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Board rejects Liberty East proposal

Mayor casts deciding vote against \$50,000 city grant

By RUDY ANDERSON
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A \$50,000 grant request by Liberty East Redevelopment, Inc.(LER) to run an anti-drug program was rejected Monday night by the Winston-Salem Board of Aldermen with Mayor Martha Wood casting the deciding vote.

"They didn't have a proposal as far as I was concerned," said Mayor Wood, "There was nothing there, and it would have been irresponsible for us to have approved it."

That program had the backing of Alderman Vivian Burke, who tried

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Vivian Burke



Virginia Newell

Burke questions use of city vans

By RUDY ANDERSON
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Alderman Vivian Burke questioned the use of city-owned vehicles to transport the handicapped during a meeting of the board Monday night and wondered if that was a practice extended to other city residents.

That inquiry came after the Board of Aldermen's vote to turn down a \$50,000 grant request by Liberty East Redevelopment, Inc., for a summer and afterschool

anti-drug program.

North Ward Alderman Nelson Malloy, who is handicapped and in a wheelchair, is transported to board meetings and meetings with his constituents by a city-owned vehicle.

It was Malloy who had put the representatives of the LER proposal through the toughest questioning on certain aspects of their request.

The city manager told Burke that there

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Hampton man loses case

NORFOLK (AP) — A Hampton man who claimed he was smashed on the head by a Virginia Beach police officer during the 1989 Greekfest disturbance has lost his bid to collect damages from the city.

A U.S. District Court jury Friday rejected the \$8 million damage claim by Melvin Moore, who had contended he was handcuffed and lying on the ground when he was struck by the officer with a riot baton, opening a gash on his head that left a permanent scar.

A dejected Moore left the courtroom without comment after U.S. Magistrate Tommy E. Miller accepted the verdict.

Run schools like the Army

NEW YORK (AP) — Gen. Colin Powell wound up a triumphal return to his hometown Tuesday by telling New York's movers and shakers that schools would work better if educators taught students the way the Army trains recruits.

"I know schools can't be run like an infantry platoon, but it seems to me it was kind of like one when I went to school," Powell told about 800 political, business and labor leaders at a breakfast of the Association for a Better New York.

Black students stage sit-in

MONMOUTH, Ill. (AP) — Minority students staged a sit-in April 17 at Monmouth College, claiming racial harassment on campus and seeking more minority programs, protesters and authorities said.

About 50 protesters entered the student union building shortly after midnight "and locked all the doors with chains and pretty much shut down the building," said a protester who identified himself as Osirus Shabavv, a 20-year old sophomore at the four-year liberal arts college.

Jackson: Kurds/abusers alike

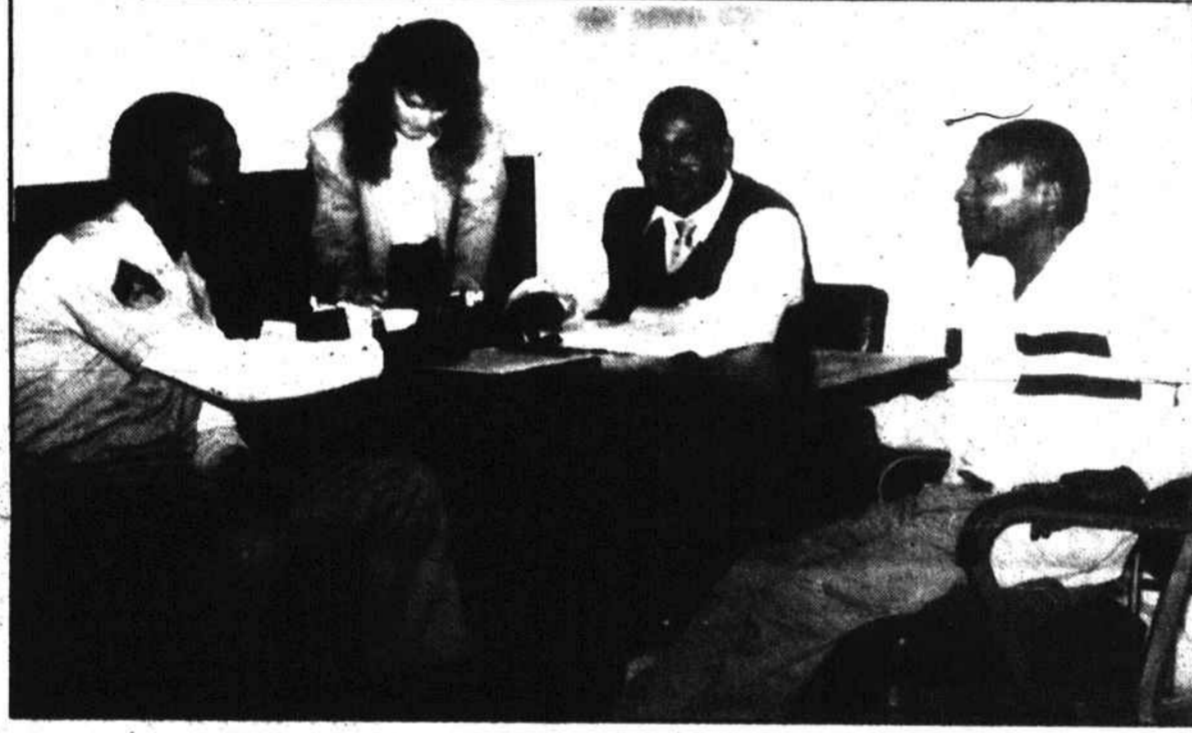
SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — The Rev. Jesse Jackson compared young drug abusers to Kurdish refugees, saying they are the consequences of the war on poverty.

"Just as the Kurdish refugees are our burden and responsibilities because they are the byproduct of an incomplete war, so are America's children," Jackson told the National School Boards Association convention on Monday.

Barry says drugs are menace

PASADENA, Calif. (AP) — Former Washington Mayor Marion Barry, proclaiming his 15th month of sobriety, said Americans need to examine their values and eschew materialism.

"It's no secret. I got caught up in the so-called fast lane," Barry said.



From left to right: Bethesda Center's Charles Ford, Anita Chaffee, and Rev. Felton McNairy counsel with former client Ron Staton.

Aldermen delay vote on homeless shelter

By PATRICIA SMITH-DEERING
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New shelter for the homeless in Winston-Salem was put on the back burner at Monday night's meeting of the Board of Aldermen. With Mayor Martha Wood casting the deciding vote, the board voted to table a decision on granting three acres of city-owned land on North Trade Street to the Salvation Army for use in its expansion of services to the homeless. Aldermen heard objections from both residents of the Kimberly Park public housing community in the area of Northwest

Boulevard near the proposed site and from some of the homeless people.

Originally, the Salvation Army had applied to the city for permission to expand the facility at their present location on South Marshall Street. When the organization was approached by developer David Shannon with an offer to build a new \$1.2 million facility in exchange for their existing site, an additional piece of property, and approximately \$600,000, the Salvation Army began looking for an appropriate site, according to North Ward

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"Schools of Choice" debate reveals contrasts

By RUDY ANDERSON
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The opportunity to give parents a choice of where they want their children to go to school for the best education possible, or forcing the current public school system to do a better job of educating, are at the heart of a debate that has been raging throughout the country.

That debate continued last week on the campus of Wake Forest University with a panel discussion on public school desegregation called "Schools of Choice." The discussion was sponsored by the university's Black Law Students' Association.

Local Legal Aid attorney Hazel Mack, and Vernon Robinson an assistant professor of economics at Winston-Salem State, argued in favor of schools of choice. Arguing against the schools of choice proposal were

Alderman Larry Womble; Carolyn Coleman, regional director of the NAACP Voter Action Project; Delray Hartsfield, a retired teacher and administrator in the Winston-Salem/Forsyth County Schools; and Dr. Joseph

"No one can tell a black boy in America how to survive better than a black man who's done it."

—Hazel Mack

Bryson, a professor from the education department at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro.

Both Robinson and Mack said giving poor parents an opportunity to send their children to the schools they

prefer empowers those parents to get the best education possible for their children instead of being forced to take what is offered them through the public schools.

Robinson is a staunch advocate of providing poor parents with vouchers to pay for their children's education at the schools they choose for them to attend either private or public. The money those vouchers represent would come from allocations made by the federal, state and county governments for the amount spent on each child's education.

In the Winston-Salem/Forsyth County School system that amount comes to approximately \$4,600 per pupil, not including such residuals as capital outlet or food service.

"I think a voucher system for low-income parents will flush out the people who want to maintain a welfare

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Community organizer lends city helping hand

By RUDY ANDERSON
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A community organizer from South Bend, Indiana, visited Winston-Salem this week to give community leaders here some tips on methods they can employ to empower their communities in determining their own futures.

Gladys Muhammad came at the request of the East Winston Community Development Council (EWCCDC) and the Winston-Salem Foundation to meet with leaders of the city's public housing projects and others and tell them what has worked in her organizing efforts for the Heritage Foundation.

"People need to be actively involved in the process," said Muhammad. Born in Mississippi and raised in

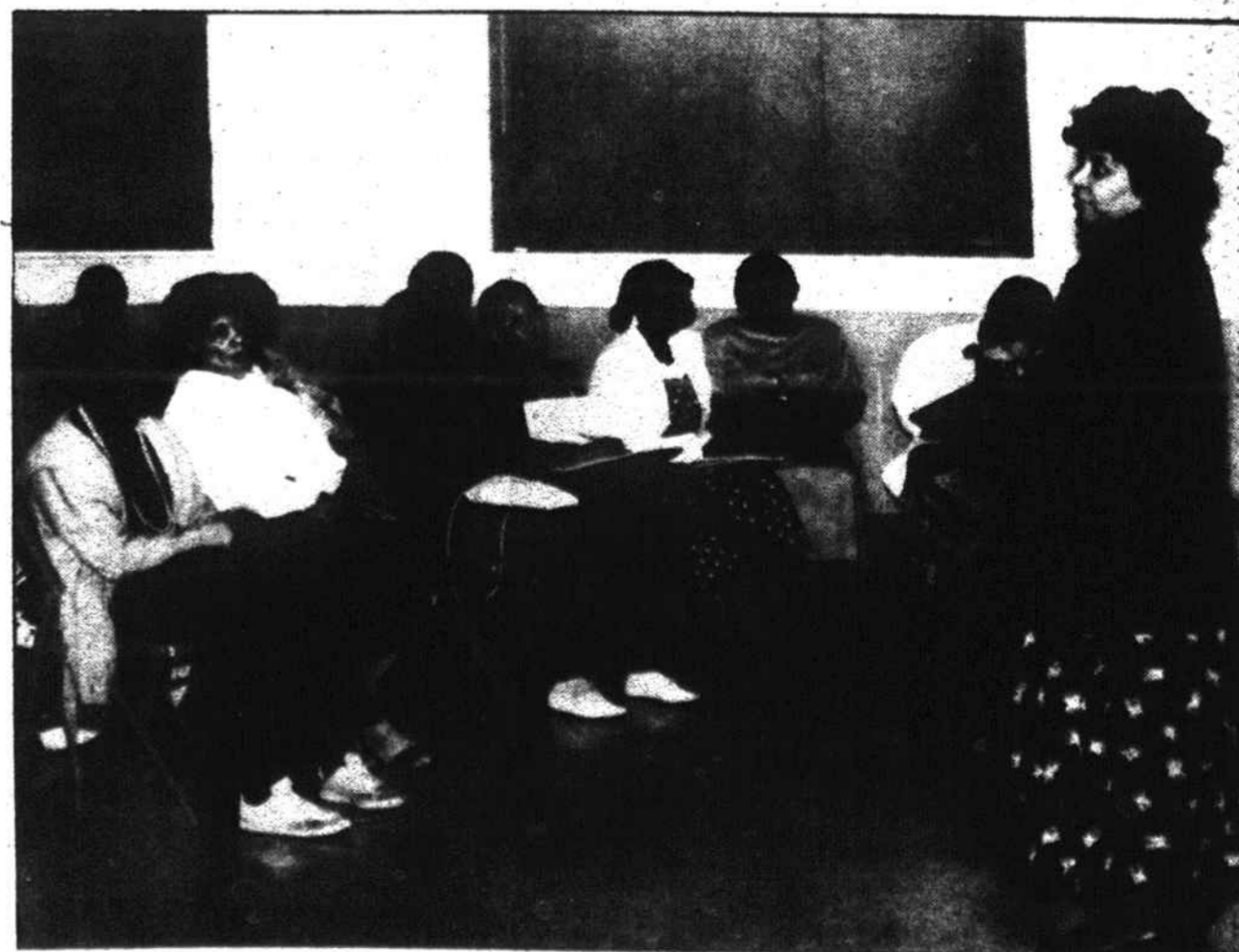
South Bend, Muhammad said she understood the need for people to express themselves and become involved in making decisions about their own lives.

Standing before a gathering of the Resident Tenants' Council Meeting Monday, Muhammad told the crowd, "I'm a black woman in the United States of America and that's what qualifies me to be an organizer and qualifies you to organize."

"I teach people how to confront their landlords, city or county governments, the Housing Authority, and others, in a professional manner to effect changes. If that doesn't work, then I teach them how to act up."

Muhammad explained that she enjoyed working with "housing authority" people because they are

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Gladys Muhammad spoke to eager listeners during a meeting of the Resident Tenants' Council this week.