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## City Rehires Suspended Employee

By Patrice E. Lee  
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City Manager Bryce A. [Bill] Stuart has reinstated Ronald Burnette, a laborer in the public works department suspended Jan. 7 because of an unclear policy concerning employee absences.

"It is my conclusion that you clearly violated the department's policy [but] based upon all the information, there exists sufficient doubt as to whether this policy was adequately communicated to you by department representatives," Stuart wrote in a letter to Burnette Feb. 12.

According to Stuart's letter, Burnette will receive back pay back to Jan. 7. Stuart also advised Burnette to improve his overall attendance record.

Burnette, who had complained about bad management in the department publicly on several occasions, See Page 2



Coming Alive

Photo By Nathan

The Incredible Hulk, complete with green food coloring, arose out of the yard of Mrs. Julia Hoeh at 442 24th Street, N.W. last weekend. Seeing all that snow caused her creative energies to create not only this figurine, but another with a distinctive message as you will note in our snow gallery on page 10.

## Proposed For Rupert Bell Park New Rec Center Gains Support

By John W. Templeton  
Staff Writer

Recreation director Nick Jamison is proposing that an "adult recreation center" in excess of 3,000 square feet be built at the new Rupert Bell Park at File Street and Mount Zion Place.

Jamison revealed that he has included that request in a five-year capital improvements proposal sent to the city budget office during a Northeast Neighborhood Council "People's Forum" last week.

The recreation director said the idea is to build a facility about the size of the center now being built at Piney Grove (3,200 square feet), with rooms for senior

citizen activities and craft training and sales.

At a more advanced stage of development is a proposal to use an area of city-owned land behind Fairview School next to Bowen Boulevard as a park, said Jamison and community development director Gary Brown during the forum at New Trinity Baptist Church.

The Community Development Department has allocated \$25,000 in next fiscal year's budget if the city matched that amount with another \$25,000 for the property.

A survey by the northeast council has revealed that more than 90 per cent of area residents feel there is not sufficient See Page 2

## Banker: Hire Hardcore Jobless

By John W. Templeton  
Staff Writer

### Wachovia President Tells Publishers

The president of the state's largest bank says businesses need to provide more jobs for hard-core groups of unemployed workers, such as minority youth.

John G. Medlin Jr., president of Wachovia Bank and Trust Co. of Winston-Salem, said he favors a coordinated effort between businesses and technical institutes to train unemployed in skills which the businesses need during a talk to the state's black newspaper publishers Monday.

"This is the kind of thing that

Chambers of Commerce and businesses and technical institutes ought to be doing," said Medlin.

During an assessment of the economic outlook for the 1980s, Medlin said he expects minority employment to go up over the short-term. "We need to try to target more into the groups of people who need the skills," he said.

Medlin's overall assessment of the economy is a favorable one. "I do not believe we will have a recession in 1980 in

the sense of having two consecutive quarters in which the real Gross National Product will go down," said the Wachovia executive.

Based on talks with area businessmen, Medlin said major industries such as textiles and furniture will be doing well during 1980.

"The Christmas season was a strong one," he said. "One retailer said the only mistake he made was underbuying (merchandise).

Medlin said industries are more careful with building inventories than in 1974, when many were caught with excessive amounts and had to lay off employees.

"This time, when things slow down, they will turn back slowly rather than abrupt cutbacks," said Medlin.

The luncheon session was the third in a series of annual sessions with black publishers held by Wachovia to review the economy and discuss the bank's image in minority communities.

Attending were: Stan Davis, general manager of the Carolina Peacemaker; Mrs. Vivian Edmonds, publisher of the See Page 17



Staff Photo By McCullough

## Success Rate Increases For Benefits Appeals

By Yvette McCullough  
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A third of North Carolinians who appeal an adverse compensation ruling are winning, according to statistics released by the State Employment Security Commission. During 1979, 1,049 people had appealed; 296 won on a lower authority and 265 had appealed to a higher authority with 54 winning.

During 1978, 684 people

had appealed with 189 winning on the lower level and 259 appealed with 18 winning on the higher level.

Locally, the number of people has increased also, even though the actual figures are not kept by county. Howard Holbrook, Jr., assistant manager of the Employment Security Commission told the Chronicle that a change in a ruling may have resulted in the increase of appeals.

"In a previous ruling a

person with some question about why they quit or were fired may be penalized for a period of their eligibility but they would receive some compensation," Holbrook said. "Now if there is some question and they are denied, they won't get any compensation period."

"Now they appeal because they feel they have nothing to lose," Holbrook continued.

Benefits are determined by a hearing officer. After

the hearing if a person is not satisfied with the decision it can be appealed and the case can be considered again by a higher authority.

Holbrook also stated that employers may also appeal. If a claimant wins an appeal, any employer whose tax account may be affected can appeal. Employment insurance is financed entirely from taxes paid by

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### Outstanding Youth

Walter Farabee, acting director of the Human Services Department, recently presented a \$500 Savings Bond to Bernadette Ledbetter who was selected as the "Outstanding Participant" in the 1979 Summer Youth Employment Program [SYEP].

In addition, she also received a plaque Jan. 28 at the Employment and Training Advisory Council meeting. Both the bond and the plaque given by the U.S. Department of Labor.

Ledbetter worked as a clerk-typist in the Human Services Department of the city. She resides at home with her mother, Mrs. Naomi Ledbetter and is an advanced sophomore at Winston-Salem State University.



### Helping Out

Patches of snow and ice like this one on Fourth Street near the Trade St. mall, spelled trouble for unsuspecting motorists.

Staff Photo By Lee

## Feds Delay Project \$\$ Over Input

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Federal officials have told the City of Winston-Salem that a renovated downtown YMCA would have to serve the neighborhoods around the downtown area if the city is to receive the \$1.2 million grant it is seeking from the U.S. Department of the Interior.

Funds for the renovation, part of the \$7 million Win-

ston Square project, are being sought through DOI's Urban Park and Recreation Recovery Program, which places a high priority on serving minority and other targeted populations.

Graham Lewis, a DOI official in Atlanta who helps cities prepare grant applications, said that factor contributed to the YMCA proposal being turned down twice by the federal

government.

"One of our concerns was what population is being served," said Lewis in a telephone interview. "We're not in the business of simply building recreation facilities for businessmen to work out in during their lunch hours."

Lewis said the proposal, as submitted before, ranked "in the lower middle" of the competition among cities for the

UPARR Grants.

Allen Joines, city public safety coordinator who is working in the area of downtown revitalization, said the city has begun a process of seeking neighborhood input before the submission of another proposal by Feb. 22.

A "brainstorming" meeting was held Monday at the Arts Council and a second meeting will be held this Tuesday night.

"We were not able to show the federal government that we were able to meet the neighborhoods' needs immediately around downtown," said Joines.

The city's past proposals had emphasized the role of the project in downtown revitalization. If approved, the \$1.2 million would go towards renovation of the pool, weight room and gymnasium of the former Central YMCA on Spruce

Street. Joines said he thinks patrons for the center could be attracted from the following neighborhoods: Thurmond Street, Holly Avenue, West Salem, Watkins Street, Crystal Towers, West End and Liberty-Patterson.

The 1978 act which created the UPARR program lists as priorities for grant selection such factors as: See Page 2