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Robinson resigns

By RUDY ANDERSON
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The chairman of the local NAACP's political action committee resigned Tuesday in protest over what he considers the NAACP Board letting itself be used to promote racial conflict to hide a disastrous political strategy that resulted in the election of an all-white school board.

Vernon Robinson, a member of the board

and a life sustaining member of the organization the last six years, made his views clear last week when he went before the school board as it deliberated whether it would change the method of electing school board members.

The school board voted 6-3 to maintain the current at-large partisan method of electing board members. The NAACP has filed suit against the school board to force district

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Vernon Robinson

Community says 'Thanks!' Leaders outraged over assertions

By PATRICIA SMITH-DEERING
Community News Editor

News of the resignation of controversial figure Vernon Robinson from his chairmanship of the local NAACP's political action committee March 26 because he feels the organization is being used "to promote racial conflict" drew almost unanimous support from the civil rights organization from leaders in

the African-American community.

"If we're being used and we've been successful in being used,...in advancing the cause of equality for the African-American community, then keep on using us," said Southeast Ward Alderman Larry Womble when he heard of Robinson's allegations. Womble, a lifetime member of the NAACP,

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District lines being drawn

By JOHN ALFORD
Special to the Chronicle

This year, you can help draw the lines! North Carolina's legislators recently launched their first steps to realign the state's legislative and congressional district lines to conform with federal law. Results from the 1990 Census Count helped the process. Preliminary census data indicates that North Carolina has 6.628 million residents, about 13% more than in 1980. But

state population has not grown uniformly. Some places gained more people than others, and some places in the state lost population.

So legislators must redraw legislative and congressional district lines so that state legislators and this state's members in Congress will represent roughly the same number of residents.

You have a vested interest in the results. For example, legislative district lines will determine if more counties in the state

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—Arthur Kenner
WSTA



Photo by L.B. Speas Jr.

The Winston-Salem Transit Authority has been trying for months to have a second stop on Route 18 at Hanes Mall but to no avail.

Hanes Mall's refusal to allow second bus stop questioned

By RUDY ANDERSON
Chronicle Managing Editor

Negotiations for a second bus stop at the new addition to Hanes Mall are at a stalemate because management at the mall refuses to allow the city Transit Authority to put that stop at the new section at the mall.

Arthur Kenner, assistant manager for operations with the Winston-Salem Transit Authority, said Friday that WSTA has had discussions with mall officials about another bus stop. But Kenner said the answer he has received from those officials about why they won't allow another stop makes no sense to him.

"Thomas Winstead, the manager of the mall, told me himself that engineers have told him that the WSTA buses are too heavy for the new parking lot," Kenner said during a telephone interview last week. "Now does that make any sense?" he asked.

Winstead refused to elaborate on the subject during a phone

interview Friday. He would only confirm that the matter has been discussed. "Other than that, I just don't have anything else to say about it," Winstead said.

The Chronicle has learned that the owners of Hanes Mall, Jacobs, Visconti and Visconti, own a mall in Columbia, S.C. where similar problems occurred last year. Additionally, blacks boycotted Crabtree Valley Mall in Raleigh for the same problem of eliminating bus service. The black community speculated that the real reason was to cut down on the black traffic at Crabtree.

Kenner said WSTA has been taking passengers to Hanes Mall since it opened 15 years ago. He said the bulk of the passengers riding the bus from the downtown area to the mall are African-American. And he said that passengers and employees at the mall have requested that a second stop be added at the Dillard's entrance to the mall.

Two bus routes serve riders bound for the mall. The routes

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Black kids face bleak years ahead

WASHINGTON (AP)

Rapid population growth and the explosion of AIDS cast a bleak shadow over the health of black African children, a government report said Thursday.

As many as 10 million sub-Saharan children under age 10 are expected to see one or both of their parents die during this decade, and infant and child death rates may rise by 50 percent in some countries, the report said.

Malnutrition is the most important contributor to early African childhood deaths. Some 30 percent of children between 12 months and 23 months old are malnourished, said the report by Health and Human Services Secretary Louis Sullivan and Ronald Roskens, administrator of the Agency for International Development.

Sullivan and Roskens, at the request of President Bush, led a U.S. delegation on a trip to seven African countries in January. They visited

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Residents air districting concerns at hearing

By PATRICIA SMITH-DEERING
Community News Editor

Getting public input on the task of redrawing North Carolina's congressional and legislative districts was the focus of the Thursday, March 26, meeting with members of the State House of Representatives, the State Senate and North Carolina's members of the U. S. House of Representatives are elected. If the General Assembly finds that the State House, State Senate, or U. S. House districts contain inequalities that are legally permissible, then it must shift the population of the districts to adjust the inequalities.

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Rep. Warren "Pete" Oldham



Rep. Annie B. Kennedy



Rep. Michael Decker

N.A.T.I.O.N.A.L NEWS

43 killed in South Africa

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa — At least 43 people were killed and dozens injured in fighting in black townships, including 13 people who died when police clashed with hundreds of African National Congress supporters.

It was one of the most violent weekends in recent months in South Africa, where growing black factional fighting and other unrest has claimed dozens of lives during the past few weeks.

Judge stopped by FBI

BATON ROUGE, La. (AP) — U.S. District Judge Robert Collins likens his treatment by FBI agents to something out of Hitler's Germany.

Collins, indicted on federal bribery charges and scheduled to go on trial in May, said Saturday that he believes his case is an example of a national conspiracy to discredit black officials.

"I was stopped on the street by the FBI because they had obtained a search warrant. They took my car away from me and brought me back to my office."

Mayor redraws districts

BALTIMORE (AP) — Mayor Kurt Schmoke on Saturday signed legislation that redraws boundaries for the six council districts, giving five of them black majorities.

The plan was approved on a 16-3 vote Friday, after a week of emotional rhetoric and intense negotiations.

Schmoke had supported a plan that largely left the status quo in place with three districts largely black.

Former Laker files suit

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Former Los Angeles Lakers star Jamaal Wilkes filed a \$250,000 claim against the city, alleging he was stopped by police and handcuffed because he is black.

The claim, if rejected, would set the stage for a lawsuit against the Police Department, which already is under intense pressure over the videotaped beating of black motorist Rodney King.