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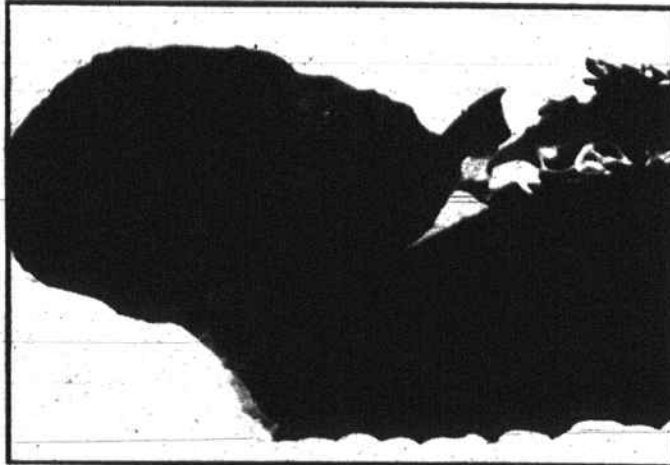
"Power concedes nothing without a struggle" — Frederick Douglass

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A Small N.C. Town Explodes



Rev. Jesse Jackson with Rev. W.B. Murdock



The funeral for Angelo Robinson was held Saturday.

By DAVID L. DILLARD
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CONCORD — Drive-by shootings, wanton violence, riots and police brutality have become a part of life in major cities like Los Angeles, where drug activity and gang warfare are rampant.

These tragedies, however, are occurring more frequently in small towns across the country. And less than two weeks ago, one of the worst reported incidents of police brutality followed by community rebellion occurred in normally tranquil Concord, after a black man died in police custody after being sprayed with pepper mace.

The racial tension that followed the death of

Angelo Darcel Robinson, a once-promising college athlete, continues to loom like a thick cloud over this small, somewhat agrarian town with a population of nearly 31,000, less than an hour's drive southwest of Winston-Salem. Tensions have run especially high in the Logan community, where most of the African Americans in the town reside, including Robinson's parents, Lillian and Garfield "Smokey" Robinson of 333 Fox St.

"They killed my son," said "Smokey" Robinson. "Them white cops killed my son."

The Logan community, which resembles one big public-housing complex with some single-family

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NEWS AT A GLANCE

Teen-age Talent

Amanda Butera is a talented young girl with big dreams. She is a 14-year-old rising freshman at Reynolds High School, who aspires to be a journalist and civil rights leader. And some works of this budding poet are reminiscent of a young Nikki Giovanni.

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Ruby Dee Speaks

Actress Ruby Dee showed up Friday night at the Marquee of Winston-Salem for the fifth annual national conference of the Association of Black Secretaries, but the secretaries didn't.

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Elders Goes to Capitol

LITTLE ROCK, ARK. (AP) — Dr. Joycelyn Elders quit her job as Arkansas' top health official shortly before flying to Washington with President Clinton, who has nominated her to become the nation's surgeon general.

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Dinkins Cleared

NEW YORK (AP) — A City Hall staffer fleeing a rock-throwing mob in Crown Heights saw something equally disturbing: The police were running, too. "All hell is breaking loose," Robert Brennan recalled urgently telling his boss, Deputy Mayor Bill Lynch, on the second night of the disturbances in the Brooklyn neighborhood nearly two years ago.

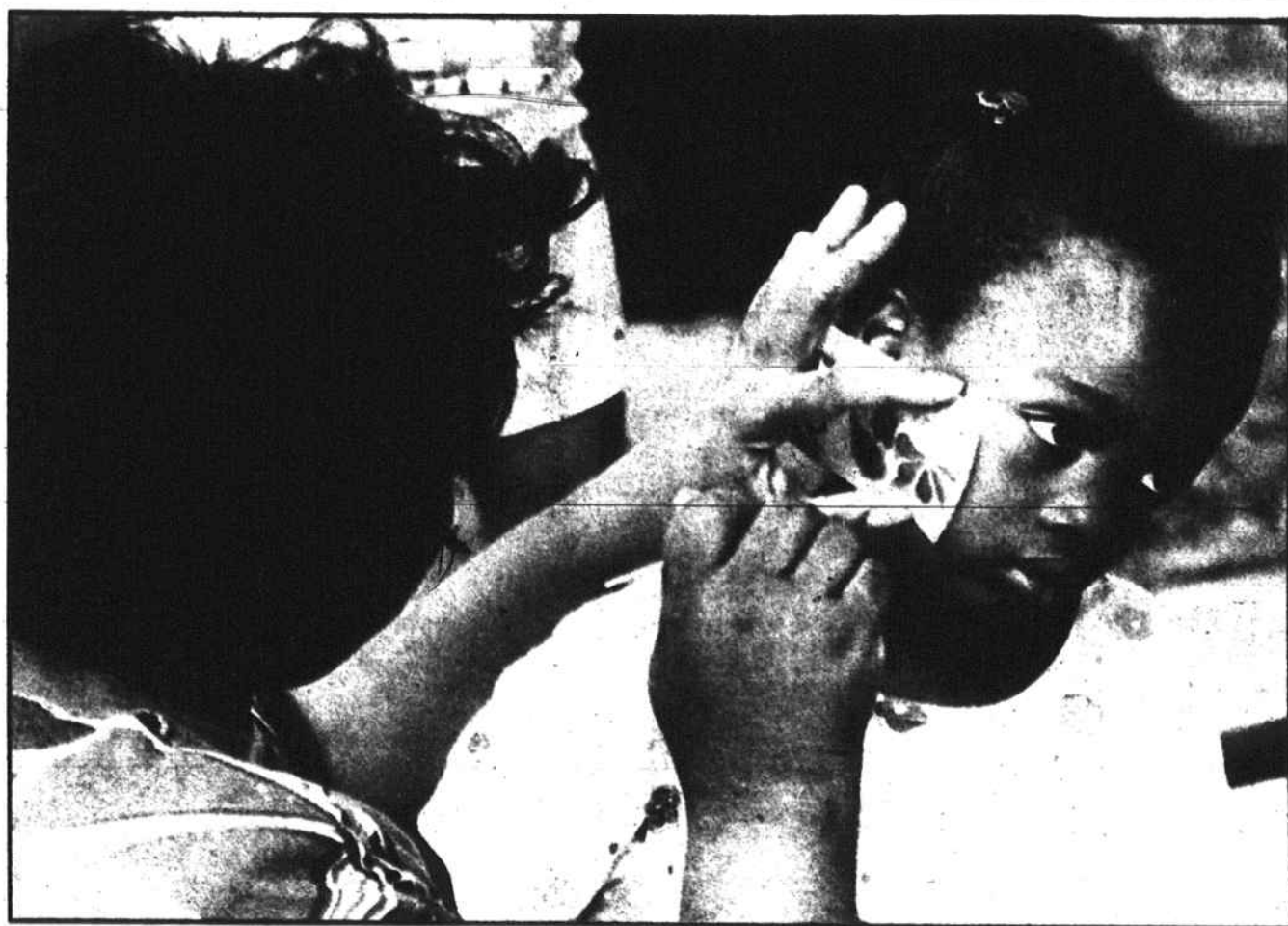
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Lakers AAU

The AAU junior boys national basketball tournament began last Saturday at the Joel Coliseum with the Winston Lake Lakers playing the Arkansas Wings Gold in the opening game of the tournament. The Lakers were seeded 53 out of 56 teams.

The opening game wasn't all that the Winston Lake Lakers hoped for as they fell to the Arkansas Wings 75-69.

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Two youngsters (top) show off their paint jobs during the Cleveland Avenue Homes Community Day Festival Saturday. Doris Cobb gives another festival-goer a new look. (Story and more photos, page A4)

Photos by C.O. Matthews

Baby Talonda, Hang in There

By MARK R. MOSS
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Talonda Lanier

People in Snow Hill and Winston-Salem — and several points in between — have shown nothing but love and concern for 6-year-old Talonda Lanier.

And as if on cue, Talonda has shaken a coma she had been in since she was struck in the head by a thug July 10 while resting in the backseat of her mother's car. She still remains in critical condition, however, a spokesman at Forsyth Memorial Hospital said Monday.

David Lanier, a cousin, said that when news of

Six-year-old shot in the head comes out of coma.

Talonda's shooting reached residents of Greene County, calls of support and donations from strangers and friends alike poured in.

"People have sent funds from far and near," said Lanier, the owner of Lanier Construction Co. and a well-known businessman in the county.

Talonda was struck by a bullet in the head while she slept in the back seat of her mother's car around 4:30 a.m. on July 10. Saidet Lanier, Talonda's mother, was on her way back to Ft. Hood, Texas after visiting relatives in Snow Hill, when fatigue forced her to pull over. She parked under the Thomasville Road overpass on Interstate 40 and had not yet fallen asleep when two men in a car riddled her car with bullets and took off. She took off after the car and was able to memorize the license plate, totally unaware that her daughter had been struck in the head.

Because of Saidet's quick action, two men were later arrested and charged with assault with a deadly weapon with intent to kill, causing serious injury. Both were in the Forsyth County Jail with bond set at \$200,000. The two suspects are white; the family is black.

Freda Springs, public relations manager at Forsyth Memorial, said this week that donations totaling over \$15,000 had accumulated in the special fund

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THIS WEEK IN BLACK HISTORY

On July 21, 1896, the National R...tion of Afro-American Women and the Colored Women's League merged to create the National Association of Colored Women.

Mayor Wood Announces Plans for Fall Election

By MARK R. MOSS
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Mayor Martha S. Wood, claiming that she is a "little grayer, older and wiser after these four years," asked the residents of Winston-Salem on Tuesday morning to return her to office for another term.

"I am every bit as optimistic ... about our ability to accomplish the task. With

the blessing of my family and with our continued support and involvement, I will seek a second term as mayor of Winston-Salem," Wood told about 100 supporters in the main lobby of the Sawtooth Building.

Introduced by her son, Hardison, and flanked by her husband, mother and daughter, the mayor outlined the issues that the city's residents had agreed to work on four years ago — police protec-

tion and drug enforcement, economic development and a city government that "encourages and welcomes participation" by everyone.

"I am proud of the progress we have made in each of these areas. Now we must build on our successes of the past four years to deal effectively with the difficult problems that remain for us to solve," she said.

Her speech was punctuated several

times by applause, but one of the heartiest came when she talked about the issue of respect and police.

"To have a police force that earns the respect of our entire community every day, we must give them the tools they need to get the job done ..." she said. "Let's be clear: Winston-Salem will not allow police officers to intimidate, harass or assault citizens, and neither will

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