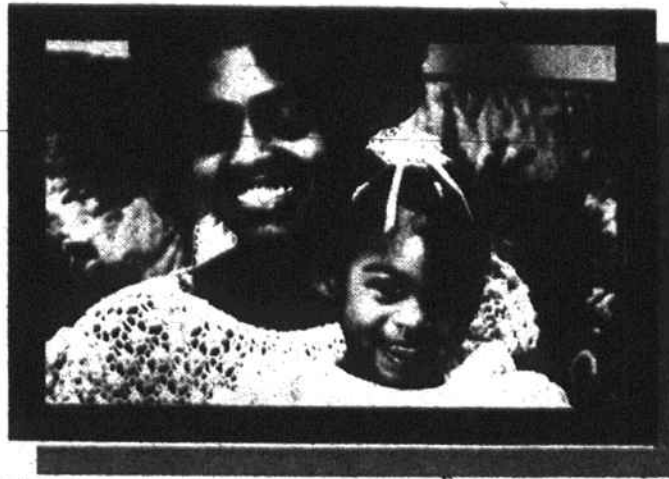




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John Moore (left) and Khalid Griggs voiced their support for Delores Smith, who is one of three contenders for her former job.

Group challenges process Seeks 'Justice' for former Urban League director

By SHERIDAN HILL
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Five members of Concerned Citizens of Winston-Salem, a grass-roots citizens group, met Tuesday to suggest that the local Urban League withdraw its affiliation with the national organization and to express their support for Delores Smith, former President of the Winston-Salem Urban League. They stated their concerns at a

press conference in the Golden State Mutual building the day before Delores "D" Smith was interviewed as one of three final candidates for her former job. Other members present were John Moore, Leon Kay, Alderman Larry Womble and D.D. Adams, an Urban League board member.

"The local community expects the local Urban League to respect its wishes," said Khalid Griggs, director of Citizens for a Better Tomorrow and the Imam (leader) of the Community Mosque of Winston-Salem. Griggs made note of a 900-signature petition presented to the Urban League this summer in favor of reinstating "D" Smith.

He said a great injustice had been done to Smith because she has been unemployed for 12 months, hoping to be reinstated to her position.

Dr. Nat Irvin, Urban League chairman, said

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ON THE AVANT-GARDE

By TANG NIVRI

Driving me nuts!

I've just finished reading a very funny book by a young eight-year-old author named "Muffin Jones." This is her ninth book and it's entitled *Things That Drive Me Nuts*.

To tell the truth, before reading Jones' book, I didn't think there was anything that would really drive an eight-year-old nuts. I thought that was what THEY did — drive us parents nuts!

Well, I laughed a plenty and decided that maybe I'd write down a few of the things that drives me nuts too.

One thing that drives me nuts is having to figure out whether somebody is lying or not. I've just about figured out that I ain't nearly as good at this as I thought I was. Is William Kennedy Smith really telling the truth or is the alleged rape victim telling the truth? Was Prof. Anita Hill lying or was Judge Clarence Thomas lying? And what about people you know? Don't you just hate to try to determine if they are lying or not? It drives me nuts!

Television preachers and the people who send them money drive me nuts. Why do good commonsense people continue to send their good ol' American dollars to these lying, thieving, no good, low-down, good-for-nothing, religious pimps? Especially when there are legitimate ministries right here in our own community having difficulty trying to meet the spiritual and physical needs of real people who actually live here? Nuts!

And what about the fact that there are school systems in this country that are actually handing out condoms to school kids but YET these same school systems have outlawed prayer? That is the damn stupidest thing I can think of. Everybody is running around wondering what's wrong with our young folks and here it is we make it legal — endorse — handing out condoms but make it illegal — condemn — handling them a Bible. Now doesn't that just drive you nuts? And to just finish this craziness, the ACLU drives me nuts! (Please tell them that I don't want them to fight for my rights any longer. Take a break, I have enough rights for the moment — thank you!)

Politicians who lie and lie and lie some more and yet we just keep on voting them back into office. We are just nuts! Every election, there is a new lie to be told and we fall for it just like we did before. We act like neither one of us has any sense! Take the people who voted for David Duke but swore that they weren't voting for a racist! Nuts!

There are plenty of things that drive me nuts but nothing more than when we as black folks blame racism for each and everything that happens to us.

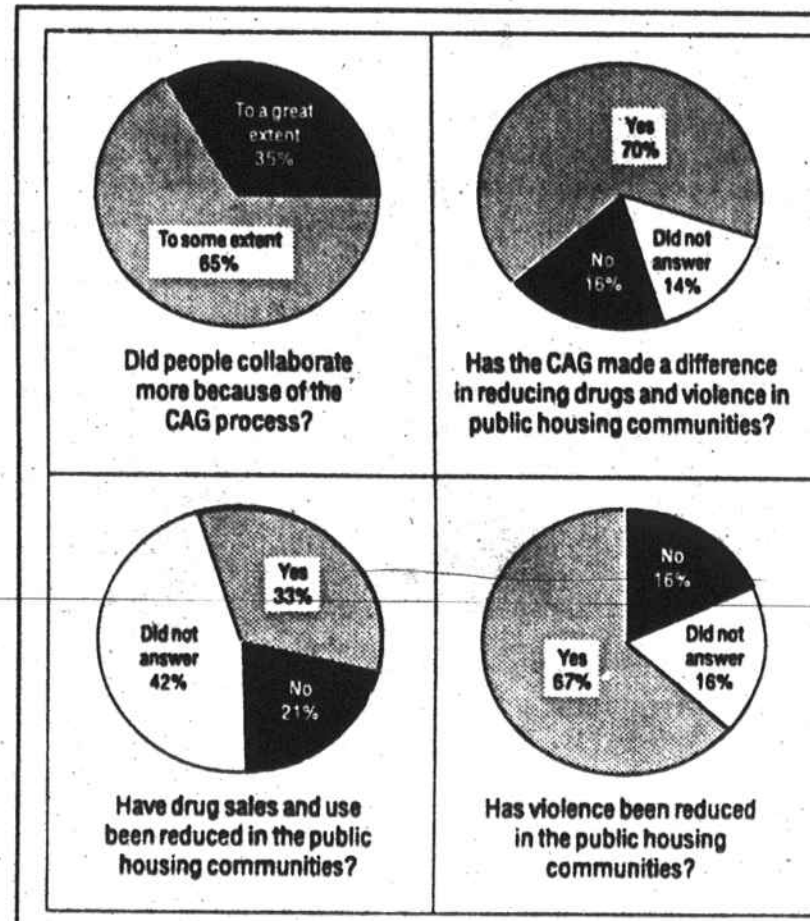
It just drives me nuts to see us declare on the one hand that we are the foundation of all human civilization but in the very next breath, we stand still, harmless, like the elephant tied by our memory to a short stake in the ground; unable to simply use our massive strength resulting not only in our breaking loose, but dominating the entire circus. It drives me nuts when certain of our leaders would have us believe that we are less-thans. Nuts! Drives me nuts!

Mayor's community group has some success in public housing areas

CAG credited with decrease in crime rate



(Left to right): Queen Black, Sara Webster, Mayor Martha Wood, and Johnnie Mae Ingram are all excited about the success of the Community Action Program.



Perceptions of Progress

A survey conducted by the Winston-Salem Mayor's office reports that the majority of residents in the city's public housing communities believe that the Community Action Group (CAG) has been a success in helping to wipe out crime in those communities.

The survey, which was completed earlier this summer, asked 43 public housing residents four major questions concerning the success of the Group.

Participants in the survey

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By YVETTE N. FREEMAN
Community News Editor

Winston-Salem's crime rate decreased by one percent between January and June of this year.

Members of the Community Action Group (CAG), community leaders, and residents of the city's public housing communities got the news Friday from Mayor Martha Wood.

"We're doing something right," said the Mayor. "You're doing something right. And I want to congratulate you on your efforts to build this community."

More than 60 people attended a celebration giving credit to the CAG for its efforts in reducing the crime rate in the city.

During the program, the presidents of the Resident's Councils of the city's four housing communities praised Wood for organizing the Community Action Group, as well as Winston-Salem Police Chief George Sweat for the support of the city's police force in making the communities safer for the residents.

Queen Black of Piedmont Park said, "Piedmont Park is doing good, thanks to the residents all working together to make it a better place to live. The Community Program has helped by having the policemen patrol our different areas."

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Tensions boil over at Carver But, there is bright side

By SHERIDAN HILL
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"A" students might be the least likely to get into a fist fight after school, but most of the 19 Carver students suspended for last Friday's incident were honor roll students. Principal Robert Clemmer says ten of the students were seniors, and most had never been in trouble before. Ten black and nine white students, all males, were suspended Monday for their involvement in the confrontation in the Carver parking lot which ended when a substitute teacher was hit in the back of the head with a brick.

Clemmer said he was unaware that racial slurs and antagonizing remarks had been made between the two groups of students for some time. The fight was finally incited after a white student gave away some pretzels belonging to a black student and then used abusive words to him.

That incident was overheard and repeated among a group of black students who, at the end of the school day, confronted several friends of the white student.

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Award-winning actress Ruby Dee spoke recently to the drama students at the North Carolina School of the Arts.

Dee encourages drama students to have purpose

By YVETTE N. FREEMAN
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Award-winning actress Ruby Dee told aspiring actors and actresses at the North Carolina School of the Arts (NCSA) that acting is not just being in box office movie hits or top-rated television shows, but doing something to bring about a change or make a difference in society.

"I want to be an actor, to me, is not good enough," Dee told the group. "I think that there's something that we have to do with enlightenment, that we have to do with affecting change in some way. I think an actor today has to be innovative. It's not enough to want to be on the *Cosby Show* or *In Living Color* or *The Simpsons* or any of those shows. That's not enough to aspire to," she said.

Dee, who is a Wachovia Guest Artist at the School of the Arts, performed readings of poetry and essays for approximately 110 drama students Monday, followed by a question-and-answer session.

She spoke on a number of topics, from what it

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