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NAACP: Move products!

CHAPEL HILL, N.C. (AP) — The Chapel Hill-Carboro NAACP has asked Rite AID officials to move black hair products from the front of the Franklin Street pharmacy, the civil rights group's president said Monday.

The local Rite AID store has been the target of a limited boycott called by the Black Student Movement at the University of North Carolina. The BSM objects to the placement of products for black customers up front, in view of the cashiers. Members say it suggests that black people steal.

Uptown foe comes to N.C.

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — A leader in the successful campaign to stop R.J. Reynolds from targeting blacks with Uptown Cigarettes will be heading for North Carolina for another fight with tobacco companies.

The Rev. Jesse W. Brown Jr. will be returning to his home town Wednesday when he goes to Greensboro, N.C., to oppose efforts by tobacco companies to repeal a smoking control law passed by public referendum in 1989. On the ballot Feb. 26 is a proposed voluntary no-smoking ordinance that would replace the mandatory 1989 law.

Clarity in code urged

PROVIDENCE, R.I. (AP) — The American Civil Liberties Union has called on Brown University to make clear in the school's conduct code that it bans racist and sexist actions, but permits free speech.

The ACLU request Monday followed news last week that a student had been expelled after shouting racial and sexual slurs at other students.

Rhode Island ACLU director Steven Brown, in a letter to Brown president Vartan Gregorian, said the ACLU was committed to free speech.

Troop guarantees urged

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — American troops in the Persian Gulf should be guaranteed health insurance for their families, an education for their children and a roof over their heads, the Rev. Jesse Jackson says.

"Don't let them come home like Vietnam War veterans, unable to get a house or insurance or an education," Jackson said Monday in remarks to the Indiana House of Representatives.

Panther Militia starts patrol

MILWAUKEE (AP) — Members of the Black Panther Militia formed by Alderman Michael McGee began foot patrols during the weekend, and a leader of the group says community residents were receptive.

"I think the general community is glad to see us out there," said Doris Green, deputy commander of the militia.

"As the Black Panther Militia, we were glad to be out there for them. We need to show people we are concerned and that we are there for them if they need us."

Wilder for President?

ALBANY, N.Y. (AP) — In a possible preview of the next presidential primary, Govs. L. Douglas Wilder of Virginia and Mario Cuomo of New York pointed to each other as Democratic contenders in 1992.

"He's the frontrunner," Wilder said of Cuomo Sunday, the eve of Presidents Day.

Cuomo, meanwhile, said of Wilder, "He is already being discussed as a future leader of the entire nation."

Common Vision: The Plan

African-American community pleased to be a part of concept



Council Chair John Holleman (left) is sure that a solid framework has been put forth but wonders about the follow through. (Below) Summit and council members discuss the blueprint for the county's success. These are from (left): Patricia Wynn, James Grace and Mazie Woodruff.

By RUDY ANDERSON
Chronicle Managing Editor

A comprehensive, all-inclusive strategic plan for improving the socioeconomic condition of the Winston-Salem/Forsyth County area has received wide acceptance among African-American community leaders. Most feel the plan is the first sincere attempt ever made on a community-wide basis to include all segments of the community.

The plan, called Common Vision: A Long-Term Strategic Direction, was presented by the Forsyth Community Development Council (FCDC) to the membership of summit groups who met last year to outline the problems faced by the community.

The council, a non-profit corporation, is actually

made up of the 15-member umbrella group selected by the members of the economic summit at Blowing Rock and the Winston East summit in Charlotte to come up with a plan to address the community's stagnating economic growth.

The plan offered by the council cuts across every segment of the community and takes a critical look at the economic, social, and political arena in an attempt to turn back the county's economic anemia and make the city a leader among similar, mid-sized cities in the Southeast.

Enthusiasm about the plan comes despite the fact that it does not at this point offer any specifics or deadlines for meeting objectives or how the projects designed to meet the goals will be paid for.

But the drafters of the plan point out that what has been laid out is only the beginning of the process to address this community's problems. A plan for implementation, they say, is the next step.

Plan puts community on track

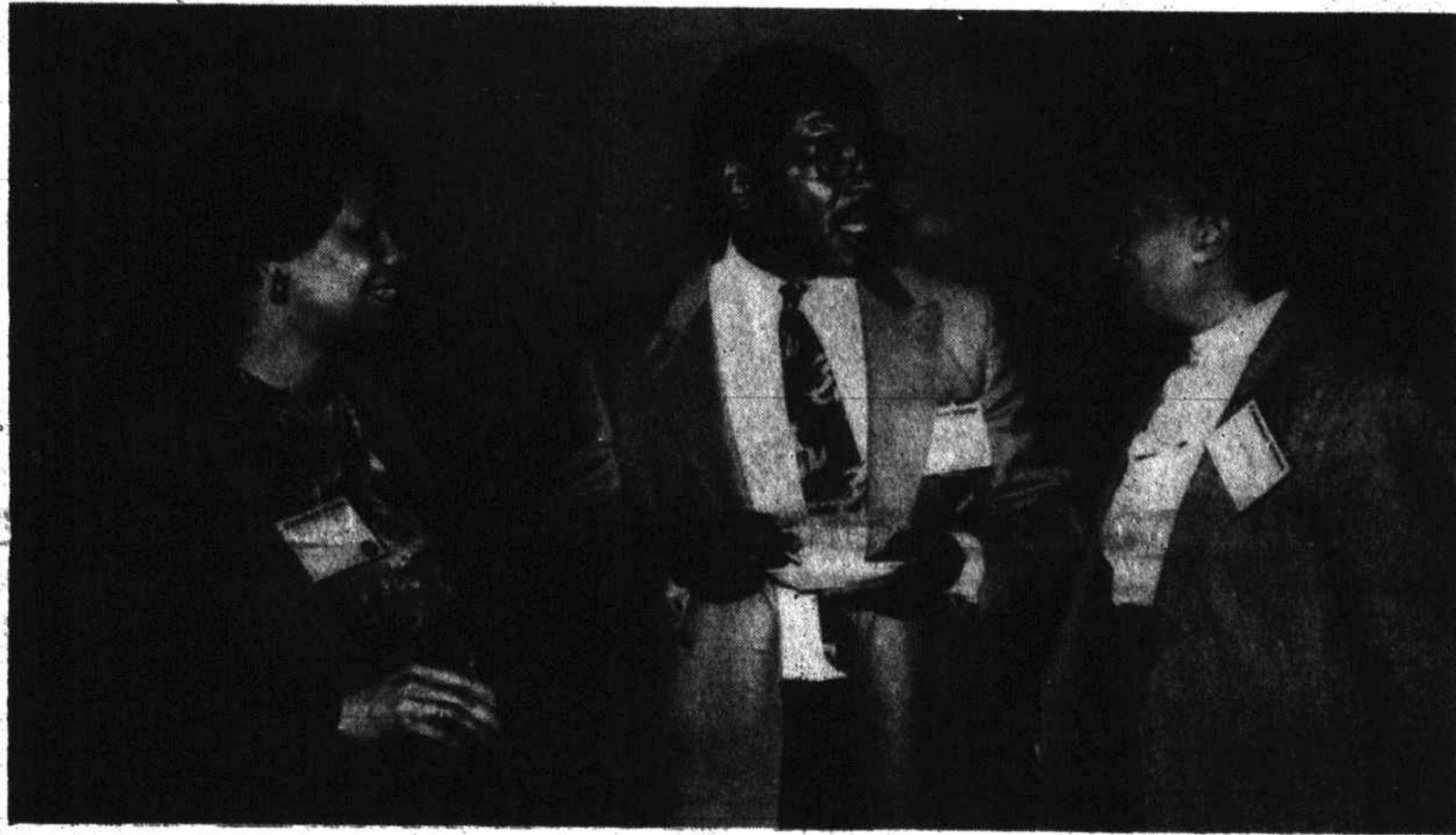
Members of the council are confident that what has been offered puts the community on the track for positive change.

John Holleman, chair of the Forsyth County Board of Commissioners, also heads the council. He is taking a positive but cautious approach to what may come out of the plan.

"The feedback has been overwhelmingly positive," Holleman said after the presentation. "However, the toughest assignment is what lays ahead and that is the action plan. It is far too early to predict success. We have a lot of hard work ahead of us."

Holleman said he felt the next three months would tell the story about whether or not the framework laid out by the council had a chance of working. He said it would be during that time that the major players in the

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City's drug war shows signs of improvement

By PATRICIA SMITH-DEERING
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The prognosis for the city's war on drugs appears to be brighter than many had thought, if the assessment of those most closely involved in the day-to-day skirmishes is on target. The four public housing communities in Winston-Salem in the past have been the focal points for drug-related activities and efforts at prevention, treatment, and enforcement. Increased police presence, more community awareness, and residents' involvement are having positive, deterrent effects.

The downside, though, is that drug traffic has shifted locations to

other low-income housing communities and other areas, making a once more or less contained problem more widespread. One public housing resident described the situation most aptly: "It's like trying to get rid of roaches. If everybody don't do it, all you do is send them some place else!"

Statistical information on the number of drug arrests in 1990 is still being compiled for the annual year-end report. But, Winston-Salem Police Department figures for January through October 1990 show 2,103 drug-related arrests with two months remaining, compared to 1989 year-end drug arrests totaling 2,102.



"A lot of people have been eliminated, a lot have been put in jail."

—David Thompkins

According to Police Chief George Sweat, since 1987 the number of drug offenses that his department

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Aldermen vote to help city workers

By PATRICIA SMITH-DEERING
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The city's Board of Aldermen set aside their political differences and voted unanimously Monday night to grant supplementary pay to city employees called to active military duty in the Persian Gulf crisis.

The resolution means the city will pay the difference between city pay and military base pay, resulting in no salary loss for any of the employees called to serve.

The supplement will be paid two months for each full year of city service. Anyone working with the city less than a year will be paid the supplement for one month.

The policy is retroactive to August 1, 1990.

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Black Money!

Teacher, students are taught by the U.S. Mint

By RUDY ANDERSON
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What started out as a bet turned into an interesting class project for some students at Petree Alternative School during Black History Month. A shop teacher asked another if he was aware that the U.S. Treasury had minted half dollar coins with African-Americans on them.

That teacher, David Campbell, said that he was not aware of that and didn't believe it was true. Neither did the students in their shop classes, that is, until Campbell's co-worker produced a doubled-headed coin with the faces of noted educator Booker T. Washington and scientist George Washington Carver on it.



Brad Peak (left) and Leanda Baldwin show off the coin that led their class on a research project to determine if other African-American faces were on U.S. coins.

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