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Proposed complex Includes shopping and upscale housing to be located off New Walkertown Road

## East Winston may get new complex

By VALERIE ROBACK GREGG  
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A new development in the works for East Winston will offer upscale housing, shopping facilities and about 150 permanent jobs to area residents if backed by the city, but the proposal still needs considerable city support before it can become a reality.

The proposal, unveiled yesterday by Turner Development Services, asks the city to grant the East Winston Com-

munity Development Corporation 14.5 acres of wooded land off New Walkertown Road between Gerald Street and Dellabrook Road for the shopping center.

City Development Director J. Allen Joines said that the city has made no commitment to the project at this point, but is excited about the plans. "The developer has indicated the city's involvement through making the land available through the CDC, and the

need for a city loan has also been discussed," Joines said. "The CDC has no formal ties with the city, but if we could help the CDC to own some of it (the development), they would make some money to help them operate and do other projects in the city."

The CDC will ask the city to deed them the land and will then trade it for 20 percent of the stock in New Walkertown Market Associates, the corporate

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## Fuller attorney, DA agree to plea bargain

By ANGELA WRIGHT  
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A 34-year-old domestic worker accused of four counts of larceny and four counts of forgery will plead "no contest" to four misdemeanor charges.

District Attorney Warren Sparrow has agreed to allow Versell McDaniel Fuller of 6635 El Rancho Road in Rural Hall to enter the lesser plea, according to Fuller's attorney Douglas Miller. Sparrow declined to comment on the matter.

The plea bargain was reached just one week after a Superior Court judge granted Miller's motions for a change of venue and for separate trials for each forgery charge. Miller said that, although the plea is technically not a guilty plea, the judge will have



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to treat it as such.

"It works out fine for us in that Versell doesn't have to plead guilty to something

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## Joe's loses EEOC lawsuit

Grocer files bankruptcy after \$64,770 judgment

By VALERIE ROBACK GREGG  
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Because of U.S. District Court judgments for violating the 1964 Civil Rights Act and the Fair Labor Standards Act, Joe's Fine Foods recently filed for protection in U.S. District Bankruptcy Court to avoid paying \$64,770 in compensation, back wages and attorney's fees to a former employee.

"There's no way we could pay that kind of money," Joe Choplin, president and primary shareholder of Big Discount Food Store, Inc., said recently. "The corporation had no capital set aside for this type of judgement. All our capital is used in operations."

Big Discount Food Store, Inc. recently filed for protection under the federal Chap-

ter 11 Reorganization Plan. Chapter 11 allows a debtor to devise a plan of operations which allows it to pay debts while remaining a financially sound organization, William Schwenn, clerk of the U.S. District Bankruptcy Court in Greensboro, said.

The reorganization plan, however, must be approved by the court and is closely monitored throughout the process. The person or organization to which the debtor owes money is allowed to have a considerable voice in the planning process, Schwenn said.

Former Joe's Fine Foods employee Dorothy Jean Lampley, 43, worked for Joe's Fine Foods on Bowen Boulevard from 1980 to 1985, and filed two complaints with the federal Equal Employment Opportunity

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## County doubles number of arrests over past two years

## Computers make welfare fraud easier to detect

By VALERIE ROBACK GREGG  
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A 41-year-old city woman became part of a growing group when she was arrested recently and charged with defrauding the federal government of \$1,543 through welfare payments and food stamps.

Gwendolyn Ryan of 3326 Arlington Dr. allegedly failed to report that she was employed by Mark and Associates Inc. and continued to collect AFDC benefits and food stamps from Dec. 1, 1986 to Oct. 31, 1987, according to arrest warrants.

She is one of a steadily growing number of people collecting public assistance who have recently been charged with failing to give the Depart-

ment of Social Services accurate employment information, and thereby collecting more money than they are eligible for.

And her case is not spectacular, according to Brenda Gibson, supervisor of the Department of Social Services Fraud Unit. Welfare fraud cases have sometimes involved as much money as \$10,000, she said.

Ryan, however, was one of the first to fall victim to the "Income and Eligibility Verification System" (IEVS), a comprehensive computer networking process the county began using in July, 1986 to catch potential welfare fraud both before and after it occurs.

Federal law requires that an IEVS check be run on each applicant for all public assistance programs, which

include Aid to Families with Dependent Children, Food Stamps and Medicaid. Forsyth County came close to losing federal welfare funds because of waiting to acquire IEVS capability, Gibson said. "We would have lost federal funds, because we were lagging so far behind other states," she said.

The installation of IEVS was paid for with state and federal funds, Gibson said.

The number of arrest warrants drawn for welfare fraud by the county Department of Social Services has more than doubled in the past two years thanks to the new "one-worker" system and the advanced computer networking system.

Only 47 warrants were taken out for welfare fraud during fiscal year

1985-86. The number went up to 63 during the next year, and for the 1987-88 fiscal year topped out at 103, Gibson said. "It's not an increase in the incidence, we're just completing more cases."

Department of Social Services fraud investigator Jean Brown agreed. "We are getting some who do it three and four times," she said.

Gibson said it is largely due to the county's new system of dispensing federal welfare funds. "It is a direct result of the one-worker system," Gibson said. "Now we're getting to them sooner."

If food stamp fraud is committed by a person who receives AFDC funds, previously only one instance would be

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### NEWS DIGEST

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Hastings Hampton Bond

#### Hastings faces impeachment

(MIAMI, FLA.) -- A House Judiciary Committee voted 32-1 Tuesday morning to impeach U.S. District Judge Alcee Hastings for allegedly soliciting bribes and leaking information about an FBI probe.

#### Hampton tour jeopardized

Jazz musician Lionel Hampton, scheduled to begin a concert tour of Japan, has vowed to continue with the planned tour despite the threat of a strike by his musicians. Hampton's 17-piece orchestra may begin a strike that could hamper his plans for a Japanese tour.

#### Julian Bond files for divorce

Former Atlanta Senator and civil rights activist Julian Bond has filed for divorce from his wife, Alice. Bond's filing for divorce comes a year after his wife rocked city government in Atlanta by alleging that her husband and others used cocaine. Bond repeatedly denied the charges and no charges were filed against him by investigators.

## Dedication ceremony held for new low-income units

By VALERIE ROBACK GREGG  
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A light rain was falling on Drayton Pines Wednesday, but the sun still shone on the hill, warming the approximately 60 people at the dedication of the city's newest low-income housing project located at University Parkway and 13th Street.

Dr. Jerry Drayton, the pastor of New Bethel Baptist Church and namesake of the development, was the honored guest and praised the city's concern for citizens' housing needs. "I can envision the happy faces of men, women and children coming home to a house on a hill instead of a back alley, to be able to sit down to dinner without worrying themselves into an early grave

because they're paying for the house, without buckets on the floor to catch the rain water, and without plastic over the windows to keep the wind and cold out," Drayton said. "As a black, I see no logical reason that anyone would destroy houses that are built for people to stay in."

The 44-unit, 16-acre duplex development has already been marred by vandals, leaving new storm windows shattered by rocks, bricks and even a cinderblock.

The city paid \$2.2 million to build the complex, and all the funds were used for construction. The land was owned by the city, but had laid vacant for several years after standard

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Dr. Jerry Drayton, for whom the units are named, is flanked by Alderman Patrick Hairston, to the left, and Mr. Artis Bohannon, to the right.