Bullish On Winston

Gil McGregor, who once pitched basketballs and grabbed rebounds, now pitches sales and grabs convention business.

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At Odds

Moses Gunn, left, and Dumien Leake match wills in "The Killing Floor," a public television drama that depicts efforts to unionize a Chicago shaughter house in the early 20th century.

The film airs Tuesday, April 10/at 9 p.m. on Channel 26 (photo by Jim Taylor).

Campaign Notes

Forsyth County Jackson campaign office opens

By ROBIN ADAMS Chronicle Staff Writer

campaign trail: The local Jesse Jackson For President campaign office was scheduled to open Thursday, said Alderman Larry Little, unofficial chairman of the Forsyth County Jackson for Presi-

dent Committee. The office will be located at 112 W. Fourth St. and has already attracted a steady stream of well-wishers.

Working as coordinators for the local work. Jackson campaign will be aldermen Larry A surprise Jackson campaign worker is one member Beaufort Bailey, County Commis- Vernon Robinson.

sioner Mazie Woodruff and Reynolds cafeteria manager Velma Hopkins. Little said volunteers Notes we've gathered while following the are needed to help man the office and do other

> Election Year '84

Womble and Virginia Newell, school board of Forsyth County's devout black Republicans,

Robinson has publicly announced that he will work for Jackson and is raising funds for the

But Little said Robinson is not connected with the local Jackson campaign.

"Vernon Robinson has no capacity in this campaign," Little said. "You can't support Jesse Jackson and Ronald Reagan. You can't support Jesse Jackson and Jesse Helms, too.

"What Vernon is trying to do is infiltrate us. He's thinking we will be alienated after the Democratic Convention and that he can sway some Jackson supporters to Reagan."...

Two weeks ago, campaign workers for the three Democratic hopefuls seeking the nomina-Please see page A12

And more, say officials

YMCA facility will get its 'frills'

By ROBIN ADAMS Chronicle Staff Writer

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Despite concern in the black community to the contrary, the yet-to-beconstructed Winston Lake YMCA will be the high-quality facility promised last year, said YMCA officials earlier this week.

Those officials, including William Clingman, president of the Metropolitan YMCA, said Tuesday morning, in a special meeting with the Chronicle, that, excluding a few minor changes, the Winston Lake facility will be built as planned, and including many of the frills that some say the Metro YMCA board, which governs county-wide Y operations, had considered eliminating.

"We are planning to go forward with everything as originally promised," Clingman said.

Three weeks ago, Dr. Harvey Allen and Marie Roseboro, both members of the Patterson Avenue Y's board of management, complained that the Winston Lake facility, which will succeed the 33-yearold Patterson Y, faced losing many of the features it originally was slated to have. Among the corners to be cut, said Allen and Roseboro, were a raised indoor track, an observation deck for the handball court, a pool-cleaning system, bleachers, landscaping, kitchen equipment, the amount of activity space initially prescribed and a payment-and-performance bond that would make the contractor or architect liable for whatever might go wrong with the building rather than the YMCA.

But Clingman, as well as Bryan Cormier, executive director of the Metropelitan YMCA; Delray Hartsfield, chairman of the Patterson board, and Richard Glover, executive director of the predominantly black Patterson Avenue branch, now say that all those things and more will be offered in the Winston Lake

"Some things are better," Cormier said.

Added Clingman: "The building is actually larger. The day care facility has been expanded to meet federal standards."

The major change in the building, Glover said, is a reduction by 3,000 square feet of space in the basement, part of a back lobby and a hallway.

"We thought it best to cut those kinds of areas instead of program space," Cormier said.

Several weeks ago, however, Cormier said that several of the Winston Lake Y's architectural and recreational features were too expensive and had to be eliminated in an effort to bring the building back to within its budget. The costs of the kitchen equipment,

landscaping, operable walls, bleachers and pool-cleaning system total \$110,800.

Plugging the extras back into the facility means the Winston Lake Y will have to

"A negative seed has been planted that the black community is being shortchanged."

Delray Hartsfield

spend more than the \$2.8 million budgeted for contractor's and architect's fees. Instead of \$3.15 million for the total project, including fundraising campaign charges, the Winston Lake facility will be budgeted \$3.16 million, Cormier said.

"They are getting \$191,000 over the planned budget," Cormier said.

Where will the extra money come

Simply put, Cormier said, most of the money pledged during last year's fundraising drive will have to be collected.

"We have to have a very good ratio of collection to pledges," Cormier said. "If we don't collect, then we have a problem."

Still, contend Roseboro and Allen, the Winston Lake Y, which was the flagship of the YMCA's fundraising campaign last year, is not getting all of the money it should be getting. They argue that the \$3.16 million Patterson is getting from the Metro Y includes money that belonged solely to the Winston Lake Y in the first place.

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Party leaves Sheppard's seat unfilled

By ROBIN ADAMS Chronicle Staff Writer

Committee decided in a closed meeting Monday not to fill the school board seat left vacant by the death of Dr. William Sheppard.

that the seat be left vacant," said Earline Parmon, the committee's chairman.

school board ... to go to an odd-numbered board," she said. "This is a good opportunity to see how well an oddnumbered board will work. Second, with the primary so close it would have been difficult to go through a

selection process."

When asked if the committee made its decision in order The Forsyth County Democratic Party's Executive to avoid creating party factions, Parmon said, "I can assure you that our decision was not a political decision at all." But, speaking for herself and not in her official capacity as the party's chairman, Parmon added, "Fill-"It was a unanimous recommendation by the board ing that seat at this time could have caused unnecessary upset in the party and we don't need anything divisive."

Lone black school board member Beaufort Bailey, "One reason we made that decision is that the who was elected vice chairman of the board Monday legislature will soon have before it a request from the night, said he thinks the Democratic Party made a wise

"It was a wise idea to do that now," said Bailey. "I don't think anybody would take the seat for only eight Please see page A3

McGregor's bullish on Winston-Salem

By JOHN SLADE

Chronicle Assistant Editor

As sales manager for the Chamber of Commerce's Convention and Visitors Bureau, Gil McGregor considers himself an "ambassador of good will."

"My most immediate concern," says the 34-year-old native of Raeford, "is to increase the conventions, association meetings, group seminars, et cetera, held in Winston-Salem."

And though McGregor concedes that the city couldn't accommodate a convention of 20,000, because of limited

parking and hotel facilities, group meetings of 1,000 to 2,500 are never a problem.

"We need to get our share," he says, "national, regional and state, because the business does exist."

McGregor also expresses a strong interest in attracting black business to the city, and says he's striving to bring black organizations, including fraternities and sororities, to town as well as other groups.

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More Than A Century To Remember

Betty Lyons' 118-year-old hands have touched and been by many in the last century. And her eyes have seen enough history to fill a testbook. Her story appears in The Magazine Section (photo by James