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Brown offers redistricting plan

▲ School board member-elect wasted no time drafting her plan. It includes suggestions for reducing busing and improving educational programs while keeping racial balance

By SHERIDAN HILL
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Long-time school administrator Geneva Brown won't officially join the city-county school board until November, but she has already drafted a plan to address the board's biggest headache: redistricting the school system.

Her plan, made available to the Chronicle this week, includes a community survey which would be printed in local newspapers, and puts forth four main goals to guide the redistricting effort.

Tuesday of this week, school board member Dr. Gerald Hewitt announced a motion to create an ad-

hoc redistricting committee that would include — as voting members — newly-elected Geneva Brown and Walter Marshall. They, along with other black leaders, have repeatedly denounced the all-white board's decision to discuss plans for redistricting and busing before the black members are seated.

In the meantime, Brown has been busy creating a plan. Following are some of its key ideas.

Give 'em schools of choice

The first goal is to continue a racially integrated system. One method to achieve that would be to set up magnet school programs in schools that are naturally racially

balanced. Brown also recommends developing a variety of magnet schools on the perimeter of the city to attract students from various segments of the community; exploring the possibility of having some neighborhood schools where there are naturally racially balanced populations; and setting up a system of choice with certain limits.

The "schools of choice" idea has been championed by many black leaders nationwide. Parents who are unhappy with the school their child has been assigned to now have very little choice, other than expensive private schools. The only public schools of choice in Forsyth County are the two alternative

schools, Kimberley Park Elementary and Moore Elementary, whose enrollment is limited and chosen by lottery. The Downtown school is an alternative school — but over 60% of its enrollment is reserved for children of RJR employees. RJR is the founding corporation for the school. Cook Middle school accepts a limited number of students outside its district.

Reduce those satellite districts

The second goal in Brown's proposal is to improve the quality of educational programs for elementary schools. She suggests eliminat-

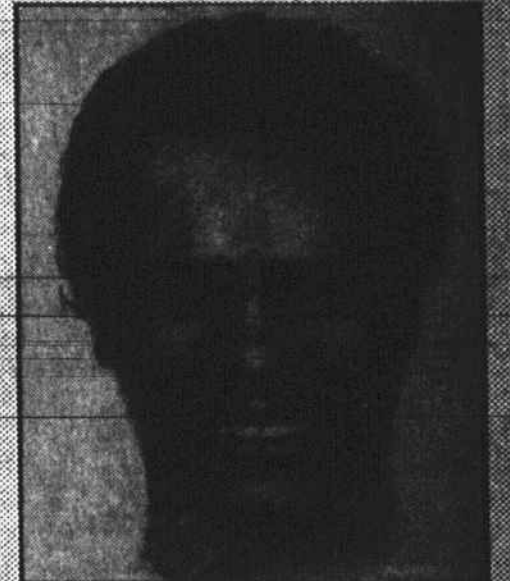
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N.O.W. says Stoner's death was a homophobic murder

By SHERIDAN HILL
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The president of the local chapter of the National Organization for Women charges that the mutilation and murder of Carlos C. Stoner and Jerry Taylor, found stabbed to death Sunday morning, were homophobic murders. Dr. Martha Wilson said that the media and local officials have tried to minimize the homophobic aspect of the crime. "Homophobic" is a relatively new word, which means to be particularly fearful or hateful of homosexuals.

Stoner, a black man, was found stabbed to death and castrated May 27. Four white males



Carlos Stoner are awaiting trial in jail without bond. A N.O.W. press release identified both Stoner and Taylor. Please see page A12

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Democratic Inspiration

NEW YORK, N.Y. — Civil rights legend Rosa Parks of Detroit, MI, signs an autograph for an emotional Joyce Hunter, left, of Queens, NY, after Mrs. Parks arrived at New York's LaGuardia Airport Sunday afternoon for the start of the Democratic National Convention.

Farrakhan on Perot

HARTFORD, Conn. — Nation of Islam leader Louis Farrakhan says Ross Perot shouldn't have ended his presidential campaign out of fear of being disruptive. "Don't jump into politics and stir up the hope of the people and walk out and say you would be disruptive," Farrakhan said Saturday. "Change is disruptive. If you are a leader for change, then you are to disrupt the thing you are to change." Perot decided to end his presidential run last week, saying he didn't believe he could win and he feared the election would be thrown into the House of Representatives.

Pioneer black aviator dies

CHICAGO — Pioneer black aviator Willa Brown Chappell, who helped break down racial barriers in the U.S. military, has died at age 86. A Kentucky native and resident of Chicago's South Side, Chappell died Saturday of a stroke at Bernard Mitchell Hospital.

She formed the National Airmen's Association of America, the first black aviators' group, after receiving her pilot's certificate in 1939.

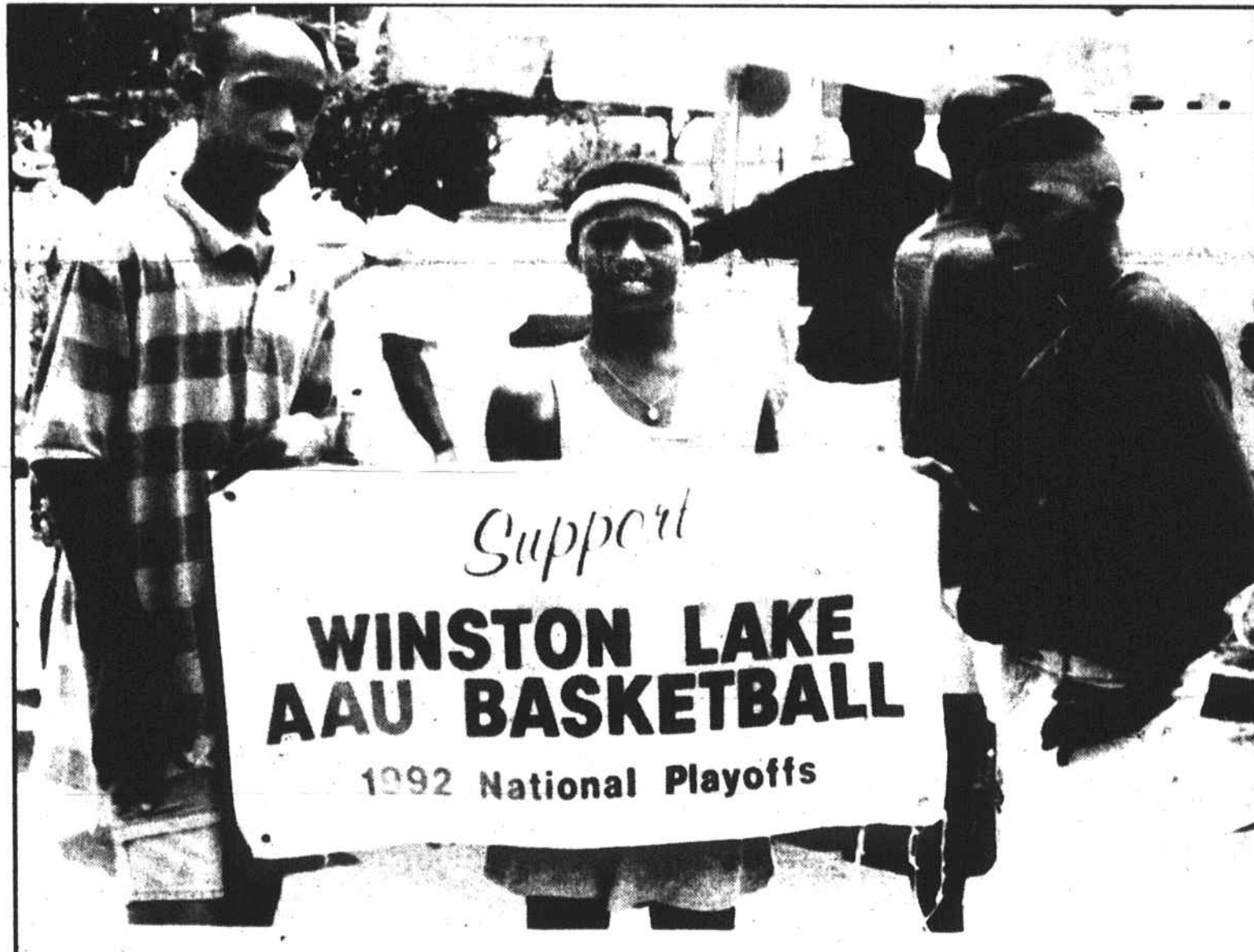
Teens threaten black family

VOORHEES TOWNSHIP, N.J. — Six white teen-agers have been charged with putting a Confederate flag and a pipe bomb on a black family's front lawn, police said.

Police charged all six Thursday with making terroristic threats against the family by placing the flag and the bomb on their lawn June 30. The teens, aged 16- to 17-years-old, also were charged with possession of a destructive device, manufacturing an explosive device and juvenile delinquency.

National News Briefs
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Help them get to the nationals!



The Winston Lake AAU basketball team for 13-year-olds held a fish-fry and yard sale fundraiser July 18 in the parking lot of Mt. Zion Baptist Church. They plan to continue their fund drive until their departure to San Antonio, Texas, where they will compete in the national tournament July 31. Pictured (left to right) are Rhamen Love-Lane, Jon Skinner, and Jeffrey Henighan.

Stoking political flames

▲ Convention delegates support the Clinton-Gore ticket

By CAROLE RAGINS
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According to delegate Earline Parmon, a Forsyth County commissioner who returned from the Democratic Convention in New York City earlier this week, this year's ticket will get people excited about voting. "I believe the black community will support the ticket," said Parmon. "I want to share with the people in my community the message that we are going to have to be part of change and we



Parmon

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New school hopes to bring children to bloom

▲ Founders seek to close the achievement gap between African-American and white students

By SHERIDAN HILL
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Crystal Pearson likes to point out that kindergarten means "garden of children." She has just been hired as the kindergarten teacher for the new Quality Education Institute, and it is with great pleasure that she expresses her ideas about child development.

"Children are growing, just like a garden, and they have to be nurtured," she says. "But they need discipline, too. The children here will develop a love for learning."

As early as third grade, a disturbing gap between the achievement of African-American and white students shows up on national and local test scores. But a small group of African-American students may soon have their first chance at learning in an environment designed especially for them.

Quality Education Institute, the city's newest private school, will open

August 24 and follow the same calendar as public schools. The school is licensed by the state, and curriculum is state-approved. The two classes, one kindergarten and one first grade, will be limited to 15 students.

An 11-member board of directors, chaired by local business owner Simon Johnson, will establish policy and oversee operations.

"Our primary focus is on excellence in academic education, teaching moral conduct and Christian values," says Johnson. Although the school will be located in the Church of Christ on Carver Road, Johnson stresses that no church doctrine will be taught. "We expect to have every denomination and creed here. We're not trying to indoctrinate, but to enlighten as to the existence of God, to provide spiritual guidelines."

Tuition will be \$210 monthly, and Johnson says he hopes to have some scholarships available (partial and full). Parents will be urged to attend monthly



(L-R) Simon Johnson, board chairman of Quality Education Institute, reads with a student as Crystal Pearson, kindergarten teacher, and Hedy Rice, assistant teacher, look on.

workshops or meetings, "to let them know what we expect, and what to expect from us."

When asked how the school would close the achievement gap between

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