

The Man Behind The Woman

Logan Burke, Jerry Hanes and George Newell share what it's like to the husbands of women in the limelight. Staff Writer Robin Adams reports.

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The Sisterhood

Sister Maxine Towns, an associate pastor at St. Benedict the Moor Catholic Church, says some are surprised at her decision to become a nun. But she doesn't regret her decision for one moment. Religion, Page B5.



Sportsweek

The Aggies take the Charlotte Holiday Classic, WSSU's Russell leads in CIAA scoring and the Seattle Seahawks advance in the AFC playoffs. Sports Editor Robert Eller reports.

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Affirmative Action Effort Criticized

By JOHN SLADE
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Five aldermen chastised city officials at Monday night's meeting for not putting forth enough effort in contracting women- and minority-owned businesses in Forsyth County to do city work.

The concern was brought to the attention of the board by Northeast Ward Alderman Vivian Burke, who questioned the use of a High Point landscaping firm to do approximately \$4,000 of seeding work in connection with the access road being built at Winston Lake Road. Jimmy R. Lynch and Sons Inc. of Pilot Mountain has been contracted to build the road.

Though a woman owns the company that has been subcontracted to do the seeding, Burke, along with aldermen Virginia Newell, Martha Wood, Larry Little and Larry Womble, expressed concern that every effort should be made to contract and subcontract minority firms and businesses run by women in the county.

City Manager Bill Stuart told the board that a list of minority- and female-owned businesses had been drawn up and that the list includes companies from the surrounding area. He said the list is given to major contractors hired by the city to use in selecting subcontractors, and that the city tries to stay within boundaries from Durham to Charlotte when hiring contractors.

In response to Stuart's explanation, Burke said, "I would hope that we would work as hard as we can in our own city and county."

Little added: "Some discretion should be used in awarding subcontracts -- whether minority or not. Someone from outside doesn't do much for employment in the city."

Both Newell and Wood agreed with Little and said the local economy should be considered before hiring outsiders to carry out city projects.

"The major contractor can make selections of subcontractors," said Newell. "The board should point out regulations for major contractors to follow. Let's go to Greensboro, High Point and Durham after we've exhausted our list at home."

City-county purchasing agent Don Farmer told the board that the city is putting forth effort to award city contracts to black and female businesses, and that the city had not forgotten about the Minority and Women's Business Enterprise resolution adopted by the board last summer.

The resolution is a good-faith affirmation that the city will make efforts to increase the amount of business it does with minorities and women.

"Saying that we're doing better is not saying very much," said Wood.

Added Womble: "We need to start, very aggressively, taking care of home."

Newell said the city needs to consider the high rate of unemployment among blacks in the city, especially among black teen-agers, and therefore should do all it can to provide jobs for the city. And even if companies outside the city are used, Newell said, there should be some commitment from them to hire local workers. "It ought to be a moral commitment from the city to employ blacks," she said.

In another item, a petition to close a portion of Kent Road, which the board thought would take up much of the night, lasted only about 15 minutes.

In an unexpected move, attorney Richard E. Glaze, who represented the petitioners, asked the board to accept a withdrawal of the petition and come up with a reasonable alternative.

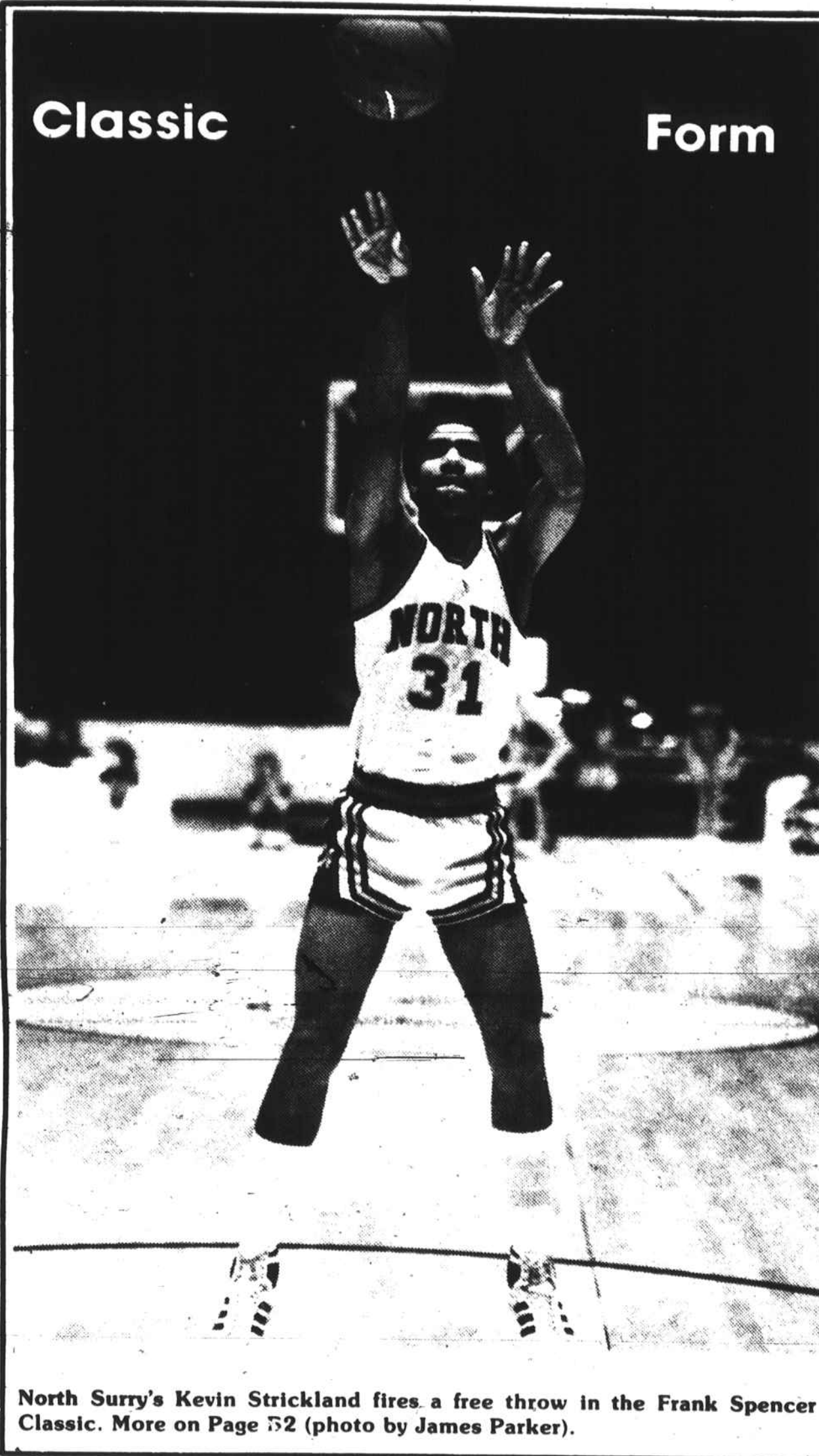
"Contrary to what you believe," said Glaze, "I represent what is the urgent concern of many people." And most of the standing-room only crowd Monday night left after the board accepted the withdrawal of the petition.

The residents of Kent Road, an affluent community in the northwest section of the city, had petitioned to have the portion of Kent Road that intersects with Arbor Road

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Classic

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North Surry's Kevin Strickland fires a free throw in the Frank Spencer Classic. More on Page B2 (photo by James Parker).

Three Aldermen To Aid Jackson

By ROBIN ADAMS
Staff Writer

With four months left before the May 8 statewide primary, aldermen Larry Little, Larry Womble and Virginia Newell, County Commissioner Mazie Woodruff and school board member Beaufort Bailey have created a local committee to push Jesse Jackson's candidacy for president.

And Jackson's success earlier this week at negotiating Lt. Robert O. Goodman Jr.'s release by the Syrians, Little noted, adds fuel to the fire. Goodman, a 28-year-old Navy flier, was shot down over Lebanon Dec. 4 by Syrian anti-aircraft weapons.

"Jackson is gonna receive the majority of the black vote anyway," Little said. "For black skeptics out there, it may do something to shut them up."

But Little will be the first to admit that Jackson's success at Goodman's release will not get him all the support he needs.

"It should be significant, but it won't be as significant as it should be. It should serve as a major plus for his candidacy, but he's black," Little said. "There are people in this country who don't get beyond his color. He could walk on water all the way back from Syria with Goodman on his back and not get the support."

"Any candidate that shows the ability to deal with heads of state should be given credit for being able to bring peace in a troubled nation," Little said. "If (Walter) Mondale or (John) Glenn had done that, the campaigning would be over."

Jackson's successful negotiations with the Syrians will build a foundation for local support, Little said, but much work remains to be done.

"It's gonna help him a lot," Little said. "It gives him credibility in a lot of ways."

In an effort to get a head start on the work that lies ahead, Little, Womble, Newell, Woodruff and Bailey have laid the groundwork for a countywide Jackson campaign committee. Little said he had hoped to involve influential black ministers on the committee, but Dr. Jerry Drayton, president of the Political Action Committee of the General Baptist State Convention, has said he cannot support Jackson.

Drayton said in early December, after Dr. T.J. Jemison, president of the National Baptist Convention U.S.A. Inc., gave his support for Jackson, that "his

"He is the man of the hour. He is the man for the people."

-- Alderman Virginia Newell

(the Rev. Jackson's) chances of winning are so slim that a vote for him would be wasted."

Not all local ministers share that view, however. The Rev. John Mendez, pastor of Emmanuel Baptist Church, disagreed, saying that Jackson's candidacy is not as much about winning as it is about giving the people an alternative. "If we focus on winning," Mendez said, "we miss the significance of what his candidacy means."

Mendez added that Jackson's role in the release of Lt. Goodman "proves why the religious community must become involved in these endeavors. We are all about improving the human condition."

Said Little: "Now we are beginning to send out the initial call for volunteers that we hope will also include whites and women."

Added Womble: "We are in the process now of trying to form a steering committee."

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Six Days Left

Only six days remain for nominations to be accepted for the *Chronicle's* annual Man and Woman of the Year awards.

Put simply, we're looking to recognize the local residents who have made significant contributions to the black community in Winston-Salem in the last calendar year.

The winners will be announced in our Jan. 26 "Year In Review" edition, a special issue of the *Chronicle* that will highlight the major events affecting the black community in 1983, and forecast what lies ahead for Black Winston-Salem and Black America in 1984.

Also included in the issue will be the announcement of our Male and Female Athletes of the Year, a pictorial look back at '83, notable quotes from the past year and a number of new features that we hope you'll enjoy.

Nominations forms for our Man and Woman of the Year appear on Page A9 of this issue.

Please take the time to fill them out and submit them in person to the *Chronicle* offices at 516 N. Trade St. or by mail to P.O. Box 3154, Winston-Salem, 27102 by 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 11.

Free At Last

Jackson Obtains Black Pilot's Release

WASHINGTON -- Despite objections from President Reagan, the Rev. Jesse Jackson flew to Syria last week and obtained the release of a Navy flier shot down over Lebanon Dec. 4. Jackson and Lt. Robert Goodman left Syria Tuesday aboard a U.S. Air Force plane.

The jet flown by Goodman and Lt. Mark Lange was shot down over Syrian-held territory during a raid by 28 U.S. planes over Lebanon. Lange was killed in the crash and Goodman was being held a prisoner of war by the Syrian army.

Jackson sent a telegram to Syrian President Hafez Assad seeking Goodman's release, and received a return telegram Christmas Eve from Syrian Ambassador Rafic Jouejati saying the presidential hopeful would be allowed to travel to Syria with a delegation of his choosing.

Jackson and three members of his delegation

met with President Assad for nearly 90 minutes on Monday and termed the meeting cordial.

Before the meeting, Jackson had said: "So long as Lieutenant Goodman remains in jail here, he becomes a war incentive; he becomes war bait. If he is released, then it helps relieve the pressure. It becomes a move in the direction of a remedy."

In response to Jackson's criticism that efforts were not being made for the return of the 28-year-old black pilot, White House spokesman Mark Weinberg said efforts were being made through diplomatic channels. He also warned that the case could be undermined if Jackson made it a political issue.

After Goodman's release Tuesday, the Syrian Foreign Ministry issued a statement saying it was releasing the pilot in hopes of facilitating the withdrawal of American troops from Lebanon.

Space Heaters, Heavy Coats And Thoughts Of Spring: It's Cold...

By ROBIN ADAMS
Staff Writer

Barbara Stevenson is happy that her family made it through the cold days last week, when the temperatures dipped below zero.

The Stevenson house on Sprague Street only has one working heater downstairs. But since Stevenson and her seven children, including a nine-month-old baby, moved into the house over a month ago, the upstairs heater has not worked.

"It got so cold on Christmas Day we all got in one

room and used the kitchen stove, a small electric heater and a hotplate to keep the room kinda warm," Stevenson said. "All the children had to sleep in one bed." In addition, the family placed plastic and bed sheets at the windows to keep the air out.

"We had clothes at the bottom of the doors, also to keep warm," she said.

The Stevenson's made it through the cold, but a another family wasn't so lucky.

A fire, started by a kerosene space heater, destroyed the home of the Tobe family on Dunleith Avenue on Saturday night and left one family member dead.

Fred Tobe was carrying a heater upstairs, when the heater fell and overturned causing a fire in the stairway prohibiting the upstairs residents from coming down.

Because of the extremely cold temperatures, the Tobe family, like hundreds of other families, was using a small kerosene or electric heater to keep warm. But the fire department warns, that if not careful, the small heater can destroy a household.

"As a rule, we don't advocate the use of space heaters," says David Brooks with the local fire prevention office. "But if space heaters are used then the directions should be read and followed."

Brooks says that kerosene heaters should not be filled up on the inside of the house and should not be placed next or close to combustible materials like curtains and sofas and the kerosene must be stored outside the house.

Brooks says that they have had a couple of incidents where families had gasoline, instead of kerosene, in the heaters.

"Gas fumes are deadly," Brooks says. "It's not the smell, but the fumes. And when the fumes get inside the house and a match is lit, the whole house goes up."

In addition to the use of space heaters, Brooks says

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