



Someone You Should Meet ...

Name: Bobby Ray Moody
Job Title: Reed stacker operator
Hometown: Winston-Salem
Describe Yourself in one word: "Determined"
Hobbies: Photography, attending football and basketball games and listening to music.
Favorite Book: No favorites
Favorite Movie: Romantic movies.
Person admires most: My mother, Marsha Moody
Career Goal: "To do the best that I can and live life day by day."

(photo by James Parker)

NEWS DIGEST

National, state and local news briefs compiled by Greg Brown

City fights worker's discrimination suit

WINSTON-SALEM -- The U.S. Middle District Court was presented a five-year-old lawsuit last week charging the City of Winston-Salem and local officials with racial discrimination.

The suit was filed by Curtis E. Dixon, a program evaluation analyst for the city, who charges he was passed over for promotion nine times because of racial discrimination. Attorneys for the city deny the charges and Dixon's assertion that he was more qualified than those who were hired for the jobs.

"In 1974, (Dixon) was advised by his white supervisor that, being black, it would be difficult for

(Dixon) to advance further within the city," according to court documents filed by Dixon's attorneys.

"A white selecting official who had denied (Dixon) a promotion in 1978 advised (him) that it was difficult if not impossible for a black to excel within the city government and that blacks were not technically as proficient as whites."

Dixon holds bachelor's and master's degrees from N.C. A&T State University in Greensboro and a master's degree in public affairs from the University of North Carolina at Greensboro.

S. African army to police black townships

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa -- The South African government said last week it plans to increase the size of its civilian police force and employ the army in its fight against a wave of racial unrest which has resulted in 80 deaths in recent weeks.

Army units were deployed in the black township of Soweto for police officials to use as they deemed necessary. The Minister of Law and Order, Louis Le Grange, said the army would support the police "in riot control and all other circumstances that we may decide."

In apparent acknowledgment that black unrest is expected to continue, the government also plans to expand its civilian police force by 45 percent, from 47,000 to 68,000.

Use of the army also could restrict news coverage of the country's political unrest, shielding whites from reports of black dissatisfaction, *The New York Times* reported. South African security laws prohibit reporting of troop movements inside the country. If troops are used to quell racial violence, editors could face prosecution for publishing stories detailing military deployments.

Alan Cowell, the *Times* South African correspondent, reported blacks probably would view the army's use as a sign the government is seeking confrontation more than conciliation. Cowell said the moves also may be designed to reassure whites that the violence would be not be allowed to spread from the black townships.

Weapons seized at pro-nuclear Klan rally

MERIDEN, CONN. -- Riot-equipped police confiscated a cache of weapons from supporters of the Ku Klux Klan during a series of four rallies during the weekend, but no violence was reported and no one showed up for a cross burning planned to cap the rallies.

Only about 145 persons turned out for the largest of the four rallies in this working class city of 50,000 where the Klan has held gatherings since 1981. Bill Wilkinson, the imperial wizard of the Louisiana-based Invisible Empire of the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan addressed the major gathering in a baseball field on Sunday as anti-Klan protesters

shouted "Shame" and "Death to the Klan" from behind a corridor of police.

About half a dozen Klansmen ignited a six-foot cross in a tobacco field near East Windsor on Sunday night, but a planned rally failed to materialize.

The Klan demonstrated in support of nuclear power Saturday in New London at the launching of the Navy's newest Trident nuclear submarine.

Police had court orders to allow police searches at the rallies and seized ax handles, machetes and a bag of knives at the New London rally, but made no arrests.

Open Line

What do the 'set signal' signs mean?

Open Line is presented weekly in the *Chronicle* to answer consumer questions and help readers cut through government red tape. If you have questions about government or the local black community, write to Open Line, P.O. Box 3154, Winston-Salem, N.C. 27101 or call 723-8428.

Q: What do the "signal set for" signs on University Parkway and other major streets mean?

A.B.

A: Jay Baldock, engineer in the city's traffic operations department, said the "signal set for" signs are designed to smooth traffic flow during peak hours.

Baldock said if motorists travel at the displayed speed they are assured of making all the traffic lights.

Q: Who determines when traffic signals are switched to the blinking stage?

T.C.

A: The city's traffic engineering department regulates and controls traffic signals. Jay Baldock

said the engineers program the computers at City Hall to switch to the blinking stage during certain hours.

Baldock said intersections with blinking lights are selected based on traffic counts. Usually, the blinkers are turned on around 9 p.m. and shortly after midnight. The traffic department routinely reviews intersections to determine if the lights should be blinking.

Also, traffic engineers routinely meet with the police department to discuss intersections where traffic counts fluctuate because of public events.

Motorists who spot problem intersections should call the traffic department at 727-2707.

Q: I moved to Winston-Salem in July. Do I still have time to register to vote in this fall's presidential election?

M.T.

A: Kathie Chastine Cooper, supervisor of the county Board of Elections, said that the registration deadline was Monday.

Teen-age pregnancies present risks

By Dr. M.L. CLARK
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Teen-age pregnancies are plagued by various health complications for both pregnant teen-agers and their infants.

These health risks are highest for young, black, low-income teens who have had little or no prenatal care. Based on information reported by the Guttmacher Institute, infants born to teen-agers are more likely to die in their first year of life than those born to women over 20.

In 1978, North Carolina had the fourth highest infant death rate in the United States for mothers under the age of 20. The fetal mortality rate has increased from 11.9 percent in 1978 to 16.6 percent in 1981 for ages 15 to 17. There are more fetal deaths for non-white teen-agers than white teen-agers, however, the greatest increase in fetal deaths has occurred for white teen-agers ages 10 to 19. The rate for black teens has actually declined, although it still remains higher than for the white race.

Teen-age mothers are much more likely than women over 20 to have premature and low birthweight (less than 5 lbs., 8 oz.) infants. Low birthweight has been linked to infant death, childhood illness, birth injuries, neurological

defects and mental retardation.

In 1978, 18.7 percent of all infants born to black teen-agers less than 15 years old and 12.3 percent of those born to white teen-agers were of a low birthweight. In 1981, close to 18 percent of babies born to non-whites and 16 percent born to whites under the age of 20 in North Carolina were under weight.

Adequate prenatal care is necessary for the birth of a healthy baby. Teen-age mothers are likely to have no prenatal care or wait until the last three months (third trimester) to receive such care. The younger the teen-ager, the greater the problem. Although prenatal care has improved in the United States, pregnant teen-agers still receive inadequate care. In 1978, two-thirds of the mothers under the age of 15 received no prenatal care during the first three months of pregnancy, which is a critical time for the development of the fetal brain, body parts and internal organs. One-fifth of these teens either received no prenatal care or waited until the last trimester.

In North Carolina, 44 percent of births to 10-19-year-old teens involved no prenatal care during the first trimester. The number of births following late or no prenatal care was highest for

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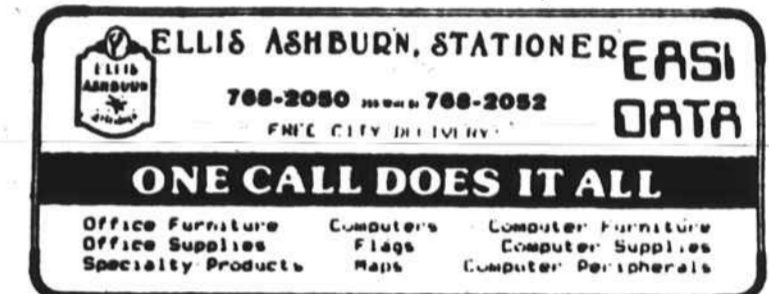
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