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Delta Fine Arts Center to present John T. Biggers murals to WSSU.

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Mose' Belton Brown receives East Area Council's top award.

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## Winston-Salem Four trial: Week One

▲ Following is the *Chronicle's* detailed account of the racketeering and extortion trial of Alderman Larry Womble, former Alderman Patrick Hairston, political consultant Rodney Sumler, and community activist Lee Faye Mack

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**The Jury**

A jury of 12 was elected from a pool of nearly 100 people from North Carolina's Middle District: 25 counties including Forsyth. The first group to sit in the jury box consisted of eight whites and four blacks, but after nearly 50 individuals were excused, the jury that both sides found acceptable consisted of three black females, three black males, three white females, and two white males, and one Asian woman. The average age of the

jurors appears to be 35.

Four alternate jurors were chosen: two black males, one black female, and one white female.

Alderman Larry Womble said he was pleased with the jury selection. A member of the audience who is a friend of Patrick Hairston said, "I think the jury selection was fair. There aren't that many blacks in the district, and a jury of six blacks and five whites and one Asian is good. And, some of the women have several children, too, so maybe they know what it's like to struggle."

Attorney Larry Little neglected his campaign for

the 12th Congressional district to spend most of the day Tuesday in the courtroom. Little, a former alderman who is a long-time supporter of Patrick Hairston, also felt the jury selection was good.

"It's a level playing field," said Little.

Throughout the week, jurors listened intently, leaning forward and then back in their leather-padded chairs, some holding their chins, one biting her fingernails, and many taking notes with the legal pads they were given.

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## Blacks to benefit from heart study

▲ But those recruited to take part are dropping out; deaths, moves, lack of interest cited as reasons


By YVETTE N. FREEMAN  
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Less than 500 African-American men and women, out of over 4,000 recruited for a study of cardiovascular diseases, are still active participants in the program.

Between the years of 1986 and 1989, the National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute of the National Institutes of Health recruited 4,036 African-American men and women in Winston-Salem to take part in the Atherosclerosis Risk in Communities (ARIC) study.

The study was initiated to gather a more complete base of information on cardiovascular diseases such as heart attacks and strokes among African-Americans and whites, to understand the causes and find ways of pre-

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**ON THE AVANT-GARDE**  
By TANG NIVRI

### If America could turn back the hands of time

Listening to bluesman Tyrone Davis sing *If I Could Turn Back the Hands of Time* made me think about America and the problem of race. If America had it to do all over again, I wonder if its people would choose differently concerning the whole questions of race?

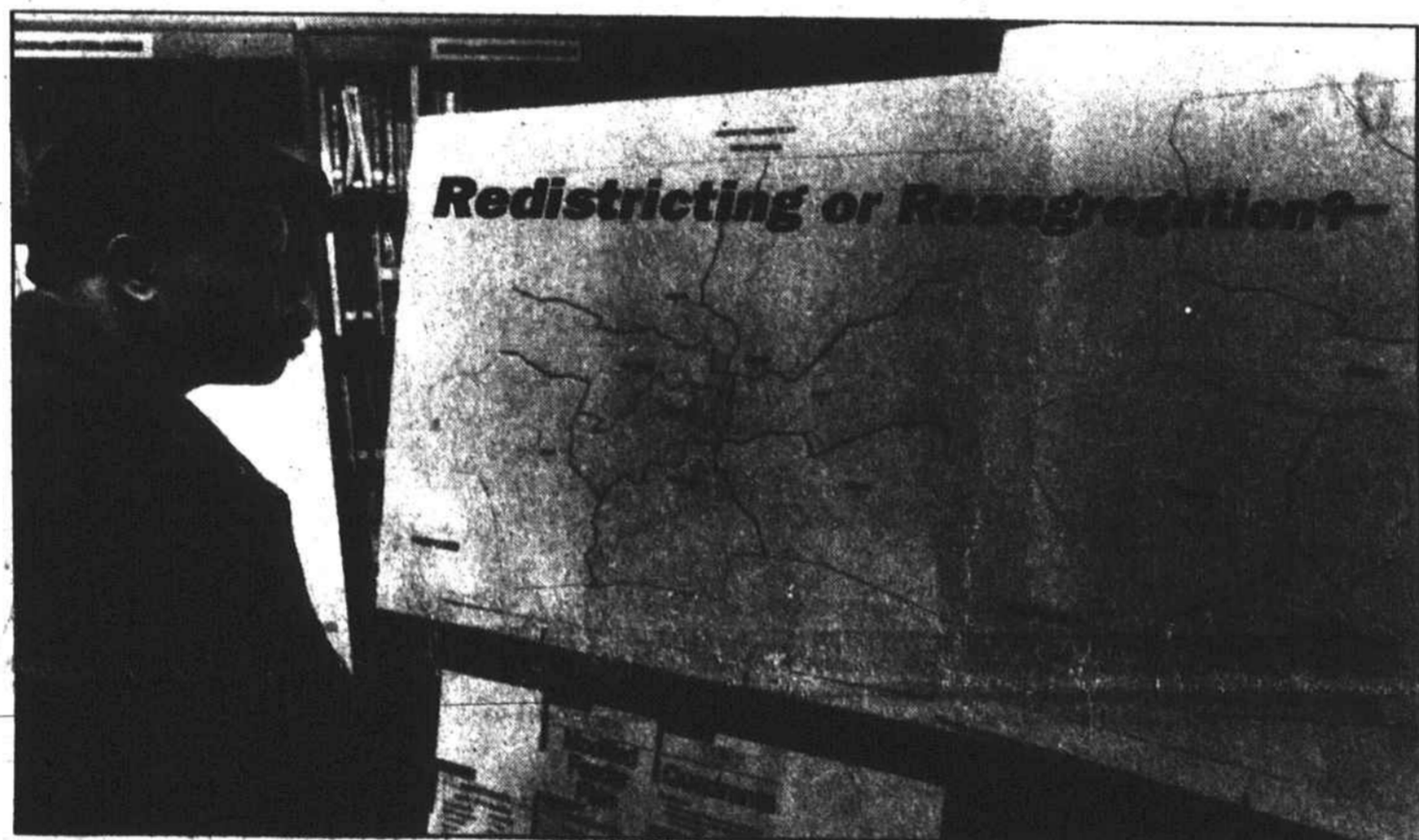
Oh no need to go back to the days of slavery when niggers weren't allowed to do nothing but sweat. That's too easy. We can assume that even the most stupid among us would think that was a waste. But let's deal with more recent history. Knowing what we know now, what would America do for poor old darkey once he "wuz through wit 'tillin cotton in the new wuld?"

What would America do when ol' darkey steps forth to declare that he'd like to vote just like all the other people do? That he wants his children to attend the same schools — or at least equally funded schools. That he wants to eat at the same neighborhood restaurants.

When he takes a vacation, he'd like to be able to stop at the gas station and use the restroom. When he and his family get tired, they'd like to rest at the nearest motel.

He'd like for his family to swim in the same neighborhood swimming pool (somebody just said, you going too far now, boy); go to the local hospital when his family gets sick; and he also wants an opportunity to work at a local factory at

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The Rev. Alvin E. Damon takes a closer look at the quadrant plan and maps that were on display at the administrative building.

Quadrant Plan	Nearest School Plan
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• goal is to create "a sense of community" among students.</li> <li>• splits the county into four areas. Each quadrant will consist of two high schools, three middle schools and six to eight elementary schools.</li> <li>• short-term cost, \$4.1 million; long-term cost, \$8,025,000.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• goal is to create a neighborhood atmosphere.</li> <li>• attempts to greatly reduce busing by sending children to the school nearest to their homes; at the same time desegregating a majority of schools at each level.</li> <li>• short-term cost \$5,650,000; long-term, \$11,255,000.</li> </ul>

## Community rejects plans

By SAMANTHA MCKENZIE  
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Community leaders say they strongly reject both of the school system's redistricting plans and are calling for the board to table the issue until African-Americans can be included in the decision-making process.

Many blacks who attended the five-hour meeting on Thursday criticized the all-white board for attempting to vote on a redistricting plan without

black representation.

The Rev. John Mendez said: "I'm extremely disappointed that they would engage in a project and make crucial decisions that affect the African-American community without any African-American representation. I felt like I was being colonized by an all-white school board, who were trying to make decisions on our destiny. What I want to know is what's the hurry? Why can't they wait until Novem-

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## 14th Street project on hold?

▲ City engineers were unable to provide residents with specific details regarding the widening of 14th Street

By SAMANTHA MCKENZIE  
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More than 50 community residents showed up at the East Winston Restoration Association meeting looking for answers from city public works staff about the widening of 14th Street, only to be told that the city hasn't made any final decisions.

City engineer, Curt Bostian, told the disgruntled crowd that the city will not be "taking any homes" on 14th Street during the widening process, but was unable to tell them what properties would be affected. Bostian explained that he was only involved in the actual renovations and not the planning.

"You people need to tell us something," demanded Felcia Mack, chairperson for the Neighborhood Crime Watch Association. "The only thing we see is people who need to know what to do regarding their homes and their property."

"It seems like somebody ain't doing their job," said Mack. "This is the same thing the city told us two years ago."

The meeting was held at White Rock Baptist Church on 14th and Claremont streets. In 1990, city planners attended a meeting held by the neighborhood association to discuss plans for widening 14th Street, but no concrete information was provided to residents.

Mack said the residents were interested in knowing what land or property will be purchased and who it will actually affect.

Bostian said the expansion of 14th Street (between Cleveland and Addison avenues) will probably only affect a few front yards and lawns along that area.

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*"The worst thing in the world 20 years ago was to be called black."*

— Larry Little

## 12th District candidate has fire in his bones

By SHERIDAN HILL  
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"I'm no Golden Boy," says Larry Little, standing on the front porch of his remodeled home near Patterson Avenue. "I've had to get in the mud and dirt to claw and fight for these issues — and suffered for it. I've gone to jail for civil rights. I hope people can see I'm

someone who can make a difference."

His yard is colored with blooming camellias. Recycling bins are filled and waiting on the porch. His home is fragrant with orange blossoms and lilies and is distinctively decorated: solid wood antique furniture, African statues and cloths, original artwork on the walls. It is clear that an artist lives here. His wife, Glenda Wharton-Little, is a respected artist and teaches at

Winston-Salem State University. Larry Little's formal education and his continuing record of grass-roots political involvement give him the background necessary to teach public administration and political interests at Winston-Salem State University. Little served eight years on the Winston-Salem Board of Alderman

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