

COMMUNITY

Board Rejects Motion to help Beautify Homes in Boston/Kimberly

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Marthaniel Linton said improvements need to be made to houses near his Harrison Avenue home and he has mixed emotions about the board of alderman's 5-2 vote to re-study giving residents home beautification loans.

"I think they should give it full consideration," he said. "I'm a little confused that they didn't pass it. I think fixing (the homes) up will draw a better class of people to the neighborhood."

The aldermen voted Monday night not to start a pilot program that would provide up to \$7,500 to homeowners to improve the exter-

ior of their homes and make site improvements.

Aldermen Nelson Malloy and Joycelyn Johnson voted against sending the measure back to committees. Robert Nordlander was absent. Alderman Robert Northington said he would not support the bill because it was doesn't benefit the entire city.

"I am not going to vote to give any tax money to plant flowers and shrubs," he said. "If it works, it will never be a citywide program because the money is only available to certain areas of the city that qualify."

The proposed plan would have provided \$100,000 for improve-

ments to 45 houses in a six-block area between 14th and 20th streets. The money would be used for painting, window or door improvements, vinyl siding as well as planting flowers, trees and shrubs. Under the current plan, the loan would be forgiven if homeowners properly maintained the property. Only half of the loan would be forgiven for realtors; they would have to repay the other half.

North Ward Alderman Nelson Malloy said the houses are in the Boston/Thurmond area and will not be fit to live in if improvements are not made.

"I think we're spending a minimum amount of money to help keep

houses from deteriorating," he said. "At this point, we can fix a lot of them rather than allowing the neighborhood to get into a blighted condition that's not fit for human beings."

The item was forwarded to the full board from both the finance committee and the housing/general government committee. Board members voted to send the item back to both committees for review before the full board takes action.

Northeast Ward Alderman Vivian Burke said one of her major concerns was "absentee landlords" making money off the property and not investing in it.

"The city has a responsibility to

provide decent housing, but the absentee landlords are the cause," she said. "We need to look for landlords who have made money off the property and not doing anything with it."

Linton agrees that absentee

landlords contribute to the problem. "I'm primarily concerned about the absentee landlords who don't know who lives there and are making money," he said. "They are the people who are really causing the area to deteriorate."

Gateways To Hold Fund Raiser

Gateways Music Festival 1994 presents the classical music performance "From Gateways with Love," which opens next weekend.

The Rev. John Mendez, pastor of Emmanuel Baptist Church, will serve as master of ceremony.

The performance will feature Armenta Hunnings, pianist; Winifred Garrett, harpist; Sarah Johnson, violinist; John Williams, baritone; and Nancy Wurtele, pianist. All performers are members of Gateways' board of directors.

The concert will be held Friday, July 29, at 8 p.m. at the Brenda Recital Hall at Wake Forest University. According to Rudolph V. Boone, chairman of the public relations committee, the performance is being held as a fund raiser to finance the upcoming Gateways Music Festival, which runs Oct. 5-11. "All of the concerts are free to the public," he said. "We are trying to finance it through programs such as this one to make it accessible to black youths."

During the music festival, entitled "Classical Music and the African-American Musician," mostly black classical musicians will perform to help spark an interest in classical music among black youths.

Boone said the admission is free, but donations will be solicited.

Goode to Have Book Signing Saturday

Philadelphia's first black mayor, W. Wilson Goode, said he learned of a plot by the city's police department to assassinate him at the site of the 1985 MOVE disaster.

In his autobiography, *In Goode Faith*, Goode describes his rise from a sharecropper in Seaboard to become mayor and the MOVE confrontation — the incident that defined his political career.

"Some associates had told me they had learned of an assassination plot by police," he said by telephone from his Philadelphia office. "Of course, it was all denied."

On May 13, 1985, the police bombed the headquarters of MOVE, a controversial, predominantly black political group, killing 11 people and burning down a two-block residential area.

"Politically, I went on to win the election and beat the best the city had to offer," Goode said. "I know I had nothing to do with what happened. The police commissioner lost control on the scene that day and (police) were not working to protect my interest."

Goode will be at Special Occasions Bookstore on Martin Luther King Jr. Drive on Saturday from noon to 3 p.m. promoting his book and signing autographs.

He was mayor from 1984-1992 and currently works at the U.S. Department of Education.

WSSU Upward Bound Program to Hold Summer Awards Ceremony

On Friday, July 22, 7 p.m. at Kenneth R. Williams Auditorium, the Winston-Salem State University Upward Bound Program will hold its Annual Summer Awards nite culminating its six weeks summer residential program.

Highlights of the awards program will include entertainment by the Upward Bound Choir and the Drama Guild.

Additionally, trophies will be presented to each student who has earned the highest grade in each of the following areas: Communication Skills (Grammar, Composition, Critical Reading, SAT Preparation), Mathematics (Pre-Algebra, Algebra I, Geometry, Algebra II, Algebra III, Pre-Calculus), Science, French, and Spanish. Students who have exemplified excellent citizenship in the residence halls will also be recognized.

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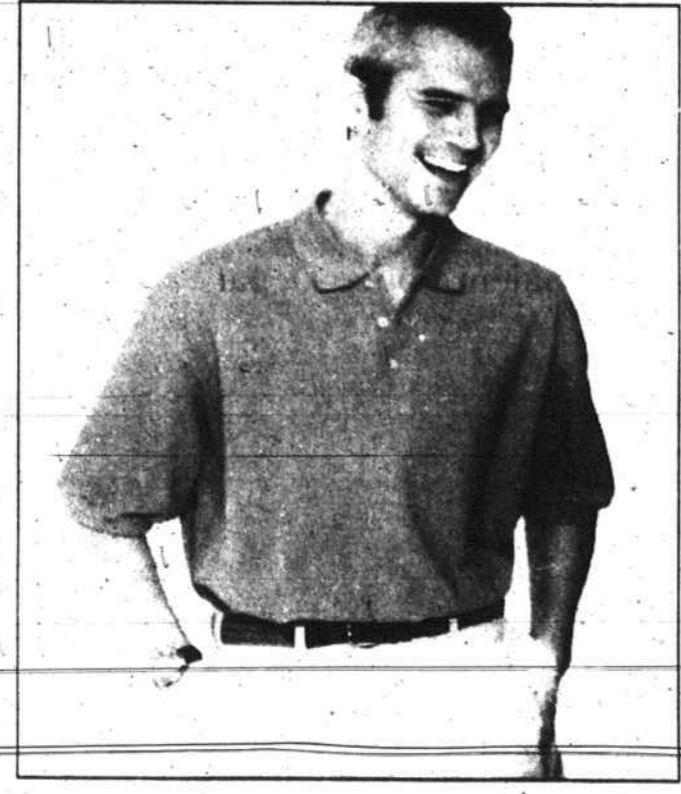
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