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NAAACP to file suit against Board

School Board still looking at election plans

By RUDY ANDERSON
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After nearly three hours of often contentious debate and political maneuvering, the Winston-Salem/Forsyth County School Board agreed to consider changing the current method of electing board members.

The all-white board waded through a maze of possible election proposals before reaching a consensus on five methods of electing board members that could ensure African-American representation on the board.

Board members (though some reluctantly) unanimously decided to make a decision on which of the proposals, if any, it would endorse during the board's regularly scheduled meeting Monday night.

Three of the plans guarantee that two or three African-Americans would be represented on the board while the other two increase the likelihood of African-American representation.

Jane Goins, one of the most conservative members of the board, maintained throughout the

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Lee Faye Mack



Joseph Nance



Romallus Murphy

"We need to take our kids out of school and teach them ourselves."

—Lee Faye Mack—



The African-American community told the NAAACP it is tired of waiting on the school board. They urged that the suit be filed. Photo by L.B. Speas Jr.

Community backs NAAACP against Board

By RUDY ANDERSON
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The state NAAACP expects to file suit Thursday against the Winston-Salem/Forsyth County School Board in U.S. Middle District Court in Greensboro on behalf of the Winston-Salem branch due to the failure of the board to come up with an acceptable election plan that ensures African-American participation on that board.

The African-American community gave an unwavering endorsement Tuesday night to the local NAAACP to follow through with its plan to sue the city/county school board to force district elections to ensure African-American participation on the board.

More than 150 members of the African-American community, including members of the Winston-Salem Board of Aldermen and the Forsyth County Board of Commissioners attended the meeting to lend their support to the effort to force district school board elections.

The Rev. Joseph L. Nance, local NAAACP pres-

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State probes shooting

WASHINGTON, N.C. (AP) — The State Bureau of Investigation is continuing its probe into the shooting death of a black man by two white officers of the Washington, N.C., Police Department, the police chief said.

A state laboratory is conducting tests on physical evidence gathered at the scene of the shooting of Amos Guilford, including a ballistics tests on the officers' weapons, Washington Police Chief John Crone said Monday.

Indictments to be sought

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Prosecutors said Friday they'll seek grand jury indictments against police officers pictured in the videotaped beating of a motorist stopped for speeding.

The district attorney's office said that instead of filing charges itself, it would begin presenting its case before a grand jury Monday "in order to get the matter to trial as soon as possible."

The widely televised amateur video showed several officers taking turns beating and stomping on the man, who offered no resistance.

ACLU defends racial slurs

WASHINGTON (AP) — The new president of the American Civil Liberties Union today joined conservative Republican Rep. Henry Hyde in an effort to give students at private colleges the right utter racial slurs.

ACLU President Nadine Strossen and Hyde announced the introduction of a bill to empower students to sue private colleges and universities over disciplinary codes that restrict offensive speech.

State probes shooting

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa (AP) — The defense accused a key witness today of telling "a pack of lies" by claiming Winnie Mandela had beaten and punched him and three others during a bloody interrogation.

Chief defense lawyer George Bizos continued for a fifth day to chip away at the credibility of witness Kenneth Kgase.



Photo by L.B. Speas Jr.
Holleman says the letter is evidence of how polarizing the board's action is.

Letter calls commissioner "nigger lover"

Board's action termed polarizing

By RUDY ANDERSON
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County Commission chairman John Holleman says his call for the school board to reconsider its position on maintaining the current system of electing board members has brought out that element in the community that has no desire whatsoever to see it move forward.

Holleman said he received an unsigned letter last week after he made his statements about the school board's straw vote. The contents give some indication of just how deep racial hatred still runs in this community.

It read, "There you go with that nigger mess again. You nigger lover, I guess you are part nigger. Let the school

board alone—that is not your business. If you had anybody but a drunk running against you last time, you would have been in trouble— you have to run in a district where you get the nigger vote to get elected. Try the state legislature sometime and see how far you get. Tax, tax, tax, tax, tax is all you know you crumb."

"The letter is evidence that the school board could not have done anything that was more polarizing in this community," Holleman said. At the time Holleman said he thought the board's decision not to consider district elections seriously compromised the "common vision" concept.

"Common Vision" is the name of a long range strategic

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CIAA group seeking to snare tourney in '94

By RUDY ANDERSON
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A five-member committee in Winston-Salem is laying plans for an all out blitz to land one of the biggest sporting events in the country, the CIAA Basketball Tournament.

The committee consists right now of Mayor Martha Wood; Fred Nordenholz, president of the Greater Winston-Salem Chamber of Commerce; Jeter Walker, director of the

Chamber's Visitors and Convention Bureau; Ernie Pitt, publisher of the Winston-Salem Chronicle; and U.S. Air executive Dan Brock. Pitt and Brock are co-chairs of the committee.

Brock said the committee was formed to organize a larger group in order to pull off bringing the tournament to Winston-Salem. "The CIAA is so big that there's going to be a

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"I have...an understanding of what people want."

—Marie Roseboro—

Black woman on Park Board

By PATRICIA SMITH-DEERING
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For the first time in the history of the Forsyth County Park Authority, an African-American woman will serve on its board which has primary oversight responsibilities for Tanglewood Park. The Forsyth County commissioners voted 4-3 to appoint Marie H. Roseboro, regional cashier for Golden State Mutual Life Insurance

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Transition team picks Urban League Board

By RUDY ANDERSON
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The Winston-Salem Urban League has now put to rest a turbulent period in its history with the naming of a new board of directors by the transition committee established to reconstitute the board.

Members of that transition committee and officials from the National Urban League office in New York held a news conference Tuesday to make the announcement.

Reading from a prepared statement, Mildred Love, vice president of

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Officers of National Urban League: (left) Vincent Austin, Mildred Love and transition committee chair, Rev. Wendell Johnson announce new board. Photo by L.B. Speas Jr.