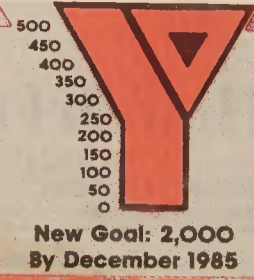




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## Young Love

Jerome Johnson, 2, took up an instant fancy to Michelle Hopkins, 2, whom he chanced upon at the formal dedication of the New Winston Lake Family YMCA last Saturday. Alas, poor Jerome learned a time-honored lesson about older women. See Y opening story on this page (photos by James Parker).



## Voters approve coliseum bond

### Black precincts give referendum 5-to-1 edge

By DAVID RANKIN and ROBIN ADAMS  
Chronicle Staff Writers

Winston-Salem voters approved a bond referendum Tuesday to build a new coliseum and adjoining annex by a four to one margin.

Unofficial results from the city's 50 precincts showed that 12,739 voted to approve and 3,426 voted to reject the \$20 million bond package. Wake Forest University has pledged another \$4 million to the project.

The new 14,000-seat coliseum and annex, containing an ice-skating rink and 3,500-seat exhibition center, will replace the 30-year-old Memorial Coliseum that lacks air-conditioning. The new facility will be placed just north of the existing building. Once the new project is completed, the old coliseum will be torn down and replaced by a parking lot to serve the new building.

This was the third time that Winston-Salem voters had been asked to consider financing a new coliseum. In 1976 and 1979, the coliseum bond referendum failed. The key to this year's win, said Mayor Wayne Corpening, as he watched the precinct-by-precinct results come in at the Board of Elections, was the promise of no tax increase and community involvement.

"Before, we didn't have good packages," said Corpening. "This time we had a good package, we promoted it and we had 125 people working together to push this thing and it paid off."

Other poll watchers credited the win to a lack of organized opposition. The only person to publicly

oppose the bond was Southeast Ward Alderman Larry Womble. Before the polls closed Tuesday afternoon, Womble said that he didn't oppose the building of a new coliseum, but opposed methods used to try to get black voters to support it.

"They always dangle that jobs, jobs, jobs carrot," said Womble. "We want to see some of those jobs."

Womble congratulated the bond supporters but



A 20 percent voter turnout made it an easy day for the city's precinct workers (photo by James Parker).

stressed that his opposition to the bonds was a moral one. In addition, Womble said, if Winston-Salem voters approved the bonds, he would support them. Please see page A3

## Local blacks get token share of city contracts

By DAVID R. RANKIN  
Chronicle Staff Writer

The City of Winston-Salem Purchasing Department spent approximately \$82 million between July 1, 1983, and April 30, 1985.

But only \$954,167, or 1.16 percent, was spent with local minority-owned companies.

This information comes from a 92-page report on city spending with majority-owned businesses and a seven-page report on city spending with minority-owned businesses -- both reports recently released by the city's purchasing department.

Don Farmer, a purchasing agent for the city and Forsyth County, said that compared with the rest of the state, there are not a large number of minority-owned businesses in Winston-Salem to choose from.

He said the city has seminars to help minority businesses and tries to identify local minority-owned companies.

"The subcontractors that a

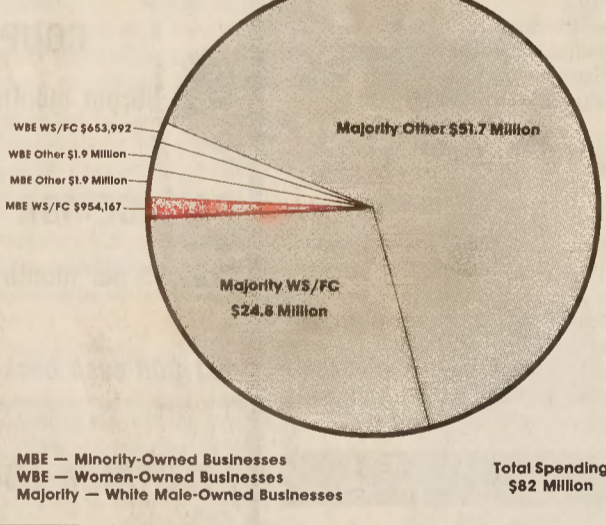
prime (large) company uses is in its hands," Farmer said. "We suggest local MBEs (minority-owned businesses) to them but we can't make a company use them (MBEs)."

Approximately \$5.4 million or 6.65 percent of city money has been spent with minorities, local and throughout the country, according to the report. This amount includes minority-owned, women-owned and minority women-owned businesses, during the period. The \$5.4 million minority spending compares with \$76 million or 93.3 percent spent with white-owned companies.

The report says that the most money spent with a white-owned business during the period was \$11 million with Fowler-Jones Construction Co.

The \$11 million dollars spent with Fowler-Jones represents approximately 13.4 percent of total city spending, according to the report.

Pie Chart of Winston-Salem Spending  
July 1, 1983-April 30, 1985  
Graphics by Tim Butner



Local minority contractors got 1.16 percent, pictured in the red, of the \$82 million in contracts that the city let from July 1, 1983 to April 30, 1985.

Fowler-Jones is currently expanding and renovating the M.C. Benton Convention Center at a price of \$8.2 million and building a \$3.8 million parking deck. City figures show that Fowler-Jones is spending approximately \$88,968 with minorities on the parking

deck and approximately \$52,639 on the convention center expansion.

The largest amount the city spent with a minority-owned company was \$736,949 with Kern-Affholder Inc., a tunneling contractor. Please see page A11

## YMCA opens with pomp

By DAVID R. RANKIN  
Chronicle Staff Writer

Some people were in their Sunday best and others donned their sweatsuits and basketball shorts. Nonetheless, it was a grand occasion, chronicled in local history.

About 300 people turned out at the new Winston Lake YMCA on Saturday, June 22, at 9:30 a.m. for its official ribbon-cutting and dedication ceremony. The formal ceremony included local speakers, music and balloons as blacks in the community officially recognized the opening of the \$3.2 million facility.

East Ward Alderman Virginia K. Newell represented the city and spoke to the crowd on behalf of the mayor who was attending an out-of-town mayor's conference.

"We have come home to a place where we can develop the talent and character of our kids," said Newell, who represents the ward where the Y is located.

Newell said the city plans to dredge the silt-filled Winston Lake adjacent to the YMCA facility to provide a better appearance and environment at the site. Please see page A3

## Chronicle wins awards

By BILL HAMILTON  
Chronicle Staff Writer

The Winston-Salem Chronicle collected four first-place awards and a second-place award during the 45th annual conference of the National Newspaper Publishers Association held recently in Seattle.

Chronicle Executive Editor

Allen H. Johnson III said the weekly newspaper had won awards before, but never individual writing awards.

"I'm very proud of that," he said.

Chronicle Assistant Editor Robin Adams submitted the story that took first place in the Best Feature Story category. The story was about the city's new coliseum. Please see page A3

## Minorities in business

### REVS give 'keys'

By DAVID R. RANKIN  
Chronicle Staff Writer

Minority and small business owners had an opportunity to pick up some information about opening and operating small businesses from those who have successfully done it.

A two-day Pre-Business Workshop took place June 26 and June 27 in the ballroom of the Winston-Salem State University student union.

The workshop was sponsored by the Minority Business Council of the Winston-Salem Chamber of Commerce, Winston-Salem State University and the Retired Executives Volunteer Services (REVS).

According to Mike Callahan, coordinator of the workshop, the workshop was a success. Please see page A3



Garland Jones listens as Northeast Ward Alderman Vivian Burke asks questions about a tenant complaint (photo by James Parker).

## Jones: I provide decent housing

By ROBIN ADAMS  
Chronicle Assistant Editor

Except for a few notations, members of the Board of Aldermen's Finance Committee praised a local landlord for the job he did in rehabilitating 11 houses in East Winston. Joining the committee in its assessment were Alderman Vivian Burke, Mayor Wayne Corpening, City Manager Bill Stuart, Housing Authority Executive Director David Tompkins and other members of the city staff.

"I think it's an excellent project myself," said Tompkins.

"I think he did a reasonably good job with what he had to work with," said Assistant City Manager Joe Berrier.

Garland M. Jones, the owner of the houses, located in a block fronted by Dunleith, Locust and 21st streets, looked pleased as the group toured some of the homes. Jones' work has not pleased everyone, however.

Just weeks ago, an article in a local newspaper charged that Jones was delinquent in paying a \$171,000 loan he obtained from the city to renovate the houses and that tenant complaints -- plumbing that didn't work, incomplete kitchen wiring and broken screen doors -- had resulted in a reinspection of the homes.

Jones denies that he is behind in his payments. Please see page A12