



ig'nant, just in case there is another mention in the paper. You know the Fly ain't gonna let y'all go out like suckas. Next time you need a definition, call the folks at the Post and they'll break it down for you. Of course, they gonna tell me, so you will get busted in Fly eventually.

•Tears in the Fly's Eye...Everytime the Fly wings past McDonald Cafeteria, my eyes get all misty - all 10,000 of them. Somebody, please do somethin'. The empty parking lot, the McDonald's sign gone. It's enough to break the Fly's little ol' heart. Harvey Gantt, Mel Watt, James "I ain't Mad at Ya" Ferguson, hook it up. I ain't lit on no good fried fish bones in weeks. The Fly started to buy the place, but alas, ain't much money in lighting on trash.

• Ain't mad at cha...Last week's 411 on the DSS bomb threat didn't set too well with Social Services director Richard "Jake" Jacobsen, who hipped Fly's spies on why the county did what it did. In case y'all forgot, the Freedom Drive DSS office got hit with a bomb threat. Rather than evacuate, the chiefs opted to leave voice mails for all the employees.

Fire and police standard operating procedure is to have a building's occupants scope out their surroundings for unfamiliar stuff, which is why messages were left for employees to search their

areas. Police and fire types had no reason to think the call was serious, Jacobson said, but everyone took it for real. Although DSS staff folks complained they weren't told straight up about the threat, Jacobson defends the county's policy to keep the evacuation on the down-low. To make sure no one would get hurt, a second evacuation was called 15 minutes before the caller's threat was supposed to become reality. Jacobsen said he and a posse of security folks went in and searched the joint again.

"I'm not going to be the one in there to see the building blow up at 3 o'clock," Jacobsen said.

• Legal Eagles...The Fly hears dat former judge Terry Sherrill is looking to merge law books with Fly Fav' attorney Frank Creft.



Sherrill

Now from the what da Fly hear from the Wall, this means that Creft and Sherrill will be sittin' on top of da biggest Black owned law firm in North Carolina. Y'all go on wid ya bad selves. If the Fly could get sued, he'd call all y'all. And to Terry, it's really good to see ya back homey. For those that's new in town Sherrill had some problems a few

years back, but he worked real hard to get hisself back in the groove. A special "you go boy."

• And baby makes three...The Fly hears that congrats need to be shouted out to Sterlin Benson Webber and hubby, top tooth taker Dr. Spurgeon Webber. We hear the happy couple done up and multiplied. A new youngun', a little girl at that, is hangin' out in da nursery. The Fly ain't been out that way, but keep ya head up y'all. We know she gotta be cute. Sterlin, get back to work girl, TV ain't the same without cha.

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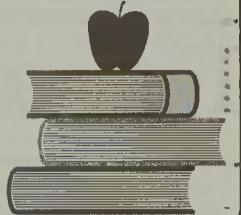
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Stewart

How them Dogs hanging. How yo' man doing? Give the Fly's Spies a call and let us know what up w' dat. Speaking of the Morning Crew...Tone X, if that is your real name, and BJ (what does that stand for anyway)...a pith helmet is one of those African Safari hats. You know, has a brim all the way around and its usually hard and covered with canvas. Didn't want y'all axing again and looking all

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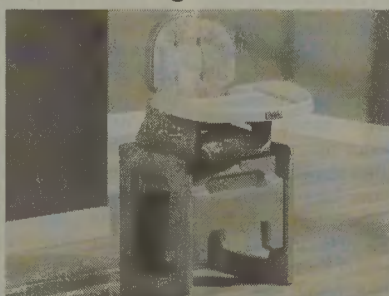
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