

# Point of View

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• Clint Eastwood is one of the coolest white people I have ever seen.

He doesn't even have to say anything to be cool; Clint just squints and punches folk out.

Clint also likes to cut bureaucratic red tape in his movies; instead of waiting for judges, juries and politicians to let the bad guys get away on technicalities, Clint points his handgun, says something cute, and blows them away faster than you can say, "Make my day."

Eastwood opts for the heavy artillery in "Sudden Impact": a silver, long-stemmed handgun that plays judge, jury and executioner in one fell blast.

That's elegant cool. Charles Bronson is scruffy cool, but just as fast on the trigger.

Bronson avenges the murder of his wife and the rape of his daughter in "Death Wish" in a style that makes you want to cheer.

Grim-faced and steady with his aim, Bronson then embarks on a one-man crusade against the

scum on New York's streets, blowing them to Kingdom Come after fooling them into thinking he's a defenseless victim.

Audiences liked it so much they made a "Death Wish II," and a "Death Wish III" is on the way this fall.

That's Hollywood. Reality isn't so cut-and-dried, nor can a scriptwriter make sure the villains get their comeuppance.

Thus, Bernhard-Goetz-style executions are the stuff of entertaining movies, but they have no place in real life, where gun-happy Americans already are killing each other at an alarming

rate.

In movies, the audience is usually omniscient. It knows very clearly who the bad guys are and who the good guys are. It also knows that any bad guy worth his salt will pick up his paycheck after being killed and be resurrected to be killed again in another movie by another cool good guy with a gun.

Obviously, you don't get up so easily, if at all, when real bullets fly.

-- Whoever designed Winston-Salem's street-and-road system must have been blindfolded.

It's not easy to get to anywhere

around here, especially from east (where black people have traditionally lived) to west (where white people have traditionally lived).

Which is strange, since the areas aren't that far from one another geographically.

There are expressways, to be sure (I guess I-40 qualifies as an expressway, although it and molasses have much in common), but by the time you've driven out of the way to get to one, you might as well have trudged through town.

Surely the only thing rarer in Winston-Salem than palm trees has to be shortcuts.

## Area Weddings And Engagements

### Landingham-Hedrick

Verona Darlene Landingham and William Everett Hedrick were married in a 5 p.m. ceremony on Saturday, Oct. 12, at Morningstar Missionary Baptist Church.

The bride is the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Wood.

The groom is the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Jarious Hedrick.

The Rev. Bracy H. Bonham officiated.

The bride was given away by her cousin, Larry Watlington.

Serving as matron of honor was Cynthia Eaton of Winston-Salem.

Bridesmaids were Ava Hedrick and Lynn Landingham, both of Winston-Salem.

Best man was Fred Cardwell of Winston-Salem.

Ushers were John Hedrick and

Odell Wallingham, both of Greensboro.

The bride is a graduate of Atkins High School and attended Cortez Business School in Washington. She is employed in



Verona Landingham Hedrick

the marketing development department of R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Co.

The bridegroom is a graduate of Florence High School and is employed by Stroh's Container.

### Military Notes

#### Nance receives promotion

Marine Pfc. Darrles W. Nance has been meritoriously promoted to his present rank upon graduation from recruit training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, Parris Island, S.C.

A 1985 graduate of Central Davison High School in Lexington, Nance joined the Marine Corps in June 1985.

He is the son of Kenneth M. Nance of Winston-Salem.

## 'Directed patrols'

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Under the current patrol system, police officers randomly patrol areas in their cars between calls.

Under the "directed patrol" system, Masten said, policemen will have specific orders on what to do with their available time, including patrols on foot and instruction for residents on how to make their homes safer.

The new patrol system will give the police the option to walk on foot in city areas where problems have been identified, Masten said. He added that the new system will give neighborhood residents a sense of security as they get to know policemen as people and not uniforms that just pass by in a police car.

Northeast Ward Alderman Vivian H. Burke, chairman of the aldermen's Public Safety Committee, agrees with Masten that having policemen out of their cars and interacting with the residents will be good for the police's public image.

"When the police make themselves more visible," Mrs. Burke said, "it will be a positive step for the police department."

She said she is impressed by Masten's plan because it gives the police an opportunity to meet the people they serve.

"This is one thing I've wanted to see," Mrs. Burke said. "I've worked hard for this for a long time."

With the police actually out of their cars and walking with the people, youths will see the policemen differently, she said.

"Now maybe young people will see the police in the neighborhood and see that they are a good person to talk to rather than be afraid of," she said.

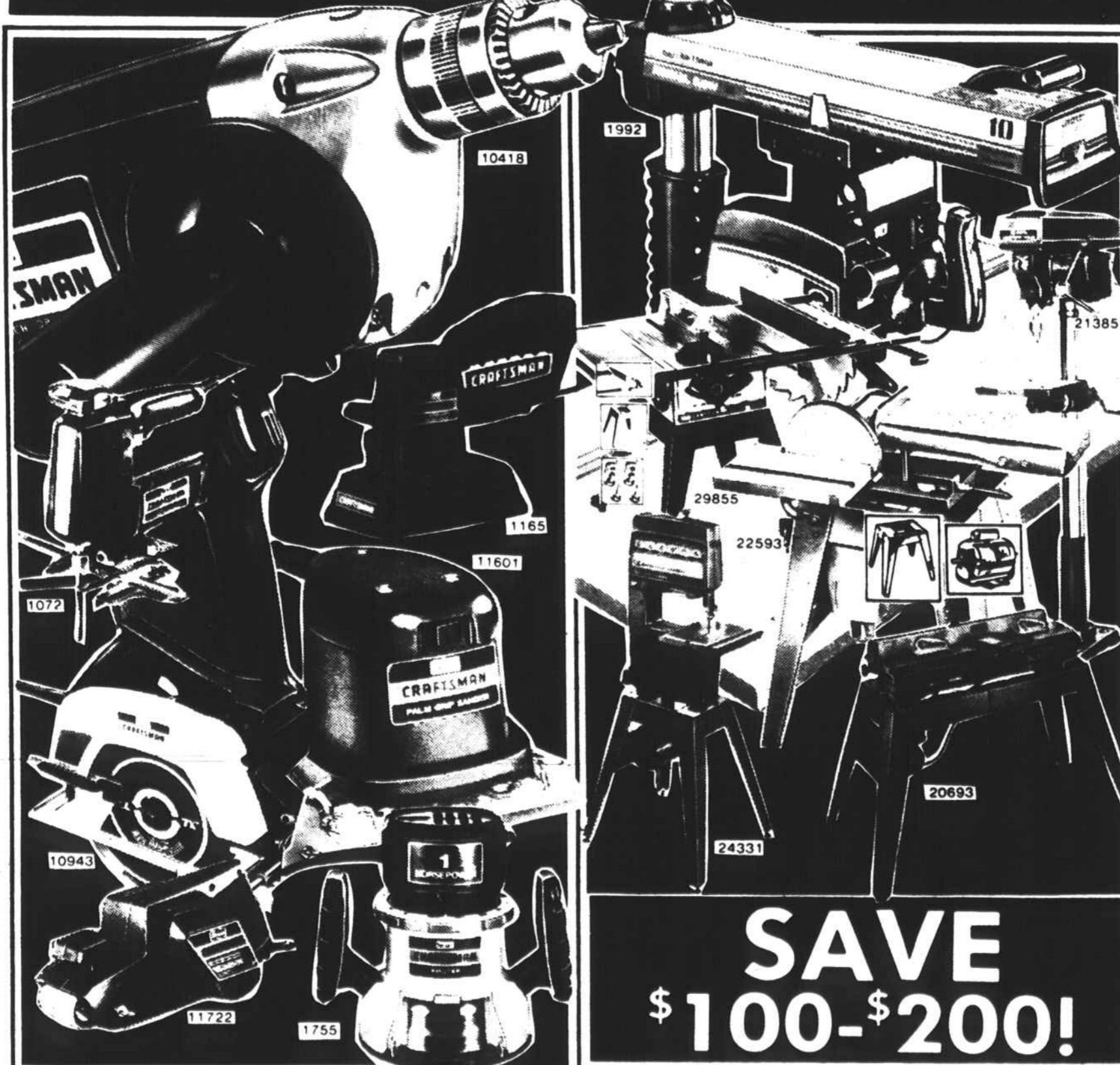
Foot patrols were instituted downtown earlier this year.

A number of aldermen and citizens have called for such patrols in residential areas for years, particularly in the black community, and repeated those calls when the downtown foot patrols were implemented.

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