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## New Black Party To Converge On Patterson 'Y'

On Saturday, January 17th, hundreds of Black people from throughout the State will converge upon the Patterson Avenue YMCA in Winston-Salem to organize North Carolina Chapters of the National Black Independent Political Party (NBIPP).

Created to promote social change and self-determination a new political party--The National Black Independent Political Party--was founded August 23, 1980, in New Orleans, La., and chartered at a National Party Founding Convention in Philadelphia, Pa., attended by more than 1500 people. The Founding Convention named as urgent concerns politics, economics, culture, and education. The National Black Independent Political Party-North Carolina (NBIPP-NC) is an outgrowth of that convention and is sponsoring the January 17th meeting in Winston-Salem.

"The NBIPP-NC is committed to addressing and correcting the particular problems of society of which Blacks bear an unfair burden," says Co-convenor Barbara Arnwine. "North Carolina's Black unemployment rate is 2 1/2 times that of Whites; has a penal population which is more than 50% Black; has a school expulsion rate which is 65% Black, and Blacks are drastically under-represented at the political level," said Arnwine at a recent meeting. "Both the Democratic and Republican parties have traditionally neglected these problems which are priorities to the Black community. We must act on these vital issues now."

Winston-Salem Coordinator, Larry Little, pointed out that "just as Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and other

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Clifton Graves Jr. Clifton Graves Jr., appeals to the Board of Aldermen to pass fair housing ordinance.

## Housing Bill Made Law

By Mari Wooden Staff Writer

Amid appeals by members of two fair housing groups and other East Winston residents, the Winston-Salem Board of Aldermen approved 5 to 3, a fair housing ordinance during their meeting Monday night.

Aldermen Virginia Newell, Vivian Burke, Jon DeVries, Larry Little and Eugene Groce voted to pass the bill, which would allow the city to change its charter to include a fair housing provision. Aldermen Robert Northington, Jr., Floyd Burge and Ernestine Wilson voted against the ordinance.

The aldermen's decision came after nearly an hour of emotional presentations by Atty. Clifton Graves; Herman Aldridge, director of the city's Human Relations

Commission, Atty. James Lassiter, a retired HUD employee; Veronica Templeton, and Subash Shan, both of the Winston-Salem Improvement Association.

Joe Grady of the Ku Klux Klan sat throughout the aldermen's meeting, but left just before he was to speak about the ordinance.

Graves told the board that "affirmative action is needed, not only to provide equality of opportunity, but quality of results."

"The legislation before you is an affirmative step towards curbing discriminatory housing practices in this city," Graves further urges the board to adopt the legislation. "Bring concrete reality to a concept that heretofore has been largely an illusion," he said.

An opponent of the legislation was Norman Nifong, See Page 3

## Patrick Hairston: Man Of Many Moods

By Donna Oldham Staff Writer

The Winston-Salem Chronicle interviewed Patrick Hairston, newly sworn in president of the local chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Col-

ored People (NAACP), this week.

Hairston, who is currently serving his third two-year term as NAACP president talked with Chronicle editor Donna E. Oldham in his office.

**CHRONICLE**-What are going to be the main thrusts and concerns of the Winston-Salem chapter of the NAACP in 1981?

**HAIRSTON**-"The concerns of 1981, will be primarily the concerns that we've always had; employment, inflation, racism, housing, health care, you name it. Anything that affects poor and oppressed people, then that's our main concern."

**CHRONICLE**-Is there a lot of racism in Winston-Salem?

**HAIRSTON**-"It always has been and it probably always will be, but in living with it for 300 years, you somehow learn to deal with it. It's unfortunate that some black people who get jobs over the backs of other blacks

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Pat Hairston

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## Graves: "Couldn't Let Nursing Home Close"

By Mari Wooden Staff Writer

"I did it because I couldn't sleep. I couldn't let the nursing home close," said the Rev. Prince Graves, pastor of St. James

Baptist Church in Greensboro.

Graves' church recently purchased the former

Carolina Nursing Center. The center had almost been

closed since October because a federal investigation had revealed numerous health and safety violations.

During a meeting of the center's auxiliary board last Saturday, Graves said that the name of the nursing home "would be changed to St. James Nursing Center. He also said that he felt that "the nursing center would comply with all health regulations by the end of the new owner's probationary period which is Monday."

"I think that St. James Nursing Center will be second to none in the state by that time," he added.

The only major changes that the new owners have made were in the administrator. Carolina Health Services in Greensboro has hired Anne Griffen of Winston-Salem to replace Mildred McCleave, the center's administrator, director, assistant director of nurses and the center's dietician.

Rev. Graves told the

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## Ruling Not Gold For Metals Dealers

By Mari Wooden and Donna Oldham Staff Writers

Precious metal dealers in Winston-Salem said Tuesday that an ordinance adopted by the Winston-Salem board of Aldermen would put them out of business, if certain regulations in the ordinance are enforced.

Calvin Holcombe, owner of the Silver and Gold Exchange, and chairman of the precious metals group told the Chronicle after hearing about the board's decision, "I firmly believe that the intent of the ordinance is to put us out of business."

The ordinance would require all precious metal dealers in the city and country to photograph all sellers of second-hand precious metals (gold, silver, copper and platinum). Positive identification which includes a driver's license must also be shown at the same time of sale.

The dealer must post a secured bond of \$2,500 to insure compliance with the regulation.

The dealer must hold all second-hand metals purchased for a six day period,

including weekends and holidays before delivering the metals to a new owner. "Photographing clients to me is a definite invasion

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## Mayor Proclaims MLK Day In Winston-Salem

In cooperation with the Winston-Salem Chronicle, Mayor Wayne A. Corpening has proclaimed Thursday, Jan. 15, "Martin Luther King Day," in honor of the slain civil rights leader's birthday.

The local tribute to King, a Nobel Prize winner, who founded the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, is one of many around the country. A mass march

to urge the U.S. Senate to make King's birthday a national holiday is scheduled for Thursday in Washington, D.C.

The march will be led by Stevie Wonder and Bill Cosby and several hundred people are expected.

The Chronicle will run a special feature next week honoring King, "In Memory of the Dreamer."



Rev. Prince Graves

## Shopping Center Proposed For East Winston Site

By Donna Oldham Staff Writer

Although city officials have been working with a black development group interested in building a shopping center in East Winston, a white development group from Minnesota will visit the city Thursday to look at the same project.

Allen Joines, assistant to the city manager/special projects told the Chronicle Tuesday, "We've been working with the black development group for quite some time, but we (the city) have to entertain all proposals for development."

The black group, the East Winston Local Develop-

ment Corp., Inc., has been meeting with city officials since October, and has submitted a preliminary draft of a proposal.

The area where the shopping center would be located is approximately one mile east of downtown Winston-Salem on Claremont Avenue, an area

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New Officers Of NAACP Executive Committee

NAACP Board of Trustees and Executive Officers sworn in. Front row (lft. to rt.): Patrick Hairston, Sarah Marsh, Clara Nesby, Rev. Warner Durnell, Larry Womble, Dr. C.B. Hauser. Middle Row, (lft. to rt.): James Reeves, Gwendolyn Rocker, Ricky Wilson, Marie Singletary, Shirley Kimber, Barbara Young, Rev. Michael Curry, Diane Small, Clifton Graves. Back Row, (lft. to rt.): Shirley Greenway, Walter Marshall, (Bro) Brown, C.L. Reynolds, Tracey Singletary, Joe Felmet, Robert Henry.