## THE MICHAEL JACKSON SYNDROME: B4

## **Gearing Up**

The players won't serve and volley until mid-August, but the job if organizing the Garber/Lash Open already is well under way. Sports, B1.



## **Taking It To The Streets**

If you won't go to church, the Rev. Verlie Fields just might bring the church to you. Religion, 87.



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# Food Lion boycott stirs debate among some in black community

### By ROBIN ADAMS Chronicle Staff Writer

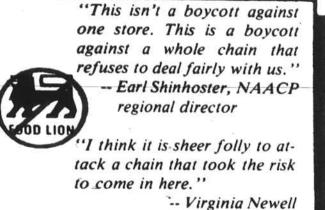
Convincing the entire black community here to support a boycott against Food Lion grocery stores is a task local NAACP President Pat Hairston has grown to hate.

Since the NAACP's national executive board voted to boycott Food Lion July 5, the Winston-Salem office has staged an "education campaign" to explain why consumers shouldn't patronize the 241-store chain. But so far, Hairston said, he has encountered opposition from ministers, local citizens and even some members of the NAACP executive board who are against boycotting the store in the East Winston Shopping Center.

In fact, Hairston received a letter from a local member saying that, if the East Winstonstore is boycotted, he will no longer financially support the local chapter and that his sentiments are shared by many others.

director who is based in Atlanta, didn't waver when he arrived in town Monday morning.

"No store is exempt from this boycott," Shinhoster told a group of reporters at a press conference.



Shinhoster, who was in Winston-Salem to

"This isn't a boycott against one store," he said. "This is a boycott against a whole chain that refuses to deal fairly with us."

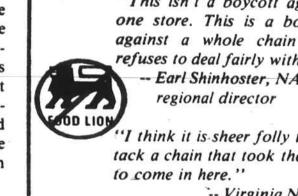
One of the NAACP's major complaints against Food Lion is that the chain does not employ enough blacks in management positions. Of the 241 stores in the Carolinas, Virginia, Georgia, Tennessee and Maryland, only seven employ black managers -- one of them at the East Winston store.

And one black store manager locally is not enough, considering the large percentage of black people that shop at the store, Hairston said.

According to an informal survey conducted by the NAACP, 36 of the 42 employees at the East Winston store are black. However, 30 of those 36 are part-time employees. Six of the store's employees are white and five of those



35 cents



But Earl Shinhoster, the NAACP's regional

kick off the local Food Lion boycott, said the East Winston store should not be exempt just because it has a black manager and employs a number of black workers.

are full-time employees. Black store manager Waverly Martin also works full time.

The NAACP estimates that 99 to 100 per-Please see page A3

# **Meeting rallies support for local NAACP**

#### By ROBIN ADAMS Chronicle Staff Writer

The message was plain and clear:

"Don't shop at Food Lion stores," said NAACP Regional Director Earl Shinhoster with all the fire of a Southern Baptist minister on the last night of a soul-saving crusade.

Shinhoster, who was in town to kick off the local boycott of Food Lion Inc. grocery stores, held a mass meeting Monday night at St. James AME Church to tell between 75 and 100 black citizens why the national executive boycott of Food Lion after the company board of the NAACP unanimously voted to

# Administrator to leave post

#### By ROBIN ADAMS **Chronicle Staff Writer**

Another member of the chancellor's cabinet at Winston-Salem State University has resigned.

Denise Purdie, who served as an assistant to Dr. H. Douglas Covington, has resigned to accept a post at Texas Southern University's Thurgood Marshall School of Law in Houston. Purdie, who has been at WSSU for 14 months, will become the assistant dean of

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**Denise** Purdie

boycott Food Lion.

"We have tried to negotiate a Fair Share agreement with Food Lion for two years and they won't listen," said Shinhoster. "Now it's come to this. We have got to teach our dollars some sense. We don't have to go to the Lion when we can go someplace else.

"Kroger (a company that has signed a Fair Share agreement with the NAACP) didn't have to be brought down kicking and screaming .... The Lion will understand."

The NAACP called for a nationwide would not agree to a Fair Share pact that call-

ed for increased management opportunities for blacks and for the company to do more business with black vendors, contractors, insurance companies, banks and advertisers. Food Lion officials said they could not accept a plan that would give preferential treatment to one group, saying the key to their low prices is a competitive bidding process.

The standoff resulted in the call for an "economic direct action campaign," or boycott.

While the local audience listened patiently, Shinhoster was not, however, addressing the Please see page A3

## Her Reign Ends

With less than a month to go before her successor is crowned, Vanessa Williams, the first black Miss America, has relinquished her title amid the controversy caused by nude photos of her in Penthouse magazine. Our editorial reaction appears on Page A4.

# 'A flop for blacks'

## That's how one black delegate terms the Democratic Convention

#### By ROBIN ADAMS Chronicle Staff Writer

Despite the televised pomp and pageantry and repeated displays of unity and good will at its national convention last week, all may not be well in the Democratic Party.

"The Hispanics got (Democratic presidenai nominee Waiter) Mondale's word that the party won't support the Simpson-Mazzoli Bill, women got (Geraldine) Ferraro and the Jews got an apology from Jesse (Jackson)," said Walter Marshall.

"But for minorities and black Jackson supporters, the convention was a flop."

Marshall, who attended the San Francisco convention as a Jackson delegate and was one of three black delegates from Forsyth County, said blacks went into the convention expecting to get at least some respect, but came back emptyhanded.

"We were received well and treated well," Marshall said, "but we didn't get anything we went there to get.

"We were defeated on all the things I considered key issues, like the end of second primaries," he said."The only thing we got was a watered-down version of Jackson's affirmative action policy. We didn't even get a key person on the Mondale team. It was really

kind of embarrassing.

"We went down there with hope ... and came back with very little of anything."

Even the emotion-packed speech delivered by Jackson last Wednesday night had its flaws, Marshall said.

"The speech didn't really move me," he said. "He became not Jesse Jackson the civil rights activist, but Jesse Jackson the politi cian. He became a politician.

"It was his best political speech. But he compromised. He did away with his threat. We are still locked out and locked in the Democratic Party."

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## Whatever Happened To...

# Wiley's back in school

#### By ROBIN ADAMS **Chronicle Staff Writer**

Before anyone knew it, the Rev. Howard Wiley was gone.

Wiley, 36, who served as an associate minister of Galilee Baptist Church and was an ac-

Winston, however. He helped manage the successful aldermanic campaign of Larry Little in 1977, was a founder and organizer of the Citywide' Neighborhood Coalition, a member of the Black Leader-

Wiley left his mark in



**Rev. Howard Wiley** 

# 'Them big wharf rats liked to run us out'

### By JOHN SLADE Chronicle Staff Writer

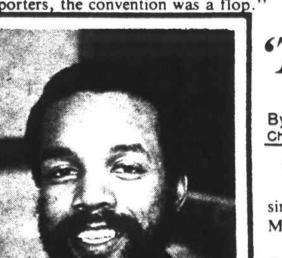
## This article is the second in a series.

"I don't believe we've lived in a real nice house since we lived in Winston-Salem," says 54-year-old Mary Battle.

Mrs. Battle, her elderly mother, 28-year-old daughter and 10-year-old son have lived at 927 E. 21st St: since last summer. They moved from a rundown house on Cleveland Avenue because they stopped paying rent until the owner would agree to fix the kitchen sink (which had fallen down on occasion), the leaky roof and holes that allowed rats to enter the house at will.



The large green house, trimmed in green and accented by a porch that extends around the house's left side, sits on the east end of the street among similar structures. When the Battles moved in, weeds and brush had nearly taken over the landscape, which was a haven for snakes, says Mrs. Battle. She says she even saw a baby snake curled up against the house last winter. Upon entering the living room of the six-room house, one eyes a pan sitting in the floor near the window facing the street. Savannah Dodd. Mrs. Battle's daughter, explains that, when it rains, water leaks from the ceiling onto the living room floor and the only way to stop it is with the pan, Please see page A2



tive member of a number of political and neighborhood associations, left Winston-Salem last summer to attend seminary school at Union Theological Seminary in New York City.

ship Roundtable Coalition, a member and co-convener of the National Black Independent Political Party's Winston-Salem chapter and a Please see page A12

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"They was them big wharf rats," says Mrs. Battle. "They liked to run us out of there." She considers the house she and her family moved to on 21st Street no great improvement.