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# Justice runs on her vast experience

### Timmons-Goodson faces challenge in Nov. 7 election

BY TODD LUCK THE CHRONICLE

During election years like this one, races for Congress and local boards seem to get all of the attention. Justice Patricia Timmons-Goodson believes voters should not forget about judicial races. The judges and justices that residents elect make decision that affect North Carolinians for decades, she said. Timmons-Goodson made history in January when Gov. Easley appointed her to the N.C. Supreme Court. She is the state's first African-American

female justice. She's currently campaigning hard to keep her seat on the state's highest court. "I hope our citizens will permit me to continue to serve," said Timmons-Goodson. Timmons-Goodson is currently the only African-American on the court and only the fourth African-American to ever be on the court. Black justices have not fared well in statewide elections to maintain their seats. The last two black justices who ran to keep their seats, G.K. Butterfield in 2002 and former Chief Justice Henry Frye in 2000, were not successful. N.C. Court of Appeals Judge James Wynn is the only other African American who has served on the court. He lost an election in 1998 to retain his seat. Timmons-Goodson said that she



Justice Timmons-Goodson

will never forget those who came before her. "Every day that I sit, I am mindful that a lot of people have come before me that did not have this opportunity and that I am, indeed, standing on the shoulders of many of those folks and I'm crossing bridges that they built for me," she said. She may be new to the Supreme Court, but Timmons-Goodson is a judicial veteran. She had just retired from a long legal career months before Easley appointed her to the high court. During a career that has spanned more than two decades, she has been a prosecutor and a legal aid attorney in Fayetteville. In 1984, she became a Cumberland County District Court judge. Voters reelected her three times. See Justice on A13

# Habitat seeks skillful helpers

Agency aims to build even more homes

BY LAYLA FARMER THE CHRONICLE

For more than two decades, Habitat for Humanity of Forsyth County has been a source of salvation for families in need of adequate and affordable housing. Houses - built by volunteers and the future homeowners themselves - are sold at cost to local families in the community. Most of the families may never have been able to become homeowners otherwise. "We believe that when families become more self-sufficient, get out from under some of these needs that they have about housing and can live in a safe and decent home, it changes their lives," said Habitat Executive Director Sylvia Oberle, who took office in February. "We have research that shows Habitat homeowners' children do better in school ... they're more involved in their community; anecdotally, they're happier and more satisfied. It just improves the quality of life when they can have their own homes and learn to take care of that." Over the last 20 years, Habitat for Humanity of Forsyth has built more than 200 homes, becoming one of only 29 Habitat affiliates nationally to have done so. "We need to continue to make an impact," Oberle commented. "There are many other good partners in our community who are working on this as well, but we want to be able to do our part." See Habitat on A10



Oberle



Pro-Lifers hold signs along Hanes Mall Boulevard.

# Silent protesters take stance on noisy boulevard

BY T. KEVIN WALKER THE CHRONICLE

Donna Dyer stands on the front lines of one of this era's most contentious battles armed only with her faith and her favorite set of rosary beads.

"I use this one when I pray at (abortion) clinics," Dyer said about her ruby-colored beads, a gift a friend brought her from Italy. "The color reminds me of the blood of the babies."

Dyer clutched the beads tightly Sunday as she led a silent pro-life rally along Hanes Mall Boulevard. She and more than 70 others held homemade signs with slogans like "Pray to End Abortion" and "Defend Life" scrolled across them. They spread themselves out for several yards, standing on the sidewalk, making their presence unavoidable to a steady stream of motorists. The local ralliers were believed to be among thousands of others who took part in the National Life Chain Sunday. The Life Chain began more than 15 years ago. Winston-Salem has taken part for at least the last dozen years. Dyer has organized the local chain since 2001. "There are 4,000 abortions



Donna Dyer holds her rosary beads.

a day in this country," she said. "These babies don't have a chance."

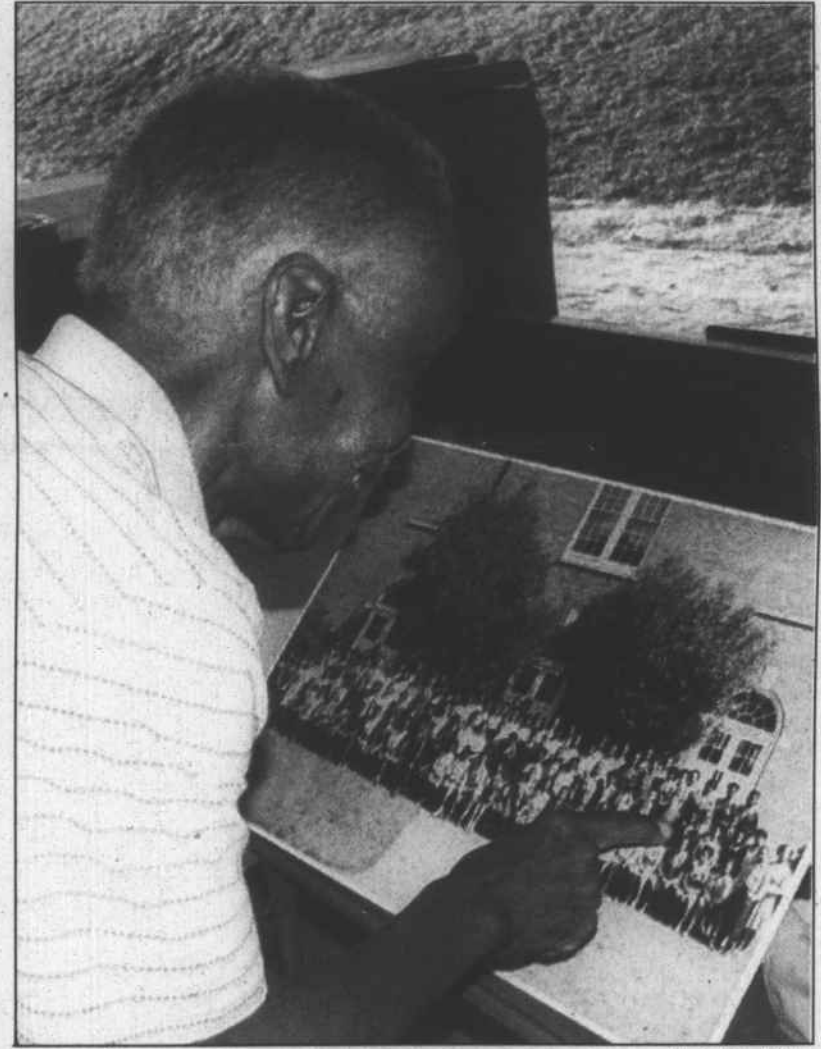
On Dyer's watch, the event was moved from Peter's Creek Parkway to Hanes Mall Boulevard, which became the city's main retail drag several years ago.

Abortion has been a hot-button issue in the United States since the landmark Roe v. Wade case was decided by the Supreme Court in the early 1970s. The issue has decided presidential elections and caused verbal, and sometimes physical, violence between opposing sides. Dyer refused to talk about the politics of abortion. She says she is motivated by faith - not politics. "This is a prayerful gathering," she said. "We just want to pray for the lives of the unborn."

Dyer wrote letters to dozens of local churches, inviting congregants to take part in the local chain. Sunday's participants, Dyer said, were multi-denominational. They were also multi-generational. Those who were not able-bodied enough to stand with their signs, brought along folding chairs and sat instead. The youngest participants were John Andrysick's

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# A FAMILIAR FACE



Vivian Weaver and Robert Baity Phillips look for their pictures in this picture of the Atkins High School Class of 1945. Members of the class gathered over the weekend for a reunion at Reynolds Park Recreation Center. See story on B16.

# Kiwanis donation helps school with playground

Proceeds from popular pancake supper benefitted Hall-Woodward

BY LAYLA FARMER THE CHRONICLE

The Twin City Kiwanis Club presented a check to Hall-Woodward Elementary School last week during a celebration of its 50th anniversary.

The school's principal, Essie McCoy, accepted the \$7560.32 donation during a Twin City Kiwanis 50th anniversary celebration at the Benton Convention Center.

"We are so blessed to have that donation," McCoy said.

The money, raised at the Twin City Kiwanis' annual pancake supper in February, will allow the school to purchase



Photo courtesy of Twin City Kiwanis

Essie McCoy, left, and Assistant Superintendent Charlene Davis accept the check last week.

some much-needed playground equipment.

"We have one piece of equipment that was purchased a

few years back, but most of our pieces are things that have been here for almost ... 30 years," McCoy remarked. "(Purchasing

the playground equipment) is long overdue and it's well

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