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School Board makes last ditch effort to amend bill

Kennedy asks: where have you been?

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Rep. Annie Kennedy had only one question for school board representatives who showed up, unannounced, at her Raleigh office Tuesday: Where have you been?

Representatives came, at the eleventh hour, with the 2-4-3 multi-member plan which bears no resemblance to Kennedy's bill scheduled for a vote Wednesday.

"They didn't present anything to me early enough, and we don't know what the impact of their plan would be," said Kennedy. Her plan was thoroughly researched, including a study conducted by her staff attorney of the impact on the community.

"To consider their plan now would delay our bill to the extent that we might not have a bill. The hour is late," said Kennedy.

Initially, the school board would not consider the 2-4-3 plan they now endorse, despite the fact that their own committee suggested it in February, and the NAACP endorsed it. Many members of the African-American community find it hard to view the board's behavior with compassion.

"If they had presented this 2-4-3 plan in the beginning, we'd never

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School Board feels the heat Pressure prompts action

Chronological events which preceded the School Board's decision to offer its so-called compromise plan.

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• NAACP formally asks school board to come up with a plan to remedy the problems of no black representation

NOVEMBER 6

• All-white School Board elected, two Democrats lose seat.

NOVEMBER 13

• Black Political Action League hosts meeting of 40 African-Americans who urge School Board redistricting

NOVEMBER 19

• School Board discusses issue, NAACP President Walter Marshall makes it clear he will file suit if Board does not take action

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• Chronicle front-page editorial urges NAACP President Walter Marshall to file suit against School Board

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Difference in plans more than political

What is the difference in the Kennedy/Oldham bill and the 2-4-3 plan the school board recently endorsed?

On the surface, both plans would afford the black community the opportunity to elect two representatives, and both plans have three members elected at-large.

But a crucial disparity has to do with how well each plan can provide the opportunity for an African-American to actually be elected.

In the Kennedy/Oldham plan, two districts would be composed of primarily black voters, thus affording a fair opportunity to elect two black representatives. Under the 2-4-3 plan, two members would come from one district which is approximately 60% black. The black vote would be split, making it possible for a white candidate to be elected in the predominately black district.

"I am astounded that the school board had the 2-4-3 plan suggested to them by their committee in February, and wouldn't consider it then," said Rep. Kennedy.

She points out that no one from the school board contacted her until Tuesday, the day before her bill was expected to come up for a vote.

"My plan was thoroughly researched and I know what its impact will be," she said. "But this 2-4-3 plan, no one really knows how it will impact the black vote and that is the key issue here."

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20th Reunion for busing grads

CHARLOTTE (AP) — When the Class of 1971 began its senior year at West Mecklenburg High School, Sandi Ridout couldn't understand why some of her best friends had been bused to other schools.

Robert Leak was a new student at West Mecklenburg, and he looked forward to the opportunity. But some of his friends were angry that they had to leave predominantly-black West Charlotte High for the unfriendly turf of West Meck, a long-time sports rival.

Cross burned at black family's home

WINTER GARDEN, Fla. (AP) — Three days after Marquita Franklin and her family moved into their house, their front window was smashed and a cross was left smoldering on their lawn.

The window was shattered again in January. And over the July Fourth holiday, the front wall of the house was spray-painted with the misspelled racial slur: "Niggees go home."

Orange County deputy sheriffs say they are mystified since another black family lives in the same neighborhood of this Orlando suburb, and there has been no history of vandalism or violence.

Call for Police Chief to resign

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The Police Department needs a new chief as part of an overhaul to curb brutality and racism and keep the agency from slipping into a "siege mentality," said a report Tuesday from a panel formed after the videotaped Rodney King beating.

The Independent Commission called for Chief Daryl Gates to end his often stormy 13-year tenure, possibly through retirement, and recommended reshaping his job with a 10-year limit and more accountability.

IU Med study targets minorities

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — A new study of risk factors causing Alzheimer's disease among minorities in Indianapolis and Nigeria is underway at Indiana University Medical Center.

Researchers at the medical center said Tuesday the cross-cultural investigation is the first epidemiologic study designed to determine the environmental risk factors for Alzheimer's disease.

Investigators at the medical center and the University of Ibadan in Nigeria, Africa, were awarded about \$2.7 million.

NAACP weighs Thomas' race vs. his politics

By SUSAN FAHLGREN
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HOUSTON (AP) — The NAACP today said it would make no immediate decision on endorsing or opposing the Supreme Court nomination of black conservative Judge Clarence Thomas.

The civil rights group said it wanted to meet with Thomas and conduct a review of Thomas' record in public office. Thomas has been harshly criticized by the NAACP in the past.

"We're not going to be stampeded into mass hysteria just because someone says we're waffling," said Benjamin Hooks, NAACP executive director. "What we're doing is what we've always done. We're not waffling."

The decision to withhold an endorsement or opposition was announced today by Hooks and William Gibson, chairman of the board of directors, at the group's annual convention being held in Houston.

President Bush nominated Thomas, 43, last week to succeed Thurgood Marshall, who is retiring at the age of 83. Thomas easily won Senate confirmation in

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Photo by Mike Cunningham
Clarence and Jaenae Wilder enjoyed a cool treat on a hot summer day recently at a carnival held at the Lawrence Joel Veterans Memorial Coliseum.

Smith, League agree on terms of settlement

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The attorneys for the Winston-Salem Urban League and former league Executive Director Delores Smith have reached a settlement agreement, and are currently working out the details in their negotiations resulting from the November dismissal of Ms. Smith by the Urban League Board of Directors.

According to Ms. Smith in a recent telephone interview from her home, although the negotiations are not over, "We're hopeful that within the next couple of weeks, things will be settled in some shape, form or fashion."

Ms. Smith says one of the main reasons for the negotiations is to clear the air about her dismissal. "Reasons for my dismissal were never made clear even up to today's date," she stated.

However, current board chairman, Nat Irvin, says that the board will not focus on the reasons for Ms. Smith's termination. "We're concerned more with due process," he said.

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Photo by Mike Cunningham
Teketia Thompson looks on as Edwin Rodriguez uses the computer at WSSU's Futuristic Math/Computer Science Institute.

Futuristic math concept

Program geared to middle school kids

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A program at Winston-Salem State University is helping some middle school kids learn more about math and to develop an interest in higher mathematics, such as calculus and trigonometry.

The program is the Futuristic Math/Computer Science Institute, which ran from June 3 to June 28, 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., in the RJ Reynolds Business Center on the university campus. It was the idea of Alderman Virginia Newell who served as a math instructor for the program.

The institute was funded by the Winston-Salem/Forsyth County Schools and Mrs. Geneva Brown, program manager with the school system says its purpose "was to teach these kids some math and make them begin to think higher math; coming out thinking about being engineers."

The four-week program was aimed at rising sixth, seventh and eighth graders from various parts of the community, who were chosen by Mrs. Brown based on their test scores in math and their IQ scores.

She said, "I tried to choose a cross-section of kids who are high in potential. Some of them live in at-risk neighborhoods. But not all of them. We tried to have some smart kids in here; kids from good neighborhoods, some from at-risk neighborhoods." Many of the kids in the program either attend or will be attending schools such as Philo, Mineral Springs, Kennedy, and Atkins Middle Schools. Overall, seven area middle schools are represented in the program.

The program participants learn more than math though. They are also taught language and life science skills. Dr. Ernie Wade, head master of the institute and the life skills instructor, says "We examine peer pressure and how that impacts on a student's aspirations; their achievement level.

Usually as a black student, especially or often for all students, when you achieve, you get better grades. It's like each 'A' you get tends to move you a step away from, very often, from the crowd.

And so we sort of talk to them about how it's okay to do well. It's okay to make A's, and then we

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