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"Power concedes nothing without a struggle" — Frederick Douglass

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Eversley Attacks Nordlander

▲ Minister says he has received death threats from racists

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The Rev. Carlton A.G. Eversley verbally attacked Southeast Ward Alderman Robert S. Nordlander, accusing the conservative councilman of aiding and abetting local racists who have threatened Eversley's life.

Eversley, a representative of Citizens United for Justice, made his comments at Monday night's public hearing regarding the Citizens Police Review Board, where 21 of 22 speakers supported keeping the citizen's panel to review the actions of the Winston-Salem Police Department.

"Racist, murderous thugs have sent me death threats. They are aided and

abetted by a political atmosphere created by you," Eversley said to Nordlander at the public hearing of the aldermen's Public Safety Committee.

Local residents have a right and a responsibility to bring their grievances to an impartial review board, Eversley said. The review board was not anti-police, and supporters of the panel were not paranoid for favoring it, he said.

"Real life experiences take precedent over the displeasure of citizens and police officers," he said referring to the 1992 deaths of Carlos Colon Stoner and Shelia Epps McKellar that embroiled the Winston-Salem police in controversy on its handling of the cases and increased racial tensions in the city.

"Citizens should review the behavior of the police to maintain the peace."

At the public hearing, North Ward Alderman Nelson Malloy said that the review board was for everyone in Winston-Salem, not just for African Americans. "Whether you are black, white, brown, or yellow, the review board is there for you," he said. "It is for all citizens who have concerns about the police."

The Board of Aldermen will decide the fate of the review board after its public safety committee has completed its public hearings. Northeast Ward Alderman Vivian Burke said that aldermen will vote on the review board sometime this summer.

Stoner was found dead on May 27, 1992 with a large hole in his chest and his penis stuffed in his mouth. Blacks and whites in Winston-Salem were shocked and outraged by the most gruesome murder in recent history.

African Americans criticized the police and the media for withholding the details of the Stoner's murder, including the race of the assailants and the victim.

McKellar, a 33-year-old black female, died on July 20, 1992 after being held two days in the Forsyth County Jail. An autopsy showed that McKellar died of suffocation as her wrists, ankles, and mouth was bound in



Rev. Eversley refused to reveal his address to Robert Nordlander at public hearing

the holding cell. Cocaine intoxication also contributed to her death, the autopsy revealed.

Many blacks, including former East Ward Alderman Virginia Newell, lambasted the police for failing to disclose details of the apprehension and death of McKellar. The Winston-Salem branch of the NAACP called for Winston-Salem

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Women Celebrate Center's Opening

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Women of Boston, Thurmond and Kimberly Park communities marched to celebrate the opening of the Today's Woman Health and Wellness Center.

But more importantly, they gathered to celebrate the empowerment the center has given them over their lives and their health.

The mission of the women's center is to give comprehensive, quality medical care in a supportive and nurturing environment, said Linda Carter, director of Today's Woman.

"So many women don't have female support systems," said Carter. "Instead, women look towards men and there's not always a positive outcome."

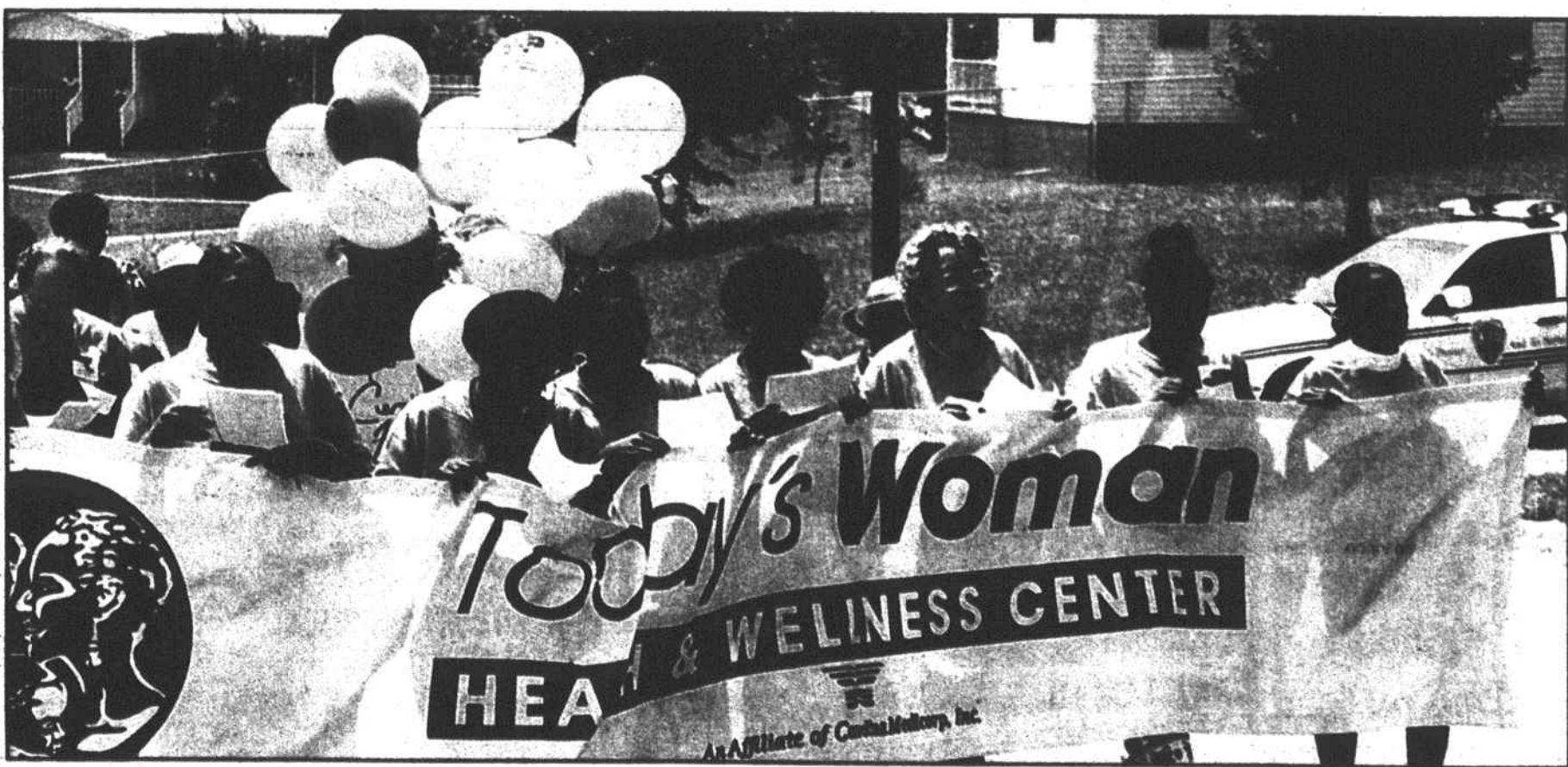
People in these communities are used to going to the doctor as a last resort. And, since the woman is the backbone of the family, she must be healthy in order to keep the family healthy, Carter said.

"Women want a place that feels comfortable," Pamela

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A demonstrator accompanied by a friend carries a sign in support of the Women's Center. Local women participated in the march.



A group of women hold a banner in march to celebrate the opening of Today's Women's Health and Wellness Center. The facility will enable women to receive medical care in a nurturing environment.

Man Charges Nursing Center with Race Bias

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A Winston-Salem man has filed a complaint with the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunities Commission, charging that a local nursing home violated his civil rights by denying him a job transfer, equal wages, and paid leave because he is an African American and a male.

Daryl A. Penn, 32, said that The Nursing Center at Oak Summit of Winston-Salem had discriminated against him because of his race and sex in violation of the Civil Rights and Equal Pay Acts.

"I want to be paid for being discriminated against," Penn said

bitterly last week.

Beverly Thomas, the center's director of nursing, would not comment about any of Penn's allegations.

"I am not going to discuss anything with you," she told a Chronicle reporter last week. "I don't think that would be fair to Daryl or to our facility."

North Carolina Baptist Hospital Inc. owns and operates The Nursing Center at Oak Summit, which opened in July 1993. The facility has 160 employees and 170 beds for its patients who are mostly senior citizens. Penn said

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Marshall: Referendum Might Be Inadequate

By VERONICA CLEMENS
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The school system may be preparing to ask voters to approve a \$94 million bond referendum in November. But board member Walter Marshall said that may not be enough.

"It's better to over estimate than underestimate," he said. "When we underestimate we violate the public trust."

Marshall raised concerns about the proposed bond estimated presented by Division Director of Facility Management Reginald Teague because the numbers do not give much cushion for possible inflation nor do they include cost for furniture for new schools.

Marshall said he does not

want to have the Atkins situation from the 1989 bond to reoccur.

Renovations to Atkins High School were included in the bond referendum. But because of cost overruns in other projects, Atkins got bumped. The renovations are finally being completed this year, five years later, with the help of the county commissioners.

Because of the situation at Atkins, members of the black community have questioned whether they would support another referendum. Some say they are waiting to see if the renovations are completed before they decide.

School Superintendent Don-

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Caucus Says Clinton Must Lead

WASHINGTON (AP) — Affirmative action stands out as a key issue for the Congressional Black Caucus, whose chairman says President Clinton must not let attacks on the program go unanswered.

"We look to the president to play a leadership role," Rep. Donald Payne, D-N.J., said Wednesday. "It is among our top priority issues."

Payne was more reserved after the caucus met Wednesday with top White House officials than other black caucus members, who have expressed frustration with Clinton over the issue.

Senior presidential adviser George Stephanopoulos also said little after the

briefing other than that the White House task force reviewing affirmative action programs is several weeks from resolution.

"Affirmative action does not mean giving preference to unqualified people over qualified people," Stephanopoulos said. "We're going to be determining what's working and what's not working."

Payne accused Republicans of using the issue to divert attention from more fundamental economic problems.

Congressional Republicans and several GOP presidential contenders have sought to reverse affirmative action. They

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This Week in Black History
June 21, 1951
Pfc. William Thompson of Brooklyn N.Y., awarded Congressional Medal of Honor posthumously for heroism in Korea. This was the first grant of a Congressional Medal of Honor to a black American since the Spanish-American War.



WHERE TO FIND IT

Allah Hosts Cable TV Program

By JOHN HINTON
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Karim Allah wants his television program, "Cover to Cover" to stimulate the creativity within Winston-Salem's African American community and provide an outlet for local black-owned businesses.

"The television program is the beginning of a new creative mind," Allah said. "I am covering reality more than image through the television program and my book."

"Cover to Cover," which can be seen every

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Karim Allah