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Political Notes

Recording artist Roberta Flack joins a long list of performers integrating music and politics. Flack, a native of Black Mountain, will donate the proceeds from her Sept. 8 concert to the Jim Hunt Committee, the group handling Hunt's campaign for the U.S. Senate. The concert will follow the Aggie-Ram Classic in Greensboro at the Corbett Sports Center at 8 p.m.

With L.A. firm

Winston Mutual ponders merger

By ROBIN ADAMS
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Winston Mutual Life Insurance Co. plans to merge with a Los Angeles-based minority-owned insurance firm the first of the year, according to state insurance officials.

Winston Mutual has tentatively planned to merge with Golden State Mutual of California, said Oscar Smith, director of public affairs and ombudsman services for the state Department of Insurance. Smith said it was "unusual" to discuss the specifics of a merger until the merger is complete, but added that, as far as his office could determine, the merger was not sought because Winston Mutual is in financial trouble.

"We are now conducting audits of both companies and will be able to tell more about their finances when the audits are over," Smith said.

When asked about merger plans, George Hill, president of Winston Mutual, said, "That's always a possibility."

Hill said he could not say anything further about the possibility of a merger until the audit was complete and denied that the company is in financial trouble.

"We are above the minimum required (surplus funds needed to stay in business)," Hill said. "In fact, we are more than above the minimum required."

"It's nothing concrete, but we

are looking to increase our size and offer more services to the people we serve."

Despite Smith's and Hill's statements that Winston Mutual is solvent, W. J. Kennedy, president of North Carolina Mutual Insurance Co. in Durham, the state's largest minority-owned insurance firm, said Winston Mutual is considering the move because it is in financial trouble.

"We (North Carolina Mutual) talked with them on several occasions (about merging with North Carolina Mutual)," Kennedy said in a telephone

"We still would (merge) ... Their whole company is not as large as one of our divisions. So, you see, it's not that important to us."
— W.J. Kennedy, president of North Carolina Mutual Insurance Co.

interview. "We couldn't meet their needs. They are trying to get as much out of it as possible."

Kennedy said that Winston Mutual recently accepted a loan from Golden State Mutual and that some of the officials from Golden State have been placed on the board of directors at Winston Mutual.

Hill would not answer questions about Kennedy's statements. "We are having no

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County's first black

Hayes appointed District Court judge

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In an expected move, local attorney Roland H. Hayes was appointed Forsyth County's first black District Court judge by Gov. James B. Hunt Jr.

Hayes, who had been recommended for the position by the Forsyth County Bar Association, becomes the county's sixth judge at an annual salary of more than \$41,000.

At a hurriedly-called press conference on the corner of Fifth and Church streets last Thursday, Hayes said he accepts the position and will do everything he can to be a fair judge.

"I will try to do the best I can," Hayes said. "I don't foresee any immediate changes."

Hayes is expected to be sworn in about a month from now. He said he needs the time to close out his private practice.

Although Hayes said he was surprised by the governor's appointment, some other local people

weren't.

"He has the support of the establishment," said Alderman Larry Little, when asked why Hayes was selected from among eight candidates considered. "He is perceived as a safe black."

Hayes was recommended by the county's two bar associations — the Forsyth County Bar Association and the predominantly black Winston-Salem Bar Association — but was not recommended to Hunt by the Black Leadership Roundtable Coalition. The governor usually accepts the recommendation of the Forsyth County Bar Association, but in an unusual move, Hunt also went outside the county bar association to seek other recommendations for the newly-created judgeship.

The North Carolina General Assembly voted during this year's short session to increase the number of District Court judges in Forsyth County from five to six. Hayes will serve as a governor's

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Roland Hayes

Black Dollar Days set

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The NAACP's nationwide boycott of the Food Lion Inc. grocery chain is one way to demonstrate the economic power black consumers wield, but it isn't the only way.

The 75-year-old civil rights organization is planning a broader demonstration of that power next week to bring the message home to merchants unaffected by the boycott.

The Winston-Salem NAACP chapter is urging area black

people to support its second annual Black Dollar Days demonstration by paying for purchases with \$2 bills and Susan B. Anthony dollar coins from Saturday, Sept. 1 through Saturday, Sept. 8.

The chapter has arranged for the Mechanics and Farmers Bank and the Wachovia Bank and Trust Co. branches on Claremont Avenue and the Wachovia at Glenn and Patterson avenues to stock plenty of the coins and dollars for the project.

Pat Hairston, president of the

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Black aldermen ask: Will Powell be replaced by a black chief?

By ALBERT NICKERSON
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Less than two weeks after the unexpected resignation of Police Chief Lucius Powell, a few black community and political leaders are pondering the possibility of the city's first black police chief.

"A black police chief would demonstrate to the people that Winston-Salem practices what it preaches. It would tell people that this city is fair to everybody."
— Larry Womble

"I think it's past time for a black police chief," said Northeast Ward Alderman Vivian Burke. Burke, who also serves as chairman of the aldermen's Public Safety Committee, said she hopes the city

manager will consider a black for the position and hopes those black officers already in the department will be given serious consideration.

But with less than a month to go before City Manager Bryce A. Stuart appoints a new chief, Stuart still hasn't announced what procedures he will use for selecting a replacement. He said he will define the guidelines by this weekend.

Powell, 48, resigned Aug. 20, ending months of speculation that he would leave the department. Some public officials have said that Powell resigned to spend more time doing consulting work, for which he often has been criticized.

Powell had applied for the police chief job in Austin, Texas, but failed to finish among the top five candidates, he said earlier this week.

After his resignation, the city's black aldermen and community

leaders generally praised Powell as a strong, decisive leader. They also said Powell was very responsive to the needs of the city's black population.

But Powell's tenure hasn't been a four-year honeymoon.

After the Board of Aldermen instituted new merit pay criteria for

"I just don't want them to pick a black who is unqualified and then people will say 'I told you so'."
— Virginia Newell

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city employees in July, Powell was caught in the middle between the aldermen and his supervising officers. Powell said police evaluations were "unusually high in comparison to other city

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