

## Someone You Should Meet ...

**Name:** Charles Eugene Robinson  
**Job title:** Convenience store manager, Amoco.  
**Hometown:** Winston-Salem  
**Hobbies:** Weightlifting, basketball, plants and jogging  
**Describe yourself in one word:** "Free spirited"  
**Favorite book:** "Another Country" by James Baldwin  
**Favorite movie:** "Ragtime"  
**Person admire most:** Martin Luther King Jr.  
**Career goal:** "To get a top level management position in sales and marketing."

(photo by James Parker)

## NEWS DIGEST

National, state and local news briefs compiled by John Slade

### Conservatives Wooed To Support King Holiday

**WASHINGTON** -- Rep. William Gray III, D-Penn., and other black congressmen asked Republicans last week to support the effort to create a Martin Luther King Jr. national holiday.

"Did the Republican Party want to be put in the position of being insensitive to the aspirations of minorities -- which already is a problem for the president?" asked Gray.

After 14 years of watching the King holiday stalled in the House, supporters of the bill have decided to court their opponents rather than criticize them. On Aug. 2, many House Republicans and conservative Democrats

were persuaded to vote "yes" to the bill. The final tally was 338-90.

To persuade conservatives, who were primarily concerned that another national holiday would be too costly for the federal government, Rep. Katie Hall, D-Ind., amended the celebration from the day of King's birth, Jan. 15, to the third Monday in January. She said it would be far less expensive for the government to open its offices once a week instead of twice.

If King's birthday were to become a national holiday, it would be the nation's 10th.

### Four Found Guilty For Holding Workers

**TAMPA, Fla.** -- Four Orlando men were found guilty last week of conspiring to keep migrant workers in involuntary servitude in labor camps in Florida and North Carolina.

A jury of six men and six women deliberated three and a half hours before finding Willie Warren Sr., his sons Willie Warren Jr. and Richard Warren, and Michael Moore guilty. The four will be sentenced Aug. 30.

Defense attorneys argued during the 10-day trial that

the laborers had been free to come and go as they pleased.

But government witnesses told of having no money to pay for trips home and said they owed the Warrens money after the cost of their food, cigarettes and wine was deducted from their pay.

The government contended that the defendants lured the workers into working long days and kept them from saving money.

### PUSH-EXCEL Charged With Misuse Of Funds

**WASHINGTON** -- Government auditors recommended last week disallowing \$737,000 and formally questioned \$1.1 million in federal grant and contract funds to PUSH-EXCEL, a nonprofit group headed by the Rev. Jesse L. Jackson.

In nine audits covering \$4 million in grants and contracts to the Jackson organization, Department of Education auditors made an initial finding that nearly half of the money either was not spent in accord with federal guidelines or was claimed without adequate documentation.

Many of the audited projects were federally-funded efforts to improve student and parent attitudes toward education in black communities.

One such project involving a Washington, D.C., school claimed salaries for three people, the audit report said, while the contract called for only one position. The project also claimed photocopy supplies that were "not incurred," said the report.

Jackson's associates said the investigation came at a time when the civil rights leader is considering a presidential bid.

Jackson, 41, said the audit reports are "selective persecution" and "even the worst of the reports indicates nothing illegal."

PUSH-EXCEL, an abbreviation for Push for Excellence, is one of five organizations in the "PUSH family" and is headquartered in Chicago.

### Robinson To Fill In For Jennings This Week

**CHICAGO** -- Max Robinson, who will lose his anchor position on ABC's "World News Tonight" when Peter Jennings becomes the official sole anchor Sept. 5, is filling in for the vacationing Jennings this week.

Robinson was allegedly demoted because of personal differences he had with Roone Arledge, ABC News president.

Arledge has said he wants to keep Robinson at ABC, but so far a suitable correspondent or anchor slot hasn't been found.

"There's nothing new on the negotiations with Max," said an ABC spokeswoman. "But obviously they're fruitful since he's still part of the team."

## Crime Prevention

### Mother, Son Fatally Stabbed

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.

#### Homicide

300 block, Abattoir Street

A mother and her son were stabbed to death and two other individuals received stab wounds to the stomach. The investigation is continuing.

#### Armed Robbery

•1400 block, Waughtown Street

A suspect pulled a knife on a clerk and demanded money. The suspect then took the money and ran from the store. The suspect is described as a 6-foot, 160-pound black male who appeared to be 25 to 30 years old and wore a three- to four-day growth of beard.

#### Shooting

•1400 block, Parkview Avenue

After picking up two riders, the complainant was robb-

ed and shot in the back while trying to run.

#### Storebreaking

•400 block, N. Liberty Street

Five tote bags, four designer coats, 31 pairs of sunglasses, six quartz watches and assorted toilet items were taken.

•2800 block, N. Liberty Street

Grocery items were taken.

•Liberia Street

Cigarettes, beer, wine and assorted food items were taken.

•3000 block, Gilmer Avenue

A 19-inch color television set, an air conditioner, a Seweromatic roto-rotoer, a belt sander, a chainsaw, a Weedeater and a compact refrigerator were taken.

#### Housebreakings

•400 block, Cadillac Street

A color television and a video cassette recorder were

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## Fire Prevention

### Child-Proof Electrical Outlets

By THOMAS FLYNN  
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The electrical outlet has to be a fascinating object for the very young child. When Mommy and Daddy stick plugs in them, all the most wonderful things happen ... from light to music to television to the family meal.

No wonder the wise parent must stay on his or her toes to keep electricity and children away from one another.

Even a very young child can understand the word "no" and firm discipline when he or she plays with electrical cords. The toddler's world is full of electric outlets at about the child's eye level, so teaching the little one to stay away from electrical cords and outlets is a matter of the highest importance.

But even the most concerned parent can't be everywhere. That's why another part of keeping the little ones safe from electrical mishaps involves prevention -- making it more difficult to reach dangerous electricity.

Here's how to make your child safer from electrical accidents, even when you're not there to keep out a friendly eye:

Begin by reducing the number of extension cords you use. Not only is this a great way to reduce your general risk of electrical fire, but it deprives your child of all those long cords which are so inviting to chew on and tug at -- so easy to bite through or use to accidentally pull down a hot lamp or other electrical appliance.

Finally, remember that children love to imitate their parents. Seeing Mommy and Daddy plug in an extension cord of appliances, the little tykes are bound to want to do something in, too. Anything.

Fortunately, your neighborhood hardware store is well supplied with inexpensive plastic covers which insert snugly in an unused electrical outlet, covering it completely and frustrating little fingers in their unformed explorations.

Pick up a few dozen of these covers, install them on every unused electric outlet in your home. Get rid of extension cords. Rearrange your furniture to place commonly used appliances closer to wall outlets or consider hiring a licensed electrician to install additional wall outlets.

What do you get for all this work?

Unfortunately, no respite from the labors of parenting; it's still up to you to teach the children not to play with electricity. You still must keep your eyes on them whenever possible and take away coins, screwdrivers and other potential instruments of deadly mischief.

But now you can be more confident that all of your child's learning about electricity will come from you -- rather than from "shocking" experiences with independent study.

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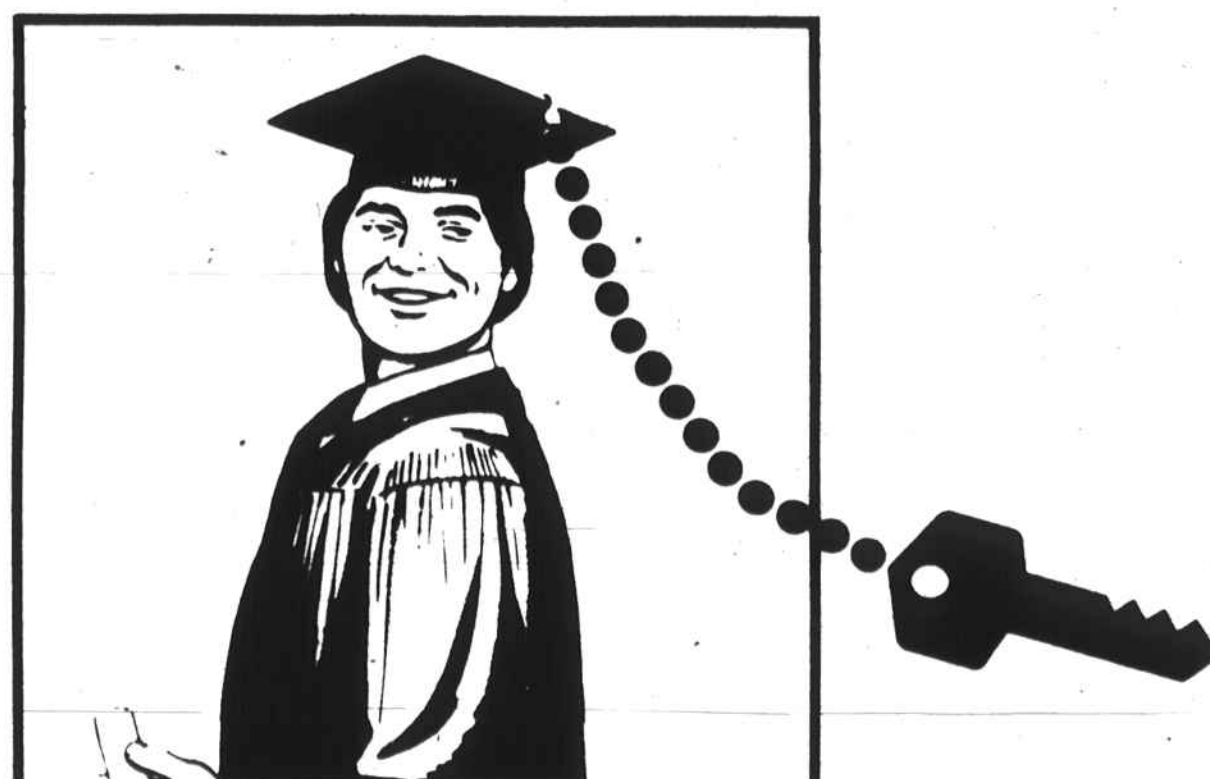
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