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else," McLean said. "All of that (the rumors) is just junk. He resigned voluntarily. There was no force or anything like that."

White said his decision to go to New York and start a business was something he has wanted to do for a while and the opportunity is right for it now.

Other than the prepared statement, Taylor

would not comment on the allegations that White was asked to leave nor would she evaluate his job performance while at the bank.

While in Winston-Salem, White served as a member of the Black Leadership Roundtable Coalition, the Chamber of Commerce, the board of directors of the Patterson Avenue YMCA, the Flonnie Anderson Theatrical

Association and the Greater Winston Kiwanis Club.

Taylor said that no replacement for White has been named.

Mechanics and Farmers Bank, headquartered in Durham, is the only minority-owned bank in Winston-Salem.

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blems at the time, I was getting good job evaluations and merit-pay bonuses. I'm not saying the demotion was not partially my fault, but if it was, it was a one-time thing."

The trouble that Wilson has had with the Y, she said, has also extended to her family.

Wilson's five children were attending the afterschool program at the Y, which is free of charge to Y employees.

"After I was fired, my children were dismissed from the program by the acting director, Pamela Westrick, without contacting me," Wilson said.

Wilson said she feels she should have been asked if she wanted her children to remain in the program at her expense or what plans she had

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for their care.

Wilson said that the YWCA seems to have a

double set of standards for black and white employees.

"Some things are right for whites but wrong for blacks. White people can be late, but if a black is late, it's drastic," Wilson said. "It seems that there is, from my point of view, no room for black people at the YWCA and I don't feel we have any standing with the black people on the board."

Wilson said she is scheduled to have a fact-finding conference with the YWCA Feb. 21, at which time her allegations will be heard and responded to.

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Alderman Virginia Newell offered an alternative.

"We need surface parking instead of these great big parking decks with dead cars," she said. "A lot of rapes and muggings go on in those places."

Newell also suggested that the existing parking deck on North Trade Street be expanded rather than torn down.

"There's enough vacant land downtown so that we don't have to knock down businesses just to put up cement," she said. "Downtown is for live people, not for buildings with nothing in them."

Alderman Larry Womble

contended that, because of misinformation or no information at all, the full effects of the bond referendum on downtown businesses have to be dealt with now and with the businesses' concerns in mind.

"I'm not doubting that the parking spaces are needed," he said, "but we really need to pay close attention to the small businessman because, after all, he is the backbone of downtown."

In other business, the aldermen recommended 5-3 that the north section of Kent Road be converted in-

to a one-way street.

Aldermen Womble, Newell and Lynne Harpe voted against the motion, saying the conversion

would cause more traffic congestion on the northwest portion of 25th Street, a predominantly black residential area.

Womble noted that he voted against the motion because other alternatives should have been studied first.

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with sticks and guns by the demonstrators as they drove up.

Another Klansman, Harry M. Hayes of Conover, said he went to the rally expecting a fistfight but not expecting a shootout. Hayes said he thought he heard David Wayne Matthews, one of the nine men on trial, say at the rally that the Klansmen and Nazis were going to shoot the demonstrators, but he said he thought Matthews was joking.

A Klanswoman testified that Griffin believed he was set up by Edward Dawson, who had infiltrated the Klan and was working as a police informant. Dawson is also one of the nine men on trial.

Ruby Sweet Miller of Hickory said Griffin mentioned to her that Dawson was trying to set him up. Miller also testified that Griffin had told her to lie about going to the Greensboro rally if she was caught and to lie about the fact that the Klansmen took guns to the rally.

Cindy Hall Jenkins, an acquaintance of Griffin, testified that Griffin also told her to lie about going to the rally and about carrying guns. Jenkins testified that she did not actually attend the rally but was at a house near Greensboro when the plans were made to go to the rally on the morning of Nov. 3, 1979.

Under cross-examination, Jenkins said that she had tried to kill herself after her testimony before the grand jury because she was afraid of harassment from Griffin for telling the truth.

On trial are Griffin, Dawson, Matthews, Roland Wayne Wood, Jack Fowler, Jerry Paul Smith, Roy Toney, Raeford Milano Caudle and Coleman B. Pridmore.

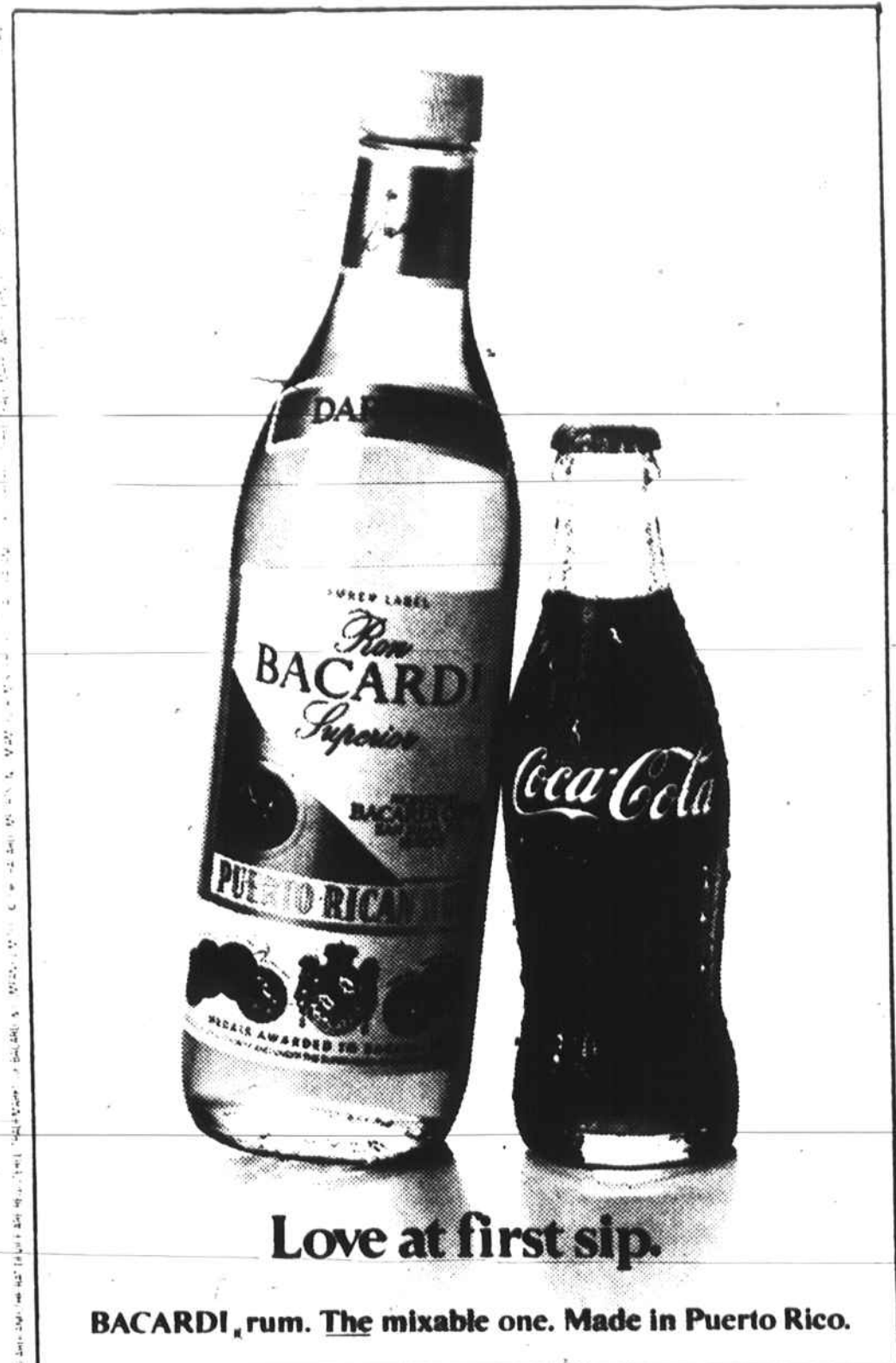
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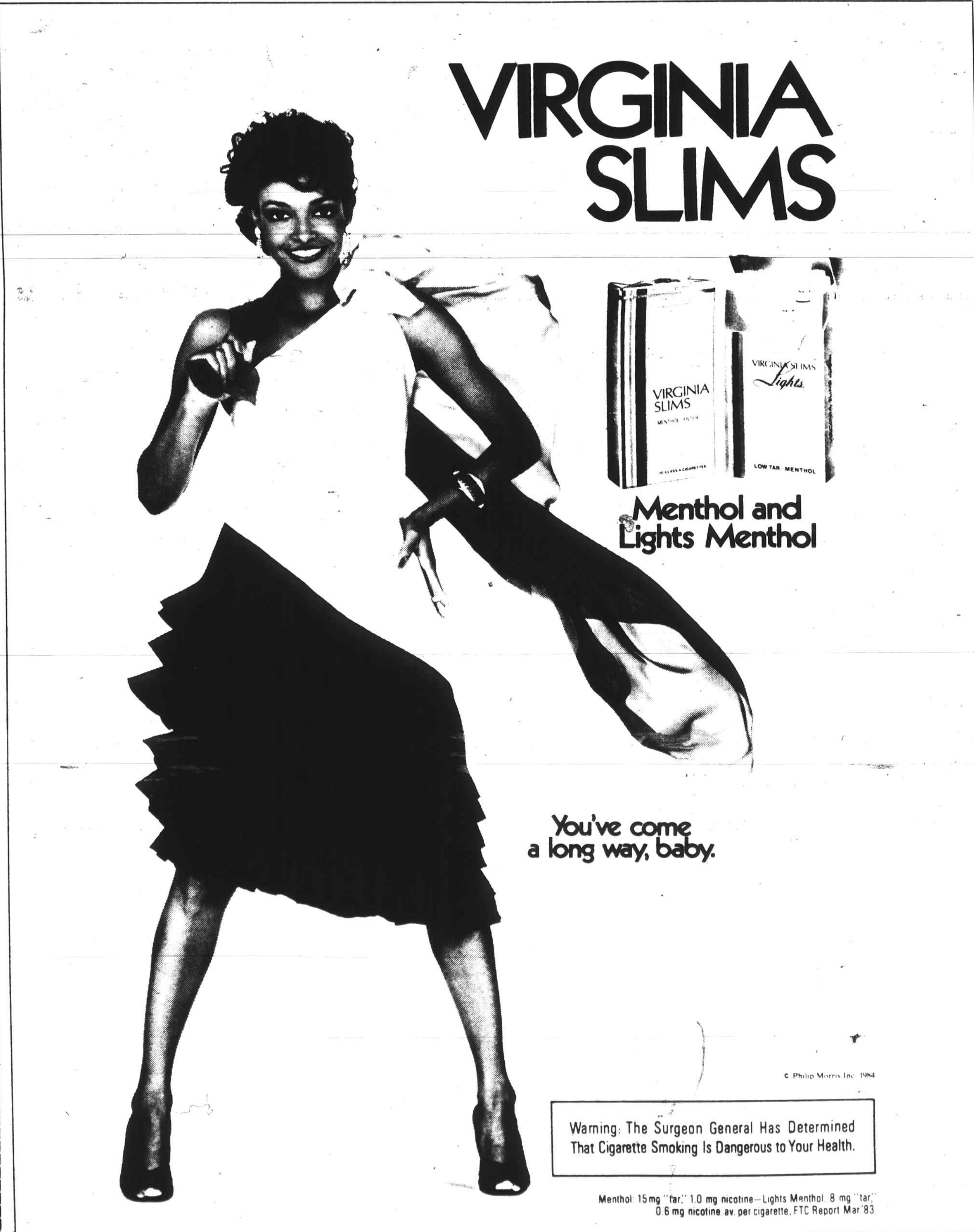
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