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Someone You Should Meet



Name: Octavia D. Lewis

Job Title: Mechanical Board Artist

Hometown: Winston-Salem

Describe Yourself in One Word: Ambitious

Hobbies: Singing gospel, braiding hair, swimming

Favorite Book: "Flowers in the Attic" by V.C. Andrews

Favorite Movie: "The Untouchables"

Favorite TV Show: "The Cosby Show"

Persons Admires Most: My minister, Dr. H.L. Moore, and my mother, Doris Cuthre II

Career Goal: To have my own successful hair shop

(Photo by James Parker)

If you are single, at least 18 years old, doing something positive in the community, employed and interested in appearing in this column, or if you know someone who meets these criteria, please send your name and daytime telephone number to: Someone You Should Meet, Winston-Salem Chronicle, P.O. Box 3154, Winston-Salem, N.C. 27102.

THE NATION

Black family leaves home in Cleveland after attack

CLEVELAND (AP) -- A black family says it was forced to flee its east side home because of what it characterized as racially-motivated vandalism.

Cleveland Police Lt. Al Jezior said the police were sent to the home of Fred Smith last Thursday, but the police report indicated that the incident didn't appear to be racially motivated. Police discounted the possibility of a racial incident because there was no apparent motive, no racial slogand, were written and there was no namecalling or threats against the family. Professional Housing Services Inc., a fair-housing agency.

Fred Smith said he and his wife, Darlene, were awakened by what sounded like gunshots at about 4 a.m. When they looked out of an upstairs bedroom window, 20 white people, mostly adult men, were gathered in the yard, Smith said.

By the time Smith ran downstairs, the crowd had left, he said. Smith discovered that the windows of his carwere broken with what appeared to be a hammer or tireiron. The windows on a vacant house on the same lot were also smashed, Smith said.

AFRICA

Anti-apartheid group marks fourth anniversary

By GREG MYRE Associated Press Writer

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa (AP) -- The largest legal movement against apartheid marked its fourth anniversary last Thursday with most of its leaders jailed or hiding, and acknowledged being "in retreat."

A statement from the United Democratic Front coalition of 600 civic, youth, educational and church groups said it had been savaged in the "severest and most methodical assault ever" by South Africa's white authorities.

Only a few hundred students attended an anniversary rally at the predominantly white University of the Witswatersrand in Johannesburg. None of the speakers in the half-empty auditorium was part of the UDF leadership.

Students read statements from the group accusing the government of conducting a ``reign of terror (to) curb any political campaigns which gives direction and content to the anti-apartheid struggle."

National treasurer Azhar Cachalia attended, but said he chose not to speak because he was exhausted from a legal case he had been handling.

"With so many of our leaders in detention or hiding, it is virtually impossible to organize a gathering," Cachalia told reporters afterward.

In an interview published in the Johannesburg newspaper Business Day, he said: "The UDF is in retreat. We are engaged in a holding action to protect and defend our organizations."

More than 30,000 people have been detained under a nationwide state of emergency imposed June 12, 1986, and the UDF claims 75 percent were related to

Sen. Jesse Helms makes private visit to South Africa

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa (AP) -- Sen. Jesse Helms, R-N.C., has arrived in South Africa on a week-long private visit as a guest of agriculture officials, it was announced Monday.

it in some way.

Last Thursday, the organization formally adopted the Freedom Charter, which calls for a non-racial, socialist democracy.

The charter also has been endorsed by the outlawed African National Congress guerrilla group and the Congress of South African Trade Unions, the largest black labor federation.

Anti-apartheid groups formed the UDF to oppose the the creation in 1983 of Parliament chambers for people of mixed-race and those of Indian descent, known here as Asians. They have little power and South Africa's 25 million blacks, who outnumber whites 5-1, still have no voice in national affairs.

Since then, the UDF has been involved in many campaigns. It worked unions seeking the right to strike, called for the legalization of outlawed organizations, sought an end to evictions of rent boycotters in black townships and fought for the release of those detained under the emergency regulations.

Authorities have charged some UDF officials with treason, claiming they instigated the racial turmoil that began September 1984. More than 2,400 people, nearly all of them black, have died in violence related to the unrest.

The government also has said the anti-apartheid group is a front for the outlawed African National. Congress, which is based in Lusaka, Zambia, and is fighting to end white domination.

By law and custom, apartheid establishes a racially segregated society in which blacks have no vote in national affairs. Whites control the economy and maintain separate residential districts, schools and health services.

The Star newspaper reported.

* The incident is being investigated by the city's Community Relations Board, the NAACP and the

Education of black children to be focus of new program

WASHINGTON (AP) -- Some black leaders in the District of Columbia are hoping that a newly developed program will help improve the quality of education for black children in the district, who they say have been victims of a poor learning system for too long.

The education program was first developed by black educators at the National Conference on Educating Black Children last September and revised in April. The plan, called ``Blueprint for Action,'' suggests steps school administrators, teachers, students and parents can take to improve the quality of their local schools.

"Our children are falling between the cracks and they're not being properly trained for the 21st century," said Faustine Jones-Wilson of Howard University's School of Education. Jones-Wilson has been involved in developing the program. "It's time we stop passing the buck and see what can be done to facilitate learning."

"Black people are greatly concerned that we are losing our children," she continued. "... Historically, education has been the major means of our inclusion in society and our upward mobility."

Jones-Wilson said the blueprint, which was developed from the research of the late Ron Edmonds, a Harvard University educator, contains five characteristics for an effective school environment:

The Eliot Junior High School in northeast Washington is the only school in the district that is planning on implementing the program. But Jones-Wilson said other schools in Washington may be recruited as well.

Black youths are the focus of KKK and NAACP

MELBOURNE, Fla. (AP) -- The case of three black teens convicted of assaulting a white lawman has become a focal point for members of the local NAACP branch and of the area Ku Klux Klan.

The president of the North Brevard chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People said the April 16 assault on Brevard County Sheriff's deputy James Russell was provoked. "It is my belief if the young men did it, they were provoked and did not initially attack him," Bill Gary said. Gary said Russell's testimony that he had called blacks "niggers" suggests the incident was racially motivated.

"I don't believe if they were white males that he (Russell) would have carried out the same actions," Gary said.

STATEWIDE

Jury in Charlotte convicts 11 of involvement in drug ring

CHARLOTTE (AP) -- A federal jury in Charlotte has convicted 11 persons of involvement in a drug ring the prosecutor contended distributed about 60 pounds of cocaine worth \$9 million to \$11 million on Charlotte area streets from May 1985 to late April 1986.

Originally, there were 16 defendants, all from Charlotte, but five pleaded guilty before trial. The five, and four unindicted coconspirators, testified against the 11 remaining defendants and provided the heart of the government's case.

Their testimony was bolstered by drug ledgers, telephone records and testimony from car salesmen. The car salesmen testified that defendant Michael Aaron Little, 26, bought a Camaro sports car with a Crown Royal whisky sack full of cash and that William Bryan Cook, 40, brought in two suitcases of cash while shopping for a car.

The jurors returned their verdicts last Wednesday after about five hours' deliberation.

"Another blow has been struck at the organized drug problems in Charlotte," said Max Cogburn, the assistant U.S. attorney who prosecuted the case. "Taking this many drug defendants out at one time not only gets the cocaine they were distributing off the street for some period of time, but even more importantly serves as a warning to other drug organizations that the government can prosecute them and can get convictions." The 11 defendants and several who had pleaded guilty are scheduled to be sentenced Sept. 3 in U.S. District Court. NAACP files suit over Albemarle elections

GREENSBORO (AP) -- The NAACP has filed suit in U.S. District Court in Greensboro seeking to stop upcoming Albemarle City Council elections, an attorney for the group said recently.

National Association for the Advancement of Colored People attorney Romallus Murphy of Greensboro told *The Charlotte Observer* the suit seeks a preliminary injunction on the Sept. 22 and Nov. 3 elections until the court rules on a suit forcing city council district representation. The mayor and five city council members now are elected at-large in partisan races.

Murphy said Wednesday he expected a hearing to be held on the request for the injunction within 10 days to two weeks. "We pointed out in the motion the Sept. 22 primary election date and hope to have a hearing well before that time," he said.

Despite the threat of the suit, filing has proceeded as usual with two candidates for mayor and eight candidates for the five council seats. The filing deadline was Aug. 21.

"To allow the elections to be held would delay the right of black residents to representation on the board," Murphy said. Affidavits filed with the suit say Albemarle school board member Douglas Waddell is the only black elected to office in the City of Albemarle. Waddell was elected in 1981 after losing in 1975 and 1979 elections. Helms plans to meet with President P.W. Botha, Minister of Agriculture Greyling Wentzel, and officials from the South African Agricultural Union, A spokesman for the Agricultural Union said Helms' visit was private and that the senator intended to keep a low profile.

Helms was a leading congressional opponent of a bill that imposed economic sanctions against South Africa last year.

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