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## Carlisle to lead local NAACP

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The local NAACP branch elections went over without any issues as candidates ran unopposed in races for leadership roles and the executive committee.

The Rev. Alvin Carlisle was elected president. He had announced his candidacy months ago, saying former N.C. Sen. Earline Parmon, who died in March, inspired him.

At this crucial time for American democracy, and following last year's local NAACP controversial election that had to be supervised by state NAACP officials after allegations of foul play, a quiet election is exactly what the local branch needed.

According to branch members, Carlisle will be the first president in some time to begin his tenure with the local branch in good standing with the state board. In years past, delegates were unable to vote during the state convention.



Rev. Carlisle

filled at a later date.

Those chosen to serve on the executive committee are James W. Shaw, Rev. Keith Vereen, Walter Marshall, Stephen Hairston, Patrick Thomas, Jamie Transou, Doris

Other newly elected officials are, Dan Piggott, vice president; Tonya McDaniel, second vice president; the outgoing president, Isaac "Ike" Howard, third vice president; and Jannette Piggott, treasurer. No one was elected for secretary, assistant secretary or assistant treasurer. According to interim secretary Linda Sutton, those positions will be

S. Herrell, Mittie Glymph-Cooke, Stuart Cooke and Dr. Richard Wyderski.

During an interview with The Chronicle, Carlisle said that during his term as president one of his main focus points will be improving underperforming schools in the area.

"Our biggest focus will be improving the performance of our children in the public school system," continued Carlisle. "Years ago, the NAACP sponsored after-school programs that were geared toward improving reading scores, and we're looking to get back to that."

Carlisle said he will also look to promote black entrepreneurship, and build the connection between the community and elected officials. He said a lot of people believe there is a divide between politicians and the African-American community. Under his watch, the NAACP will look to be a hub where elected officials and

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### SMALL BUSINESS SATURDAY



Photo by Tevin Stinson

Patsy Squire admires a hat inside Body and Soul in downtown Winston-Salem last weekend during the Shop Small Bus Tour hosted by the Winston-Salem Black Chamber of Commerce.

## Tour emphasizes 'buying black'

Shoppers explore the minority-owned business scene in W-S

BY TEVIN STINSON  
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Last Saturday, the Winston-Salem Black Chamber of Commerce marked "Small Business Saturday," the counterpart to Black Friday and Cyber Monday, by taking shoppers on a "Shop Small Bus Tour" of minority-owned businesses in the area.

American Express founded Small Business Saturday on the Saturday after Thanksgiving in 2010.

Every Saturday after Thanksgiving, the Black Chamber rents a bus, and invites shoppers to go on a guided tour of the businesses in Winston-Salem and Forsyth County that are owned and operated by men and women of color. This year, more than a dozen passengers boarded the bus to discover some of the city's hidden gems.

Throughout the voyage, organization President Randon Pender highlighted more than 30 different minority-owned ventures. As the bus traveled through the city, Pender served as the tour guide, calling out various locations where you can "buy black."

Pender mentioned when the organization started hosting the tours in 2013, the goal was to persuade local shop-

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## Shalom Project wants to bring workforce housing to W-S

BY TODD LUCK  
THE CHRONICLE

The site of the Budget Inn on Peters Creek Parkway may be transformed into workforce housing.

That's the hope of the Peters Creek Community Initiative PCCI, which is a subsidiary of the Shalom Project. The Shalom Project at Green Street Church is well known for its outreach programs to the economically disadvantaged. The PCCI has been working for years to revitalize the section of Peters Creek that runs between Silas Creek Parkway and Broad Street.

Last week, the city approved \$15,000 for a feasibility study PCCI wants to do on the corner of Peters Creek Parkway and Academy Street, which currently contains the Budget Inn and a former Ford dealership currently being leased by the Salvation Army. The motel has had issues with crime and urban blight for years.

PCCI would like to acquire both properties, which are up for sale. It would like to use the properties for workforce housing, some retail space and a new location for the Shalom Project and its services, like its free medical clinic, pharmacy and food pantry.

"The hope is we'd be removing a really negative aspect along Peters Creek and replacing it with something positive," said Shalom Project Director Lynn Brown at a Nov. 10 City Council finance committee meeting.

PCCI has helped businesses acquire funds from the city's Revitalizing Urban Commercial Areas (RUCA) program to help make improvements. PCCI Chair Kelly Mitter said those funds stimulated investment in the West Salem Shopping Center, resulting in improvements at the plaza. There's a push at the plaza to try to attract new businesses, like a grocery store, to serve neighborhoods near it. He said that the presence of the Budget Inn across the street is making it hard to convince businesses to locate there.

Mitter said that the project would act as a catalyst for development around the intersection. It'll also provide workforce housing near downtown, which he said is greatly needed.

"One of the criticisms of downtown's revitalization is that there hasn't been a lot of housing developed for folks



Mitter

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## NCCU alums remember Chancellor Saunders-White

BY CASH MICHAELS  
FOR THE CHRONICLE

The proud Eagle Nation of North Carolina Central University (NCCU) continues in deep mourning for the loss of its leader last Saturday, Chancellor Debra Saunders-White, the first permanent female chancellor in NCCU's history.

Dr. Saunders-White, 59, died Nov. 26 after a courageous battle with kidney cancer, which she

was diagnosed with in 2015. She took a medical leave last August.

"So many of you have told me how strong I am with kind adjectives to reinforce it. While I am immensely appreciative of your kind expressions, I must say that as a child of God, I am only here today because of His continued grace and mercy, along with the reassurance of you all," Saunders-White wrote to all of her supporters in an open letter in October. "Please

know that my head is still held up high, delighted to continue to serve my Master as humbly as I know how. I am incredibly grateful for your compassion and love."

She signed it, "Deb."

The 11th chancellor in NCCU's history, Saunders-White came to the school on June 1, 2013. Avon Ruffin, a member of the NCCU

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