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A Time For The Children

Although Christmas is a special time of year for all of us, it is particularly magical to the young. At the left, New York Mayor Ed Koch attempts to entertain a young lady at a New York Foundling Hospital Christmas party at the Waldorf. Locally, children are fascinated by a be-spectacled Santa while a throng of young ones enjoys the Public Library's Christmas party last week.

HUD Grants \$340,000

Shopping Center Funding Approved

By Yvonne Anderson
Staff Writer

After being turned down twice previously by the Department of Housing and Urban Development, the city of Winston has received approval of a \$340,000 Urban Development Action Grant (UDAG) to help finance the proposed East Winston Shopping Center.

According to HUD officials, the grant had never been denied, but had been "carried" until the city could put together a package of firm financial commitments. Wachovia Bank and Trust Co. had first agreed to loan the project \$1.1 million for construction when the city had lease

in and worked with Mechanics and Farmers Bank, First Union Bank, Northwestern Bank, and Wachovia to secure the loan.

Allen Joines, assistant city manager for special projects, said that the package was changed to bring down the first mortgage from 1.1 million to \$706,000

Local Reaction On Page 9

"Santa Claus is coming a little early this year for Winston-Salem," proclaimed Mayor Wayne Corpening as he jubilantly announced approval of the UDAG grant to assist in construction of the shopping center.

"The approval of this grant shows what can be accomplished when government, private enterprise, and the people in the community work together for the good of the community," Corpening said. He also said that the center would produce 80 to 100 new jobs for the East Winston Community.

commitments for approximately 85 percent of the center's space. When the grant was not approved the city re-applied three months later, presenting the same package while attempting to demonstrate stronger financial commitments. By that time, the terms of Wachovia's loan had expired. Winston Mutual Life Insurance Co., headed by George Hill, then stepped

and that the commitments of other backers made the difference in the two packages. "Obviously I'm elated," said Joines when contacted at his office. "Now we're going to move ahead with wrapping up the loose ends and start planning construction." Joines said the construction would begin in the latter part of February. During a special meeting of See Page 2

Hairston Criticized For McGee Stance

By Allen H. Johnson
Managing Editor

Patrick Hairston, president of the Winston-Salem chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, says that his organization's decision not to take a more active role in the case of William McGee has reaped criticism from some segments of the black community.

In fact, Hairston said one of the critics threatened to gain but peace of mind, to the non-salaried post difficult. "Someone said that they would do anything within their power to get me out of office," Hairston told the Chronicle Monday. A good deal of the negative reaction, Hairston said, centered around comments he made in the Sunday, Dec. 6 edition of the

Winston-Salem Sentinel in which he said that McGee, former director of the Benton Convention Center and Winston-Salem Coliseum who was convicted of conspiracy to traffic in cocaine, was "his own doing." "I got a lot of calls agreeing with my stand and a lot of calls saying that if we didn't support him (McGee) we shouldn't have said anything," Hairston said. "But the NAACP can never

condone anybody bringing drugs into the black community." Hairston said that it bothered him that he should cause discontent by speaking his mind and standing by his principles. "If I'm condemned for doing what I think is right, I should no longer be president of the Winston-Salem NAACP," Hairston said. "It bothers me that we have such narrow minds. I

know the sacrifices that I've made. I would gladly relinquish this position to anyone who would do half the work that I've done." Hairston added that if some black people would channel their criticism of the NAACP into positive action, "we wouldn't be so much in the red nationally and locally." "With Reagan attacking all phases of civil rights See Page 2

Contacts Attorney General

Toms Requests Probe Of McGee Case

Allen Johnson
Managing Editor

Ann Toms, an undercover agent who figured prominently in the arrest of former Benton Convention Center and Memorial Coliseum Director William McGee says she has sent a telegram to the state Attorney General's office Monday requesting that it look into the McGee investigation.

Chronicle Tuesday that she is disturbed by several aspects of the case. "I don't have anything to gain but peace of mind," said Mrs. Toms, 44, an ex-convict who, since serving a sentence for passing bad checks in 1979, has worked for a number of law enforcement agencies as an informant, an undercover agent and a "special employee." Mrs. Toms said that her telegram, which was also

sent to Public Safety Committee Chairman Vivian Burke and City Manager Bill Stuart, raised two major questions: --Why did Winston-Salem police terminate the investigation after 30 days? "It should have taken six months to a year," she said. Toms added that if police did not have the money to complete an exhaustive investigation, "they shouldn't have started it. Why was it so im-

portant to move so fast?" --What led to the investigation in the first place? "Why was the investigation started and who was behind it?" Toms said. Mrs. Toms said she asked the same questions prior to the trial in which McGee and Michael Smith were convicted of conspiring to smuggle four ounces of cocaine into the city. She added that she wants to set the record straight concerning her role in the

investigation. "Black people are asking me why I tricked Bill McGee," Mrs. Toms said. "Some people just cussed me out. One minister said Christ himself couldn't come down here and change the black community's mind about me." Mrs. Toms said that her 15-year-old daughter also has borne the brunt of community resentment. "My daughter has been See Page 5



From left to right: John Davis III, president of the YMCA of Winston-Salem and Forsyth County, Marshall B. Bass, corporate director of personnel development at R.J. Reynolds Industries, Inc. and (with back to camera) C.B. Hauser, chairman of the board of management at the Patterson Avenue YMCA.

R.J. Reynolds Purchases Land For New YMCA

R. J. Reynolds Industries Inc. has contributed \$32,730 to purchase 10.5 acres of land at Winston Lake Park for a new YMCA family center. When completed, the new family center will replace the YMCA's current facility on Patterson Avenue. The Patterson Avenue Y has deteriorated over the years and no longer meets the recreational needs of the area, according to YMCA officials. The gift was announced at the site of the proposed facility--off Waterworks Road near the Winston Lake Swimming Pool.

John W. Davis III, president of the YMCA of Winston-Salem and Forsyth County, acknowledged the contribution and thanked the company for its commitment. "We are very grateful for this support and applaud R. J. Reynolds' concern for positive community development," he said. "It's just beautiful," added Richard Glover, director of the Patterson YMCA. "I think it's an outstanding testimony to Reynolds as a corporate citizen." C. B. Hauser, chairman of the board of management at the Patterson Avenue

YMCA, also thanked the company and noted that "the purchase of this site is the first major step toward the development of a new YMCA family center." In announcing the contribution, Marshall Bass, R. J. Reynolds' corporate director of personnel development, said "one of our basic beliefs at R. J. Reynolds is that business growth and healthy community development are inseparable. Progress for each is supported by the other." he said. "Through the years," he continued, "the YMCA has See Page 2

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Enhancement Campaign

WSSU Passes Halfway Mark

By Beverly McCarthy
Staff Writer

Edward A. Horrigan Jr., general chairman of the Winston-Salem State University Enhancement Campaign, announced last Friday a grand total of \$1,929,500 in pledges ob-

tained thus far in the school's fund-raising drive. The announcement was made at a campaign kickoff luncheon sponsored by Wachovia Bank and Trust Co. and R. J. Reynolds Tobacco Co. at the Old Town Club. "Even though we have

reached almost two-thirds of our goal already, we must look at reality," Horrigan said. "The last third in going to be the hardest to get because it must be achieved from right here in Forsyth County. Winston-Salem State doesn't have as big an outreach as Duke or

Wake Forest, so we've got to work within the county. "R. J. Reynolds Industries Inc. has contributed a grant of \$1,000,000 to the fund, while the Z. Smith Reynolds Foundation has given \$425,000. Other contributors include the Hanes See Page 2