



Someone You Should Meet ...

Name: Carolyn P. Attucks
Job Title: Clerk-typist
Hometown: Winston-Salem
Describe Yourself in one word: "Determined"
Hobbies: Singing, reading and sewing
Favorite Book: The Bible
Favorite Movie: "Lady Sing"
Persons admires most: My mother, Catherine Mason, and my father, Charles Mason
Life Goal: To become a corporate lawyer."

(photo by James Parker)

NEWS DIGEST

National, state and local news briefs compiled by John Slade

Court rules in favor of seniority system

WASHINGTON -- Employers cannot be forced to do away with seniority plans that favor white men to protect affirmative action gains by minorities when the economy is down, ruled the U.S. Supreme Court last week.

In a 6-3 vote, the court ruled that the Memphis Fire Department wrongly insulated blacks from layoffs and demotions during an economic crisis the city faced in 1981.

Special preferences to make up for past discrimination can only be given when a person can prove he was a victim of bias, said the court, and not to a class of people such as blacks in an employer's workforce.

Government lawyers had urged the court to limit the scope of a civil rights law banning on-the-job bias based on sex or race when nondiscriminatory seniority systems are involved. The ruling is considered a major defeat for civil rights and feminist organizations.

Judy Goldsmith, president of the National Organization for Women, said the Reagan administration was "on

the wrong side of this one."

"The bottom line is that the decision erodes the effectiveness of affirmative action as a remedy to discrimination," she said. "This carries serious adverse implications for women and minorities."

Local Baptist minister Dr. Jerry Drayton, chairman of the state's Human Relations Council, called the ruling an insult to women and minorities, reported the *Winston-Salem Journal*.

"This is another example of the court's and the Reagan administration's insensitivity to the needs of women and minorities in this country," he said. "This ruling is a deliberate slap in the face to the people in our society who have for so long been victims of discrimination in the workplace."

Assistant Attorney General William Bradford Reynolds, who heads the Justice Department's civil rights division, said he was "exceedingly pleased with the decision."

Chambers to head civil rights organization

CHARLOTTE -- Julius Chambers, the noted civil rights attorney who helped desegregate the Mecklenburg County school system in the 1970s, will become the fourth man to head the NAACP Legal Defense & Educational Fund.

Chambers will take the helm of the financially-troubled organization July 1.

The fund, which raises most of its operating budget from court awards and foundation grants, is operating at a \$1 million-dollar deficit and is involved in a court battle

over the use of the initials NAACP in its name. The legal organization was part of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People until 1957.

Chambers, who will be the fund's director-counsel, will supervise a staff of 23 lawyers and about 400 cooperating lawyers across the nation. The fund handles about 1,200 civil rights cases annually.

Since 1974, Chambers has served as the fund's president.

FCC can consider race in issuing licenses

WASHINGTON -- A federal court ruled recently that the Federal Communications Commission can legally consider the race of an applicant for a broadcast license.

The ruling was designed to help alleviate the "extreme underrepresentation" of blacks and other minorities in the broadcasting industry, said the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia.

The court's ruling upheld a commission decision that awarded a license to a black applicant with similar

qualifications and background to a white applicant. The commission awarded a new FM radio license in Hart, Mich., to Waters Broadcasting Corp. instead of West Michigan Broadcasting Corp. because Waters is black-owned.

The court concluded the FCC had the right to consider "minority status as but one factor in a competitive multifactor selection system that is designed to obtain a diverse mix of broadcasters."

Open Line

Caffeine: A physically addictive drug

Q: My sister drinks about 10 cups of coffee a day, several cans of soft drink and hot tea before going to bed. I say she's addicted to caffeine, but she says there's no such animal. Is there, and, if so, what are some symptoms?

A.A.

A: Tell your sister that such an animal does exist, and it's not uncommon.

Though it's commonly known that too much coffee can keep you awake nights, people are generally unaware of the number and severity of problems linked to caffeine addition, says Dr. Gregory Khoury, a psychiatry resident at Duke University Medical Center.

Contrary to what many people think, caffeine is a drug, and can cause physical dependency. Some common symptoms of caffeine addiction include insomnia, anxiety, irritability, depression, headaches, weight loss, facial flushing and chilliness, rapid heart beat and psychosis.

Caffeine addicts can suffer withdrawal symptoms such as headaches, fatigue and depression when they go without drinking substances containing the drug.

The Best Tire for the Job

Q: This past winter, I bought all-season tires for my car. I understand that they are good for year-round driving,

but I was wondering if I should put my old tires back on and save the all-seasons for next winter. Also, how do regular snow tires stack up against all-season tires?

O.C.

A: There's no real need to change back to your old tires, says Jim Shaw of Shaw's Tire Service on Liberty Street, because, if you want the added traction in mud and rain, you'll need the all-season tires.

As for the quality difference between all-season and snow tires, Shaw says, with the relatively small amount of snow and ice Winston-Salem sees in the winter, there is no appreciable difference between the two. However, some people just feel more comfortable riding on snow tires in the winter.

Bumpy Highway

Q: I travel Silas Creek Parkway to and from work and lately I've noticed that the water mains have been raised above the pavement. I think it's dangerous because everybody is trying to dodge them, and hitting one almost assures that your car will be knocked out of alignment. Why are the mains that way and how long will they be that way?

W.V.

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Crime Prevention

Man takes pistol from security guard

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.

Armed Robbery

•4200 block, Glenn Avenue
 A van drove up to a security gate at a business. When the guard approached the van, a subject jumped from the vehicle, pointed a sawed-off shotgun at the guard and demanded his pistol. The suspect then got back into the van and left.

Strong-Armed Robbery

•2600 block, Cleveland Avenue
 The complainant entered a vehicle with a known subject to begin a trip to Virginia. The subject stopped the vehicle and forced the complainant out. He then assaulted him and took his wallet and money. The complainant struck the suspect, grabbed his wallet back and ran. The suspect drove off. The investigation is continuing.

Storebreaking

•1100 block, Thurmond Street
 Beer and cigarettes were taken.
 •800 block, Price Street
 Several windows were knocked out and an air conditioner was taken from a school.
 •700 block, Cherry Street
 A saw was taken from a construction site.
 •300 block, West 25th Street
 A slide projector and microphones were taken from a

church.
 •1600 block, East 21st Street
 A duplicating machine was taken from a school. It was later recovered.

Housebreaking

•500 block, Mock Street
 A diamond ring, lamp, toaster oven and cassette tape player were taken.
 •3900 block, Indiana Avenue
 An air conditioner, Echo chain saw and S&W target pistol were taken.
 •1400 block, Argonne Boulevard
 A portable television and a .357 pistol were taken.
 •1100 block, East 23rd Street

Larceny

•1300 block, Dunleith Avenue
 A wallet and money were taken.
 •1000 block, Ivy Avenue
 An air conditioner was taken.
 •1400 block, Dunleith Avenue
 Money was taken.
 •500 block, Claremont Avenue
 Cigarettes were taken.
 •2800 block, Greenway Avenue
 Jewelry and a television were taken.
 •500 block, North Liberty Street

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