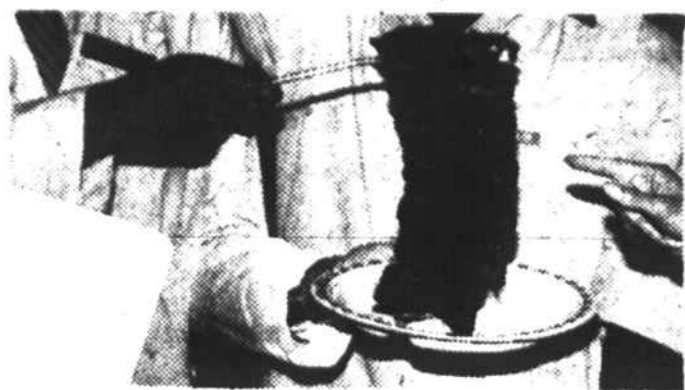


A Taste

A local re-approach to serving it. Dr. Ribs, Dr. Dogs and prescriptions.

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Paying Tribute

You're invited to join the *Chronicle* and its advisory board in the selection of our first "Man of the Year" and "Woman of the Year." An editorial explains the rationale for the awards and a nomination form awaits your input.

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Thirty Miles

That's about the physical distance between Greensboro's and Winston-Salem's black communities, but guest columnist Vernon Robinson says the groups' political strategies are much farther apart, as the Nov. 2 election results displayed.

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Downtown Hotel To Bring New Jobs

By Ruthell Howard
Staff Writer

Tomorrow's groundbreaking ceremony for the Winston Plaza Stouffer Hotel, a \$27-million architectural plum to be located downtown, will bring smiles to city officials and private businessmen alike.

With any new business development or expansion come jobs, and Corpening sees a healthy number of them arriving with the complex. "This is a good shot in the arm for us to get this many jobs," Corpening said last week. "We got 117 new jobs with the (East Winston) shopping center, plus (additional jobs pro-

vided through the center's) construction, and with the hotel, we will have 275 more."

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"You usually have more crime when you don't have as many jobs," he said. "I'm very interested in getting jobs for people so we will have a (higher) quality of life."

The project will be partially financed with an Urban Development Action Grant (UDAG) awarded in

1980 by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) when plans for building a hotel complex downtown were unveiled.

Jobs provided by construction of the project should total "three or four hundred," according to Joe Finch, a representative for Alcoa Properties Inc., the hotel's developer.

Guidelines included with the HUD grant include stipulations for minority hiring among the hotel's staff, Finch says, and the opportunity for minorities to participate in the hotel's construction.

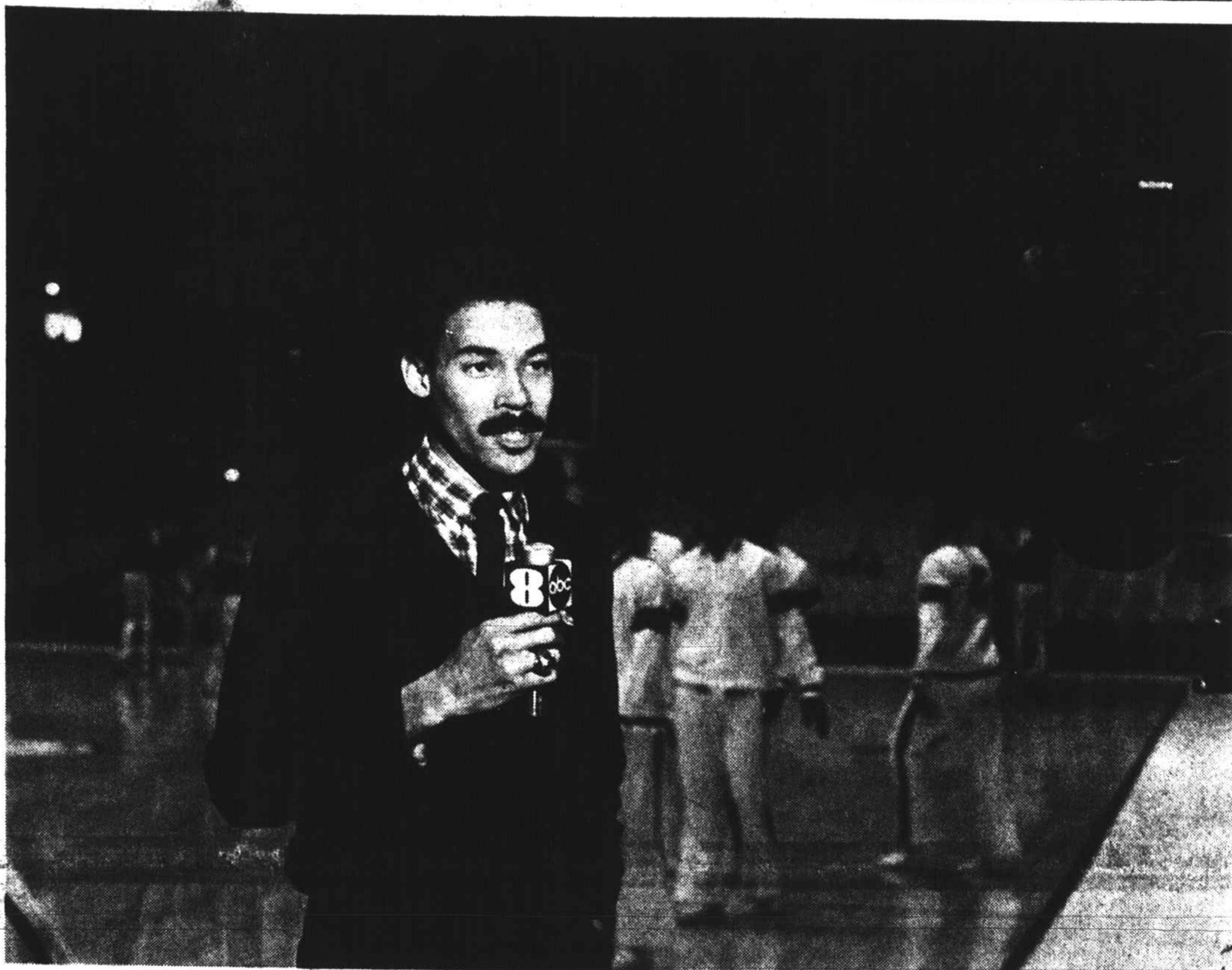
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-- Winston-Salem Mayor Wayne Corpening

Mayor Wayne A. Corpening sees the complex as an aesthetic and economic boost which should attract additional business for the Benton Convention Center and make the city more appealing to firms considering locating here.

And for downtown merchants, the project is yet another big step forward in revitalization of the downtown area.

But some groundbreaking spectators may look at the site and simply sigh, anticipating the 275 jobs the hotel will create when it opens next fall.



You Name It, He Does It

Benny Vannoy is practically a one-man crew as he often photographs and reports area college sports and doubles as a back-up anchor for television station WGHP. More on

Vannoy, the only black sportscaster in the area, is included in this issue of the *Chronicle* on Page 10 (photo by James Parker).

Task Force Gets Grant, Still Needs More Funds

By Edward Hill Jr.
Staff Writer

Although a proposed Neighborhood Justice Center was recently awarded a \$10,000 grant by the Z. Smith Reynolds Foundation to resolve cases out of court through a community mediation center, the head of the sponsoring East Winston Crime Task Force said the amount does not meet the organization's expectations and will limit what it can do.

"Naturally, we are disappointed we did not get the amount (\$30,000) we had requested," said Norma Smith, task force chairperson. "But we understand the foundation's position. They had 500 groups applying for \$500,000."

"We are still optimistic, because the idea of a mediation center is useful and can benefit the entire community. We will just have to work harder for additional

funds from other local foundations."

Mrs. Smith said the grant money will be used to hire a director of the center who would immediately begin to establish a working relationship with the courts and the district attorney. Mrs. Smith added that the remainder of the money requested in the proposal would have been used to set up the center and hire and train staff members.

The mediation center would address three main areas: neighborhood problems, such as property disputes or vandalism, juvenile matters, such as truancy, and domestic disputes.

The mediation center would accept referrals from police, the courts, local agencies and citizens. Trained staff members and volunteers would then listen to grievances and an agreement would be reached by the parties concerned. In some

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Along For The Ride

The demolition of downtown buildings to make room for construction of the Winston Plaza Stouffer Hotel has already begun. (photo by James Parker).

A Dubious Distinction

Winston-Salem Eager To Lose Number One Ranking In Bank Robberies

By Ruthell Howard
Staff Writer

A wave of me-too crimes has given Winston-Salem the highest number of bank robberies for any North Carolina city during 1982.

Sixteen robberies since January have made Winston-Salem number one in bank robberies, a dubious honor that has prompted the city's police to increase its patrols near banks and shopping center parking lots.

But Police Chief Lucius Powell says the high number of robberies is a "phenomenon" that should soon diminish.

"I don't think it's cause for tremendous alarm that it's unsafe to be in the banking business in Winston-Salem," Powell says. "It's a phenomenon that will eventually fade away."

According to Federal Bureau of Investigation statistics, the five top-ranking North Carolina cities for bank robberies this year are Winston-Salem (16), Raleigh (9), Charlotte (7), Greensboro (4) and Durham (3).

Special FBI Agent Robert Pance says the wave of rob-

beries in Winston-Salem isn't part of any organized criminal effort, but rather activity by individuals, most of whom are black males who are heavy drug users and unemployed. "I don't think there is any real reason for it (the high rate)," he says. "I think a lot of the factor in Winston-Salem is the copy-cat factor."

Local police are monitoring activity near banks and shopping centers as a security check against possible robberies, says one detective.

"We're requesting of uniformed officers that, instead of going back to the office to write their reports, they sit around banks and

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-- Police Chief Lucius Powell

He says the FBI is solving the robberies as quickly as possible and that many would-be robbers don't realize the high risk they are taking of getting caught. "They hear the initial media impact that it (a robbery) has happened, but they don't read, two or three weeks later, that we caught the bank robber," Pance says.

Overall, Pance says, North Carolina has had 84 bank robberies this year. "It's a problem in Winston-Salem this year," he says.

go to shopping centers after hours," says Capt. E.L. Moreau of the Criminal Investigation Division (CID). Although there has been a decrease in bank robberies during November and the early part of December, the time of year when most occur, Moreau says this has been a "banner" year for the city.

The robbery two weeks ago was the first in almost 40 days, Moreau says. "It had actually stopped in Winston-Salem," See Page 3

Official's Use Of Force Questioned

By Ruthell Howard
Staff Writer

Investigations began Thursday by the Winston-Salem/Forsyth County School administration of charges that the principal and assistant principal at Hill High School used unjustified force in subduing two teenaged girls during a fight between two groups at the school.

Angela Brown, 14, says she was strangled by the school's assistant principal, Collin Abbitt, and Angela's sister, Antoinette, who

says she is five months pregnant, charged that Hill's principal, Joseph G. Binkley, slung her into a desk, making her fall on the floor.

The incident occurred last Friday morning while the two administrators were trying to break up a fight involving the two girls and several other girls in the school.

Both Angela and Antoinette, along with a third participant, have been temporarily suspended and the principal has recommended that they be permanently expelled from Hill and relocated to another school.

Three other girls were suspended for six days and two were referred to the school's Class for Development and Change (CDC).

Carrie Brown, Angela and Antoinette's mother, says she is disturbed that Abbitt used a stranglehold as a means of restraining her daughter. "While he was choking my daughter, he could have killed her," Brown says.

She adds that the principal explained to her when she went to the school to take her daughters home Friday that he had to use

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