

The war's over, welcome home to our troops!



Mending 'Fences' Reynolds High drama students stage a school 'first.'

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Body of local Gulf War victim returned for funeral

Memorial service for Jerry King, Thursday

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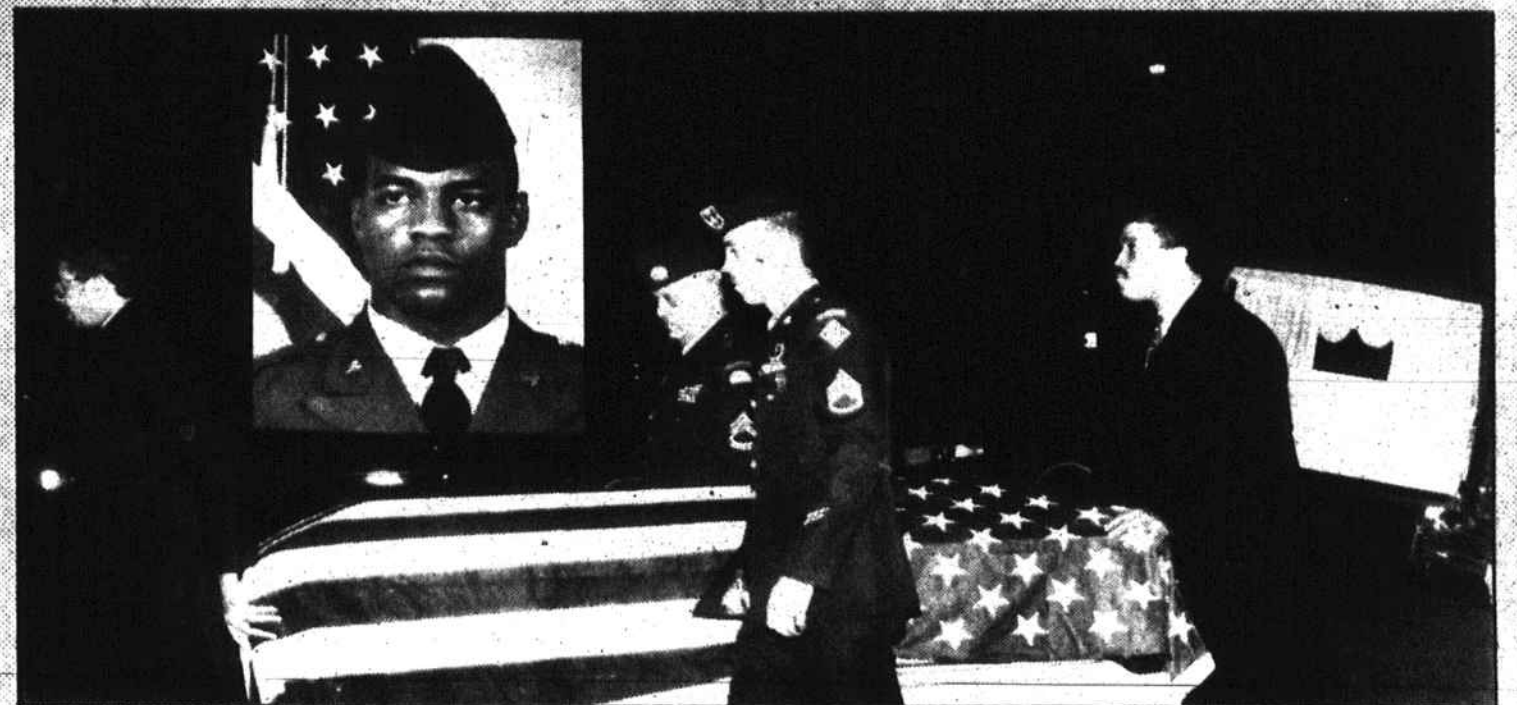
The coffin bearing Private First Class Jerry Leon King arrived Monday evening at the Piedmont Triad International Airport in Greensboro from Dover, Delaware. It was accompanied by a retired Army sergeant who had been called back to service as military escort for such somber occasions. The flag of the country for which Pfc. King had fought and died was draped over the coffin before it was put into the hearse for the trip back to Winston-Salem.

The family and friends of Pfc. King will attend 1 p.m. services today for him at the Russell Funeral Home Chapel with Army Chaplain Fisher officiating. Pfc. King will then have full military rites at the gravesite at the National Military

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Photo by L.B. Speas Jr. King's mother and stepfather, Vernell and Ruskin Faison, feel he made his family proud.



Military escort brings home body of Pfc. Jerry Leon King (inset), killed one day before Operation Desert Storm ceasefire.

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Black leads white congregation

BREVARD, N.C. (AP) People here seem accepting of the first black minister appointed to an all-white Methodist congregation in North Carolina, Brevard Mayor Katherine Anderson says.

"My daughter called me from Charlotte and said, 'Mother, I'm so proud of you; you're so progressive,'" Ms. Anderson said in an interview published Monday in the *Greensboro News & Record*. "I said, 'Thank you, we think so too.'"

The Rev. Earl Wilson Jr., is minister of the Brevard congregation.

Black police officers needed

WASHINGTON, N.C. (AP) The fatal shooting of a black man by two white police officers underscores a need for black police officers in this eastern North Carolina town, said a minister who led a protest march.

The Rev. David Moore on Monday urged about 600 marchers to boycott city stores that don't support the cause.

"If we're not good enough to work there, we are not going to shop there," Moore said. "If we can get 600 to march, we can get 600 to boycott a store."

Swastika removed at Harvard

CAMBRIDGE, Mass. (AP) A Harvard student who hung a swastika from her dorm window to protest others who had hung Confederate flags has removed the Nazi symbol to prevent friction between black and Jewish students.

Jacinda Townsend said she put the swastika up Feb. 22 as a protest against two students who had hung Confederate flags, which she said were racist. Townsend said she hoped the university would enact a policy prohibiting the hanging of hate symbols on Harvard buildings.

Black mayor in Savannah?

SAVANNAH, Ga. (AP) Census figures showing that blacks now make up a majority of Savannah's population are encouraging to black leaders, who think a minority candidate finally has a good chance of being elected mayor.

But two potential candidates are warning that if too many blacks get in the race, they could splinter the vote and lose the election for all of them.

No window service at main post office

Postmaster says Patterson Avenue location not likely to have service

By RUDY ANDERSON
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The new postal facility at 1500 Patterson Avenue doesn't have a customer service window, nor is it likely to have one according to postal officials, even though it is supposed to be the city's main post office.

The new facility opened about six weeks ago. But many of those who have come to use the facility have been shocked to discover that the customer service operation they had become accustomed to in the old post office at Fifth and Trade Streets does not exist in the

new facility.

Bill Brown, manager of communications for the Greensboro division which includes Winston-Salem, admitted Tuesday that the main post office label has been confusing.

"The new facility under construction on Town Run Lane downtown will provide the retail customer services for the downtown area," Brown said. He pointed out that there was no set criteria for what should be included in a main postal facility.

Postal officials in Washington concurred saying the designation "main" post office is

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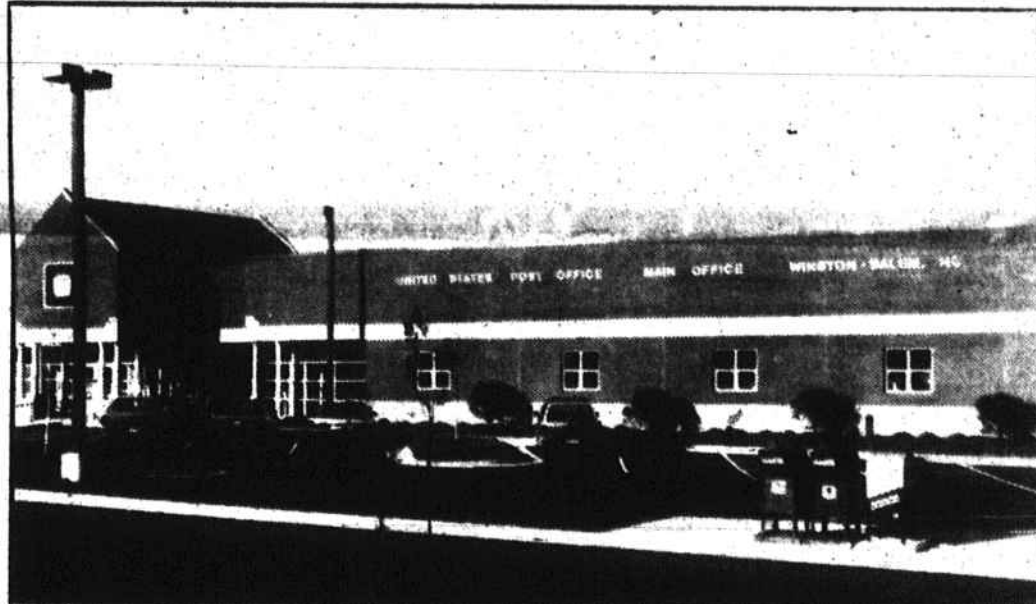


Photo by L.B. Speas Jr. The city's new main post office has a lot of people asking questions about its lack of services to the public.

School Board reverses decision

By RUDY ANDERSON
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After quashing a motion to suspend the rules to allow a vote on an alternative district election plan introduced by school board member Nancy Wooten, the Winston-Salem/Forsyth County School Board voted unanimously to reconsider taking another look at changing from the present at-large system of electing board members

to some sort of district plan. The vote reversed a decision by the board last week not to consider any changes to the current system.

But some African-American leaders still expressed skepticism about what the board would ultimately do.

Last week the board voted 7-2 to keep the current at-large system, saying district elections could be divisive and subvert the more important reasons for minority

representation on the board.

That action drew harsh criticism from both African-American and white community leaders who urged the board to rethink its position and avoid a threatened lawsuit by the NAACP.

That vote came near the end of a lengthy 4-1/2-hour meeting. The last hour of that meeting was spent in executive session, while school board members consult-

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Nancy Wooten



AP Wirephoto General Colin Powell has come a long way from tinkering with old cars in the South Bronx to commanding the forces of the U.S. military.

Tracing Powell's history

Few people remember him

NEW YORK (AP) All that's left of Colin Powell on the battered old street where he grew up is a two-page report in a file cabinet at I.S. 52.

The record tells us that the future general and chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff lived up the street at 952 Kelly and got mostly 80s and 90s. That he typed his reports, collected stamps and liked to make maps. That he was elected "class captain" and took French. That he graduated from junior high in 1950.

When Dwight Eisenhower, a general to whom Powell is being compared, was named Supreme Allied Commander in 1943, reporters who went to Abilene, Kan., saw the house where Ike was raised. They interviewed his mother, chatted with his friends, visited the dairy where he had worked 80 hours a week.

It's different with Colin Powell. He grew up in the South Bronx.

When the Powell family moved out in 1956, the neighborhood already had begun a decline so rapid that today there is virtually no memory or trace of those who were born, lived and died there in the years after World War II.

Were Powell to return, he would not find the corner

bakery where fat Mr. Kaiserman sold cheesecakes for less than a dollar. He would not find the Tiffany Theatre, where he liked to watch Westerns. And he would not find the four-story brown brick walkup where he lived for 15 years.

J. Sickser's, the children's store where young Colin fixed furniture after school, is shuttered. Intervale Avenue station, his subway stop, has been closed since a fire damaged it several years ago.

Prospect Hospital is now a shelter for homeless families, and P.S. 39, Powell's grade school, is filled with community group offices. A hand-scrawled sign on a club across the street says "Pool Tables for Customers Who Drink Only."

Sammy the shoemaker, the printing shop, the storefront synagogue-all gone. The only constant is the screech of the train wheels as they round the curve in the elevated tracks at the end of Powell's old block.

"You're looking for people who knew Colin Powell?" asks accountant Henry Altman, one of the few white businessmen who waited out the two-decade storm of

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