



### Families Mourn

Families of the three drowned toddlers mourn their losses. A1

### Baby Talonda

Six-year-old Baby Talonda is showing improvement. A4



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

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## Two Men Dead After 22nd Street Shootout

### ▲ At least 50 shots fired after "drink house" chaos

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"I feel the world has lost a very special person."

Those words belong to 30-year-old Anthony Samuels, whose brother was shot to death early Sunday morning in a gunfight at a drink house located at 910 E. 22nd St.

Steven Joel Samuels, 22, and Waddell Lynn "Tiger" Bitting, 21, were shot in the head when random

shooting broke out around 3:30 a.m. Sunday in the usually quiet neighborhood where mostly elderly residents live.

"At about three or three-thirty I woke up to shots," said one neighbor who asked not to be identified. "About 15 rounds were fired, and people were running and screaming. They busted open my screen door trying to get in."

When the neighbor looked outside her house to see what was the

cause of the chaos, she saw Samuels' sprawled body in her driveway. He had been shot while trying to enter his car, his keys lying beside his hand.

"One man shot in the air and then everyone started shooting. It seemed like every cop that was on duty was down here. It happened for no reason. I was terrified," she said.

Bitting was killed while trying to seek shelter on another neighbor's front porch.

Essie Green, 85, on whose porch the police found Bitting's body, went outside when she was awakened by the rapid gunfire.

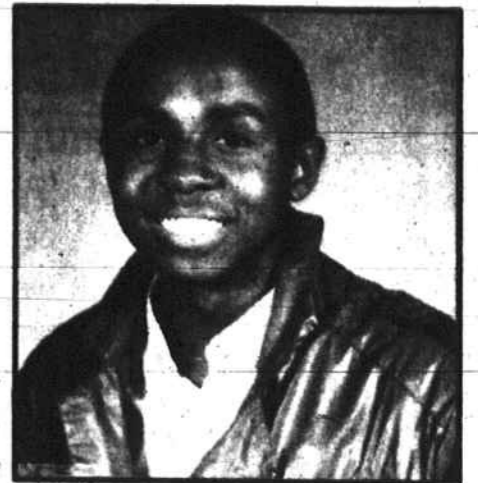
#### 'We Don't Need This'

"I came out because I wanted to know who was shooting," said Green. "When I came out, the man was lying on my porch. I don't feel anything about it. I don't have any-

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Waddell Bitting



Stephen Samuels

## NEWS WEEK

NEWS AT A GLANCE

### NAACP Office Bombed

A firebomb hurled through a window destroyed the NAACP's Sacramento office Tuesday, the second attack in a week on one of the civil rights groups' facilities. The single-story building was empty when someone threw a "flammable liquid-type device" through the window around 2 a.m., and fire Capt. Craig Williams, No. 10, was sent, and no arrests were immediately made.

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### Reggie Lewis Dies

One group of doctors told Reggie Lewis he had a serious heart condition. Another specialist said he had a minor nerve problem and "a normal athlete's heart." Lewis chose to believe the second opinion, and it may have cost him his life.

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### Joint Venture

Nationbank Corp. and the National Urban League this week announced a joint venture that will allow bank customers to receive a second look at mortgage loan applications. The Community Loan Review Boards, as they will be called, will operate in 18 Sunbelt cities served by both Nationsbank and the Urban League.

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### Local Performs at NBTF

As a boy, Brian Pitts remembers growing up in a tough neighborhood in East Winston called Boston projects. Although he was a good kid, Pitts soon became a product of his environment.

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### Bible Way Convention

Approximately 10,000 people from all over the world are convening at the Benton Convention Center for the Bible Way Church's 36th Holy Convocation this week. The Annual Women in White and a speech by Bishop Steward Stiles, the assistant bishop of Missouri, kicked off the convention last Sunday.

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### THIS WEEK IN BLACK HISTORY

On July 26, 1948, President Truman issued an order directing "equality of treatment and opportunity" in the armed forces.

## Bey Seeks to Oust Burke in Northeast Ward

### ▲ Says Burke betrayed blacks

By DAVID L. DILLARD  
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A group of blacks dissatisfied with the way Alderman Vivian Burke has treated constituents in the Northeast ward has formed a committee and plans to oppose her in November's general election.

The Afro-Republican Progressive Committee is supporting Rasheed Bey, a long-time community activist, to challenge Burke and hopefully boost the economically deprived ward.

Bey was instrumental in the formation of the Citizens Police Review Board and forming the group, Awakening Giants. He said he is running a "campaign based on culture" and is proposing self-help methods to allow the blacks to rid their own communities of crime, drugs and other vices.

"The Northeast ward has been abandoned and betrayed by its alderman," he said. "(Burke) does not need another term."

Bey said Burke betrayed blacks when she sided with white aldermen

in a 1989 vote that stripped black aldermen of their chairmanship of powerful committees. He characterized her vote as a "historical disgrace" because blacks lost their power, and in return she retained her position as chairperson of the public safety committee and received what he sees as the grandiloquent but powerless title, mayor pro tempore.

Burke, who has yet to announce her candidacy, declined to comment on Bey's allegations.

Bey said he respects the economic development that East ward Alderman Virginia Newell has brought to her ward and considers economics vital to increasing safe neighborhoods.

"During her tenure, (Burke) has yet to develop anything of economic substance like Newell has," Bey said. "I will try to follow in the footsteps of Newell in developing economic projects and programs for my constituents."

Bey plans to operate job-training programs mostly through churches with government assistance as a cost-effective way to spur economic development in the ward.



Rasheed Bey

"There are enough churches not to have a drug problem," he said. "This plan doesn't require a lot of money, just cooperation and understanding from the religious community. If elected, I will work collectively with the mayor, the city and our religious community to set up self-help employment agencies in different churches."

Bey stressed the importance of blacks gaining respect and helping to solve racial problems through self-help programs.

## Womble to Run For Re-election

By MARK R. MOSS  
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Larry Womble, the well-known Winston-Salem alderman, announced yesterday that he will seek re-election to a fourth term.

In light of the recent attacks on Womble and a Republican challenge, the November election promises to be a challenging one for the incumbent.

"I always go out and campaign with the help of the people, and it has been the people that have been the deciding factor," Womble said in an interview this week. "They (the constituents) are very smart and intelligent. The people will not be misled or fooled."

Charles Wallachinger, chairman of the Republican Party of Forsyth County, said the party will "obviously" have a candidate ready to face Womble, although the candidate, whose name he refused to identify, has not yet filed.

Wallachinger asked a reporter, "Is he going to run or be ambassador to Kenya?"

Womble said he feels that Womble is "very valuable" because of ... his use of self-help programs.

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Mt. Tabor summer enrichment program students perform a play. (See story A4)

## Three Toddlers Drown In 2 Separate Accidents

By MARK R. MOSS  
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Last week was a tragic one for two area families.

Within a 72-hour period three toddlers — two of whom were related — died in two separate drowning accidents in family pools.

On July 20, Jacqueline Patrice Miller and Brandon Jamal Miller — niece and uncle and both 19 months old — were found floating in the backyard pool of Brandon's father at 1764 Camden Road.

"I was devastated ... shocked. It felt like the end of the world," said Fredrinna Miller, the girl's mother. "I've always been a little cautious about that pool," she added.

Three days later on July 23, Tyrecee Devarra Davis, also 19 months old, drowned in his grandmother's backyard pool at 1317 Belevs St.

The Miller children had been left in the care of Fredrinna's sister, Monique Miller, 16, at her parents home. Miller said her father and

stepmother, Fred and Diane Miller, were at a funeral at the time of the accident. Avan Miller, her brother, was also at home.

Today, the in-ground pool had been drained, and a black tarpaulin had been placed over the concrete hole. Last Friday, the living room of Fredrinna Miller's home in Piedmont Park was crowded with well-wishers. Besides "Jackie," Fredrinna, a student at Winston-Salem State University, has three more children, including a set of twins.

On the afternoon of July 20 Fredrinna called her father's house to make sure Jackie was all right. She was comforted by the sounds of her daughter's voice in the background.

It was the last time she would hear it.

Police Capt. Linda Davis said when police arrived at about 5:45 p.m., they performed CPR on the children. Emergency medical personnel later rushed them to North Carolina Baptist Hospital. They

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