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Jack of all Trades

Greg Bethea, whose varied duties include roles as acting animal control director, inter-governmental relations director and assistant to the county manager, served as acting county manager this week while County Manager H. L. "Pete" Jenkins attended the National Association of Counties convention. When he assumed the manager's mission, it was the first time a black had session of the Forsyth ever filled that role.



I-40 Widening Would Endanger Neighborhood

Watkins St. Fears Highway

By John W. Templeton
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Residents of the Watkins Street neighborhood are fearful that a proposed widening of Interstate-40 could be the fatal blow for their once thriving neighborhood.

The I-40 widening is one of three alternatives which will be considered during a public hearing on Monday, July 23 at Parkland High School as local and state officials seek to balance the concerns of anxious neighborhoods with the need to improve the interstate highway, the most widely travelled stretch of road in the state and one of the most dangerous.

Transportation planner Ronnie Grubbs says he doesn't think the widening would take any houses in the Watkins Street Area; however, Grubbs said consultants estimates are that 100 feet of space from the current roadway might be needed, less than the distance now separating Watkins Street homes and the expressway.

"I'm just as close as I would like to be to the expressway now," said Mrs. Annie Bell Hamlin. "I wouldn't want to be any closer."

"It would have a terrible impact, because we're sort of fenced in as it is," said Mrs. Hamlin, president of the

Watkins Street Improvement Association. "It would really just destroy the neighborhood," she said. The Watkins Street area is wedged between the highway and Peters Creek Parkway.

William Hughes, vice president of the association, thinks that new lanes for the highway would have to come almost up to the south side of Watkins Street, endangering houses there.

If the houses are removed, his concern is for adequate

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Checkers is their Game, Winning is their Fame

By John W. Templeton
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The loud clack of big, red and white marble checkers against specially-made vinyl checker boards sounded out into the halls of the Downtowner Motor Inn Tuesday afternoon.

It was a clear sign that a group of players who regard checkers not so much as a game, but as an art form had hit Winston-Salem.

This week, the inn is the headquarters for the 14th annual National Championship and Top Ten Ranking of the American Pool Checkers Association, a mostly-black organization, with members from the Mid-west throughout the South.

Between 200 and 300 contestants are expected, said E. L. Jackson, president of the host Piedmont Pool Checkers Association.

While here, they'll play a daring brand of checkers in which each piece can "jump" forwards and backwards and the king can move at will the length of any straight line. In the other brand of tournament checkers, jumps are only permitted forward, and the king moves one space at a time.

"This gets a little more play in the game, as far as the offensive moves," said Dr. Walter Wright of Greensboro, education director for the host association and according to Jackson, "the best player in North Carolina."

Although their form has gained acceptance mostly among blacks, Jackson and Wright noted that pool checkers is taught and studied avidly in countries like the Soviet Union, Spain and much of South America.

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The Wright Family held its first ever family reunion this past week. See details on page 8.

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Dust Settles On Broadbay

By John W. Templeton
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For almost five years, residents of the Broadbay Heights community behind Five Points have rattled along the unpaved Broadbay Street leading to their Turnkey development.

And for just about as long, they've been clamoring to get the street paved.

There's a little more dust than usual these days, but it hardly matters because it's being raised by men and machines hard at work paving Broadbay Street.

A spokesman for L. A. Reynolds Paving Company, which holds the contract from the city of Winston-Salem, said the nearly-mile long project should be finished in the next 30 days.

Not a minute too soon for people like Jimmy Boyd, a city police officer who's board chairman of the Broadbay Heights Homeowner's Association.

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Getting Ready

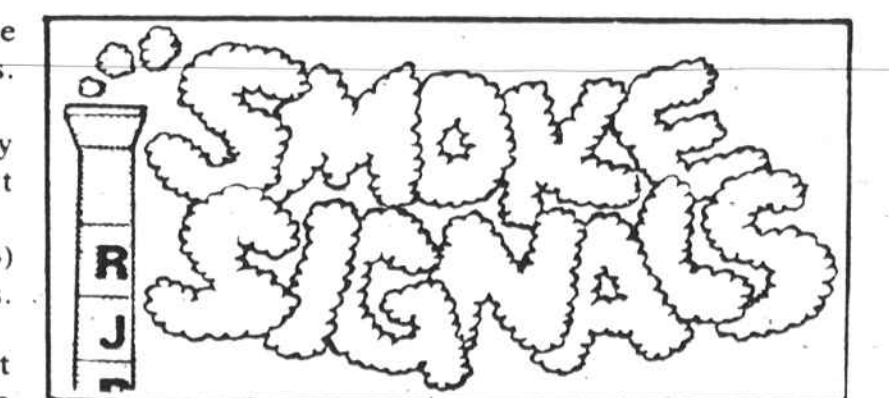
Dr. Fred Eady, drama professor at WSSU, directed the 24-25, part of a whirlwind of cultural activity in the next week. Harold Pinter in preparation for performances on July

of eight post offices or the city/county tax office to pick up the stamps.

The cards are mailed so recipients will receive them on the first of the month for continuing cases, creating long lines at the redemption centers which close at three p.m., except at the tax office, which stays open to four p.m.

Although some recipients have suggested that more redemption centers be opened in areas where large numbers of senior citizens live, such as housing project community centers, Johnson said that would be infeasible.

"The places have to have safes, almost like a bank vault," she said. "The federal government wouldn't let us put them anywhere else."



Now that area gas stations have been able to get gas, the fear of possible shortages in North Carolina has passed. However the anxieties that came with those fears still linger.

Most Americans are tired of hearing about the gas shortage and skyrocketing prices at the pump. The citizens in North Carolina were spared the long gas lines that larger metropolitan areas like New York and Los Angeles experiences, but in the back of all our minds, we fear that one day it may happen here.

I've said before that I'm not totally convinced that we have a gas shortage and I think a majority of American share my beliefs. Energy is in short supply, but why is it that plenty of gas can be found once the prices have gone up to the oil companies satisfaction?

My solution to the problem would be to ask all Americans not to drive their cars for a week. Then two weeks and so on and so on until the oil company got the message, that they need us just as much as we need them. I'm sure they would stop robbing Americans blind at the gas pumps.

Also it wouldn't kill us to give up our automobiles for a day or two. The majority of Americans are out of shape and under exercised, myself included. A little walking never hurt anyone.

One day this gas shortage scare won't be a trick to raise the prices, but because the oil companies have cried wolf so often, a lot of people might not believe it. I'm afraid by then it will be too late for all of us. Oil companies included.

Yvette McCullough