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## Aldermen chastise cab service

By TONYA V. SMITH  
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Blue Bird Cab Company is monopolizing the taxicab business in Winston-Salem and may need a little competition to make it a more efficient, patron-pleasing business, said Alderman Larry W. Womble.

"I think we need to take another look at our ordinance. It may be time to change it . . . to look at other ways of providing taxi service for the citizens of Winston-Salem," Womble told fellow members of the Public Safety Committee Monday night. "We have one taxi company - a monopoly in the city of Winston-Salem -- for all the taxis are within his operation."

Womble was referring to William R. Clayton, president of Blue Bird. The committee of four aldermen asked Clayton to present a report giving a review of taxicab service in the city. But instead of a formal report, Clayton gave the board what amounted to ramblings off the top of his head, said Alderman Vivian H. Burke, committee chair.

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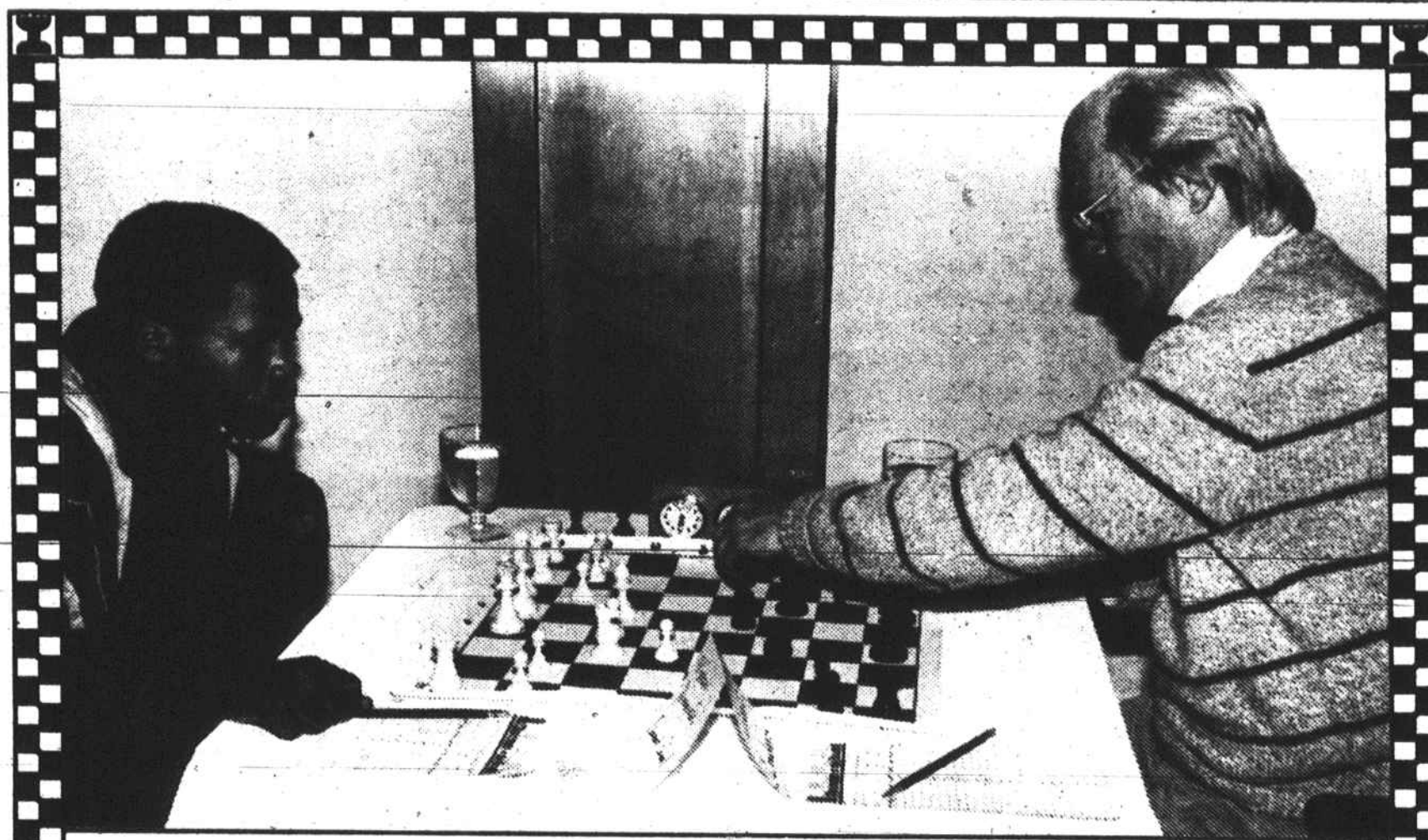


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## The Maestro Makes A Move

Peter Perret, right, conductor of the Winston-Salem Symphony, reaches forward across a chessboard to make his move against Martin Hummings of Summit School at last weekend's tournament between the Boys' Club Chairmen of the Board and the Winston-Salem Symphony Music Masters. The event included the chance for the players and their families to be special guests at the symphony's final dress rehearsal of Verdi's "Requiem." The challenge was spearheaded by James Fowler, a symphony board member. Don Moore, executive director of the Boys' Club, said that the challenge was more than a recreational activity for the members, but gave the players a "unique cultural opportunity for them to mingle with the symphony in dress rehearsal."

## Finance committee OKs land for mall

Public hearing set for Feb. 20

By TONYA V. SMITH  
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East Winston's newest shopping center project cleared yet another hurdle Monday when the city Board of Aldermen's Finance Committee agreed to convey 9.3 acres of land to the East Winston Community Development Corporation (CDC).

The committee's approval came on the heels of the full board's Feb. 6 resolution establishing the fair market value of the land off New Walkertown Road between Gerald Street and Dellabrook Road.

Following a public hearing on the matter slated for Feb. 20, the full board will vote on whether to officially convey the land. If the land conveyance is approved the CDC will then convey the land to New Walkertown Associates, the ownership corporation for the center, in exchange for 20 percent of the company's stock.

Over the next ten years the city will receive about 10 percent (or a cumulative amount of \$214,774) of the CDC's profits from the shopping center, said J. Allen Joines, city development director.

Finance committee members also agreed with Joines' recommendation not to charge the CDC interest on the \$214,774 (\$23,000 per acre).

"Inasmuch as we did not charge interest in the East Winston Shopping Center project and that since we are dealing with a non-profit company, the staff is proposing that the East Winston CDC only be required to repay the principal amount with no interest charged," Joines said.

The CDC will pay for the land from its 20 percent share in the shopping center. Funds the city receives will be used to finance future development in East Winston. Profits the CDC

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# City to consider mortgage program expansion for Salem Pointe

By TONYA V. SMITH  
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Potential buyers "holding out" for the best financing deal are slowing down selling activity at Salem Pointe, a 43-unit redevelopment project located south of Route 40 off Cotton Street.

The project's developers say they hope the Board of Aldermen will approve a proposed mortgage program expansion next Monday which would motivate the buyers to close their deals on houses and

duplexes in the subdivision.

Isler and Associates, Salem Pointe's developers have requested the modifications in the project's mortgage program, Dr. Monica R. Lett, Housing/Neighborhood Development director told aldermen Tuesday in a Committee of the Whole meeting.

Salem Pointe Associates Inc. and the city entered into a contract, dated June 4, 1987, for the development of 43 single-family patio homes and duplex units in the West Salem community.

The contract created a mortgage program to assist in the sale of the units utilizing a first mortgage fund-

defined in the contract between Salem Pointe and the city, limits the second mortgage program to 40

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ed by Twin City Development Corporation (TCDC) and a second mortgage funded by the city.

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percent of the units with the remaining 60 percent to be financed FHA (Farmer's Home Administration), VA (Veteran's Administration) or

conventionally," Lett said. "A problem that's (arisen) with Salem Pointe and also that we've experienced with other developers is the attractiveness of the city program. For good reason, everyone wants the best terms they can get on a unit and the city plan offers the best deal."

Depending on the mortgage amount, the city/TCDC program results in a monthly note which is approximately \$100 a month less than current FHA, VA or conventional financing, and \$20 per month

less than the North Carolina Housing Finance Agency's (NCHFA) 8.25 percent financing, Lett said.

Also under the city/TCDC program both mortgages are paid out in less than 20 years, as opposed to the 30-year-term of the NCHFA program.

Conditions restricting the city's second mortgage program to 40 percent of the units is imposed on each phase so that no more than two TCDC units may be processed until

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# Review Committee: Enforcing dog law will take more money for equipment, personnel

By TONYA V. SMITH  
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A dangerous-dog ordinance recently adopted by the county Board of Health would sufficiently address the problem in Winston-Salem if the county spent more money on the necessary equipment and personnel to enforce the law, Margaret Farr told members of the Board of Aldermen's Public Safety Committee Monday.

"The committee felt that most problems relating to dogs arise from the difficulty of enforcing existing ordinances," Farr, chair of the aldermen appointed Dog Ordinance

Review Committee, told Public Safety Committee members. "It was the committee's feeling that in order to make good headway regarding dog problems the key is allocation of sufficient county and city personnel and equipment to those divisions and agencies having enforcement responsibilities. The resources presently dedicated to these efforts appear to be insufficient."

Aldermen appointed the Dog Ordinance Committee last summer after a heated June meeting in which city residents voiced concern, fear and disgust to the Public Safety Committee about pit bulls and other vicious dogs. Residents

said the dogs evoked fear and caused unsanitary conditions.

In that meeting, the committee voted to support strict regulations on vicious dogs in the city's residential areas. In addition, City Attorney Ronald G. Seeber proposed an ordinance including a two-dog limit for residential lots within the city, specific fencing and leash requirements and "Beware of Dog" signs.

The Dog Ordinance Review Committee said the county's ordinance "adequately addresses the problem of dangerous dogs."

"We therefore recommend that the city not duplicate the Board of Health ordinance with regulations

relating to dangerous dogs," Farr said.

The county ordinance says any dog declared dangerous by the county health director can be ordered confined by its owner or put to death.

The committee did not agree with the two-dog limit proposed ordinance.

"The committee recommends unfavorably the provision limiting residents from keeping more than two dogs as unreasonable," Farr said. "We do not feel we should tell people how many dogs they should

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# The declining state of Afro-American health

By TONYA V. SMITH  
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This is the first in a series of articles examining the declining state of Afro-American health. Future articles will address the causes of, treatment for and survival rates of leading diseases that cause death among Afro-Americans.

After two centuries of fighting for freedom and the battle for equality still brewing, Afro-Americans in the 1980s have yet another war to wage: the fight for life.

The life expectancy of Afro-Americans is shorter than that of whites and of those people living in many of the world's underdeveloped countries.

In North Carolina Afro-Americans were 1.2 times as likely to die as whites in 1987, said Frank Matthews of the state Health Statistics Center.

"Based on a non-white death rate of 8.7 percent (in North Carolina Afro-Americans comprise 93 percent of the non-white population) and a white death rate of 8.6 percent, minorities exhibited a 1.2 percent higher risk of mortality than whites," Matthews said.

Figures in a 1984 government study reported that some 59,000 additional deaths among Afro-Americans occur annually.

The number one killer of the race is heart disease, Matthews said. Killer diseases numbers two through 10 are: cancer, stroke, accidents, diabetes, pneumonia and influenza, conditions originating in the perinatal period (the time up to the twenty-eighth day of an infant's life), homicide,

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## NEWS DIGEST

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### Winnie Mandela meets with husband

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa (AP) -- Winnie Mandela met this week with her jailed husband, Nelson Mandela, to discuss the controversy surrounding her unofficial bodyguards.

Community leaders in Soweto and officials of the Methodist Church have accused the group of young men, known as the Mandela United soccer team, of abducting and beating four boys. A body identified as that of one of the boys had been found earlier this week.

Mrs. Mandela has denied allegations contained in an article Sunday in The Star of Johannesburg that she joined in beating the boys, who reportedly were taken to her home last month by Mandela United members.

### White official makes racism accusation

SELMA, Ala. (AP) -- A high-ranking, white Dallas County employee fired by a newly elected, black majority Commission hopes to get a temporary job with the county but is considering legal action.

"I don't really have any hard feelings. It's just politics," License Commissioner Jean Edwards said Monday.

Mrs. Edwards, who had held the post since it was created in 1983 and had less than a year to go before retirement, said she was unaware of any problems with her work or dissatisfaction on the part of the commission.

"I would assume that they just simply want to put . . . a black in," she said in a telephone interview. "These are the people that are always saying 'Everything is based on race.' And here they go, basing it on race."