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Black teachers needed

GREENSBORO, N.C. (AP) — North Carolina's pool of black teachers will not grow unless steps are taken to increase the supply, according to an education panel's report.

The Education Commission of the States says the best way to find new black teachers is through testing programs, early identification and teacher education programs. The conclusion was part of a study conducted to determine how to increase the number of minority teachers nationwide.

Black Santa repainted

TOKYO, Japan (AP) — A shopping mall in Hiroshima repainted a huge rooftop Santa Claus it had portrayed as a black man after black residents reportedly complained, a professor said today.

The 18-foot-high black Santa had exaggeratedly fat lips, diamond-studded rings, sunglasses and sneakers.

Such caricatures of blacks are common in Japanese advertising but are becoming less popular due to criticism of racial stereotyping.

Haitians elect preacher

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti (AP) — The Rev. Jean-Bertrand Aristide, a leftist who has championed the cause of Haiti's poor, was declared winner Sunday of the country's first fully free elections.

With an estimated 50.1 percent of the votes tallied, Aristide led with 66.7 percent of the total, according to the Electoral Council.

An estimated 75 percent of more than two million registered voters had cast their ballots in general elections Dec. 16.

Mayor's niece arrested

DETROIT, Mich. (AP) — A niece of Mayor Coleman A. Young was arrested for failing to appear in front of a grand jury investigating the Detroit Police secret service fund.

Cathy Volsan Curry was arrested and arraigned Friday before U.S. Magistrate Paul Komives on a felony charge of contempt. Komives released her on personal recognizance bond.

Money from the fund allegedly was used to pay for police surveillance of her home because of danger associated with her relationships with drug traffickers.

Boycott organizers want more

MIAMI, Fla. (AP) — Organizers of a black economic boycott no longer want merely an apology for the snub of Nelson Mandela, but are calling on Miami area politicians to issue the anti-apartheid leader proclamations of welcome and keys to their cities.

Boycott leader H.T. Smith called on Mayor Xavier Suarez, Miami Beach Mayor Alex Daoud and Dade County commissioners Thursday to issue the keys and proclamations, saying that would constitute the apology blacks asked for as one of their demands when they began the boycott five months ago.

Officer pleads innocent

HACKENSACK, N.J. (AP) — A white Teaneck police officer whose fatal shooting of a black teen-ager set off rioting and charges of racism pleaded innocent Thursday to reckless manslaughter.

Officer Gary Spath, 29, bowed his head in prayer before his arraignment in the April 10 shooting death of 16-year-old Phillip Pannell. The slain teen-ager's mother, Thelma Pannell, sobbed.

Superior Court Judge Charles DeGisi set bail at \$50,000 and released Spath on his own recognizance. The officer was suspended with pay after the shooting.

Children's program is destroyed by children

By RUDY ANDERSON
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Vandals that Winston-Salem police suspect were juveniles from the local neighborhood totally destroyed the equipment of the LIFT Learning Center and Academy at 1225 Highland Avenue Friday.

Police estimate damage to the center's equipment to be between \$30,000 and \$35,000, including the center's copier, typewriters, telephones, clocks, files, and other property.

"They didn't want anything. They just destroyed everything we had to work with," said a near teary-eyed Earline Parmon, the center's director. The program, established to

provide continuing educational services and special academic tutoring for youth expelled or on suspension from the Winston-Salem/Forsyth County school system, serves more than 40 children.

"The real sad thing about this is that the people who did this are juveniles and may not be held responsible for paying restitution," said Parmon. The program has no insurance to cover the loss, she said, because the program could not afford the cost of the premium.

An employee of the program told the Chronicle that he chased four or five kids seen coming out of the building into a nearby apartment complex and then he called police.



Photo by Elizabeth Martin
LIFT program staff members are stunned as they survey the damage done by a group of young vandals.

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'Say Yes' gets grant

By RUDY ANDERSON
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A program designed to give children in one of Winston-Salem's public housing projects an alternative to getting into trouble has been awarded a grant to expand its operation.

The city Housing Authority's Kimberley Park Terrace "Say Yes" program was awarded nearly \$24,000 last week by the Winston-Salem Foundation's Crosby Grants program.

The "Say Yes" program was started in June by Johnnie Mae Ingram after several violent incidents occurred during the spring involving area youth that she felt was drug-related.

"I started it because I felt like it was something black people could do to help themselves with the drug problem in our community," she said. "I wanted to show the public that people in public housing could do things for themselves. I've been very pleased with what we've been able to do."

The program serves from 70 to 90



Photo by Elizabeth Martin
Johnnie Mae Ingram supervises the playtime activities of children who come to the Kimberley Park "Say Yes" program.

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Gulf crisis sparks vigils

Anti-war feelings grow

By PATRICIA SMITH-DEERING
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Two candlelight vigils tonight signal the growing discontent among African-Americans in this community over American involvement in the Persian Gulf.

The threat of active military intervention—an intervention that involves what some consider a disproportionate share of the African-American community—is at the root of the planned demonstration.

The vigils are just the first of several activities scheduled to show that discontent by the Voices Against Middle East Intervention, a grassroots coalition that is leading a groundswell of opposition. "We want to stop the war and bring our soldiers home," said the Reverend John Mendez, pastor of Emmanuel Baptist Church where the idea was born.

According to Larry Womble, who chaired the inaugural meeting Dec. 18, he decided that the time had come to take some proactive measures during a

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Urban League offers deal to Smith

By RUDY ANDERSON
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A sum totaling as much as \$36,000 dollars could be part of a four-point severance package that has been offered to former Urban League executive director, Delores Smith.

The proposal came out of a meeting of the Urban League Board's executive committee following a turbulent three-hour meeting of the full board Wednesday.

Dec. 19, where the board voted down a motion to reinstate Smith and settled on a mandatory rotation policy for board members.

In reaction to the news that she would not be reinstated Smith said Thursday "I'm not surprised. The same nine who voted to have me removed in November probably voted the same way." She said she didn't think their reasoning, whatever it was, for removing her had changed in a month.

"They still haven't given the public or me a valid

reason for my termination," she said. "They keep talking about some mythical group of people I wasn't getting along with. Well, who wasn't I getting along with?" she asked.

"There is no more sanity today to this situation than there was on Nov. 21, when they relieved me of my responsibility," she said.

Smith said she knew nothing of the details of a severance package, when interviewed Thursday and said

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Christmas spirit year 'round

Local man's gift is love

By TANG NIVRI
Special to the Chronicle

Editor's Note: During this season of giving, here is a perspective on giving that each of us should consider.

About three years ago, John Slade decided to get involved with a local Scout Troop in the Happy Hill Gardens area.

Things with the Scouts didn't work out as planned, but in the process he did meet a handsome little brown-eyed boy named Chris Miller, age 10.

Chris' grandmother, Ms. Christine Miller, a long-time resident of Happy Hill Gardens,

must have sensed something special about Slade because she begged him to help her grandson with his schoolwork.

After all, she was not only trying to rear Chris but also his two sisters, Christal, 7, and Christina, 10.

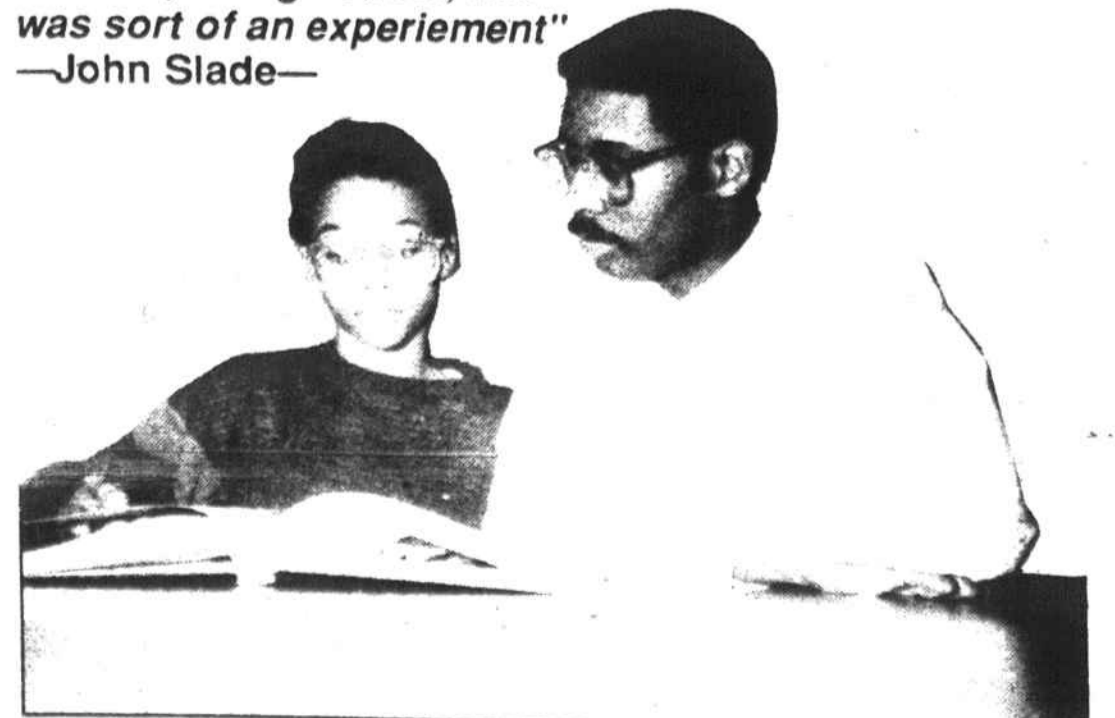
"At first I just kept on saying 'no,'" said Slade. "Then after she kept on asking, I finally said 'yes'. I guess she just wore me down."

Good for him, good for her, good for Chris, and good for the girls!

When Slade first met Chris, he recalls the boy as being a very likable child but somewhat spoiled.

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"At first, being honest, this was sort of an experiment"
—John Slade—



Chronicle Staff Photo
Chris Miller (left) and John Slade (right) thumb through a book which is one of many moments they enjoy together.