

**Crime Prevention**

**Suspect Robs Clerks At Gunpoint**

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

**Armed Robbery**

•500 block, Northwest Boulevard  
The suspect jumped over the counter of a convenience store, pointed a silver revolver at both clerks, took money from the cash register and fled.  
•2400 block, Greenway Avenue  
Three black males approached the complainant, one of them pointing a sawed-off shotgun at him. He was then robbed of his jacket and wallet.

**Storebreaking**

•200 block, East Fourth Street  
Fifteen pairs of men's slacks and 10 shirts were taken.  
•2500 block, Manchester Street  
Frozen food was taken.  
•600 block, Crawford Place  
Two telephones, a portable refrigerator, a microphone and a tape recorder were taken from a church.  
•2300 block, North Liberty Street  
Ten cases of beer and 56 bottles of liquor were taken.

**Housebreaking**

•5600 block, Indiana Avenue  
A 19-inch color RCA-XL 100 TV, jewelry and a converter were taken.  
•1600 block, Cherry Street

Tools and clothing were taken.  
•2400 block, Manchester Street  
A color TV, heater and clothes were taken.  
•100 block, Athens Drive  
Police arrested the suspect inside a house and placed him in the back of a police car. The suspect got out of the vehicle and drove off. He was later arrested.

•2600 block, Rochester Street  
The complainant was awakened by sounds of breaking glass and went downstairs to check. The suspects fired two shots at complainant, with both shots lodging in the wall. The suspects then ran. Nothing was taken and the complainant wasn't injured.

**Larceny of Vehicle**

•700 block, North Cherry Street  
A 1984 yellow Case backhoe (model 580E) was taken.  
•400 block, North Trade Street  
A 1979 Oldsmobile Cutlass (license number CLW-595) was taken.  
•200 block, East Seventh Street  
A 1979 Buick Regal (license number ZNF-591) was taken.  
•2900 block, Virgilina Avenue  
A 1978 red and white Honda Express was taken.  
•4100 block, North Patterson Avenue  
A 1976 silver Chevrolet Caprice (license number AEA-35) was taken.

**Autobreaking**

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**Someone You Should Meet ...**

**Name:** Sylvia Woodeen Neely  
**Job Title:** Administrative assistant and bookkeeper  
**Hometown:** Lexington  
**Describe yourself in one word:** "Conscientious"  
**Hobbies:** Acting, dancing, music, drawing and decorating  
**Favorite Book:** "Gone With the Wind," by Margaret Mitchell  
**Favorite Movie:** "A Star is Born"  
**Persons admire most:** Diana Ross and parents, Mr. and Mrs. John O. Neely Sr.  
**Career Goal:** "To become more active in the Piedmont as a local actress."

(photo by James Parker)

**NEWS DIGEST**

National, state and local news briefs compiled by John Slade

**Cavanagh Criticizes Democratic Chairman**

WINSTON-SALEM -- New Forsyth Republican Party Chairman John J. Cavanagh took jobs at Earline Parmon, the first black county Democratic Party chairman, last week during an interview after his election.  
The 41-year-old Cavanagh, who was defeated in 1982 for a second term in the state Senate, said Parmon, 40, would most likely be taking time from her job as head of a tutoring program to do party work. Public and private

money through the East Winston Restoration Association fund the tutoring program.  
"At least some of us work for a living. We have to take time from our own businesses," said Cavanagh, who runs an insurance brokerage firm in Winston-Salem.  
Cavanagh, who ran unopposed, succeeds Brian C. Miller as chairman. Miller resigned last month to devote more time to his business.

**Hooks Censures Reagan For Defense Of Meese**

NEW YORK -- NAACP Executive Director Benjamin Hooks sharply criticized President Reagan's defense of White House counselor Edwin Meese's recent "insensitivity" to the nation's hungry and disadvantaged.  
"President Reagan's defense of Edwin Meese's insensitive statements on hungry Americans leads us to ask where is the Reagan administration's heart," said Hooks. "Where is President Reagan's compassionate concern for the poor and disadvantaged? We had hoped that Mr. Reagan would have demonstrated some sense of outrage over the callously indifferent statement by his White

House counselor ...."  
A week earlier, in statements concerning victims of hunger in America, Meese said, "... We've had considerable information that people go to soup kitchens because the food is free and that's easier than paying for it."  
Said Hooks: "The administration may be doing more to feed the hungry than any previous administration. But, if so, it is because there are more people who are hungry in America today than in any recent period, thanks to Mr. Reagan's 'welfare for the rich' social and economic policies."

**Judge: Race Can't Knock Jurors Off Panel**

NEW YORK -- In a landmark ruling last week, U.S. District Court Judge Eugene Nickerson said the Constitution prohibits prosecutors from using their discretionary powers to keep blacks and other minorities off criminal-case juries.  
Nickerson granted a new trial to Michael McCray, 23, from Brooklyn, who was convicted by an all-white jury in the 1978 armed robbery of a white student.  
By saying the prosecutor acted unconstitutionally when she kept minority jurors out of the McCray case, Nickerson became the first federal judge to invalidate the use of

"peremptory challenge" by a prosecutor.  
"The ruling goes a long way toward eradicating one of the last remaining vestiges of discrimination in the criminal justice system," said Steven R. Shapiro of the New York Civil Liberties Union, who represented McCray.  
During McCray's second trial in 1980, an assistant district attorney eliminated all seven blacks and the sole Hispanic in the jury pool from being chosen. McCray was convicted and sentenced to two to six years in prison. The sentence was stayed while his lawyers argued that the jury selection was unconstitutional.

**Fire Prevention**

**After The Fire Is Out: What Next?**

By THOMAS FLYNN  
Syndicated Columnist

If you read this column regularly, you've heard about smoke detectors, and crawling below smoke, and escape ladders, and setting an agreed meeting place outside, and call the fire department from a neighbor's phone. But what do you do immediately after fire strikes your home?  
As soon as the fire is over, notify your insurance company. Most larger home insurers maintain 24-hour claim centers to accept initial claim reports, and authorize money for immediate needs like a hotel room and emergency closure.  
If fire damages is not so severe as to endanger your home's structural integrity, fire officials may permit you to re-enter the home after the fire is out. Here are simple steps you can take to reduce loss and damage:  
Recover valuables such as your wallet, keys, jewelry and spare cash, if they have not been fire-damaged. Cover furniture with cloths to prevent further smoke damage. Wooden-legged furniture should be removed from standing water to reduce warping, swelling and discoloration. On the way out, recover medications such as insulin.  
Immediately arrange for emergency closure -- your insurance company may automatically send someone to board up doors and windows to prevent looting. If not, call one yourself -- most cities have one or more closure contractors who work 24 hours a day.

If a member of your family is on medication and your supply is not recoverable, telephone your nearest hospital emergency room and describe the situation. They can confirm the prescription with your doctor and issue a refill at once, if needed.  
Your insurance agent will instruct you when and where to have clothing, fabrics and household articles cleaned and repaired, within a day or two of the fire. You may also need to ask your insurance agent about renting a car (if your vehicle was damaged or destroyed in the fire) and on expense limits for meals and accommodations after the fire.  
Maintain financial records in a safe deposit box at your bank. If your checks, credit cards and short-term records are destroyed, they can be replaced in a short time if you have account numbers and related information in a safe place. Another good idea for your safe deposit box: color snapshots of every room in your house.  
If you don't have a photographic inventory of your home, why not get out your camera and make one? The photos needn't be fine art so long as they show each room clearly enough for contents to be identified. If your fire is a total loss, you'll be expected to tell your insurance company every item you owned, its value and condition. A photo inventory can help you remember all your possessions and prove their existence in the event of any dispute.  
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