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## City's Plans Seen As Community Threat

(EDITOR'S NOTE: This is the first in a series of articles on downtown redevelopment, expansion and its impact on Southeast Raleigh, a predominately African-American community undergoing financial, political and social changes in the name of progress and growth).

BY CASH MICHAELS

Contributing Writer  
His frail legs could carry him but so far...and but so fast. But the elderly gentleman that came into Community Drug Store last Saturday

morning, did so with all of the urgency that his time-ridden body could muster. Seeing the familiar figure, William Wimberley, the proprietor and pharmacist there, interrupted an important conversation and, as he has done so many times before for over 25 years, kindly asked the man how he could help.

"I've got to see the doctor on Monday..." said the man, "...but I've done run out of my medicine." He held up an empty pill container. Wimberley took the container and

carefully read the label. "I can't fill this for you today because the lab that makes these is closed on Saturdays." The elderly man looked concerned, almost helpless now. "But..." Wimberley continued, "...I can give you enough to make it till you see the doctor on Monday. Is that alright?" The gentleman's face lit up. "That's what I want," he said softly, but happily. Wimberley beckoned for him to have a seat until he could finish. "I knew your daddy, he was a good man you know," exclaimed the man, referring to Wimberley's late father,

who was also a pharmacist. "Oh yes..." replied Wimberley, patting him on the shoulder. "I know you too."

Since 1964, William P. Wimberley has been dispensing that kind of care and attention to his customers at Community Drug Store, 600 South Blount Street, which borders both Raleigh's downtown and Southeast sections. But if the current plan of a downtown redevelopment group is approved and adopted by the Raleigh City Council, Wimberley's long and worthy service to the community,

and particularly to Southeast's predominately African-American residents, will come to an end.

The Bond Package Caucus, a group of 24 business and civic leaders hand-picked by the City Council to evaluate and determine a downtown redevelopment plan suitable to spawn a bond referendum, earlier this month told their consultants, RTKL Associates of Baltimore, not only to plan a new convention center partly below the ground west of the current Civic and Convention Center, but also to plan a performing arts center on

the block east of the Center, directly across the street from both the Center on South Wilmington Street and Shaw University on South Street. The proposed public facility would virtually take up the entire block, thus necessitating current residents and businesses to vacate. One of those businesses would be Wimberley's Community Drug Store, and the plan is scheduled to be discussed next month.

"It would completely change the character of the area," a concerned Wimberley told The

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## Rosa Parks Glows As Patron Saint Of Downtrodden

### Untiring Activist To Receive Honors Here

Carolinian Staff Reports

The "Mother of the Civil Rights Movement" was a patron saint of America's downtrodden prior to 34 years ago when she attracted international attention for sparking the Montgomery Bus Boycott. And today, Rosa Lee Parks at 77, is still devoted to human rights and exudes the same quiet strength that helped change history in 1955.

Her historical journey begins in Tuskegee, Ala., her birthplace, and continues today as she delivers an oral lesson to young people by recounting her role in the breakdown of segregation in the South.

Ms. Parks helped shape the future of African-America and the South when she gave Montgomery, Ala., a different voice and another course on Dec. 1, 1955.

Briefly, after a long day at the Montgomery Fair Department Store where she worked as an assistant tailor, Ms. Parks remained rooted to her seat when the driver of the bus she had taken home asked her to stand. The seat she was told to surrender to a white man was actually in the first row of the "colored section" of the bus. The white section was full, and, as was customary, blacks were expected

to give up their seats when white passengers boarded.

Ms. Parks was arrested for failure to comply with the city ordinance and fined \$14. When E. D. Nixon, head of the state chapter of the NAACP and her husband, Raymond Parks, came to bail her out, it was decided this incident presented the perfect catalyst to launch a boycott of the public transportation system in Montgomery.

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MS. ROSA PARKS

## Congressional Showdown

# President Vetoes Major Rights Bill

The White House in less than a surprising move this week vetoed a major bill supporting job discrimination and civil rights issues. President George Bush rejected the measure after an unsuccessful effort over the weekend to have Congress

modify the legislature to his satisfaction.

The Leadership Conference on Civil Rights charged in a statement that White House Chief of Staff John Sununu and presidential counsel Boyden Gray "insisted on provisions

that would gut the bill and actually weaken civil rights laws." The group released a copy of a Sept. 21 proposal made by Sununu and Gray that it said would allow businesses to hire on the basis of "legitimate community or customer relationship efforts."

Customer relations was the code word used by airlines to restrict flight attendant jobs to young single women, the civil rights coalition said.

"The administration's proposal could allow law firms, banks and other employers to bar blacks or Jews or Catholics from certain jobs because customers prefer not to deal with them," Arthur Fletcher, a leading black Republican whom Bush appointed to chair the Civil Rights Commission, expressed dismay that the White House was listening so closely to business interests.

"The business community, which seems to have the upper hand on this one this time, really doesn't want to be held accountable for their efforts with respect to hiring, training, development and promotion" of minorities, Fletcher said.

In rejecting the measure, the Civil Rights Act of 1990, Bush becomes only the second president since the modern civil rights era began in the 1950s to veto legislation identified as a civil rights measure. The other was Ronald Reagan.

"I deeply regret having to take this action with respect to a bill bearing such a title, especially since it contains provisions that I strongly endorse," Bush said in a statement issued by the White House.

But Bush asserted that the measure "employs a maze of highly legalistic language to introduce the destructive force of quotas into our national employment system." Proponents of the bill contend that it would not lead to quotas.

The bill seeks to expand job protections that civil rights groups believe were cut back by six recent

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## Powdered Cocaine Seized

# Man Held In Drug Trafficking

### Liquor, Marijuana Violations

According to police records, Ronald Yarborough, of 2340 Foxridge Manor Road, was arrested recently and charged with simple possession of marijuana and liquor violations.

Records show that officer J. F. Ryals arrested Yarborough in the 900 block of North Blount St. and took from him one marijuana cigarette valued at \$5 and a 50 ml. bottle of Chivas Regal Whiskey, valued at \$3.

In a related charge Alton Jones of 558 E. Martin St. was charged recently with possession of cocaine, drug paraphanelia, damage to real and personal property and resisting arrest.

The incident occurred in the 400 block of E. Davis St. According to police records, Officer W. T. McKoy found one quarter bag of cocaine in powder form, valued at \$25 and one hyperdermic needle, valued at 25 cents.

In another incident William Thomas Wright of 411 Frank St. was arrested and charged with common law robbery after strong-arming William Scott Sexton at 1827 Capital Blvd. Sexton received some cuts and abrasions, but was not taken to the hospital. According to police records, Officer R. J. Daigle recovered from Wright one Harley Davidson leather wallet with ID and \$80 in cash along with one bag of Kentucky Fried Chicken.

Police officials say they are in constant search of drug violators and that the war on drugs continues from simple possession to major trafficking.



CITY PLANS—William Wimberley, druggist and owner of Community Drug Store on Blount and Lenoir Sts. says a current plan of a downtown development group threatens businesses and the community. Wimberley is seen here



with Ernestine Lassiter, assistant pharmacist and employee of 23 years. The drug store has served the community for the past 25 years. See story on this page. (Photo by James Giles, Sr.)

## Shaw, St. Augustine's Hold Key Access To Knowledge, Future Jobs

BY DR. ALBERT E. JABS  
Contributing Writer

According to his new book, "powershift" Alvin Toffler says that power will go to those with knowledge. Mide-muscle will spell the difference. Education is a key to

this success. African-Americans, according to Benedict College President, Marshall Grigsby, will have a greater role in business, society, and government if they make the most of the educational opportunities at places like Benedict, Shaw and St. Augustine's.

Those who study population patterns—demographers—tell us that the majority of those entering the workforce in the 1990s and beyond will be African-Americans, Hispanics, and women. This diversity means that the rules will be made by those who have the tools and education is the way to go.

Corporate and financial

In other words, the historically black college or university has a unique role in educating millions of Americans who read at or below the 9th grade level (65 million) or who are functionally illiterate (23 million). Businesses cannot go on as usual with these problems.

A recent Carnegie study showed that many African-American students have a better chance of succeeding, increasing their skills and strengthening their identity at historically black institutions.

In many ways, America is driven by the dollar. Access to this dollar comes through education. The market is out there and African-

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communities should support plans like Shaw and Saint Augustine's because America's motional role will be determined by the efficiency and effectiveness of its labor force and they will be coming from Shaw and St. Augustine's.

American students must seize the time and opportunity to make the most of the moment.

America must strive to keep itself healthy and productive; all of its citizens must develop the necessary

(See WORK Force, P. 2)

## Gantt Gaining Support From NCAE, Farmers

Locked in a tight race with Republican Sen. Jesse A. Helms, Democratic Senate nominee Harvey B. Gantt is reaping more campaign contributions as he gathers solid support from across the state from farmers to educators to environmentalists.

Greenvote, a new PAC of environmentalists including Founder John O'Connor, executive director of the National Toxics Campaign, and Robert Redford, actor, environmentalist and producer, will release a report comparing the environmental records of the U. S. Senate candidates running in the 1990



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race. The report will be released Oct. 26 at 10 a.m. in Charlotte at the Plaza on 4th Street and at 2 p.m. in Raleigh at Pullen Park.

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WHAT THE DOCTOR ORDERED—Dr. Sylvette R. Cloud, a practicing dentist in Raleigh was the lucky winner of a lobster dinner for two during a voter registration campaign sponsored by WAUG Radio/Saint Augustine's College. Cloud is an alumnus of the college. He is seen in photo with

Tabitha Bridges, Anthony Barnes, Esther Jones, Liteta Bridges, Pearl Ninton, Sharon Latimore, (seated) Dr. Cloud and daughter Nina Cloud. Administrative Assistant Edna Rich.