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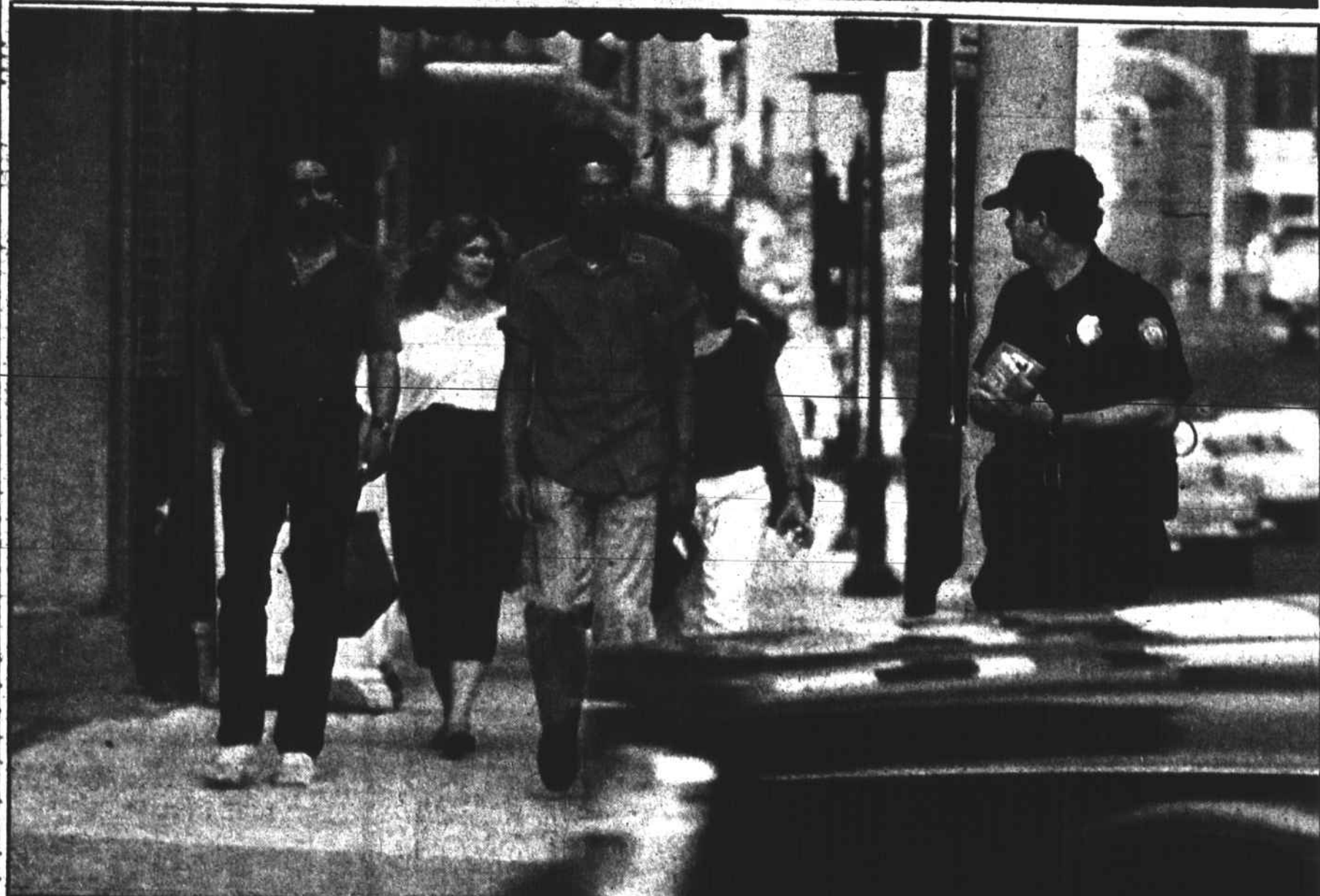
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A NEW ISSUE AFOOT



Given the success of police foot patrols downtown, Winston-Salem should expand the concept to selected neighborhoods, contends Southeast Ward Alderman Larry Womble in a guest column on page A5 (photo by James Parker).

"I want the community to know that something terrible is happening in this case."

-- James R. Ford Jr.

Ford: He knows names of Wilson's 3 murderers

By ALLEN H. JOHNSON
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THE MAN WHO testified last week that neither Sammy Mitchell, Darryl Hunt nor Merritt Drayton committed a 1983 murder said Tuesday that he knows the names of the true assailants and is ready to reveal them.

"They are known in the community for jumping on elderly women and taking their pocketbooks," said James Robert Ford Jr. of the three men whom he said attacked and killed 57-year-old Arthur Wilson in 1983.

Ford also said during telephone interviews Monday and Tuesday that he gave Winston-Salem police the men's names in 1983, but the police took no action.

Ford would not reveal the names for publication but said he will mention them when he next testifies.

Glad he came forward

As for his testimony in Mitchell's trial

last week, Ford said he is happy that he came forward.

"I wasn't scared," said Ford, a 33-year-old Winston-Salem native who has six months to serve in a South Carolina prison on a parole violation. "I wasn't used to being in this type of situation, but it was a matter of life and death. I had to tell the truth. It was a lot of pressure, but I felt I had to do this."

Ford took the stand during the trial of Mitchell, who is accused of helping to beat Wilson to death and rob him outside a Claremont Avenue liquor house. His 11th-hour testimony occurred after he was brought from Goodman Correctional Institution in Columbia to Winston-Salem.

Hunt, Mitchell and Drayton are innocent, he told the court; he saw three teenagers bludgeon Wilson to death with a rock. Two days later, a jury of nine whites and three blacks could not reach a verdict after 13 hours of deliberation, and a mistrial was declared.

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Marjorie Gregory

A costly and painful battle

By CHERYL WILLIAMS
Chronicle Staff Writer

MARJORIE L. GREGORY HAS an MBA degree and managerial experience in both the public and private sectors. She also has no job.

After her position with the United Way of Forsyth County was phased out in 1984, Mrs. Gregory filed a lawsuit charging race and age discrimination. She hasn't been employed since.

Mrs. Gregory had sought \$1 million in punitive damages, reinstatement with back pay and compensatory damages. But the court ruled against her, ending

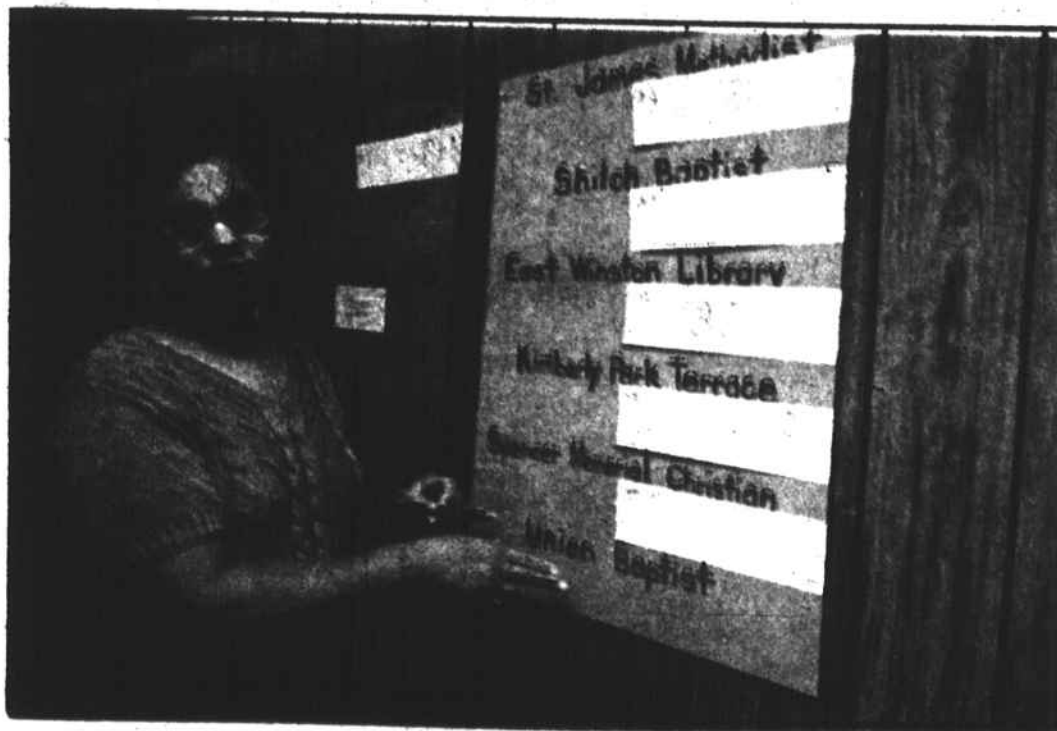
what she terms a painful and expensive two years. Her battle with the United Way has cost her more than \$100,000 in lost wages and legal fees, she says. And she says the court's ruling was unfair and disheartening.

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A look between the lines was unfair and disheartening.

"I wasn't satisfied with the outcome of the trial," Mrs. Gregory said. "I don't think justice was done. I didn't appeal. I should have."

She partly blames a lack of Please see page A2



Still Looking

Mrs. Gregory, the former United Way of Forsyth County's associate executive director, volunteering at NAACP headquarters: She was "hired to be fired" by the agency, she says, and she wants others to know her story (photo by James Parker).

Mixed reviews on plan from black officeholders

By JOHN HINTON
Chronicle Staff Writer

This article is the first in a series on Forsyth County's Comprehensive Plan and its implications in the black community. Next week: A look at the thoroughfare plan.

Forsyth County's Comprehensive Plan neglects the development of light industry and housing in the black community, several black leaders said Monday.

"I don't see a lot in this plan that has taken into account the past neglect of the black community," said East Ward Alderman Virginia K. Newell. "East Winston has not gotten much out of this plan."

The plan represents a blueprint for the county in the year 2005. It makes recommendations in 13 categories.

The plan is only a draft that every government in the county would have to adopt before it is implemented, officials say.

Meanwhile, public meetings are being held to address concerns and questions about the plan.

Mrs. Newell believes the plan should address land use in the black community in more detail.

"There is no adequate land-use plan for the black community," Mrs. Newell said. "A land-use plan is needed so black entrepreneurs can jump in and be successful."

Planners expect the development of at least 1,200 acres of industrial land, 1.6 million square feet of retail space and 1.2 million square feet of office space in Forsyth County by 2005.

They recommend more office development in underserved areas such as East Winston, but there is no recommendation for Please see page A16

THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN



Marie Roseboro studies map as planner Ann Massey explains (photo by James Parker).

PUBLIC MEETINGS

SEPT. 29 EAST WINSTON Library 4-8 p.m.
OCT. 1 KERNERSVILLE Library 4-8 p.m.
OCT. 3 THRUWAY Shopping Center 4-8 p.m.
OCT. 5 WSSU Student Union 4-8 p.m.

Man gets 12 months; other trial still pending

By JOHN HINTON
Chronicle Staff Writer

A Winston-Salem man was sentenced to 12 months in prison Monday after he pleaded guilty to assault with a deadly weapon by a motor vehicle in District Court.

Cecil Wayne Bost, 31, who is white and reportedly a member of the American Nazi Party, was accused in 1984 of striking the car of Derek Fields, a black Winston-Salem man. Fields could not be reached for comment.

Bost also is charged with assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill in an incident

involving Donny Ray Murray of Walkertown.

Bost is accused of striking Murray with his car after he had chased the 27-year-old black motorcyclist onto the campus of Winston-Salem State University. Murray's case is pending in District Court.

Assistant District Attorney Walter C. Holten said Bost's sentence in the Fields case was appropriate. "I don't think his sentence was too lenient," he said.

The incident between Bost and Murray occurred about 8:45 a.m. Please see page A14

Womble criticizes format of public meeting in ward

By JOHN HINTON
Chronicle Staff Writer

The format of a public meeting on the county's Comprehensive Plan fueled an argument Monday night between an alderman and a city/county planner.

Southeast Ward Alderman Larry W. Womble said he expected the planners to have a group meeting about the plan. "I didn't expect residents to look at information at different stations," he said to A.M. "Toni" Tupponce, a senior planner.

Womble made his comments at Emmanuel Baptist Church on Shalimar Drive as about 20 people looked at maps and a slide show on the plan.

Womble said the plan should have been presented to the residents in a group meeting so the planners could explain different aspects of it to everyone at one time.

"We as a group could have

made a better decision based on what we heard at the same time," Womble said.

Ms. Tupponce said the meeting was a community drop-in where planners could field questions from individual residents about the plan. "We have gotten good response in the past with this concept," she said to Womble.

Community drop-in meetings have been held previously at Winston-Salem State University and the Winston Lake YMCA to discuss the plan, Ms. Tupponce said.

"It is the same format we have used everywhere else," she said.

Ms. Tupponce said she sent a letter to Womble notifying him of the meeting. Womble said he received Tupponce's letter and sent copies of it to many of his constituents.

Other residents were concerned about the proposed 311 Connector that would cross the Salem Please see page A16