

Reynolds Forest Neighborhood Association comes to rescue

Association Motto:
"The way to have a good neighbor is to be one."

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When Donald and Theresa Caldwell went to church and to dinner with their parents on Sunday, March 8, a fire gutted their home.

When the Caldwells received a call from Richard Walker and his wife, they had no idea why the Walkers had interrupted their Sunday

meal to call them to their home at 1233 Reynolds Forest Drive. When they arrived on the scene, they could see the \$100,000 worth of damage that the fire had caused to their home.

Although Walker was not the president of the neighborhood association, he saw a need. He immediately called the president, Ed Strait, and they started collecting funds to contribute to the family. On Thursday, March 26 at the annual neighborhood association fellowship supper, Richard Walker presented \$1,031 to the Caldwell family.

This money came from the neighbors of Reynolds Forest Drive and from the Salem Village Townhouse Community across the street. The Reynolds Forest Neighborhood Association gave \$1,021 and the Salem Village Community donated \$100.

Although the Caldwell family was not in the association at the time, Strait pointed out, however, that "they are neighbors." The Caldwell family has lived in the neighborhood for 10 years, and Donald Caldwell especially thanked everyone who contributed to the fund. He also recognized Richard Walker and his wife for welcoming them into the neighborhood 10 years ago.

"Richard has been a special neighbor. Even during Hurricane Hugo, when he cooked out on his grill, he shared with us then. They have always showed us love," Donald said.

He thanked the Caldwell family for calling the fire department on Sunday, March 8.

"It is devastating to see your house burn

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(Left to right) Donald and Theresa Caldwell, who lost their home to a fire on March 8, received \$1,031 from Richard Walker on behalf of the Reynolds Forest Neighborhood Association and Salem Village Townhouse Community.

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Debate over kids health enters week 2

RALEIGH (AP) — Gov. Jim Hunt kicked off the first week of the special legislative session with a rally for his proposals to help uninsured children, but opponents plan to match him as the session begins its second week.

The conservative John Locke Foundation and North Carolina Taxpayers United have scheduled a rally Tuesday to support the House Republican proposal for spending \$80 million in federal funds earmarked for children's health care.

The Senate last week approved Hunt's plan, which would extend Medicaid-type benefits to children in families making less than twice the federal poverty level, or about \$32,100 for a family of four.

The House plan would use the state employee health plan, with less extensive benefits than Medicaid, to families making 185 percent of the poverty level, or about \$29,670 for a family of four.

The Republican plan also would extend tax credits to any family that purchases private insurance policy or to families buying long-term care policies.

Both the Senate and House

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Winston-Salem Alderman Vernon Robinson leads the protest opposing the baseball tax.

Blacks, Beaver strike a deal

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include minorities in construction, real estate, banking, marketing and other areas related to the operation of a professional ball team.

Major League Baseball was in action at Ernie Shore Field in Winston-Salem on Tuesday.

The event was sold out days in advance of the first pitch. But the future of that professional sport in the Triad may have been impacted more by the action that took place off the field Tuesday than by the apparent interest in the contest between the Minnesota Twins and the Montreal Expos.

Hours before Gov. Jim Hunt threw the ceremonial pitch in the first Major League game held here in two decades, Don Beaver signed an agreement that could help bring the big leagues to Guilford and Forsyth County. The agreement was a covenant in which blacks agreed to support the upcoming May 5 referendum in exchange for certain conditions.

According to a copy of the covenant obtained by the Chronicle, Beaver agreed to

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Market Street make-over moves forward

By DAMON FORD
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GREENSBORO — Once again, Greensboro's city leaders, business owners, students and neighborhood residents convened to plan the future of East Market Street.

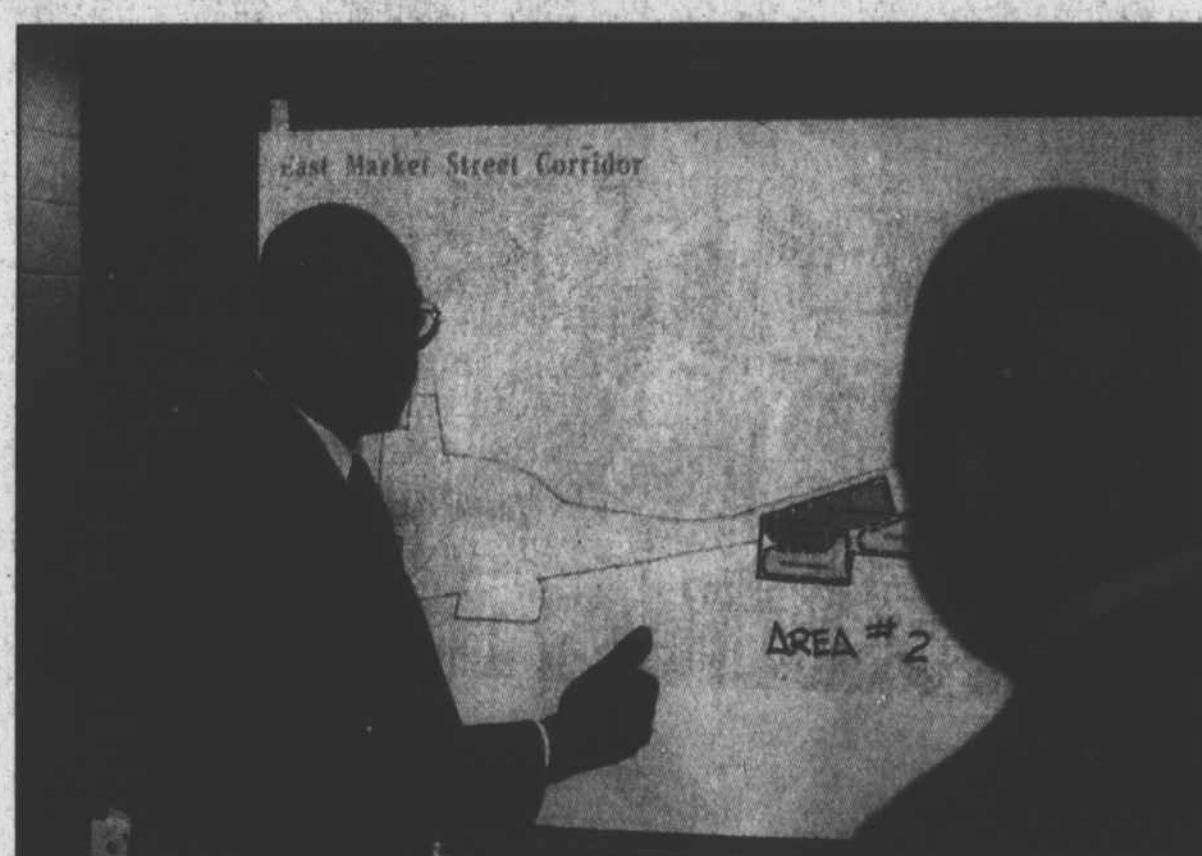
Last week's community workshop was the second step in finalizing a plan of revitalization for the East Market Street Corridor.

The first step took place on Saturday Jan. 10. The participants in that workshop were split into three different groups to discuss more intensely the ideas and concerns of the East Market Street community. Representatives from Development Concepts, Inc. in Indianapolis, Indiana took these thoughts and comments and started putting together the plan for revitalization.

The most recent workshop allowed the community to see the proposed plan on maps. Workshop participants were able to ask questions and make suggestions to better modify the plan.

"It's one thing to just impose some sort of idea on a place, but I think it's a very different thing to get folks talking about it and sharing in the process," said Mayor Carolyn Allen.

The map of zone one connects East Market Street and downtown. The biggest concern of this area is the Cumberland Shopping Center. The center's land is valuable but it could cost as much as \$1 million to



Mac Sims, director of the East Market Street CDC, explains the Market Street plan.

get it. Using the \$1 million bond referendum may not be an option since there are other areas in the East Market Corridor that the money could be used for.

One A&T student expressed the fact that zone one is an excellent area for restaurants and shop to set up. When there are events on campus such as football games, conferences, high school student

visitations or baseball games at War Memorial Stadium, the participants must go to other areas of Greensboro to eat and be entertained.

Support housing in the Bennett College area is also being looked at in this area.

Zone two offers new housing potential. The big kicker in this area is the chance that a hotel

could be set up in this area. Many people in the community expressed delight of this possibility. Visitors in town for events such as A&T's Homecoming can reside in the hotel and not have to go downtown or to High Point Road to find a place stay.

Reports on this area say the neighborhood fabric could be

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NAACP tries to expand membership

CHARLOTTE (AP) — State and national leaders of the NAACP say they want more Hispanics and other minorities to join the predominantly black civil rights organization.

"Colored People come in all colors," said Julian Bond, chairman of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. "And we want very much to reach out to all of these emerging minorities in America."

Skip Alston, president of the North Carolina chapter of the NAACP, has been active in trying to broaden the membership.

In December, he nominated N.C. Hispanic Ombudsman Katie Pomerans and Laurinburg businessman Paul Brooks, an American Indian, to head NAACP committees. Neither had been an NAACP member prior to the nominations, and both were approved by the executive board.

"Many minorities share many common problems. Access to services. Poverty. Welfare reform, which is punitive to low-income people, is also an issue they share," said Pomerans, the Hispanic ombudsman for the state Health and Human Services Department. "I have talked to speak favorably about this. They're very interested."

Leaders say the organization will be more powerful if it broadens its constituency. The nation's Hispanic population is expected to surpass the black population in 2005.

Opponents voice two criticisms. Some say the move will dilute the organization's effectiveness. Others say the organization has moved too far from its integrationist roots to effectively attract nonblacks.

"I think a lot of white people don't feel comfortable going to

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