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Jackson meets Carter; former president withholds endorsement

By The Associated Press

ATLANTA -- Presidential hopeful Jesse Jackson's high standing in the polls indicate his campaign is going well, and Jackson's support is solid and unaffected by what other candidates do, says former President Jimmy Carter.

But Carter said he doesn't plan to endorse any Democrats before the nominating convention in Atlanta next July.

"I'll make my own quiet preference and maybe give better advice to some than to others," he said.

Carter met with Jackson Wednesday and said the candidate has "innovative ideas that appeal to all elements."

Carter made a similar statement after a recent meeting with U.S. Sen. Paul Simon of Illinois, who also seeks the Democratic nomination.

Jackson's meeting with Carter at the Carter Presidential Center lasted about 25 minutes.

Carter said Jackson's statements appeal to the farmer, the unemployed, and others who are in hard times and that probably would outweigh the race factor.

Earlier, Jackson told patients at the Veterans' Hospital in suburban Decatur that the United States has a strong military but weak policy.

In his Veterans' Day speech, Jackson drew applause saying, "If we must fight, fight to win," noting that there are about 30,000 American troops in the Persian Gulf region who can fire only when fired upon.

He said the troops "are being looked at through the sights of American weapons sold illegally to Iran."

Jackson said the gulf should be kept open by all of the nations with an interest in it, and he suggested the United Nations flag replace the U.S. flag on foreign tankers.

He said the American actions in the gulf are merely subsidizing the oil profits of some of the richer nations in the world.

"We stand by our troops but we challenge our policies," Jackson said. He said the United States should not spend billions of dollars to build two more aircraft carriers while 250,000 Vietnam veterans are homeless and the unemployment rate among those veterans is three times the national average.

He also questioned the need for oil from the Persian Gulf.

"Doesn't it make sense to be energy self-sufficient in our own hemisphere?" he asked, saying the United States, Canada and Latin America produce all the oil the United States needs.

He likened the oil situation to having a refrigerator



The Rev. Jesse Jackson

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Civic Ventures study planned

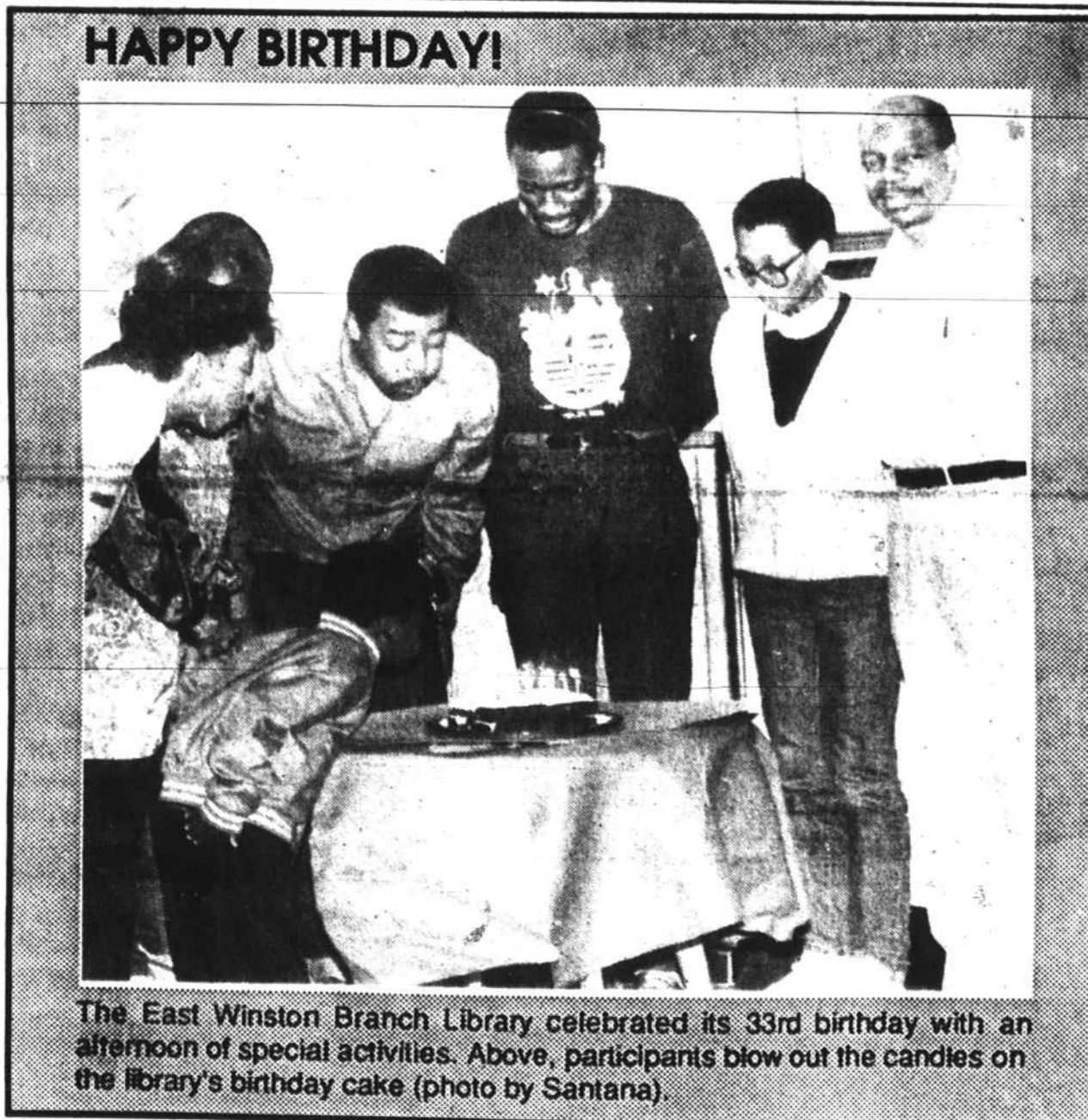
By ROBIN BARKSDALE
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The Winston-Salem Board of Aldermen Tuesday night said that they must take the blame for any deficiencies in Civic Ventures and voted to undertake a study of the group's development.

The aldermen said they would ask the Forsyth County Board of Commissioners to participate in the study of the three-year-old advisory group which makes recommendations to the city concerning economic development. The group had asked the aldermen to add six voting members to its board. The general committee forwarded the request to the full board with three in favor and one abstention. But East Ward Alderman Virginia K. Newell, who abstained in the committee meeting, aired her concerns to the board.

"I believe that 28 persons on the board is enough to make any decision that needs to be made in the city," Mrs. Newell said. "I cannot believe that adding six bodies to the group is going to get any more done."

Civic Ventures is an advisory committee composed of city and county citizens appointed by the board of aldermen, the mayor and the county commissioners. The group meets regularly to discuss econom-



The East Winston Branch Library celebrated its 33rd birthday with an afternoon of special activities. Above, participants blow out the candles on the library's birthday cake (photo by Santana).

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Mrs. Elijah says husband 'railroaded'

By ROBIN BARKSDALE
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Carmen Elijah, wife of suspended Urban League President Thomas J. Elijah Jr., Saturday told a group of supporters that her husband had been "railroaded" by some of the local league's board members.

During a board meeting last week Elijah, who had been president of the local league for 10 years, was suspended for 30 days, pending an investigation into management operations at the Winston-Salem Urban League.

Mrs. Elijah, speaking at a support rally held for Elijah at the Reynolds Health Center Cafeteria, said some members of the board had attempted to keep the community from knowing what was happening at the Urban League.

"We tried to bring the community into it the other day," Mrs. Elijah said, referring to a support rally held for Elijah outside the Urban League before the start of the board meeting. "We tried to involve the community in the process. A few of the members on the board did not want the community to know what was happening. They wanted to railroad something that they didn't want you to see. The board did not want you folks in the community to see the upheaval that happened upstairs in that building. He was a man who was railroaded out under no legal by-laws."

Mrs. Elijah said board members became more concerned with "putting a process in motion" than following procedures outlined in the Urban League's constitution. She said also that a similar situation arose in the past when Elijah could not get a motion passed and the then national president,

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Alderman Vivian H. Burke said Alderman Frank Frye was out of line with the recent comments he made concerning her son's purchase of city lots (photo by Mike Cunningham).

Vivian Burke questions Frank Frye's ethics

By ROBIN BARKSDALE
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Northeast Ward Alderman Vivian Burke said that not her ethics, but rather the ethics of one of her fellow aldermen should come into question with regard to the purchase of the city's "dollar lots."

Mrs. Burke asked for a public clarification at Tuesday's Board of Aldermen meeting with regard to her son's involvement in the sale of three city lots in the Kimberly Park area.

L. Todd Burke, Mrs. Burke's son, applied for the purchase of the lots under the city's "dollar lot" program designed to encourage development of the city's land. Burke's bid on the lots came before the aldermen for final approval at Tuesday's meeting.

Mrs. Burke said that prior to the aldermen's meeting, some questions had been raised as to whether her son's purchase of the city lots could be construed as a conflict of interest. Before the aldermen's vote on approval

of the sale, Mrs. Burke asked that her involvement in the situation be clarified. She also addressed additional comments to South Ward Alderman Frank Frye, who she said had "made insinuating remarks to the press" regarding the matter.

"I didn't feel your comment, Mr. Frye, was appropriate," Mrs. Burke said.

Frye had previously stated that he was not sure that it was in Burke's best interest or in his family's "for that to be going on."

But Frye said that his comments were made in consideration of how the matter would be perceived by the public and not from any personal concerns of his own.

"I'm satisfied that there is nothing wrong with it. My position is that there is nothing damaging as far as I'm concerned," Frye said Wednesday during a telephone interview. "It's one of those things people will always

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Mississippi repeals ban on interracial marriages

By The Associated Press

JACKSON, Miss. -- Mississippi hasn't entirely divorced itself from a segregationist past because a repeal of a constitutional ban on interracial marriage passed by only a slim margin in Tuesday's election, some political observers say.

"Some people just couldn't bring themselves to do it," said John Quincy Adams, political science professor at Millsaps College, a predominantly white private school in Jackson. "People still have deep-seated feelings about interracial marriages."

"The old phrase probably kept coming up: 'Would you want your daughter to marry one?'"

The ban, struck down by federal courts years ago, had remained in Mississippi's 1890 constitution until the Legislature put it on Tuesday's ballot for voters to purge.

With 89 percent of the precincts reporting, 228,060 voters or 52 percent favored the repeal and 212,905 or 48 percent rejected it.

Officials in urban Hinds County reported that the amendment lost in several white precincts and drew more than 40 percent opposition in two majority-black precincts in west Jackson.

Nine other constitutional amendments on the ballot passed by overwhelming margins statewide.

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School survey gets mixed reactions

By ANGIE MARTIN
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Although their numbers were few, local blacks who responded to a survey of the Winston-Salem/Forsyth County Schools last month said the schools were doing a good job.

Forty-nine blacks responded to a random survey conducted by school system officials last month. The survey results were released last Wednesday.

Slightly more than 46 percent of the blacks questioned said the city/county schools had improved over the past five years. More than 34 percent of them said if graded, they would give the schools a 'B' grade.

Of the 311 whites randomly selected for the survey, 39 percent said the schools had improved over the past five years. Forty-four percent of the white respondents would give the school a 'B' grade, the survey showed.

The survey, part of the city/county school's Project Input, also asked respondents to identify the biggest problems in the local schools. Slightly more than 26 percent of the blacks said discipline was the biggest problem in schools, while 23.15 percent of the whites gave this answer.

Busing was also identified as a problem by the respondents, although the percentages of blacks and whites naming busing as a problem was slight. Approximately

12 percent of the black respondents named busing as a problem compared to 14 percent of whites.

The survey was conducted through random telephone polling. Numbers were chosen from the Consolidated Phone Book for Winston-Salem/Forsyth County. The school targeted 400 respondents; 369 surveys were completed.

Susan Carson, spokeswoman for the school system, said the purpose of the survey was to help chart progress and spot potential problems in the schools. "This is a kind of status report. It's our annual check up," she said.

"While we break down the answers to look at them by age and by race, the purpose of the survey

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