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Public Safety: Firefighting policemen

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postage stamp. How do I submit my idea to the right people?

Q: I've seen police cars driving around town with "Police" on the front and "Public Safety" on the back. What's the difference? Are they two separate departments?

A: Join the crowd. According to the Winston-Salem postmaster, every year about 1,500 suggestions for stamps are submitted to the U.S. Postal Service.

A: The colors and markings on local police cars seem to be befuddling quite a few of our readers lately. According to Winston-Salem Police Chief J.E. Masten, public safety officers are police officers who have received special fire training. It's like having a policeman and a fireman in one person.

The Citizen's Stamp Advisory Committee, a group of private citizens appointed by the postmaster general to consider suggestions for new stamps, looks at every idea and submits about 25-30 ideas to the postmaster general for final selection.

"When there is a fire call, the communications people will dispatch a fire truck to respond to the call," Masten says. "At the same time, communications will send public safety officers to the scene so they will arrive at about the same time."

The committee meets six times a year to look at all ideas. The final few ideas that make the grade are based on national importance, social impact and historical significance.

Masten says the PSO's, instead of staying at the fire station waiting for a fire call, can patrol the streets like policemen until a fire call is received. "It's efficient," he says.

To get more information, you can call the Winston-Salem postmaster at 722-3118.

Who Eats The Most?

Q: I know it sounds like a silly question, but do overweight people eat more than thin people?

A: No. If you think they do, you've fallen victim to one of the most widely believed misconceptions about diet and nutrition.

According to Dr. Dee Graham of the Del Monte Corp., people who consume the most calories tend to be the ones who get a lot of exercise.

"Their lean bodies require more calories to maintain weight, while the exercise burns calories," she says.

Got A New Idea For A Stamp?

Q: I think I've come up with a great idea for a

Got a problem or question? Call David Rankin at 723-8448. He'll find the answers.

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Someone You Should Meet...



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Name: Wenna James
Job Title: Cashier
Hometown: Winston-Salem
Describe Yourself in one word: Friendly
Hobbies: Bikeriding, helping others and singing
Favorite Book: "Gone With The Wind"
Favorite Movie: "Lady Sings The Blues"
Persons admires most: My mother, Mrs. Mary James, and Diana Ross
Career Goal: To be a social worker

(If you are single, at least 18 years old, doing something positive in the community, employed and interested in appearing in this column, or if you know someone who meets these criteria, please send your name and daytime telephone number to: Someone You Should Meet, Winston-Salem Chronicle, P.O. Box 2151, Winston-Salem, N.C. 27102.)

NEWS DIGEST

Shaw student protests monies from Moon

Compiled by DAVID R. RANKIN
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RALEIGH -- A Shaw University divinity student recently protested the appointment of Republican Congressman William "Bill" Cobey to the divinity school's board of directors and the university's contemplation of accepting money from the Unification Church, which is led by the Rev. Sun Myung Moon.

Henry Edmonds, who is a civil rights officer for the city of Raleigh as well as a minister and a Shaw alumnus, called both the appointment of Cobey to

the board and the possible Unification Church contribution "out of character" with the tradition of the school as he protested on the lawn of the divinity school. He said he is concerned about the school losing credibility.

Dr. Joseph C. Paige, executive vice president of the divinity school, said that the university has not decided whether to accept a \$30,000 grant from the Moon's organization but that the board of directors is discussing it.

Edmonds said Cobey, a conservative, does not represent "those who may be sympathetic" to Shaw's subsistence.

Nigeria expels 700,000 more illegal aliens

LAGOS, Nigeria -- The Nigerian government recently told about 700,000 illegal aliens they have a week to leave the country. The statement was made in an effort to stop corruption and currency smuggling in the country.

The crackdown is the second mass expulsion of illegal aliens, many of whom were drawn into the country by an oil boom or entered the country to escape drought and famine in other parts of Africa.

About two years ago, Nigeria made more than 2 million people leave the country in a similar move.

The government has restricted entry into the country for about a year in an effort to stop the smuggling of currency within Nigeria's borders.

A government official said the border will be open until May 10, which is the deadline for illegal aliens to either get residence permits or leave the country.

Nigeria's economy has slowed with the recent drop in oil prices. Many Nigerians feel the foreigners will deprive citizens of needed jobs, says the government.

Ethiopia still a comrade of Soviet Union

ADDIS ABABA, Ethiopia -- Even though much of Ethiopia's drought-relief assistance has come from democratic, Western countries, the Ethiopian government remains the Soviet Union's strongest ally in Africa, says an Associated Press report.

Even though the much-needed aid has quieted anti-American talk in Ethiopia, the African country's government has not considered changing its

relationship with the eastern superpower.

Ethiopia is a refueling port for Soviet ships and airplanes as well as an important military check-point overlooking the narrow Bab al Mandeb Strait in the Red Sea.

The strait is important because whoever controls it could block Arab oil supplies from Red Sea ports during war.

CRIME PREVENTION

Woman raped by man she met at club

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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.

Armed robbery

- 4700 block, Old Rural Hall Road

A man armed with a handgun robbed a convenience store. The robber is described as a 5-10, 25-year-old black male with a medium dark complexion and bushy hair.

Rape

- 200 block, Glenn Avenue

The victim was at a lounge when she was approached by a man who asked her to leave with him. The victim refused to leave with the man, who then forced her into a car and drove her to the east side of town, where she was taken into an apartment and raped. The victim was able to identify the man and a warrant was issued charging the man with kidnapping and rape. The man was later arrested at his home and charged with the crimes.

Storebreaking

- 3500 block, Patterson Avenue

A business was broken into. Payroll checks and 100 pairs of blue jeans were taken.

- 1500 block, East 14th Street

A game room was broken into, but nothing was reported taken.

Housebreaking

- 1000 block, Shalimar Drive

A house under construction was broken into. Ten doors with frames were taken.

- 800 block, Bruce Street

A house was broken into. A variety of food was taken from the freezer.

- 1300 block, Howie Street

An apartment was broken into. A color television, stereo system and recorder were taken.

- 300 block, Retnuh Hills Drive

A person was awakened by noises in his home and called the police. An unknown person ran out of the back door of the house.

- Skyline Village

A woman awakened when a stranger touched her as she slept and chased the man out of her home. The person is described as a 6-1 black male in his mid-30s.

- 1200 block, Alder Street

A stereo system was taken.