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So long, 5-Star

State's only black-owned grocery store closes after three years

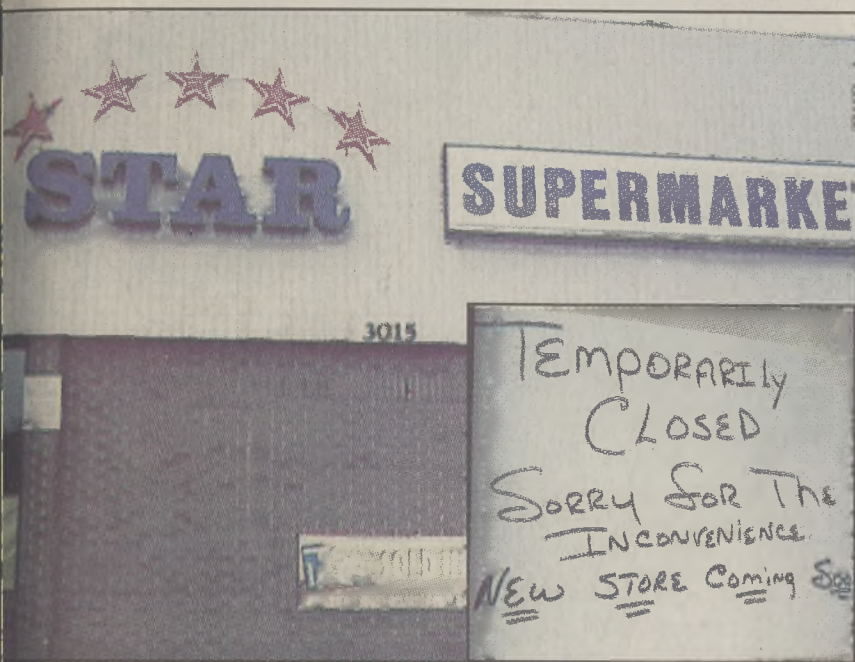
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Aug. 11, 2000, is the day that a piece of history died. The only African-American owned supermarket in the state closed, never to open its doors again. The 5-Star Supermarket opened three years ago to high hopes and a lot of fanfare, yet Harry Hankins, one of the own-

ers, said the operation was troubled from day one. "When we opened our doors we were under-capitalized," he said. "We thought the area was a good location and that the sales would allow us to overcome the under-capitalization." The supermarket planned a re-grand opening to coincide with the launching of the Victory Masonic Mutual Credit Union branch that was located in the store. Less than a month ago, Victory Masonic and Truliant entered into a partnership and opened their branch in 5-Star. That branch is temporarily closed, but Victory Masonic president Alvin Atkinson said it is only a minor setback. "Victory has been around for 50 years," he said. "(The store branch) was one part of the big picture to elevate our

profile in the community." The credit union branch was open for about three months before the formal grand opening July 31. In that short time, many people in the East Winston community put their money into the bank. Atkinson said that the credit union is not trying to leave the area because 5-Star has closed down. He added that he is hopeful that the new supermarket will continue the partnership with the credit union that 5-Star started. According to the shopping center's owner, Terry King, when the store closed, he stood in front and told people the news. "A good number of the people that came (to the store) came to use the credit union," he said. King said that he is in negotiations with four potential clients for the store.

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Photos by Cheris Hodges

in King's Plaza will soon be replaced with the sign of another grocery store.

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Winston-Salem Police as the distinction of the 500 law enforcement in the nation that. Even though more than 9,000 law agencies in the county few have earned approval from the Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies. CALEA officials will department to begin a of policies, procurement, operations services. to Sgt. Bill Cobb, manager, the process and shows a level of between the public and. in a majority of the filed with the Police he said." (Accreditation a third party organization in and look at ping." people associated LEA team that will department are independent Winston-Salem ment. "This is not a Cobb said. "If we our job, they will from CALEA is free law enforcement Connecticut, Ohio The department will proof of all of the LEA is judging the

Memory lane



Photo by Kevin Walker

Youngsters compete in a hula-hoop contest at last weekend's Boston Roundup.

Roundup conjures memories of old neighborhood

BY T. KEVIN WALKER
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Sackie's Florist, Mr. Cootie Knox's Soda Shop and Mr. Walker's Cleaners went the way of many black businesses after the onset of integration - swiftly toward extinction. The folksy businesses all called the city's Boston community home at one time. For decades they supported the community and in turn the community supported them with patronage and respect.

What used to be was a big topic at last Saturday's seventh annual Boston Roundup. Talk of Sackie's and the others and how strong the bond among the community used to be could be overheard around Drayton Pines Park, amid live music and the aroma of fried fish and hot dogs. Today Boston is the popular name for the area that includes Kimberley Park, Thurmond Street and parts of Northwest Boulevard and Cherry Street. But the commu-

nity's influence has stretched far beyond its geographical borders. Many of those who came out for the four-hour roundup - a massive reunion-type event - grew up in the Boston community but have since moved to other parts of the city and other parts of the nation. Sharon Wright, president of the committee that pulls together the event each year, said people came from as far as

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Photo by Kevin Walker

Hardy's obituary features her trademark smile.

Hardy 'called home' days before her 100th birthday

BY T. KEVIN WALKER
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Technically, Lula Hardy was "called home" a few days shy of her 100th birthday. In theory, though, her friends and family say, she lived a life so full and complete that it was as if she lived 100 years and more. Hardy died at her mammoth birthday bash Aug. 12, the one that was talked about with great anticipation in a cover story on the Aug. 10 issue of The Chronicle. The family chose to hold the party on Aug. 12, though Hardy's actual birthday was not until the following Tuesday, Aug. 15. She was surrounded by hundreds of family members and friends as she made her way into the reception hall for the party. She danced down a red carpet to the sound of African drums and the applause and cheers of guests, family members said. After her

dance, Hardy sat in chair and never got back up. The irony of her death has been the topic of many conversations among family members over the last two weeks. They say Hardy knew the end was near; she had talked about it with one of her nine surviving children days before the party. "She told my brother that when I dance to my seat, I'm going get my wings and fly away," said Burnu Rucker, Hardy's youngest child. Rucker said that though Hardy was often upbeat in her last years, she harbored a deep sadness that because of the many years she was blessed with, she was preceded in death by her beloved husband and many other family members and friends. Rucker said the family is taking solace in the fact that Hardy has

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from right, Ashleigh, Ray and Debra the steps of their newly constructed

Young builder specializes in tailor-made living

BY T. KEVIN WALKER
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It isn't hard to spot Dannie and Lorraine Wood's house among the many that line Bethania-Rural Hall Road. It has the crisp, fresh look of a newly-constructed house, a look that is rare on a stretch of road where the houses date back 15 years to 20 years. A lot of rubbernecking takes place in cars and trucks as people travel past the Woods' home. Whether the stares stem from the fact that the house contradicts those around it or from the fact that less than a year ago the two-acre tract where the house sits was a thick patch of trees and shrubbery is something that the couple have had little time to contemplate. The Woods have only been in the new place for a few weeks. They are still decorating, planting and taking it all in. This is the third home the Woods have owned. Their new house, however, is the first one they had built, from foundation

to roof. Dannie Wood said owning houses in which he had no hand in constructing was the best preparation when it came time for him and his wife to start visualizing what they wanted in a new home. "We didn't want a formal dining room; it would be wasted space." Wood said late last week, taking a break from yard work. "We found that we probably only used the formal dining room once or twice a year...We wanted everything on one level too; the older we get we do not want to climb steps." The Woods got that and more in their 1,900 square-foot, three-bedroom dream home. The vaulted ceilings are decorated with several sunroof-like windows that brighten the house without the aid of electricity. "This whole house is based on light," said Wood, who is a financial consultant.



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John-Troy Witherspoon describes why he likes stone veneers. They have become features on many of his houses.

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