



Someone You Should Meet ...

Name: Eileen S. Kelly
Job Title: Nursing Assistant/Clerical Receptionist/Phelbotomist
Hometown: Winston-Salem
Describe Yourself in one word: "Unique"
Hobbies: Singing, all sports, listening to music, reading the word of God
Favorite Book: "Holy Bible"
Favorite Movie: "The Ten Commandments"
Persons admires most: Bishop F.D. Patterson and wife, Gwen Hill, Sharon Dyson, Faye Thomas, Margaret Poston, David Allen and Chris Leak
Career Goal: "To attend medical school and pursue a specialization in psychiatry. My utmost endeavor is to continue to serve mankind through Christian teachings and principals."

(photo by James Parker)

NEWS DIGEST

National, state and local news briefs compiled by Greg Brown

Dallas tense after 16 are shot

DALLAS -- A committee investigating the shootings of 16 persons this year by Dallas police officers was told by the city's deputy mayor that the "best way to deter criminals is to hang someone from the courthouse steps."

Five blacks, four Hispanics and two whites have been killed at the hands of Dallas police since January, while two blacks and three Hispanics were wounded. Last year, 29 persons were shot or killed by the police.

Some members of the city's black community, which has strained relations with the police department, think white Deputy Mayor Jim Hart's remarks were racially motivated. When asked to retract the statement, Hart told the investigating committee that convicted thieves should have their fingers cut off.

The police also have been criticized by the local press. Reporter Denise Sharpton of KKDA radio

recently held a press conference with two members of the Dallas city council, describing an incident during which she witnessed police beating a non-resisting man for no apparent reason.

Sharpton said she asked questions at the scene and attempted to telephone the city manager from a pay phone, then returned to her car and began writing notes. She said four or five police officers then accosted her and that a senior officer wrote her a ticket for "pedestrian in roadway."

Two days later Sharpton filed a complaint with the police department and passed a polygraph test. The city manager said that, while he didn't question her honesty, the reporter didn't understand what she was witnessing.

A list of 25 recommendations to ease tension between blacks and the police department has been forwarded to the city council, which is expected to act on them within the next six months.

Mondale would replace commission

ASHEVILLE -- Walter Mondale repeated his pledge to fire President Reagan's appointees to the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights during a campaign trip here last week, promising to "restructure" the commission and restore its independence.

There was speculation earlier in the week that the Democratic presidential nominee was backing down from a campaign promise to reappoint commission members who had been fired by President Reagan last year. Mondale aides had said that because Congress had enacted legislation giving it authority to appoint some of the commission members, it would be all but impossible for Mondale to make the dismissals.

But Mondale himself said that he would seek to change the law governing those appointments if he were elected.

"I want to restructure the commission so that it speaks independently again," he said. "It has been converted from what it was for over 30 years, a commission that literally spoke with respect because it was seen as bipartisan and beyond the reach of presidents, and thus could speak independent of the political compulsions of the White House, into an institution that's basically a front for the White House."

"I'm going to change that so it can criticize me," he said.

Georgia settles employment suit

ATLANTA -- Georgia has settled a 10-year-old federal complaint over employment practices, agreeing to hire more blacks and women and pay employment claims of up to \$1.9 million.

The U.S. Justice Department filed suit against the state in 1974 after the federal Equal Employment Opportunity Commission filed a complaint charging the state with systematic discrimination in

hiring and promoting blacks and women.

Gov. Joe Frank Harris said the state took action to correct discriminatory hiring practices several years ago, but that "a settlement just never had been reached." He said that the settlement with the Justice Department gave the state "a clean bill of health from this day forward" and that previous employment practices which may have been discriminatory had been eliminated.

Open Line

Why aren't the hydrants opened?

Q: When my family and I lived in New York City, our children could always count on a fire hydrant being opened and a section of the street closed off to cool them off and add to their summertime fun. Can they look forward to that here in Winston-Salem?

A.K.

A: Sorry, but it's just not standard procedure in the South to open up fire hydrants, says Tommy Peddycord, utilities supervisor with the city utilities department. He says Southern systems are basically set up for water and fire use only. In the north, or the larger metropolitan areas, the water supplies usually have a reserve or dual storage system that are housed underground.

In the South, and here in Winston-Salem, the water supply is not half as large as New York's, says Peddycord, and the cost of treating water is so expensive that it is essential that the water flow be kept at a minimum. Two-thirds of Winston's water

supply comes from the Yadkin River and another third comes from Salem Lake. Peddycord also says that because of increasing treatment costs and a need to conserve, he believes more and more cities in the North and South will make adjustments to conserve the water. He adds that the summertime fun your children had in New York is a good outlet for recreation, but a costly one.

Every morning I have to swerve

Q: Why isn't there a stop sign instead of a yield sign at the intersection of Old Greensboro Road and Fifth Street? It seems that I have to swerve to miss a car every morning.

N.T.A.

A: It seems that only you are having such a problem with the Fifth Street and Greensboro Road intersection. Stan Polanis, a traffic operations engineer with the city's traffic engineering division, says several years ago Winston-Salem residents were

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Crime Prevention

Woman is robbed at gunpoint

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.

Kidnapping and Robbery

•1700 block, North Cleveland Avenue.
 While walking home from visiting a friend, a woman accepted a ride from an unidentified man who later assaulted and robbed her. The man drove to the county, where he pulled a small handgun and ordered her out of the car. Then he stole her pocketbook before driving off. The man is described as a black male, 6' tall, late '20s, muscular build with a mustache. He is reportedly driving a small, maroon-colored vehicle.

Armed Robbery

•1800 block, North Point Boulevard
 As employees were closing a business for the night, a man holding a gun ordered them into a walk-in refrigerator. The manager was forced to open a safe and remove the day's receipts. Wearing a stocking over his face, the man took the money and ran out of the back door. He is described as a black male, 6'3" tall, approximately 150 to 160 pounds, with a slender build.

Storebreaking

•3100 block, North Cherry Street
 A business garage was burglarized and two persons drove a new car through a closed garage door. Then a second car was driven through the same hole in the door. The burglars stole a 1982 Chevrolet Monte Carlo, blue and white, license number AXX-861.
 •700 block, North Trade Street
 The owner observed two black men entering his business. As the two men were leaving with a color television, the owner detained them until the police arrived. The men were arrested.

Housebreaking

•1300 block, Derry Street
 After she returned home from a brief trip, a woman discovered that her home had been broken into. The thieves took two televisions. Several witnesses observed the thieves entering the victim's home. Warrants were taken out for some suspects and they were later arrested.

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