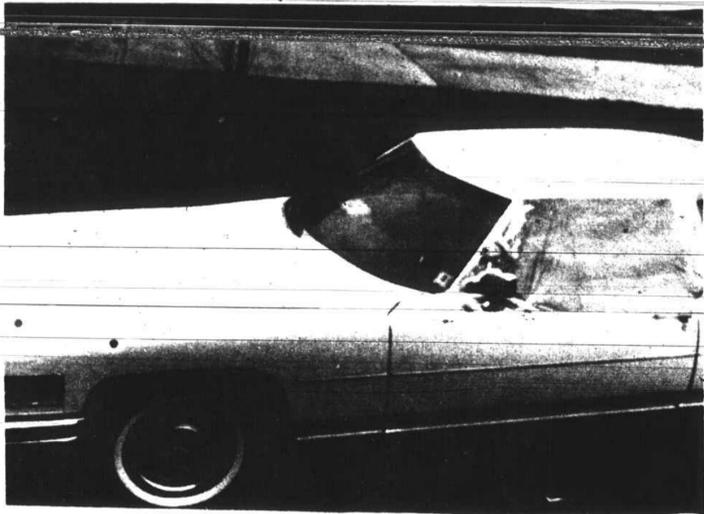


Wounded Man Offers Reward

Says He Was

Shot on U.S. 52

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SHATTERED -- A plastic covering is draped over the window of James Wilson's Cadillac when a bullet passed through on the way to lodging in Wilson's arm. He has alleged that the shot came from a passing truck on U.S. 52

What began as a routine drive down U.S. 52 for James Wilson of 405 Cody Drive ended in a bizarre incident which resulted in bullet wound in his arm and a shattered car window.

Wilson, 39, is so angered by the incident that he has put up his own money -- a \$100 reward -- for information about the person or persons who shot him.

Wilson told police last Friday night that three white men riding in a truck alongside him on U.S. 52 shouted racial slurs at him and then inexplicably fired a shot that shattered his window and hit him in the arm.

He first made the reward offer from his bed at the Baptist Hospital, where he stayed until Monday.

In a Chronicle interview after returning to his home, Wilson said, "I want them caught because it could have been anybody who they shot at. This was senseless."

Wilson said he was driving down U.S. 52 southbound near the Vargrave Street exit in the left hand lane when he came upon a slow-moving pickup truck ahead of him.

"I blinked my lights, but it wouldn't pull over," said Wilson. "I waited until the right lane cleared and went by on the right."

"By that time, he pulled in right behind me like he was going to ram my car," Wilson recalled. "He then came around in the express lane and started calling me (racial slurs). I had the window cracked because I was smoking, so I could hear them."

"After they got through making the remarks, the guy on my side just reached out his window and shot at me," he said.

Wilson said he leaned forward as he saw the gun fire. After breaking the window of Wilson's Cadillac, the bullet apparently passed through his leather

jacket and lodged in his left arm.

The victim said he pulled over to the side of the road as the pickup truck, which identified only as "lightcolored", sped off. He then drove to his mother-in-law's house, where police and an ambulance came.

Capt. B.R. Pearman, commander of the Third Police District, said officers responded to Wilson's call at 9:40 Friday night. He said the incident had been turned over to a detective for investigation.

Informed that Wilson was offering a reward, Capt. Pearman said police had not been told about it.

Wilson said he though there were cars nearby when the alleged assault took place. "I was kind of out of it, but it seemed like a car came by like it wanted to stop, but didn't."

As he looked at his bandaged arm, Wilson said angrily, "they just shot me for no reason at all. I didn't do anything to provoke them to shoot."

Something like this could make people afraid to drive -- if I hadn't leaned forward, I might have gotten shot in the head or chest," said Wilson.

"Maybe somebody might know something," said Wilson. "These people are dangerous."

Revenue Sharing Hearing Your Chance To Be Heard

By Yvette McCullough
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If you like telling the city how to spend its money, you will be getting another chance to do so on Jan. 15. On that date the city will have a public hearing to listen to suggestions on how to open \$2.4 million in Federal Revenue Sharing Funds for the 1979-1980 fiscal year, in the council chambers at 7:30. Congress created the general revenue sharing program in 1972 and it was modified in 1976 with the passage of the State and Local Fiscal Assistance Amendments of 1976.

Originally, the funds had to be used for capital expenditures and for specific operating and maintenance categories, but with the 1976 amendment the funds can be used for any purpose which is a legal use of government funds under state and local laws. During the 1978-79 fiscal year the city revenue sharing funds were used in

service are programs. The included environmental health, recreation and culture and protection. Although it is possible for citizen groups to attain sharing funds, according to Tom Fredericks, director of the Office of Budget and Evaluation it would be unlikely that the city would do it.

"The hearing, which is required by law, is an opportunity for citizens to come in and tell the city how they would like the money used," Fredericks said. "The city would rather handle the money internally, they wouldn't just turn \$50,000 over to

some citizen group, unless the group had an in depth accounting system and some other specifications, they wouldn't just turn the money over."

Alderman Virginia Newell said that she wouldn't like to see a group come in and use the sharing funds for their own individual purpose.

"I don't know what we (city) would do if a group came in and used the money for their purpose," Newell said. "I'm afraid if we don't get the money it would come out of property taxes and that would mean raising property taxes."

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Making It In The Military

Rice Preps for West Point

By Yvette McCullough
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Larry Denard Rice has always been pro-Army. Even when he was growing up and people were burning their draft cards, fleeing to Canada and speaking out against the Vietnam War, he didn't let the times discourage him from pursuing an Army career.

Rice is the son of Evangelist Florence Rice and the brother of Rev. Theodore Rice. He is a 1978 graduate of North Forsyth, and is presently a cadet at the U.S. Military Academic Preparatory School, at Fort Monmouth, New Jersey. If everything goes to his liking, Rice will be entering West Point in June of this year.

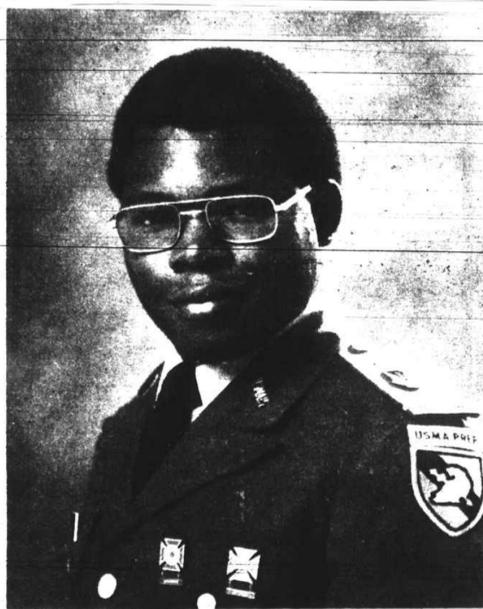
"I applied for West Point from the start, but I also included a letter which stated that if I was found not to be fully qualified I would like to be accepted to the prep school," Rice said.

The prep school is a 10 month program and cadets attending the school receive an automatic nomination to West Point with 95 per cent of them being accepted.

Rice thinks he has a better chance of being accepted to West Point this time because of attending prep school.

"I'm learning more now than I have ever learned before," Rice explains. "The methods of teaching and the material taught are some things we never covered in

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Larry Rice

West Named Top DOD Aide

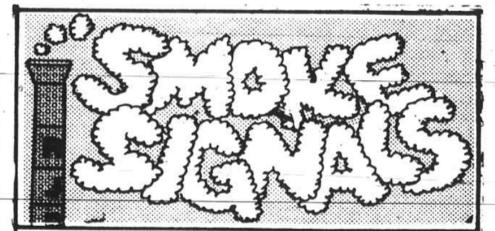
By Sharyn Bratcher
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Togo D. West, Jr., a native of Winston-Salem currently serving as General Counsel of the Navy, has been appointed Special Assistant to the Secretary and Deputy Secretary of Defense. The appointment, announced by Secretary of Defense Harold Brown, became effective January 1st.

Togo D. West, Jr., born in Winston-Salem in 1942, is the son of Mrs. Evelyn Carter West of 922 Cameron Avenue, and the late Togo D. West, Sr. He was an honors graduate of Atkins High School, where he was active in band.

"Was I surprised about his appointment? Yes, and no," replied West's mother, Evelyn Carter West.

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One of the most vulnerable groups in society has to be the elderly, particularly those without benefit of family ties or other protective arrangements. During the course of the year, we've run across numerous instances where an elderly person just slid through the cracks, so to speak, in society's protective net.

For example, there's the case of the blind woman living in fear after robberies and even, rape, committed by tormentors who taunted her sightlessness.

And there's the case of the active missionary worker, who several years ago took in a homeless sick person for a temporary stay and has been unable to get rid of him since. She says the authorities are reluctant to deal with her problem, considering it a domestic quarrel.

However, the elderly have protection beyond normal legal channels, due to a little-known state law against abuse or neglect of the elderly, the handicapped and anyone else without the means to take care of oneself.

The adult protective services unit of the local social services department is charged with carrying out this law. "We deal with people 18 and over who are unable to meet their basic needs," said Sue Thomas, head of the local unit. "When they're abused or exploited, we can respond."

Thomas said her staff can seek court orders to halt elderly abuse and also refer the elderly to other social agencies.

"Physical abuse is not that prevalent," said Thomas. "The biggest problem is neglect, including self-neglect."

"It's amazing the number of elderly who got into a depressive withdrawal cycle," said Thomas. "They have very few contacts, not eating properly, their health gets affected."

Thomas' unit is a last resort method, available when there's a complete breakdown. As neighbors and friends and relatives of the elderly, we can keep such situations from occurring by not hesitating to drop in and check on nearby senior citizens. You might be surprised at how good you feel afterwards.

John Templeton

Cable Viewers Get Break From Feds

By Sharyn Bratcher
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An FCC proposal to ease regulations on cable television has the approval of Winston-Salem's local cable company, but a local broadcaster warns that it could hurt broadcasting stations.

"We've already gone on record as saying we want a rule change," said Brian MacMurray of Summit Cable Corporation.

The FCC regulations on cable television were enacted to protect local television stations who might have difficulty competing with cable offerings of excellent reception and unlimited programming.

One such rule, now being considered for revision, is the distant signal rule, a formula by which cable systems in the top 50 markets cannot bring in programs from more than three non-network stations.

It is this rule, according to MacMurray, that Summit Cable would most like to see changed.

Another rule which restricts cable companies is the syndicated blackout, which means that if a local station carries a syndicated program, such as Star Trek, the cable stations may not offer the program, even at a different day and time.

FCC regulations are highly complex matters, warned John Comas, program-

ing director of WXXI Channel 12 in Winston-Salem, but he patiently explained broadcasting station's objections to the proposed rule changes.

Bringing in a number of "superstation" independent channels via cable would fragmentize the audience.

If viewers in an area have a choice of only two television stations, then each station could count on approximately half the viewing audience -- but with ten more stations added to the choice, than a given station might get only one tenth of the audience.

Some possible results of an FCC rule change, warns Comas would be the raising of cable prices -- to pay for distribution rights of more stations -- and a

tendency for non-cable viewers to get "the leftovers". The local stations would not buy a program if it is coming into the area from a superstation on cable. Broadcasting stations must buy each syndicated program separately, while cable companies get programs in "package deals," paying for distribution rights. "The problem between cable and broadcasting stations is not with things like ball games," said Comas, "but with programs that are available locally." He favors a system whereby cable companies and local stations could bid against each other for any program that comes on the market. That way the terms of competition would be equal, he said.