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Black community outraged at police conduct

Aldermen call for Sweat's resignation

By TRAVIS MITCHELL
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In almost every store, on every corner and in every neighborhood, the Sheila Epps McKellar case has been heavily debated and most recently it took center stage at Monday's alderman meeting. After the board concluded its agenda, the usually dull, bureaucratic atmo-

sphere became charged, as members shared frustration, anger, confusion and pain.

"What I am concerned about is the failure of the police department to disclose all information surrounding the apprehension and death of Mrs. McKellar," said East Ward Alderman Virginia Newell, in whose ward the McKellar incident

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Sweat Newell Beaty Burke

"My freedom is in jeopardy, when information is denied. All people are in jeopardy when this happens."

- Virginia Newell

McKellar's death due to suffocation

By TRAVIS MITCHELL
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In the wake of last week's startling discovery that a black woman died in police custody, Winston-Salem's black community is again furious, as the official autopsy report released earlier this week confirms that she died of suffocation.

with North Carolina Baptist Hospital, released a report which stated that 33-year-old Sheila Epps McKellar died as a result of "coma due to positional asphyxia due to being placed faced down, with wrists, ankles and mouth bound, in the holding cell." The report goes on to list 'acute cocaine intoxication' as being contributory to her death.

Dr. Donald Jason, pathologist

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Keeping watch

Police use an armoured vehicle to keep watch as armed African National Congress (ANC) supporters in Sebokeng Monday headed a two-day general strike, demanding the removal of President F.W. de Klerk and an end to white majority rule.

Millions of blacks strike

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa (AP) — Millions of blacks joined a nationwide strike Monday in one of the largest protests ever against white rule. At least 12 deaths, including four at police hands, were linked directly to the walkout.

The violence erupted despite African National Congress and government calls for peace.

Most workers in black townships ringing South Africa's cities stayed home, leaving city centers largely deserted.

Police and blacks at odds

NEW IBERIA, La. (AP) — A string of police shootings has set off protests by black residents and placed the spotlight on members of the city's police department, some of whom are paid at near-poverty levels.

Protests erupted in March when a white police officer shot a black resident three times, paralyzing him from the waist down. Since then, a suspected armed robber was shot and slightly wounded by a policewoman.

Too few shrimp?

Patti Labelle cut short a concert in Warwick, R.I. Tuesday night after complaining about a seafood platter with too few shrimp. Debbie McBride, one of the 1,600 people who attended Tuesday's concert, said the singer abruptly left the stage 90 minutes into the show after complaining that she had only received seven shrimp. Labelle was traveling Wednesday and couldn't be reached for comment.



Patti Labelle

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Round two of redistricting fight tonight

▲ Officials and community leaders brace for confrontation

By TRAVIS MITCHELL
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Community leaders are prepared for another "sparing session" with Winston-Salem/Forsyth County school board officials, as the controversial issue of redistricting resurfaces at tonight's school board meeting.

At the center of the controversy is the all-white school board's July 2 attempt to discuss new districts without black voting representation. Newly elected black school board members, Geneva Brown and Wal-

ter Marshall, who begin serving their terms in the fall, were invited to sit on the board as non-voting members, but refused the offer.

"I don't believe in participating as an ex-officio member," Brown said. "We wouldn't have any influence at all."

Leaders in the black community responded to the board's move by engaging in civil disobedience. The tactic was employed to stop the meeting from continuing. After being interrupted repeatedly by the Rev. Carlton Eversley, shocked board members voted to move the discussion into executive session (closed chambers).

"We asked them very nicely, not to do that, but they said to us, 'we don't give a darn,'" Eversley pro-

claimed. "So on June 23 the organization (Citizens United for Justice) took a stance that we would engage in civil disobedience on July 2 to prevent them from taking a vote."

Eversley said there was no room for a moderate position because there were only two choices, "either let the board discuss our children as voteless objects or stop them."

School board member Thomas Voss said that he did not understand last month's altercation and that the board merely was trying to invite community participation.

"We invited Marshall and Brown in to hear their comments on the plans and they absolutely refused to

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Dr. Odine resigns from WSSU

Dr. Maurice Odine resigned recently from his position as chairman of the communications department at Winston-Salem State University.

Odine has accepted a position as chairman of the communications department at Tennessee State University in Nashville, Tenn.

Alex Johnson, vice chancellor of academic affairs at WSSU said Odine's resignation was due to the fact that "he accepted a position at another university, and he left his options opened to accept that position. There is no reason to undermine his decision. It was an official resignation," he added.

Odine would not discuss his resignation but sources close to the university indicated that the university was at odds with Odine. The exact nature and extent of the dispute was not revealed.



Dr. Odine

Chambers gets NCCU post

CHAPEL HILL, N.C. (AP) — Former Charlotte lawyer Julius Chambers, a national civil rights attorney, was named chancellor of North Carolina Central University in Durham.

C.D. Spangler Jr., president of the University of North Carolina system, recommended Chambers for the post. The UNC Board of Governors approved it by a unanimous voice vote.

Chambers, 55, now directs the New York-based NAACP Legal Defense and Education Fund.

Chambers replaces Tyrone Richmond, who left in December. He will start Jan. 1. Donna Benson has been serving as interim chancellor.

Born in Mount Gilead in Montgomery County, Chambers received his undergraduate degree from North Carolina Central and graduated at the top of his class in 1962 from the UNC-Chapel Hill School of Law.

Before leaving in 1984 to head the

legal defense fund, Chambers practiced law in Charlotte as senior partner of North Carolina's first integrated law firm, now Ferguson, Stein, Watt, Wallas, Adkins & Gresham.

He's best known for his handling of Swann vs. Charlotte-Mecklenburg Board of Education, the case that convinced the United States Supreme Court that busing is an acceptable tool for desegregating schools.



Dr. Chambers

Gospel convention draws 4,000 to Winston-Salem

By CAROLE RAGINS
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More than 4,000 people gathered at the M.C. Benton Convention Center last week to participate in the 59th annual session of the National Convention of Gospel Choirs and Choruses.

They paid tribute to the 94-year-old gospel composer, pianist, and singer, Dr. Thomas A. Dorsey, who is considered the father of gospel music. He is the creator of the famous gospel song, *Precious Lord* and the national president



Moales

of the convention. "He is a living legend," said the Rev. Kenneth Moales, presiding interim president from Bridgeport, Conn.

Church and community gospel choirs and professional gospel singers came from all over the United States to fellowship and attend workshops. "We chose Winston-Salem because we have never been to the South," he said. "We do not have any choral gospel chapters in the North Carolina area who are members of the Dr. Dorsey Convention. There are individual members but not a choir itself. So, we came here to sow some gospel seeds hoping to inspire the community to be a part of the Dorsey dream which is to sing gospel songs with an understanding of the message," he said. "We tend to be a more of a church-



The Tri-city singers, a community choir from South Carolina, proudly wear their kinte cloth robes.

oriented convention of gospel choirs rather than community-oriented choirs but membership is open to any entity of gospel expression." On Sunday night a rap gospel group

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