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Candidates are busy as Nov. 6 nears

BY T. KEVIN WALKER THE CHRONICLE

Vivian Burke

One would think that with 24 years of service on the Board of Aldermen under her belt, Vivian Burke would be more subdued in her campaign to capture her seventh term.

Joines is confident, not cocky



Joines

BY T. KEVIN WALKER THE CHRONICLE

Democratic mayoral hopeful Allen Joines admits that early in his campaign he second-guessed stepping into the world of politics - this after his character, his ability to think and act for himself and even his wife became subjects brought up frequently by his opponent, Republican Jack Cavanagh, the incumbent.

But if one thought that, one would be wrong. Burke, a Democrat, and her loyal band of supporters have been canvassing the Northeast Ward, shooting the breeze with everyday residents and talking about their concerns. It's a routine that Burke is used to, but one that she says she never tires of.

She shared seniority with former Alderman Bob Northington before he left the board during the summer. Burke says her quarter-century on the board has been well spent. She has played a major part in breathing new life into once blighted and run-down

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Red Cross still in need of donations

BY PAUL COLLINS THE CHRONICLE



Crandol

The need for blood continues in the community, state and nation. Appointments to donate blood can be made by contacting one of the tele-recruiting professionals of the Northwest North Carolina Chapter of the American Red Cross at 724-0511. The chapter also is accepting walk-ins.

Kerrenda Crandol, associate director of public relations for the Northwest North Carolina Chapter of the American Red Cross, talked about the chapter's current needs: "We are always in need of blood. A lot of people gave on Sept. 11, but that blood is only good for 42 days. Then we have to get some more in to keep the supply up to where we need it to be, so that we will always have enough on hand to supply to the hospitals.

"We really need people to continue to keep their blood appointments. We need more people to come in, because, like I said, the rush we had on Sept. 11, we need to help get that back up again." (She said that so many people wanted to give blood after the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks that the local chapter stopped taking walk-ins for several days and asked

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Bonds feast to some, famine to others



Delores "D" Smith of the local Urban League speaks in favor of the school bond referendum at a news conference.

BY T. KEVIN WALKER THE CHRONICLE

Depending on whose reasoning you buy, the passage of the \$150 million school bond referendum would either be one of the best things to ever happen to education in East Winston or the latest in a series of bad school system-implemented ideas that have yielded scraps for inner-city students while filling the bellies of students in the suburbs.

"If Johnny and Susie can't read, how can they handle technology?"

- Rev. Micheal Williams



Students from all walks of life, has come out strongly for the bonds, which would be used to build new schools, renovate others and upgrade technology at every school in the system. The Winston-Salem Urban League's board voted two weeks ago to support the school bonds as well.

Black organizations that usually see eye to eye and stand shoulder to shoulder on issues that affect African Americans in the city are agreeing to disagree on the school bonds, which county residents will consider on the Nov. 6 ballot.

The Urban League announced its support last week, a week that saw two well-known African-American groups strongly condemn the bond package. The Ministers Conference of Winston-Salem and Vicinity and the local NAACP say they not only oppose the bonds but will fight against their passage.

"Whether we win or lose this particular battle, we have an obligation to speak about what's right," said the Rev. Serenus Churn, a pastor of Mt. Zion Baptist Church and

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A Joyful Noise



Melinda LeGrant joined fellow Carver High School students last Friday for a pre-homecoming pep rally for Winston-Salem State University. The event took place at the Wingate Inn downtown. The Wingate Inn also sponsored the rally, which included not only Carver's band and cheerleading teams, but also food and an appearance by 97.1 WQMG radio personality Eric "Hollywood" Davis.

Photo by Kevin Walker

Cafeteria cost on the rise

BY SHERIDAN HILL THE CHRONICLE

Shareholders in David Capital Inc., the company formed in 1998 to build a cafeteria in East Winston, received new financial information and elected four new board members at a meeting last week. The Oct. 24 meeting was

convened by the East Winston Community Development Corp., which formed David Capital.



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Stockholders had requested financial information at a meeting in the fall of 2000, and again in the February and March 2001 stockholder meetings.

According to a financial report distributed at last week's meeting and dated for the period of Jan. 1, 1997, through Sept. 30, 2001, David Capital expenditures totaled \$330,555.83. The three largest expenditures were: \$103,579.42 for architect fees; \$100,361 to the East Winston CDC for consulting, and

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Custodian is handy with a paintbrush

James Peck's eye-catching, colorful murals can be seen around the county

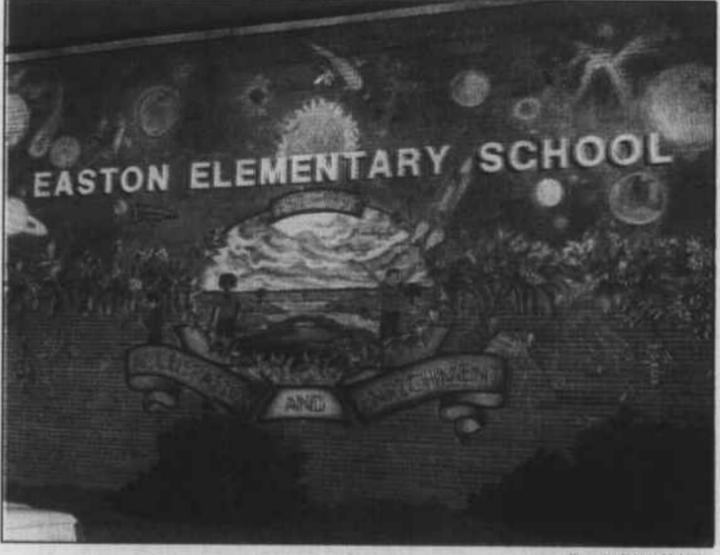
BY FELECIA MCMILLAN COMMUNITY CORRESPONDENT

James Peck, 43, is the lead custodian at Sedge Garden Elementary School, but this is not his claim to fame. Peck has distinguished himself as a muralist, having done 23 murals around the city and in other parts of the country. Peck embodies the belief that "An idle mind is the devil's workshop." Wanda Peck, his wife of 22 years, said, "My husband has very little time to sit around. From sunup to sundown, he is working on various projects."

"I am a free man," Peck said. "No matter what I'm doing, I'm free, but art is my relaxation and joy."

Peck opens and closes the building at Sedge Garden and works part time at Roadway, but when he wants to chill, he picks up his paintbrushes; drinks a soothing mixture of jazz, gospel and R&B; and lets his fingers follow the rhythms. He seldom pencils in his subject. He simply creates his pictures based on the theme he is commissioned to use. He does research if he needs to, but for the most part, he follows his creative bent.

"This is a God-given talent, and I am always thankful to do it. It is great relaxation," Peck said. "It gives me a chance to express



Artist James Peck's latest mural is at Easton Elementary School.

Photo by Felicia McMillan