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## Parties take sides in New Walkertown project

### Amidst ABC foreclosure and a new law suit

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It's official. On Tuesday, Forsyth Superior Court authorized the foreclosure sale of the ABC property at New Walkertown Road. Now the city can get on with the business at hand: selling the property to the ABC Board in order to satisfy the city's debt to Southern National Bank.

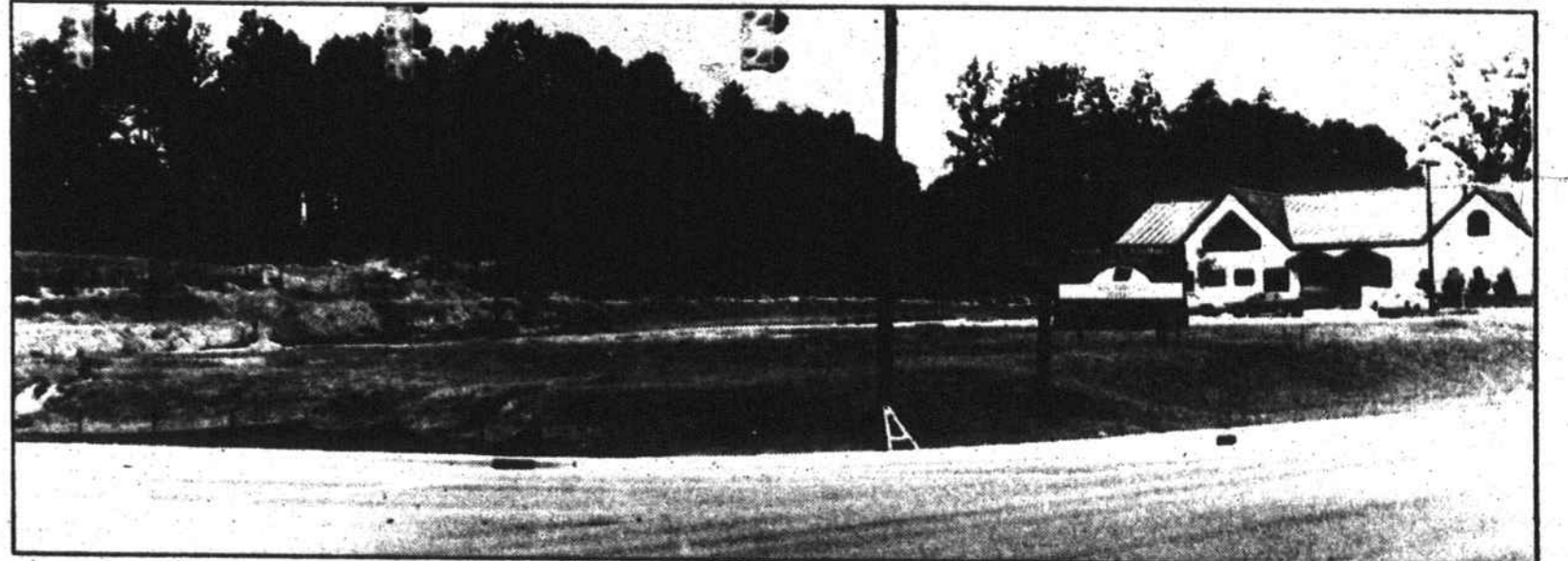
As the chips start falling around the foreclosure, each side is settling into its own corner and bracing for the impact.

**THE LOAN**

By declaring that New Walkertown Market Associates, Inc. has defaulted on the \$500,000 loan it received from Southern National Bank, the court authorized the foreclosure sale of the property that Turner Development Services was contracted to develop. Turner Development is a sole proprietorship.

On December 15, 1989, the City of Winston-Salem secured \$375,000 of the loan, which was to be used to develop the east Winston shopping center, beginning with clearing the land and building an ABC store.

Herman Turner is the president and a shareholder of New Walkertown Market Associates. Turner Development Services was hired to develop the New



Amid several clear-cut acres at the corner of 14th and New Walkertown streets, the lonely ABC store conducts business. Gone are five acres of trees belonging to St. Paul United Methodist Church.

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R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Company recently contributed \$25,000 to support the adult and student education initiatives of Best Choice Center, Inc. These initiatives include tutoring, academic evaluation, parental enrichment, academic enrichment, and G.E.D. support for adults. The Best Choice Center, Inc. focuses primarily on the "at-risk" youth between the ages of 10 and 15 years of age in drug infested neighborhoods of the city, by providing alternative programs that foster a drug-free lifestyle for the youth and their families, while targeting their social, physical, intellectual, and cultural development. The Center also provides a peer outreach and counseling services for youth and adults, as well as job training skills and development programs that will ensure their inclusion in the drug-free mainstream of community life. Pictured (left to right) are: Gail Lindsey, manager, planning and systems, R.J. Reynolds Tobacco International, and Dorothy Graham-Wheeler, executive director, Best Choice Center, Inc.

## Black educator forced out?

### Community has questions

By SHERIDAN HILL  
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"Dr. Purcell is what the black community has needed for over twenty years," argues Bessie Allen. "She made a lot of progress in just one year. But they took her out of the very department she was most qualified for."

Mrs. Allen, who taught for 37 years in the Winston-Salem/Forsyth County school system and who directed the NAACP Learning Centers for five years, speaks for many in the black community when she questions the change in job responsibilities of Dr. Carlinda Purcell.

Hired in March 1990 as Division Director for Support Services, Dr. Purcell's job description included responsibility for exceptional children, guidance, psychological and health services, dropout prevention and social work. Later in the year, Dr. Fred Adams, associate superintendent for program administration, was given responsibility for services to exceptional children.

Dr. Purcell is now responsible for programs to at-risk students including drop-outs and those with alcohol and drug problems.

Rev. John Mendez, minister at Emmanuel Baptist Church, also voiced his concerns this week. "Dr. Purcell has been forced out. The problem is the old guard, not the person in the job. They're determined they're not going to have a qualified African-American in that position. They're committed to keeping the school system as reactionary and backward as they can."

Mrs. Linda Helsabeck, vice president of PAGE (Parents of Academically Gifted and Exceptional children), expressed her concerns about Dr. Purcell in an August 14 letter to Dr. Larry Coble, superintendent of the city/county school system.

As of September 3, Dr. Coble's office had not responded to Mrs. Helsabeck's letter, which stated: "Dr. Purcell has been one of the most accessible and communicative members of your staff. I

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## City gets \$30,000 grant

### Black history to be studied

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The City of Winston-Salem has received a \$30,000 gift to promote the preservation of the city's African-American historic resources.

The project, which will be set up into different phases, was at first intended for the study of the Liberty Street-Patterson Avenue area. But, Leanne Pegram, project planner for Historic Preservation, says that it was later decided that the money should be used for a comprehensive, city-wide study.

Phase I of the project will consist of a preliminary planning and survey study. During this phase, city staff members will conduct research on the historical development and evolution of African-Americans in Winston-Salem from about 1786 to 1950. According to Pegram, "I think that it's extremely important to stress that this Phase I, this preliminary planning will be, I think, of paramount importance in providing a foundation, a base of information that we can proceed on with Phase 2 and Phase 3

and Phase 4 and however long it goes."

Phase I is scheduled to begin later this month with a final completion date of March 1992. In the meantime, the city will work towards increasing the remaining funds through additional grant awards and donations.

Pegram feels that this project, which is the first of its kind in the city, is very important asset to the city.

"African-American history, in this community; we don't have one single body of information, particularly about the historic resources; the buildings and the neighborhoods," Pegram said. Toni Tupponce, Planning Division Supervisor of the City-County Planning Board, agreed and stated that much of the research has already led to the discovery of new facts.

"There are a lot of, as we worked on this, assumptions that come through, that as people study it, we're learning were incorrect."

As a result of the research, both Tupponce and Pegram say the African-Ameri-

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**ON THE AVANT-GARDE**  
By TANG NIVRI

**Computer hogwash?**  
Don't worry folks, it's all a hoax. Really, it's nothing but a grand corporate "P.T. Barnum" scam — except this time, we were all suckers. All of that doom and gloom prophesy preached from the pulpit of the software and hardware church has turned out to be apocryphal. Yes my friends, all of the pseudo-gospel about the necessity of us being computer literate in order to even exist "in the coming decades" was pure hogwash. The fact is, you don't have to know a darned thing about computers in order to live quite well in today's society — thank you. And what's more, even if you live another 50 years, you probably won't need to know any more than you know right now! So sit back, relax, go find your remote control, just point that darned thing at something, and just wait. Just point and wait! Actually, you see, we have won.

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## Black consumers urged to join Black Dollar Week

African-American consumers are being asked to participate in the NAACP's Eighth Annual Black Dollar Week from September 8-13, as a method of encouraging merchants to provide a greater share of jobs and business opportunities to the black community.

Through the use of \$2 bills and the Susan B. Anthony dollar coins, black consumers will be able to demonstrate their economic clout, thus sending a message to merchants that they must be more sensitive to their economic needs, Dr. Benjamin L. Hooke, the NAACP's Executive Director said.

"We must spend our dollars wisely by doing business with those who do business with us. Doing business with the black community is hiring us, promoting us, and utilizing black business for a share of

purchase of goods and services," he added.

The NAACP's Director of Economic Development, Fred H. Rasheed, has also stated:

"In 1991, black Americans will earn more than \$200 billion and will spend more than \$170 billion on various goods and services. Total black income exceeds the gross national product of all but nine nations in the world and we need to use this leverage to improve our own economic infrastructure.

"Black Americans must also support, and help to build their own businesses. Last year blacks spent more than \$12 billion, over 6% percent of our total black income, with black businesses. We must keep a larger share of our money in our own communities," said Mr. Rasheed.