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Police youth grant approved

By VALERIE ROBACK GREGG Chronicle Staff Writer

The kid grew up watching drug pushers get rich, another get beat up, drunks lying on the sidewalk, playing with other kids who lived in the public housing projects. He started delivering drugs for the pushers and getting drunk with his friends. Then he started smoking and doing cocaine, and then robbing convenience stores to support his habits. But he soon got caught, went to jail for a time, and he finished school. This scenario is common in East Winston's public housing projects, and the city Police Department has agreed to stop the cycle before it's too late for the African-American youths there. A \$42,000 grant from the North Carolina Department of Crime Control and the Governor's Crime Commission will help police conduct a two-year program aimed at preventing juvenile delinquency in East Winston's highest crime area. Last week, the Board of Police voted to accept the grant. This effort may help fill the void left by successful people who leave East Winston as soon as they are financially able, Alderman Larry W. Womble said. When they leave, the negative element enters and the police are left: the pimp, the pusher and the prostitute, he said. "They (children) see these people every day in their fine cars and clothes, and they see the

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'Valley of the Dolls'



Photo by Mike Cunningham

There is a doll to suit the fancy of almost everyone on display at the Delta Arts Center. The varied assortment of dolls, from the personal collections of three local residents, will be exhibited through Sept. 30. See story on A6.

Group opposes East Winston shopping center

By VALERIE ROBACK GREGG Chronicle Staff Writer

Slater Park residents are gathering their forces to oppose the construction of a shopping center off New Walkertown Road in East Winston and say they will go to the Board of Aldermen if necessary, but the project's developer is confident they can reach a compromise. About 100 people have already signed a petition opposing the location of the proposed development off

"We are already obligated to provide on-site security to control traffic during operating hours and loitering after hours. The opposition is based on anxiety and lack of knowledge about the complex. We're willing to work with them."

-- Herman Turner

Route 311 between Gerald and Dellabrook Roads, directly south of Slater Park. The Gerald Road segment of Slater Park would border directly on the northern edge of the shopping complex.

Herman Turner, the principal in Turner Development Services which is proposing the development, said he hopes to draft a contract with Slater Park residents. Please see page A10

11 historically black colleges lose federal funds

GREENSBORO (AP) -- Bennet College and 10 other historically black institutions in the Southeast have lost out on \$2.3 million in federal funds they had expected to use in the upcoming school year. Gloria Randle Scott, Bennet's president, said this week she will be hard-pressed to make up about \$100,000 her school had expected from the federal Title III program. "It hurts us pretty badly," Ms. Scott said. It means the school has to find the

money somewhere else, she said. Ms. Scott said about \$70,000 of the lost funds had been earmarked for salaries. Title III is a federal program that began in 1965 in an effort to move developing institutions, including historically black schools, into the educational mainstream. The schools won't get the money because Congress recently prohibited black institutions from receiving funds

from both the major parts of the Title III program, known as Part A and Part B. In June, Bennett was awarded funds from both parts. It is the only North Carolina school to get funds from both parts. Ms. Scott said this week she has asked the North Carolina congressional delegation to offer a technical amendment that provides Bennett and the other schools an exemption from the congressional act.

"As a result of this action," Scott wrote in a letter to Rep. Howard Coble, R-N.C., "We have been unfairly and unjustly cut from appropriations allocated in the 1989 federal budget without prior notice or consideration of its impact upon our entire program. ... We have no sources from which to draw funds which will be cut." A spokesman in Coble's office said North Carolina's entire delegation has signed a letter asking for the exemption.

Community group to elect Board of Directors

Community Development Corporation to select 21 members by mid-September

By VALERIE ROBACK GREGG Chronicle Staff Writer

The East Winston Community Development Corporation will elect a 21-member board of directors Sept. 15. According to CDC officials, the total membership will vote on a list of 21 persons proposed by a CDC nominating committee. The three-member committee has narrowed a list of 55 nominations down to 23 names so far. Joycelyn Johnson, CDC nominating committee chairwoman, said Tuesday. The committee asked East Winston area residents, business

people and government officials, as well as people from outside the East Winston community, to submit nominations for the 21-member board. The 21-member board will be elected by secret ballot at a regular meeting of the CDC. "There's been a tremendous increase in members since the shopping center (was announced)," CDC Chairman James R. Grace Jr. said Tuesday. "Membership was 98 at last count without any really organized effort." The East Winston Development Task Force recently voted to support a proposal to deed 14.5 acres of city land

off Route 311 to the CDC to house a shopping complex. The CDC would then give the land to the corporation owning the complex in exchange for 20 percent of the company's stock. The task force resolved to endorse the city's involvement, however, only if the CDC gains a tax-exempt status, elects a full board of directors with elected officers and installs management positions to help carry out the CDC's functions. Fifteen of the 23 finalists have accepted their nominations, Johnson said, and the final list of 21 nominees will be sent to all CDC members to consider on Sept. 2. "At the member-

ship meeting (Sept. 15) they'll say who they want and who they don't want," Johnson said. "We don't feel there will be a lot of changes in the listing." Advisory board positions will also be considered, she said. Grace said the CDC's nominating committee has been soliciting nominations from members for the past nine months. "They have members for nominations with certain qualifications," he said. "It's hard to match the certain types of expertise people bring to the table." The nominating committee has

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Candidates sign agreements with NAACP

CHARLOTTE (AP) -- State NAACP officials, carrying a six-year-old crusade with businesses into the political arena, reached agreements with 10 statewide and congressional candidates to spend more campaign dollars with blacks. The one-page Fair Share agreements, reached with the candidates' campaigns, generally pledge the campaigns to a "moral commitment" to use more black campaign managers and consultants, advertise with black media and increase purchases from black businesses.

Controversial attorney back in High Point

HIGH POINT (AP) -- Robert Brown, the High Point attorney and public relations executive who was a near-sure candidate for ambassador to South Africa two years ago, is an enigma to many people. Brown made international news recently in a squabble over who represented the family of Nelson Mandela. Brown announced he'd received power of attorney worldwide for the family of the imprisoned leader of the African National Congress. He has twice visited Mandela in prison.

Fisk program hopes to increase black doctors

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) -- Fisk University will use a grant of nearly \$600,000 to try to increase the number of black physicians in the country, officials say. The \$593,478 grant will allow the number of minority college students preparing for medical careers in a summer institute to increase from 73 to about 180.

Black businesses still lag behind other minority firms

By VALERIE ROBACK GREGG Chronicle Staff Writer

This story is the first in a series investigating the state of the local Afro-American business community. Next week, look for a summary of the community resources available to help minority-owned businesses.

Despite government assistance programs, minority business organizations, and the rise of the Afro-American middle class, Afro-American business owners remain on the fringes of the country's business community in terms of their numbers, the size of their businesses and the integration of industry. Nationwide, Afro-Americans constitute about 10 percent of the population but own only 2.3 percent of the country's businesses. And most of these businesses are not in the mainstream of the American economy. They remain on the outskirts. About 43 percent of these businesses provide a service, and the rest involve predominantly retail sales, construction or transportation, according to a 1982 U.S. Bureau of the Census economic survey.

The 1982 Survey of Minority-Owned Business Enterprises says Afro-Americans are the least likely of all minorities to own their own businesses. Afro-Americans are the largest segment of the country's minority population, yet they own less than half of all minority-owned businesses. Their businesses also have significantly lower sales and fewer employees, according to the survey. Afro-American businesses are concentrated most heavily in the retail and service industries and are hard to find in the areas of finance and manufacturing, according to the survey. Of the 513 firms owned by Afro-Americans in Winston-Salem in 1982, 243 provided services, 149 conducted retail sales and 40 were in the construction business. Most of them had no employees. The Afro-American business community is growing, but as business, especially big business, is relatively new to Afro-Americans, they suffer their share of problems. Eight out of every 10 new businesses in the U.S. fail, and in North Carolina, 7.3 out of every 10 businesses fail, W.R. Dow, director of the UNC Small Business and Technology Development Center (SBTDC),

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