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GREATER Winston Kiwanis President Larry Upshaw fingerprints 2½-year-old Lakeaya Lane as part of a Kids Identification Sign-Up last weekend at the East Winston Shopping

Center. The project seeks to provide parents with records to identify their children and involved most of the city's shopping centers (photo by James Parker).

New resolution would call for anti-apartheid policies

Alderman Womble wants city to say officially that it won't do any business with South Africa

By L.A.A. WILLIAMS
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Southeast Ward Alderman Larry W. Womble will introduce a resolution Monday night condemning apartheid in South Africa and calling on the city not to invest in companies doing business with that nation.

Apartheid is the system of racial segregation that forcibly subjects 24 million black Africans to the rule of 5 million whites. Over 800 people have died in the last year while opposing the system.

"As responsible, caring leaders of our city, I am requesting your support of the attached resolution which clarifies the city's position on the deplorable practice of apartheid in South Africa," Womble's memorandum to Mayor Wayne A. Corpening and the board reads.

"Often times, inaction is interpreted as acceptance," the memo says. "Since our city has traditionally supported the improvement of human conditions, we certainly do not want to be misunderstood on this issue. Therefore, I am asking you to make your position clear through adoption of this resolution."

Womble said Tuesday that he started

work on the resolution nearly one year ago. He said he began by reviewing resolutions drafted by other cities, agencies and organizations against apartheid.

He also said he talked with Randall Robinson, director of TransAfrica and head of the Free South Africa Movement, which has led a series of demonstrations at

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the South African Embassy in Washington, about what the city could do about apartheid.

"I wanted to find out what the city could do, instead of just sitting on the sidelines and watching," Womble said. "Yes, everybody knows apartheid is a shame, but what could we do about it?"

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The resolution calls the system of apartheid. Please see page A16

Burke: His race is not the main issue

By L.A.A. WILLIAMS
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So far as he's concerned, his candidacy for the state representative in the 67th District is not a racial issue, says Logan Burke.

"I'm running as a candidate," the former school principal and state administrator said Friday, "not as a black candidate or white candidate. I'm running on my qualifications."

Burke faces fellow Democrat John D. Clark, who is white, in the May 6 primary.

They both are vying for a place on the November ballot against the lone Republican candidate, Diane Williams-Henry. Incumbent Democrat C.B. Hauser is not seeking re-election.

The 67th and 66th districts are predominantly black, heavily Democratic single-member districts carved out of the former five-member 39th district in 1984.

Democrats outnumber Republicans by more than a 6-to-1 margin in the district, according to January registration figures from the Board of Elections, while black Democrats outnumber their white counterparts 4 to 1.

Despite the fact that the numbers seem to favor
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PLAYWRIGHT/ACTRESS Micki Grant viewed the North Carolina Black Repertory Company's presentation of "Don't Bother Me, I Can't Cope," with more than passing interest last weekend - she wrote the songs for the award-winning musical. Story on A17 (photo by James Parker).

NAACP to hold open meeting on black student achievement

By JOHN HINTON
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A group of parents, church leaders and educators will meet Saturday morning to discuss black student performance in the city-county schools.

The forum, sponsored by the local NAACP chapter, will be held at 10:00 at St. Paul United Methodist Church at 2700 Dellbrook Road and will seek to lay the groundwork for a parental liaison group, says Winston-Salem NAACP President Walter Marshall.

Several nagging problems plague black youngsters in the local schools, Marshall said in an interview Monday, and the community's help is needed to solve them.

"The black community is not taking responsibility for the education of its children," Marshall said. "Black parents must get involved in the education of their children."

Marshall suggested, for instance, that black retired teachers instruct black youths in after-school programs and that black churches begin libraries in their buildings.

"If something is not done to correct this problem, then a permanent underclass of people will be created and they will be at the mercy of the government," Marshall said.

Marshall cited as one major problem the disparity in the achievement scores of black and white students. He said the gap in the scores tends to widen as the students grow older.

"After the third grade, black students' performance on achievement tests goes downhill," he said. "Once they reach the ninth grade, their scores are 10 to 12 points below the 50th percentile."

Though the session aims in particular at black parents, anyone who wants to attend is invited, said Dr. Serenus Churn, co-chairman of the NAACP Education Committee.

"The meeting Saturday is open to anyone who is interested in the education of our children," Churn said.

Saturday's discussion topics will include strategies to improve black students' performances on the Scholastic Achievement
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Ministers Conference to hold forum

By L.A.A. WILLIAMS
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The Baptist Ministers Conference and Associates' candidates forum, to be held Saturday at 2 p.m., will breathe "political fresh air" into the city, says the Rev. Carlton A.G. Eversley, public affairs coordinator for the organization.

More than 50 candidates seeking party nominations in the May 6 primaries for all of Forsyth County's elected offices are expected to attend. The affair, called a "Political Education Forum," will be held in New Bethel Baptist Church at 1016 N. Trade St. and is open to the public.

Eversley says the forum

presents an opportunity for "greater political unity" between "sacred and secular" leadership in the city's black community following years of non-cooperation.

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No decision has been made on whether the conference will endorse candidates, he said.

Each candidate will make a two-minute presentation and then field questions from the audience. The Rev. Jerry Drayton

will serve as moderator

A local black physician, Dr. J. David Branch, is of seven local campaign chairmen for U.S. Senate candidate Terry Sanford. Branch said Monday that Sanford is a friend of black people.

"The office of the U.S. Senate cannot be bought; it must be earned," Branch said. "We need a senator who has experience and leadership, and can balance off Sen. Jesse Helms."

"Terry Sanford has proven many times, and over many years, to be a friend of black people," he said.

Branch declined to name other local blacks who are supporting Sanford's candidacy. He said
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ALDERMEN Frank Frye, Larry Womble and Martha Wood discuss fair housing. Story on A2 (photo by James Parker).