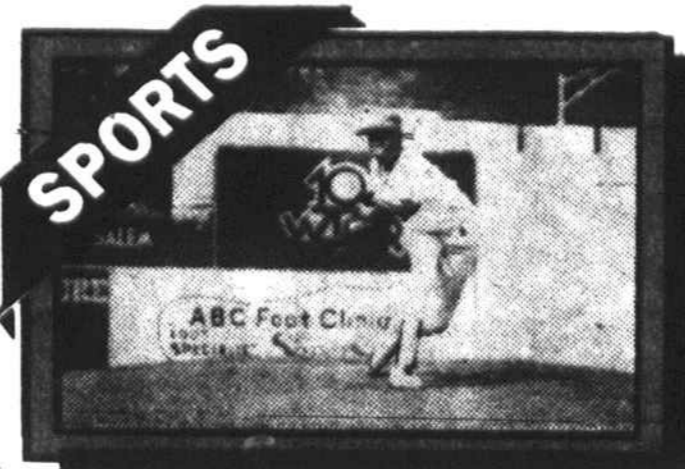


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Health dept. closes league food stands

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Thousands of local children who play football or cheer in the Northwest Midget Football League may be without a league next year. Last week, the Forsyth County Department of Health closed down almost all of the organizations' concession stands, the source of revenue that keeps the teams equipped.

The Forsyth County health department closed the concession stands of eight of the nine organizations because the stands were operating without permits or were in violation of food service codes. The Kernersville Raiders concession stand is the only one in the league which can operate legally.

Bob Whitwam, environmental health supervisor for the Forsyth County Department of Health's division of environmental health, said the county first came across the problem with the concession stands when there was a complaint about a particular stand. They investigated the complaint and found that the stand had no permit to serve the foods they were serving.

The health department then visited the other concessions and found them in violation of the law as well. Whitwam said the county became aware of the permit violations Friday, Aug. 17.

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Woman charges police officer with assault

By RUDY ANDERSON
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An attempt to get home after an evening of baking cakes and brownies became a nightmare for 30-year-old Thelma Westbrook. She has charged that a Winston-Salem police officer assaulted her nearly two weeks ago for no apparent reason as she tried to make her way home.

Ms. Westbrook, a single parent and nursing student at Forsyth Technical Community College, told a warrant clerk Thursday, Aug. 23, that an Officer D.R. Williams of the Winston-Salem Police Department stopped her three times around 1 a.m. near her home at 833 Willow Court in the Happy Hill Gardens community. She said that after questioning her on subsequent stops about her name, address, license, and defective operating lights on the front and back of her vehicle, Williams grabbed her and began slinging her around violently. She said he then forced her into his patrol car which caused her to injure her knee.

Ms. Westbrook claimed the assault also bruised her shoulder, neck, hand, and arm. Ms. Westbrook said all she was trying to do was get home and that she wants this officer prosecuted.

Police charged Ms. Westbrook with operating an unsafe



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From left, Emery Rann, Human Relations Director, the Rev. Carlton Eversley, pastor of Dellabrook Presbyterian Church, Alderman Vivian Burke and Thelma Westbrook leave the Police Department after filing her complaint.

vehicle, resisting arrest, and carrying a concealed weapon. Lt. Rick Lowder, head of the department's internal affairs division, said it would be inappropriate to discuss the case because it was a personnel matter and still under investigation by internal affairs. Officer Williams did not return the Chronicle's phone inquiries.

But a 21-page copy of a handwritten statement read by Ms. Westbrook to investigating officers Wednesday, Aug. 22, sheds some light on what happened early Friday morning, Aug. 17.

In the statement Ms. Westbrook said she had been baking cakes and brownies at a friend's house for a family picnic. She said when she arrived at the corner of Pitts and Free Streets about 12:50 a.m., she noticed the street was blocked by police officers and by a police car. The statement read that before crossing Free Street she sat in her car, a brown Buick Electra, for about five minutes then turned on her high beam lights to get a good look at the crowd of eight to ten people standing on the right side of the street. "They were talking to a tall white police officer," she wrote.

She continued that once she made sure "they weren't shooting or fighting" she drove across the street to the other corner of Pitts Street but couldn't go any further. She wrote, "While sitting

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NO TOXIC WASTE!



Photo by L.B. Speas Jr.

Linda Williams, Jan Myers and Cathy Collicutt protest a proposal to build a hazardous waste incinerator in Iredell County, 35 miles downwind of Winston-Salem. The protest was held Tuesday, Aug. 28, outside the Stouffer Winston Plaza, where Gov. Jim Martin was attending a fund raiser for N.C. Senate candidate Ken Bell.

McCarters struggle for proper zoning

Special Occasions in violation

By PATRICIA SMITH-DEERING
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When Ed and Miriam McCarter held the grand opening of their floral shop and book store, Special Occasions, the one thing that was missing from the surroundings was the signage that would highlight the store, conveniently located at the nexus of Martin Luther King Drive and Interstate 40. It is that sign and the zoning required to erect it that has the McCarters at odds with a few of their neighbors.

Until he contracted to have the sign made, Mr. McCarter was not aware that the special-use zoning classification for his site could not legally apply to his floral business. "Why didn't this come up at purchase? We bought the business at an SBA (Small Business Administration) auction," Mrs. McCarter said, asking and answering her own question. "They have no idea about zoning or anything like that," she added.

The previous business was Smoking Pit Barbecue, and the special use zoning applied to restaurants. The McCarters, subsequently, applied to the City-County Planning Board for general use zoning and incurred the \$600 fee. It was at the Aug. 16 meeting that they learned how complex a seemingly simple request can be.

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Hospice comforts terminally ill patients

By PATRICIA SMITH-DEERING
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Traditionally, African-Americans have nurtured and taken care of each other in times of sickness and trouble. Even in death, neighbors and friends bond together to ease the pain of the family. Hospice is a concept that is very similar to that experience of sharing. It is a philosophy of care for patients and loved ones in the final stages of terminal illness. But, it is a concept with which many in the African-American community are not familiar.

Hospice exists to provide support and care for persons with a limited life expectancy and for their families. What Hospice volunteers and staff do for families is enable them to bring the terminally ill patient home to his or her own surroundings to die a dignified death through symptom and pain control with spiritual and emotional support. Hospice endeavors to affirm life while recognizing that death is a normal process, as a natural part of life and living.

Perhaps because of their unfamiliarity with the Hospice concept, many African-Americans in the area are not involved, either as volunteers or as patients. "What we're trying to do, starting Sept. 1, is recruit more black volunteers for Hospice," explained Mrs. Dorothy Kirby-Green, who is in charge of that effort. Out of the 125 volunteers with Hospice, only five are African-American, and of the 52 Hospice patients, nine of them are African-Americans, which is a very small percentage, given the population in Winston-Salem, according to Mrs. Green.

"Because many of our people do have the terminal diseases...why wouldn't we have many more involved with the Hospice program?" Mrs. Green asked. She feels that, once the African-American community understands what Hospice is all about, the attitude will change.

Mrs. Green said that Hospice is not a "welfare-type program", which is what some African-Americans may think. She added that, because Hospice is designed to allow the terminally ill patient to be taken care of at



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The Hospice team members who assist in the home care of Mr. Wash Byrd, seated, are, standing from left: Jack Strickling, Hospice volunteer, Mrs. Freda Redmond, Hospice nurse, Mrs. Byrd and Mrs. Manu Dongre, Hospice social worker.

home, some families may fear being able to cope. "Sometimes, family members don't want to bring patients home because they are afraid that the person will be screaming out with

pain," she said. "But, that's what Hospice is for...making the patient comfortable," she added.

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Six neighborhoods target of drug program

By TRACY L. PROSSER
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Can six Winston-Salem communities turn their neighborhoods into drug-free areas? Representatives from the Citizens Committee for New York City Inc. made their second visit to Winston-Salem last week to give local neighborhood groups another push in the right direction.

Marie Christopher, a New York community leader, Felice Kirby, assistant director of the committee's Neighborhood Anti-Crime Center, and Gillian Kaye, senior trainer with the National Partnership Program, arrived in Winston-Salem late in the day Monday, Aug. 20, to begin three days of meetings and activities with local neighborhood groups.

Khalid Abdul Fattah Griggs, Imam of the Community Mosque of Winston-Salem, was hired to be the community outreach worker for the entire Winston-Salem effort. Griggs said he will assist in the organization of programs in the target communities and the transfer of successful



Gillian Kaye

projects from one neighborhood to the next.

The East Winston Community Development Corporation has provided office space for Griggs to organize his efforts. Up until now, he said he has been a kind of "mobile office."

At this stage in the organization process, Griggs said he is meeting with residents of the target communities to familiarize himself with the

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