

### 'Basic Black'

Native North Carolinian Roberta Flack will open a star-studded concert series Oct. 21 at the Stevens Center.

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### 'I'm A Winner'

Hansel Hentz says he came home to Winston-Salem "to return some of what I got."

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### A Sound Defeat

Carver High School revels in a 30-0 victory over archrival Atkins in last week's 9-10 match-up. Staff Writer Sam Davis recounts the action.

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## Blacks Not Pleased, Though

# District Lines Drawn By Board

By ROBIN ADAMS  
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The new attendance lines for the city-county schools have been drawn. The next step is up to the voters.

But if Walter Marshall, vice president of the NAACP, and the NAACP's reaction in general are any indication of the black community's sentiments, the Nov. 8 city-county bond referendum that will seek the money to finance the four-year school plan might have a hard time getting black approval.

Moreover, even if the bond package is approved, the NAACP says, it may take

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the school system to court.

"I think the board's actions reflected its inability to take a firm stand on sensitive issues," Marshall said. "They don't deal firmly on the issues of race, class or caste. The higher the class, the more a person got. It was a racist decision."

"They (the board) clearly played with numbers. We (black people) became just numbers. But the eastern white community was treated with human emotions."

The numbers Marshall referred to are "the political games," as one board member termed it, the board played in trying to decide who will go to which schools. Although Monday night's meeting lasted past midnight, most of that time was spent trying to determine where

the high school attendance lines would be drawn.

Since it presented its plan during the summer, the board has received 26 requests, mostly from white individuals and communities, concerning the new districts. The majority of the complaints came from white parents in the eastern part of the county who did not want their children assigned to the historically black Carver High School district, and from a bloc of white parents in the British Woods, Mountain Brook and Sandersted communities who wanted their children moved from the Parkland High School district into the Reynolds High School district, contending that Reynolds would better prepare their children for college.

In several straw votes, the board discussed each individual request. After the first straw vote, the board had approved every request the white community had suggested and turned down every request from the black community.

Board member Dr. William Sheppard cried foul.

"This straw vote has done great violence to the assignment plan," he said. "The board has seen fit to approve every request to move white children (where they want to go to school) and no black children have been moved. Let's move some black children. Let's be fair about this thing."

But in the end, none of the three requests from the black community concerning the high school districts were approved.

The total number of students and racial percentages (the board relaxed its

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### Slide Show

Aneesa Griggs apparently has that funny feeling you get when you're zooming down a huge slide and aren't quite sure whether you're having the time of your life or are

scared to death. The slide is one of the assorted thrills, sights and tastes at this year's Dixie Classic Fair. More fair photos appear on Page B8 (photo by James Parker).

## Aldermen Adopt New Expense Policy

By JOHN SLADE  
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The Board of Aldermen Monday night unanimously passed a resolution concerning the aldermen's travel policy and also approved the slate of Mayor Wayne Corpening's nominees to a new tourism commission after amending it to include a black woman.

The Finance Committee voted Sept. 26 to recommend to the board a policy that now re-

quires aldermen to fill out a travel form after each trip and to return to the city any unused expense money. Alderman Martha Wood, who spearheaded the resolution and is a member of the Finance Committee, said in a telephone interview that she was concerned that aldermen were not required to document their expenses. "We are not asking for receipts," she said, "just documentation."

Wood suggested the policy that was approved Monday night, she said, when she was ap-

proached by some of her constituents who questioned the use of city funds by aldermen Vivian Burke, Larry Womble and Larry Little to attend the Aug. 27 March on Washington. "I think the concern expressed on the part of my constituents was prompted by that (the Washington trip)," she said.

But she also said that she didn't question the aldermen's use of city funds to attend the march and that aldermen have the right to

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## Remembering Still

Though They've Relocated, Residents Cherish Their Roots

By ROBIN ADAMS  
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"I love my new home here, baby," says Mrs. Dorothy Blackburn, "but Patterson Avenue will always have a dear spot in my life because it was home."

Blackburn, who now lives on Sawyer Street, moved from the Liberty Street-Patterson Avenue area when R.J. Reynolds bought the property in the area for future expansion.

According to Florence Creque, assistant director of the city's Community Development Office, almost 60 people were relocated. Reynolds had a \$24,864 contract with the city to provide relocation counseling and other assistance for the people who had to move. Reynolds also provided relocation grants for people, up to \$7,000 per individual, to help finance down payments on home loans.

Many of those people took advantage of the relocation money and counseling because Patterson Avenue had changed. Once known as the hub of the black communi-

ty, the area had deteriorated from what it had been. The street is the home of Winston-Salem's first black doctor's office, a fire station, drug stores, funeral homes, offices of black lawyers and a YMCA. It is also home to one of the oldest black churches in the city, Lloyd Presbyterian Church, which still stands on Chestnut Street.

Many of the businesses had moved out years ago and most of the former homeowners were renting their properties to tenants. All that seemed left of the glamour that Patterson Avenue once held was the friendliness, says Blackburn, who is originally from Georgia.

"Patterson Avenue was not my home," she says. "It was my husband's home. But I loved it so that it became my home."

Mrs. Blackburn and her husband Spencer Blackburn, who is now deceased, moved back to Winston-Salem from New York seven years ago. The Blackburns lived on the top floor of their home at 715 Patterson Ave. and rented out the bottom floor.

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Although Mrs. Dorothy Blackburn enjoys her new home on Sawyer Street, she says that she still misses the old Patterson Avenue neighborhood (photo by James Parker).

## Black Ministers Divided Over Proposed Repeal Of Blue Laws

By JOHN SLADE  
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If preliminary indications hold true, local black ministers may voice some opposition to a city committee's proposal to repeal Winston-Salem's blue laws.

"I feel that we ought to remember the Sabbath day and keep it holy," says Bishop S.D. Johnson, pastor of Macedonia True Vine Pentecostal Holiness Church of God Inc. "We ought to abide by that biblical law."

The Board of Aldermen's General Committee unanimously endorsed a proposal Sept. 27 to delete

Chapter 22 from the City Code, which provides for the city's existing blue laws, or laws that limit Sunday operating hours of certain businesses. So called for the blue paper they were printed on in Puritan colonies, blue laws close city businesses that sell clothes, furniture, appliances, jewelry and hardware from midnight until 1 p.m. Sunday.

Grocery stores and fruit stands may open from 7-9 a.m. Sunday and then must close until 1 p.m. Such businesses as gas stations and newsstands do not have to close.

Dr. J. Ray Butler, pastor of Shiloh Baptist Church, says he opposes the repeal of the blue laws because such an action would interfere with the rights

of some to attend church. "I'm against businesses being open during church hours," he says. "Businesses should not be open open to conflict with churches."

"Many (church) members want to go (to church) but can't because they have to go their jobs," says Butler. "Everybody ought to have the opportunity to attend church and give God the thanks and glory."

The Rev. Belvin Jessup, pastor of St. Paul United Methodist Church, shares Butler's concerns. He says the community should "really observe the day of worship like it ought to be" and says he does not support the General Committee's decision. "They (the Board of Aldermen) will a hard time making that

kind of decision," he says.

But aldermen Larry Womble and Larry Little believe the opposite is true.

As for the board, Womble says, "I see very little opposition -- if any at all. It's time we get rid of old, archaic laws from puritanical times."

Womble, one of the board members who suggested the General Committee consider the issue of repealing the blue laws, says the absence of blue laws would give merchants the choice of whether to open or close on Sundays. Moreover, he says, more jobs, part-time employment in particular, might be created if stores were allowed to operate without limitations on Sun-

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