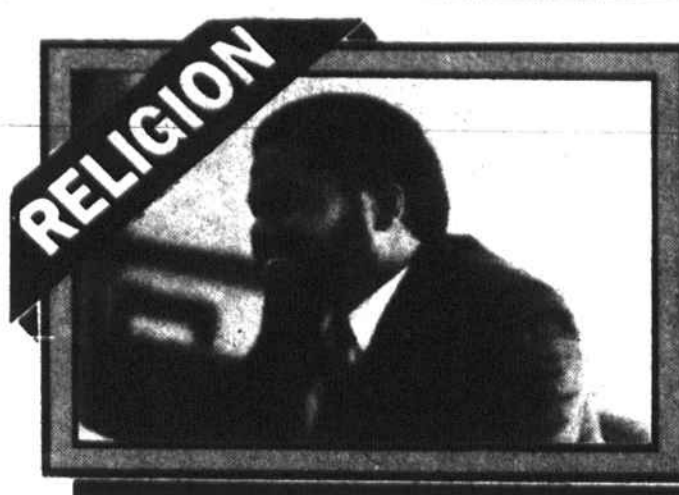


Move over, Spike!

Youthful moviemakers are looking for talent and stardom.

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Presiding Bishop

Rev. Dwight Earl will be consecrated at Revelations of Faith.

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Database to help small business

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (AP) — A Charlotte firm will begin marketing to consumers this week a database that contains detailed information on about 6,400 small minority entrepreneurs in the Carolinas and 25 other states.

Ezz Purchase allows companies to shop among themselves for products and services. But more importantly, it puts their information at the fingertips of big companies and government agencies seeking to open their contract bidding to women and minority-owned businesses.

Gantt still has hope for N.C.

CHAPEL HILL, N.C. (AP) — Harvey Gantt says his unsuccessful Senate campaign showed that North Carolina had come a long way in accepting a black candidate, but that he was troubled that "racial demagoguery" still carried such potency.

In a speech Saturday night to several hundred people at a North Carolina Civil Liberties Union dinner in Chapel Hill, Gantt struck a generally positive theme, noting that many whites voted for a black for the first time.

Descendant of slaves wants pay

LOS ANGELES, Ca. (AP) — More than a century after the abolition of slavery, black activist Robert Brock is fighting for reparations for the descendants of enslaved Africans.

For the better part of his adult life Brock, 66, has been campaigning in churches, community centers and colleges. The movement has been invigorated by the government's recent payments to Japanese-Americans interned during World War II.

2 Live Crew strikes again

SAN ANTONIO, Tex. (AP) — Prosecutors dropped criminal charges Monday against a record store owner who sold the 2 Live Crew album, "As Nasty As They Wanna Be," saying they couldn't prove the sexually explicit lyrics were obscene.

Dave Risher's trial was about to begin when Bexar County Court-At-Law Judge Tony Jimenez III dismissed the charges at the prosecutors' request.

Daughters of slain leaders split

TUCSON, Ariz. (AP) — The daughters of Martin Luther King Jr. and Malcolm X, echoing their fathers' split over tactics, divided over whether to take part in a play in Arizona following the state's failure to enact a King holiday.

Yolanda King, a 34-year-old actress, withdrew from the performance Sunday of "Stepping Into Tomorrow" at the University of Arizona. Attallah Shabazz, daughter of the Black Muslim leader, kept her commitment.

Man falsely accused again in jail

MILWAUKEE, Wis. (AP) — A 49-year-old man, who Mayor John O. Norquist wrongly accused of a shooting incident near a school bus, was in custody Sunday following a drug raid at a house where police found cocaine and a gun.

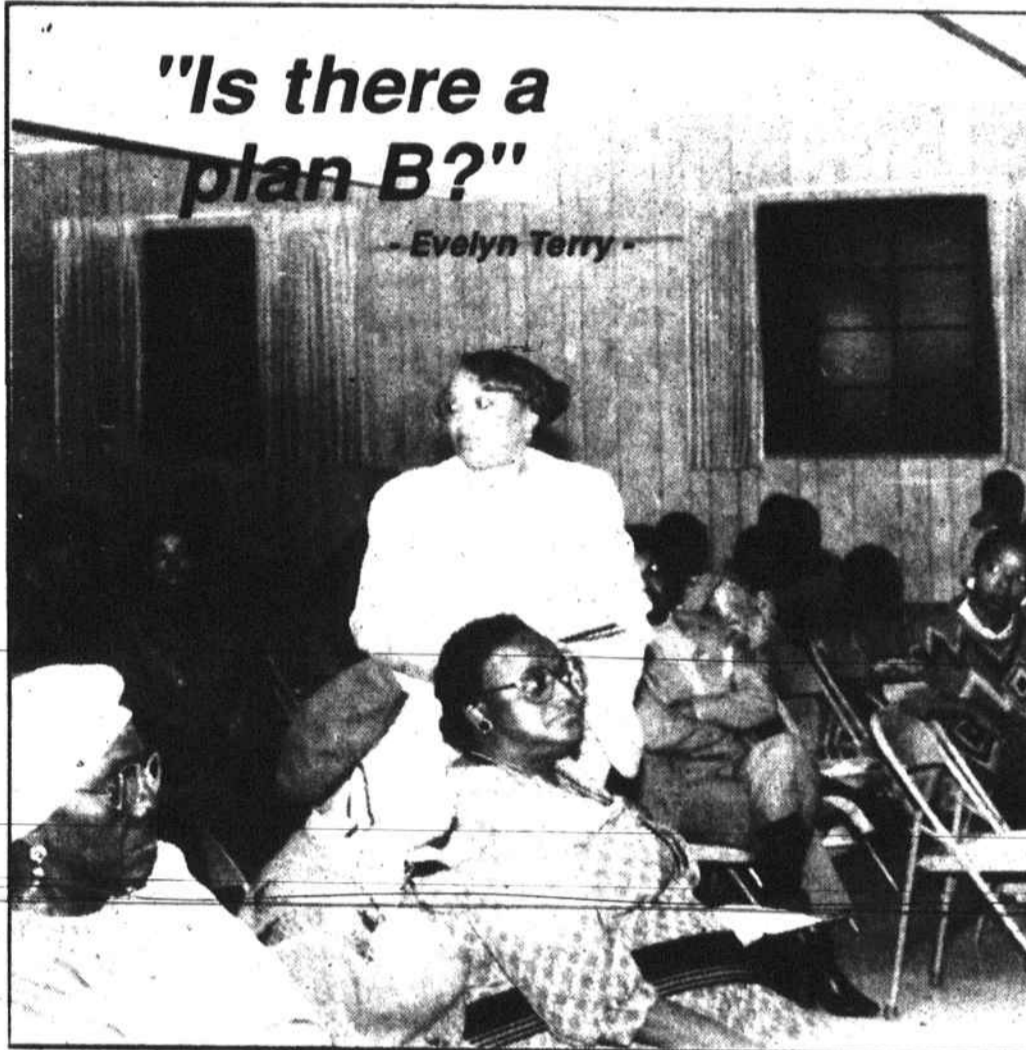
Joe Peet was being held in lieu of a \$2,500 bond, awaiting a Dec. 14 court appearance. He and four others were arrested Wednesday at a rooming house.

Milwaukee County assistant district attorney, Jane Vinopal, said undercover detectives purchased cocaine at the Northside dwelling.

Community forum produces action plan

Urban League is blasted for firing director, rotation policy

By RUDY ANDERSON
Chronicle Managing Editor



"Is there a plan B?"
— Evelyn Terry

Evelyn Terry (standing) suggests to the crowd that they consider another option if the resolution does not work.

A resolution calling for the reinstatement of Delores Smith as Urban League executive director, resignation of the board, a letter-writing campaign to the league's national office, and the retention of legal counsel are all elements of an action plan to come out of a community forum last week at First Baptist Church.

About 200 people, from a wide cross section of the city, attended the hour-long session facilitated by the church's pastor Rev. Wendell Johnson and Marie Roseboro, chair of the Forsyth County Voters Coalition. It was Roseboro's group that first called for the forum in an effort to have the entire Urban League board answer for its actions in ousting Smith and its plans for addressing the concerns of the National Urban League office and the local United Way over the board's rotation policy and lack of membership.

Several members of the league's board also attended the meeting, but said they were not in attendance in any official capacity. "We're here as observers," said attorney Renita Thompkins-Segers, the board's treasurer. "I will make a report to the board's chairman and to the national office in New York about what was said and done here."

Johnson began the meeting by reading the correspondence between the Winston-Salem Ministers' Conference and the Urban League board about issues the ministers' were concerned about, chief among them that there was no representative of the clergy on the board. That coupled with the other entanglements within the Urban League, he noted, prompted the ministers' involvement which he also noted received less than meaningful notice. He said what got his attention was that in the correspondence to the board on the ministers' request for inclusion on that board was the admission the board was "self-perpetuating."

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Best Choice hunts expansion funds

Center asks for city to help

By RUDY ANDERSON
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Winston-Salem's only neighborhood community-based drug intervention and prevention program is asking for the city's help in meeting its capital needs for purchasing another facility.

The co-chairs of the Best Choice Center's Campaign Fund, Ernie Pitt and Eldridge Hanes, along with the center's executive director Dorothy Graham-Wheeler, requested that the Board of Aldermen's finance committee that it rec-

ommend approval of their request for \$50,000 dollars toward the acquisition and renovation of another facility to house the center. Center personnel have been eyeing a church building across from Kennedy Middle School, located at 11th Street and Highland Avenue directly facing U.S. 52. They estimate the cost for the building to be \$250,000.

Graham-Wheeler said the staff has been trying to vacate the current building, located at 1521 E. 14th street,



"They didn't turn us down. That in itself was a favorable indication..."
— Dorothy Graham-Wheeler

almost from the time the program began two years ago. "It leaks terribly when it rains, usually is flooded, and now we understand that road improvements will take this building and several others

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Public hearing is set on development plan

By PATRICIA SMITH-DEERING
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Area residents will have another opportunity to hear and discuss recommendations for future land use, transportation improvements, public facilities and housing, and economic development for the Carver Road/Ogburn Station areas. A public hearing on the recommendations is scheduled for Thursday, December 13, at 7 p.m.

The hearing, to be held at the City Hall Board of Aldermen Chamber, follows two public drop-in sessions that have been held to inform citizens about the City-County Planning Board's recommendations and to get comments related to the draft recommenda-

tions.

As a result of the previous two sessions and input from the Citizens' Advisory Committee which assisted the Planning Board subcommittee staff in completing the draft recommendations, the Carver Road/Ogburn Station Development Guide contains revisions on the plans for those areas.

The Advisory Committee was a critical component of the Carver Road/Ogburn Station development guide process say Planning staff members, providing opportunities for citizen participation and review. Over 50 people were asked to participate on the Committee which included residents, business owners, realtors, investors, and others

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Recall effort to remove Alderman stalls

By RUDY ANDERSON
Chronicle Managing Editor

An effort to have Northeast Ward Alderman Vivian Burke removed from office in a recall election has apparently stalled. That revelation comes on the heels of a recommendation by city attorney Ronald Seeber to have the Board of Aldermen urge the state legislature to remove the recall provision from the city's charter.

According to Seeber, the law is so ambiguous that it is unclear if a recall could be carried out. Seeber said he became concerned about the recall provision when that effort was initiated last year against Burke. While not in agreement that the recall provision should be removed, one of the main critics of Burke's vote last year which kept African-American board members from chairing all the board's standing committees, says people in the ward who were angered by her vote have decided not to pursue the matter.

In an interview Tuesday, Dr. Raymond Oliver, the original chair of the group calling for the recall said citizens of the ward who were concerned about the situation met and decided it would be best to let the issue rest.

"There are a large number of people in the Northeast Ward who looked at her record, and though they were highly upset with what she did, it was decided

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RJR to keep its product from children

Tobacco giant says kids not in the marketing plan

Chronicle Staff Report

R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Co. and its fellow members of the Tobacco Institute announced Tuesday new initiatives to discourage young people from smoking.

"We don't want young people to smoke, and we don't market our products to young people," said James W. Johnston, chairman and chief executive officer of R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Co. "The Tobacco Institute's new program will make it more difficult for children to have access to cigarettes, and we support it wholeheartedly," he said.

Dr. David Collins, director of the local chapter of the American Cancer Society commented on the new program. "We certain-

ly applaud the new initiatives. Smoking among minors is one of the greatest health problems facing young Americans. Most smokers are addicted to tobacco before age 20, and N.C. State law prohibits the sale of tobacco to any minor under age 17," Collins said.

In response to the question if these initiatives were a retreat from an earlier position by R.J.R. and the Tobacco Institute, Collins said, "This is in line with the stated policy of R.J.R. and the Tobacco Institute that smoking is an adult decision. We certainly agree with that." "We also strongly support the banning of all cigarette machines since there is no effective way to monitor a minor's access to these machines," Collins added.

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"We believe our industry has acted responsibly in establishing stringent self-controls."

—James W. Johnson