

## Someone You Should Meet ...

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**Name:** George Crawford  
**Job Title:** Custodian, emergency medical technician  
**Hometown:** Winston-Salem  
**Describe yourself in one word:** "Sensitive"  
**Hobbies:** Softball, basketball, football and bowling.  
**Favorite Book:** Any book that deals with medicine  
**Favorite Movie:** "An Officer and a Gentleman" and all of Clint Eastwood's movies  
**Persons admire most:** Harold Van Eaton and the Rev. Curtis Glaspy  
**Career Goal:** "To become an instructor in the medical field"

(photo by James Parker)

### Crime Prevention

## Man murdered; suspect turns self in

The following "Crime Box Score" is designed to keep you abreast of criminal activity in your community during the past week and to help you protect your family and property from crime.

#### Homicide

•100 block, East Seventh Street  
 A shooting occurred at a residence and the victim died. A short time later, the suspect turned himself in to the police. The investigation is continuing.

#### Armed Robbery

•100 block, North Claremont Avenue  
 The complainant was approached by two suspects who grabbed him and robbed him at gunpoint. They are described as two 5-8 to 6-foot, 170-pound black males in their early 30s.

•300 block, North Marshall Street

The owner of a business had just closed for the night and was walking toward his car when two suspects stopped him, pulled out knives and demanded everything he had on him. The owner was then stabbed in the abdomen by one suspect and cut on the back by the other. The complainant's coat, wallet and company deposits were stolen. He then chased the suspects, but soon lost them. When the police arrived a short time later and searched the area, the suspects were found and arrested. They have been charged with armed robbery and assault with a deadly weapon. Both are in jail under \$50,000 bond.

•400 block, East 13th Street

The complainant hitched a ride with an unknown person in the 1000 block of Patterson Avenue. The suspect drove to 13th Street, pulled out a long knife, robbed the complainant and then pushed him out of the car. The suspect was a black male.

#### Common-Law Robbery

•3400 block, North Patterson Avenue

The complainant was shopping at a grocery store when her pocketbook was snatched from her shopping cart. The suspect ran out of the front door. During the investigation, a juvenile suspect was detained; charges are pending. All property was returned to the owner.

•700 block, North Highland Avenue

The complainant was in the bathroom at a health center and was pushed into a shower. His wallet was taken by a suspect described as a 5-10 black male.

•2700 block, Piedmont Circle

The complainant reported that he was walking along the sidewalk when three juveniles pushed him to the ground. Two held him down while the third took money from his pockets. A small amount of money was taken. The suspects were described as 5-7 to 5-8 black males.

#### Storebreaking

•1400 Attucks Street

The manager of a business apparently locked the suspect inside of the store. The suspect then attempted to steal a large-screen TV, which had been moved to the front door. However, the doors were deadbolted, which

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## NEWS DIGEST

National, state and local news briefs compiled by John Slade

### Jackson requests rule changes for primaries

WASHINGTON -- Although the Democratic National Committee agreed, then refused to change primary election rules for convention delegates as requested by Jesse Jackson, at least two states, Missouri and Vermont, may decide to make the changes anyway, announced Jackson campaign officials recently.

Despite the confusion over the Democratic Party rules, a Jackson spokesman said the organization expects a "rollover" effect in having several states agree to provide delegates to presidential candidates with less than 20 percent of the state vote in primary elections as currently required by the Democratic National Committee.

After campaigning in New Hampshire last month, Jackson temporarily passed up Iowa to return to Florida, Georgia and Alabama. The presidential candidate was

expected to travel to Illinois and Washington, D.C., last week before the final push for delegates in primary elections in 30 key states in March. Some elections will be private-party caucuses and others will involve public polling.

Meanwhile, Jackson has qualified to receive matching funds. The Federal Election Commission voted 5-0 last week to declare him eligible. FEC auditors reported that they had verified the accuracy of more than \$110,000 in contributions Jackson reported last month.

A total of \$11.1 million in matching funds have been certified thus far for seven presidential candidates eligible to receive matching grants. But no amounts had been approved for Jackson and former South Dakota Sen. George McGovern.

### New trial date set for Geter; NAACP outraged

NEW YORK -- NAACP Executive Director Benjamin L. Hooks charged in Dallas recently that the case against Lenell Geter, the black engineer who had been sentenced to life imprisonment in Texas for armed robbery, was a "grave miscarriage of justice."

Hooks, a lawyer and former judge in Memphis, Tenn., said Geter was imprisoned "on the flimsiest set of evidence I have ever seen."

Because of the intense anger throughout the NAACP over the case, said Hooks, the organization might reconsider its plans to hold its 1985 convention in Dallas, pending the outcome of the case.

Geter was released and will receive a new trial after spending 17 months in prison.

Hooks attended the pre-trial hearing held for Geter on Jan. 30. Afterward, he expressed his outrage over the

case at news conferences and church appearances sponsored by the Dallas NAACP branch.

Geter welcomed the support expressed by many people who attended the hearing. "I'm anxious to get married and get on with my life in a relaxed way," he said after the hearing.

He said he is confident that he will be acquitted because he knows he is innocent.

Geter was convicted in October 1982 for robbing a restaurant. Five witnesses identified him as the robber, but several of his co-workers testified that he was at work when the robbery occurred.

The 28-year-old engineer, who was released in December 1983 after the media brought national attention to his case, has returned to his job while awaiting the new trial.

### Women's group fights teen-age pregnancies

WASHINGTON -- Disturbed over the increasing number of pre-teen and teen-age girls having babies, the National Council of Negro Women (NCNW) has launched a nationwide fund-raising campaign to underwrite projects that will deal with the problems of "babies having babies."

At a meeting in Chicago, NCNW President Dorothy Height said something has to be done about the problems of teen-age pregnancy in America. Leaving the problem untouched, she said, would destroy the progress made through the '60s and the advancements made through

civil rights legislation.

To combat the problem, the organization has started SMART, Single Mothers Advance Rapidly through Training, with partial funding from the Rockefeller Foundation. Height said the educational program is designed to help female single heads of families develop job skills and ways to take care of their children.

In 37 states, 42 to 64 percent of black families are headed by females younger than 18, said Height. "It is in the self-interest of all of us to really focus on this problem," she said.

### Fire Prevention

## Arson: Dealing with a burning problem

By THOMAS FLYNN  
 Syndicated Columnist

Arson may be the fastest growing crime in America today.

For example, in the short span between 1975 and 1979, its incidence tripled in most parts of the country. Whether committed by thrill-seeking juveniles (chronic juvenile firesetters account for almost half of all arson), vengeful lovers or employees, or calculating professionals, arson is bad news. It decimates the building stock of our central cities, drives up fire protection and insurance costs and exposes thousands unnecessarily to the terrible risks of fire.

Fortunately, there are ways arson's toll can be lessened in your community.

Nearly half of all arson fires are set by juvenile firesetters; a small group of maladjusted youngsters who set fires chronically. Public identification of these individuals can encourage both scrutiny of their activities and attempts to give them the psychiatric help they need.

Many other arsonists are juveniles who are considered no-chronic; that is, they set only one or two fires for

thrills or in the company of peers. The major impact of this kind of arson is felt in the nation's schools. A comprehensive in-school program to identify and discipline these no-chronic offenders often requires little more than a principal's determination to start one. Such programs have been highly successful in slashing arson losses in the schools that have adopted them.


The last major arson category, accounting for the largest dollar loss, is arson with criminal intent -- arson to conceal evidence of crime, to collect on insurance, to ruin a competitor or gain revenge. Whether committed by a professional "torch" or by the individuals closest to the situation, criminal arson can be discouraged by a relentless and well-publicized campaign to identify and convict arsonists.

Local and nationwide arson hotlines, offering anonymity and rewards for tipsters whose information results in an arsonist's conviction, are one popular offshoot of aggressive pilot programs conducted in the mid-'70s.

But all of these anti-arson programs depend on the skill of local police and fire officials in detecting arson.

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