

Aldermen deny petition to rezone for business in East Winston

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Led by alderman Joycelyn Johnson's motion, the Winston-Salem Board of Aldermen voted 5-2 to deny a petition filed by Jimmie and Carmen Bonham to rezone their property from residential to a limited business use.

Alderman Lynne Harpe was not present for the vote.

Johnson agreed with opponent speaker Felicia Mack, who said that rezoning the Bonham's property at 1524 E. 14th St. would draw problems such as drug

trafficking.

"We have found out that having businesses there over on East 14th Street — it has caused us problems," said Mack. "We've had drugs over there, we've had crowded streets over there."

Mack, who lives on North Cameron, said that she has been part of a neighborhood clean-up crew and has found drug paraphernalia in the streets of that community. She feels that the Bonhams' beauty parlor would attract an unsavory element back to the area.

Helen Gwyn also spoke against the petition, but appeared to change her mind

after learning that rezoning is handled on a case-by-case basis.

Aldermen Vivian Burke and Nancy Pleasants went with the recommendations of the Planning Board and voted in favor of the petition. Burke expressed displeasure with the decision to deny the petition, and said that the Bonhams were credible business owners.

"The comments that have been made will probably give someone the impression that the drugs and different problems could be created by [the Bonhams'] business," said Burke.

"In fact," added Burke, "the historical

home where they have a business, you never see people hanging around there."

Unlike convenience stores, which sometimes do attract loitering alcoholics and drug users, the Bonham family's chosen trade is better known for making the world better-looking.

The family owns and operates a number of barber and beauty shops in East Winston. Jimmie Bonham operates Hair By Jimi at 1617 East 14th Street, and is a sought-after hairdresser. His parents, the

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Joycelyn Johnson

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Rachel Robinson: A Legacy of Struggle



Rachel Robinson, widow of the late baseball great Jackie Robinson, speaks during the "Salute to Jackie Robinson Night" at Dodger Stadium in Los Angeles Saturday, April 5. (AP Photo/Steve Grason)

NEW YORK — The widow of Jackie Robinson asks that her husband be remembered not as a martyr but a man, and is troubled that a "residue of racism" persists in U.S. baseball's executive suites.

"I'm sure he'd be pleased with the integration factor of players," she said Thursday. "But the front office and general scheme still don't have equal opportunity. We still don't own any part. He'd be disappointed with that."

"A legacy was created in the struggle. He was looking for and impatient for progress. So am I."

Rachel Robinson spoke at the start of Long Island University's Jackie Robinson conference. Presentations at the Brooklyn school came from a cross section of academics and authors regarding the impact baseball's first black player had on his sport 50 years ago.

After author Roger Kahn's opening remarks, papers were delivered on Robinson's experiences. Paul Robeson Jr. spoke on the relationship between Robinson and Robeson's father, a star black football player who was outspoken on racism and politics. Pulitzer Prize winner Jimmy Breslin talked about Branch Rickey, the man who signed Robinson.

Rachel Robinson said she hoped people would see beyond her husband's baseball accomplishments.

"As people discuss Jack, it's

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The Winston Lake Golf Course clubhouse is scheduled to be rebuilt in the 1999-2000 fiscal year. Meanwhile, the number of rounds played declines each year at Winston Lake and Reynolds Park.

Winston Lake golf course has history: Will it have a future?

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Kevin Holloway thinks you can tell a lot about a person from their golf game.

"It's a game that relies on strong character," said the Indianapolis, Ind., resident as he selected an iron. Each golfer must keep their own score, explained Holloway, so the outcome of a tight game depends on an honor system.

Thus, if a person falsifies their score, then

they probably tell lies elsewhere. "That's not the kind of person I want to deal with, on the course or off," Holloway stated.

A native of Oxford, N.C., Holloway was in town visiting with family when Friday's weather beckoned him to the golf course. Back in Indiana, the weather was decidedly "ungolf-like," Holloway declared, and with Winston temperatures in the high 70s and the sun shin-

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Greensboro's Dudley High School initiates fund drive for improvements

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GREENSBORO — The auditorium at James B. Dudley High School has seen a lot of history. Dudley graduates once walked to "Pomp and Circumstance" inside that same auditorium, and many of them, such as former Harlem Globetrotter Curly Neal and retired judge Elreta Alexander Ralston, marched on to become successes.

Unfortunately, the auditorium at Greensboro's remaining historically black high school is showing its age. Seats that have not been replaced since they were first installed in 1937 have fallen apart, sometimes while students were sitting in them. Other parts of the auditorium are in need of upgrading.

"The sound system is awful," said Principal Larry Lewis. "The quality isn't there. There are two speakers mounted on the wall, and basically,

that's it."

People expect more from the auditorium that launched Metropolitan Opera star Elvira Green and other successful performers. Dudley alumni and parents have teamed up with the school and initiated a capital campaign to renovate the auditorium.

The group plans to raise \$100,000 by Aug. 31, through partnerships with corporations and members of the professional community, supplemented with donations by individuals and

families.

The campaign is built on a contribution hierarchy: in exchange for their dollars, seats in Dudley's auditorium will bear the names of corporate, family and individual sponsors.

A \$1,000 donation will designate a business to be a "Pearl Panther" sponsor and give them five seats in the auditorium; \$2,500 will garner a row of seats from the center of the auditorium and the title "Emerald Panther." The front row of seats will be

held for the "Diamond Panther" who donates \$5,000. The "Diamond Panther" corporate or class sponsor will also have their name engraved on a plaque, which will hang in the foyer.

For families and individuals, a \$125 donation will buy one seat bearing a plate engraved with the "Opal Panther" sponsor's name. Two hundred fifty dollars earns the distinction

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Memorial service held for former Winston Mutual official

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Memorial services were held April 8 for George Edward Hill. The former president of Winston Mutual Life Insurance Co. died March 31 in Los Angeles, Calif., following a long illness. Hill was 57.

A native of Winston-Salem, Hill was born Dec. 11, 1939, to Edward Everett Hill (now deceased) and Geneva Cook Hill. He graduated

from Atkins High School in 1957. He joined the company founded by his grandfather, George Washington Hill, in 1962, the year he graduated from West Virginia State College.

The young Hill went from field representative to president of Winston Mutual in nine years. During that time, he attended Wake Forest's MBA program.

Hill was also active in the Winston-Salem community. He was a member of the City/County Plan-

ning Board, the Social Promoters, the Mayor's Committee on Employment of the Handicapped, the Patterson Avenue YMCA Board of Directors, the Winston-Salem Urban League board, the Winston-Salem NAACP, the Board of Directors of the Winston-Salem United Way, the Board of Trustees of Winston-Salem State University; he was director of the Scottish Savings & Loan Association, Wachovia Bank and Trust Company and the Private Industry Council.

In 1981, Hill became president of the National Insurance Association. He had also served as treasurer of that organization.

Hill stayed with Winston Mutual until it merged with Golden State Mutual Life Insurance Co. in 1985. Hill moved to Golden State's home base in Los Angeles after the

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George Edward Hill