you to join some advisory boards.

Positions are available on the following committees: Domiciliary Home Community; Environmental Protection; Jury Commission; Juvenile Services; Personnel Commission and Project Home Advisory Committee.

Applications for the Aug. 9 appointments are due in the Office of the Clerk to the Board of County Commissioners no later than Aug. 2. Applications are available at the Government Center at 600 East Fourth St. or call 336-2559.

Beat Highway Traffic Jams

Running into highway construction delays?

The N.C. Dept. of Transportation has come up with a guide to construction work in Mecklenburg and Gaston counties.

DOT has published a brochure, "Drive Time: Charlotte Area Construction Projects," to inform motorists of construction and provide guidelines for safe travel through work zones and hot-line numbers for questions.

For more information or to get copies of the brochures, call (919) 733-2210.

Donated Supplies

Non-profit organizations, churches and schools that serve African Americans can receive new products donated by U.S. corporations.

The non-profit National Association for the Exchange of Industrial Resources (NAEIR) will collect materials from office and computer supplies, audio and video tapes, and personal care products for distribution to groups. Organizations pay NAEIR \$645 a year in dues and can select materials from a 300-page catalog issued every 10 weeks.

For more information, call (800) 562-0955.

NAACP Coming Here In 1996?

The nation's largest civil rights organization may be coming to Charlotte in three years.

Charlotte is a finalist for the 1996 NAACP national convention. Cleveland and Louisville, Ky. are the other finalists.

Members of the organization will visit each of the cities before making its final decision in October.

Making the presentation for Charlotte's bid were Melvin Tennant, president of the Charlotte Convention & Visitors Bureau; former mayor Harvey Gantt; city council member Ella Scarborough; N.C. NAACP president Kelly Alexander and Brian Monroe, a representative of the new Convention Center.

The event is expected to draw about 4,000 delegates from across the U.S.

After losing his job and self-esteem to drugs, a former judge is on the road to recovery.



The Trials Of Terry Sherrill

By John Minter
POST CORRESPONDENT

In sports and politics, America's imagination and heart is captured most by the comeback.

The sight of the embattled star, bloodied and sweaty, overcoming the odds to pull victory from the jaws of defeat.

Or perhaps, the upstart newcomer facing the champion. He's picked to lose, but forgiven the loss in return for good effort.

W. Terry Sherrill, disbarred and forced to resign

a Superior Court judgeship after his 1990 arrest for possessing cocaine and marijuana, does not fit easily into either category.

Sherrill will soon have his law license again, a key part of his comeback from cocaine and alcohol addiction.

It's hard to picture Sherrill as a rookie, having become the first African-American in this century to win a contested Superior Court race in North Carolina.

But as one of the youngest judges in the state, appointed to a District Court seat three years out of UNC Chapel Hill's law school, Sherrill was hardly a veter-



PHOTOS/CALVIN FERUSON

It's been a long road to recovery for former judge Terry Sherrill, who is working to regain his law license and a new lease on life. Sherrill, who worked at the old Mecklenburg Courthouse (above) announced his resignation as a Superior Court judge in 1990 at the old (with wife Gloria and attorney James Ferguson).

ran. Associates called the Huntersville native a rising star destined for the state Supreme Court and perhaps a federal judgeship.

That vision seemed to end when Sherrill was arrested

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Federal Probe Sought For Concord Case

NAACP Wants Justice Department To Investigate Robinson's Death

By Cassandra Wynn
THE CHARLOTTE POST

The NAACP has called for the U.S. Justice Department to investigate the events that led to the death of a 24-year-old black man while he was in the custody of Concord police.

And it looks like the government will intervene. "We are calling for a federal investigation and an indictment of the officers involved," said Mary Peeler, executive director of the N.C. National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP).

Angelo Robinson died early July 18 after being arrested at the Waffle House on U.S. 29 in north Concord and taken into custody by police. As he was being apprehended, police used pepper spray to subdue him.

The death, which angered black residents sparked a night of rioting July 18. Robinson's funeral was Saturday.

Robinson's family has joined the NAACP's efforts to get the federal government to intervene.

"We see a broader picture here," Peeler said. "A person is dead." She said that the incident bears a close likeness to the Rodney King incident. "The only difference is that there is no video."

In addition to the intervention of the Justice Department,

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Skinheads Are Now America's Most Violent Racist Group, Report Says

By Larry McShane
ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW YORK - The skinhead movement has become the nation's most violent white supremacist organization, committing 22 killings in the last three years while expanding into 40 states, a watchdog group said.

The number of skinheads has grown steadily since 1988, when 1,500 members were reported in 12 states, according to the report from the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith, a Jewish organization. In 1993, an estimated 3,500 were found in all but 10 states, the report said.

"The skinheads are today the most violent of all white supremacy groups," the re-

port said. "Not even the Ku Klux Klans, so notorious for their use of the rope and the gun, come close to the skinheads in the number and severity of crimes committed."

While exceeding the established groups in fury, the skinheads are turning to hate groups such as the Klan, Aryan Nation and the White Aryan Resistance as allies, the report said. These older groups use the skinheads as "front-line warriors," the report said.

The ADL's Fact Finding Department discovered 160 skinhead gangs operating around the country under such names as American Front, Northern Hammer-skins, Aryan Resistance League and SS of America.

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Partnership Celebrates Its 100th Home

By April C. Turner
THE CHARLOTTE POST

The American dream has come true for Mary Browne. The Charlotte-Mecklenburg Housing Partnership (CMHP) has made it possible for her to have a house, a lawn and modern appliances in the Genesis Park neighborhood. The only thing missing is a white picket fence, but she could have that too if she wanted it.

Browne purchased the 100th home that the housing partnership has made avail-

able to low-income families.

The program is subsidized by the City of Charlotte, Wachovia, First Union, Central Carolina Bank, Southern Carolina Bank and Nations Bank.

Collectively they gave \$17.5 million for a long term lending program.

Genesis Park is 3 1/2 years old and operates under leadership from different areas of the community.

Mayor Richard Vinroot said the program is successful because various groups pulled together to make a

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PHOTO/FRANK J. WILLIAMS

Mary Browne (left) and Charlotte Mayor Richard Vinroot chat Monday during a housewarming for Brown's family, the 100th to move into a home provided by the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Housing Partnership.



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