

# At a Glance

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(AP Photo/Clement Ntaye)

## Cameroon voter turnout low

President Paul Biya greets supporters after voting in Yaounde, Cameroon Sunday, Oct. 12. Less than 30 percent of the more than 4 million eligible voters had cast their ballots by mid afternoon, according to reports on state-run radio and independent sources. Later turnout reports were not immediately available. Results are not expected for 15 days.



(AP Photo/Jean-Marc Bouju)

## Land mines continue to take toll

Prosthesis workshop worker Edward Wafula uses a wrench to angle the foot for land mine victim Jacob Bior at the Red Cross' Lopiding Hospital, in Lokichokio, northern Kenya, Sept. 22. According to the Red Cross, 26,000 people lose their lives or limbs to mines each year.



(AP Photo/Elise Amendola)

## Kidnap victim not forgotten

Mourners hold up candles during a candlelight vigil for slain 10-year-old Jeffrey Curley in front of the Curley home in Cambridge, Mass. Monday evening, Oct. 13. Two men are charged with kidnaping and murder in the case.

## Tiger takes time for the kids

Golfer Tiger Woods gives 9-year-old Darian Bouie of Miami, Fla., some tips on his swing Sunday, Oct. 12, at the Melreese Golf Course in Miami. Woods appeared on behalf of his Tiger Woods Foundation and put on a clinic and exhibition for hundreds of kids.



(AP Photo/Bill Cooke)

## Hurricane's malevolence lingers

Residents of the Palma Sola neighborhood wash laundry in a stretch of the river that flooded Monday, Oct. 13, in Acapulco. With cadavers still trapped in mud and riverbeds and a lack of running water in most of the city rescue workers are scrambling to prevent an outbreak of epidemics in Acapulco that could add to the death toll from Hurricane Pauline.



(AP Photo/Jose Luis Magana)

## WSSU

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rotate off the board. She indicated that she would not return after the mandatory year off. The recent appointees come to the board with a wealth of business and education experience. Johnson, a WSSU graduate, retired from the Winston-Salem/Forsyth County school system after more than 32 years, and currently is a member of the school board. He also sits on the board of the Winston-Salem Transit Authority, chairs the local Urban League board of directors and is a trustee and finance chairman of St. Paul United Methodist Church.

"I've always tried to do as much as I could for my alma mater," said Johnson. "I guess this puts me in a position to do more."

Christopher retired from R.J. Reynolds Tobacco as senior executive vice president. He had also held executive positions with RJR Archer Inc. and RJR Foods. He currently chairs the boards of the Wachovia Bank of North Carolina, Forsyth County, and the Piedmont Triad Airport Authority.

Christopher's involvement with higher education is extensive. He is a member and past chair of the board of visitors of Wake Forest University and has served on the board of directors of Sweet Briar College. Currently Christopher sits on the trustee board of the University of North Carolina at Greensboro, on Bowman Gray's Comprehensive Cancer Center advisory board and is a member of WSSU's advisory committee for business and economics.

Christopher has also served as chairman of

the Winston-Salem Foundation and the United Way of Forsyth County.

Wachovia Corporation president and CEO Baker is a trustee at Elon College and serves on the board of Upward Bound.

Greene is senior executive vice president at BB&T Corporation, and has served on the Appalachian State University Chancellor's Corporate Cabinet. He is also a member of WSSU's Board of Visitors.

Greene views his appointment to the Foundation as an opportunity to be more actively involved in the institution's growth, and to make more people in and outside the city aware of what WSSU has to offer.

"[The university is] a real jewel from an economic standpoint," said Greene. "To a degree, we haven't fully exposed it from underneath the basket."

## FIVE STAR

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for Food Lion. As at his old job, Wallace is responsible for marketing 5-Star. McGregor came to the grocery chain after 10 years with Winn Dixie, and though Penn spent just four years with Food Lion, he had 25 years experience in the Circle K chain.

"Most start-up businesses, if they have capital, they don't have the management experience to stay in business," said Wallace.

The group also has hands-on experience, and they plan on using it by working inside the store. McGregor will work as the deli/produce manager, while

Wallace will handle the seafood section. Penn and Hankins will be store manager and grocery manager, respectively, and DeJournette will head customer service.

In addition, the store will need 70-80 employees, 30 of whom would be full-time. The partners have already begun interviewing prospective employees, and DeJournette said applicants have been enthusiastic.

"The area needs businesses like this for employment," she added. "There's nothing out here."

The store, said Wallace, is founded on the 5-Star mission of providing quality merchandise,

fresh goods, a clean store, customer service and a friendly atmosphere.

The five agreed that grocery stores located in the black community are often missing the latter two ingredients. And most importantly, 5-Star could offer an alternative for a populace whose shopping choices are dominated by a certain fat cat chain.

The Salisbury-based grocery chain might do well to watch its prodigy. From the beginning, the partners discussed expanding into other locations.

"This is store No. 1, and we plan on growing," stated McGregor.

## DISPUTE

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tion in Bankruptcy Court.

"Because the cost of pursuing a larger judgment and the likelihood that the judgment will never be paid, Project Homestead decided to waive any additional claims and focus its attention on its primary undertaking, serving the community," said Peter Juran, Project Homestead's attorney.

## Lyons' troubles apparently hurting Baptist fund-raising

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Pleas for money by the Rev. Henry Lyons are falling short with members of the National Baptist Convention USA.

In a Sept. 8 letter to member churches, Lyons said he needed to raise \$72,000 by Oct. 15 to make a \$422,000 mortgage payment on the Baptist World Center in downtown Nashville.

Walter Cade, executive director of the Baptist World Center, said donations have failed to make up the shortfall, though he declined to say by how much.

"Have we raised what the president asked for? Categorically, no," he said.

Lyons has been besieged by allegations of financial improprieties and questions about his personal life since July, when his wife was arrested and charged with setting fires at a Florida home co-owned by Lyons and another woman.

While holding onto power at the convention, Lyons has made some concessions. He named a financial committee to take over daily management of church monies. And Cade said that church bank accounts are to be moved to Nashville from St. Petersburg, Fla., where Lyons is based.

Lyons will retain control of a discretionary account of church funds, Cade said.

"It'll probably work like any big business, corporation or whatever," Cade said. "Whatever happens, there will be guidelines."

The Rev. Raymond Bowman, a Lyons critic, said Lyons should relinquish control of all church funds.

"It should be like regular business practices," Bowman said. "He shouldn't be controlling anything."

He faces state and federal investigations over his handling of church funds, including a Florida bank account that contains a mixture of personal funds and money from more than \$1 million in business deals.

Lyons has been accused of using church money to buy real estate, cars and jewelry for a female aide.

He has denied having an affair with her or spending church money on personal items.

Union Planters Bank sued the convention Sept. 12 for allegedly defaulting on a \$300,000 loan in connection with a failed plan by the Nashville bank to market cred-


it cards to convention members.

Lyons, who isn't named in the suit, told convention officials the money was income and that he took a \$75,000 commission for the April 1995 deal. Another \$150,000 went to one of Lyons' assistants, Frederick T. Demps, according to church documents.

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