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**Task force gets
OK to hire East
Winston adviser**

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The haze clouding the future of East Winston began Monday when the Winston-Salem Board of Finance committee voted to grant up to \$100,000 to the East Winston Development Task Force for the hiring of an economic development consultant. The grant will be considered by the full board Monday. City Development Director J. Allen Joines said, the committee's support will allow the selection of a consultant to proceed. The study will provide the task force with information necessary to promote and develop East Winston, he said. Previous economic development studies of the city will provide the task force with some information but have often left out East Winston, according to Force Chairman Ernest H. Pitt.

"We don't want to develop East Winston in a vacuum," Pitt said. "That's what makes this so vital to the community. We want others to include the East Winston community in efforts to attract developers. We don't want East Winston to be isolated. That's part of the problem."

East Winston may now attract some residential growth, but is falling behind the rest of the city in commercial growth, Pitt said. "Look all over Winston-Salem and there's development, but not East Winston." "It makes sense (for the city) to expand east toward Kernersville. With the (Greensboro Regional) area close, it's the logical place for Winston-Salem to grow."

In April, the Board of Aldermen created the East Winston Development Task Force to help implement economic aspects of the East Winston Area Plan and support the goals of the East Winston Community Development Corporation. The area plan is designed to help the Forsyth County Planning Department develop an accurate comprehensive plan to guide county growth. The development corporation is designed to

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A legacy of love

Lucile Douthit was well known in the local community for dedicated service to others.

Lucile Douthit dies

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The Twin City community lost one of its most dedicated workers earlier this week with the death of Lucile Douthit.

The 72-year-old Mrs. Douthit died following a lingering illness that had plagued her for the past few years.

She was a teacher in the local school system for 11 years and also spent time as an announcer at radio station WAAA. In addition to her responsibilities at the radio station, she found time to act as a church reporter for the *Winston-Salem Chronicle*. She is remembered by the paper's publisher as a "special person" who will be greatly

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**Marshall defends
county settlement**

Community leaders say 'no deal'

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Many Afro-American community leaders have voiced opposition to the agreement reached between the NAACP and Forsyth County concerning the method for county elections. But, Walter Marshall, head of the local NAACP chapter, says the opposition is "just a basic fear of change."

Sources say, however, that community leaders met in a closed-door session with Marshall Wednesday evening in an attempt to understand why such an agreement was reached and what their options are now.

The NAACP had filed legal action in 1986 on behalf of three Afro-American citizens and the registered Afro-American voters of Forsyth County challenging the form and method of election of the Forsyth County Board of Commissioners. They contended that the at-large, staggered term method of election diluted Afro-American voting strength.

The complaint sought a court-ordered, single-member district system of county elections and was due to be heard in federal court June 6. But the NAACP and a few members of the board of commissioners met on the evening of June 5 and settled out of court.

The settlement calls for a plan which allows for district nomination of candidates during primary elections, but maintains an at-large system of election for the general election. Under the plan there is one 92 percent Afro-American district.

Community leaders opposing the plan say it does not give Afro-American voters the guaranteed representation they would have had under single-member districts. Marshall says the single-member districts would have ultimately worked to the disadvantage of Afro-American voters.

"Do you vote your way into a position where you've got somebody to talk to, or do you vote yourself into a position of isolation?" he asked. He said that Afro-Americans needed to maintain their ability to influence others on the commission.

But many Afro-American leaders, and some members of the local NAACP, are calling upon Marshall to explain why he settled out of court and are trying to determine if the

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Public Safety Committee to rule on vicious dogs

By **WALERIE ROBACK GREGG**
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Some dog owners in Winston-Salem will have to change their ways if the regulations backed by the city's Public Safety Committee become law.

The committee voted Monday to support strict regulations on vicious dogs in the city's residential areas. A proposed ordinance including a two-dog limit for residential lots within the city, specific fencing and leash requirements, and "Beware of Dog" signs will be presented by City Attorney Ronald G. Seever at the next committee meeting.

Almost 20 city residents voiced concern, fear and disgust to the committee about pit bulls and other vicious dogs which they say have paralyzed their neighborhoods. City resident Lily Cuthrell presented the committee with a

unsanitary conditions, it's unbearable, and no one should have to live like that."

The Forsyth County Sanitation Department recently gave Cecil Rouson, the pit bull owner who lives next door to Cuthrell on Woodcreek Avenue, 10 days to clean up his yard and Rouson did. He accepted blame Monday for some of the problems, but protested the committee's proposal to limit the number of dogs allowed on residential lots. "It's unconstitutional for anyone to tell me how many dogs I can have just because they're pit bulls," Rouson said. "I do accept some blame. I looked out my window one morning and saw a rat climbing up one of my dog pens. I was paying some young people to clean my yard and the job was not getting done."

Several people, including committee members, said they were afraid to work in their yards or walk down the street



Pit bulls owned by Cecil Rouson on Woodcreek Avenue may be affected by a Public Safety Committee action on vicious dogs.

tee. "I agree with the provisions, especially about limiting the number of dogs within the city limits, but all breeds, not just pit bulls," he said. "Also, the owner should have \$100,000 of liability insurance for all vicious dogs."

A definition for "vicious dogs" will be proposed by Seever at the next committee meeting. Alderman Larry W. Womble said he did not want to wait until a dog had bitten someone to declare it vicious. "That first bite may be the last bite," he said.

The county, including the city of Winston-Salem, has a leash law, but Canady said it is not well enforced. "Because of the agreement between the county and the city, the dog warden enforces (the leash law) only as time permits," Canady said. "Enforcing the leash law, that's a low priority."

Alderman Burke encouraged concerned citizens to inform the county commission about the importance of the leash law.

Keeping or breeding dogs for fighting is a misdemeanor under North Carolina state law, but is a felony in some states. "Pit bulls are transported into North Carolina en masse and fight dogs in pits," Womble said. "There was an elderly man last year who was attacked by a pit bull, put in the hospital and almost died. For no apparent reason he was attacked. There are some dogs that by nature are like that. I'm not going to have that in Winston-Salem...The citizens need to be free from fear."

The committee voted to support Womble taking this concern to the League of Municipalities to campaign for stricter state measures.

Police brutality hearing tabled

By **WALERIE ROBACK GREGG**
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The city's public safety committee postponed consideration Monday of the NAACP's allegations of police brutality and its call for public hearings to discuss police/community relations.

NAACP President, Walter Marshall, will address the committee at 7 p.m. Monday, before the regularly scheduled meeting of the Winston-Salem Board of Aldermen. Marshall wrote the board asking

Assistant City Manager Alexander R. Beaty to review the internal regulations of the police department and "determine why so many policemen are using questionable tactics in their investigations and arrests of minority and poor citizens."

He also asked that public hearings be held to discuss police/community relations and determine if external city controls, such as a citizens' review board, are necessary. The issue was postponed because of time constraints.

because of vicious dogs on the loose. "I am afraid of dogs, I don't care how small they are," Alderman Vivian H. Burke said.

Forsyth County Animal Control Officer Jerry Canady said he supported the proposals approved by the commit-



NEWS DIGEST

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Jackson's brother probed

CHICAGO -- Jesse Jackson's half-brother, Noah Robinson, who faces criminal charges in South Carolina, denied any wrongdoing in accepting contracts for minority businesses and subcontracting the work to white-owned farms.

The Chicago Tribune reported that Robinson has often applied for programs aimed at helping minority-owned companies under his business name, but has hired white-owned companies to do the actual work.

Black heroes seek medals

WASHINGTON -- A pair of congressmen who are working to have the first Medals of Honor awarded to black servicemen who fought in the two world wars say they'll take their case to the White House if the Pentagon can't be swayed. Sgt. Henry Johnson and Seaman Dorrie Miller, were among the 1.37 million black Americans who fought for the United States during the two world wars.

Police manacle Tutu's wife

SOUTH AFRICA -- Archbishop Desmond Tutu said his wife was handcuffed, chained and threatened by police when she answered a summons for a traffic violation.

"Once they had established her identity they handcuffed her to a door (at a branch traffic office)," the black prelate said in a statement from Cape Town. "When her hand, after a while became numb, she hit the door. The response of the officers was to chain her foot to the door."