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Guilford redistricting faces suit

■ Southern Coalition for Social Justice will act since General Assembly won't, its director says.

By JOE KILLIAN
 Staff Writer

GREENSBORO — The Southern Coalition for Social Justice will file a law-

suit this week against the N.C. General Assembly to amend a redistricting law that leaves nearly 43,000 Guilford County voters without representation on the county Board of Commissioners.

Anita Earls, the coalition's executive director, said Tuesday that her group will bring suit on behalf of a number of

Guilford County voters, as well as the Greensboro and state branches of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

She wouldn't name the people or groups bringing the suit.

"We hoped that sanity would prevail," she said. "But it's become clear to us that in the face of

the General Assembly's refusal to act, litigation is necessary."

At issue: redistricting legislation enacted by the General Assembly last year. A new map created a District 6 in which no sitting commissioner lives. The legislation stipulates that no commissioner could be elected from that district until 2014.

That means nearly 43,000 registered voters would have no district representative. The legislation also does not allow for an at-large commissioner to be elected by the entire county until 2014.

"When you have a district with no representative and other districts with more than one representative, it's a violation of the

'one person, one vote' principle," Earls said.

Sen. Phil Berger, an Eden Republican and leader of the state Senate, said the Senate won't move to change the map unless there's a legal problem. That would require a lawsuit.

"That was when we re-

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McCrory kicks off campaign

■ The Republican picks Greensboro to begin his second race for governor.

By MARK BINKER
 Staff Writer

GREENSBORO — The Who's "Won't Get Fooled Again" blared as Pat McCrory made a rock starlike entrance to the Oriental Shrine Club on Tuesday and provided the theme for his campaign kickoff speech.

McCrory jabbed the air to punctuate the song's refrain — "I'll get on my knees and pray. We don't get fooled again" — just before making official his second run for governor as a Republican.

"We came to this place because this is where I received my values growing up," McCrory said, starting a speech that veered between nostalgia for his childhood in Jamestown and warnings about Democratic "bosses" whom he blamed for

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Pat McCrory, with his wife, Ann Gordon McCrory, laughs as the crowd cheers at the kickoff to his gubernatorial campaign Tuesday in Greensboro.

Dorothy Brown, 'the Hill' defender, dies of leukemia

■ "Her footprints are all over this city."

By NANCY McLAUGHLIN
 Staff Writer

GREENSBORO — When Dorothy McGibboney Brown returned to Greensboro in 1978 to help take care of her ailing mother, she got a shock on the way from the airport.

A drug dealer approached her car as she traveled down McConnell Road and through the area known as "the Hill."

"I told my driver that if I lived here long enough, I would get rid of that guy," Brown recalled during a

News & Record interview last year.

Brown, 81, died Tuesday after a battle

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Brown

LINDLEY PARK STANDOFF ENDS WITH ARREST OF HOMEOWNER



JERRY WOLFORD/News & Record

Cpl. T. Fulk, a Greensboro police detective, looks over the two police robots that were used during a standoff Tuesday on Westdale Place. One of the robots was knocked on its side. Pockmarks — apparently from gunshots — mark the brick wall, and windows are broken out.

Standoff concludes peacefully



NELSON KEPLEY/News & Record

Members of the High Point Police Department's Special Response Team arrive to assist Greensboro police officers in the 15-hour standoff.

■ Police arrest Jimmy Albert Burleson, 41, who was taken to Moses Cone Hospital for an evaluation.

By DIONI L. WISE
 Staff Writer

GREENSBORO — High Point police ultimately arrested a man Tuesday who shot at a Greensboro police officer more than 15 hours earlier.

The day that began with a 911 call about a disturbed individual ended peacefully.

About 7:40 p.m., the naked man walked onto the porch at his home at 421

Westdale Place, where he had barricaded himself, and sat in his rocking chair.

A police dog grabbed the man, who was able to escape and run back into his home. The High Point Special Response Team ran inside and tackled the man, who resisted arrest, said Greensboro Police Chief Ken Miller.

Police charged Jimmy

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Rezoning sought for St. James property

■ Some apartments may become a gated community and Goodwill may expand.

By AMANDA LEHMERT
 Staff Writer

GREENSBORO — A portion of St. James Homes affordable apartments may soon be transformed into a gated apartment community.

Melvin "Skip" Alston,

whose Alston Realty Group will develop and manage the complex for the nonprofit St. James Homes, said the \$3 million renovation will be paid for with private bank loans and proceeds of a planned sale of part of the property.

After the renovation, the apartments will be rented at regular rates, Alston said. The apartments are currently federally subsidized affordable rentals and are leased to low and moderate income families.

Another part of the complex — which has buildings on both sides of South Eugene Street — may be leveled to make way for the future expansion of Goodwill Industries of Central North Carolina, pending a rezoning and sale of that property.

Both sites will be up for rezoning at the Feb. 13 zoning commission meeting.

The 40-year-old St. James Homes complex has seen better days. The one-, two- and

three-bedroom apartments don't have central air. Some appear to be boarded up and vacant.

Carolyn Tarpley, president of the St. James Homes board of directors, said the nonprofit recently paid off the mortgage on the buildings, allowing it to renovate the property.

"Now that it's ours, we want it to represent us and also be part of the Greensboro land-

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COMING THURSDAY

Chris Roulhac, a DJ at Guilford College's radio station WQFS, is all about drawing attention to N.C. musicians. **Go Triad**

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scape,” she said.

If the city agrees to rezone the part of the complex on the east side of Eugene, Goodwill Industries has agreed to pay \$700,000 to buy the property, said Rick Gorham, president and CEO of Goodwill Industries of Central North Carolina.

Gorham said the non-profit will demolish the apartments. Initially, the land will be used for extra parking, since it is next to Goodwill Industries’ existing building

on Eugene Street.

In the future, it could be home to a classroom building, he said.

Across the road at 1230 S. Eugene St., the buildings will be gutted and expanded, Alston said.

Builders will add a third floor to the existing buildings, new central air conditioning and private patios

and balconies.

The apartments will be as energy-efficient as possible, said project architect Major Sanders.

The zoning request will limit the number of units that can be developed to 84 apartments.

The new apartments will be named Asberry Court Apartments, after Asberry

Brown, the long-time janitor and tenant of St. James Homes, Tarpley said.

Residents have been notified and will be able to transfer to other affordable rentals, Alston said.

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