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Roundtable picks Edmisten in runoff

By ROBIN ADAMS
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Democratic gubernatorial candidate Rufus Edmisten has received an endorsement from the Black Leadership Roundtable Coalition, says Clifton Graves, the organization's spokesman and interim convener.

"(Edmisten) has demonstrated throughout the campaign a willingness to come to the black community."

-- Clifton Graves

Although Edmisten and former Charlotte Mayor Eddie Knox, who will face one another in a June 5 primary runoff, are both middle-of-the-road Democrats, Graves says, Edmisten's record and his responses to questions posed to him last week by Roundtable members, gave him the edge.

The Roundtable also held an interview session with Knox.

"(Edmisten) has demonstrated throughout the campaign a willingness to come to the black community," Graves says.

Edmisten's promise to appoint blacks to his cabinet, to appoint more black judges, to implement an affirmative action policy in all phases of state government, to support the survival of black colleges and to be committed to minority business interests, were key issues that made him the choice, Graves says.

The vote Tuesday night by secret ballot

was not unanimous, Graves says, but Edmisten won the Roundtable's support by a "substantial margin."

Larry Womble, Edmisten's Forsyth County co-campaign coordinator and a Roundtable member, was elated at the endorsement.

"We are very pleased ... over receiving the endorsement of the Black Leadership Roundtable for many reasons," says Womble, a Roundtable member who, like Knox coordinator Victor Johnson, was prevented by the organization's bylaws from voting on the endorsement because of his position with a campaign organization.

"One, we realize and know that the Roundtable is a very viable and credible force in the black community. They are highly respected and held in high esteem.

"Second, the Roundtable takes its endorsements seriously and the community follows the advice the Roundtable gives.

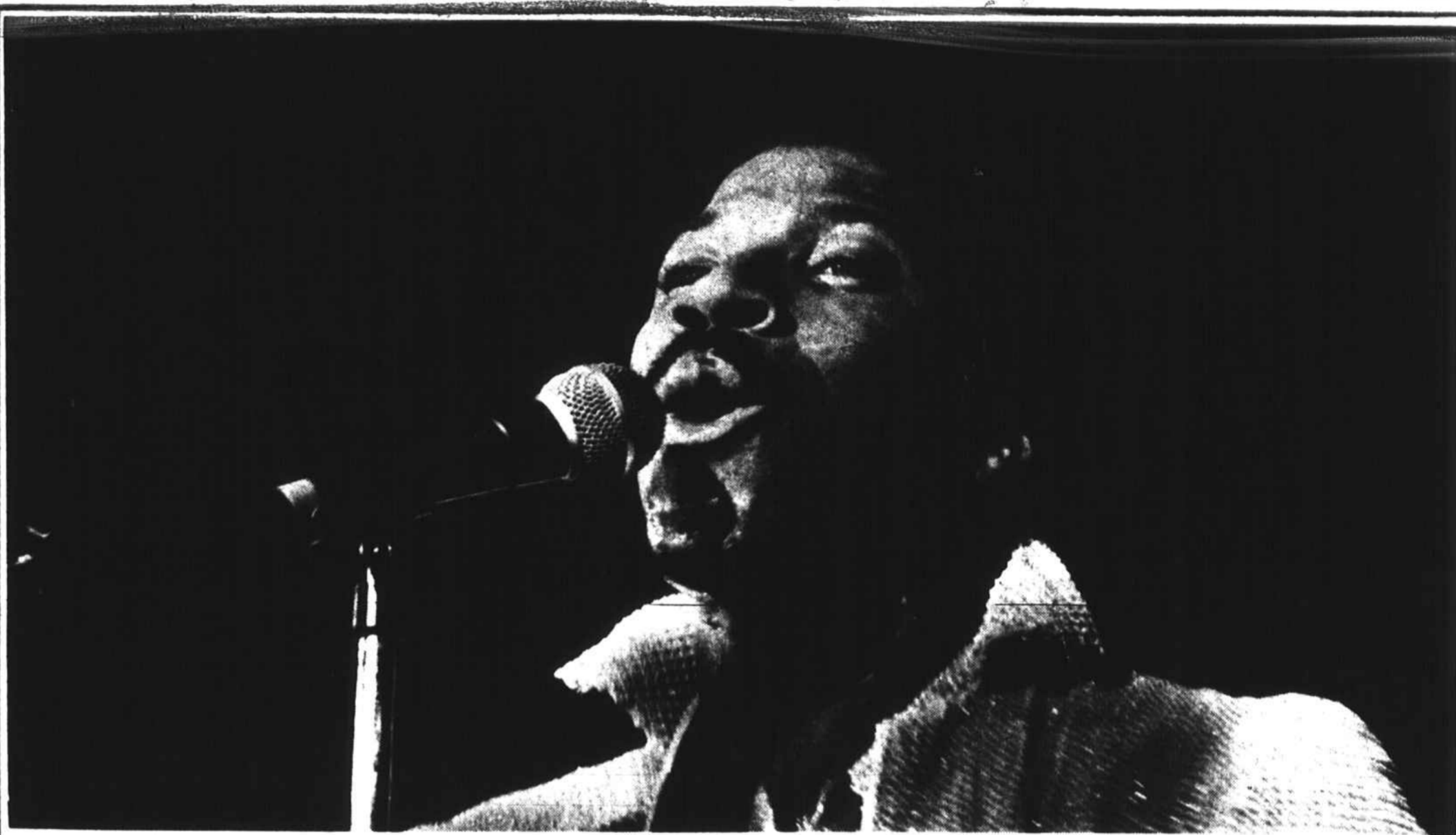
"We are excited and will do all we can to live up to the support and endorsement placed on us. I hope the black community will follow the advice of the Roundtable and support Rufus also."

Because the gubernatorial race has been a campaign based largely on generalities rather than specifics, Graves says, the Roundtable will prepare a "black agenda" to present to whomever wins the Democratic runoff as well as Republican nominee Jim Martin.

The goal of the agenda, Graves says, is to obtain specific responses from each nominee on issues that affect the black community.

Both Edmisten and Knox have both

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Sour Notes

Former Commodores star Lionel Richie and heartthrob Michael Jackson are the targets of boycotts by the members of the National Promoters' Association. The black promoters'

group claims that Richie and Jackson have sidestepped them in their summer concerts and have schedules that exclude cities with large concentrations of black people.

Vandals hindering YMCA construction

By ROBIN ADAMS
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Acts of vandalism have become so severe at the construction site of the Winston Lake YMCA that the Y has posted a guard and even considered such security options as guard dogs, fences and electronic beams.

According to the project's principal contractor, Fowler-Jones Construction Co., the cost of vandalism at Winston Lake has already hit the \$20,000 mark and is climbing.

Since the construction on Waterworks Road was begun, says project manager Dave Walters, vandals have struck five times. In one instance, a construction trailer was broken into, all the tools stolen and the shed set on fire. In others, construction tools and heavy equipment have been stolen, windows broken out of the earth-moving equipment and sand put in the transmission of one of the earth-movers.

Because of the type and severity of the vandalism, Walters believes the culprits include

both teen-agers and professionals. "There are just so many kids and people that hang around the pool area, until it's hard to say who is doing it -- kids or professionals," Walters says. "My guess is that one-half of the incidents may have been done by kids, but the other part seems to have been done by professionals."

Although a certain amount of vandalism occurs at any construction site, Walters terms the

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Condo development dies a quiet death

By ROBIN ADAMS
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Alderman Virginia Newell last year compared having two new housing complexes targeted for development-starved East Winston to being touched with gold.

But Midas' magic may be fading.

The Minneapolis-based developer for one of the two proposed housing projects in East Winston has reneged on his agreement to buy the land located between Seventh Street and Mt. Zion Place at Graham Avenue for a new complex called Heritage Hills. Mark Vieno, who also developed the East Winston Shopping Center, announced last year that he would build 76 condominiums -- 60 two-bedroom units and 16 one-bedroom units with a commons area in the middle -- on the site.

Unlike past housing construction in East Winston, Vieno's complex would not be rent-subsidized but would be geared toward middle-class tenants who often have to seek apartments and condominiums in other parts of town.

Vieno was the high bidder (\$250,000) for the 9.27 acres of land. But Vieno's company, Heritage Hills Associates, failed to come up with enough investors and forfeited its \$12,500 bid deposit. Last week, the Board of Aldermen decided to readvertise the property.

The news of the complex's demise put a damper on hopes that the condominiums would begin to lure young black professionals back to East Winston.

But Gary Brown, director of the city's Community Development Department, says Vieno's setback should not be viewed as East Winston's setback.

"He cancelled because of a personal thing," Brown says. "His company is relatively small and I think he got spread too thin. He couldn't meet the commitments."

Moreover, Brown says, other developers have expressed an interest in the property and may bid on it before the bidding period closes at 11 a.m. on July 16.

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The Killer Chicken

"Ouch!!" says Montrice Brown as the San Diego Chichen took a bit out of her head. The chicken was the added attraction at the Winston-Salem Spirits baseball game against the Lynchburg Mets last Friday. The Spirits won the game 10-9 (photo by James Parker).

Summer job outlook improved; being able to compete the key

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So far, so good, says Nancy Gann, a youth specialist with the local Employment Security Commission office, when asked about the prospects for summer jobs for youth.

"I feel positive about the (job) possibilities for the summer," says Gann, "not that the jobs are available right now, but because of inquiries from employers who are asking how fast we could find someone if they needed them."

Gann's program, which is not specially funded and targets no specific economic group, functions primarily as a job bank for teen-agers and students who are looking for summer work. She then has a file to work from when a company or business requests summer help.

Last year, Gann estimates that her program was the source of 200 to 250 jobs for teen-agers, as compared with about the same number for the federally-funded Jobs Training Partnership Act (JTPA). Unlike JTPA, the ESC does not create jobs or provide the salaries for the youth it places. Rather, the jobs reflect the actual needs of the employers, she says, and once the teen-ager has the job, he's "on his own. It's not a program that's monitored."

In 1983, the statewide teen-age (16-19) unemployment rate for blacks and whites of both sexes was 21.0 percent, according to national Bureau of Labor statistics as

quoted by Dick Johnson, the state ESC's public information officer. The rate for white teen-agers was 14.7 percent, black males 18 percent and black females 19.8 percent.

Local teen-age unemployment statistics are not compiled.

Despite what economic forecasters term an improving economy, it may be too early to tell just what the job picture for youth will be.

"The economy as a whole is better than last year," says Gann, "though it hasn't

"Believe it or not, we don't have the turnover that others do. The economic conditions make for a workforce that is fairly stable."

-- McDonald's Manager Jake Sudler

fully recovered."

The picture may be somewhat brighter for men than women, says Gann, because men are easier to place in unskilled jobs, such as construction work. But the real key to finding employment, she says, is being an able competitor.

"The better the experience, the better the chances," she says. "You have to be able to compete in the job market."

Gann's program serves not only youth who live in Winston-Salem, but those in the county, as well as students from other

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