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Phillips reported to be in the running

## Two Afro-American women among school board semifinalists

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At least two Afro-American women are among 14 semifinalists recommended for the superintendent position of the Winston-Salem Forsyth County schools, said school board member Thomas C. Voss.

Voss, chair of the superintendent search committee of the city-county schools' Board of Education, and fellow committee members chose the recommended semifinalists from 42 applicants for the position vacated by Zane E. Eargle in June. Eargle resigned to accept the position of president at Pfeiffer College in Misenheimer.

"We have more than one black female among the recommended semifinalists," Voss said Wednesday. "The resumes I have don't show any black

males, although there may be. None were listed (as such) on the application forms."

Voss said he had seen all 14 semifinalists' resumes. He declined to release the names of the Afro-American women, but sources close to the Board of Education identified the women as Assistant Superintendent Dr. Barbara K. Phillips and Dr. Gerry House, superintendent of the Chapel Hill/Carrboro City Schools.

Phillips declined to comment, but House said Doug Pungler, the local school's attorney helping the search committee, invited her to apply for the position.

"I'm not actively seeking a change," said House, who has been superintendent in the Chapel Hill/Carrboro system for four years. "Winston-Salem is attractive and has a larger school system."

House declined to speculate about whether she would accept the posi-

tion, if offered, and move to Winston-Salem.

House's husband, Lee, is a full-time graduate student at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, she said adding that he is presently working on his dissertation. She also has two children in the Chapel Hill/Carrboro City Schools.

The full board will vote on the committee's recommendation Jan. 23. Voss declined to name the semifinalists for fear of breach of confidentiality, but school officials have said the semifinalists come from North Carolina and other states.

Voss said the pool of semifinalists is a qualified group.

The board will choose three to five finalists Feb. 6 and will release those names to the public. Members of the public will be able to meet the finalists around Feb. 10, and the board will choose a superintendent shortly after that.

## Consultant: City should nix parkway

By TONYA V. SMITH  
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A Raleigh highway consultant has recommended that the city nix building a parkway through East Winston and, in its stead, extend 14th Street and build another leg of the Northern Beltway to carry traffic around, rather than through, East Winston.

J. Steven Mifflin, an assistant regional manager of Kimley-Horn and Associates Inc., told about 16 East Winston residents his findings during a community meeting at Dellabrook Presbyterian Church Tuesday night.

"Improving 14th Street and extending it improves accessibility and opens a wide area for development," said Mifflin. "We can make local improvements and build the Northern Beltway to serve through traffic."

East Winston residents at the meeting said they were definitely in favor of extending 14th Street, but they didn't see how either of Mifflin's suggestions would make their community a part of the city.

After about 20 years of con-

sidering the East Winston Parkway, city aldermen said last year that it would provide land for commercial and industrial development in the area south of Smith Reynolds Airport, thereby spawning desperately needed economic growth in East Winston. The parkway was envisioned as a short-cut between U.S. 52 and Interstate 40. The city hired Kimley-Horn and Associates to study the parkway last year.

A parkway would not be feasible for East Winston because those using it would not stop in the community, said Mifflin. In contrast, building the beltway would keep that traffic out of East Winston, he said.

"The purpose of the Northern Beltway for the residents of East Winston is that it avoids taking that 20,000 or 30,000 vehicles a day and dragging them through your community when they aren't going to stop," Mifflin told community residents.

The eastern leg of the beltway would carry about 25,000 vehicles

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Delores Smith

Photo by Charmaine Delaverson

## New Urban League president looks forward to adventure

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The new Winston-Salem Urban League president came to the city not just for the job but for the adventure.

Freely admitting her "adventurous" nature, Delores Smith said she found the position too good an opportunity to turn down.

"When you are in a position of social services and you believe in bringing about changes, you sometimes have to think in terms of career moves," said Smith, who assumed the presidency of the local league Jan. 3. "I wanted an opportunity for professional growth. The opportunity offered itself in Winston-Salem. I'm motivated by challenges and I think this will be challenging enough to motivate

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## City supports E. Winston Shopping Center

By TONYA V. SMITH  
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The city Board of Aldermen will vote Tuesday on whether to convey 11 acres of land for a shopping center to the East Winston Community Development Corporation. But that conveyance of land will not be a giveaway but a loan, said James R. Grace Jr., interim director of the CDC.

Using what he called a conveyance for consideration, city development director J. Allen Joines proposed Tuesday night that the aldermen agree to the "transfer/sell" of the land, off New Walkertown Road between Gerald

Street and Dellabrook Road, to a second mortgage loan to the project's developer, and to extend the street in front of the shopping center.

If approved, the city would convey the land to the East Winston CDC, which would give the

"It's very encouraging in that we could come to the city with not necessarily a giveaway, but a legitimate business deal."

-- James Grace

land to New Walkertown Associates, the ownership corporation for the center, in exchange for 20 percent of the company's stock.

The city would receive 10 per-

cent of the CDC's profits from the shopping center, about \$200,000 over the next 10 years, as payment for the land, said Joines. The city would put their share in a coffer and devote it to future development projects in East Winston.

The proposal also includes the

city approving a \$350,000 loan to developer Herman Turner in the form of a second mortgage for the \$4 million project.

"I'll have to get back to the

board with a survey of the land giving a final description of the property," Joines said. "In terms of the loan, we'll be wanting to see a first loan commitment and see what leasing arrangements the developer can tie down."

The city also plans to pay for extending 14th Street, from Addison Avenue past the shopping center to New Walkertown Road, making it three lanes for the entire length except for the portion in front of the New Walkertown Market which will be four lanes.

Under Joines' original proposal the city would pay for adding a

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## Aldermen appoint 16 to Drug Task Force

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Sixteen local residents will have the task of sizing up the city's drug problems and working with the police department in developing solutions to alleviate them.

The residents were appointed Monday by the Public Safety Committee of the City Board of Aldermen. Nine of those appointed to the Citizens Drug Task Force are Afro-Americans. The committee also directed city staff members to solicit the help of the school system by having it recommend two students to serve on the task force.

"The committee and the Board of Aldermen suggested that the Citizens Task Force size up the drug problem in the community and work with the police department in coming up with solutions and in receiving

information from the police on how to alleviate the problem," said Al Beaty, city manager assisting the committee.

The following persons were appointed to serve on the task force: Sophia Brown, Wiseman Dobson Jr., Delores McGee, James Rollinson, Lee Faye Mack, Henry Jones Jr., Grace Johnston, Shirley Dunlap, Clarthria "Peggy" Wherry, Dr. Richard Groves, Jerry Jernigan, Wendell Brown, Sidney Welch, Bob Adams, Martha Martinat and John Geis Jr.

Because high school students face the drug problem every day of their young lives, it's important that they be included on the task force, said Alderman Lynne S. Harpe. She also suggested that the task force be given some sort of time limitation to make its recommendations.

"If you don't put a sunset on it, it keeps going on and on and perpetuates itself," Harpe said.

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### NEWS DIGEST

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#### Koontz, former head of Women's Bureau, dies



Koontz

SALISBURY, N.C. (AP) -- Elizabeth "Libby" Duncan Koontz, the former head of the women's bureau under President Nixon and a former assistant state school superintendent, died last Friday of a heart attack at her home. She was 69.

Ms. Koontz was named the vice-back president of the National Education Association in 1968. She resigned the post a year later to take the position under Nixon, whom she served until 1973.

From 1973-75, she was the coordinator for the nutrition programs in the North Carolina Department of Human Resources. In 1975, she was named the assistant state school superintendent, a post she held until she retired in 1982.

Ms. Koontz was named the United States' delegate to the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women in 1975. She also had more than two dozen honorary doctorate degrees from schools such as Duke, North Carolina, Michigan State, Northwestern and Ohio State. She began her career as a teacher of mentally handicapped students in the Salisbury schools in the mid-1940s.

Ms. Koontz is survived by one brother, John B. Duncan of Alexandria, Va. The funeral was held Monday at 2 p.m. at St. Luke's Episcopal Church in Salisbury.

#### Dunn City Council votes against street naming

DUNN, N.C. (AP) -- The Dunn City Council has voted against naming a street after slain civil rights leader Martin Luther King Jr. following a public hearing attended by about 230 people.

The council voted 4 to 2 last Thursday along racial lines with its four white members voting against the change and its two black members voting for it.

About 12 blacks spoke for the change and six whites against it at the hour-long public hearing before a standing-room only crowd in the city courtroom. *The Fayetteville Times* reported.

Opponents of the name-change requested that their street, Magnolia Avenue, not be renamed because of its historic significance.

#### Woman who staged own funeral dies of cancer



Munson

MILWAUKEE (AP) -- Carrie Munson, who staged and attended her own mock funeral 2 1/2 months ago, has died of cancer of the pancreas at the age of 62.

Munson had said she held the mock funeral to celebrate life and show that she did not fear death.

The Rev. R.L. Lathan, who delivered the eulogy at the memorial service in October, said two companies have been seeking the right to publish the biography of Munson, who had struggled to overcome heroin addiction and become a social worker. An independent filmmaker is also pursuing the rights to make a movie about her life.

"She wanted to prove to the coming generation that the evils of drugs could be defeated," Lathan said of Munson after her death Sunday. "That's what kept her so fired up to fight it. She was real determined."

#### Automaker signs agreement to promote opportunities

DETROIT (AP) -- General Motors Corp. has pledged to promote opportunities for minorities under an agreement signed between Chairman Roger B. Smith and two top NAACP officials.

"In truth, General Motors has been a pacesetter for many years in the development of minority entrepreneurship, minority dealerships, minority hiring and upward mobility," said Benjamin Hooks, executive director of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

William F. Gibson, board chairman of the NAACP, also signed the "statement of fair share principles."

Under the new accord, GM pledged to boost opportunities for minorities in its employment practices and to ensure its purchasing, banking, insurance, construction, advertising and other programs encourage participation by minority entrepreneurs and minority-owned businesses.