Barry flies to Florida for treatment; Jesse Jackson candidacy pushed

Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON -- Mayor Marion Barry, facing a cocaine possession charge, flew to Florida for treatment Monday while political speculation intensified back home concerning a possible City Hall campaign by Jesse Jackson.

Barry's spokeswoman, Lurma Rackley, said the mayor had checked into a center in West Palm Beach, Fla., to be treated for alcoholism. She had said the day before that details about his health would be kept private but "the most serious problem is alcoholism."

With Barry gone from City Hall for at least 30 days, talk and maneuvering in connection with the November election picked up speed.

A Jackson associate said of the civil rights leader who moved to Washington last year, "I know he's getting a lot of pressure to run. I don't know if he's going to."

Speaking only on condition of anonymity, the source said "a lot of the pressure is coming from Marion's

Barry left Washington without speaking to reporters, but several hours later, Ms. Rackley said the mayor had entered the Hanley-Hazelden Treatment Center in Flori-

The mayor was arrested Thursday night and charged with possession of crack cocaine. He said on Sunday he would take steps to "heal my body, mind and soul." Barry, who did not specifically refer to a drug or alcohol problem in his Sunday remarks, left his home at dawn Monday accompanied by his wife Effi.

Later, Mrs. Barry and one of the mayor's bodyguards returned to Washington.

The 60-bed Florida clinic is an affiliate of a Minnesota clinic that has treated more than 70,000 people since 1949, including Washington Redskins football star Dexter Manley and Kitty Dukakis, wife of Gov. Michael Dukakis of Massachusetts. Its techniques were adopted by the betterknown Betty Ford clinic in Rancho Mirage, Calif.

Barry's plans to announce his candidacy Sunday for a fourth term as plans to get Jackson in the mayor's

mayor of the nation's capital were abruptly canceled after his arrest on the misdemeanor cocaine charge.

Meanwhile, at the White House Monday, NAACP Executive Director Benjamin L. Hooks met with President Bush and then told reporters he was concerned about "selective enforcement of the law."

Hooks said newspaper accounts of Barry's arrest in an FBI sting operation made it sound like "the search had finally paid off. 'We spent all of these years trying to find him with a grain of cocaine, and by God we did it, didn't we?'

'We haven't found all the people who've stolen all the money from the savings and loan associations and are driving Rolls Royces and Jaguars, so obviously many of us in the black community will have some peculiar feelings as we go further," said Hooks.

As Barry mulled his future over the weekend, some of his closest political advisers and former assistants were meeting at the home of ex-city administrator Elijah Rogers to organize



They marched together in the civil rights army around Martin Luther King Jr. and still call selves friends, but whatever remains of the relationship between Mayor Marion Barry, let Jesse Jackson is severely strained by today's political realities.

April fueled rumors that he would run against Barry, a friend and former make a bid for the mayor's chair. But civil rights colleague.

the two-time presidential candidate Jackson's move to Washington last has repeatedly said he would never

Early surveys of public semi the mayor's race gave Jackson

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Alderman Malloy speaks out on Sykes investigation

By TONYA V. SMITH

A judicial circus, similar to that of nearly four years ago, has the potential of erupting in Winston-Salem - once again racially dividing the community and putting on trial two Afro-Americans without any shred of physical or scientific evidence, said Alderman Nelson L. Malloy.

Last week, District Attorneys Warren Sparrow and H. Dean Bowman announced that they would pursue first-degree murder charges against Darryl E. Hunt, already once convicted in the stabbing death of Deborah B. Sykes, and Sammy Lee Mitchell, who could receive the death penalty if convicted. Mrs. Sykes was raped and stabbed to death on Aug. 10,1984.

"Speaking as an elected official, a public servant, I am interested solely in justice and truth," said Mr. Malloy, alderman of the North Ward and member of the board's public safety committee. "From where I sat during the trial of Mr. Hunt, there was no scientific or physical evidence to connect Mr. Hunt to this atrocious crime. Hair, blood and semen samples taken from Mr. Hunt did not match those taken from Deborah Sykes' body.

Mitchell, after undergoing the same

samples taken from the body of Mrs. Sykes. What happened to the pubic hairs taken from Mrs. Sykes' body mentioned in the SBI (State Bureau of Investigation) report? This pubic hair belonged to a nonblack person, therefore, why aren't other suspects being as vigorously investigated as Mr. Hunt and Mr. Mitchell have been? What nonblack individual did these pubic hairs belong to?'

Mr. Malloy quoted findings in studies done by criminologists which, he said, state that in cases of murders involving spouses, more than one-third are committed by the husband or wife.

'Isn't it a logical conclusion as to who a prime suspect should be in this case if an objective investigation were being carried out by the Winston-Salem Police Department? I'm not trying to point an accusatory finger at her husband," said Mr. Malloy, "but look at the recent incident in Boston. Charles Stuart played on racial hysteria and got a community up and outraged enough to charge and be ready to string up a black for the death of his wife. When the truth begins to come out that he did it, Mr. Stuart commits suicide. Hopefully, we're not looking at another Boston situation here in Winston-Salem.

"There is a double-standard of "From my understanding, Mr. justice. Black people are always more readily expected of committest, also did not match up with ting crimes of violence as opposed

to white people. We live in an historically racist society where racial hysteria is easily inflamed when the victim is white, particu-



Alderman Nelson L. Malloy

larly a white woman, and the suspected perpetrator is a black

It appears as if former District Attorney Donald Tisdale made a prophetic statement when he said in 1984 that two killers were responsible for Mrs. Sykes' death, Mr. Malloy added. He questions that too, however, wondering if police investigations of the past will be used in the new trial even though Mr. Bowman said his case against Mr. Hunt would be based on findings of a second and separate investigation.

"Also, I have it from a reliable source that the prosecutors have been intimidating and manipulating the investigation of Mr. Mitchell and that they told him that Mr. Hunt and Larry Little have said that they plan to turn state's evidence and testify against Mr. Mitchell," said Mr. Malloy.

As other members of the Afro-American community have said since Mr. Mitchell was charged, Mr. Malloy, too, wonders if Johnny Gray should be investigated in the Sykes' murder.

"Was a DNA test administered to Johnny Gray? It's a known fact that, if nobody else did, Johnny Gray placed himself at the scene of the murder. Has he been or is he being investigated?" Mr. Malloy said. "The prosecutors have said they will continue the Sykes investigation until they have a conviction. I'm saying let's leave no rock unturned. Let's investigate all the avenues until the guilty party or parties are brought to justice.

'Where would William Bennett (the Afro-American who was fingered in pregnant Carol Stuart's death) be today if someone hadn't come forth with new evidence. None of us in the black communitv want this new trial to be identical to the one of four years ago people scraping the bottom of the barrel for incredible witnesses who have been coaxed and programmed about what to say.'

Mr. Malloy acknowledges that his strong statements on the Sykes' trial could incite backlash from his fellow aldermen, prosecutors, the police and his constituents. However, he maintained that he's only doing his duty as a

"We're talking about a horrendous crime here. I sympathize with Mrs. (Evelyn B.) Jefferson and others in Mrs. Sykes' family, but someone has committed this crime and must be brought to justice. Not the justice of the last Darryl Hunt case, but equal jus-



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Anti-drug concert slated for Jan. 26, 27

By TONYA V. SMITH Chronicle Staff Writer

"Educating our youth is one Winston-Salem is assisting in the fight against substance abuse in our community," said Mayor Martha S. Wood last week while describing the city police department's involvement in an anti-drug

Department will present tickets to 175 youth in the community to "A Cry for Life," the concert hosted by the Greensboro Jaycees to be held in Aycock Auditorium on the campus of the University of North Carolina at Greensboro on Jan. 26 and

will render the music during the pilot project for a Drug-free Ameri-United States Javeces.

Flanked in her city hall office by police Chief George L. Sweat, Mayor Wood read a prepared release about the concert.

'We must continue to make our children aware of the evils of drugs The Winston-Salem Police and alcohol abuse," she said. "What better way to communicate that message than through the language of music. To show Winston-Salem's commitment to this project, the Winston-Salem Police Department will present tickets to 175 youth in our community. Tickets will be presented to Drug Abuse Resistance

Frankie Scinta and the Scintas Education essay winners, to high school students who were role modmunity and Police Against Crime) Program."

Chief Sweat once again spoke of his department's commitment to dealing with the "drug epidemic" in the Twin City.

"I feel like in Winston-Salem we have the kind of support - with the adoption of the drug testing policy - to send a message to the community that we're going to clean out our house and now it's time for you to clean out yours."

Mayor Wood agreed, saying, "I've been out there and I know what's happening and I don't care

for it. We must win this war and it is a war. I want to be able to walk els in the DARE program, and to down any street in Winston-Salem ca National Tour, sponsored by the participants in the ComPAC (Com- and it be free of drugs. And that's not a dream, it should be a reality

Chief Sweat commended Lt. Patricia Norris, supervisor who administers the police department's Crime Resistance Unit, for her work and that of the 12 officers under her charge. The DARE program, Officer Friendly, Neighborhood Watch and Victim Assistance programs are included in the Crime Assistance

Tickets for "A Cry for Life" are \$10.50 and are available at all local Food Lion Stores. The proceeds will benefit Triad substance abuse

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WSSU student group promotes positive change

Chronicle Staff Writer

A group of students at Winston-Salem State University are concerned about the way things are done on campus, but rather than launching a rebellion, the students have formed an organization dedicated to advancing positive change.

The Positive Student Awareness Association was formed during the spring semester of 1989, said Derrick Brown, the organization's

"We reorganized from the Political Science Club," said Mr.

Brown, a senior double majoring in education and political science. "We're a group of students working toward change on campus. We have 28 active members, and they range in class from freshmen to seniors.

Upset with what members considered exorbitant prices in WSSU's bookstore, the PSAA and about 35 other students decided to exchange books among themselves instead of buying them. Said Mr. Brown of the plan, "The books in the campus store are overmarked, and the resale value, what we get when we try to self them back, is very low. We did that as sort of a demonstration, hoping that it would curb their profits." Kelvin Badie said the book-

store on WSSU's campus is one of 290 owned by Follett College Stores across the country. "Our books are sold at list price

which comes to us from the publisher. We don't mark books up," said Mr. Badie, manager of Follett's WSSU bookstore. "If McGraw-Hill (Publishing Co.) sells us a book at \$35.95, then we sell it at \$39.95.

"Once the student buys it, if the book is used again during the next semester, we pay 50 percent of the price the student paid for the book. The problem is that students don't

understand that the faculty decides whether a book will be used again, not the bookstore. If the book is not going to be used again we go by a buying guide to determine how much we'll buy it back for.'

The PSAA also has other projects on its list of "to dos," Mr. Brown said. One of those things is looking at the way \$90,000, in reserve funds collected from Follet to operate the bookstore, will be distributed. Students are also involved in a big brother/big sister program with Cook Middle School, a recycling drive and a clean and green project.