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▲ 2 African-Americans Vie For Federal Judgeship

By MARK MOSS
Chronicle Staff Writer

Who will become the next federal judge for the Middle District of North Carolina?

The *Chronicle* has learned that at least two of the candidates vying for the position — created when Judge Richard Erwin went into semi-retirement in September — are African-Americans.



Judge James A. Beaty Jr.

A third candidate, Thomas W. Ross, a Superior Court judge from Greensboro, is white.

"I am very much interested in the position," said James

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Ernestine Sims Martin (forward) said, "We've got to reclaim our neighborhood. Whatever it takes."

Rally Calls For End To Neighborhood Violence

By SHERIDAN HILL
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Nearly 75 people braved cold weather and snow flurries Friday night to condemn the rising homicide rate of black men in 1992.

The candlelight vigil was organized by Black Men and Women Against Crime following the shooting deaths of three black men in the past two weeks.

Demond E. McMillian, 20, of East 10th Street, was shot in the head on Nov. 7; Frank E. Dunbar was killed on Nov. 15, and Quentin J'Rea Blair, 17, was killed Nov. 16

in Greensboro. Earlier this year, 17-year-old Shaun Thomas Dize was shot to death in the parking lot of a local gas station.

The rally was held on the corner of 11th Street and Cleveland Avenue in Colony Place Apartments.

"It's not our kids making this trouble," said Ernestine Sims Martin, who lives on 12th Street in Summit Square Apartments. "We pay \$410 a month. This is a good neighborhood. People are coming in from other parts of town and doing this."

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County Group Names Race Relations Top Priority For '93

▲ Council Vows To Work On County's Racial Climate

By SHERIDAN HILL
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A group of city and county leaders called race relations the city's top priority last week, and pledged to spend 1993 focusing on improvement.

The Forsyth Community Development Council pledged to create a coalition of community leaders who will address race relations and other community problems.

Nearly 300 people attended last Wednesday's community meeting. Board member Bill Davis announced that the strategy to improve race relations calls for "leaders to take a public stand to articulate community values."

FCDC board of directors includes some of the city's most prominent and influential leaders, including Forsyth County Commissioner John Holleman, city and county school board member-elect Geneva Brown, Mayor Martha Wood, and James R. Grace, East Winston Community Development Corporation executive director.

The FCDC spawned Common Vision, a long-term strategic plan for the county. Two

years ago, the public was invited to contribute ideas to Common Vision. The resulting document is a road map to a better community.

During the meeting, the council outlined progress made in the past year and listed upcoming goals. They noted that in East Winston, 14th St. has been extended, and the extension of Martin Luther King Jr. Dr. west to Liberty St. is planned.

FCDC President Henry Carter said the CIAA (Central Intercollegiate Athletic Association) tournaments will be a cultural asset to the city. The CIAA will be held in Winston-Salem for three years beginning in 1993.

Racism was first on the list of problems, which included the stagnation of the proposed New Market Shopping Center. New Market was expected to become a cornerstone of new commerce in East Winston. The center is now tied up in several lawsuits involving eight parties, including the city, former developer Herman Turner, and the East Winston Community Development

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Ernest H. Pitt, Geneva Brown, and Tom Trollinger discuss the race relations priority for 1993.

Editorial

To Our Readers:

Recently, you have noticed a high number of relatively simple errors in your newspaper. In fact, there have been more errors in your newspaper within the last four to six weeks than have been in 10 years.

For this, I want to personally apologize and ask your indulgence. We have been experiencing an inordinate amount of unfortunate circumstances. Mainly, we have been experiencing computer breakdowns and computer sabotage. We are struggling to get your newspaper out on time, and we are aware of these errors. But, please bear with us for another week or so. We have installed new software, some new computers and a new network that reduces computer breakdowns.

Many of you have called and have written to me to express your concern. For that, I am appreciative. I know you care about your newspaper. If you didn't care, you would not have called.

Again, we are about two weeks from having everything worked out. I know you will understand. Thank you and God bless you for keeping the faith in the *Chronicle*. We're here for you.

Sincerely,
Ernest H. Pitt, Publisher

City Under Siege As Homicide Total Nears Five-Year High

▲ Black On Black Crime Plays Major Role In Murders

By TRAVIS MITCHELL
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A wave of murders has crippled Winston-Salem as the homicide rate approaches an all-time high.

"When I look at homicide I see incidents that involve emotions of a domestic-type nature, or things which involve the drug culture," said Winston-Salem Police Chief George Sweat.

"There needs to be a clear message from the judicial system that if you use a gun in committing a crime, you are going to serve time," said Sweat. "Everybody loses if a gun is involved. We are our neighbors keeper and the individuals within the community are going to have to stand up and speak out against the use of guns and violence."

The 30 murders this year

approaches the all-time high of 33 set in 1989, said Capt. Linda Petree of the Winston-Salem Police Department's criminal investigation division.

There were 23 homicides committed in 1991; 28 in 1990; 19 in 1988; and 25 in 1987, she said.

According to police officials, of the 30 victims of homicide, 19 were black males; seven were white females; four black females; and no white females. An astounding 26 murders were committed by black males, while white males committed seven and black females accounted for one murder. White females have not committed a homicide this year, according to statistics.

"Homicide is something that you can't predict or prevent. It is a crime of passion," said Petree.

"The people in the areas where we

have a proliferation of drugs have gone back and tried to take the streets back," said East Ward Alderman Virginia Newell. "The neighbors are trying to help the police to get these people off the street."

Newell said the only way to curb violence in the street was for the entire community to become involved. She said that various landlord associations are being urged to put stipulations in their lease agreements that would evict cocaine users or traffickers.

Police statistics show that 19 homicides involved handguns and eight were drug related.

"I am a supporter of the Brady Bill," said Newell. "If we make it more difficult for people to buy guns by installing a waiting period, that might help."

The Rev. John Mendez asked: "In a city whose population is 40 percent

black, why are most of the homicides committed by African-Americans?"

"Most African-Americans who are involved in the drug culture are street peddlers. What about the rich suppliers who pump the drugs into the neighborhoods. Until they are stopped, crime will continue to exist."

One successful project, though, has been the partnership between the police department and citizens in the Cleveland Avenue area. It was formed to rid the violence and drugs in that area.

"Because of the foot patrols, there hasn't been a homicide in over two years in Cleveland Avenue," said Capt. M.V. McCoy, commander of Cleveland Avenue's foot patrol division. "It has been mutual cooperation between the residents and the officers."

He said that "there is a difference in the attitudes of the younger generations."

Whites Give Spike Lee's Malcolm X Film Rave Reviews

By MARK MOSS
Chronicle Staff Writer

Officials from the Hanes Mall Cinema, where *Malcolm X* is playing, report that whites are not turning out in significant numbers to see the movie.

However, the handful who do come to see the epic, three-hour-plus picture, seem to have enjoyed and to have been educated by what they've seen.

"The majority of our audiences have been black," said Kerry Cato, the theater's chief of staff. Cato said that of the



Sharty (Spike Lee, pictured) and Malcolm (Denzel Washington, not pictured) are arrested for theft.

approximately 60 people who showed up for one recent weekday afternoon showing, about eight were white. Cato, who is white, also saw the movie.

"I think it's an excellent movie," she said. "I think it makes you more aware of what's been going on as far as racism is concerned."

She said she cried at the end when Malcolm X gets assassinated and his wife becomes emotional.

"I think a lot of people need to go

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ON THE AVANT GARDE

BY TANG NIVRI

Thank God for Funny Things!

During this the season of Thanksgiving, when we each pause to thank God for so many wonderful blessings, I find that in addition to being grateful for things that all of us should value most — family, friends, health — I am also thankful for the funny things that happen everyday in life — especially while in church!

Like the time when the Baptist preacher in Allemarie, North Carolina, was introducing my father-in-law, the young preacher who had come to conduct the annual singing revival. Since the pastor of the church was out of town, it was up to the chairman of the session board to do the introducing. The only thing is, the session didn't know who the preacher was — didn't know a thing about him.

When he got up, the old man hemmed and hawed around a bit, talking about "how mighty glad the church was to have him" and "that the preacher was a real honest to goodness man of God, coming to us from down there in 'Southeast Calina. They tell me, he is a real ball of fire! Yes sir, he is some preacher. He is a real ball of fire." Whereupon the old deacon turned around and said, "I present to you, a ball of

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