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Officers justified, DA says

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Forsyth County District Attorney Tom Keith released close to 400 pages of documents and a short videotape last week, materials he said clearly prove that two Forsyth County sheriff's deputies were justified last fall when they used Mace, an attack dog and a flashlight to subdue a 20-year-old black motorist.



Keith

After the encounter with the deputies, the motorist, Nakia Miguel Glenn, suffered a seizure and spent several weeks at Forsyth Medical Center in a near-comatose state.

Those who witnessed the incident, which took place last August after the deputies pulled over a car driven by Glenn off Cleveland Avenue, say that the deputies, Shane Wells and Gary Simpson, used excessive force. Many described hearing the sound of a flashlight being struck across Glenn's head.



Barker

But Keith's long-awaited report states that the deputies acted within the law and used necessary force to subdue Glenn, who the DA says resisted when the deputies tried to handcuff him, reached for the deputies' guns several times and bit the attack dog that the deputies had released on Glenn during the incident.

Keith says Wells was "afraid for his life"

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Teens falsely think oral sex is the safe alternative

BY PAUL COLLINS THE CHRONICLE

"Oral sex is not considered sex in my school at all," a girl said on "The Oprah Winfrey Show" during a segment on an "oral sex epidemic." According to the Oprah.com Web site, in schools across the country, children as young as 12 are engaging in oral sex, or the new Spin the Bottle.



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Studies say oral sex is no big deal to teens.

One boy on the show said, "Oral sex is so common these days that people don't even see it as being a big deal. There are girls that I know that have given oral sex to seven guys in one night."

One girl on the show said, "Oral sex happens everywhere. There is people that throw parties ... to perform and receive oral sex. Girls go in bathrooms, in cars, in closets; it happens everywhere."

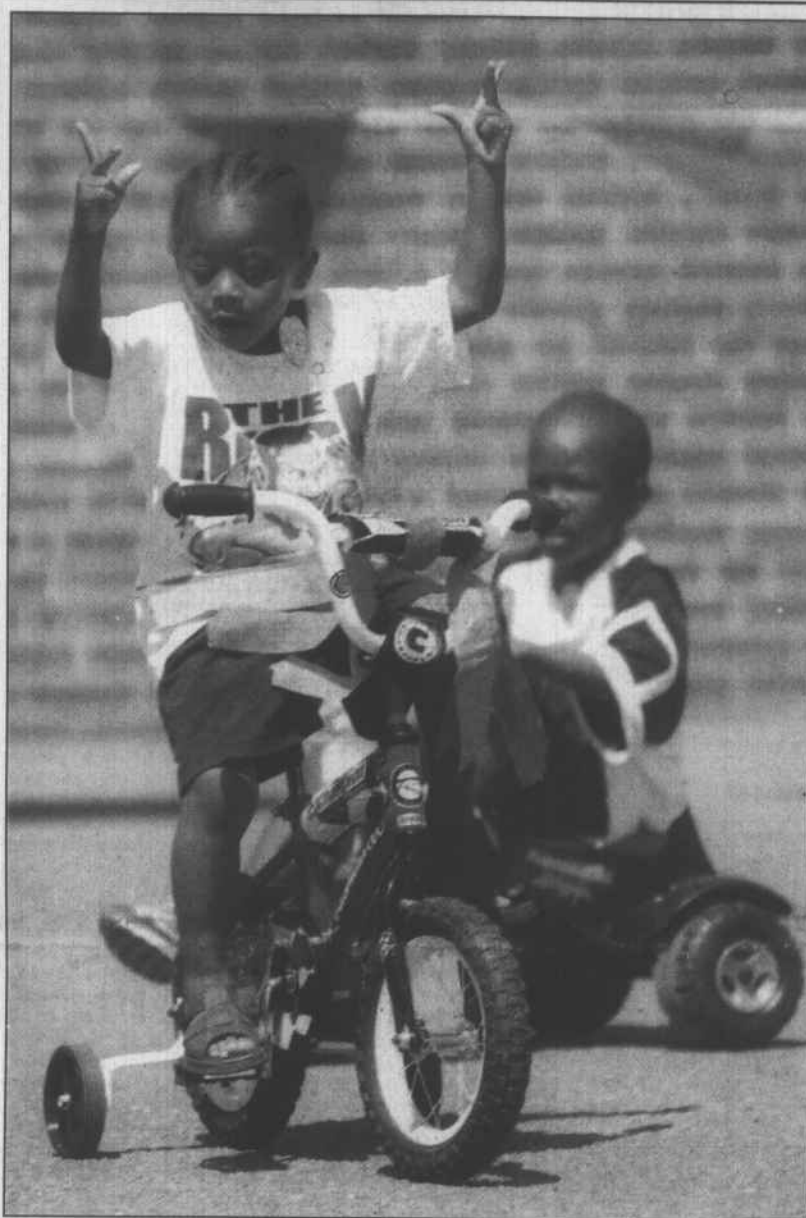
A boy on the show said, "Guys don't have to ask for oral sex. Girls just offer it."

Tanya Wilson, a health educator with the Forsyth County Department of Public Health, said in a telephone interview, "We are seeing similar things here (among young people). Oral sex - a lot of people don't consider that sex. I know it is a common thing among teen-agers to have oral sex before (they have) vaginal sex."

What are the possible consequences of engaging in oral sex?

Wilson said sexually transmitted diseases (STDs) - such as chlamydia, herpes, syphilis, gon-

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A young boy celebrates after finishing his laps last week at a fund-raiser for St. Jude Research Hospital. The event was sponsored by WSSU's Early Childcare Center.

Easy Riders

Toddlers use their bikes to help other children who are battling life-threatening illnesses

BY T. KEVIN WALKER THE CHRONICLE

Not all heroes ride white horses. Last week, some 40 pint-sized day-care students rode to the rescue of sick children on colorful tricycles and cheerfully adorned big wheels. The little ones took part in Winston-Salem State University Early Childcare Center's first ever Trike-A-Thon, a unique fund-raiser to benefit St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

The Memphis hospital is highly respected for caring for and treating children with often terminal illnesses such as cancer. Each year, St. Jude officials contact day-care centers throughout the country to solicit support through fund-raisers. Officials at the WSSU Early Childcare Center, which not only serves the needs of WSSU employees but parents throughout the city, had kindly turned down offers to help in the past, but this year was different.

"Each year we have a family fun day where parents come and take part in various activities with their children, so we thought it would be fun to combine Family Fun Day with Trike-A-Thon for St. Jude," said Brenda Lyles, director of the center.

A makeshift racetrack was set up on a basketball court next door to the center for the fund-raiser. The kids brought their own personal bikes from home, and helmets. Groups of five children circled the track several times. Each time they crossed the finish line, they racked up a quarter for the hospital from people who agreed to sponsor the young trekkers.

Parents of the youngsters spent the weeks before Friday's Trike-A-Thon securing pledges from friends and family members. Some just donated money outright to the cause instead of paying for each lap, Lyles said.

Lynetta McRae cheered on her 4-year-old daughter as she raced around the track. McRae, the treasurer for the center's Parent-Teacher Association, said her child talked excitedly about the event for weeks. She said the child was looking forward to having a good time but also to helping children in need of help.

"We sat down and talked about why she was rid-

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Residents get face time with mayor

BY T. KEVIN WALKER THE CHRONICLE

Alderwoman Vivian Burke served as hostess and Mayor Allen Joines was the guest of honor Tuesday night for the first-ever Talk of the Town community forum. Joines will eventually hold town hall-style community meetings in all eight of the city's wards.

Burke's Northeast Ward served as the site for the first meeting, which brought out about 100 people who had concerns about everything from trash collection to neighborhood revitalization in the eastern part of the city.

Burke gave Joines a big building before he addressed the crowd.



Joines

Burke said of the mayor. Many residents of the ward had

questions about the city's shrinking pocketbook. Gov. Mike Easley held more than \$8 million from Winston-Salem earlier this year in order to balance the state budget. That blow was on top of an economic slowdown



Burke

that the city was already experiencing.

A small tax hike and reducing some city services have been proposed to help the city address the budgetary crisis, Joines told the crowd. He said there are no plans to close any city recreation centers, an idea that was proposed by city staffers when it was first announced that Easley would withhold the money.

News that rec centers would not be closed was music to the ears of people who live in the Northampton neighborhood. Several of them, including Gloria Stinson, president of the neighborhood

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Locals preparing to fight infant mortality

BY COURTNEY GAILLARD THE CHRONICLE

Why are so many babies dying in Forsyth County? That was the question on everyone's mind at The Forsyth County Infant Mortality Reduction Coalition annual meeting last week.

The coalition invited board members, doctors from the medical community and members from the community at large to receive an answer to that question and hear about the upcoming educational campaign to combat infant mortality.

The Forsyth County Infant Mortality

Reduction Coalition, an umbrella organization of the Forsyth County Department of Public Health, is a community partnership of organizations - including Today's Woman Health and Wellness Center, Living Water Family Resource Center and Mother WIT Family Development Center - that work to reduce infant mortality.

The coalition's response to the above question was that anytime a baby is born too soon or too small the risk of dying increases dramatically. Unfortunately, Forsyth County is experiencing an alarming rate of infant deaths, particularly black infant deaths, where too many babies are subject to premature birth. The rate of ethnic infant mortality, represented predominantly by African-American babies, in Forsyth County is higher than the state and national infant mortality rates.



Miller

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J. Nelson-Weaver, coalition director, speaks at last week's news conference at the Sawtooth Center.

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