



### NAACP Gala

Eva Clayton speaks to a crowd at the NAACP Freedom Fund Gala.

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### That's Entertainment

Aaron Neville's second solo album, *The Grand Tour*, is a musical biography.

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"Power concedes nothing without a struggle." — Frederick Douglass

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## School of the Arts Rejects Farrakhan

### ▲ Black classical concert barred from campus

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The N.C. School of the Arts refused to allow a conglomerate of black classical musicians to perform on the campus last Saturday because Nation of Islam leader Louis Farrakhan had been invited as a guest performer.

Instead, the event was held at Reynolds Auditorium, where Farrakhan rendered a stunning violin performance of Felix Mendelssohn's *Violin Concerto*. Nancy Dawson-Sausser, NCSA's director of public information, said it was a

joint decision among university officials not to allow Farrakhan to perform on the campus.

"I don't think we could ignore Farrakhan's political views," she said. "It was because of his political views."

Farrakhan has been accused of being anti-Semitic and has openly embraced Libyan leader Moammar Ghaddafi.

Dawson-Sausser said a number of organizations — including representatives from the Winston-Salem Symphony, the Arts Council, Leadership Winston-Salem, the Winston-Salem Foundation and the Delta Fine Arts Center — initially had come together to discuss making the initial concept a reality.

"When people found out that he was coming, people dropped out," she said. All except the Delta Fine Arts Center and the Winston-Salem Foundation.

"We perceived it as a good opportunity to be involved

with a first-class project," said Jackie Black, program coordinator of the Fine Arts Center. "All the musicians were outstanding musical talents."

Henry M. Carter Jr., executive director of the Winston-Salem Foundation, said his group agreed to grant \$1,000 to the event. Annette Sippio, executive director of Leadership Winston-Salem, said her organization was never involved.

"I was involved because of my interests in the arts and the expertise I could offer," she said. "But I was not representing Leadership Winston-Salem. We would not back out of an event because it was controversial."

David Hudson, president of the Arts Council, said he participated in initial discussions, but backed out when he realized the endeavor would be too time-consuming. Peter

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Violinist Louis Farrakhan

## National NEWS

### Williams Saved The Boy For Last

MOUNT KISCO, N.Y. (AP) — Singer Vanessa Williams saved the boy for last (maybe as she gave birth to her third child and first son, Devin Christian Hervey was born last Wednesday at Northern Westchester Hospital. He weighed in at 9 pounds 1 1/2 ounces and was 20 inches long, said Crystal Jones, Williams' publicist. It is the third child for Williams, 30, and her husband-manager Ramon Hervey II. The couple has two daughters: 5-year-old Melanie and 3-year-old Jillian. The family lives in Chappaqua in Westchester County.



Vanessa Williams

### A&T Students Want Black Studies

GREENSBORO (AP) — It's time for a task force studying mandatory African-American studies to make a recommendation, say students who support the requirement. But task force chairwoman Pat Shelton says there's more involved than one recommendation. "We want to look at all the issues," she said. "I understand the students may be thinking we haven't moved as fast as they would have liked, but this is the process we are following." The task force is looking at how such a program would be funded, implemented and staffed, Shelton said. The panel also is examining a consultant's report that recommends A&T develop an African-American center of excellence if it wants to distinguish itself from the state's other public institutions.

### Angelou: Appreciate Culture

CHAPEL HILL, N.C. (AP) — Inauguration poet Maya Angelou encouraged students to appreciate different cultures on campus. "Make sure your time at this institution of higher learning is not spent in vain," she told more than 1,000 students and others who heard her speak Tuesday night at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. In "An Evening with Maya Angelou," sponsored by the Carolina Union Forum Committee in Memorial Hall, Angelou recited poetry, sang and stressed the importance of literacy and understanding all people through reading. The Herald-Sun of Durham reported, "Without courage, you cannot consistently be strong," said Angelou, who delivered the inaugural poem at President Clinton's inauguration in January. "You can develop (courage) by reading poetry."

## Police: Hunting for a Killer(s)

### Janitor's Neck Slashed; No Arrests Made

By RICHARD L. WILLIAMS  
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Winston-Salem police investigators are still looking for suspects in the gruesome slaying of a middle-school custodian discovered last week with his throat severely slashed.

Ulysses Alonzo Morrison, 57, of 2315 Manchester Ave., was found lying fully clothed in a pool of blood in the living room of a friend's house a few blocks from his home.

Morrison was found on April 13, at 2814 Manchester Ave., in the home of Melvin Williams who was away for the weekend on National Guard duty.

"Part of his neck was cut with a very sharp instrument, causing him to bleed to death," said Dr. Donald Jason, a forensic pathologist at Baptist Hospital. "It was across the whole front of the neck. It wasn't very deep, but it was deep enough."

Morrison had worked for about nine years at Hanes-Lowrance Middle School as a custodian.

Police Capt. Linda G. Petree said six detectives are working on the case trying to find the killer.

"We've canvassed the neighborhood, which means going door to door talking to neighbors to find out whether anyone saw anything or heard anything," she said.

Petree said countless interviews have been conducted with friends, associates and relatives.

"We're interviewing people who know him or might have known him," she said. "It's like putting a puzzle together. You might have one piece and by itself that one little piece may not mean much, but when



Ulysses A. Morrison with his mother, Clara, during Christmas 1991

you start putting it together, the puzzle could come together."

Petree said it would be counter-productive to reveal to the media details of the investigation.

"We don't reveal details of our investi-

### Both victims were custodians at Hanes-Lowrance Middle School

gation when a murder investigation is still under way," Petree said. "We don't want everybody to know what evidence we have. It makes the investigation tougher."

The dwelling where Morrison was

found is a single-story, wood structure and is one of the few houses situated at the foot of Manchester Avenue just before it dead ends. Petree would not say whether the house had been broken into. Nor would she confirm that two television sets were

stolen from the residence.

"We have not established a motive and we don't speculate on motives," she said. "We don't rule out anything. We look

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### Mom Says Son Tossed From Bridge

By RICHARD L. WILLIAMS  
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A year after her son's death, the mother of a man Winston-Salem police say fell from the Liberty Street bridge remains convinced that her son was killed.

The investigation into the death of 42-year-old James Edwards was closed after a medical examiner ruled it accidental shortly after his April 25, 1992, death.

But that hasn't satisfied members of Edwards' family, who remain convinced that foul play was involved.



James Edwards

"I don't believe he jumped off the bridge or fell off the bridge," Edwards' mother, Janie Bell Edwards, said. "I still feel like somebody killed him. It's just a mystery thing that never been solved the way I wanted it to. I still feel he was murdered. I really do."

She said her son was on his way to his apartment on Ivy Avenue when he died. She said she had heard rumors that he had been beaten up and thrown off the bridge.

"I heard a lot of rumors, but I couldn't go to the police with it

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## After Some Bickering, Review Board Approved

### ▲ Activist group says it will keep watch

By MARK R. MOSS  
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Following a passionate speech and a close vote, the Winston-Salem Board of Aldermen Monday night approved the mayor's list of nominees for the Citizens Police Review Board.

The 5-3 vote came after Alderman Larry Womble, of the Southeast ward, introduced a motion to replace Mayor Martha S. Wood's nominees with a list that the Citizens United for Justice, an activist group, had compiled. That motion failed 3-5, with Aldermen Nelson J. Malloy Jr. and Vivian Burke voting

with Womble.

"I have selected people based on the content of their character," Wood said after the list had passed.

"We're disappointed in a way," the Rev. John Mendez, a CUJ leader, later said. "But we want it to work. CUJ will be watching."

The three aldermen who voted for the alternate list also voted against Wood's nominees. Those aldermen who favored the mayor's nominees were: Lynne Harpe, of the Southwest ward, Virginia Newell, of the East ward, Robert S. Northington Jr., of the West ward, Nancy T. Pleasants, of the Northwest ward and J. Hugh Wright, of the South ward.

Newell, was the first to offer her comments when Wood's nominees came

up for a vote.

She was initially "teed off," she said, when she saw the mayor's list. Considering the number of black males who have been incarcerated, she thought the board should be composed of seven blacks and four whites.

But after talking with the mayor at length, and after being told that the number of African-American applicants was less than the number of whites who had applied, she decided to support the mayor. "There is no precedence as to who will serve well," she said.

"She told me," said Newell, "that perhaps you should have encouraged more people (blacks) to be on the board."

The "onus is on her," and "had she not voted, there wouldn't be a board" at all. The mayor wouldn't "shoot herself in

the foot," Newell said.

CUJ was one of the community groups who led the lobbying for the establishment of the police review board — a point Womble made during his exhortation when he said that former alderman Larry Little had tried to propose such a board when he served from 1977-85.

"It was the citizens who brought this (the need for a review board) to my attention," Womble said.

"This is not the mayor's committee," he said. And it's an "abrogation of responsibility" to say that it is, he said. This is not a "political thing" but the "right thing to do," Womble added.

He chastised members of the board

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### THIS WEEK IN BLACK HISTORY

On April 28, 1967, the World Boxing Association and N.Y. State Athletic Commission stripped Muhammad Ali of his heavyweight title because he refused to serve in the U.S. armed forces.