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WSPD DENIES ACLU'S CHARGE THAT CHECKPOINTS TARGET MINORITIES

BY LAYLA FARMER THE CHRONICLE

The Winston-Salem Police Department is pushing back against charges that its motor vehicle checkpoints are mainly set-up in black and Hispanic neighborhoods.

Raul Pinto, a racial justice fellow for the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) of North Carolina, recently told members of the newly-established Hispanic Democrats of Forsyth County that complaints from Hispanic residents of the city sparked the ACLU's interest in examining the pattern of local checkpoints - where officers block streets to check drivers' licenses.

Pinto reiterated his concerns Tuesday as he addressed members of the Ministers Conference of Winston-Salem and Vicinity at Emmanuel Baptist Church.

"We started receiving some complaints from business owners and residents of mobile home parks saying that the checkpoints were repeatedly placed outside their doors," Pinto said. "In their observation, they only saw Caucasian drivers being waved through and only Latino drivers were being stopped."

The Winston-Salem Police Department said it launched its own investigation into the ACLU's allegations and found that they are baseless.

"...the ACLU's conclusion that the WSPD is engaging in biased policing is not supported by the available data and is offensive to the officers and employees of this agency. There is absolutely no evidence to support the ACLU conclusion that the agency or any individual officer has used 'race or ethnicity as the decisive factor for locating checkpoints,'" stated an Oct. 27 letter to Pinto

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Raul Pinto stands before the Ministers Conference Tuesday.



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Hopes and fears over new charters

Influx of educational alternatives could be on the way

BY TODD LUCK THE CHRONICLE

Local leaders say that minorities may be the biggest beneficiaries or losers of the General Assembly's recent decision to increase the state's number of charter schools.

For more than a decade, only 100 charter schools were allowed to operate in North Carolina, but that changed in June. New charter schools could open as soon as the fall of 2012.

Charter schools receive state funding for every student they enroll just like traditional schools, but charters aren't under the auspices of a city/county school board or county superintendent. Charter schools are run by their own boards and operate out of privately-owned buildings.

Forsyth County is already home to five charter schools - the Arts-Based Elementary, Forsyth Academy, Quality Education Academy (QEA), Carter G. Woodson School of Challenge and The Downtown Middle School.

N.C. Rep. Earline Parmon operated a charter school in Forsyth County for several years. She opened LIFT Academy to educate students who had been suspended or expelled from traditional schools. Parmon said she voted to lift the cap after changes were made to the legislation - like requiring charter schools to have a transportation plan for students. Parmon saw many students graduate from LIFT who otherwise would have been left by the wayside, so she is a strong advocate of the alternative



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Parmon

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Ugly Memories of the Holocaust

Couple tells how they lived through one of history's most shameful chapters

BY LAYLA FARMER THE CHRONICLE

Hanne and Max Liebmann have endured one of the darkest moments in world history and lived to tell the tale. The Jewish couple - who were married just before the end of WWII in 1945 - told a standing room only crowd at Forsyth Technical Community College last week about how they survived the Holocaust.

"(Surviving the Holocaust) took determination," said Mrs. Liebmann. "It took extreme luck and it took the help of many people - we didn't do it all on our own - and it took a bit of courage."

Not all European Jews were as lucky. The Nazi-led genocide took the lives of more than six million Jews, including more than a million children. The Liebmann's appearance at Forsyth Tech coincided with the opening of an exhibit - Life in Shadows: Hidden Children and the Holocaust - at the school that details the stories of children who lived through the horrors of Hitler's Final Solution.

The Liebmanns were teenagers



Holocaust survivors Hanne and Max Liebmann share their incredible story.

Forsyth Tech Photo by Calhoun Photography

in their native Germany when Hitler came to power. Mrs. Liebmann told the audience. "...the last thing I saw of my mother was a little white handkerchief fluttering out between the (train) tracks. It was a devastating experience to say the least."

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not as horrific as those at Auschwitz and other death camps, Mr. Liebmann said, "nevertheless, it was not a joy to be there."

"The food was the same as it was in all the camps," his wife added. "We got something that looked like coffee in the morning, but it wasn't and lunchtime was watery soup. It was literally a starvation diet, and many people did

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First Waughtown nurtures God's sheep

BY TODD LUCK THE CHRONICLE

First Waughtown Baptist Church fed and clothed all those who came through its doors on Saturday. More than 150 people walked through the doors of the Southeastern Winston-Salem church. They were treated to a turkey dinner and given large orange bags to fill with clothes. The church provided transportation to and from places like the Bethesda Center for the Homeless, the Winston-Salem Rescue Mission and the Salvation Army Center of Hope.

This was at least the sixth time that First Waughtown's Missionary Department had held Feed My Sheep Day - an event dedicated to helping those among us with the least.



Geneva Payne

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Mary Payne, (left) and her grandchildren Zachariah and Jamarion are served.

SITTERCISING



Photo by Layla Farmer

Dorinda Phillips leads her Sittercise class in a bicycle simulation exercise earlier this week at the Rupert Bell Rec. The class is a popular option for many local senior citizens. Read more on page B1.

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