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Wood, Oliver address controversy over recall petitions

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Residents of the Northeast Ward are flexing their political muscle as efforts to recall Alderman Vivian H. Burke continue.

Dr. J. Raymond Oliver, chair of the Concerned Citizens of the Northeast Ward, the group leading the recall effort, said now that the issue has been raised, its ultimate outcome rests with the voters of the Northeast Ward and not with any individual residents or organizations.

"I am proud that the people of the Northeast Ward have available to them the Democratic right to go to the polls to vote for the candidate who will best represent them on the Board of Aldermen. That, basically, is what any effort to recall is about," Dr. Oliver said Tuesday.

Discussion of a recall began shortly after the Dec. 4 Board of Alder-

men's meeting. Members of the committee have said that Mrs. Burke's decision to vote with the board's white, and mostly conservatively aldermen, amounted to a "betrayal" of the Afro-American community.

"Those of us who are educated and knowledgeable have the responsibility, as leaders, to fight to represent, protect and provide for so many people in our community who may be unable to protect and provide for themselves."

-- Dr. J. Raymond Oliver

On Monday, Mayor Martha S. Wood issued a prepared statement, clarifying her position on the residents' decision to call for Mrs. Burke's resignation and their decision to exercise the recall option. Mrs. Wood said that as

mayor she could not become involved in the recall process but that she hoped that both parties in the matter would settle their differences in a manner that would be most beneficial for the city at large.

"I have no involvement of any kind in the effort to recall Alderman Vivian Burke. As mayor, I cannot become involved in local ward politics," read the statement from her office. "My oath requires me to be concerned about the whole city and it would violate the spirit of that oath for me to take sides in a dispute between an alderman and her constituents."

Mrs. Wood said that, while she will remain neutral on the issue, she has met with both Mrs. Burke and with Dr. Oliver to express her concern that they reach an amicable solution to the problem in the interest of the good of the city.

"... Despite the fact that I cannot become personally involved, I do
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Loan fund aids small business

By TONYA V. SMITH
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Small businesses, that otherwise would never exist, are given the chance to open shop thanks to the city's Economic Development Revolving Loan Fund.

Implemented in 1985, the loan fund has disbursed 21 loans totaling \$547,287 (as of Oct. 31, 1989), and 50 percent of those loans were made to Afro-American businesses. In addition, two other loans have been approved but the funds have yet to be released, said Janet DeCreny, a city economic development coordinator.

"The loan fund provides financing for small businesses located within the pocket of poverty, or at the F. Roger Page Business and Technology Center, who are viable businesses or who have the potential to be viable businesses but who otherwise can not get bank financing," Ms. DeCreny said.

Winston-Salem's "Pocket of Poverty" has jagged boundaries, but, roughly speaking, its confines are 25th Street to the North, Junia Avenue to the South and it extends as far West as Manley Street and as far East as Stadium Drive. The city's economic development office has maps and application packets available for people wishing to apply for a loan, Ms. DeCreny added.

Individuals who can't qualify for conventional financing programs are eligible to apply for a revolving loan. If the proposed or expanded business would create jobs and stimulate development or expansion of the designated area, the business plan could be looked favorably upon by the seven-member loan pool committee which decides who will and will not receive funds, Ms. DeCreny said.

The minimum amount of a loan is \$1,500 and the maximum, \$30,000. The money can be used to acquire property for economic development, construction or rehabilitation of commercial buildings and structures, and to purchase equipment and fixtures which are a part of the real estate.

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Just Like Me!



Photo by Mike Cunningham

Nine-year-old Lacherie Mitchell is one of many Afro-American children who prefer to play "mommie" to black dolls. However, her mother, LaCheryl, and countless other black parents have a difficult time trying to locate the dolls in area toy and department stores.

Black dolls not found in many stores

By TONYA V. SMITH
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Santa Claus could have a difficult time fulfilling the wishes of little Afro-American girls and boys if he shops in some of the toy and department stores in

Winston-Salem.

Some of the more popular baby dolls that are advertised during the Saturday morning cartoon lineups cannot be found in the brown-skinned variety.

Exactly how hard is it to find baby dolls of the Afro-American

variety in local retail outlets? Well, that depends on where you're shopping. During a recent visit to Sears Roebuck and Company at Hanes Mall no black dolls could be found on its

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Board agrees to contracting goals

Teacher suspended, Delta group gets property

By ANGELA WRIGHT
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School officials made an effort Monday to determine the extent to which minority contractors and subcontractors in the area have been discriminated against. But at Monday's hearing only one of the five people who addressed the board said she had experienced discrimination as a female contractor.

The Winston-Salem Forsyth County Board of Education held the public hearing in order to set affirmative action goals for minority contractors, in compliance with the new state law on public construction contracts.

The law, S.B. 308, directs each city, county, or other public body to adopt a "verifiable percentage goal" for participation by minority businesses in contracts awarded by the entities.

A "verifiable goal" is defined by the law as "written guidelines specifying the actions that will be taken to ensure a good faith effort in the recruitment and selection of minority businesses for participation in contracts awarded..."

James Grace, representing the N. C. Association of Minority Businesses and the Association of General Contractors, told the school board that he was there to encourage them to do everything possible to implement the new law.

"Rather than talk about how I have been discriminated against, I'd rather talk to you about how we can implement these programs now that they are law," said Mr. Grace.

His comments were echoed by James Andrews, president of the Piedmont Contractors Association, and James Moore of the Metropolitan Drywall Co. Both said

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Mayor proposes citizens task force for decision on transit center

By TONYA V. SMITH
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A citizens task force, charged with locating an acceptable site for a new transit center, would allow those most affected to have a say in where the controversial facility should be located, Mayor Martha S. Wood told members of the Board of Aldermen Monday night.

The new mayor proposed the creation of a citizens task force, members of which would be selected by Mrs. Wood and the aldermen, after discussing the city's dilemma with city manager Bryce A. Stuart. Last month the aldermen officially dropped from further consideration the site at Third and Liberty streets for the proposed \$9.3 million center. James E. Harrington, North Carolina's secretary of transportation, vetoed the Third and Liberty site, saying it was too far from the down-

town riders and a location east of the area would better serve the city.

In a memorandum to the aldermen, Mrs. Wood wrote, "It seems that we have been struggling to resolve this problem for at least 10 years. The pattern has been that professional work was done on site options and then proposals were brought to decision-making boards and the public.

"In almost every case, strong opposition to the proposals from parties adjacent to proposed locations developed and prevailed. This suggests that any future process be open to review from the beginning, and that various interests need to be involved in helping to preside over the site study."

Mrs. Wood suggested, and the board unanimously approved, that the citizens task force be comprised of bus riders, downtown business people and others. The group would start from scratch - define the need

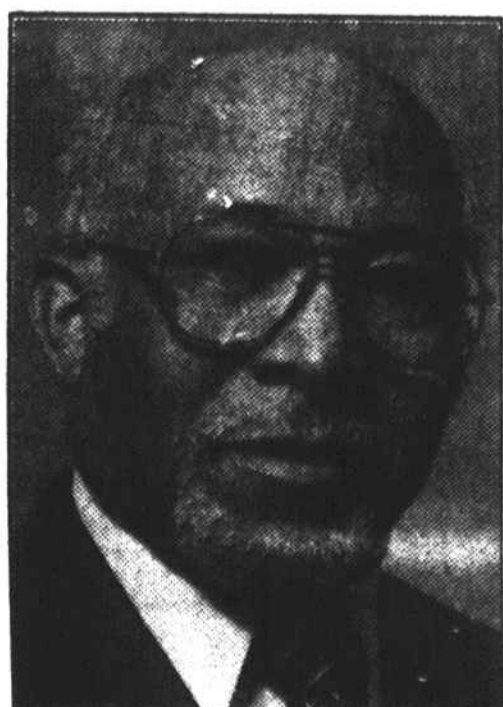
for a transit center, clarify its purpose, establish criteria for a location, recommend multiple options for the aldermen to consider and identify the advantages and disadvantages of each option.

Board members and Mrs. Wood will submit their selections within the next few weeks so that the task force can be formed in January and asked to return a report to the aldermen in April.

Alderman Lynne S. Harpe had several questions about the mayor's proposal in reference to the make up of the task force but appeared to be relatively satisfied with Mayor Wood's proposal. Alderman Robert S. Northington Jr. said what he liked most about the proposal was that the task force would have to make a report four months after it formed.

In other business, the board heard the annual report of the Human

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"As we continue to work to improve the school's image we'll find more and more people coming in from different areas and other races. Already, a number of students are white, especially evening students. And we also need to talk to those students who are talking about returning to school."

-- Dr. C.B. Hauser

Piedmont Regional U?

WSSU officials plan regional marketing strategy

By TONYA V. SMITH
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Since its founding as Slater Industrial Academy in 1892, Winston-Salem State University has been known as the Twin City's "black university."

In recent years officials at the college have adopted a two-fold purpose: to continue to provide quality education to Afro-Americans, and to

diversify its student body.

WSSU revived its Board of Visitors and appointed 26 professional and civic leaders to advise the institution and to help it reach the new goals. University officials hope to market the school as a regional university - retaining the more than 81 percent of Forsyth County students who enroll in state universities outside of the region.

Under the leadership of chair

Aurelia G. Eller, board members are devising ways that the university can sell itself to students in Yadkin, Surry, Davie, Stokes and Davidson counties.

"The most important thing is better dissemination of how good a place this is," said board member Timothy Pennell, a professor of surgery at Bowman Gray School of Medicine. "I don't think anything needs to be trumped up, but, wherev-

er we get a chance, we should tell people about Winston-Salem State.

"The community doesn't realize how significant this university is. A large segment of the city looks upon State as a black school on the other side of town. That is not the case. Winston-Salem State is a very capable and quality facility. They have had some problems but they're being

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