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Parkway may bring business

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A consultant hired by the city of Winston-Salem told 15 people gathered at the Winston Lake YMCA Thursday night that a parking lot stretching across East Winston Link Route 40 to U.S. 52 would almost certainly displace some homes and businesses.

"There's almost no way we can do this without residential relocation or business displacement," J. Steven Mifflin, assistant regional manager of Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc., said.

The city hired Kimley-Horn Associates, Inc. to conduct a feasibility study of the East Winston Parkway, a route through East Winston that has been on the city's long-range plan for 20 years. The community meeting was one of the first steps in the process.

"This is good for the economy," Alderman Virginia K. Newell said at the meeting. "Where there's a need, there's a business, there is

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photo by Ella Hamlin

Ernest and Elaine Pitt celebrate with Marshall Bass, who gave a scholarship check to NNPA.

Chronicle named best in nation

The Winston-Salem Chronicle was the big winner during the National Newspaper Publishers Association's recent merit awards banquet. The NNPA held its 48th Annual Convention June 15-18 in St. Louis.

The Chronicle captured five

first place awards including the coveted Russwurm Award for "maintaining the highest standards of journalism." The award is named for John Brown Russwurm, editor of Freedom's Journal, the nation's first Afro-American newspaper. The Chronicle won the

award once before in 1984.

There were 19 first place categories; the Chronicle won in the following: general excellence, community service, best news picture, best typography and makeup, and

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-- Dr. Serenus T. Churn

Concerned blacks attend board meeting

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About 30 Afro-Americans, including ministers, attorneys, school officials and concerned citizens, turned out for a special school board meeting Tuesday. They said they wanted to show their concern to board members about the board's recent actions in naming an interim superintendent, after the resignation of Dr. Zane Eargle, effective July 31.

But, although the school board's special meeting was an open meeting, it did not provide for public comments. The board discussed the process they would use for the selection of a permanent superintendent. The board members said that the public would be allowed to give input at a later date, as yet to be determined by the board.

Several prominent members of the Afro-American community left

the meeting saying they had many unanswered questions about the board's decision to name Nelson Jessup acting superintendent. Jessup is assistant superintendent for auxiliary services.

"We're concerned about the appointment of an acting superintendent that completely circumvents two qualified blacks, Dr. Barbara Phillips and Annie Hairston," said Dr. Serenus T. Churn Sr., pastor of Mt. Zion Baptist Church. "It is interesting to note that they have no idea how long the search will take, and yet feel comfortable in appointing an acting superintendent, rather than a competent, skilled, fully qualified superintendent."

"Certainly it conveys strange messages to our children when the chief institution, dedicated to community excellence, proceeds to make choices based on other than

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Black Leadership Caucus to convene

By VALERIE ROBACK GREGG
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North Carolina's Afro-American leaders will be out in force at the N.C. Black Leadership Caucus scheduled to begin today at the N.C. Benton Convention Center. The caucus is returning to Winston-Salem after a five-year tour of other North Carolina cities including Charlotte, Fayetteville and Wilmington.

The issues discussed at the caucus will take on a new focus this year, with economic advance-

ment to gain emphasis on the caucus' usual political and educational agenda, Regional Vice-Chairman of the Caucus Vernon Robinson said.

Twelve years ago when the group first met, it was called the North Carolina Black Democratic Caucus because many of its most active participants were key figures in the state Democratic Party. In 1979, the caucus changed its name to encourage bipartisan participation. The organization remains highly political, but busi-



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ness and Republican Party leaders now play important parts as well, Robinson said.

Economic development of the Afro-American community will help accomplish other important goals, he said.

Many important people

involved in the caucus were key players in the 1984 Jesse Jackson presidential campaign, he said.

Among the featured speakers at this year's caucus will be former mayor of Charlotte Harvey Gantt, who will speak at Mt. Zion Baptist

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Task force says use site in East Winston

By VALERIE ROBACK GREGG
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The East Winston Development Task Force recommended Thursday that the county locate a new Forsyth County Department of Public Health building adjacent to the Reynolds Health Center in East Winston, despite potential parking problems.

"We could look at it as a health complex," Task Force Chairman Ernest H. Pitt said. "It would fit in with the economic development of East Winston, a statement of commitment on the county's part to facilitate development in the East Winston community."

The \$6-million building will house 215 Health Department employees including the Nursing, Environmental Health, Health Education, Dental Hygiene, Speech and Hearing, Nutrition and Administration Divisions of the county health department. These divisions are now housed in

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Social Services challenged by caseload, critics

By VALERIE ROBACK GREGG
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Child abuse has always been especially disturbing to people in social service occupations, but the problem may be threatening to outstrip Forsyth County's ability to cope with it.

The number of child abuse cases

reported to the county Department of Social Services is steadily increasing, and individual cases are growing more bizarre, Social Services Superintendent of Protective Services J. Daniel Bolz said.

"Since 1980 the complaints have increased radically," Bolz said. "Now we have some real bizarre cases. There are

especially a lot more sexual abuse cases, or maybe just more reported. In 1980 we had about six sexual abuse cases a year, now we get 10 a month."

Carol S. Downey, supervisor of Social Services' Foster Home Unit, said approximately 80 percent of county children placed in foster homes have been sexually abused. "That's my guess," she

said. "There's also more drug-related neglect, where a parent could have left the child with anyone."

Albert F. Grisard Jr., executive director of Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Forsyth County, agrees. "Yes, cases are getting more bizarre, because (the department

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Sequel to 'Kaffir Boy' on the way

S. African author transcends anger

By ROBIN BARKSDALE
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When Mark Mathabane recalls his childhood days, it is not the schoolyard games or the youthful explorations that he remembers. His childhood memories are of a daily and constant fight for his life and for the survival of his family. But his calm, peaceful demeanor reveals no hint of the anger he experienced growing up under the South African system of apartheid.

"In South Africa, you grow up early. You can't afford to be a child," said Mathabane, author of the best-selling "Kaffir Boy," which is the South African equivalent of the English word "nigger." "When I was growing up I realized that blind hatred can lead to self-destruction.

You fail to see the world around you. But if you try to transcend that and turn that hatred into weapons, you can go about the task of leading a meaningful life. That anger and hate are not positive emotions. They may give you a false sense of satisfaction but they corrode you. If you transcend them, you turn out a better person for that."

"Kaffir Boy" is Mathabane's description of what it is like to grow up black in a shantytown of Alexandra in South Africa. The autobiography follows Mathabane's growth from a small child, watching fearfully in anticipation of pre-dawn police raids, to an outspoken teenager living daily under the threat of death at the hands of the white South African regime. Mathabane,

who now lives in Kernersville, considers himself one of the "lucky ones," able to find a way out of South Africa. But although he no longer lives under South African apartheid, his life is still affected by its policies.

"My parents are still there and three of my sisters are still there," said Mathabane, who was a guest on the "Oprah Winfrey Show" a year ago when his family was allowed to visit him in America for the first time since he came to the country in 1978. "I am a *persona non grata* in South Africa because I am seen as an activist. I can never go back. My family is harassed often. My brothers-in-law were massacred a while ago. They never say that it is

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photo by Harden Richards

"There is a type of mental slavery in South Africa. That's when the system commands you to become your own oppressor."

-- Mark Mathabane



NEWS DIGEST

Compiled From AP Wire

Helms: End all sanctions

WASHINGTON -- Sen. Jesse Helms urged Congress to end economic sanctions against South Africa during a sometimes testy Senate hearing.

Helms said sanctions hurt the blacks they were intended to help, but some Democratic senators called for even tougher measures, including an economic embargo of the white-ruled nation, saying the United States was morally obligated to act against the South African system of apartheid.

Bomb injures 10 in Africa

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa -- A bomb blast destroyed a video game and pinball arcade in Johannesburg, injuring at least 10 people. Police Col. Frans Malherbe said the injured included six blacks, one white and three people of Indian descent. The government has blamed the attacks on the outlawed African National Congress, the only guerrilla movement fighting the white South African government.

Civil rights center planned

RESEARCH TRIANGLE PARK -- A black history center in Durham will include the arrest records, court documents from the civil rights movement, and will try to document contributions of blacks to American society, its founders say.