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## City Tells Reynolds Park

# Repair Money Unavailable

By Yvette McCullough  
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City recreation director Nick Jamison has told a group of Morningside residents that the recreation budget will not allow for renovations which the group has requested at the Reynolds Park Recreation Center. The Reynolds Park Executive Council has sent Jamison letters in April and again in October requesting repairs and new construction to keep the center from becoming "run down."

Nick Jamison told the Chronicle none of the items requested by the council were approved for funding in the present 1978-79 City budget. He said no money is available for the changes. John Elder, president of the Reynolds Park Executive Council told the Chronicle the council sent the letter to Jamison because they felt they were being overlooked.

"People from the city came over and

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# Insurance Ignorance Costs \$\$

By Yvette McCullough  
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A rising college senior was approached by an insurance firm to take out a \$15,000 life insurance policy. The agent told the student that during his senior year, payments could be deferred until he graduates, and he would still be insured. His first payment of his premium would not fall due until after he graduates.

However, the student did not realize that by deferring his first year of premiums he was actually

taking out a loan which would be due if he cancels his policy.

A woman with two children took out a hospitalization insurance policy, which came in the Sunday supplement. Her premiums were eight dollars a month for a policy that would pay \$30 a day if she is hospitalized. The average cost of a room per day at a hospital is about \$100.

These two people are guilty of not knowing enough about insurance to buy the right kind of insurance. Buying too

much insurance, not enough insurance, or not knowing the right type of insurance are not unique situations. It is happening to people of all ages, races and economic backgrounds.

In order to inform people about the pitfalls of insurance, an Insurance Task Force has been organized by Frank McKisick of the Winston-Salem Urban League. The task force is made up of persons who are knowledgeable in the insurance field and it designed to educate people about the pro-

blems people encounter when buying insurance.

"I am concerned with very low income people who are carrying large amounts of insurance and think they are making an investment," said Mrs. Theresa Duren of the Experiment-in-Self Reliance budget and consumer awareness service. "The poor person does not understand insurance contracts, and insurance agents or salesmen take advantage of them."

Duren said that most of her clients are low income, and they have been

taught to carry large amounts of insurance. She said that some of her clients will go without necessities to buy and have insurance, especially the elderly.

"The elderly have burial insurance policies that more than likely won't pay for their funeral expenses," Duren said.

A congressional study has concluded that nationally the elderly are paying \$1 billion a year in insurance policies that do not meet their needs.

Paul Sinal, an attorney at

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# RHC Status Affirmed

## State Could Upset Plan

By John W. Templeton  
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A year and a half long fight to preserve the status of the Reynolds Health Center as a separate county department resulted in a victory Monday night as the Board of County Commissioners gave the county manager a strong mandate to keep the center and the public Health Department separate.

"We did it," said C.P. Booker, chairman of the Reynolds Health Center Advisory Committee, as he mingled among happy health center supporters following the commissioner's public hearing on health reorganization.

In an informal action, four of the five commissioners told County Manager H.L. "Pete" Jenkins they supported the organization plan developed by senior assistant Ed Jones which could clarify responsibility among the two departments and give Jones the authority to mediate disputes between the departments.

"I'm so glad it's over with," said RHC administrator Dennis Magovern outside the commissioner's meeting room. However, Magovern's delight could become premature.

Opposition from the county Board of health and possible from the state still loomed as a serious threat to the organization proposal. Dr. Russell L. Smith, chairman of the board, asked commissioners chairman Fred Hauser to postpone the hearing, which was called at the request of the health board.

In a letter dated Monday, Smith said the board had not yet gotten an opinion requested from the state attorney general's office on the Jones plans. Hauser declined to postpone the meeting because it had been publically announced. Smith and the other members of the Board of Health did not attend the meeting.

Hauser also received a letter from Dr. Ronald Levine, acting director of the Division of Health Services of the N.C. Department of Human Resources. Levine said the plan could usurp some of the statutory authority given the Board of Health. If so, the plan would result in loss of state funds for health, Levine warned. The health official has also asked the attorney general's office to



Booker

...a victory



Smith

...Didn't show

give an opinion. The commissioners, at times clearly irritated by the state intervention and by the tactics of the health board, decided to make their decision after county attorney F. Eugene Price pointed out that the plan states that the powers and functions of the Board of Health would not be changed.

Hauser interrupted one speaker to say, "It looks like more and more, we're losing control of the services. It's getting so that all the commissioners have to do is to appropriate money."

When time came for the commissioner's recommendations, Commissioner Mazie S. Woodruff said, "I was ready two years ago." Commissioner Roy G. Hall, said he was ready back on Nov. 16 when the board held a briefing to decide on the plan and the Board of Health requested the public hearing. Hall's sentiments were shared by Hauser.

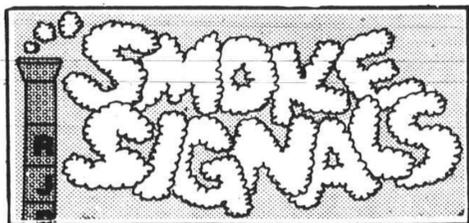
The surprise fourth recommendation in favor of the plan came from Dr. James Ziglar, the commissioner who is also a member of the Board of Health.

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## Leading the Pack

Safetyman Harold Timmons rambles for 38 years with an intercepted pass which set up the final touchdown of the Rams 17-0 victory over California Poly - San Luis

Obispo in the quarterfinal round of the NCAA Division II playoffs. Timmons and teammates face Delaware in the semi-final round this weekend. See Sports, page 9.



It seems like as I get older and older, the holiday spirit takes longer and longer to hit me. The glamour and excitement of Christmas has worn off and the most enjoyment I receive now is the excitement generated by my two young nieces.

When I took them to see Santa Claus last week, something was missing. The jolly ole fellow in the red suit just didn't turn me on like he used to. I then realized that it wasn't him so much as it was me.

It used to be a time when Christmas came in December, now it seems like people and the stores have started celebrating Christmas right after Halloween. All of the holidays have become so commercialized that the real meaning of Christmas has been lost.

Before Thanksgiving can arrive, Christmas cards, trees and decorations are already out in the stores. There was once a time when the Christmas Parade was nearer to Christmas. Now it is held on Thanksgiving Day. You really don't have time to enjoy one holiday before another one is rushed in upon you.

However, not only are the holidays very confusing, so are the seasons, if we go by the stores. If we went only by the stores we would be wearing swimwear in February and leather coats in August.

You can no longer buy what you want when you need it. You have to buy in anticipation of what you might need. If you need a coat in January you should have bought it in July. If you want something to wear to the beach in August you should have prepared for it in November.

As long as we let stores dictate our seasons and our holidays we will always be in this chaos. You may like celebrating Christmas on Thanksgiving or buying spring clothes when there is snow on the ground. I don't, I like to have my Thanksgiving in November and buy clothes when I need them.

So when December 25th rolls around, I'll be celebrating the Lord's Birthday and the true meaning of Christmas. Knowing the stores, they'll be having a New Year's Day sale, or maybe even an Easter sale. I wouldn't put it past them. -Yvette McCullough

## all for you

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- City police are looking into a local man's complaint that officers threatened him with guns during a traffic arrest, page 3.
- ERA is for everybody and so is "Getting Along," see Viewpoints, page 4.
- CETA programs are being focused on the hard-core jobless, says the director of the local program in Q&A, page 5.
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Jerry Drayton

"..law has no teeth."

# Human Relations Lobbies For Enforcement Powers

By Sharyn Bratcher  
Staff Writer

The North Carolina Human Relations Council will hold a statewide meeting in High Point to lobby for enforcement powers for the organization.

"The law passed in 1977 has no teeth," commented Dr. Jerry Drayton, chairman of the State Human Relations Council.

Drayton said that he expects three to four hundred persons to attend the Dec. 9th meeting, including the Human Relations staff, committees, and concerned businessmen.

"They've given us the

responsibility of negotiating with businesses," said Drayton, "but if we run across a businessman who tells us to go to hell, there's nothing we can do."

The businesses are in favor of giving the council enforcement powers, he noted, because the state group could resolve cases more quickly than the EEOC.

"The federal law has teeth but the EEOC office in Charlotte has a tremendous backlog, and it's costing businessmen a lot of money because they have to pay a lawyer for as long as the

case continues. They're (businesses) tired of that."

"The North Carolina Human Relations Council also passed a resolution urging the North Carolina General Assembly to ratify the Equal Rights Amendment, stating that the purpose of the Council is to promote equality of opportunity for all citizens and noting that the equal rights amendment "proposes fair and just treatment of all individuals."

The resolution was one of three issued by Human Rights Council chairperson Dr. Jerry Drayton, from its November 17th meeting.

The Council also asked that the sentences of "The

Charlotte Three" be commuted to time served. A special note added to the resolution pointed out that the Human Relations Council was aware that similar action has been called for by the state NAACP, the Charlotte City Council, and other organizations.

The Charlotte Three, Dr. James E. Grant Jr., R.J. Reddy, and Charles Parker, are serving long prison terms for the burning of a stable near Charlotte.

The third resolution called for fair employment legislation. This proposal will be discussed at the December 9th meeting in High Point.