

#### **NEWS DIGEST**

National, state and local news briefs compiled by John Slade

### Income Gap Between Blacks, Whites Still Wide

NEW YORK -- "Despite the fact that black portion of black families headed by women, up from movement, the economic gap between blacks and whites remains wide and is not diminishing," said a new study released last week.

come gap between black and white Americans remains as school diploma, the study said. wide today as it was in 1960.

The report attributed the disparity to a rise in the pro- pared with \$23,517 for whites.

Americans have made some gains since the civil rights one-fifth to nearly one-half. The proportion of black men with jobs fell sharply during the period.

The study also reported that the education level of blacks is now nearing that of whites, putting more blacks The study, conducted by the Center for the Study of into the middle class. However, blacks with college Social Policy, a private research group, said that the in- degrees earn about the same as whites with only a high

The black family's median income is \$13,266 com-

## Detroit Mayor's Curfew Challenged By ACLU

**DETROIT** -- The American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) filed a court challenge last week to Detroit's teen-age curfew law imposed by Mayor Coleman Young. The curfew prohibits teen-agers on the streets after 10 p.m. Sunday through Thursday and 11 p.m. Friday and Saturday.

The curfew is part of Young's plan to curb street violence in the city, which has resulted in the deaths of three innocent bystanders.

The law is "vague and unconstitutional," said the ACLU.

# Chicago's Washington Accused Of 'Boss-ism'

ed him of using "boss" tactics, the same machine politics violently against." he rallied against when he ran for mayor.

special primary to represent the 1st District in the U.S. House of Representatives. Washington vacated the seat when he became Chicago's first black mayor.

against is bossism and dictatorship," said state Sen. 1928.

CHICAGO -- Some of those running for Mayor Charles Chew, a lawyer and candidate. "Ironically, Mr. Harold Washington's old congressional seat have accus- Washington is practicing the same thing he preached so

Washington backed Charles Hayes, international vice Fourteen black Democrats competed Tuesday in a president of the United Food and Commercial Workers, the nation's second largest union.

The 1st district includes the University of Chicago and the nation's largest public housing project, Robert Taylor "One of the things Washington fought vigorously Homes, and has been represented by black men since

## Are Blacks Losing Their Cultural Heritage?

ing their cultural heritage as they succeed by the stan- the more their heritage recedes. dards of white America.

The Wake Forest professor of humanities said recently

Noted black author Maya Angelou says blacks are los- in a telephone interview that the more blacks progress,

"Eventually, all the ethnic heritage, all the small and Please see page A3

#### **Crime Prevention**

# Man Breaks In, Stabs Resident

By RICHARD L. WILLIAMS Staff Writer

The following "Crime Box Score" is designed to keep you abreast of criminal activity in your community during the past week and to help protect your family and property from crime. Housebreaking

•1200 block, East 29th Street

The suspect broke into a house and stabbed the complainant. The suspect was arrested and charged with firstdegree burglary and assault with a deadly weapon inflicting serious injury.

•2200 block, Lime Avenue

The suspect was arrested and charged with housebreak-

· Common-Law Robbery

•1600 block, Ivy Avenue

The complainant was using a public telephone when he was approached by three black males. One of them asked if he could use the telephone. When the complainant allowed the man to use the phone and began walking away, he was grabbed by all three men, who took his wallet. The suspects got into a Chevrolet Monte Carlo and went south on Ivy Avenue.

Using Neighborhood Watch

Through Neighborhood Watch, citizens learn direct, inexpensive, common-sense steps they can take to lessen the threat of crime. Neighborhood Watch tips include: -- Leaving a light on so that an empty home looks occupied.

-- Engraving belongings with your driver's license number in order to make them easy to trace and hard to resell in

-- Installing the proper locking devices for the security risks in different parts of the home.

-- Looking out for your neighbor's home.

The suspect broke into the complainant's apartment. -- Calling the police when strange or suspicious activities

When an individual takes these steps, a home is much safer. When a whole neighborhood takes these steps through its participation in Neighborhood Watch, the environment for successful crime is eliminated. For further information, contact the Winston-Salem Crime Prevention Unit at 727-2688.

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#### Fire Prevention

# **Teaching Youngsters About Fire**

By THOMAS FLYNN Syndicated Columnist

Imagine how fire looks in the eyes of a child: glowing, flickering enchantingly, miraculously able to start out of ted to play with it. nowhere and grow all by itself.

No wonder children are entranced by fire -- it's Under direct supervision have the natural, healthy curiousity. Parents can repress that curiosity, or make their children fire-safe positive training in the safe handling of fire.

Here's one way to use positive psychology to playing with matches:

At age four or five, it's time to begin a child! tion into the wonders of fire. Before that age, has been kept away from matches and lighters. Now's the time for parents to take the initiative. Saying, "Don't play with matches" gives no positive information, makes matches a forbidden fruit and doesn't explain the safe use of matches.

Instead, guide the 5-year-old's natural interest in fire.

Teach that the match is a tool, with a specific purpose: lighting candles, outdoor grills, fireplace fires and other controlled fires. Fire plays a vital role in everyone's life; the child who early learns the safe use of fire is less temp-

Begin by teaching the child how to light a match.

it out and hold it until it is cool to the touch (15 seconds).

Have the child repeat the procedure, over and over, match after match. Continue the procedure until the

child announces boredom and a desire to stop. Congratulations. You have just taken a child

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