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A people's victory

▲ The mayor broke a tie and sided with the four black aldermen, making Winston-Salem the second city in the state with a citizen's police review board

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Mayor Martha Wood's tie-breaking vote for a citizen's police review board made history in Winston-Salem Monday night and brought a room full of citizens to their feet with cheers and applause.

The Winston-Salem Board of Aldermen voted 5 to 4 to establish a citizen's police review board. The vote was split, with the four black aldermen, Vivian Burke, Nelson Malloy, Virginia Newell, and Larry Womble in favor and the four white aldermen, Robert Northington, Hugh Wright, Linda Harpe, and Nancy Pleasants voting

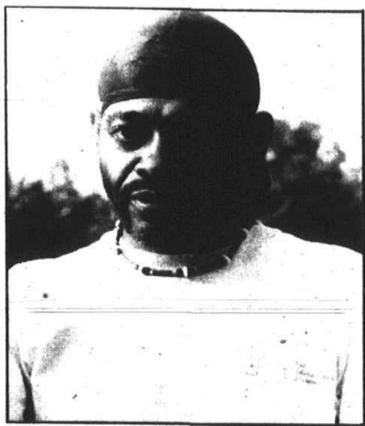
against it. The citizen's police review board is the second in the state.

Mayor Wood said after 11 years of looking closely at having a citizen's police review board, the concerns made by the community proved that it was finally needed.

"I have tried to do everything I could to help the current process, but it was clear to me that it was not working," she said. Wood along with Aldermen Newell kept the crowd in suspense as to how they they would vote until the time came.

Wood discredited claims that although she sided

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Several witnesses say Carl Potter was surrounded and beaten by nine white policemen last week, but police accounts differ.

Police brutality A tale of one city, two different stories

By SAMANTHA MCKENZIE
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As the internal affairs division of the Winston-Salem Police Department continues, its investigation into the use of force on a black male last week and the memory of black motorist Rodney King's beating is fresh in the minds of many, the focus on police brutality continues.

In Winston-Salem the use of excessive force or harassment by police officers, who are sworn to protect the citizens, has become a topic of discussion of many, mostly blacks, who see themselves as targeted victims.

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NNPA charges discrimination against P&G

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BALTIMORE (AP) — Procter & Gamble Co. has agreed to meet with an organization of 205 black newspaper publishers to discuss their claim that the consumer product giant has shut them out of advertising dollars.

The Washington-based National Newspaper Publishers Association made the accusation Friday during its annual convention in Baltimore, saying it sought a meeting with the company.

"They've communicated with us indicating a strong willingness to sit down and discuss the issues, as well as their concerns that they include all media which can be effective when conveying their advertising message," said publishers association President Robert W. Bogle. No date has been set for the meeting.

P&G, based in Cincinnati, makes such familiar products as Charmin bathroom tissue, Tide detergent and Crest toothpaste. It denied discriminating against the newspapers.

Company spokeswoman Jennifer Bailey said P&G does very little newspaper advertising in general, but agreed to a meeting as part of a dialogue that has been going on for two years.

"We've had meetings on and off, have exchanged

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Showing off!



Jacquese Peoples and Arifah Lyons proudly show trophies they received last Thursday as participants in an academic enrichment program at Happy Hill Gardens. The program was initiated last year by the Greater Winston-Salem Chamber of Commerce and Winston-Salem State University.



ON THE AVANT-GARDE

By TANG NIVRI

The games people play

We think of peer pressure as being a young people's thang — a sort of rite of passage through which all children must pass before becoming full-fledged adults.

It is a young people's game, the object of which is to learn how to wield power and influence over the behavior of others, while also learning to withstand those same pressures when applied to one's own self.

Unlike the peer pressure games I used to play while growing up, many of today's black youth — the so-called "Hip-Hop Generation" are finding themselves bound by such peer group pressures that many are willing to risk total death and destruction.

A recent study by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation concludes that "Mainstream society has virtually no credibility with these young people; they are alienated from their own heritage.

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Profile of a proud father.

The challenge of fatherhood

By SAMANTHA MCKENZIE
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Whether he's cracking down on his children's grades at school or coaching them for an upcoming sporting events, one thing a local father can testify to is that fatherhood is a full-time job.

Nobody said it would be easy, according to Jasper Brown, 46, but parenting three children, Leslie, 16, Douglas, 13 and Jasper, 11, has been a growing experience.

Brown is an attorney with the National Labor Relations Board and covers federal cases in North and South Carolina and Virginia — a job which often takes him away from home for days.

But between preparing for cases and short trips, Brown said he tries extremely hard to make time for his children.

"I care about what they're doing. I'm concerned. Even when I have to be difficult with them, they know I love them," Brown said.

"It's so important now, with drugs and crime so prevalent, to stay involved



Jasper Brown attended track practice with his youngest son, Jasper, 11. Brown says he tries to encourage his children in all of their endeavors.

with your children," said Brown. "Back in the days even if the father was not in the home, we had strong extended families and neighbors who made sure you

didn't get out of line," said Brown, who didn't grow up his father, but had a supportive extended family.

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