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Delta's Missing \$40,000, Scholarship Check Bounces

by RUDY ANDERSON
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Money is missing from the coffers of the local graduate chapter of a major African-American sorority and an audit is being conducted to determine what happened to that money.

Members of the Winston-Salem Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., discovered that

their treasury funds were more than \$40,000 short when a check issued through their annual scholarship program to college bound students bounced. Sources inside the sorority say a former treasurer of the organization is at the heart of the probe.

The Chronicle has learned that the sorority held a meeting with the parents of scholarship recipients to explain the situation and that the

members donated several thousand dollars out of their own pockets to cover a number of the sorority's scholarship checks.

An executive officer in the sorority, who chose not to be identified, said sorority members were notified in early September that one of its scholarship checks had bounced. Members of the sorority, in charge of the organizations finan-

cial matters, then checked with the two banks where the organization had accounts. As a result of that inquiry, it was discovered that in excess of \$40,000 dollars was missing.

"An audit is being conducted by a certified public accountant," said attorney Phillip Banks, whose law firm West and Banks, is representing the sorority in this matter.

The leadership in the sorority changed after its election of officers in April. Those officers were installed in May but did not actually take office until September.

"I just took over the office of President," said Louise Smith, "and I have no comment about this situation until I have had more time to see what is going on."

But Banks said based on the

information supplied to his firm that one of the financial officers of the previous administration did not follow the rules of the sorority in handling financial matters.

He said the sorority required two signatures of responsible officers in their financial dealings when writing checks. He said a signature card with two signatures was pre-

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Hunt trial is a parade of witnesses during second week of case

Chronicle Staff Report

The trial of Darryl Eugene Hunt for the 1984 murder of Deborah B. Sykes is well into its second week. Hunt is accused of the rape and stabbing death of Sykes, who was a copy editor at a Winston-Salem newspaper. Her body was found in a field off West End Boulevard on Aug. 10, 1984, and Hunt was charged with the crime in 1985 and was convicted. The decision was overturned by the North Carolina Supreme Court in May 1989.

Hunt's second trial, in Catawba County, is being heard by Judge Forrest A. Farrell.

The trial began Sept. 17. During the first week, the jury was selected and motions were entered from both sides. H. Dean Bowman, Surry County district attorney, and his assistant James C. Yeates III are the prosecuting attorneys. James E. Ferguson II and Adam Stein are defending Hunt.

The defense wanted to suppress the testimony of Roger Weaver and Johnny Gray.

Weaver, a witness for the prosecution, was attacked Sept. 18 by three men who threatened to kill him if he testified. They pistol whipped him, and he received 12 stitches. Consequently, Bowman wanted Hunt's \$50,000 bond was revoked.

Weaver was a desk clerk in the Hyatt Winston-Salem Hotel who said he saw Hunt enter the hotel lobby bathroom. He said he later found red residue in a sink and on paper towels in the trash. The defense claims his identification of Hunt in a police line-up was mishandled.

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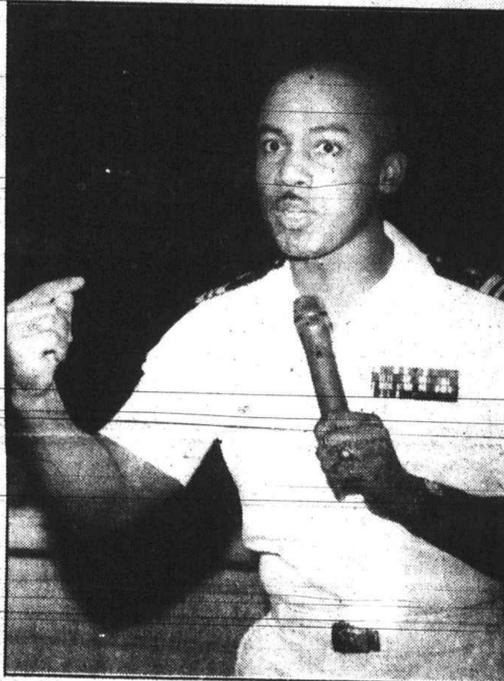


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Lt. Montel Williams says he's the closet thing to James Bond the Navy has.

Marine leads by example Lieutenant turns teens around

By PATRICIA SMITH-DEERING
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As four Carver High School students prepared to perform a brief skit during assembly in the school auditorium Tuesday, Sept. 25, their schoolmates went through the typical routine of pointing, giggling, and other distracting motions. The scenario was a street corner where the four were discussing what to do to have a good time. Deciding to purchase drugs, they pool their money and approach the local dealer. After ensuring that the kids did have money, he reached quickly into his pocket, pulled out a gun and with a series of explosive "pops," each one of the would-be buyers dropped to the stage, motionless.

The sudden and unexpected turn of events accompanied by the loud bangs from the gun momentarily shocked, horrified, and definitely got the attention of everyone in the auditorium. The "dealer," Lieutenant Montel B. Williams, United States Marine

Corps, had made his point in the dramatic fashion that has made him so effective in getting the message to teens about the evils of drugs that state governors have requested his services.

What Lt. Williams wanted the Carver High youth to understand is that dealing in drugs, using drugs, or even associating with those who do can have serious, often fatal consequences. In tones that were alternately stern and abusive or soft and paternal, he was always in command and had the students' rapt attention.

Lt. Williams had about a dozen male students stand. He warned the student body, "If you are a male today between the ages of 13 and 24 and are using or selling drugs, 50% of you will be either dead or in jail by 1996." He had half the students sit down to dramatize and visualize his meaning. And he teased them saying, "If half of you fellows are either dead or in jail, that means these young ladies are going to be looking for someone and they can

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Harvey Gantt



Jesse Helms

"He doesn't want you to talk back to him, so he's decided not to debate us" - Gantt

Gantt keeps pressure on for campaign debate

WENTWORTH, N.C. (AP) - Democrat Harvey Gantt campaigned through central North Carolina on Saturday, knocking incumbent Sen. Jesse Helms' television commercials and challenging the Republican to a debate.

Gantt told a crowd at a fund-raising dinner in Rockingham County that Helms is hiding by refusing to debate him.

Helms has said he won't debate Gantt, calling debates "dog and pony shows."

"He doesn't want you to talk back to him, so he's decided not to debate us," Gantt said.

"My opponent has decided to sort of thumb his nose at North Carolina public. He has decided to insult your intelligence by some of the pap you've been seeing on television."

Gantt's campaign day started with the Mule Day Parade in Benson, and moved to a Women for Gantt rally in Raleigh, an appearance in front of the state Association of Black Elected Officials in Durham, and

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City minority set-aside program questioned

Carter says majors don't want minority subcontractors

By TRACY L. PROSSER
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The director of an African-American contractors association in Winston-Salem is not pleased with the "good faith efforts" of general contractors to solicit participation from minority- and woman-owned businesses.

Omar Carter, director of the Piedmont Contractors Association, made a special presentation to the Minority and Women Business Enterprise citizens advisory committee in its monthly meeting Tuesday, Sept. 25. The PCA is an association of minority contractors.

The M/WBE sets goals for the percentage of sub-contract work on government construction projects it deems should be awarded to businesses owned by minorities or women. Normally, the goal is 12 percent

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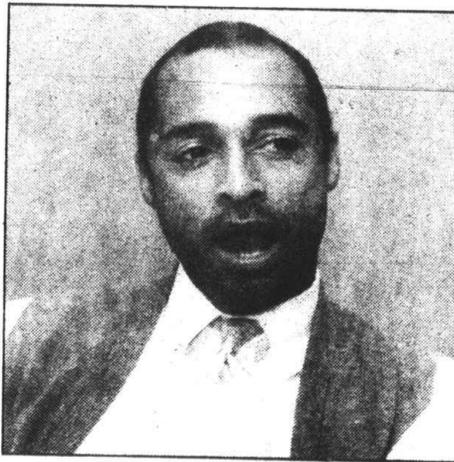


Photo by L.B. Speas

Omar Carter says M/WBE should be more attentive to general contractors good faith efforts.

M/WBE Committee refuses nod to women owned firm

By TRACY L. PROSSER
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The Minority and Women Business Enterprise citizens advisory committee chose not to recommend to the Winston-Salem Board of Aldermen, the firm of Deconti, Odden & Griffith, a woman-owned business based in Charlotte, N.C., as the general contractor for the construction of the portal, gate and ticket booths at the Dixie Classic Fairgrounds.

When bids were received, Sept. 18, 1990, the city became aware Deconti, Odden & Griffith was a woman-owned business enterprise (WBE), as certified by the city of Charlotte and the North Carolina Department of Transportation. The M/WBE advisory committee voted to certify tentatively the firm as a WBE firm in Winston-Salem, and Betty Hanes, M/WBE

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Surrogate Mother loses first round in custody fight

BY LYNN ELBER / ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

SANTA ANA, Calif. (AP) - A couple won temporary custody Friday of a test-tube baby after a surrogate mother who wants to keep the newborn said she didn't want the child sent to a foster home.

The surrogate mother, Anna Johnson, agreed to the temporary agreement after a judge threatened to send the boy to a foster home if the trio could not agree on interim custody.

"She couldn't handle it," said Ms. Johnson's attorney, Richard Gilbert.

He said the ruling by Superior Court Judge Richard Parslow Jr. would be appealed.

Mark and Crispina Calvert hired Ms. Johnson for \$10,000

to carry an embryo created from their egg and sperm. Mrs. Calvert could not bear the child because she has had a hysterectomy.

The Calverts hugged in court after the judge's ruling. "Under the circumstances we feel it's a fair option," Calvert said when asked if he was grateful to Ms. Johnson.

Ms. Johnson said she is going to take maternity leave and was preparing the baby's nursery. "It's all worth it," she said.

Ms. Johnson will be allowed a three-hour visit each day with the child, supervised by court-appointed guardian William Steiner.

Another hearing is scheduled Thursday to decide long-term

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Anna Johnson temporarily lost custody of the child her bore.