

# National NEWS



## Victory Kiss

Dallas Cowboy running back Emmitt Smith kisses the Vince Lombardi Trophy after his team defeated the Buffalo Bills 52-17 in the Super Bowl Sunday in Pasadena.

## Grateful For His Contribution

WASHINGTON, DC — The death of civil rights legend and former U.S. Supreme Court Justice Thurgood Marshall marked the end of an era for a man who has been labeled, "One of the most significant figures in the struggle for equal rights in American history." President Clinton said of the one-time attorney for the NAACP, "Every American should be grateful for his contribution." The Howard University graduate was named the first black to the Supreme Court in 1967 by then president Lyndon Johnson. On the court, he established a strong liberal record of supporting civil rights and individual rights. However, his best known legal victory came before he was named to the court. Marshall led the team of lawyers who argued the historic Brown vs. Board of Education (Topeka, Kansas), case which brought an end to the legal school segregation in America. He retired from the high court in June 1991 because of a series of illness. Marshall was 84.

## Reginald Lewis Leaves A Void

NEW YORK, NY — The recent death of business takeover and leverage buyout entrepreneur Reginald Lewis has left a sizeable void in the business world which is unlikely to be filled by another black person anytime in the near future. With an estimated wealth exceeding \$400 million, Lewis had risen to a level in the white corporate world never achieved by any other African American. Lewis skyrocketed into the national headlines in 1987 with his billion dollar takeover of the giant international food conglomerate Beatrice Companies. Amazingly, friends, and associates say Lewis was in apparently good health until two months ago when he was diagnosed as having brain cancer. During the last months Lewis structured a transition plan which placed his holdings in TLC Beatrice in the hands of his half-brother, Jean Fugett, Jr., a lawyer and former professional football player. Lewis, 51, left a wife and two daughters. He had home in New York and Paris.

## All States Celebrated King Holiday

TEMPE, AZ — Last week's observance of the national holiday in honor of slain civil rights leader Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. marked the first time the holiday was observed in all 50 states. The last two states to officially participate were Arizona and New Hampshire. Former Arizona governor Evan Mecham and rescinded his state's King holiday, but a nationwide boycott of Arizona apparently helped persuade state voters to re-instate the holiday by a 22 percent margin this past November. But, New Hampshire was technically the last state to officially honor the slain civil rights leader. Governor Steve Merrill, 10 days ago, signed an order adding Dr. King's name to a state holiday formerly referred to as Civil Rights Day. Dr. King would've been 64 if he had lived.

## 'Hitler-like' Welfare Reform

ANNAPOLIS, MD — Maryland Governor William Donald Schaefer last week shocked much of the nation by suggesting a welfare reform policy which require thousands of black women on welfare to be implanted with a five-year birth control device and that men receive vasectomies which would render them incapable of fathering children. According to Schaefer, "If they are on welfare and have a certain number of illegitimate children," women would be required to use Norplant - a device implanted in the upper arm which prevents conception for five years and it would be mandatory that men get vasectomies. The policy would apply to all races. Blacks delegate Elijah Cummings called Schaefer's suggestion "very dangerous." Apparently anticipating charges of racism and comparisons to the genocide of Adolph Hitler, Schaefer added, "I know its extreme, and I am not proposing it today. But it should be looked at."

## Survey Shows Racial Differences

NEW YORK, NY — A survey of over 2,000 high-achieving high school students has found that black and white students often have significantly different views of the world. For example, 85 percent of African American students believe blacks have fewer opportunities than whites. But only 30 percent of whites thought so. Sixty percent of the blacks felt they had been victims of racial discrimination, but only 10 percent of whites admitted to discriminating against blacks. Despite negative experiences, 90 percent of the high-achieving black students said they would date someone of a different race. This compares to 60 percent of whites felt the same way. The study conducted by Paul Krouse, publisher of Who's Who Among American School Students.

## New Hope In Treatment

BOSTON, MA — Researchers say a natural flavor enhancer— butyrate—holds promise as a treatment for sickle cell anemia—a blood disease which primarily afflicts blacks. According to the researchers, butyrate prompted an increase in healthy hemoglobin when taken intravenously for several weeks. But the study—reported in the current issue of the New England Journal of Medicine—is preliminary and the researchers caution more study is needed. Sickle cell anemia is painful and tends to shorten the lives of those afflicted with it.

## Bass Appointed to Winston-Salem Foundation Board

▲ Only African-American out of Nine Members

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Willard W. Bass, Jr. a production superintendent for R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Packaging Division, has been appointed to serve a nine-year term on the Winston-Salem Foundation Committee.

"There's a need to make sure the interests of the African-American community are met, and I am looking forward to fulfilling that need," said Bass, who has been at Reynolds for 12 years.

Bass, a native of Fayetteville, serves on the board of directors of the Forsyth Court Volunteers, is an officer of the Winston-Salem Alumni



Mayor Martha Wood recently appointed Willard Bass to the Winston-Salem Foundation board.

Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, and works with the R. J. Reynolds Success Academy. He is also the co-founder and associate director of the Kemet School of Knowledge, a community based ethnic school headquartered at Emmanuel Baptist Church.

Winston-Salem's Mayor Martha S. Wood, who appointed Bass to the position, said, "Mr. Bass' experience, perspective and community involvement will enable him to lead our community in making important decisions that impact the lives of our citizens. I am confident that his ability and integrity will make him a welcome addition to this important board."

The Winston-Salem Foundation Committee is responsible for the general oversight of the Foundation and the distribution of charitable funds in trust. Members are appointed for single nine-year terms by various independent organizations, including Wachovia Bank & Trust, NationsBank, First Union National Bank and by individuals, including the mayor, the chairman of the county commissioners, the judge of the United States district court, and the clerk of superior court.

Bass said the city's mayor has traditionally appointed an African-American to the prestigious committee. There are nine members on the committee.

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A DNA report showed McKellar's saliva was on a crack pipe found at the door of house she ran from just before being arrested. A blood sample taken from McKellar at 7:30 a.m. the day after she was arrested showed the level of cocaine was about .3400 nanometers (parts per billion). "Death will arise beginning at .800," Keith said. "Cocaine leaves the system very quickly. Eight hours after she was arrested, she had a fatal level of cocaine in her system. She died with a fatal amount of cocaine in her system." The Winston-Salem Police Department has already given Keith its report. After he has read all the reports, Keith said he will prepare a 100-page report and summary for Dr. Page Hudson, a retired chief medical examiner for the state. Hudson will then issue his decision as to the cause of McKellar's death.

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road curves. Treadmarks on the road, a sign of brakes being applied, indicate that Jennings lost control of the car about 82 feet before the car hit a tree on the east side of the road. "Excessive speed was the cause of the accident, but we haven't been able to determine the car's exact speed," said Holman. Shortly after the car hit the tree, it burst into flames, Holman said. Wilson, who is in Forsyth Memorial Hospital with a broken hip and head lacerations, was unable to tell investigators how he got out of the car. "He doesn't know if he got out through the window or the door." Both men were wearing their seat belts, Holman said, and the Ford Taurus is equipped with air bags. The car had a full tank of gas, Holman said.

Robert Bethea, an avid golfer and a retiree, was leaving the Winston Lake Golf course at the time of the accident when he heard someone hollering for help. He said he ran to the top of the hill and as he went down the other side of it, he met Wilson, who was crawling on his hands and knees. "He was hollering, 'Jesus Christ, my Savior, help me! Help me!'" said Bethea. Wilson was bleeding badly from a cut on his forehead and told Bethea that his partner was still in the car and needed help. Bethea said that by this time

the car was on fire and he tried several times to get close to it to help Jennings, "but the bullets started going off." "The only thing I could do was just stand there and watch," he said. At one point, Bethea said, he jumped in a ditch to avoid being shot. When a police officer arrived, Bethea said she immediately called the Winston-Salem Fire Department and was initially unaware that the burning vehicle was a patrol car. Bethea told her what had happened and other personnel quickly arrived. "Since that happened," said Bethea, "everyday I come out here I think about it. I feel bad because I couldn't do more."

Betha said he didn't know either one of the officers. Sonja Jennings said she met her husband while they were students at North Forsyth High School. They dated eight years before getting married, during which time Officer Jennings earned a degree in computer science and art at Winston-Salem State University.

Piggot, of the Sims Community Center, said that several years ago, when his brother was killed in a shooting incident, Officer Jennings came to the center to pay his respects. "He realized the suffering I was going through, and came by to see if there was anything he could do. He was that kind of guy."

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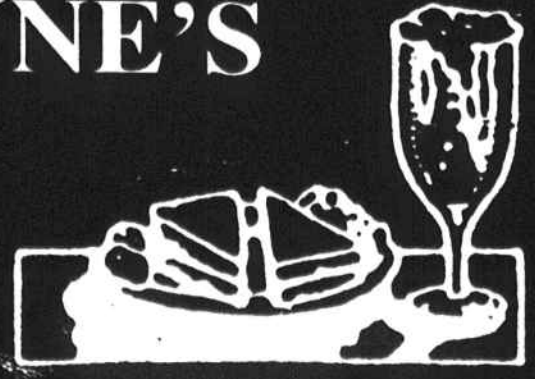
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