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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
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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



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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.

Officers tackle man in house



NELSON KEPLEY/News & Record

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

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

By DIONI L. WISE
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GREENSBORO — Lindley Park should be back to normal today.

As normal as a neighborhood can be after a 15-hour police standoff Tuesday that startled residents with random gunfire about 5 a.m.

"Pow. Pow. Pow. Pow," said Debbie Whitman, imitating the sound.

All day, she stayed in-

side her home a short walk away from the Westdale Place home where the suspected shooter barricaded himself. At one point, Whitman snapped photos of a sniper setting up on her porch.

About 7:30 p.m., a Greensboro police officer told her to go inside, turn off the lights and close the blinds, Whitman said. Officers were close to arrest-

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Rezoning sought for St. James property

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

By AMANDA LEHMERT
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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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