

Bank to Open in East Winston

▲ New banks mean more competition for African-American consumers

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NationsBank will soon join three other companies for the African American banking dollar in East Winston. The NationsBank branch will open on Feb. 12 on Fifth Street across from the old Winston Mutual Building, three days after NationsBank closes its

downtown facility (on third Liberty Street). "Our customers want automatic teller machines (ATMs) and drive through windows," said Garland Frazier, NationsBank's West Triad consumer region executive. "They are looking for convenience."

NationsBank is coming to a neighborhood that features branches of

Mechanics and Farmers Bank, Wachovia Bank of North Carolina, and a BB&T mortgage office. "I just hope it (NationsBank) will help some people who have aspirations of owning a home and starting a business," said Ruther-

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Garland Frazier, NationsBank's West Triad consumer region executive, and Carole C. Long, a vice president, stand in front of the NationsBank branch under construction on Fifth Street. The bank will open Feb. 12, 1996.

Standing in a circle and wearing African costumes, these participants performed in the Kwanzaa celebration on Tuesday at the Winston-Salem Urban League. More than 200 people attended the event that highlighted the African custom of Umoja (unity).



Kwanzaa

African American Holiday Begins

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While the majority of residents in the Triad are recovering from the hustle and bustle of the Christmas season, some people are just starting to celebrate.

A number of African Americans in the Triad are celebrating the African-holiday known as Kwanzaa.

Kwanzaa was created in 1966 by Dr. Maulana Karenga, a professor of Black Studies at San Diego State

University.

Karenga started the holiday to heighten and inform African Americans of African history and customs.

Kwanzaa, means "Fresh Fruits" or "Fruits of the Harvest" in the East African language of Kiswahili.

During the Kwanzaa season, African Americans invite family and friends into their homes to share food and exchange gifts.

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Lois Turner, Cleopatra Solomon, and Willard Tanner related the principles of Kwanzaa to the audience.

State Legislator, Governor's Aide Join Kmart Protest

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State Rep. Alma S. Adams, D-Greensboro, and Carolyn Coleman, an aide of Gov. Jim Hunt, D-N.C., face trespassing charges for their participation in a recent demonstration at a Kmart store. Adams and Coleman said they performed an act of civil disobedience.

"I don't agree with what's going on at the distribution center, and I was expressing my opinion," Adams said. "I felt that it was the right thing to do."

Adams and Coleman were among 11 protestors arrested by Greensboro police during a pro-labor demonstration at Kmart on Wendover Avenue and Interstate 40 East. Workers at the distribution center say they are paid less than their counterparts across the country. Coleman said that she participated in the protest to support her pastor who also joined the demonstration.

"At the time, I was not planning to be arrested," Coleman said. "I decided to remain with the pastors when they were asked to leave."

The protest was witnessed by picketers, four dozen city police officers and scores of Christmas shoppers. Several ministers of the Pulpit Forum were arrested with Adams and Coleman on trespassing charges.

Kmart district manager Rick Pittsonberger told The Associated Press that the union and members of the Pulpit Forum are increasing protests because of a movement within the Kmart distribution center to



Alma S. Adams



Carolyn Q. Coleman

abolish the union. Kmart officials also have said that the workers at the distribution center may believe there's a pay discrepancy because the center is newer and the workers haven't climbed the pay scale as have those at other centers.

Adams said that she met with the workers several months ago to listen to their complaints.

"I believe their injustices

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Tatum Dismisses Forums to Address Military Racism

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The president of the Winston-Salem branch of the NAACP dismissed the state organization's community forums this week after three white soldiers were charged in the shooting death of a black Fayetteville couple.

"I don't think the forums will do a lot of good," said William H. Tatum, a retired staff sergeant in the U.S. Army Reserves. "The forums will not address

the policies of the military and civilian leaders."

Kelly M. Alexander Jr., the president of the N.C. NAACP, has appointed a special task force to conduct the forums to gauge the racial climate and to identify white supremacist activities in and around military bases in North Carolina.

"I can't see the military changing the attitudes of people who can't deal with

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This Week in Black History
January 31, 1865
Congress passed the Thirteenth Amendment which, on ratification, abolished slavery in America.
The vote in the House was 121 to 24.

WHERE TO FIND IT

County Fulfills Dying Mother's Wish Finds Family to Adopt Kids

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The Forsyth County Department of Social Services expects to select a family to adopt three children whose mother is dying of AIDS, by the end of January.

"We are looking very strong at three families to adopt the children," said Connie D. Mosley, a county social worker. "We have stopped the search."

The department began searching for a family to care for the children after Hospice of Winston-Salem

referred an East Winston woman to the agency.

The department received several telephone calls from interested families after an article appeared in the Chronicle on Dec. 14 detailing the the family's plight.

"We want to thank the people in the community for their support," Mosley said. "The mother did get a microwave oven, and other people donated gifts

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