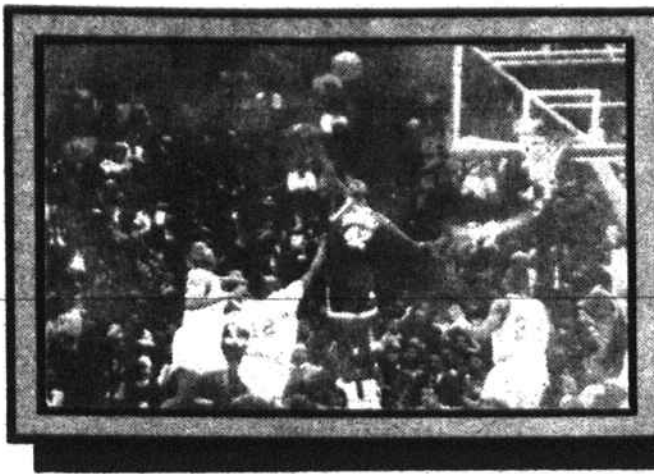




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## School Board rejects election proposals

### NAACP to file suit to force district plan

By RUDY ANDERSON  
Chronicle Managing Editor

A lawsuit appears to be a virtual certainty now that the Winston-Salem/Forsyth County School Board has rejected proposals for district elections to ensure African-American representation on the board. At least that is the opinion of African-American community leaders after learning that the school board took a straw vote during a work session of the board Tuesday and decided to leave the current system of electing school board members as it is.

The vote was 7-2 in favor of keeping the current election system, and although the straw vote was not an official board action, it was an indication of what the board's position is likely to be when it votes Monday night on whether or not it will change the current system used to elect board members.

"I'm disappointed, but it really doesn't come as a big surprise," said Walter Marshall, former president of the local NAACP and member of a school board-appointed research committee that provided the board with 10 different suggested district election proposals designed to ensure minority representation.

"A lot of people were hoping the right thing would be

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## N.A.T.I.O.N.A.L NEWS

### Gantt race boosts voters

CHARLOTTE (AP) — The candidacy of Harvey Gantt for U.S. Senate helped voter registration among black North Carolinians hit an historic high, but his loss may cause them to lose interest in returning to the polls, experts say.

"The jury is still out on whether they can be brought back to the polls again," said Mecklenburg County Elections Supervisor Bill Culp. "Gantt lost, and some people feel their effort was not rewarded."

### Detroit keeps million

DETROIT (AP) — Detroit raised more than \$1 million last year to support Nelson Mandela's fight against South African apartheid, but an African National Congress spokesman says the city hasn't paid up.

Detroit raised more money than the six other U.S. cities on Mandela's tour last summer, but the city has withheld the funds, Lennox Hines, acting director of the nonprofit Mandela Freedom Fund, said Monday.

"We are very concerned that Detroit is holding up this money," Hines said.

### Bush: Don't forget black vets.

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush echoed what the Crossroads Theatre Company has been saying for some time — the United States should not forget its black veterans.

Members of the New Brunswick company were invited to the White House Monday after Bush saw their production of "Black Eagles," a historical drama about the Tuskegee Army, America's first black fighter pilots who languished in obscurity for years after World War II.

### Liberty City on edge

MIAMI (AP) — A support services center in Liberty City is trying to be "a salve to the community" in Miami's predominantly black neighborhoods, where feelings run deeply about the Persian Gulf War because of the high number of black ground troops.

Dozens of Miami's black families have relatives in the Gulf, and the U.S.-led ground offensive has heightened emotions, said the center's coordinator.

The anxiety levels have increased greatly, you can feel the opinions more," Femi Browne said Monday.

## Sanitation workers want attention of Aldermen

By RUDY ANDERSON  
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Some Winston-Salem sanitation workers say they are tired of getting no respect, little compensation, and being passed over for promotions. They plan to take their concerns directly to the Board of Aldermen because they say their supervisors pay them little attention.

None of the workers wanted their names used in this story for fear of being targeted for termination or being "blacklisted" for speaking out against department policies and procedures.

A group of more than 50 sanitation workers met last week to express their concerns about what they felt was happening to them and to offer some suggestions about what might be done to satisfy them and city taxpayers.

The workers said one solution to their

dilemma would be to begin curbside collections as opposed to backyard pickup.

But city officials say if a curbside collection system for residential pickup is used, it could mean the loss of even more jobs because three-man crews on collection trucks would probably be reduced to two.

Sanitation workers say that would be unfair to them when collection trucks sit in the city yard unused. Even though sanitation officials say ten trucks are to be taken out of service because of the reduction in pickups per week, workers say people could keep their jobs by manning those idled trucks and reducing the number of households on routes each crew has per day.

Currently, there are more than 200 employees in the sanitation department and slightly more than 120 of them classified as permanent. The majority of those workers are

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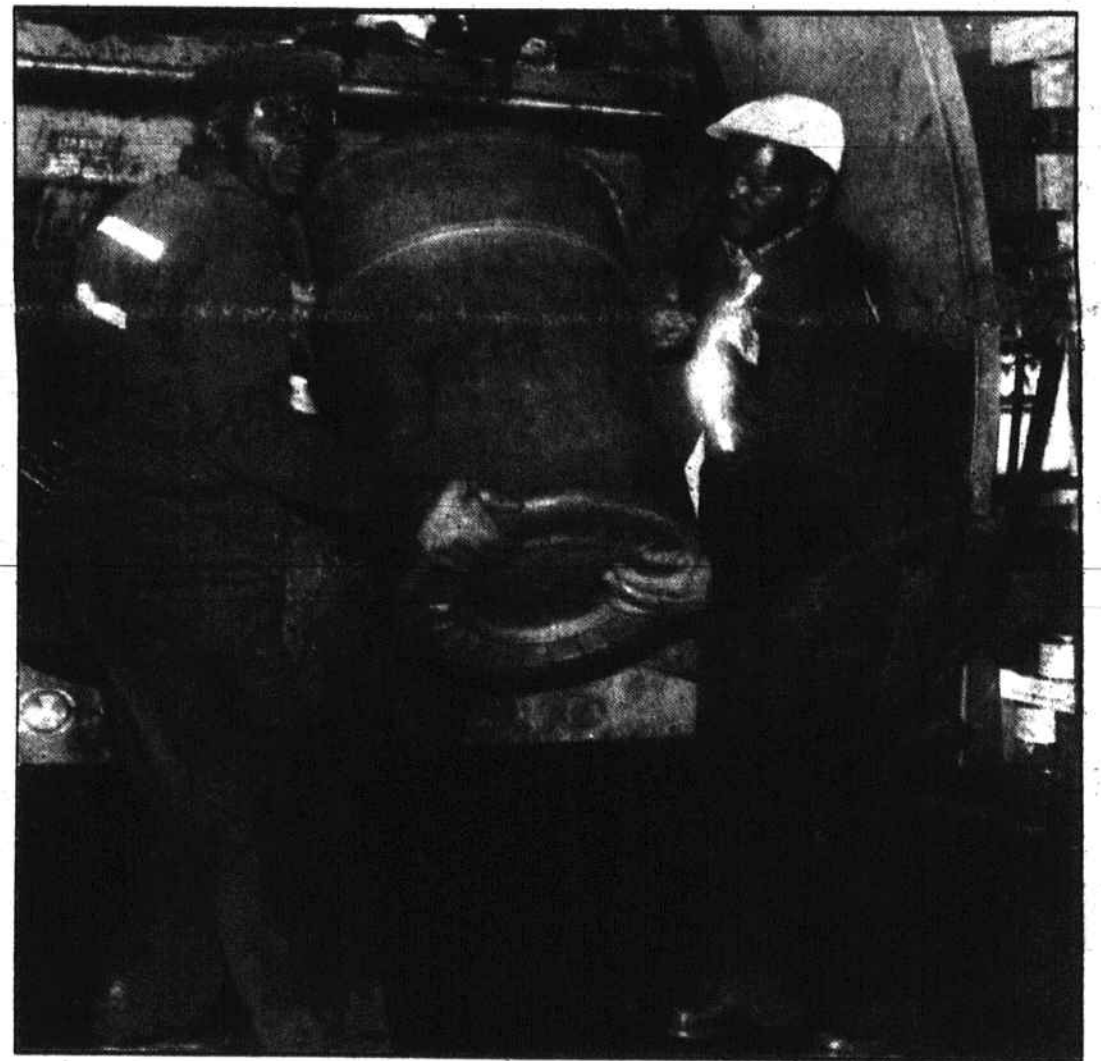


Photo by L.B. Speas Jr.  
Sanitation workers say the so-called incentive plan is not working out.



Lawrence Joel

## D.C. hospital names auditorium for Joel

By RUDY ANDERSON  
Chronicle Managing Editor

The late Lawrence Joel, the only African-American medic to ever win this country's highest military award, the Medal of Honor, had an auditorium in the main building at Walter Reed Army Medical Center in Washington dedicated to his memory Monday, Feb. 25.

It was a decision apparently made over a year ago by Walter Reed officials, according to family members who said they

were notified about the honor in early February. But they said they don't think Joel had ever visited the medical center or had ever met Major General Richard D. Cameron, the center's commanding officer, who notified several family members personally of his decision.

The center is one of eight Army medical centers treating patients from across the country. In addition to treatment, the center provides training to interns, gives advanced instruction to medics and is involved in medical research.

About thirty of the more than 400 people attending the ceremony were members of Joel's family, including his widow, Dorothy, and his son, Tremaine, who unveiled a plaque of Joel's likeness during the ceremony.

"I feel so proud of what was done for him," said Joel's sister Helen Robinson, who lives in Winston-Salem. She said she never thought anything like that would happen for her brother and was stunned when

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## New home for the dying

### Volunteers to provide patient care

By PATRICIA SMITH-DEERING  
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A facility for the terminally ill, that provides a homelike atmosphere in their last days, is being built in the African-American community. It is the first of its kind, unique in the United States. The Human Service Alliance, a non-profit charitable corporation, broke ground for the new building during ceremonies held Feb. 24 at the new location at 3983 Old Greensboro Road.

Its uniqueness stems from the facility's

provision of services, without charge, in a homelike setting for up to six guests to live during their final illness. Care will be provided by unpaid, trained volunteers.

The new location is a carryover from a program that Human Service Alliance began in 1984 in Wilkes County, according to Susan Beasley, project coordinator. She said that the central purpose of HSA is to foster the ideal of serving humanity through group work and volunteerism. Because the center will consist

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From l to r: Susan Beasley, coordinator; Martin Caple, Wilshire Con. Co.; volunteers: Noel Nichols and Robert Beasley.