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Newell, Womble say no to mayor's race, yes to reelection



Newell

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Two Afro-American incumbents on the city Board of Aldermen who had considered tossing their hats into the mayor's race have decided to run for reelection in their respective wards.

Virginia K. Newell plans to announce today her intentions to run for a fourth term as alderman of the East Ward. Southeast Ward Alderman Larry W. Womble will be seeking his third term in that majority-white section of the city and will make his plans official during a

press conference at his home this morning.

Some members of the Afro-American community had hoped Mrs. Newell would run for mayor. But she has opted, instead, to continue her fight to make East Winston a part of Winston-Salem.

"I've made some promises that I think I've kept, but we've still got to bring East Winston in line with the other wards," said the lady who recently rallied together members of her ward in organized opposition to a proposed jail off North Patterson Avenue. "That last effort that we put forth has a lot of implications and

that needs attention. We've got to give credit to East Winston and honor those blacks who have labored in that area since the beginning."

Jimmie Lee Bonham will challenge Mrs. Newell for the East Ward seat. He has said he is "uncomfortable with the way East Winston is at present."

Mrs. Newell said she, too, is uncomfortable with present conditions in East Winston and another term in office will give her an opportunity to make things better.

In 1985, Mrs. Newell posted a landmark victory over Republican

candidate Richard L. Rowell, defeating him 842 votes to 33.

"You always anticipate the competition but I'm not afraid of the competition because I've always had it in every election," she said. "I'm not going to demean any candidate or talk about any candidate and there's not going to be any knock-down, drag-out fights. That's not my style."

Volunteers in the southeast alderman's camp said the time isn't quite right for a Mayor Womble. In addition, his position as assistant



Womble

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Volunteers needed for kidney study

By TONYA V. SMITH
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Bowman Gray School of Medicine is looking for a few good volunteers to participate in kidney disease research.

Fifteen medical centers across the country are participating in the Modification of Diet in Renal Disease (MDRD) study which is designed to determine whether a person's diet can slow down or stop the progression of kidney disease, said Vardaman M. Buckalew Jr., principal investigator in the study and head of the school's Kidney Disease Center.

"We're looking for patients with kidney disease but the problem is some people don't know they have it," said Dr. Buckalew, who also is a medical professor. "Kidney disease in its early stages doesn't have any symptoms - people could have it but don't know they have it because they don't have any symptoms."

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The old dilapidated house that William Conrad calls home is a point of contention between his nephew and the county. Conrad's nephew, Eugene Byers, wants to replace the house with a mobile home before winter, but county law prohibits location of mobile homes on the site.

Photo by Mike Cunningham

Learning centers fill gaps

By TONYA V. SMITH
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In the wake of the recent report revealing yet another poor performance by Afro-American youth on the California Achievement Test, Bessie Allen, coordinator of the NAACP Learning Centers, said the help her program offers is only supplemental, and that more sensitivity is needed from today's educators.

"It's too early to tell how the learning centers are doing in that area, but the only way we're going to get a breakthrough in the CAT is for teachers to be more sensitive to help children do better," said Mrs. Allen, a retired educator. "When we help the children with their homework in the centers, what good does it do when the teacher doesn't look at it, or if she doesn't return until the end of the grading period?"

"Our children need to see the

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NEWS ANALYSIS

The Hunt case: Is justice on trial?

By ROOSEVELT WILSON
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This is the second of a series of articles examining the investigation, conviction and possible retrial of Darryl E. Hunt for the 1984 murder of Deborah B. Sykes.

August 10, 1984, 6:53:10 a.m. The telephone rings at the Winston-Salem Police Department.

Voice: Police Department, Cope.

Caller: My name is Sammie Mitchell.

Cope: Yes, sir.

Caller: And, I'm calling. I just want to report an incident I just saw.

Cope: OK, where was it?

Caller: OK. I just seen a lady which some guy was jumping on her down here, you know, where the fire station is downtown.

Cope: There's several.

Unidentified female operator: Are you talking about Engine 1 that's near the Hyatt House?

Caller: No, Ma'am. Down in there, Crystal Towers way.

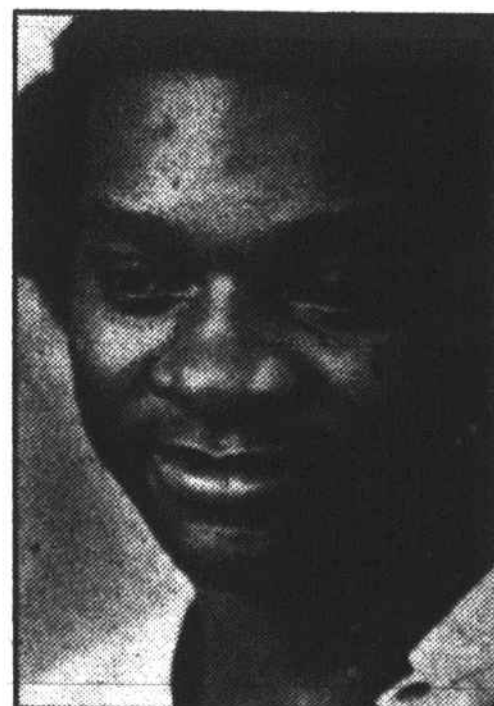
Female operator: On Claremont and 40, near 40?

Caller: Yeah, I guess that is 40. I seen some dude jumping on a lady. I just thought I would call the Police Department.

Female operator: OK, is it in front of the station?

Caller: No. It's in that field right there. It's right there...

Female operator: Right there at Davis Garage?



Darryl E. Hunt

Caller: Across the field right in front of that fire station is a big field there and they was out there fighting pretty bad, so I think somebody ought to go see because she was hollering pretty hard.

Female operator: OK.

Caller: OK. Thank you. (End of call. 6:53:58 a.m.)

That 48-second telephone call (recorded by the WSPD) led to the eventual discovery of the body of Deborah B. Sykes that afternoon. The 26-year-old copy editor at a local newspaper had been raped and stabbed.

The call also set in motion an investigation that led to the arrest and 1985 conviction of Darryl Eugene Hunt, who was sentenced to life in prison for the murder.

The caller identified himself as Sammy (spelled incorrectly in the police transcript) Mitchell, but on Aug. 22, 1984, he admitted to Winston-Salem police that his name is Johnny Gray, who, police later dis-

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NEWS DIGEST

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Gregory



Savage



Moore

Gregory uses fast to protest drug use

Social activist Dick Gregory has gone nearly six weeks without food to draw attention to illegal drug use. He says it is just the beginning.

Savage accused of sexual assault

U.S. Rep. Gus Savage, D-Ill., has been accused of sexual assault by a Peace Corps volunteer who was stationed in the capital of Zaire while Mr. Savage was on an official visit to that capital, according to a Washington Post report.

Moore uses music to stress family values

Singer Melba Moore entertained more than 10,000 people in Philadelphia at a recent conference stressing the need to reinforce black family values.

Would Sykes be satisfied?

By ROOSEVELT WILSON
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"My name is Sammy Mitchell."

That was a lie.

Unfortunately for Winston-Salem, justice and Darryl Eugene Hunt, everything went downhill from there.

COMMENTARY

This is no comment on the guilt or innocence of Darryl Hunt in the Deborah B. Sykes murder. Only he and perhaps Johnny Gray, the person who told the lie, really know.

This addresses our system, which at its best is a bad system, but still the best in the world.

But when the system is deliberately abused it is worthless. It becomes no more than a tool for vengeance and an instrument of

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