

# Little's plan approved by legislature

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percent black; Hanes Community Center, 9.8 percent black; Bethabara Moravian Church, 4.1 percent black, and Old Town Elementary School, 17.4 percent black. District 67 has a 55.4 percent black population. If the new House plan is approved by the courts, Forsyth, Mecklenburg and Cumberland counties each will contain more than one predominantly black, single-member House district. The next step, Little said, is getting the three-judge panel that ordered the change, and the plaintiffs in the case that challenged the fairness of multi-member districts in North Carolina, to approve the plan.

"I have been in contact with Leslie Winners (the attorney for the plaintiffs)," Little said, "and she likes our plan." As a safeguard against having the Little plan rejected, the North Carolina House and Senate also accepted to record another Little plan to divide the county into five single-member districts. Because of the redistricting, primaries in the seven House and Senate districts ordered to redraw their boundaries will be delayed. If the court approves the plan by April 20, primaries will be held on June 5. If the plan is approved after April 20 but before May 17, primaries will

be held on July 17. The cancellation of the May 8 primary also means that the filing periods for candidates in the affected areas will be reopened. As of yet, no other candidates have said they would challenge either Kennedy or Hauser. But Little said he thinks Hauser could encounter opposition because he is not a strong black candidate. "Hauser basically votes the way (R.J.) Childress votes," Little said. "In fact, with the exception of Forsyth County, he voted against single-member districts. He is a safe candidate, one who doesn't rock the boat. We need to sit down with him and let him know he

will have to march to a different beat. He is in a district that has three strong aldermen." Hauser declined to respond to Little's charges but noted in a letter to the *Chronicle* (on Page A4) that he voted for single-member House districts in Forsyth, Durham, Wake, Mecklenburg, Edgecombe, Nash and Wilson counties. He said he also voted for single-member Senate districts in Eastern North Carolina and in Mecklenburg and Cabarrus counties. Little said he is not interested in running against Hauser and doesn't know of anyone who has expressed an interest in his seat.

# YMCA situation is not as bad as it seems

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Planners, which is designing the building) has worked with the Patterson board and is committed to doing what they want. The Metropolitan board has not told Patterson what they need to put in the Y. Sometimes we make things more difficult than what they are." But Roseboro contends that the Metropolitan board has tried to remove the Patterson Y as the principal decisionmaker in the project. The Metropolitan board asked the architect to redesign and scale down the building from the \$3.5 million facility the Patterson board approved to the \$2.8 million the Metropolitan board said it can afford, she said. When Gantt returned the redesign, Roseboro said, Metropolitan approved the design and signed a letter of intent without Patterson's input.

Brian Cormier, general director of the Metropolitan YMCA, said last week that the letter of intent had to be signed in order to seal the prices. But, in a letter to James Allen, chairman of the Facilities and Development Committee for the Metropolitan YMCA, Gantt said he had scaled down the building but "I conclude that any effort to reduce the scope of the project further would be damaging to the quality of the building and the scope of services the YMCA can offer." Gantt suggested in his letter that a letter of intent be signed with the contractors, Fowler Jones Construction Co., within 10 days to build the redesigned facility for \$2.72 million. The letter was dated Feb. 17 and the Metropolitan

board signed the letter of intent on Feb. 21, six days before Gantt's suggested deadline. "They should have given us time to review that," Roseboro said. Booker said Roseboro and Allen are confused as to what a letter of intent is. "It means that we plan to keep moving with the project," Booker said. "It is not nailed in cement and mortar. We signed a letter to keep the project going; that's all we were doing. We didn't sign a contract. And we have met with the Patterson board and told them that." Booker continued: "We are pretty much on the way to a first-class facility but we have to build the building within the means that we have. If you only have \$3.1 million, you can't build a \$5 million building." But Roseboro said some black contributors to the fun-

draising campaign may become disillusioned at the recent turn of events concerning the new Y. Since the black community was promised a building, she said, and since more than 1,500 black people pledged to support the building financially, to renege at this point might hinder the Y in collecting the pledges. "People thought they were giving so we could have the building we promised them," Roseboro said. "We should have a nice facility, too. Why put up a mediocre building over here when they (the Central YMCA) have a nice facility over there?" Roseboro and Allen both say they don't know what happens next. The land for the new Winston Lake YMCA on Waterworks Road has been cleared. "We don't know what we will get," Allen said. "It's like two people fighting five wars."

# School board chairman dies

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treasure that time. "I thought a great deal of Bill," Holleman said. "He and I were cut out of the same mold. He was a keen political observer. He was his own man, a free thinker." One of the things Sheppard told him, Holleman said, was that he wanted to work on was bringing the board, which has been sharply divided on a number of issues, back together. "In some situations, he was not concerned with the issues," said Holleman, "but was concerned with keeping the board together." Holleman has been a strong advocate of changing the board's membership to an odd number, but said he would "rather serve on an even-number board with Bill than serve without him. I loved his wit and wisdom and he will be sorely missed on the board." Dr. H. Douglas Covington, Winston-Salem State's chancellor, said Sheppard was not only a colleague but a friend. "He was a very dedicated professional who worked diligently on any task that he undertook," Covington said. "The university owes Dr. Sheppard a debt of gratitude for the outstanding contributions that he made to its progress. On a very personal level, I will miss his expertise and his sense of humor." Said Alderman Larry Womble: "My first reaction was that of shock and disbelief and it has come as a loss to me

personally, to this community and especially to the black community because he has been a friend. "He was a sincere, dedicated, hardworking and compassionate individual," Womble said. "He was a champion for the disadvantaged and the underdog. It will be a long time before Dr. Sheppard is replaced." Pat Hairston, former president of the local NAACP and a candidate for the Board of County Commissioners, said Sheppard's candor and straightforward manner will

be missed. "Dr. Sheppard was a fair-minded person," said Hairston. "He was, to me, the one person that was more aware of the times than anybody else on the school board." According to Sue Carson, director of school-community relations for the school system, Garlene Grogan, now vice chairman of the board, will take assume the chairmanship. The board also has the option

of electing another vice chairman, Carson said. The executive committee of the Democratic Party will then recommend to the county commissioners a person to serve the rest of Sheppard's term, which expires in December. He was not eligible for re-election. A rosary service will be held at 8 p.m. on Friday at Our Lady of Fatima Chapel, and a funeral Mass will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday at Saint Benedict's Catholic Church. Sheppard donated his body to science.

# Crime

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- 3500 block, Carver Road  
A portable television and radio were taken.
- Larceny*
- 1100 block, East 29th Street  
Ten cedar trees were taken.
- 300 block, Forest Hill  
Three men's suits were taken.
- 1200 block, Cameron Avenue  
A black leather jacket was taken.

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Many agencies exist to assist people during emergencies. If you need the police, firemen, an ambulance or hospital personnel, use their emergency number. However, if it is not an emergency, don't tie up that number.

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- Police or fire departments:  
911 (Emergency)  
(can be dialed at any pay phone without inserting money)  
727-2184 (Non-emergency)

- Forsyth County Sheriff's Department:  
727-2112 (Emergency)  
727-2661 (Non-emergency)

- N.C. Highway Patrol: 761-2441
- T.D.D. (communications for deaf): 727-8042
- Ambulance and Rescue: 727-2222
- Baptist Hospital: 748-4995
- Forsyth Hospital: 773-3101

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# Fire

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try to carry a burning pan outside. If you don't spill flaming liquid on yourself, you're liable to ignite woodwork, curtains and upholstery as you rush to the door with your flaming burden.

Finally, know what to do if your clothing catches fire: drop to the floor and roll to put the fire out. Treat this, or any burn, by cooling the burn with cold water -- this removes residual heat in the tissues that cause further burning. Cover the burn with a sterile pad or clean sheet -- never with grease or butter -- and seek medical attention.

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