

# ★ ELECTION '93 ★

## Wood Wins with 80 Percent of the Votes

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Mayor Martha S. Wood, running for a second term, easily defeated her Democratic rivals in Tuesday's primary.

Joseph A. Alexander, an African American making his first bid for public office, came in a distant second with a nearly 11 percent of the votes cast.

"All I wanted to do was make sure that people got out and voted," said Wood, basking in a decisive victory that totalled nearly 80 percent of the votes.

"It really makes me feel good knowing that that many people

came out and voted for me," she said.

Wood received 6,139 votes to 829 for Alexander.

"I've always tried to stay in touch with the people's issues," she said.

Did the voters give her a mandate? "I feel like I've responded to their mandate," she said.

The mayor's other opponents were Maurice T. Atwood, who received 416 votes, or 5 percent, and Noah F. Glass Jr., who received 324 votes, or 4 percent.

Wood will face Charles S. Smith, the Republican candidate who was unopposed in the primary, in November.



Martha Wood waits for mayoral results from all the precincts.

PRIMARY RESULTS		
MAYORAL		
	Votes	Percent
Joseph A. Alexander	829	10.76
Maurice T. Atwood	416	5.40
Noah F. Glass Jr.	324	4.20
Martha S. Wood	6,139	79.64

### ALDERMAN Democratic

East Ward		
	Votes	Percent
Jimmie Lee Bonham	273	19.74
Larry Cunningham	26	1.88
Joycelyn V. Johnson	789	57.05
Norma Tanner Smith	295	21.33

Southeast Ward		
	Votes	Percent
C.F. Carmichael	374	29.38
Ed (E.C.) Frazier	69	5.42
Larry Womble	830	65.20

Northeast Ward		
	Votes	Percent
Vivian H. Burke	1,190	68.55
Jim Conrad	546	31.45

South Ward		
	Votes	Percent
Larry Allen	21	2.23
Frank L. Frye	517	54.88
B.G. Hauser	404	42.89

### Republican

South Ward		
	Votes	Percent
Jere G. Dailey	44	20.18
Hugh Wright	174	79.82

North Ward		
	Votes	Percent
Tommy L. Throckmorton	54	7.5
Diana Williams-Cotton	18	2.5

Southeast Ward		
	Votes	Percent
R. Dale Catlett	137	44.48
Robert W. Nordlander	171	55.52

## East Ward Not Close as Predicted

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at one time worked in Newell's election campaigns, were considered front runners for the seat.

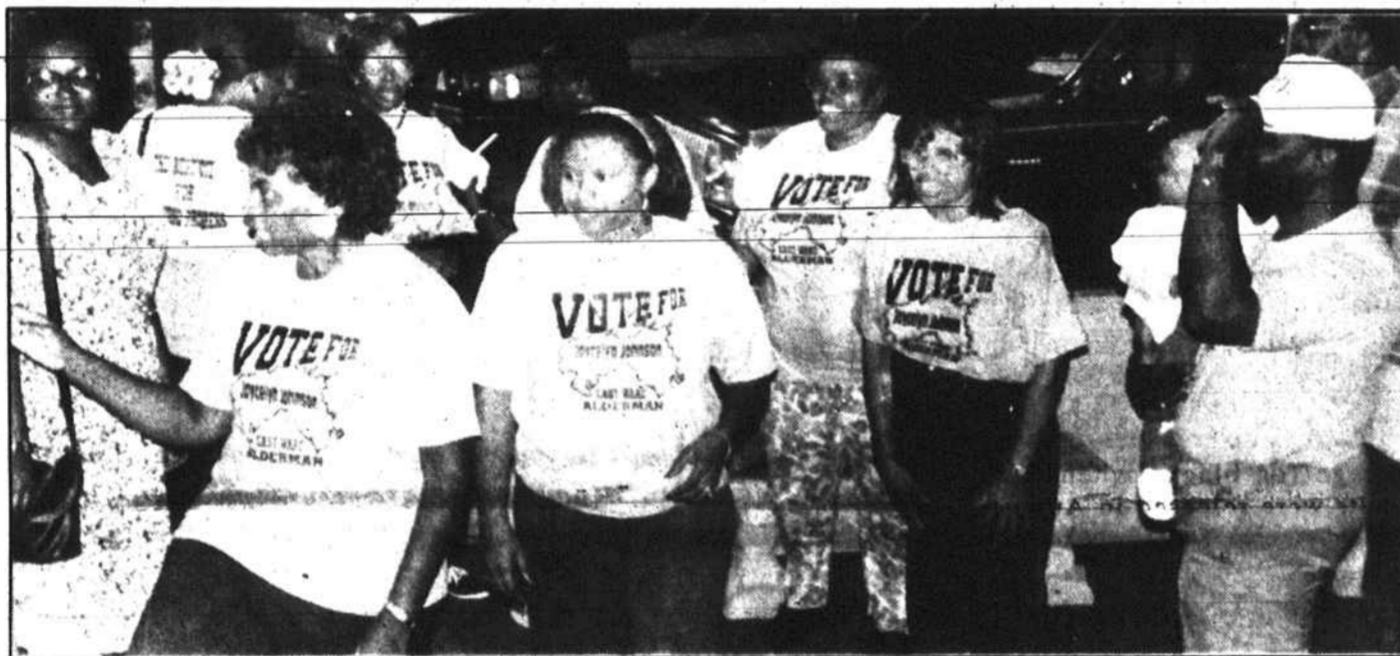
Johnson won the right to be the Democratic party's East Ward candidate for alderman in the general election in November by beating Smith, Jimmie Lee Bonham and Larry Cunningham.

She collected 789 votes, or 57 percent of those cast. Smith and Bonham each netted about 20 percent of the votes.

Cunningham, who didn't campaign, had garnered 2 percent.

Johnson said she was destined to win.

"Because I do have a deep-rooted spiritual belief, I believe that He had me out here for a purpose," she said. "We took it to the people."



Supporters of Joycelyn Johnson urge voters to vote for their candidate.

She said the "things we've done over the years" also helped her claim victory. Her "hands-on" approach to campaigning will continue through to November, she said, when she will face Republican challenger Wilbert A. Allen.

Johnson extended an invitation to challengers Bonham and Smith to join her celebration, but neither showed.

"We're not bitter," Bonham said Tuesday night, when reached at home. "We're competitors, but we don't have to win."

Bonham, a hairdresser completing his second bid for the seat (the first was in 1989), blamed his campaign's poor showing at the polls on voter apathy, particularly the low turnout of young people. He received 273 votes.

Only 8,571 people cast ballots. That is about 13 percent of the city's eligible registered voters. The



Supporters of Joycelyn Johnson celebrate her victory after the precincts reported their results.

record low turnout for a municipal primary is 9.9 percent in 1985.

He called it a "sad commentary" on the community because it

appears the ward doesn't want change.

He said that he called and congratulated Johnson on her victory

and said that he will actively support her during her campaign.

Smith could not be reached for comment.

## Burke, a Political Machine

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Charles Wallschleger, Republican party chairman, is very supportive of Bey and urges blacks to vote for him.

"We're entirely going to support his efforts," Wallschleger said. "Blacks have been supportive of the Democratic party, and they (democrats) have taken advantage of that."

Bey said his program will have a broad base of appeal, because he supports economic development for the area.

"It depends on the will of the people," he said. "I don't underestimate (Burke), but if enough people want change and in a concrete way, such as a strong economic base, she



Vivian Burke

wouldn't be able to beat me.

"I've got an agenda with solutions to the problems," he added. "I'm addressing the ills that are on the people's minds, such as reducing crime and eliminating drugs."

Still, Bey will fight an uphill battle against the longtime incumbent.

Burke was first elected alderman in 1977, after serving as Carver precinct chairman and organizing the Northeast Ward into a neighborhood association.

"I started organizing the community at the grass-roots level," she said. "Getting minorities registered to vote and educating them about (political) issues."

Burke maintains that she is a "grass-roots candidate" because of her weekly radio program and the periodic visits she makes throughout the ward.

"I scout my ward three to four days a week and on the weekends, discussing concerns with the residents," she said. "I make sure I'm always in the neighborhood."

Burke said she has continued to help make improvements throughout her ward and the city, noting that she chairs the Ray Agnew Jr. Scholarship Fund for public housing residents, and is chairman of the Public Safety Committee that "made the Citizens Police Review Board a reality."

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Womble said late Tuesday night, "They like the way I stand up and articulate their needs, so they put a vote of confidence in me."

Womble has overcome many obstacles, including charges of taking \$1,500 bribe in the Winston-Salem Four scandal two years ago and this summer with his opposition letter to the city being awarded All-America status.

Womble continued to visit precincts throughout the day and admitted that he was not bothered by the controversies, because he felt what he did was right.

"The people in the ward are very intelligent. They can see through the smokescreen," he said.

"They want someone unafraid, very aggressive, and someone who will take a stand for what's right."

Not for social or political reasons, but they want someone to stand for what is right," he said.

Edith Siddle, a resident and Womble supporter, said she respects the stance he takes for the residents.

"He has helped me out a lot," she said. "And I think he's done a lot of great things and we need to keep him."

Womble's quest for re-election is not over. In November he will face Republican challenger Robert Wayne Nordlander, who escaped on Tuesday with a close victory over R. Dale Catlett.

"We've just won the battle," he said. "Our fight's not over yet, but I'm confident, because I have always remained in contact with the people."



Larry Womble, right, chats with a voter.