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## ALL DOLLED UP!



Kenny Kimber and Tiana Young step out in their festive attire for the Halloween affair held at the Hanes Hosiery Recreation Center last week. The two costumed tikes were participants in the center's annual Halloween contest (photo by Mike Cunningham).

## Local racism alive and well, panel says

By ANGIE MARTIN  
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Racism is not dead, a panel told local residents last week, and despite laws on the books to combat the problem, "racial prejudice cannot be legislated out of the hearts of men," one panelist said.

Speaking before the Winston-Salem Human Relations Commission, the members of the seven-member panel said that

racism, although not to blame for all the social ills facing African-Americans, is still found in social arenas from religion to politics.

The program, held last Thursday at Christ Moravian Church, was the second in a series on racism sponsored by the commission's race relations subcommittee.

In defining racism, Dr. William Turner, associate professor of sociology at Winston-Salem State University, said the most important thing to remember is that racism is prej-

udice plus power. A workable definition of racism must be "linked with power in order to mean anything," Turner said.

He said that historically, racism has been white people holding power over people of color, including blacks and American Indians. He said racism may be viewed as any action or attitude which subordinates a people of color.

Brenda Evans, Problem Center director  
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## Former employee files suit against K&W

Woman seeks \$20 million in sexual harassment claim

By CHERYL WILLIAMS  
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A former employee of K and W Cafeterias Inc., alleging that she was sexually harassed by the corporation's president, seeks compensatory and punitive damages for the humiliation, mental and emotional distress and loss of wages Ms. King suffered as a result of the alleged harassment.

In a lawsuit filed in Forsyth Superior Court Tuesday, Nancy King Gordon alleges that she was sexually harassed for more than 10 years by Gary Allred, the current president of the corporation.

The lawsuit asks for a jury trial and

One of Ms. King's attorneys, Harold L. Kennedy III, said that his client is among a growing number of women who are turning back against harassment on the job. "Women are not taking it anymore," he said. "Hopefully this kind of conduct will stop if enough of these cases are decided by juries favorably for the plaintiffs."

Ms. King, a Forsyth County resident, was employed at K and W Cafeterias from

1974 to July of 1987. Defendants named in the lawsuit are K and W Cafeterias Inc. and Allred. Allred could not be reached for comment Tuesday.

The lawsuit states that from 1972 until 1985 Ms. King served as executive secretary to the corporation's President Grady Allred Sr. After Allred Sr.'s death she served as executive secretary to Grady Allred Jr. until 1986.

Then she served as executive secretary to Vivian Allred, chairman of the Board of

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## COVER STORY

# \$94.7 million bonds pass; blacks support package

By ROBIN BARKSDALE and CHERYL WILLIAMS  
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The city's predominantly black precincts cast a solid "yes" vote in favor of the city's \$51 million bond package in Tuesday's election, which also saw the fairground issue become the lone bond rejected by city voters.

Forsyth County voters likewise approved the county's \$43.7 million bond package.

City voters at white precincts, percentage-wise, cast more "no" votes on the issues, while voting at black precincts pointed to a wider acceptance of the total bond package. City voters at the Ashley Middle School, Brown/Douglas Recreation Center, Carver High School, East Winston Library, 14th Street Recreation Center, Kennedy Middle School and Winston Lake YMCA precincts voted in favor of each of the bonds, including the \$4 million fairground bond, which lost by an overall margin of 1,031.

The \$9 million housing bond issue, one of the major areas of concern for black leaders, managed to gain city voters' overall approval despite being rejected at more than half of the city precincts.

The Rev. Carlton A.G. Eversley, pastor of Dellabrook Presbyterian Church and a representative of Black Citizens With Bond Questions, last week urged voters not to blindly accept the entire bond package. Eversley called the acceptance of the total bond package at black precincts "unfortunate."

"I think it smacks and smells of straight Democratic ticket voting," Eversley said. "It is an unsophisticated way of using one's vote."

He said his group favored the housing, school, health and roads bonds but had questions about the remaining bonds. In an interview with the Chronicle before the election, Eversley said his primary concern was how much of the bond money

would find its way to the black community.

Eversley said he is not surprised that the housing bond failed in more than half of the city precincts. Drawing upon a conversation he had with one of the city's white residents, Eversley said many white voters viewed the housing issue as a "black issue."

"The white voters in this city see certain parts of the bond referendum as being 'welfare for niggers,' and they voted accordingly. They voted it (housing) down," said Eversley. "An 80-year-old white man called me ... we started to talk about the bond referendum, and he was against some of the things we see as important for the black community, like housing. I think

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he speaks for a lot of white folks in this city."

In light of the success of the bond package, Eversley said the local ministers' conference has decided to shoulder some of the responsibility for monitoring how the bonds are used to benefit the black community.

"I think people who think like I do have the responsibility to educate people about how important it is to use their political leverage," he said.

Other black leaders, however, wholeheartedly embraced the bond package. And the outcome of Tuesday's referendum pleased them, as well as other city, county and school officials.

East Ward Alderman Virginia K. Newell attributed the successful passage of eight of the nine total bond issues in

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Voters at the city's predominately black precincts turned out Tuesday to give solid support to the bond referendum (photo by Mike Cunningham).

## Dance causes cross-burning

By The Associated Press

STATESVILLE -- A white Iredell County teen-ager who danced with a black girl at a school dance has been harassed by schoolmates and awoke Tuesday to a burned cross in his front yard.

The boy and girl, both 14, are friends and danced with other friends and classmates from West Iredell Middle School and neighboring West Iredell High at a booster club-sponsored dance Saturday night.

Monday morning, older students on the school bus called him "nigger lover." Tuesday morning, his

mother, Sharon Lynn Kistler, found a burned cross in their front yard.

School officials said the girl hasn't complained of any harassment.

Mrs. Kistler said she thinks students who harassed her son on the bus may have burned the cross in her yard.

"Nothing was said about it at the dance," she said. "They didn't even go to the dance. They were teasing him Monday, just aggravating him. They didn't say anything to him (Tuesday)."

Mrs. Kistler called the school Tuesday about boys on her son's school bus. The middle school's

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Beaty

## Judge Beaty excited about re-election run

By ROBIN BARKSDALE  
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When election time rolls around in 1988, Special Superior Court Judge James A. Beaty plans to be right in the thick of the action.

Beaty, whose term originally was set to end June 30, was one of the beneficiaries of a new bill which increased the number of black judges in the state and extended Beaty's term by 18 months. And Beaty hopes to make the extension even longer.

"I am getting ready for the election, which will be in 1988," Beaty said in a telephone interview from his home. "We hope to really

get things started in a few weeks."

He said he has appointed attorney Billy D. Friende Jr. to serve as the treasurer for his campaign, but that he has not yet chosen his campaign manager. Beaty, whose reappointment became effective Aug. 17 and runs "until his lawful term expires," received the official notification of his reappointment from Gov. James G. Martin last week.

The 38-year-old Beaty was appointed as a special Superior Court judge by Gov. Jim Hunt in 1981. As a "special" judge, Beaty is assigned to try cases in various areas of the state. Beaty's term as a

special Superior Court judge lasts four years, as opposed to the eight-year term of an elected resident judge.

The new bill, passed in June, created new Superior Court judgeships in 10 predominantly black areas and eliminated staggered judicial terms. Forsyth County was one of the areas to benefit from the bill, and Beaty said the bill should open up more opportunities for blacks.

"I think it (the redistricting) was needed in terms of having a better representation of blacks on the Superior Court bench," said

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