

# Rift Between Mayor's Task Force And Urban League

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The Winston-Salem Urban League is struggling to reinact the purple ribbon campaign after it became a fad of the Mayor's Violence Reduction Task Force last November.

Delores "Dee" Smith, president of the Winston-Salem Urban League, said the purple-ribbon campaign, designed to be an on-going campaign until violence is reduced, was diminished because people associated it with the task force's Stop the Violence Week last November.

Smith wrote in the December 1993 edition of the agency newsletter that the Mayor's Violence Reduction Task Force "wholeheartedly embraced the idea and indeed the whole of Winston-Salem joined in this endeavor. (but) it is important to emphasize that the intent was to wear this symbol until violence had been eliminated or greatly reduced."

She said the purple ribbon was chosen because it symbolizes royalty and is a reminder to adults of the need to "raise our children to a level of importance to equal their royal status."

Smith, a consultant to the task force, said she loaned the idea to the task force, but the Urban League was no longer highlighted, thus making the campaign look like just another part of the other week-long activities.



Delores "Dee" Smith

"We were kneejerked," she said. "It was never the intent of the Urban League to be a fad for a couple of weeks."

Pam Chisolm, co-chair of the Mayor Violence Reduction Task Force, said that the purple ribbon campaign was originally a concept of the Urban League that was included in Stop the Violence Week to help publicize the campaign.

"It was their effort and we just piggybacked off of it," Chisolm said. "We tried to bring public attention to it, but weren't real good about it. Maybe we need to revisit it again."

Meanwhile, both groups are rallying to stop the spread of violence in this community, which has already seen eight homicides this year.

Smith said the Urban League's rites-of-passage program, which

trains African-American adults to work with youth, is a continuous program where only African-Americans teach and train African-American youths.

"For African Americans it is the only remedy," she said. "It's not a popular stance to take, but we must teach them how significant they are. The warrior inside black youths was

intended to teach them survival and how to manipulate a wicked system not to destroy one another."

While disappointed at the

demise of the purple-ribbon campaign, Smith said she will continue to work in concert with the task force to totally rid the community of violence and drugs.

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## Urban League Now Accepting Nominations

The Winston-Salem Urban League is now accepting nominations for individuals in the following categories: achievement, corporate leadership and community service.

The recipients will be recognized as part of the 1994 Community Fun Fest (formerly Equal Opportunity Day).

All nominations should be in by Monday, March 7. Nominations received after this date will not be considered. Forward all nominations to: The Community Fun Festival Committee, c/o G. Jimmie Sudler, Winston-Salem Urban League, 201 West-Fifth Street, Winston-Salem, N.C. 27101.

### Community

# EVENTS CALENDAR

How to Schedule Your Events: Send your information, concisely and neatly printed or typed, to the Chronicle Calendar, 617 N. Liberty St., Winston-Salem, N.C. 27102, before 5 p.m., the Monday preceding the week in which your event will occur. Our fax number is (910) 723-9173.

## MARCH

### MONDAY, MARCH 7

Forsyth Technical Community College's spring quarter begins. GED and basic skills classes are held in the following East Winston and downtown locations:

Night classes - Ephesus Church, Carver High School, Mineral Springs School, Easton Elementary School, Sprague Street Recreation Center, Southgate Apartments, Macedonia Holiness Church, Union Baptist Church, Paisley Middle School and Martin Luther King Recreation Center.

Day-GED classes - Goodwill Industries, Downtown Library, Piedmont Park, Happy Hills, Cleveland Avenue Homes, Kimberly Park, Lakeside Community Center, HeadStart, East Winston Library and Experiment in Self-Reliance.

All classes are free. To register call 760-2373.

6 p.m.- The Triad of The National Association of Black Accountants will meet at the Airport Marriott. High School and College students interested in accounting are encouraged to attend. Contact Cassandra Tatum at 770-3139, Randolph Mitchell at 334-7654 or Eric Bowden at 889-3013 by Mar. 9th.

### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 9

9 a.m. - The City of Winston-Salem Neighborhood Government Service office, 2301 N. Patterson Ave., will sponsor "Free Income Tax Assistance and Preparation." The program will be presented by AARP.

7 p.m.- The Forsyth County Genealogical Society will meet in the auditorium of the Main Library, W. Fifth Street. Jeff Haines will on "Tax Records as a source of Genealogical Evidence." Visitors welcome.

### THURSDAY, MARCH 10

3 p.m. Summer Employment (Applications Available) for youth wanting summer jobs. Call 727-2975.

4 p.m.- "Spring and Summer Activities for Youth Ages 6-19" will be discussed by Donald Melbane of the Forsyth County Cooperative Extension Service. Call 727-2975 for details.

### ONGOING

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ciliation. Monitoring medical insurance claims and negotiating with creditors is also a part of the service. For information call 725-1972.

Members of the 1984 Class of East Forsyth High School, Kernersville, are looking for alumni for their 10-year reunion to be held May 27-28. A Saturday night reception will be held at the Benton Convention Center. Alumni should call Taylor Reunion Services at 1-800-677-7800 to update addresses and phone numbers.

An exhibit featuring works by the Core staff of the Sawtooth Center for Visual Art will be held in the Arts Council Boardroom Gallery through April 1. The gallery is located at the Winston-Salem Forsyth County Arts Council Offices, 305 W. Fourth St., in downtown Winston-Salem. The Arts Council is open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. The boardroom is also used for meetings, so call ahead to avoid disappointment. This event is free and open to the public.

The YWCA is offering Lifeguard Training for ages 15 and up who can pass a swim test given the first night of class. The classes will be Mondays from March 8- April 5. These are American Red Cross classes and will be at the YWCA 5:45 - 8:45 p.m. The cost is \$45 for members and \$65 for others. For more information, contact the YWCA at 722-5138. Participants must register at the YWCA and the American Red Cross.



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