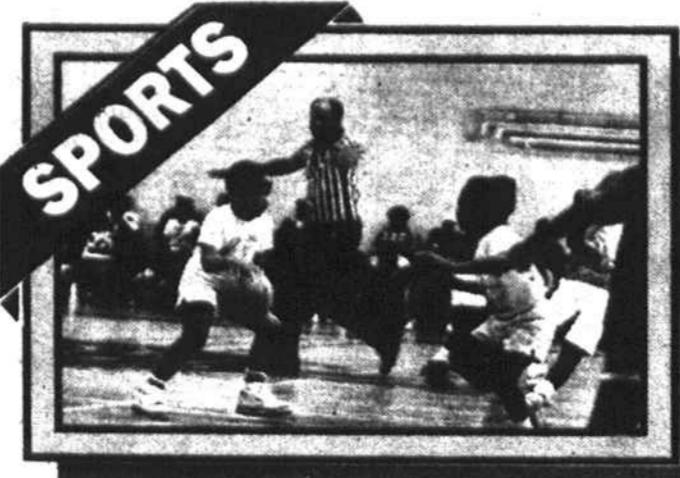




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Hate mail on rise

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. (AP) — The distribution of hate literature—primarily at area shopping centers—is on the rise, Jacksonville police say.

Police say they noticed an increase in the distribution of racist newspapers, fliers and business cards three months ago. They now get complaints about such fliers once a week.

The material often targets Jews, blacks, Roman Catholics and other minorities. Often, readers are urged to join an organization or make donations.

Mrs. Mandela blasted

CHAPEL HILL, N.C. (AP) — A trustee for North Carolina's flagship university said Friday that Winnie Mandela was an accused murderer and should never have been invited to speak at the campus.

Winnie Mandela, wife of African National Congress leader Nelson Mandela, accepted and then turned down the invitation to speak during the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill's seventh annual Human Rights Week in November.

It was distributed when she was invited to this campus, UNC-CH trustee John Pope said.

Educators worried

CHAPEL HILL, N.C. (AP) — A recent Department of Education ruling that prohibits universities from awarding scholarships designated only for minorities will decrease ethnic diversity and turn back the clock on desegregation, North Carolina educators say.

On Wednesday, an assistant secretary in the U.S. Department of Education said that most scholarships exclusively for minority students were illegal and discriminatory, except where a college had been ordered by a court to remedy past segregation.

Scam Revealed

ARVADA, Colo. (AP) — Many of the people who offered aid and assistance to a black family which claimed to be the target of racial attacks were shocked to learn that the family is suspected of faking the attacks as part of an insurance scam, and some have asked that their contributions be returned, officials said.

Larry Williams and Patricia Anderson first claimed Nov. 29 that racist vandals had broken into their home, scrawled swastikas on the walls and ransacked their belongings. On Thursday, they reported that their car had been stolen and their house set on fire.

Nike profits up

BEAVERTON, Ore. (AP) — Nike Inc.'s second-quarter earnings were up 58 percent from the same period last year, chairman Philip Knight says.

The strong earnings report comes despite a nationwide boycott of Nike products called by a Chicago civil rights group in August. Operation PUSH claims Nike has done a poor job of hiring and promoting blacks.

Nike claimed the boycott was instigated by Reebok, one of its chief competitors. PUSH, People United to Serve Humanity, denied the charges.

Barry says goodbye

WASHINGTON (AP) — In a speech both conciliatory and confrontational, Marion Barry warned against the evils of drug use and proudly outlined his accomplishments as mayor during a farewell address to city workers Monday.

Barry, who is appealing his conviction on a cocaine possession charge and a subsequent six-month prison sentence, said he is "healthier today, clearer today than ever before in my life."

'Mr. Speaker'...Blue poised to become a first

An Analysis by Jack Betts
Special to the Chronicle

Daniel T. Blue Jr. was less than a year old when conservative and liberal forces clashed in the '50 U.S. Senate race, the watershed election that would set the tone for continued political strife between the parties and between the races through the '70s, the '80s and into the '90s. Now Blue is almost certain to come to top political power in '91 when the N.C. General Assembly convenes January 30. Barring a political miracle on a gargantuan scale, Blue will become the first African-American to hold the North Carolina speakership and only the third African-American politician in the nation to have held such a position.

Blue's speakership promises to be one of accommodation and openness mixed with a

return to strong Democratic Party organization and influence in the House. And his speakership occurs when the House will be facing the toughest issues in years — a declining economy and shrinking tax revenues, legislative and congressional redistricting, and tough choices about the operation of North Carolina's schools.

What does that mean for a Blue speakership? "I think it's going to be a pleasant session," says state Rep. Annie Brown Kennedy (D-Forsyth), a key ally of Blue. Kennedy and three other close associates of Blue's are planning a series of meetings to craft a plan for the operation of the House in '91-'92 — from the committee structure on down. "There seems to be a real desire on the part of legislators to be a productive session this session,"



Wake County Representative Daniel Blue has the look of a man on the cutting edge of history.
Photo by Karen Tam

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Infant care gets funding

By PATRICIA SMITH-DEERING
Community News Editor

A program that provides young, low-income parents with information and support in learning and applying parenting skills will now be broadened and expanded as a result of a Winston-Salem Foundation grant given to the Association for the Benefit of Child Development (A.B.C.D.), which is an agency of the United Way of Forsyth County. The \$20,000 grant will be applied to the services offered through the A.B.C.D. Infant/Toddler Stimulation Program for families attending the Pediatrics Clinic at Reynolds Health Center in Winston-Salem, Forsyth County, N.C.

The target group of the program is first-time parents who are 22 years old or younger, whose children are from newborn to 24 months. The majority



Angelyn Smith and her three-week old daughter, Cheri Ann Sontese, share a tender moment only a mother and child can know.
Photo by Elizabeth Martin

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Board favors King holiday Passage expected

By RUDY ANDERSON
Chronicle Managing Editor

The Forsyth County Board of Commissioners has moved a step closer to passing a resolution allowing county employees a paid holiday in honor of slain civil rights leader Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. The board voted 5-2 Monday night, Dec. 17. However, since the vote was not unanimous, the resolution will have to be voted on again at the board's next meeting Jan. 14.

The issue has been the subject of controversy and a sore point among local African-Americans since it was defeated in a close 3-2 vote when considered by the board last January. This time though, with Mazie Woodruff and Earline Parmon, the first commissioners to be elected by districts voting for the resolution coupled with favorable votes by board chair, John Holleman, and member Gerald Long, passage was assured.

That vote was bolstered by new vice chair, Wayne Willard, who switched his earlier position opposing the holiday and voted for its passage.

"My main concern has not been the holiday but the cost of it," Willard said. "I knew with the present makeup of the board, the vote would be 4-3 if I didn't change my earlier position."

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Urban League amends rotation policy

By RUDY ANDERSON
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The Winston-Salem Urban League has amended its bylaws to establish a defined length of time that board members can serve on the board before rotating off. That was just one of many issues covered by the board during a rather tumultuous three-hour meeting that ended with the resignation of one of its board members who had served on the board ten years.

The meeting had not been underway more than ten minutes when a very vocal group, lead by Lee Faye

Mack, stormed into the boardroom. A quick motion by vice chair Sterling Spainhour, and second by Marshall Bass immediately threw the meeting into executive session.

That action prompted an angry outburst from Mack who asked, "When is this board going to open up to the public?" Mack had been part of a group that had picketed the Urban League office building on Fifth Street throughout the day Wednesday.

Problems at the Urban League surfaced when the board voted to get rid of executive director Delores Smith November 21. That action caused a split on the

board between those supporting Smith's reinstatement and those wanting her to leave. It also triggered a ground swell of reaction throughout the community and demonstrations at the North Carolina School of the Arts aimed at board chair Joseph Dickson who is vice chancellor there.

Two weeks ago, nearly 200 people attended a community forum at First Baptist Church on Highland Avenue where they were told by the board's treasurer, attorney Renita Thompkins-Segers, there was no law

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Preacher to run civil rights group

NAACP President elected

By PATRICIA SMITH-DEERING
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The Reverend Joseph L. Nance, former secretary for the local branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, was elected president of the branch at the election held December 18 at the Winston-Lake YMCA.

Nance defeated Diana Williams-Cotton, NAACP district director, and Charles S. Smith, receiving 52% of the votes in a race that was hotly-contested and rife with allegations of unethical campaigning. Turnout was surprisingly light with just 48 of the NAACP's total

eligible Winston-Salem membership casting their ballots. He succeeds Walter Marshall, who served two two-year terms as president.

Other officers elected were: William H. Tatum, first vice president; the Rev. Louise Kirk, second vice president; Anita D. Poindexter, secretary; and Ricky Wilson, treasurer.

Bringing the community together has top priority for the NAACP agenda, said Nance. "We seem to be divided, so our goal is to get the community informed and involved," he said. He believes that his role as president is not the determining factor for the success of



Rev. J.L. Nance wants more community involvement in local NAACP.
Photo by Elizabeth Martin

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