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Bank Exec Nabs Robber

▲ Would-be robber caught with money in the bag

By SHERIDAN HILL
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The talk about fighting crime in East Winston turned into reality Monday when a bank vice president was assisted by neighboring citizens in catching a robber.

Walter Tucker of Mechanics and Farmers Bank on Martin Luther King, Jr., Blvd. said the man took a bundle of cash from the bank at 10:05 a.m. after handing a teller a note demanding money. Tucker ran after him.

"I just wanted to see who he was, to identify him more positively to the authorities," Tucker said.

He said he chased the robber to the neighboring McDonald's where Jake Sudler, the manager, showed Tucker which way the man ran.

Charles Johnson was in his car leaving the East Winston library when he saw the robber running south on Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd with Tucker in hot pursuit. Johnson invited Tucker into his car and they took off after the robber.

"I went the wrong way on 5th St. chasing him," Johnson said. He pulled into the Golden State Mutual Life Insurance parking lot, where Khalid Griggs was getting into his car.

Griggs is executive director of the Citizens Coalition for a Better Tomorrow, which has offices in the Golden State building.

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"He would have gotten away if we hadn't chased him," Walter Tucker said. Khalid Griggs (left) helped him in the chase.

ON THE AVANT GARDE
BY TANG NIVRI

I Should Have Known Better

My wife (a woman) swears there is no sorority of indoctrination (SOI), that there is no school for girls (SOG) as I have alleged, where older women teach and young women learn the craft of being female, of being the opposite sex.

For years, I have accused my (female) wife of having been indoctrinated by her mother, and she by her grandmother, et al., suggesting that they have systematically conspired to confuse not only me and my two sons, but her own father and brother as well. She has always denied any such conspiracy, of course.

But with my daughter, things would be different.

It Started Out Right

I remember the moment the little thing was born. There she was, her little behind pointing toward her daddy, resting comfortably on her mother's tummy while the doctor prepared to cut her umbilical cord. It was a great day indeed.

Now I would discover, firsthand, the secrets of womanhood: secrets heretofore never revealed to mankind. The female had always been so mysterious to me, always keeping me off balance.

But now I had my own little female human being. We would get to know each other so well that she would think it only natural to tell her daddy all of those "little secrets" that only women know that confound all men.

As I saw it, the key to her secret garden was understanding. I would spend time with the little rascal, so she would know I was not the enemy, that I was her friend, different from all the other males she and her mom would meet.

I would always be willing and available to take her places. I would buy the things she needed and sometimes wanted. But I knew better than to try to buy her off. Besides, her mother would sense that this was yet another man's plot and would easily up her off.

As much as I hated it, I helped her when it was her time to wash the dishes, sometimes even giving the little rascal the evening off so she could play with her brother or watch television.

If there was something she wanted to eat, her daddy made sure she got a little extra. And I always fixed Belgian Waffles, her favorite. On Sundays, her little pockets were filled with candy, chewing gum, and plenty of sweet things to eat.

What Went Wrong?

Then she started to grow. She had been short and chubby, just about a foot tall. She looked like a little wine barrel with stumpy little legs. But she stretched out into daddy's beautiful, sleek, gazelle ballet dancer. She ran faster than most boys her age and many who were older.

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Culminating the 1963 March on Washington, Dr. King delivered his "I Have A Dream" speech on the steps of the Lincoln Memorial to a crowd of 250,000 people.

Community To Celebrate MLK

Chronicle Staff Report

The annual celebration of Dr. Martin Luther King's birthday will be officially observed Monday across the country. In Winston-Salem, a number of church and civic events and a march will commemorate the great leader.

At the King Center for NonViolent Social Change, a ten day "King Week" of activities is planned.

Coretta Scott King, the civil rights martyr's

widow, called for a "one-day, world-wide moratorium on violence." She reiterated that King Week is not just about celebrating King's legacy.

"It's about educating and training people in his philosophy so they will be able to apply his teachings in their struggles against hunger, joblessness, discrimination, bigotry, war and all forms of violence," she said.

King Week will include an interfaith clergy con-

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Mortgage Loans: Credit, Race and The Home Loan

▲ Single black woman told to find a husband

By MARK R. MOSS
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PART II

After reading Part I of the article on mortgage lending in last week's Chronicle, a black woman called and said she had to tell her story. She asked that her name not be used. The morning of her call, she had just been told that her mortgage loan application had been denied - for the fourth time.

She is a single woman in her early forties making \$24,000 a year. She has put her daughter through college on that income. She is almost debt free and doesn't have bad credit. She does, however, admit to having been late in making payments on a bill. She has purchased some property in East Winston and would like to build a house on it. She needs \$80,000 to build her dream home. She plans to put down about \$6,000.

One bank, she said, refused her because she had been late in paying that bill. The other two declined her application because they said she wasn't making enough money. She didn't say why the fourth bank declined her loan. On top of those reasons is the fact that she's black and single, she said.

"I had a couple of those loan people tell me I need to find a husband. One even told me I need to find one that works at Reynolds," she said, in a tone of mounting frustration. "I think that if I was a single white woman, they would have taken a chance on me. I'm so fed up with loan officers."

"Tomorrow, I'm going to another bank. Somebody's going to give me this money."

The mortgage lender's main concern is the applicant's credit history. That history, among other things, is thoroughly checked when the individual submits his

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Former WSSU QB Gets Head Coaching Job

▲ Blount will take over amid NCAA sanctions

By MARK R. MOSS
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Kermit Blount wore #1 on his football jersey when he was the quarterback for the Winston-Salem State University Rams in the late 70s. Saturday, he officially became the number one man of his alma mater's football program when school officials announced that he would take over the head coaching responsibilities.

"First of all, I would like to thank God for giving me this great opportunity," Blount said at the news conference on Dec. 9 at WSSU. "I am truly honored to have been offered this position at my alma mater."

With his wife Ava by his side, Blount said it felt good to have the support of the alumni

and supporters of the University.

"I hope that support will continue, and I will do my best to make sure that it does."

WSSU Chancellor Dr. Cleon Thompson, who introduced Blount, called Blount's hiring "a very exciting and happy time" for the school. He explained that the search committee made their selections based on the ability of the coach to help the students/athletes do their best in four areas: academics; discipline; financial responsibility; and football.

Al Roseboro, WSSU athletic director, said Blount's hiring was an "historical event" because Blount started the winning tradition, along with Coach Bill Hayes, when both were at the university.

"When Blount walked onto the field he had full control. He was the first to call order to the huddle." If he didn't get that respect, the unruly player would get "tapped upside his head," added Roseboro.

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Al Roseboro (r) Winston-Salem State University's athletic director, called hiring Kermit Blount as head football coach an "historical event." WSSU Chancellor Dr. Cleon Thompson (not pictured) introduced Blount to the community at a news conference on Dec. 9 at the University.