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Board plays name game

Aldermen could be 'council members' by end of the year

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THE CHRONICLE

The Board of Aldermen may soon be no more.

On Monday members voted to take the first baby steps toward changing the name of the Board of Aldermen to the Winston-Salem City Council. Instead of aldermen, those elected to serve the city's eight wards would be known as council members, under the proposal.

Board member Joycelyn Johnson began discussing the idea of changing the name last November. She says the term alderman is confusing, especially to people outside of the city. Winston-Salem has had a Board of Aldermen for nearly a century, but it is one of a very few cities that uses that name for its local governing body.

Aldermans Vivian Burke also wanted to change the name of the board back in the early 1980s. But she gave up on the idea because she said trying to change the name became a "political football" competition.

Burke, the longest serving member of the board, said the term alderman has caused confusion at national conferences. She said at her first Conference of Cities convention many people thought an alderman was a city council person in-training.

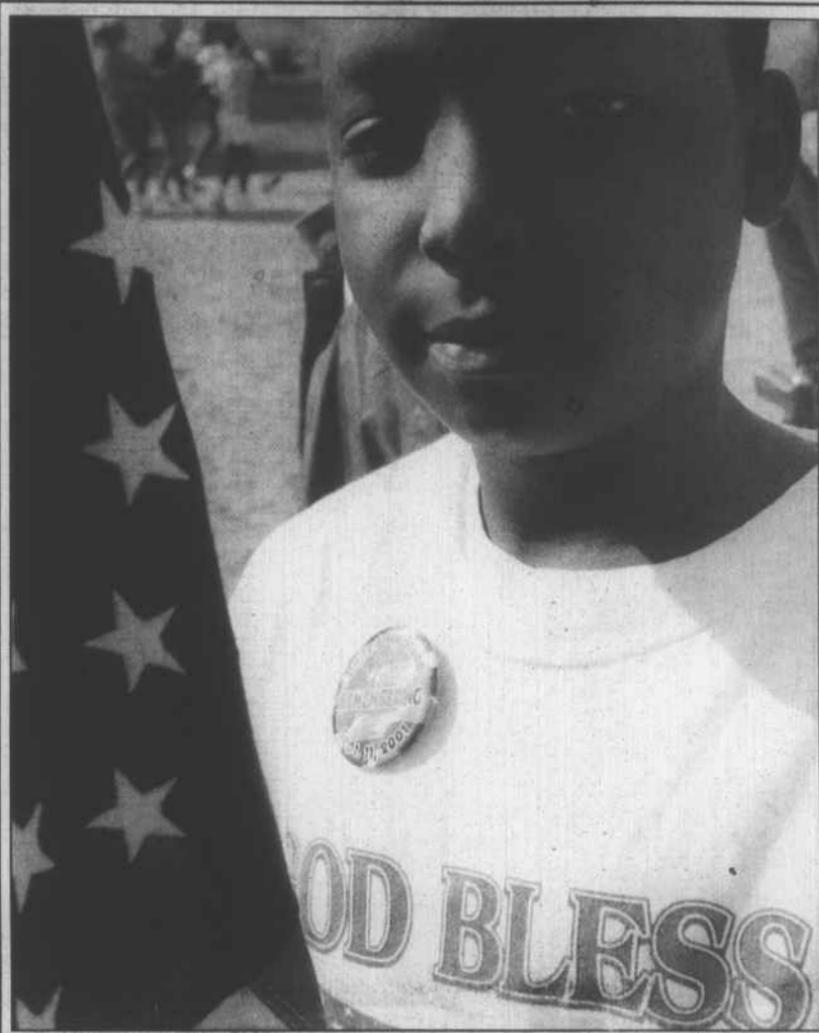
"People thought we had to learn how to be a councilman, that (alderman) was the first step," said Burke, who said a name change would eliminate such confusion.

Alderman Dan Besse is supporting the proposal because he says the term alderman is not sensitive to females.

"I believe this is a small See Aldermen on A4



Johnson



Fifth-grade student Jamal Smith joined his other classmates at Forest Park Elementary School on the anniversary of Sept. 11 for a patriotic ceremony. Students joined local firefighters and police officers in the courtyard of the school for a moment of silence. The school's color guard also took part in the occasion.

Zion Memorial unveils new programs for senior citizens

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Zion Memorial Baptist Church announced Tuesday the establishment of the Mary Newton Hinson Senior Social Support Program. "Mother Hinson," as she was called by her church family, passed away earlier this year at the age of 94. She was the driving force behind the creation of the senior program at her church when she was alive.

Realizing the rich and important role that older adults play in the church and community, Zion Memorial



Rev. Jones

decided to create a program that would cater to the needs and interests of senior citizens.

Twenty seniors have signed up to participate in the program and can look forward to spending a few days out of the week with a morning devotion, exercise class, various workshops, seminars and Bible study classes. Seniors also will have the chance to be driven, care of Trans-Aid, to any necessary destination of their choice.

"The establishment of this particular program, we are hoping and praying, will advance our concept of family, advance our concept of

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Photo by Kevin Walker

Latham Elementary is on Hutton Street. Most of the students at the school come from low-income households.

Latham makes local history with ABCs test

Elementary school fulfills late principal's dream by being named School of Distinction last week

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It is the best of times and the worst times for students and staff at Latham Elementary School. Last week, the school, as expected, became the first Equity-Plus school in the Winston-Salem/Forsyth County School System to be named a School of Distinction under the ABCs of Public Education testing program. The week before the school reached that milestone, Larry Fields, the visionary principal who took Latham from the bottom to the top, died unexpectedly as a result of an aneurysm.

Latham was one of 17 schools that were named Schools of Excellence or Schools of Distinction last week when the state released results of the ABCs tests, which measure students' growth from one year to another. Schools in which at least 90 percent of students tested at or above grade level received the highest distinction, Schools of Excellence, while Schools of Distinction are schools in which 80 to 89 percent of students achieved that feat.

Equity-Plus is used to signify schools that have at least 75

percent of their students on free or reduced lunch programs, which indicates that the students come from low-income homes and are more than likely minority. Latham is one of several Equity Plus schools in the system.

Latham, on Hutton street off Peter's Creek Parkway, joined mostly white, suburban schools such as Clemmons, Cash and Meadowlark elementary schools in the School of Distinction league.

Latham's achievement is especially momentous because locally Equity Plus schools have not had much to shout about when it comes to ABCs results.

Latham had some of the lowest test scores in the system at one time. Fields was given the reins at Latham in 1992, researching and designing new approaches for his teachers, who



Fields

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WSSU honors alumna who died on 9-11 flight

Clark was escorting students on a school trip to Los Angeles

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Winston-Salem State University joined the rest of the country last week in remembering the tragic events of Sept. 11. The school held a number of special observances. One event in particular—a tree-planting ceremony—paid tribute to WSSU alumna Sarah Miller Clark, 65, who was a passenger on Flight 77, which crashed into the Pentagon.

Several students from the WSSU School of Education joined Harold Martin, chancellor; Brenda Diggs, chair of the WSSU board of trustees; and Donna

Benson, School of Education dean, in planting a tree at the Anderson Center.

After Clark received a degree in elementary education from WSSU in 1958, she went on to spend the next 36 years of her life teaching in Washington, D.C. Clark, who was a sixth-grade teacher at Backus Middle School in the nation's capital, was one of three teachers chosen to chaperone a group of students on a field trip sponsored by the National Geographic Society and the National Oceanic Atmospheric Administration. All were scheduled to arrive in Los Angeles in the early afternoon on Sept. 11 to learn about the ecology of the ocean as well as enjoy hiking, kayaking and deep-sea exploring.

Clark was known by colleagues as a teacher who "came to work early, stayed late and went above and beyond the call of duty."

Chancellor Martin said: "Sarah See Clark on A4



Photo by Courtney Gaillard

Among those who helped plant the tree in front of WSSU's education building were Chancellor Harold Martin and several education students.



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Burke

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