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Citizens march for justice

▲ Organizers are asking residents to wear black arm bands and drive with headlights on to show unity Friday. A public hearing on police brutality will follow at 7:30 p.m.

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A newly-formed group called Citizens United for Justice has solidified its plans to hold a community march down Fifth Street on Saturday, May 30. The march will begin at 10:30 a.m. in front of Golden State Mutual Life building.

The group's organizers held a press conference Tuesday to bring to the forefront issues that will be addressed at the march. Included in those issues will be: ending police brutality and black-on-black crime, increasing voter registration, estab-

lishing a citizen's police review committee, keeping community centers open and providing jobs and health care for everyone in Winston-Salem.

Alderman Larry Womble said the group, which spun out of the Rodney King verdict, decided to wait until after the King incident so they could gather and organize the concerns in the black community.

"This is not a reaction. This is action," said Womble. "This is a positive march, meaning we are standing for something rather than against something. We are standing for voter registration. We are stand-

Schedule of Activities

Friday, May 29: Community hearing on police brutality will be held at Emmanuel Baptist Church, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, May 30: Citizens for Justice march will begin at 10:30 a.m. in front of the Golden State Mutual Life building on Fifth Street and end at the Hall of Justice.

(For more information and help with transportation, call Emmanuel Baptist Church at 788-7023.)

ing for health care. We are standing for stopping black-on-black crime," he continued. Womble said the march is being held to "make the people aware."

The march will also address injustices received by the King and Winston-Salem Four verdicts, according to Eversley.

"We realize that the underlying causes of riots are still institutional racism, poverty, and violence as evidenced by a proliferation of drugs and guns and crime. We realize that our political leaders are selectively targeted for persecution and disrespecting in a variety of ways . . .



Pictured (left to right) are the Rev. John Mendez, the Rev. Carlton A.G. Eversley, Alderman Larry Womble, and the Rev. William S. Falls, who held a press conference for Saturday's community march.

that others would see to supposedly serve our social progress by standing over us in a master-slave relationship in social service agencies.

We realize that we are the key to our own liberation through education.

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Voice . . . but no vote?

By SAMANTHA MCKENZIE
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Black representatives say they will not accept the Winston-Salem/Forsyth County school board's most recent decision to seat them as non-voting members while the board continues to vote on redistricting plans.

Following an 8-to-1 vote to create new attendance districts last Thursday, the board unanimously voted to have the two black District 1 representatives seated as non-voting members.

But newly-elected board member Geneva B. Brown along with Walter Marshall and Henry Jones who face a run-off on Tuesday, said they were insulted by the board's action and will not accept the "voice with no vote" seat.

"I am not going to be a non-voting member. My opinion from the very beginning was that the board was rushing to do things too quickly and that they should wait until blacks were represented," said Brown. "We have to have a true voice. This decision just does not seem fair."

Blacks in the community spoke out early this year when the board began reviewing two redistricting plans. Many said they were opposed to the plan because there was no black representation.

Walter Marshall said, "It is an insult to us. It's like saying we can circumvent the black community's voice no matter what, and I won't go along with it. I will continue to

voice the interests of the black community, but I won't take that seat. It's as if (the board) is trying to divert the attention from the real issue." Marshall pointed out that the real issue is not to reduce busing or send children to schools closer to their homes, but to provide proper education for all students in the system.

Henry Jones agreed with Brown and Marshall and said

"I think this board has bent over backwards to meet the needs of the black community."

— Jane D. Goins, school board member

if elected next week, he will not accept the non-voting seat. "To me it's taxation without representation and I won't accept it," he said.

Board member Nancy Wooten, who made the motion to have the two black representatives sit in as non-voting members, said she did not intend to insult anyone. "What I visualized was something totally different than what was perceived. My intention was to have them involved in any discussions in an *ex-officio* capacity so we could keep the dialogue going on redistricting. If we shut down all talks

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Promise and peril

▲ State's minority businesses are new kids on the block struggling for a foothold

By SHERIDAN HILL
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A new survey of North Carolina's 19,000 minority businesses tells a story of struggle and success; a story of independent African-Americans who dared to set up shop and who have clung tenaciously to their business despite a faltering economy and the state's fractured and inconsistent efforts to help.

North Carolina's (ethnic) minority business owners are well educated: 46 percent have college degrees. More than 60 percent have some college. Their companies are young: a third have been in business fewer than five years. More than 84 percent were neither inherited nor bought, but were started from the ground up. They are self-capitalized — and undercapitalized. They were founded as bare bones operations and have expanded very little in order to survive the current recession.

But promising gains of the past may now be poised on the eve of destruction.

In a survey of ethnically-owned minority

Biggest problems facing N.C. minority businesses

Lack of access to money/venture capital	74.9
Lack of government working capital	64.9
Unwillingness to buy from minority businesses	49.9
Lack of sales/customer base	44.9
Price competition	43.2
Lack of qualified employees	37.0

Source: North Carolina Institute of Minority Economic Development: Minority Business Enterprise Survey, May, 1992. (Only ethnically-owned businesses were surveyed.)

businesses just released from the North Carolina Institute of Minority Economic Development, many respondents said that if the economy does not improve in the next year, they will have to cut costs by laying off employees, postponing purchases, taking a lower personal salary, or closing down operations.

"The minority business community in North Carolina is capital poor," said Andrea Harris, president of the institute. "We have no money we can retain to build a capital base."

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Word on the street . . .

▲ The WS/FC school board voted to seat two black candidates as non-voting members. But black candidates say they won't sit in an *ex-officio* seat. The people say . . .



It's not right. We should have some representation on that board. At least let the black people know that we're being considered. I think they should wait. I think the (black candidates) should hold off and not take that seat. What's really needed is that the kids need to get quality education. They need to go to schools closer to their homes, especially for the younger kids.

— Charles Lindsay, 62



I think they should wait. If they go on with (redistricting) now they might be making a very bad mistake. And it will be a mistake we don't need. Blacks won't have any say so and we should have some kind of choice. The (black candidates) won't have any rights if they sit on that board without a vote. I don't know why the board is rushing this.

Margaret Simon, 62



To tell the truth I don't know why they want to rush this issue. Why can't they wait until December when they get black members in there? It doesn't seem fair. (The board) just wants to take the responsibility of everybody, instead of letting black people have a say over (our community). They shouldn't take that seat, because they can't officially vote. They'll just be overseers.

— James McRay, 38



I don't like it. It's like paying taxes without representation. I think they need to take a real look at the whole situation. They're rushing because they don't want to give blacks time to organize. I call it undercover discrimination. What they want is to have all black and all white schools. That worked when I was a boy, but it can't work today. We now live in an integrated society. There's no point in going back.

— Bernard Porter, 52



I think they should wait. It's unfair. They need to put some black people on that board. They need to put me on that board. It's just tokenism. If they can't vote they shouldn't take that seat. Hopefully if they have a community discussion, the schools will let us know. I really wish my older boy went to a school nearer to home, though.

— Angus Ford, 41



ON THE AVANT-GARDE

By TANG NIVRI

Down the Redistricting River

There they were, two little girls, black and white, sitting in the middle of a canoe, floating down the New River, laughing, playing party cake, while their moms, black and white, paddled together, guiding their narrow boat through the sometimes swift and dangerous currents that included rocks, snakes, and the possibility of tipping over.

Oh, there was never any real danger, but the two little girls knew that if one of them stood up, or if one of them should move around too quickly, they would all fall out. They knew that they were "in this thing together."

I wish to God that more of us could go floating down the New River in a canoe. We need to. We need to find a new way to talk to each other, to understand each other.

We need new ways — then again maybe not new ways, maybe it's going back to the old ways — but, in any case, we need to rediscover just how true it is that we are all in this "one life's canoe" together.

These days, many of us like to make political

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