



Left to right, the Revs. Carlton Eversley, Joseph Jones, Robert Soyer, John Mendez, William S. Fails and A.T. Griffin answer questions during a press conference last week in which they called for a citywide response to the recent church burnings.

# Clergy calls for action on fires

## ▲ Interfaith leaders rally for community support

By MAURICE CROCKER  
Community News Reporter

Local clergy are encouraging a citywide response to the burning of churches and other religious facilities across the nation.

Members of the Interfaith Religious Leaders group held a press conference last Friday at Emmanuel Baptist Church to address the issue and to encourage community members to actively support those congregations affected by the fires.

"For those people who have not been affected, the interest level has not been what it could be," said the Rev. William S. Fails, pastor of First United Methodist church in High Point.

He said some community residents are not likely to become active until they are affected.

"It's almost as if they say, 'If it doesn't happen in my back yard, then I won't worry,'" he said.

The Rev. John Mendez, pastor of

Emmanuel Baptist Church, said local ministers are doing as much as possible to ensure no burnings occur in Winston-Salem or Forsyth County.

Mendez said the key is to bring about a community response that is thorough and on-target.

"I don't think there's any way you can prevent the burnings," Mendez said.

But I do think we have taken all

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## Kmart settles dispute

By JOHN HINTON  
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GREENSBORO - Kmart Corp. has reached a settlement with 11 of its employees and the Union of Needletrades, Industrial, and Textile Employees.

The agreement stipulates that the employees will share \$63,000 as part of a settlement of a National Labor Relations Board complaint issued against the company.

Also as part of the settlement, four Kmart distribution center workers in Greensboro will return to their jobs. A group of seven workers chose not to return to their former positions at Kmart.

"This is a real victory for the workers who were unfairly punished for standing up for their rights," said Bruce Raynor, executive vice president and southern regional director of UNITE. "We hope this settlement means that the company is prepared to make substantial progress at the bargaining table as well. We believe it would be in the best interest of the company, the workers, and the Greensboro community for Kmart to take the steps necessary to put an end to this struggle."

Kmart Corp. is satisfied with the settlement.

"We are pleased that this matter is resolved," said Peter Palmer, Kmart vice president of

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Left to right, the Rev. John Mendez, Professor David Wonyoke, State Representative Larry Womble, Prince Thumbumuzi Dlamini, Doris Drayton, Ernie Pitt and Ben Ruffin were among those who attended a luncheon recently, hosted by the Sara Lee Corporation and the Winston-Salem Chronicle.

## African prince comes to city

By DR. WILLIAM TURNER  
Special to the Chronicle

"South Africa is open for business, and there are many opportunities for African Americans to get in on the ground floors of massive housing developments, health care, technology-based infrastructure, and education," said Prince Thumbumuzi "Muzi" Dlamini, executive director of Likusasa Trading, a commercial and mercantile enterprise, headquartered in Johannesburg, South Africa.

Dlamini stopped in North Carolina last week during a fast-paced jaunt around the United States to make new and secure existing business contacts.

"I am here on a business trip to put a financial staple in our country's goals," he said. "I am here with the aims of strengthening business exchange with America."

His itinerary was arranged through High-Point-based manage-

ment consultants B&C Associates, where Bob Brown is chief executive officer.

Sara Lee Corporation and the Winston-Salem Chronicle hosted the luncheon, which was held at the Piedmont Club, in the BB&T Building II, Winston-Salem.

Twenty Piedmont-area people, including business, civic, political, and religious leaders, were served a main dish of pan-seared ostrich marinated in lime-tequila, while discussing the broad range of economic, political, and social challenges and opportunities that face the new South Africa.

"As you know, South Africa has achieved the political goals that it has tried to achieve for years," he said.

Tom Trollinger, president of Contract Office Furnishings, began the exchange on opportunities by telling the prince about his enter-

prise, which "outfits businesses with complete lines of office furnishings and work stations." The prince, in a soft-spoken voice, informed Trollinger of South Africa's "excellent furniture business," and proposed that Trollinger look into opportunities in the export side of the trade.

"The transfer of economic power lags behind that of political power, but blacks, including many African Americans, are becoming increasingly visible and influential players in the world-class economy of South Africa," responded Dlamini to the Rev. John Mendez of Winston-Salem's Emmanuel Baptist Church in a lively exchange on the vestiges of apartheid in South Africa. In diplomatic, though direct language, the prince conceded whites continuing domination of the complex bank-

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## NAACP to meet in Charlotte

By JOHN HINTON  
Chronicle Senior Staff Writer

The NAACP will hold its 87th Annual Convention from Saturday, July 6 to Thursday, July 11 at the Convention Center in Charlotte.

William H. Tatum, president of the Winston-Salem Branch of the NAACP, said that about 40 local people are expected to attend the convention.

The branch will have five delegates at the convention, where nearly 15,000 people are expected to gather for the five-day event.

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William H. Tatum

## City appeals Bethania ruling

By JOHN HINTON  
Chronicle Senior Staff Writer

The city of Winston-Salem has filed an appeal to the permanent injunction preventing the city from annexing 2,100 acres of land within the town of Bethania. The city was set to annex Bethania officially July 1.

The city is seeking a temporary stay to the injunction issued by Forsyth County Superior Court Judge L. Todd Burke three weeks ago. The city filed its action in the North Carolina Court of Appeals in Raleigh.

The state law "An Act to Revive the Charter of the Town of Bethania," which reduced Bethania's boundaries from the 2,500-acre lot to 400

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## Rousseau: Americans can improve life despite problems

By JOHN HINTON  
Chronicle Senior Staff Writer

Americans must commit themselves to improving life on Earth, despite a myriad of problems that cause depression and apprehension toward the future, a Forsyth Technical Community College official said recently.

"We have a great responsibility, not only to ourselves, but also to all human beings and to generations to come, to commit our lives to making our world a better place in which to live," said James A. Rousseau II, vice president of community relations and development at FTCC.

Rousseau delivered the keynote address at the city's Construction Training Program graduation ceremony last week in the City Plaza Building. More than 60 people attended the event.

Rousseau, a native of Adah, Penn., earned a bachelor's degree from Knoxville College, and master's degrees from North Carolina A&T State University and Appalachian State University.

He is preparing his dissertation for a doctorate in education at Virginia Polytechnical Institute and State University in Blacksburg, Va.

People throughout the world are depending on Americans to find solutions

to dilemmas such as AIDS, drug abuse, teen pregnancy and racism, Rousseau said.

"We must not allow ourselves to feel tired in any way," he said. "We've come too far from where we started from."

Americans are saddened when their sons turn to drugs and their daughters to prostitution.

"Too many of us have been so busy today making sure our children had all the things we didn't have," Rousseau said, "that we have not given them the things we did have that enabled us to survive and



James A. Rousseau II

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