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Drug war heating up; black communities under siege



Shore killed.



Brown killed.



Nowlin charged.

"Try to set a positive example for your children to follow and tell them to give the Lord some of their time. ... Guide them and pray for them, then if tragedy comes you can deal with it."

-- Chlories Shore

Two dead; mothers grieve as drug war escalates

By RUDY ANDERSON
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Last Sunday should have been a happy occasion for women with children. But for two women in this city, Mother's Day 1990 will for-

ever be frozen in their memory as a time of tragedy, as the time when their sons were murdered.

"It's been a hard couple of days for me," said Chlories P. Shore in an interview Tuesday. *Please see page A11*

Renewed call for curfew draws fire

By TONYA V. SMITH
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Murders, shootings and fights among youth in the city's public housing areas is proof enough that something needs to be done to alleviate drug trafficking, however, neither the aldermen nor residents have an answer as to what should be done.

On Sunday, 19-year-old Thomas Derrick Shore of Pfafftown was shot in the head during a shootout in Happy Hill Gardens. Also killed was Brian Christopher Brown, 18, of 930 Cleveland Ave. Because of their deaths, numerous other violent incidents and a fear for their safety, in April leaders from the public housing communities suggested that the aldermen consider establishing a curfew in the four neighborhoods to keep teenagers off the streets at night.

The aldermen's Public Safety Committee scheduled a follow-up discussion of the issue for Monday and asked that police Chief George L. Sweat and the public safety attorney present their case. But three and a half hours into the meeting when the item came up on the agenda, residents used

the opportunity to express their feelings on the issue.

Walter Marshall, president of the local branch of the NAACP, called such a selective curfew unconstitutional and said such a move on the part of the city could be interpreted as a racial incident.

Alderman Vivian H. Burke, chair of the committee, conceded that at the present time the board can't legally install a curfew.

Khalida Lovell, chair of Concerned

Mothers of Forsyth County, proposed that her group be allowed to "re-teach parents the values of parenthood," saying that change in the neighborhoods must first begin in the home. Others agreed, but those people living in the public housing areas said a curfew might not be the answer but that something needs to be done to restore peace in their neighborhoods.

"We're not just asking for a curfew but

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Hospital brawl spawns charges and claims of police abuse

By TONYA V. SMITH
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Law abiding Afro-American men and women in Winston-Salem have every reason to be afraid when a white police officer arrests them because chances are they will be physically and verbally abused, according to two black men who say they were wrongfully arrested during a disturbance Sunday night at North Carolina Baptist Hospital.

The disturbance followed a shooting in

Happy Hill Gardens during which a 19-year-old was killed.

Jeffrey A. Hoover, 26, said he received a phone call Sunday night telling him that his brother-in-law, Ricky Costin, had been shot in Happy Hill Gardens. He gathered his wife, Crystal, and 13-month-old daughter and they made the trip from their apartment in Stanleyville to Baptist Hospital.

Joe Lewis, who lives in Happy Hill Gar-

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Sambo Sold At Bookstore

Book furthers racial stereotypes

By ROBIN BARKSDALE
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A discussion of a childhood experience with a painful story is causing feelings of uneasiness in the community and raising the issue of censorship vs. good taste.

Last week, D. Smith, president and CEO of the Winston-Salem Urban League, shared a recollection of one of her first experiences with racism. She talked of the pain that she felt while listening to the tale of a dark-skinned lad, dressed in brightly-colored clothes who managed to outwit several tigers and take hundreds of pan-

cakes home to his family. The story was the tale of "Little Black Sambo," a book around which controversy and charges of racism have swirled for years. But, here in 1990, Ms. Smith and other community members are feeling some consternation over the fact that the book is still available at public libraries.

Ms. Smith said that she thought the

book had been removed from shelves across the country in the 1960s and that it was no longer available. She said she was outraged when a local resident brought her a copy of the book which had been purchased at a local store. She was even more

called us into a circle and began to read to us from this book. That's how I saw myself in the educational system: patent-leather black, shiny with braids and look-

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"That's how I saw myself in the educational system: patent-leather black, shiny with braids and looking like Buckwheat. I remember him ('Little Black Sambo') being so smart he could outwit tigers but I knew he didn't turn them into butter. Those images horrified me."

-- Delores Smith

frustrated, she said, when a league staff member discovered that the book was cataloged at the public library.

"I went into the educational system extremely trusting," said Ms. Smith. "But in kindergarten, the teacher

Black Caucus agenda hinges on the success of Gantt race

RALEIGH -- Sometimes it seems in the N.C. General Assembly that the more things change, the

more they remain the same.

This could be ironically true during the 1990 General Assembly session that begins next week. It all depends upon the outcome of the June 5 runoff primary between two Democratic U.S. Sen-

ate candidates. Last week former Charlotte Mayor Harvey Gantt led a field of six candidates in the Democratic

primary to win the party's nomination to face incumbent Sen. Jesse Helms, R-N.C.

Gantt failed to garner 40 percent of the votes cast, and second place finisher Mike Easley, Brunswick County district attorney, called for a runoff election.

The runoff primary will be held June 5.

A Gantt victory will be particularly satisfying for the Legislative Black Caucus. Their work would

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Imprisoned survivor still fights on
MUNCY, Pa. (AP) -- Ramona Africa spends her time in a Pennsylvania women's prison still fighting for MOVE causes. Ms. Africa is the only adult to survive a police attack on MOVE headquarters five years ago.

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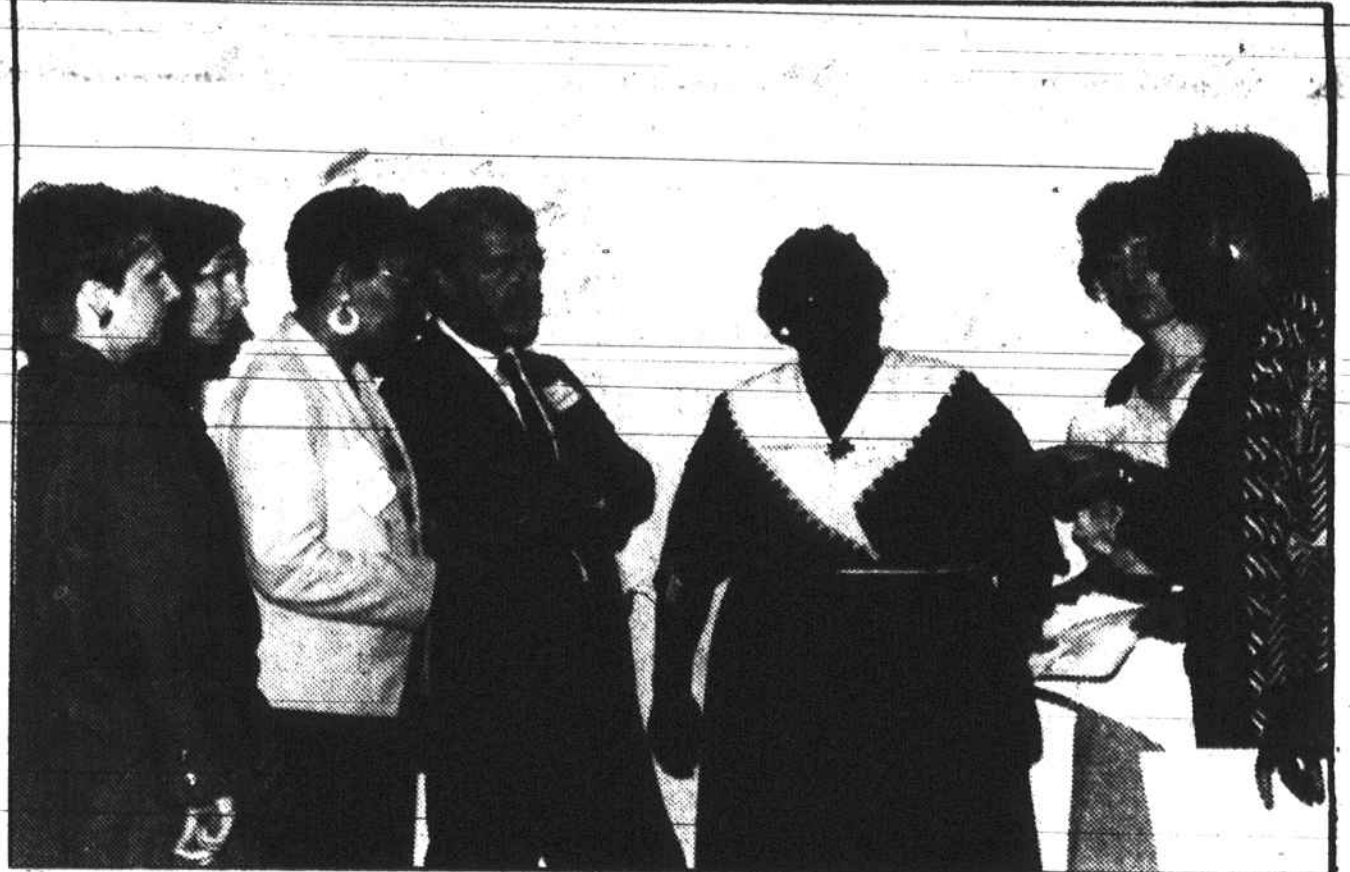


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From left, Amy Hageman, Donna Rader, D. Smith, David Abernathy, Lee Faye Mack, Felicia Kirby and East Ward Alderman Virginia Newell discuss how to combat neighborhood drug problems.

Community gets outside help on ideas in fight against drugs

By ROBIN BARKSDALE
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Marie Christopher never liked interacting with the police. They were there and she respected their authority and that, she said, was the extent of her involvement. But her attitude changed after she was exposed to the effects of living among drug dealers.

Ms. Christopher and her family, who live in

government-subsidized Section 8 housing, were burned out of the apartment they had occupied for several years. The accident left them homeless. When they were able to relocate, they were moved to another location. Her experiences in that situation, she said, set her on a mission to rid drug dealers from her neighborhood and helped her form an alliance with the Citizens Committee for New York, an anti-drug organi-

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Tracking racist, audit concludes

By ROBIN BARKSDALE
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High schools in the Winston-Salem/Forsyth County school system have received a poor rating from an audit of the local curriculum and the report's findings on the tracking system, which it classified as "segregationist" and ultimately "racist" are expected to have the most direct effect on African-American students.

The audit describes the local tiered tracking system

"perhaps the most glaring deficiency of the entire school program in WSFC" and concludes that the practice has "lowered pupil learning expectations and re-segregated the high schools."

Tracking in the local system is used to group students into leveled groups based on ability. But the report found that the Winston-Salem/Forsyth County system has employed tracking in a subjective manner



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that is having a discriminatory effect on black students.

"The subjective nature of tracking criteria and their

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