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## Temp jobs attract locals

*Denver firm offering \$13 an hour for highway study*

BY LAYLA FARMER  
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Winston-Salem is getting ready to see some big transportation changes.

The N.C. Department of Transportation has begun looking at a specific stretch of Business 40 that it says needs to be revamped. In all, as many as



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eight bridges and on/off ramps may be replaced along the stretch of the highway between the Highway 5 and 2

Interchange and the former Hawthorne curve, near Wake Forest University Baptist Medical Center. A project of this size warrants a considerable amount of construction, which will likely take years to complete.

"(The state) needs to look at the safety, the mobility, the congestion, particularly along that strip of highway at Business 40 and make some recommendations about what's going to happen and they need the community's input," explained Jumetta G. Posey, CEO and Founder of Neighborhood Solutions, a Denver-based public-involvement firm.

The NCDOT has hired Posey's company to gauge the public opinion on the possible changes. The company will conduct surveys, door-to-door in about 15 neighborhoods to find out what local residents think about the proposed project and to get their ideas on how the project could be as less inconvenient to motorists.

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## DÉJÀ VU AT REYNOLDS HIGH

*50 years after young black woman integrates Reynolds, another young woman becomes school's first black president*

BY LAYLA FARMER  
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Fifty years after Gwendolyn Bailey, Reynolds High School's first black student, stepped through its doors, a young, African-American woman is making school history again.

Phoebe Roberts, a senior, is the first black student body

president since the school integrated with Bailey's enrollment in the fall of 1957.

"It doesn't surprise me that it took 50 years, but I'm glad it didn't take more," Roberts said. "I believe (my leadership) helps open the door to bring in other people and let them know that we can run and be in leadership; we can make a difference."



Phoebe Roberts

Roberts paid homage to Bailey with a brief statement she prepared and read over the intercom at the beginning of the school day on the anniversary of Bailey's courageous first day at Reynolds.

"My speech was basically just addressing the school ... and just inspiring people to think about the fact that if she hadn't entered the school and

used courage like, 50 years ago, then we wouldn't all be sitting here now, with the friendships and relationships that we have," Roberts explained. "It was like an awesome experience ... because you know 50 years ago, the first African American student entered school and I got to make the

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## LITTLE PATRIOTS

Photo by Layla Farmer

Children from Centenary United Methodist Church Childcare Center sit along Fourth Street Tuesday to get a good view of a solemn Sept. 11 procession. The sixth anniversary of the terrorist attacks was also marked with a ceremony in Corpening Plaza, where public safety officials from throughout Forsyth County paid homage to their fallen comrades. Ironically, these kids weren't yet born when the attacks occurred.

## Home sale will support trailblazing musicians

BY LAYLA FARMER  
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The groundbreaking of the Music Maker Relief Foundation's (MMRF) latest fundraising project was unlike any other. Musicians gathered in a semicircle on the pavement just outside of the new lot, guitars slung over their shoulders. They smiled at each other through the sunglasses that shielded their eyes from the late morning sun and they sang. They sang of the things they had known and seen and felt, tapping their feet in the traditional Piedmont Blues that flowed from their instruments.

The groundbreaking ceremony marked the start of an exciting new project for Durham-based Music Maker, born of a generous gift from an anonymous citizen who believes in its mission.

"A builder in Winston, who builds about 30 homes a year ... had been wanting to do something philanthropic for the past few years, but hadn't really found a charity that he fit with," explained Denise Duffy, cofounder of the organiza-



Tim Duffy jams with "Captain" Luke Mayer.

Photo by Layla Farmer

tion. "He contacted us with the idea of building a home on spec and donating the profits."

The home will be nestled in Clemmons, not far from Winston-Salem, where Music Maker was founded. The gift will garner an estimated \$85,000, if not more, for the organization, Duffy says.

The money will support the many programs funded by Music Maker, which serves musicians age 55 and above who are rooted in the southern tradition and have an annual income of less than \$18,000.

"They're good people and I love the blues. I noticed they were just carrying it on, keeping the blues going on," said Music Maker Musician Ron Hunter. "That's why I'm very proud to be involved, because I love playing the blues."

The organization meets the musicians' needs in every way it can, from paying for groceries or medical bills to organizing tours and producing CDs, in

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Roslyn Lash talks about Housing/Neighborhood Development programs.

## American Dream-makers come out in force

*The possibility of homeownership pitched to hundreds at expo*

BY T. KEVIN WALKER  
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Dreams were met with realities Saturday at event designed to put local people on the road to homeownership.

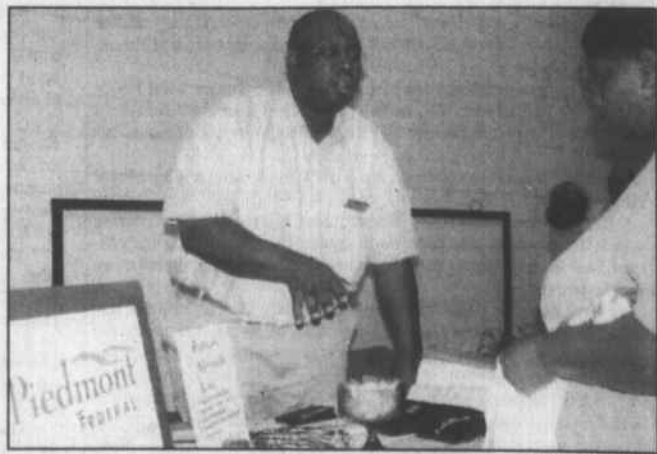
A steady flow of people with dreams of owning homes came to Miller Park Recreation Center during a five-hour Affordable Housing Expo, where banks, realty companies and non-profits pitched their services and programs. The expo — and open house events on Sunday — made up American Dream Weekend — a collaborative effort between the city's Housing/Neighborhood Development wing, nonprofits like the Experiment

in Self Reliance, real estate companies such as Granite Mortgage and banks like Piedmont Federal.

Roslyn Lash of the Housing/Neighborhood Development Department said that most people don't know the plethora of programs and options available to potential home buyers, even those on very fixed incomes with little money saved. For example, Housing/Neighborhood Development's programs include ones that provide downpayment/ closing cost assistance and funds to rehabilitate older houses on the market.

"Our goal is to make more of the

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Piedmont Federal's Mike Boston tells Trish Moore about some of the bank's special mortgage programs.

Photos by Kevin Walker



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