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Rev. Micheal Williams stands in front of the future home of his church.

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Members of Sandy Abraham's family have decided to move to Winston-Salem after being displaced by the hurricane.

## City puts out welcome mat for evacuees

Hundreds may come to Winston-Salem from affected areas

BY COURTNEY GAILLARD  
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The city of Winston-Salem is preparing to respond to at least 200 evacuees from Hurricane Katrina. More than 50 residents of the Gulfport region have already made their way to the city in the last few days, including 30 members of Sandy Abraham's family who arrived in Winston-Salem earlier this week.

The nine families left Mississippi last Saturday and headed to a Houston shelter where they were guaranteed three meals a day and nothing else. They then traveled to Atlanta, where they were delivered similar news.

"Their dignity was restored once they arrived in North Carolina," said Abraham, a city resident. The New Orleans native has called Winston-Salem home for the last 15 years. "They left with a limited amount of money and no food. When they reached out for assistance, no one was there to help them," she added.

Before the families were placed in hotel rooms and put in touch with the local Red Cross, Abraham and her brother, who also lives here, were trying to accommodate their relatives between their two homes. Her family, she says, plans to relocate to Winston-Salem now.

The outpouring of support for her family has made their horrific journey so far that much easier. She says they will recover from the ordeal of the last week, thanks to what she calls the good people of this city.

"Everyone has reached out. They're surviving now. They're still distraught because they've lost everything. They have absolutely nothing," said Abraham. "This is going to be their home because they felt the love once they arrived."

State Rep. Earline Parmon and the Rev.



Edwards

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## Ogburn Station plan is grandiose

BY T. KEVIN WALKER  
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CDC has talked about revitalization for several years, but residents say there has been little action

The Old Testament tells of Nehemiah, a cup bearer of a Babylonian king, who returns home to Jerusalem to find it in ruins. He wasn't discouraged by the site of a pitiful city. He organized a plan to restore it, including its mighty wall, and its people's faith in God.

Organizers of a lofty plan to breathe new life into Ogburn Station

are hoping for a little Divine inspiration themselves. The plan is called the Nehemiah Initiative and lays out plans to change the landscape of the historic community.

"To me, Ogburn Station is a diamond in the rough," said the Rev. Micheal Williams. It was Williams,

the pastor of The Messiah's House, who started the CDC four years ago and serves as its CEO and president. His church, which is only about five years old, had only been in the community a short time when Williams says he realized the area's potential. Old Walkertown, Old Rural Hall

and Baux Mountain roads give Ogburn Station an almost triangle shape. Despite being home to a large number of proud, hardworking and caring folks, most residents will say that Ogburn Station is but a shadow of the community it was years ago. Maxine Johnson, the president of the Ogburn Station Neighborhood Association, often complains that her community is the only one in the city without a major grocery store. The

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## Paisley High School grads return home

BY T. KEVIN WALKER  
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Physically, there is little difference between Paisley Magnet School and Paisley Senior High School.



Diggs

The middle school students who attend the magnet school walk the same halls the high school students did nearly three decades ago. They run around the same gym and assemble in the same auditorium.

"The only thing really different is that they removed the big panther we had on the floor of the gym," Brenda Sharpe Adams said. Adams headed a three-day reunion over the weekend that brought together dozens of alumni from all of Paisley High's graduating classes.

It was the first time that an all-classes reunion was held for Paisley High, which shut down in



Billie Matthews greets one of her former students.

Photos by Kevin Walker

1968 and has for years operated as a middle school. The alums were given permission to use their old school as the hub for reunion activities, which included an old-fashioned sock hop on Friday night; a Sunday church service dedicated to the

dozens of Paisley graduates who have passed away; and a Saturday night banquet, which not only brought out former students but the men and women who taught them.

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## Thomas challenges Malloy for North Ward

BY COURTNEY GAILLARD  
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Sept. 27 won't be the first time that Nelson Malloy Jr. and Frank Thomas Jr. will face off in a Democratic primary. Thomas ran unsuccessfully against Malloy in 1989.

Councilmember Malloy has held the seat for the last four terms, and he is vying for another. Win or lose, Malloy

is pretty certain it will be his last term on the Winston-Salem City Council.

"I guess some people say it gets into your blood," said Malloy. "I'd like to think that I am making a difference in the North Ward in terms of quality of life and revitalizing neighborhoods. I just like to help people, so I decided to do this one more time."

Malloy chairs the Devel-

opment/Housing/General Government Committee as well as a member of the Public Safety Committee, the Black Leadership Roundtable, the Boston Roundup, the Winston-Salem/Forsyth County Housing Partnership and the African-American Democratic Caucus.

Malloy has worked with several mayors to get the HOPE VI project in Kimberly

Woods to come to fruition as well as Neal Place, a housing community for single families.

"That's a prime example of things that have transpired in the North Ward in terms of revitalization of neighborhoods," Malloy said.

Malloy also had a hand in the creation of an ordinance that restricted growth of big

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Malloy



Thomas

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