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## Carver head faces questions

By CHERYL WILLIAMS  
Chronicle Staff Writer

A group of African-American parents who have children at Carver High School are concerned about the appointment of a new principal to the school. The parents say their concern is with the selection process and that they know little about the new principal and his qualifications.

Robert F. Clemmer, the former principal at Philo Middle School, was approved as the new principal of Carver at the city/county school board meeting Monday night.

L. James McDaniel, Carver's former principal, said:

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--Pauline Fulton

"There is a great difference between the development of high school children and middle school children," she said. "My concern is how will the individual deal with the special needs of the high school student? What sort of educational philosophy will he bring to the school if his training has not been at the secondary level?"

Clemmer could not be reached for comment by presstime.

Mrs. Fulton and another parent who asked not to be named charge that the former principal did not provide the kind of leadership they felt the school should have.

"We have not had, in the three years I've been associated with Carver, sturdy educational leadership," Mrs. Fulton said. "It's time for us to get it. Our children need it and deserve it."

The parent who did not want to be named said after the school board meeting, that she had problems with McDaniel's administrative leadership. "It has not been present," she said. "The students have suffered academically as a result."

The parent, along with Mrs. Fulton were among about seven parents who attended Monday's school board meeting.

The parent said that she had written to Superintendent Eargle, Assistant Superintendent Annie Hairston and School board member Beaufort O. Bailey, expressing her concerns.

Mrs. Hairston said that parents had contacted her during the year with individual concerns about Carver, but she would not comment further.

Mrs. Fulton said that she is willing to work with the new principal. But he has his work cut out for him, she said.

"I think he (Clemmer) should be given the opportunity to show what he has to offer," she said. "There are certainly areas at Carver I feel need to be improved, must be improved, for students to get

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**'Ahhhh ...'**  
Doris Cobb and her family take a break from the recent high temperatures in the downtown area with the aid of some cool drinks (photo by James Parker).

## Lawyers ask for continuance

By MARDELL GRIFFIN  
Chronicle Staff Writer

The case against two area attorneys charged with assaulting their pregnant former secretary has been continued until later this month.

Gary Devon Henderson, 37, of 1244 W. Fourth St. asked the court on Tuesday to postpone hearing the case. He cited conflicts in his lawyer's schedule as the reason for requesting the delay.

Judge William Reingold granted the motion and set July 28 as the new court date.

Henderson and Robert Ernest Winfrey, 36, of 2806 Deerwood Drive, partners in a legal firm, are charged with

assault on a female.

The two men were served with summonses on June 26. The documents state that Winfrey held Beverly Reid Coppening, 31, of 1582 Longview Drive while Henderson slapped her face and struck her twice with his fists.

Winfrey has denied the charges. Henderson has referred all comments about the issue to their legal counsel, Joe Williams of Greensboro. Williams said his clients are "absolutely innocent of all charges."

Williams also said postponement of the action was necessary because he had 35 other cases pending in

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**QUOTABLE:** "So long as blacks are rarely found in newsrooms, editorial posts, management jobs and ownership positions, the nation's media will be cut off from a significant and rising portion of the population, and their integrity will be called into question."  
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## Vandals feast on Winston Lake Y

By CHERYL WILLIAMS  
Chronicle Staff Writer

Vandals have struck at the Winston Lake YMCA located on 901 Waterworks Road and the destruction is costing thousands of dollars.

Executive Director Norman Joyner said that in late June, the YMCA had damage done to several vehicles.

Joyner said that on Wednesday, June 24 he found 21 windows broken out of two buses.

The facility's van had all of its windows broken also, he said.

*"This is the first time we have had any kind of vandalism out here at the 'Y' since we opened up."*

-- Norman Joyner

"This is the first time we have had any kind of vandalism out here at the 'Y' since we opened up," Joyner said.

The Winston Lake facility opened up on Waterworks Road two years ago.

Joyner said that according to the investigating police officer, the vandalism probably occurred early on June 24.

He said that the two buses that were damaged are on loan from the city/county school system.

The YMCA, he said, is responsible for repairing the buses.

The cost of repairing the buses and the van was approximately \$2,500, Joyner said.

The vandalism of the buses and the van also greatly impacted on the Day Care and the Youth Incentive programs.

"The programs combined serve just about 200 kids," he said. "The programs got altered for two to three days because we only had one bus to transport the kids."

As if this wasn't enough, last Tuesday morning the same van that had been repaired was found vandalized again, this time with all its windows broken, including the front windshield. The frames of the windows were also damaged.

"We had just gotten that van back Monday and then the windows were broken again," Joyner said last week.

Six of the lights in the facility's parking lot also been damaged.

The cost of repairing the van is expected to be \$1,300, Joyner said. He said he did not have a cost yet on repairing the damaged lights.

"I think it is disturbing to think we have an individual or individuals who would destroy the property we have and interfere with the programs we are trying to provide," he said. "They should recognize that it hurts the community and the people who use the YMCA."

Joyner said that the police department does make periodic checks on the YMCA as part of its regular rounds. He said that he has asked the police department to make more frequent checks at the facility.

Joyner said that spending money to repair unnecessary vandalism is a waste.

"It hurts us to use dollars to pay for this when we could be using those dollars to pay for programming," he said.

Joyner said that from talking to directors at other YMCA branches in the area, the vandalism problem seems to be unique only to the Winston Lake branch.

## Part Of A Two-Part Series

# Absentee owners, investors cause of E. Winston housing woes

By EDWARD SHANAHAN  
Special To The Chronicle

The extent to which absentee owners or real estate investors control residential property in East Winston is seen by many in the African-American community as a prime cause of the poor housing which plagues East Winston.

It also is the reason why leaders of the East Winston community are pushing so vigorously for the construction of more single-family homes and more programs that encourage homeownership.

"Absentee landlords own the place," says African-American developer William H. Andrews, speaking of East Winston. "The records speak for themselves," he said. "I've

known that for years and years." "Anything that you don't own, you don't have an interest in," says Joycelyn Johnson of

the East Winston Restoration Society. "If I don't own the property, what's the incentive?" "I think the more we can en-

courage moderate-income people to become homeowners, that's the key," says former Alderman Larry Little, who as chairman of

the Board of Aldermen's public works committee often had to deal with landlords about housing code violations. When investors own most of the housing, Little said, "you're going to have a dilapidated community; tenants don't take pride in keeping up the property and investor-owners are interested in one thing -- getting the most return."

Little, who is now studying law, said, "It's not just whites who own run-down housing; there are blacks who are slumlords too."

He also said that sometimes the real estate firms which manage rental housing were more difficult to deal with than the actual investors in rental properties.

Alderman Virginia Newell,

whose ward covers much of East Winston, puts it this way: "I think it's the desire of every man or woman to live in a home that they own," adding that much more needs to be done to promote homeownership in East Winston.

She said she feels the city is making progress on the housing front, particularly because the current board is "rambunctious" and "we are pushing the city. We have done a lot with housing, as much as any other city of its size. I have to give this board credit."

Little adds: "The city is moving, but not as fast as I'd like to see it move."

Meanwhile, as the city considers a new long-range plan for

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