



In memory of Carlos Stoner

(Above) The Homeless Coalition held a memorial service in Winston Square Park on Saturday for Carlos Colon Stoner, the black man who was murdered on May 27. The group joined in a circle, sang and prayed in remembrance of Stoner, who was homeless for a short period. (Right) One attendee holds a candle and takes a brief moment to remember his friend.

Fatherhood: A challenge

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Brown, a native of Columbia, S.C., said he remembers playing sports in junior high and high school and not having a father sitting on the sidelines cheering him on.

"It didn't really bother me at the time. I remember one day my mother showed up at one of my games. Soon as I looked up and saw her, I started slam-dunking the (basket) ball," he said, grinning.

Brown thanks his mother, a domestic worker, for not allowing him to disrespect his father even though he was not living in the household.

Brown said his mother always kept a positive outlook and did the best she could raising him and his two older sisters. But even at a young age, he told himself he

would have to be involved with the development of his children.

Brown went on to college and worked odd jobs to pay for tuition. He graduated from Hampton University and went on to get his law degree at Catholic University in Washington, D.C. Upon graduation he married his wife, Sandra, and moved to Winston-Salem.

Fatherhood, he admits, has been good to him. He said he has a very close relationship with his kids and tries to keep the lines of communication open between them.

Brown's advice to parents, especially fathers, is to listen to what their children say. "Kids have a funny way of letting you know they want to talk. And sometimes all they want you to do is listen.

Adults come home from a hard day at work and all they can think about is relaxing, but when you have children you have to be there when they need you," he added.

"I'm not one of those dads who try to push their kids to do anything. Whatever they're interested in I just support them," he said. Brown said he makes a special effort to attend their extracurricular activities, but education is his biggest thrust.

"Academics is something I place a lot of emphasis on," he said.

He has strong feelings about the role of black men.

"We as black men need to take on our responsibilities. Whether you're in jail or on the Supreme Court, you can still get to know your child. You don't have to be

married to the mother of your child, but you can still be there for the child," he said.

"What we don't realize is that when a father neglects his child, he is actually cutting off a part of himself. We have to tell ourselves, no matter what I do, I have to take care of what is mine and make sure he/she has a better life than I did."

Brown said he and his wife like to visit their children's schools to talk with teachers. "When you show a teacher you are concerned about your child, that teacher takes for time with your child also," he said.

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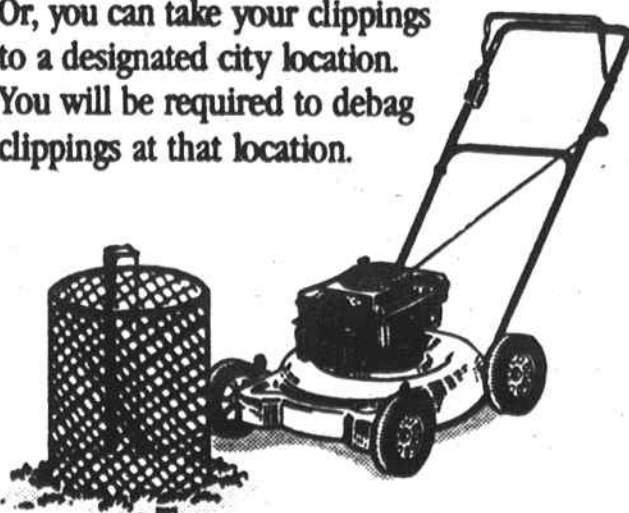
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We Need Your Opinion About Grass Clippings

Beginning in January 1993, a North Carolina law will ban all yard waste from the landfill. How does this affect you? While the city's brush and seasonal loose leaf collection programs will continue, **WE NO LONGER WILL BE ABLE TO COLLECT YOUR BAGGED GRASS CLIPPINGS AFTER THIS SUMMER.** So, we'd like to know which of the following "grass clippings options" you'd prefer.

**OPTION ONE:
The City WILL NOT pick up grass clippings.**

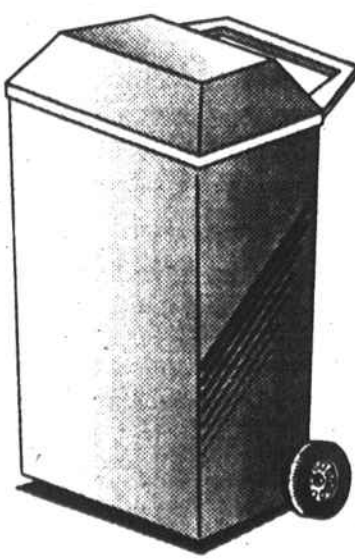
You can dispose of your grass clippings using a mulching mower or through backyard composting. (The city can provide you with information on how to compost.) Or, you can take your clippings to a designated city location. You will be required to debag clippings at that location.



To vote for this option, CALL 631-6330

**OPTION TWO:
The City WILL pick up grass clippings if you purchase a special cart.**

The city will continue to pick up your grass clippings from the curb if they are placed in special roll-out carts. You will need to purchase your cart or carts at a cost of approximately \$55 each. Each cart will hold the equivalent of 6-8 bags of grass clippings. No bags will be allowed.



To vote for this option, CALL 631-6399

Please call in your choice soon! Or, if you would like to submit other suggestions, please send your written comments to the City of Winston-Salem Sanitation Division, P. O. Box 2511, Winston-Salem, NC 27102.

At the very latest, we need to know your preference by Monday, June 29, 1992. Thanks for your help!

