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Another 5-3 Vote **Burke ousts Mack**

By RUDY ANDERSON Chronicle Managing Editor

A first-term minority member of the Winston-Salem Board of Alcoholic Control was removed Monday night by the Board of Aldermen at the urging of Alderman Vivian Burke.

Jim Mack, who serves on both the ABC

board and the Citizens Minority and Women Business Enterprise Advisory Committee, was denied a second term when the aldermen voted 5-3 on a motion by Mrs. Burke not to reappoint Mr. Mack and appoint former city fire chief Lester E. Ervin to replace him.

Alderman Burke said she had no comment Please see page A8



Burke Mack James Mack will remain on M/WBE Advisory Committee.



Mayor urges board to reach consensus

By TONYA V. SMITH Chronicle Staff Writer

When members of the city Board of Aldermen individually discuss the issues they consider important to Winston-Salem and their notes are compared later, one can see the elected officials have some shared objectives.

However, something happens when all eight aldermen sit down together at the bargaining table. Community members and those sitting on other elected boards have long criticized the aldermen for their turf wars and divisiveness.

identify the issues and developstrategies to deal with them.

"I have long advocated this type of planning effort and am pleased to report that every alderman has given enthusiastic support," said Mayor Wood. "We will spend our time considering the goals that unite us, rather than the issues that divide us. Citizens can expect a consensus statement from us, not only on priority goals but also on plans for achieving them."-

Aldermen Vivian H. Burke, Nancy T. Pleasants, Larry W. Womble and staff members Bryce A. Stuart, Thomas W. Fredericks,

... I just want to see the board come together."

-- Virginia K. Newell

Still, Mayor Martha S. Wood Ernest W. Thompkins and Ruth hopes the aldermen will be able to Cole Burcaw comprised the com-



Associated Press Laser Photo

NAACP Executive Director Benjamin Hooks shows off Chicago's first Partnership for a Drug-Free America billboard recently on the city's near west side. Mr. Hooks said that the best way to change America's attitudes toward drug use is to target efforts to specific audiences.

put their "personal agendas" on the table, during a three-day retreat which began Wednesday and will end Friday, and use them to develop a common agenda of major issues the city will face in the next four years.

The aldermen left the Twin City yesterday evening bound for the Mid Pines Resort in Southern Pines and their annual planning conference. This is not the aldermen's first retreat, said Mayor Wood - a former alderman, but this is the first time the elected officials have

met with staff and facilitators to

mittee of planners which outlined the conference's activities. The committee selected Rus McCarter and Karen McNeil-Miller of Excel Associates in Greensboro as the facilitating team and "referees" of the conference, Mayor Wood said.

"The issues facing local governments across the nation today are demanding and complex," she added. "They need our full, undivided attention if we are to resolve them to the benefit of our constituents. We seek the support and

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Gantt keynotes **NAACP** affair

Chronicle Staff Report

The Winston-Salem Chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People hosts its 57th annual Freedom Fund Banquet tonight at 8 p.m. at the Benton Convention center. The keynote speaker for the event is former Charlotte mayor and U.S. Senate candidate Harvey Gantt.

David Thompkins, the NAACP's banquet committee chair, said his organization is extremely happy they could get Gantt to speak. "We wanted to bring the best person we could get to speak to us and update us on the overall political situation in North Carolina and the nation," he said. But there-is another element about this year's banquet that is even more gratifying for Thompkins. "The highlight that I cherish most is the



Harvey Gantt

fact that we have sold over a thousand tickets," Thompkins said. "This will be the largest attendance for a banquet we've ever had."

Thompkins said he believes the large number of tickets sold will definitely increase the membership in the civil rights organization's local chapter. He explained that the purchase of an

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Task Force endorses neighborhood projects

By TONYA V. SMITH Chronicle Staff Writer

Endorsing two residential projects developers have planed for the area, the East Winston Area Task Force plans to ask the city to financially help the developments get started.

Tuesday night the task force decided it would support a 38-single-family home development off Wallingford Road and Dilworth Street, east of Winston Lake Park. Mary Sheppard and Jose Isasi, developers and partners in Sheppard Inc., presented their proposal to the task force last week. Their project, directed at those in the middle and upper income brackets, represents one of the catalytic projects suggested by a Maryland consultant in his study of the economic viability of East Winston.

The homes in Sheppard Inc.'s project will sell for \$110,000 to \$140.000. The developers asked task force members to support the project by urging the city to offer buy-downs - where homeowners are offered a lower interest rate on mortgages for the first couple of years. However, the members of the task force buy-downs should be offered to the all of the first 12 home buyers, per developers' request.

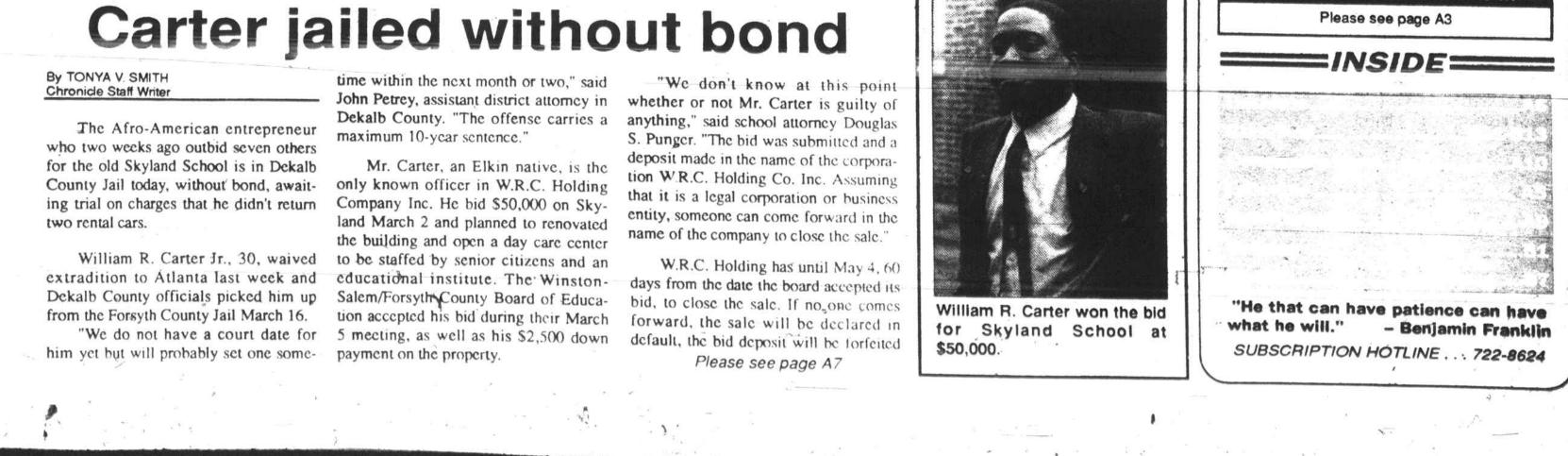
"I've been involved in development in East Winston for the last 14 years," explained Tom Troffinger, task force member and owner of Contract Office Furnishings Inc. "When people are getting ready to buy a home in the \$130,000 range, most of them are people who are buying second homes. They

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Could Get 10-Year Sentence

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maximum 10-year sentence."





Ali twins want to be treated like any other students, despite famous dad MACOMB, Ill. (AP) -- Jamillah Ali, 19, joyfully displays a gift she received from her twin, Rasheda, right, at Western Illinois University in Macomb recently. The pair, daughters of boxing legend Muhammad Ali, say they want to be viewed like any other students working their way through college, but the reputation of their famous father sometimes gets in the way.

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