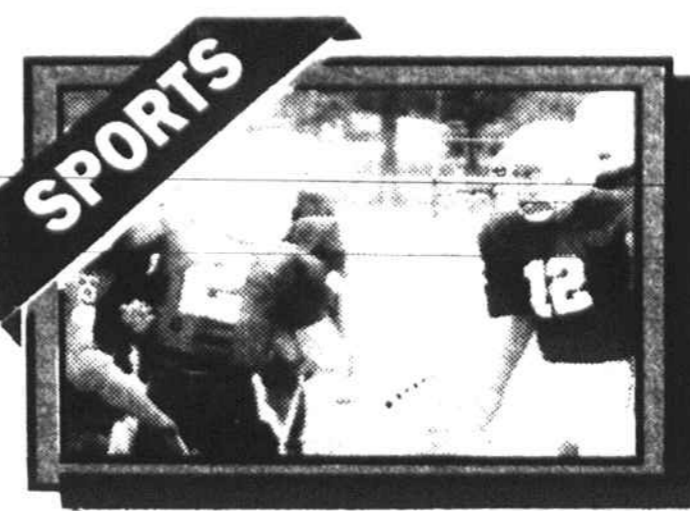


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## Step One to close outreach programs

By TRACY L. PROSSER  
Chronicle Staff Writer

Step One Substance Abuse Services will soon close its offices in Winston-Salem's public housing communities. The drug prevention,



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education and consultation service agency says it has become financially impossible to continue these outreach efforts.

Step One's Outreach Services program was funded by a three-year grant from the Office of Substance Abuse Prevention (OSAP), a federal

agency. The grant, which was awarded in 1987, runs out Oct. 31, 1990. The outreach offices have been in the public housing neighborhoods for those three years.

Bert Wood, president of Step One, said the organization applied to have the funding continued for two more years, but the request was denied. The request for about \$150,000 a year for the next two years was one of 700 proposals received by OSAP. Only 28 grant proposals were funded this year. "The competition was extreme," Wood said.

Having been turned down by OSAP for continued funding of the four workers serving the public housing neighborhoods, Step One asked Forsyth County and the Forsyth County United Way for enough money to fund two outreach workers apiece, Wood said, but both requests were denied.

Step One recently received a \$50,000 grant from the Governor's  
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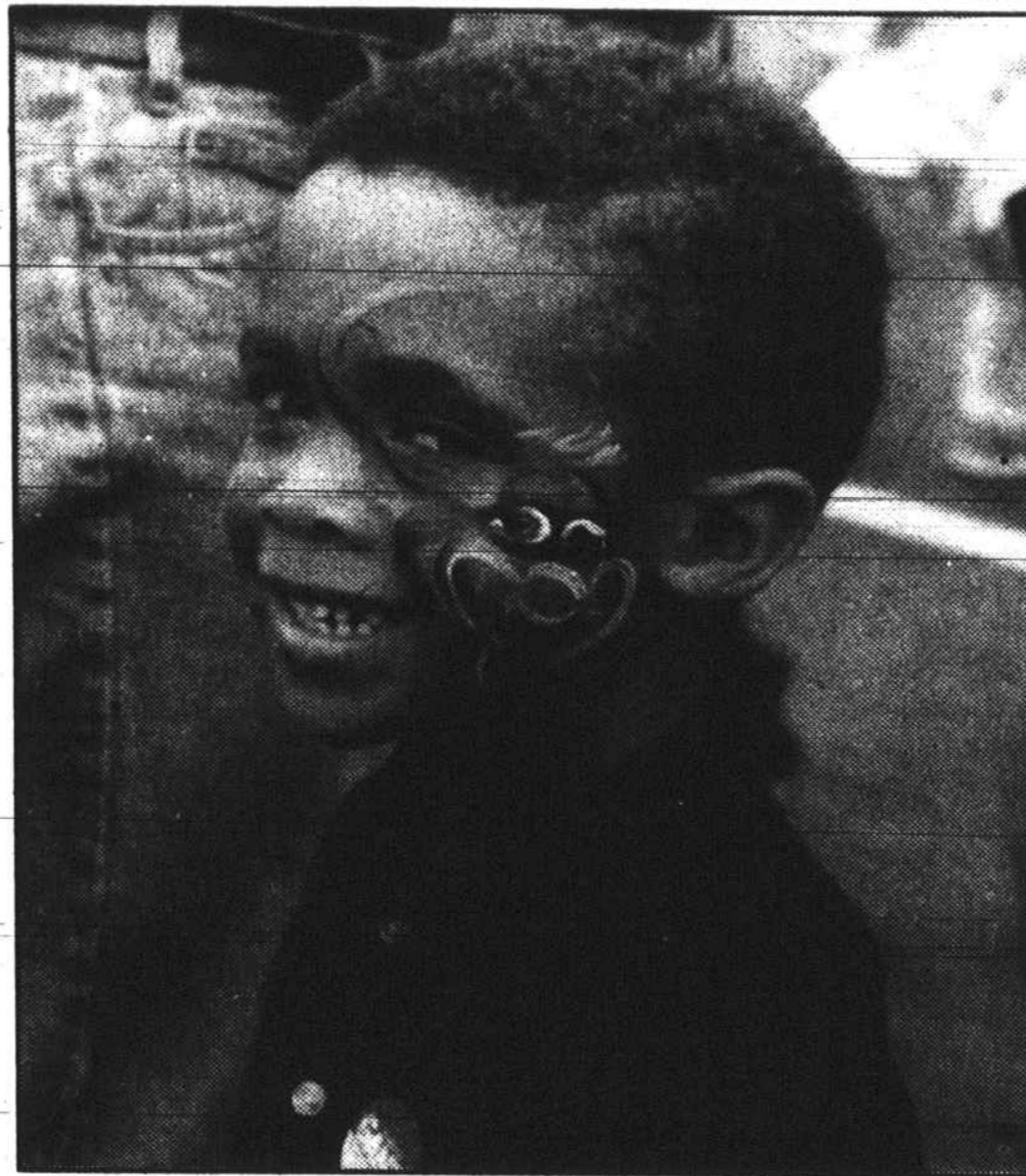


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**Oh Wow!**  
Five year old Garry Jones is all smiles over the elaborate design he received during a recent street festival in Winston-Salem.

## Claim of a deal to drop charge denied

By RUDY ANDERSON  
Chronicle Managing Editor

An African-American woman who claims she was physically abused by a Winston-Salem police officer says she was offered a deal to drop the charges against the officer but refused.

But neither the attorney defending the policeman nor the assistant district attorney assigned to the case say they have any knowledge of a deal being made.

The *Chronicle* first reported the case of Thelma Westbrook in its August 30 issue. Westbrook, who was charged by police with operating an unsafe vehicle, resisting arrest, and carrying a concealed weapon, filed an assault charge against the officer who charged her.

That officer, D. R. Williams, was reassigned to administrative duties pending the outcome of a hearing. The Westbrook and Williams cases are scheduled to be heard Oct. 26 in courtroom 3-C.

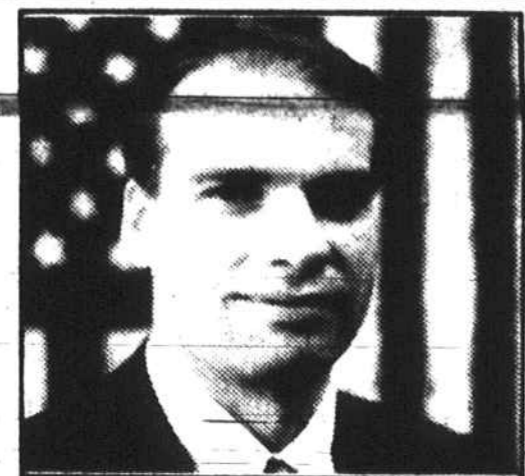
Westbrook, a single parent and nursing student at Forsyth Technical Community College, wrote in a document she read to officers in the police department's internal affairs division that she had asked officers to move a patrol car that was blocking her street. She wrote the car was keeping her from parking near her apartment at 833 Willow Court in the Happy Hill Gardens community the morning of Aug. 17.

She wrote she was stopped three times by Williams in a very short time span before she could park her car. The last time, she claims, he grabbed her and began slinging her around violently causing injury to her arm, neck, shoulder and hand.

Westbrook told the *Chronicle* that while at the Forsyth County Hall of Justice last week for a hearing on the charges, her attorney J. Griffin Morgan informed her that the police department would be willing to drop charges against her  
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Steve Neal



Ken Bell

## Campaign '90

### Candidates differ on budget debt solution

Chronicle Staff Report

Steve Neal is the Democratic candidate for the position of U.S. Representative for the fifth district in the elections Nov. 6.

A Winston-Salem native, Neal began his career as a mortgage banker before he became the owner and president of a company publishing community newspapers in Stokes, Forsyth, and Yadkin counties. He joined the House of Representatives in 1975, and currently serves on the House Committee on Banking, Finance and Urban Affairs and chairs its Subcommittee on Domestic Monetary Policy, which oversees the Federal

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Chronicle Staff Report

Ken Bell is running on the Republican ticket for the position of U.S. Representative from the fifth district of North Carolina.

Born in Bedford, Ohio, Bell moved to Winston-Salem 25 years ago. He attended Wake Forest University for his undergraduate studies and Wake Forest Law School to earn his law degree. After school, Bell was an assistant United States attorney for the Western District of North Carolina in Asheville. While there, he served as lead attorney for the Presidential Organized Crime and Drug Enforcement Task Force and prosecuted drug importers and

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## Hunt supporters say he never stood a chance

By TRACY L. PROSSER  
Chronicle Staff Writer

Less than two hours after the jury began deliberating Thursday, Oct. 11, Darryl Eugene Hunt was convicted of the first degree murder of Deborah Sykes.

Sykes' body was found in a field off West End Boulevard on Aug. 10, 1984. 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, moved from Forsyth County to Catawba County because of pretrial publicity, was heard by Judge Forrest A. Farrell. H. Dean Bowman, Surry County district attorney, and his assistant James C. Yeates III were the prosecuting attorneys. James E. Ferguson II and Adam Stein defended Hunt.

The trial began Monday, Sept. 17, with the selection of the jurors. Eleven whites and one Hispanic were chosen; no African-Americans were selected. For three weeks attorneys from the defense and prosecution made motions, cross examined witnesses. Hunt never took the stand in his own defense.

The trial came to an emotional conclusion when Farrell read the jury's decision to the courtroom.

After the verdict, Hunt said, "I'd like to say in open court, I'm innocent of these charges even though I've been found guilty."

He was sentenced to life in prison and was then taken to Central Prison in Raleigh. Ferguson gave notice that he would appeal the case to the North Carolina Supreme Court.

Prosecuting attorneys said the jury determined that the evidence presented was suffi-

cent for a conviction and that Hunt got a fair trial.

The Supreme Court will decide whether or not to overturn the verdict. Winston-Salem attorney Larry Little, a member of Hunt's defense team, said the attorneys will ask that the decision be overturned because Farrell permitted testimony to be heard that should not have been allowed.

After the verdict, Evelyn Jefferson, Sykes' mother, said, "I'd like to see everybody who had anything to do with it put in a cell with Darryl Hunt." She also said Forsyth County was in dire need of a new district attorney.

Little said, "What we had in Catawba County was a legal lynching. It was the equivalent of trying him in South Africa.... No blacks on the jury is absurd." He said the jury had their minds made up all along.

"We are disheartened and disappointed by this decision," said Rev. John Mendez, chairman of the Darryl Hunt Legal Defense Committee. "We are in no way defeated and don't feel discouraged."

"Personally, I think that we didn't get a fair hearing," said Mendez. He pointed to the all-white jury, the white judge, the white district attorneys and the all-white news media.

According to Mendez, a white jury cannot understand the "black experience." An African-American would have seen through some of the false testimony made by other African-Americans and would have been more receptive to the fact that the police department made mistakes, Mendez claimed.

Mendez said jury members were seen in  
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Robert J. Brown

## Black business expansion urged

By PATRICIA SMITH-DEERING  
Chronicle Staff Writer

"We have some laurels, but we don't have any laurels that we can rest on...because we had so far to come from and we have so far to go." That was the message from Robert J. Brown, founder, chairman, and president of B&C Associates, Inc. He delivered that message to more than 200 business owners and guests at the East Area Council of the Greater Winston-Salem Chamber of Commerce First Annual Awards Banquet held Oct. 11 at the M. C. Benton Convention Center. The banquet was held to honor the 1990 Minority Business of the Year and to raise funds for scholarships awarded to business students at Winston-Salem State University.

Brown was Special Assistant to President

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Photo by L.B. Speas Jr.

The Best Choice Center on E. 14th Street was forced to close after nearly seven inches of rain fell last week, causing the building to be flooded.

## Rains close center

### Best Choice forced to regroup

By PATRICIA SMITH-DEERING  
Chronicle Staff Writer

Toxic air and pools of water are the latest problems plaguing the Best Choice Center, and Dorothy Graham-Wheeler, executive director, is concerned for the health and safety of the neighborhood youth who are served by the center and of her staff. The center is located on 14th St.

The recent rains forced Graham-Wheeler to close the center last week because of the severe flooding that resulted. But, she said, nowadays it doesn't take a hard rain to cause problems. "If it just rains steadily, the whole lower part of the center is under water," she said.

She and her staff were back in the building this week literally mopping up, but the facility is still closed for business.

Aside from the heavy flooding that the center has sustained, there is a pervasive stench emanating from the building. "There is a large amount of carbon monoxide in the air," Graham-Wheeler said, adding, "We measured it using a kit from the Environmental Health Department...We are trying not to stay here all day." She said that she has been calling around town trying to locate a machine that can clear the air.

The current dilemma has Graham-Wheeler trying

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