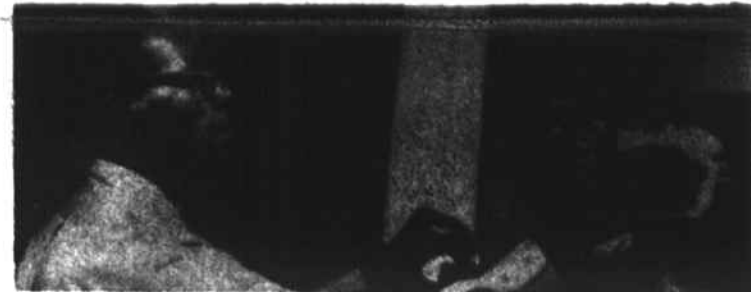


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**Straight From The Heart**

Ronald and Daisy Wilkins help the MJ Team by passing out gift bags to the senior citizens at a special Christmas party held for them at Sunrise Towers. For a story on the party, see Page A6 (photo by James Parker).

## Black YMCA consortium blasts handling of Glover's resignation

*New Orleans delegation to visit next week*

By ROBIN ADAMS  
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Reports that Richard F. Glover was forced to resign last week as executive director of the predominantly black Patterson Avenue YMCA have prompted a sharp response from the National Consortium of Black YMCAs.

In a Mailgram addressed to William Clingman, president of the Metropolitan YMCA board of directors, which governs all YMCA and YWCA branches in Forsyth County, Douglas Evans, president of the National Consortium of Black YMCAs, criticized Metro Y General Director Brian Cormier and urged Clingman to rescind Glover's resignation.

Evans also said he plans to visit Winston-Salem next week to study the situation firsthand.

"The actions of Mr. Cormier are a gross breach of moral and professional ethics and clearly point up his inability to work with strong and capable

leaders like Mr. Glover," the Mailgram said. "This action seriously questions Mr. Cormier's original and continued commitment and intent for black YMCAs."

Delray Hartsfield, president of the Patterson Avenue YMCA Board of Management, announced last week that Glover had resigned to seek YMCA jobs elsewhere. But a member of the Patterson Board and a member of the Metropolitan Board of Directors both told the *Chronicle* last week that Glover was forced to resign by the Metro board.

In a telephone interview from his New Orleans office, Evans said he hopes Clingman will respond to his message, and that if Clingman doesn't, he plans to follow up the Mailgram with "additional steps."

"My hope is that Mr. Clingman and the Metro Board will seriously consider the action Mr. Cormier has taken and rescind whatever action is taken so we can be about the business of delivering the kind of quality service that is so desperately needed," said Evans. "Should the Metropolitan Board please see page A10"

## No bones about it

*'Bighouse' gung-ho on coliseum*

By GREG BROWN  
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Fifty-seven persons were appointed last week to a committee that will study what to do with aging Memorial Coliseum, and while the committee won't issue recommendations until early next year, the committee's black co-chairman has come out squarely in support of expanding the arena.

"There's no doubt in my mind that it would enhance the community," said Clarence E. "Bighouse" Gaines, athletic director and basketball coach at Winston-Salem State University. Mayor Wayne Corpening appointed Gaines to share the committee chairmanship with Eunice Ayers, a retired former county

register of deeds.

"I think the black community would find as many ways to utilize it as the white community," Gaines said. "I can see possibilities for religious groups using it. For example, I know Greensboro attracts 10-, 12-, 15,000 people with the Jehovah's Witnesses."

Gaines sees advantages for black sports and entertainment from an expanded coliseum, as well. His own WSSU athletic program could stand to benefit substantially from a new or renovated arena, he said.

"We can't make any money where we are now," Gaines said. "We can't even get a decent homecoming show."

A larger coliseum also would

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Marie Roseboro, first vice chairman of the Patterson Avenue YMCA Board of Management, fields reporters' questions during a recent executive board meeting (photo by James Parker).

## Would Patterson Avenue board consider splitting from Metro Y?

By ROBIN ADAMS  
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Nobody's talking publicly about it, but it's an option.

Richard F. Glover's resignation as executive director of the predominantly black Patterson Avenue YMCA has stirred talk among some Patterson board members of severing ties altogether with the governing Metropolitan Board of Directors, which some say forced Glover to step down.

Some Patterson board members feel they were bypassed in the process that led to Glover's resignation and that their input similarly was ignored when the Metro board considered eliminating some features in the new Winston Lake facility that will replace the Patterson building in 1985.

Maybe, the board members wonder, they might be better off on their own.

Operating under a Metro system still gives each branch decision-making responsibilities, but many matters, such as the hir-

ing of executive directors and budget allocations, are handled by the Metro general director.

"It hasn't been discussed in a board meeting, but going independent is a possibility," said one board member, who asked to remain anonymous.

"Some say we need to be able to decide (on matters concerning Patterson YMCA operations) and, if we can't decide, then we need to look someplace else," the board member said. "But most are happy with the Metro system."

Going independent may be a farfetched idea to some, but for many predominantly black YMCAs across the country, it's a reality.

"The black YMCAs connected with a branch are practically independent all the while," said James Nixon, executive director of the Effingham Street YMCA in Portsmouth, Va., which went independent in July. "With the exception of signing the

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## Shopping spree becomes a giving spree

By ROBIN ADAMS  
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As Mrs. Norma McDuffie filled her refrigerator and cabinets with the goodies she had won in a three-minute shopping spree, the spirit of Christmas came upon her.

Instead of keeping all the items for herself, Mrs. McDuffie shared her gift with her neighbors on East Sedgefield Street.

"I always felt that I was blessed to get that amount of food myself," said Mrs. McDuffie. "Being a church member, I've learned so much about sharing. It is more blessed to give and I realize how I had been blessed. For only one dollar (the price of the raffle ticket) I got this much."

In addition, Mrs. McDuffie, a cook at Bolton Elementary School, plans to prepare New Year's dinner for her pastor, the Rev. Bobby J. Milton.

"I'm not expecting anything but what the Lord has in store for me," said Mrs. McDuffie, when asked if she thought she would win the raffle. "It came at the Christmas spirit time and that's what made me so happy."

Mrs. McDuffie, 60, with her daughter as her coach, picked up \$250 worth of groceries in only three minutes. She managed to pick up a variety of items, but admits that most of her time was spent at the meat counter.

Mrs. McDuffie said she doesn't usually buy raffle tickets, but bought this particular one from a co-worker to benefit the Kidney Foundation.

"When they called me and told me I had won, I couldn't believe it," Mrs. McDuffie said. "I couldn't remember buying a ticket. I bought that ticket and forgot all about it. I read about these things and see them on the TV, but I thought they would never happen to me."

Amid the smell of holiday ham baking in the oven and pieces of handmade ceramics lining her living room tables, Mrs. McDuffie said she hopes that sharing will become a year-round standard and not something that needs noting in the newspapers.

"Christmas is too commercialized," she said. "The birth of Christ is really not in Christmas as it should be."

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Mrs. Norma McDuffie shares her winnings from a Christmas shopping spree with her neighbors, left to right, Alexander Blair, Donovan Clark and Aesha Clark (photo by James Parker).