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## Joel, veterans honored during opening ceremonies

### New memorial coliseum seats 15,000

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A dream was realized Monday evening as the doors of Winston-Salem's new Lawrence Joel Veterans Memorial Coliseum were opened for a dedication ceremony.

More than 60 of Mr. Joel's family members gathered at the \$26.6 million facility to pay tribute to its namesake and to the hundreds of veterans of Forsyth County. They were joined by a group of more than several thousand people that

included city officials, Sen. Jesse A. Helms, Gov. James G. Martin and

"He never boasted about his medal and he never let anyone make a big deal about it. That's just the way he was."  
--Pam McIntyre



Rep. Stephen L. Neal. Local relatives of Mr. Joel said

that they are happy to now be able to share the memory of Lawrence Joel with the entire community. They said that Monday evening's ceremony served to remind them of the love that Mr. Joel had for his fellow man.

"I was so proud of him during that ceremony. I felt very proud at the dedication and when his picture came up on that screen I cried. It wasn't that I was really sad. I was just so proud," said Pam McIntyre, Mr. Joel's niece, about the opening

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Photo by Mike Cunningham  
Joel's son, Tremaine, daughter, Deborah, and widow, Dorothy, participated in Monday's ceremonies.

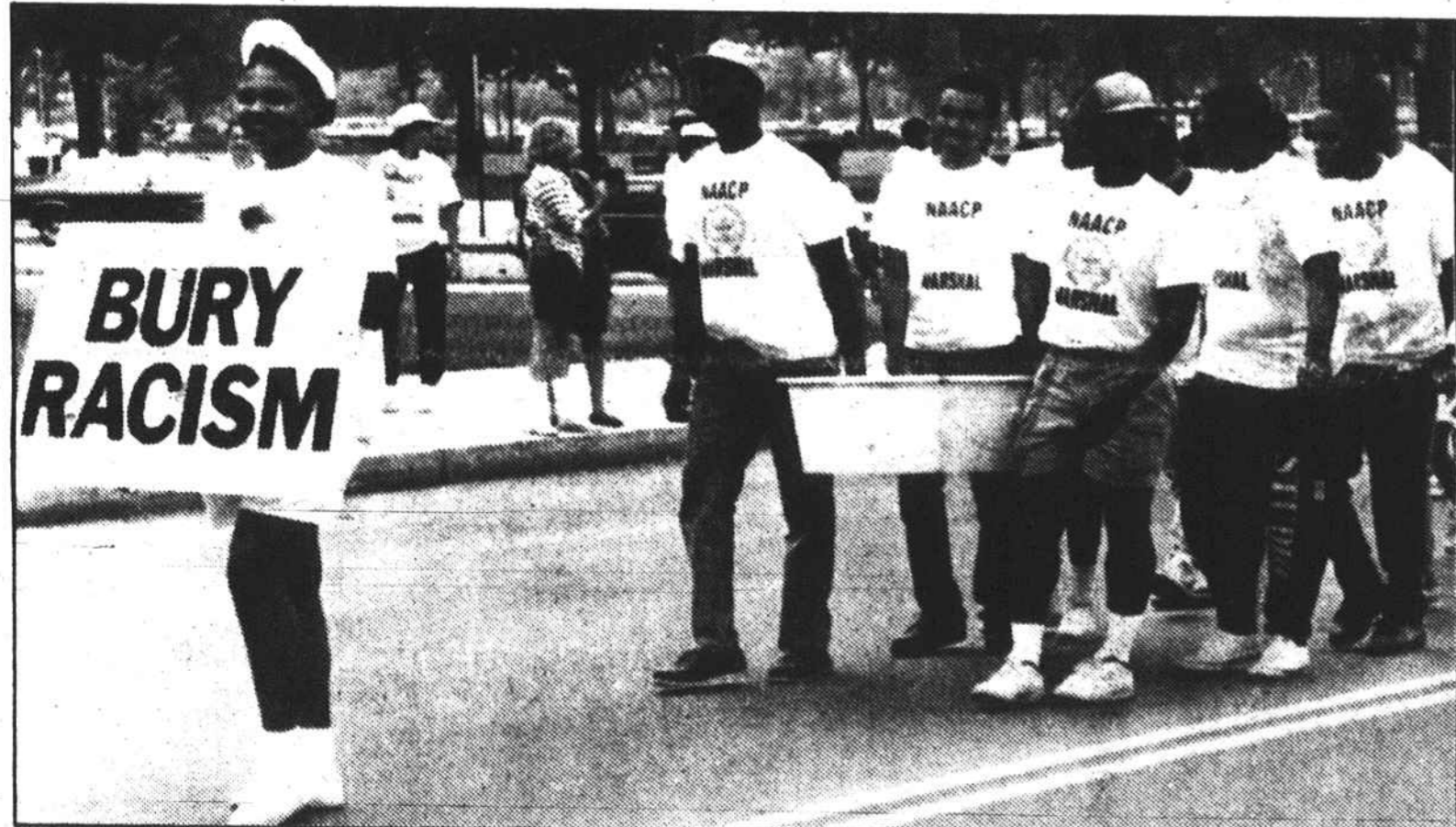


Photo by Talib Sabir-Calloway  
In a symbolic demonstration against recent Supreme Court civil rights decisions, marchers in the "Silent March" on Washington carry a coffin, calling for the burial of its contents, racism.

## Civil rights activists mark 'Silent March'

By LEE BYRD  
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WASHINGTON (AP) -- Thousands of civil rights demonstrators, men clad in black, women and children in white, marched quietly upon the Supreme Court and the Capitol in a reprise of the NAACP's historic "Silent March" of 1917 in New York City.

The Washington march was "concerned with one issue alone -- the Supreme Court and its recent hostile decisions" diluting affirmative action and minority set-aside programs, said Benjamin L. Hooks, executive director of the NAACP.

But the tone and style of the protest,

led by six drummers with muffled drums, was fashioned after a march in New York City 72 years ago to protest segregation and the lynchings of blacks in the South. On that occasion, W.E.B. DuBois led 8,000 people down Fifth Avenue in utter silence; that day, too, the men dressed in black and the women and children in white.

U.S. Park Police estimated the turnout when the march began at only 5,000, but revised that figure to 35,000 as the ranks swelled during the 1 1/2 hour procession to the Capitol from Washington's Mall. U.S. Capitol Police put the crowd which assembled on the Capitol grounds at the end of the march at 18,500, according to Officer Greg Nevitt.

Hooks claimed from the podium that the march had drawn a turnout of 135,000.

Each of the marchers carried a printed affirmation which said: "We march to send a message to all people regardless of race, color, religion, sex or ethnic origin, that we will not and cannot acquiesce quietly as an uncaring Supreme Court majority dismantles court ruling after court ruling and turns its face toward the dark past and away from the present and future."

And, it said, "we march proudly in the footsteps of our brave sisters and brothers from another age who marched 72 years ago in silent wit-

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## NAACP calls inquiry FBI 'fishing expedition'

By TONYA V. SMITH  
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Calling the ongoing federal investigation into alleged misdoings of four Afro-American elected officials a racially biased, fishing expedition, the local NAACP chapter's Executive Board issued a statement earlier this week about the pattern of similar inquiries across the southeastern United States.

Three of Winston-Salem's Afro-American politicians and a Greensboro councilman are being investigated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Internal Revenue Service for possible corrupt activities with political consultant Rodney J. Sumler.

Agents are compiling information they hope will lead to indictments against Aldermen Vivian S. Burke, Patrick Hairston, Larry W. Womble and Councilman

Earl Jones. Potential offenses are money laundering, tax evasion, mail fraud, and extortion.

NAACP officials said they have no desire to protect the guilty or interfere with law enforcement and judicial proceedings, however, they said they questioned the fairness of an investigation which singles out Afro-American politicians in search of corruption.

"...there is a widespread belief among black elected officials that a high percentage of state and local officials targeted for investigation by officials of the Justice Department and Internal Revenue Service are black, a practice initiated during the administration of President Ronald Reagan," read the executive board's official statement. "If, as suspected, many of these black elected officials are targeted by the government without there being any probable cause that they have com-

mitted criminal acts, the issue becomes frightening for us and everyone else who believes in constitutional law and order."

Board members point to the recent formation of the Alabama Elected and Appointed Official Legal Defense Fund, an organization formed by Afro-American legal, political and civil rights organizations to "protect" officials under investigation and distribute information about the investigations.

"Neither of these groups, nor the Winston-Salem NAACP Executive Board can judge the guilt or innocence of any official but we can examine the tactics and policies of investigation agencies toward black elected officials," read the statement. "We worry that many of the agents responsible for law enforce-

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## Bias uncovered in real estate probe

By The Associated Press

RALEIGH -- Notations such as "NQR," "Salt & Pepper," and "Red Dot" were used by salesmen at a Harnett County development to denote minorities, who were then disqualified as prospective buyers, officials said.

As a result of the probe, the state Real Estate Commission has revoked the real estate brokerage license of Carolina Lakes Corp., the company

selling property at Carolina Lakes, a 1,100-lot development, The News and Observer of Raleigh reported in Thursday's editions.

According to testimony as well as the complaint filed by the commission's staff, "NQR" was a notation used to refer to blacks, Hispanics or American Indians; "Salt & Pepper" referred to racially mixed couples; and "Red Dot" referred to Asian Indians.

The commission also has suspended

the license of the company's principal broker, W.J. Brinn Jr. of Sanford, and two salesmen. The company and the three settled the cases against them without admitting wrongdoing.

The company will be barred from selling directly, but could sell land it still owns through a licensed broker. Lots in the development have sold for between \$8,000 and \$60,000, while the value of homes has started at

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## Middle-income housing key to East Winston revitalization

By TONYA V. SMITH  
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Creativity will be the underlining force that will metamorphose East Winston from a blighted, isolated community to a money-making, productive and highly valued part of Winston-Salem, according to a draft development blueprint penned by consultant Clifton W. Henry.

"As our economic development strategy suggests, we believe that there can be created a demand for residential, retail, industrial and a limited amount of office space development in the East Winston community," reads the "East Winston Economic Development Strategy Technical (Draft) Report," released last week by Hammer, Siler, George Associates, a

consulting firm.

The Silver Spring, Md.-based company was hired by the city, via the mayor-appointed East Winston Development Task Force, to conduct a comprehensive economic development study of the eastern portion of the Twin City.

Mr. Henry, the firm's lead consultant, presented a draft report of preliminary findings to the task force in late April. The first draft examined the expenditure potential of East Winston and its demographic and socio-economic makeup. In the most recent report, prepared for the city development office, Mr. Henry and his staff recommend strategies that could make East Winston a developmental gold mine.

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## Gardner to address black Republicans

From Chronicle Staff Reports

Afro-American Republicans hope to take advantage of the forthcoming visit of Lt. Gov. Jim Gardner, who will deliver a banquet address to the Minority Republican Council State Convention, by discussing with him issues particular to their communities.

The Lt. Gov. will deliver the keynote address 7:30 p.m., Sept. 22 at the M.C. Benton Convention Center. Mr. Gardner, the first Republican elected to the lieutenant governor office since Reconstruction, is expected to emphasize his program to combat drug abuse during his address.

Mr. Gardner, who last year campaigned on an anti-drug theme, initiated

a drug tax so that dealers can be prosecuted for trafficking and tax evasion,



Lt. Gov. Jim Gardner

and a pilot program which increases law enforcement presence and drug educa-

tion in public housing projects across the state.

Vernon L. Robinson, former candidate for the state House of Representatives said, "the lieutenant governor's participation...provides an excellent opportunity for the black community, regardless of political persuasion, to build relationships with (him) and his staff. Gardner has a very good chance to become the next governor of our state."

Diana Williams-Cotton, who is running for alderman of the North Ward, agreed that Mr. Gardner could very well become the next governor of North Carolina and she said all minority groups should take advantage of an opportunity

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