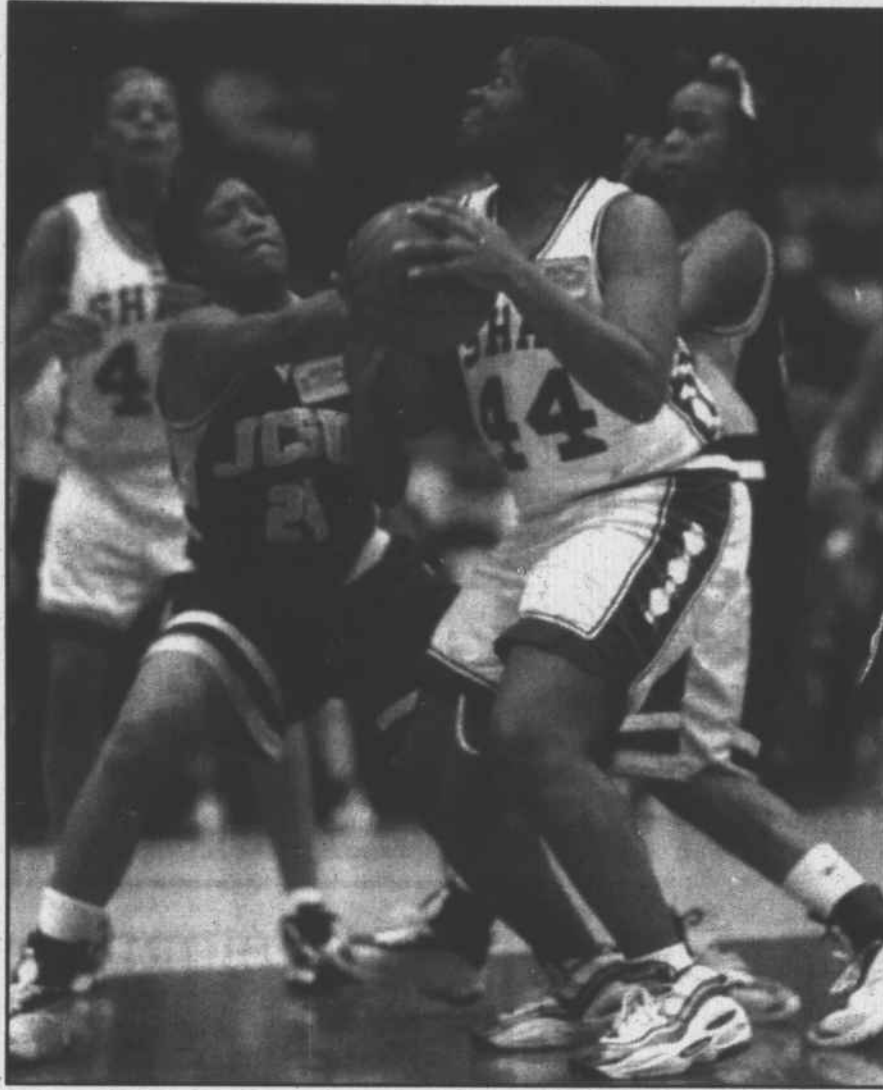


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PUBLIC NOTICE REVIEW OF THE DRAFT 2000-2006 METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (MTIP) AND THE DRAFT AIR QUALITY CONFORMITY ANALYSIS REPORT AND CONFORMITY DETERMINATION FOR THE WINSTON-SALEM/FORSYTH COUNTY 2025 LONG RANGE TRANSPORTATION PLAN

The Winston-Salem/Forsyth County Urban Area Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC) encourages the general public to review and submit written comments regarding two transportation planning documents: 1) Draft 2000-2006 Metropolitan Transportation Improvement Program (MTIP) for the Winston-Salem/Forsyth County Urban Area, and 2) Draft Conformity Analysis Report and Conformity Determination for the Winston-Salem/Forsyth County 2025 Long Range Transportation Plan. The documents can be reviewed at all Forsyth County public libraries, each municipal town hall, the North Carolina Department of Transportation Division 9 office at 2125 Cloverdale Avenue, and the City of Winston-Salem Department of Transportation office (Room 380) in City Hall, 101 N. Main Street in Winston-Salem.

All request for appropriate auxiliary aids and services to review and comment on the draft MTIP and the draft air quality report should be made to Greg Errett, City of Winston-Salem Department of Transportation, P.O. Box 2511, Winston-Salem, NC 27102 or by phone at (336) 727-2707, TDD 727-8319.

ONLY WRITTEN COMMENTS WILL BE ACCEPTED. THE DEADLINE IS MONDAY MARCH 1, 1999 AT 5:00 P.M.

Written comments may be mailed or faxed to: Loretta Barren, TAC Secretary, City-County Planning Board, P.O. Box 2511, Winston-Salem, NC 271-2. Fax Number (336) 748-3163.

The TAC will review both documents at their Wednesday February 10 and Wednesday March 24, 1999 meetings. The general public is encouraged to attend the TAC meetings, which will be held in the 2nd Floor Council Chambers of City Hall, 101 North Main Street in Winston-Salem. The TAC meetings will be held at 4:15 p.m.

News Briefs

Meek and Miller introduce Census bill

U.S. Rep. Carrie Meek, D-Fla., and Rep. Dan Miller, R-Fla., recently introduced the Decennial Census Improvement Act of 1999, a bill to allow those on public assistance to work as temporary census workers without losing benefits under federally-financed assistance programs.

"The improvement we are aiming for in our bill is a much more accurate census count in poor, minority and immigrant communities, which have been traditionally undercounted," said Meek. "Our bill is based on the theory that people in these neighborhoods will be much more likely to talk to their neighbors than to strangers. We can't afford not to pass our bill, which will make it easier for the Census Bureau to hire enumerators who actually live in the communities in which they work."

"Neighbors will be able to count neighbors. It means that a poor mother receiving food stamps or Medicaid or other social services can take a census job and work in her own neighborhood without losing her health care or other benefits. It means that college students and retirees can work a temporary census job and not have it count against their Pell Grant or Social Security benefits."

In the past, the Census Bureau has had difficulty attracting workers as temporary assignments in poor neighborhoods because individuals could not earn additional income without exceeding income limits on federally-financed assistance programs, such as welfare, food stamps, housing and health care. The bill provides that pay for temporary census positions not reduce benefits from social services.

Judge in Lenard Clark beating case threatened

Death threats against Judge Dan Locallo, who sentenced Frank Caruso, Jr. to an eight-year sentence for the racial beating of Lenard Clark, were called "despicable" by State's Attorney Dick Devine. Joining him in his outrage

were Mayor Richard Daley, Jr. and Police Supt. Terry Hilliard, who said the threats are being investigated on the city, county and federal levels.

"I was absolutely outraged at anyone who'd make such a threat against any law enforcement individual and the sight on TV watching a judge being escorted to his house by sheriff's deputies is absolutely sickening," Devine said.

Last November, Locallo was the subject of a voter boycott by black activists who passed out posters denouncing him for letting "two Whites boys go free from Bridgeport's 11th Ward," but giving Caruso an eight-year sentence. Hilliard said the FBI is investigating the threats and said his men are involved in the bodyguard detail at the judge's home. - The Chicago Defender

Couple sues for harrasment

Shirley Dunbar and Muhammad Doka and the Fair Housing Council of Greater Washington have filed a suit in U.S. District Court for the state of Maryland earlier this month against the Greencastle Lakes Community Association, Inc.; the Management Group Associates, Inc. and John S. Turna for racial harassment.

The suit charges that despite knowing about the extreme harassment perpetuated against the Dokas and their children in their Burtonsville, Md. community by their neighbor, Turna, neither Greencastle nor Management did anything to help the family. "Homeowners' associations like Greencastle Lakes have an obligation under the Fair Housing Act to take all reasonable steps to stop racial harassment within their communities. We believe that Greencastle Lakes' failure to take any steps to protect the Dokas violated the requirements of the federal fair housing laws," explained John Relman, director of the Washington Lawyers' Committee's Fair Housing Project. - New York Amsterdam News

Children at risk from global air pollution

WASHINGTON (IFS) - Most of the world's children risk disease and death because they are growing up in rapidly expanding urban areas where they regularly breathe polluted air, according to health experts. A preliminary report by the World Resources Institute and the World Health Organization, to be officially released this month, says that while air pollution can affect the health of all humans, the greatest impact is likely to be among urban children. Increased urbanization and rapid industrialization in developing countries is causing a virtual epidemic of diseases related to air pollution among young children, says the report. More than 80 percent of the world's children under the age of 15 live in developing countries, and half of them live in urban areas. "Most children who live in large cities in the developing world breathe air that is the equivalent of smoking two packs of cigarettes a day," says Devra Lee Davis, an epidemiologist with the Washington-based World Resources Institute.

Already, air pollution in the developing world is responsible for at least 50 million cases of chronic cough in children under five, the report says. Respiratory disease is now the leading cause of death in children worldwide. - Danielle Knight

Casinos could boost tourism in St. Lucia

CASTRIES (IFS) - When it was in opposition, the St. Lucia Labour Party vigorously campaigned against a government move to introduce casino gambling into the eastern Caribbean island. But now, just over one year after being swept to power, winning 16 of the 17 seats in parliament, SLP is contemplating introducing casinos as a means of attracting tourists, particularly from North America. Like the Roman Catholic Church and other religious bodies, the SLP originally warned of a wave of crime, prostitution and other social ills which it was convinced would befall St. Lucia, if casinos came to the island.

But, the idea of boosting the number of tourists, which stood at

600,000 last year, is changing minds. The tourism industry is a significant player in St. Lucia's economy. It has surpassed the vital banana industry, and last year it accounted for 12 percent of the country's Gross Domestic Product. It brought in more than \$350 million in foreign exchange earnings. - Peter Richards

South Carolina finally does away with ban on interracial marriages

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

COLUMBIA, S.C. - The South Carolina Legislature has ratified a constitutional amendment to end the century-old ban on interracial marriages.

Voters in November approved ending the ban against the "marriage of a white person with a

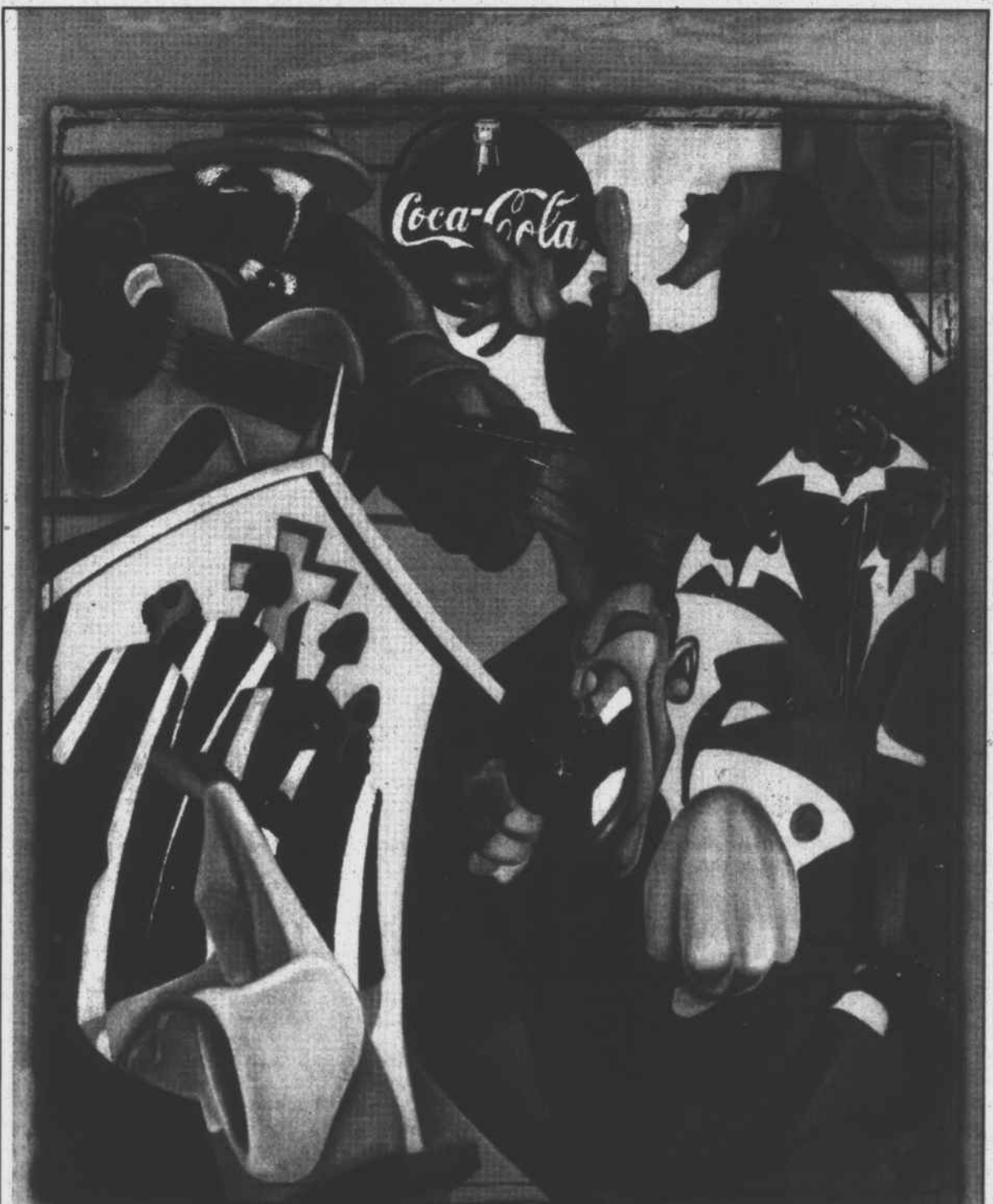
Negro or mulatto or a person who shall have one-eighth or more of Negro blood."

The measure, now ratified by the state House and Senate, became law last week.

The prohibition had remained in South Carolina's 1895 Constitution even though the U.S. Supreme Court ruled in a 1967 Virginia case

that states may not enforce bans on interracial marriages.

Alabama now is the only state with a ban on interracial marriages. A measure to remove it from the state constitution and add an equal protection clause will be introduced when the Alabama Legislature convenes March 2.



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