



The Winner

Francheria Burrell, 3, was the winner of the Baby contest, sponsored by the Forsyth County Chapter of the North Carolina State Beauticians Association. Francheria is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Halrston Burrell of 269 Elm Drive (photo by James Parker).

Crime prevention

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his neighborhood. Upon their arrival of their neighbors, they discovered that their houses had been entered and a variety of items stolen.

Upon returning, they discovered that their houses had been entered and a variety of items stolen.

On one occasion last week, a homeowner was working in her backyard and her house was entered through an unlocked front door. A large amount of money was taken.

The small amount of time and effort it takes to lock a door could very well be worth quite a bit.

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•700 block, Gill Street
A stereo and food were taken.
An Ounce Of Prevention

Anytime you leave your house, lock the doors. On several recent occasions, homeowners left their residences for only short periods of time either to go to the

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not interested in going through the experience again, if I can help it. What are the most common poisonous snakes in and around your state and approximately how many people are snakebitten here each year?

P.C.
A: The most common poisonous snakes in North Carolina are the eight varieties of pit vipers such as copperheads, water moccasins (or cottonmouths), Eastern diamondback rattlesnakes, pigmy rattlesnakes and the Eastern coral snake. According to medical authorities, the copperhead is responsible for the overwhelming majority of the estimated 250 snakebites occurring in North Carolina each year.

Pit vipers are distinguished by their cat-like pupils, triangular-shaped heads and one or more fangs on each side of their jaws. They are named for the heat-sensing facial pits, or depressions, between their eyes and noses.

As you have probably learned from your two previous encounters with the slinky reptiles, if you abruptly make the acquaintance of a snake, clean the wound, elevate the extremity, apply warm soaks and watch for signs of infection. Also, make sure your tetanus booster shot is up to date.

If you have a question, write Open Line at P.O. Box 3154, Winston-Salem, N.C. 27102 or call 723-8428 and ask for John Slade.

Fourth of July

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the earth guilty of practices more shocking and bloody than are the people of these United States at this very hour.

"Go where you may, search where you will, roam through all the monarchies and despotisms of the Old World, travel through South America, search out every abuse and when you have found the last,

lay your facts by the side of the every-day practises of this nation, and you will say with me that, for revolting barbarity and shameless hypocrisy, America reigns without a rival!"

Amen.
Clifton Graves is affirmative action officer at Winston-Salem State University.

Black family crisis

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million children -- largely black, Latino and poor white -- have lost perhaps their only nutritious meal each day. Healthcare reductions have meant that six out of ten black preschool children are currently not immunized against polio.

The U.S. government has responded to the crisis of black social instability by imposing its own "structure" on blacks. Poor blacks are far more likely to be termed "mentally ill," for example, than whites. The rate of institutionalization is 2.62 times that of white male teen-agers; for male adults aged 25-44 years, the rate of mental hospital admissions is 2.96 times higher for blacks.

Another mode of institutionalization is the armed forces, which is increasingly presented to blacks as the "employer of last resort." In 1972, black first-term enlistments in the Army were only 20.4 percent. By 1976, the figure reached 42.2 percent; in 1982, black re-enlistments were 71 percent, compared to 49.9 percent for whites.

The destruction of black families today is not due to internal problems. In short, it is the logical product of institutional racism, poverty, legal discrimination, and Reaganism.

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Crosswinds

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Let us not allow the alleged integration to thwart the economic development of our communities. Let the community and mainstream American business alike perform as partners in ushering in an era of growth, development and prosperity for all Americans.

In other words, let us all, community and business, "buy black America."

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millions of families exposed to unemployment and depressed living standards.

Given this, it's hard to get excited about a recovery that has barely affected blacks, minorities and the poor. And that's especially so when we see a poll of business executives that says a majority expects another recession next year or the year after.

Stable economic growth shared by all is still a yet-to-be-attained goal.

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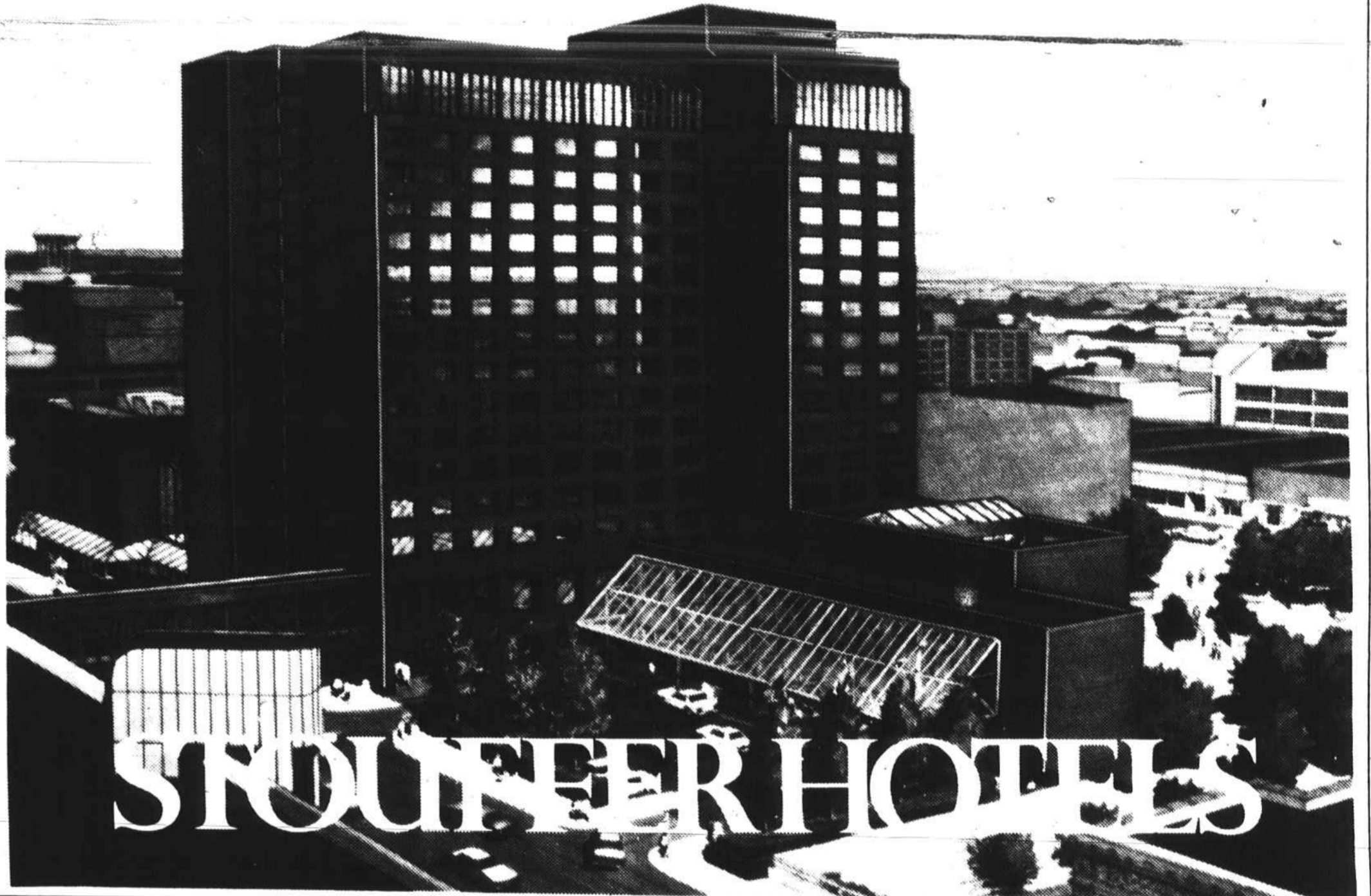
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