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## ▲90s Style Reefer Madness

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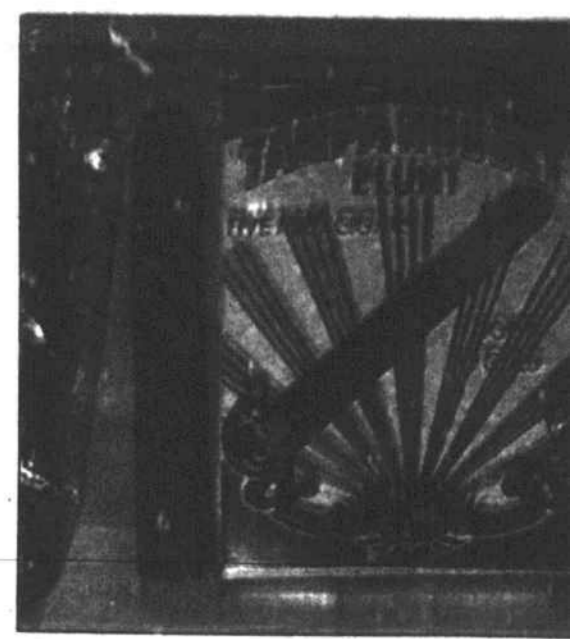
Add a new term to the lingo of marijuana use: BLUNT. The new delivery system consists of marijuana in a blunt-tip cigar.

Out with the reefer, or joint, marijuana commonly rolled into a small "stick." Out with the "Tops," and other 60's-era

white cigarette papers in which joints are smoked.

Out with the tell-tale pungent smell of marijuana. Now, the once-distinct smell of the most widely used illegal drug in the United States is commingled with the strong aroma of cigar tobacco.

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A recent trend in drug use is the rolling of marijuana into a cigar, or blunt. The aroma of the cigar masks the odor of marijuana.

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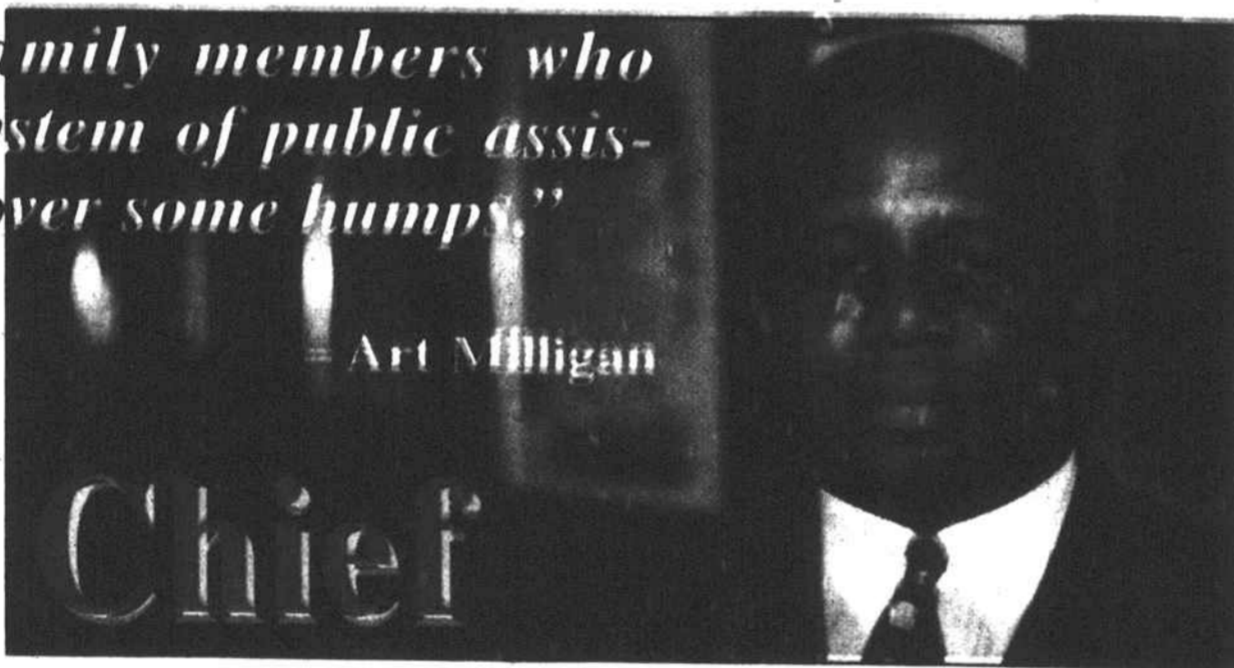
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— Art Milligan

## HAWS



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## Analyzes Welfare Reform Bill

▲ Combines Compassion with Values of Self-Sufficiency

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One of the first things Art Milligan does when he talks about the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Act (passed last week by Congress and sent to President Clinton for signature) is talk about his own personal contact with people on welfare: "I have had family members who had to use the system of public assistance to make it over some humps," he says without a hint of shame. Then, the barrel-chested and soft-spoken chief administrator of Winston-Salem's public housing authority, HAWS, ticks off the differences between what he calls "welfare myths versus welfare facts."

While brandishing a three-inch-thick computer print-out of detailed data on the four major housing communities in Winston-Salem, Milligan points out that "most welfare families are not black." There are far more white than black welfare families: over two-thirds of poor people are white. As though seven is a magic number, Milligan puts his right index finger to his spread left hand, enumerating other myths, some of which, he says "drive the politics of welfare reform, in a way that slanders and maligns a lot of people with bedrock values who've just been on their luck a longer

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## Flossie Allen's Fortunes and Misfortunes



## Putting a human face to the welfare system

*Welfare recipient Flossie Allen advises others, "Keep faith in God and find good people to give a hand, not a handout."*

Flossie Allen, 33, a single mother on AFDC, neither flinched nor winced in response to the request to discuss her life in the context of how the new welfare reforms will affect her and her four children. She was quick to say "Yeah, I'll talk. I will go on record. It ain't no secret ... It is personal and hurts a lot sometimes ...

but I think people should know." She thinks that the interview may help somebody else, which is what she thinks is the most important thing in life.

Saying matter-of-factly that she is a lot

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## Alexander pulls NAACP's use of family name

WINSTON-SALEM (AP) — The suspended president of the state chapter of the NAACP says the acting president improperly replaced the executive committee and refused to release \$5,000 in scholarship money.

Kelly M. Alexander Jr. made the accusations against Melvin L. Alston in a letter to Kweisi Mfume, the president and chief executive officer of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

Alston denied the accusations, saying the state branch executive

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## Church Watch fails to impress ministers

By MAURICE CROCKER  
Community News Reporter

Local ministers are at odds with North Carolina Governor James B. Hunt over his new Church Watch Program, which was set up to provide protection to the state's African-American churches.

The governor's program was created in response to the more than 40 church burnings that have occurred throughout the nation. Local ministers say although the governor may have good intentions they do not see where the program will have much impact.

"I'm not impressed with the program," said the Rev. John Mendez, pastor of Emanuel Baptist Church here. "This so-called new program will not do any more than the neighborhood watch program it is modeled after."

However, Governor Hunt insists that Church Watch has a lot of potential to make African-American churches safer. "But, we can't stop there," Hunt said. "We have to work together to get to the bottom of racial and religious intolerance. This has to be a team effort."

Church Watch is modeled after Neighborhood Watch and is designed to help congregations and communities keep an eye on local churches, to protect them from arson, vandalism and acts of violence.

Mendez and the Rev. Carlton B. Eversley, pastor of DeHambrook Presbyterian church, contends that the protection of the community's churches is not the community's responsibility. "It's the govern-

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Jesse Owens won four gold medals at Olympics, Berlin.

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## Three Hawley House graduates look forward to brighter drug free days

By MAURICE CROCKER  
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After 18 years of battling a disease, Thomasina Jenkins-Boyd feels good about herself, and is proud of the way she looks. The disease Boyd now calls conquered is not the result of a medical condition, but of drug addiction.

Earlier this week, Boyd, along with Nina Whitaker and Yolanda Peters, said they have overcome their addictions. All three graduated from the Forsyth Rehabilitation House, better known as the Hawley House.

"I started using drugs when I was 18 years old," Boyd said. "I just got tired of living the way I was."

Boyd, 36, said her children and her husband were her inspiration while she was in the program.

Hawley House was established in 1966, and began as a mental health agency, said Joanna Kelly, executive director.

According to Kelly, in the mid 1980's the

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From left to right, Yolanda Peters, Nina Whitaker, and Thomasina Jenkins-Boyd, recently graduated from the Forsyth Rehabilitation House, better known as the Hawley House.

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