



Someone You Should Meet...

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Job Title: Computer operator, cosmetologist and notary public
Hometown: Winston-Salem
Describe yourself in one word: "Unique"
Hobbies: Sewing, photography and writing poetry
Favorite Book: "I Have A Dream"
Favorite Movie: "Purple Rain"
Person admires most: My mother and father, the Rev. and Mrs. Irvin Hines
Career Goal: "To own and operate a hair and fashion boutique catering especially to black patients"

(If you are single, at least 18 years old, doing something positive in the community, employed and interested in appearing in this column, or if you know someone who meets these criteria, please send your name and daytime telephone number to: Someone You Should Meet, Winston-Salem Chronicle, P.O. Box 2151, Winston-Salem, N.C. 27102).

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NEWS DIGEST

National, state and local news briefs compiled by Greg Brown

Ethiopia seizes emergency food supplies

ADDIS ABABA, Ethiopia -- Ethiopia's Marxist government has signed a treaty with Egypt agreeing to export cattle and food to that country in exchange for machinery and is blocking the movement of Australian and American food shipments into rebel-controlled northern Ethiopia.

Despite the treaty, the Ethiopian government said it would not send any food supplies to Egypt in the foreseeable future.

The government seized a 6,000-ton food shipment from Australia intended for the rebel-held areas last week. Government spokesmen said the Australians' action constituted "an infringement of Ethiopia's sovereignty," and made "an unacceptable challenge to Ethiopia's authority" which was "tantamount to interference in our internal affairs."

American government officials said the Ethiopian government also had blocked delivery of tons of emergency food to the area, which they said would spread starvation. Australia and the United

States, along with food donors in Canada and Western Europe, have been trying to supply food to all areas of the drought- and famine-stricken country, whether controlled by the government or the guerillas.

An Australian ship unloaded a 3,500-ton shipment of food at the Red Sea port of Assab, then waited in the harbor for permission to leave for its next port of call. But Ethiopian officials apparently learned that the ship was to deliver another 6,000 tons of food relief agencies serving rebel-held areas when it docked in the Sudan, Ethiopia's western neighbor, and confiscated the cargo.

One international civil servant said the food seizure "will upset a lot of Western donors." While it would not jeopardize food already on its way to Ethiopia, he said, "It may certainly be more difficult to secure new commitments in the future as a result."

Another diplomat told reporters, "It just makes no sense at all for the Ethiopians to embarrass and offend the Australians this way."

Jordan calls Reagan attitude 'deplorable'

WASHINGTON -- The president of the National Urban League described the social and economic status of black Americans "very grim" last week and outlined steps President Reagan should take to heal the breach between blacks and the administration.

John Jacob made the remarks upon the release of the Urban League's annual State of Black America report, continuing the League's harsh criticism of the president at a time when the administration, Congress and special interest groups are considering a new round of budget cuts for social programs to help reduce the federal deficit.

The report covers seven areas of concern, including the state of elderly blacks, blacks in the labor movement, problems facing black financial institutions, the black family, implications of technology for urban school districts heavily populated with racial minorities, blacks in the

media and the 1984 presidential candidacy of the Rev. Jesse Jackson.

"In virtually every area of life that counts, black people made strong progress in the 1960s, peaked in the '70s and have been sliding back ever since," Jacob said in an introduction to the report.

The report described the Reagan administration's attitude toward blacks as "deplorable," saying it had continued attacks upon affirmative action programs, used the Justice Department and the U.S. Civil Rights Commission to civil rights gains for minorities and had dragged its feet on proposed voting rights legislation.

Jacob recommended that Reagan try to heal the rift with blacks by supporting a civil rights bill now before Congress, by reappraising the U.S. policy of "constructive engagement" toward South Africa, refraining from statements which blacks say increase racial polarization and prohibiting budget cuts in programs aiding the poor.

Coliseum

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meeting-type public hearing.

But throughout that meeting, some members expressed doubt that such measures were necessary and one man reported that city staff members already were preparing cost and financing reports on a variety of options.

One member suggested the subcommittee poll only the 57 members of the full citizens committee about what kind of facility is desirable and then proceed developing the economic options. He cited expected delays for designing, distributing and evaluating questionnaires.

Joseph G. Mann, a member of the subcommittee's economic task force, said he had met with city officials earlier that morning and was told they would provide cost figures on the various alternatives.

"I don't know that this committee shouldn't come up with a decision about what ought to be

done before we ask the public whether they will support it," Mann said. "What is the best thing to be done? We've looked at five different scenarios."

Those options include expanding the coliseum from its current 8,000-seat capacity to 10,000 or 12,000 seats, adding a 10,000- or 12,000-seat basketball arena to the existing building, or building a new arena to operate in conjunction with the present one.

"Now, if we're going to get competitive with Greensboro, we're going to need a 16- or 18,000-seat arena," Mann said. "We can't do that. One man's opinion is that this close to Greensboro, there's no need to try to get a lot of big concerts. That's a basic decision I think may already have been made."

Asked whether it's premature to develop cost and operation estimates on various options before the fact-finding subcommittee makes its recommenda-

tions, subcommittee co-chairman Ernest Pitt said, "Perhaps so. We were given the job of finding out what the community wanted and I don't see how they can do anything until we find that out and we have not found it out."

During the Jan. 4 subcommittee meeting, a proposed questionnaire to gauge public opinion on various coliseum options was modified and ultimately rejected, as members discussed the possibility of developing two questionnaires -- an initial survey to determine general, subjective opinions about what should be done and a second, more specific questionnaire to be distributed later.

Subcommittee members met again the following Wednesday morning, preparing modifications for a survey which was approved later in the day by the full coliseum study committee. That survey form appeared in last

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Crime Prevention

Intruder robs store clerk at gunpoint

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

Armed robbery

- 100 block, South Claremont Avenue

A store clerk said a man came into the store, pulled out a silver handgun and said, "I want all the money." The store clerk was unable to open the cash register and called on another clerk. She opened the register and handed the money to the robber. The robber then ran out of the store. The robber is described as a black male with light skin, 5 feet 10 inches tall, wearing an army jacket with a scarf wrapped over his face.

Housebreaking

- 1100 block, South Broad Street

A store clerk said a man entered the store and said, "Give me all your money."

The man pointed a blue handgun at the clerk, took all of the money from the cash register and ran from the store. The robber is described as a black male 5 feet 2 inches tall, weighing about 130 pounds. He was wearing navy blue sweatpants and shirt, some gloves and a ski mask.

Strong armed robbery

- 700 block, Liberia Street

A man walking home was attacked by two people who "beat and robbed" him. The victim later recognized one of the assailants and a warrant was issued for the robber's arrest on charges of strong armed robbery. The other suspect is described as a black male weighing 150 pounds.

Storebreaking

- 400 block, Trade Street
- 700 block, Woughtown Street

A business was broken into and the storeowner could not determine what was taken.

A business was broken into and credit cards,

money and 12 company checks were taken. The 12 checks have "Energy Tamers Inc." written on them and are drawn on an account at Southern National Bank. The checks are light green and are numbered between 1615 and 1627.

Housebreaking

- 1000 block, Ivy Avenue
- 1500 block, East 14th Street
- 500 block, Winston Lake Road

A panel in a garage door was knocked out to gain entry into a business. A generator and a battery charger were taken.

A business was broken into. Beer, cigarettes and a kerosene heater were taken.

A maintenance shelter at the golf course was broken into and two chain saws were taken.

Housebreaking

- 1500 block, Diggs Boulevard
- 300 block, Lake View Road
- 1500 block, Gaston Street

A house was broken into and clothes were stolen.

A man kicked in the front door of an apartment, but the apartment-owner was at home and called the police. The thief, still in the apartment when the police arrived, was arrested and charged with miscellaneous house breaking.

- 4100 block, Patterson Avenue

A house was broken into and a microwave oven was taken.

- 700 block, Gill Street

A house was broken into and groceries and food were stolen.

- 900 block, East 18th Street

An apartment was broken into and two color televisions were stolen.

- 1600 block, Lincoln Avenue


A house was broken into and a refrigerator was taken.

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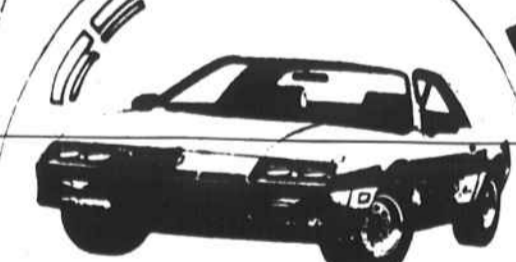
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