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NEW YORK -- The attention of

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the variation was roused recently of the verdict handed down in the Howard Beach case. For more than a year, Howard Beach has seemed the epitome of racially motivated vio-here. The increase of a body of white

ice. The image of a horde of white

youths chasing three Afro-American men through the streets like dogs, until finally forcing one of them to his death, seemed the ultimate horror. However, no Afro-American in

However, no Atro-American in this country is exempt from racially motivated violence - not even Afro-American police officers. A recent case in Prince George's County, Md., a suburb of Washington, has proven this al too clearly. The county, which has a long bittore of racis violence.

this at too clearly. The county, which has a long history of racist violence, has a steadily increasing Afro-Ameri-can population. However, the police force still remains predominantly white.

of Dec. 14, 1987, Janes L. Gordon, an Afro-American member of the Washington police force, was shot to death in his own home by a white policeman from Prince George's County, Gordon, 40 years old was a 12 year waren of the

old, was a 17-year veteran of the

Old, was a 17-year veleran of the D.C. police force. The white officer, Cpl. Robert Raimond, though only 27 years old, had already been cited twice for police brutality in Prince George's County. In one case the complainant was awarded a \$4,400 indegreent acainst Raimond for use

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NEW YORK -- Suppose you got up one beautiful morning feel-ing your usual wonderful self and headed off to a high-paying job --with a very promising future. Christmas is only a few weeks away and the Spirit is encompared

away and the Spirit is everywhere.

On Dec. 14, 1987, James L

The life of 'The Dreamer'

Next week most of the nation will celebrate the life of "The Dreamer." The Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. was a giant of a man, a character for whom no single adjective could do descriptive justice

His life of commitment, his moral strength and human com-passion are indelibly printed on the pages of world history. Festiv-ities and special observances across the nation will, no doubt, highlight him as a leader in the struggle for social justice and the battle against poverty.

No enlightened person would deny that he had a major impact on the civil rights movement. Many would credit King with most of the economic and social progress made by Afro-Americans during the past three decades.

It is easy to think of King in terms of the people who benefit-ed from his courage and foresight. Most of us tend to think of King as more than a man; we think of him as a movement. We remember with passion his "I Have a Dream" speech. King was fearless; he dared to set moral standards for the world. On an international scale he decried racism, imperialism, individualism and militarium. He challenged the partices of the

individualism and militarism. He challenged the nations of the world to embrace peace and humanity.

But more important, he set stringent standards for himself, recognizing all the while that he, too, was an imperfect being. He once said, "There is some good in the worst of us and some evil in once said, "Th the best of us."

the best of us." With sincere humility King wrote his own epitaph when he delivered his "Drum Major for Justice" speech shortly before his assassination in 1968. No individual, this year or in years to come, could do as good a job eulogizing King as he did himself. In so doing, he left a challenge for every human being on this planet who would aspire to a life where moral principles out-weighted materialistic consideration. weighed materialistic considerations.

The poignancy and profundity of those words are what we wish to highlight this year on the occasion of the third national celebration of the Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday. We ask that you consider these excerpts from his "Drum Major" speech, and let's all vow to live so that when we die our living will have mattered.

'Tell them not to mention that I have a Nobel Peace Prize ...that isn't important. Tell them not to mention that I have 300

or 400 other awards ...that's not important. Tell them not to mention where I went to school. "I'd li I'd like somebody to mention mention that day that Martin Luther King Jr tried to give his life serving oth-ers. I'd like for somebody to say that day that Martin Luther King Jr. tried to

love somebody. "I want you to say that day that I tried to be

that I tried to be right and to walk with them. I want you to be able to say that day that I did try to feed the hungry. I want you to be able to say that day that I did try in my life to clothe those who were naked. I want you to be able to say that day that I did try in my life to visit those who were in prison. And I want you to say that I tried to love and serve humanity.

I just want to leave a committed life behind." May Peace be with you.

Snow comes

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form together they make rain. If it's cold they

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lot of them

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Snow -- the Triad and most Mid-Atlantic states saw lots of it recently. More than eight inches of the fluffy white stuff was durned on the fluffy white stuff was durned on the Triad area Some statistics report that last week's snow storm was one of the worst experienced in Winston

Salem in more than a decade But, what is snow? Wh What can But, what is snow? What can be both beautiful, creating a post-card like winter wonderland scene and at the same time, produce haz-ardous driving and dangerous hardships for the city's homeless? Snow is actually frozen water

The vapor is formed into tiny crys-tals in the clouds at temperatures below freezing. Snow flakes (or snow crystals) are said to be only a few millimeters in diameter, how ever, some snowflakes have been reported measuring larger than the It comes from

the sky, God just gets mad and it comes down. amont McCall Age 13

Salem Chronicle, the leading Afro-American paper, read by the city's

In one of the paper's columns "Someone You Should Meet"

Howard Beach is everywhere

police trial I on the force

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of unnecessary force in a traffic case.

But Cpl. Raimond was cleared by a police trial board, and so he remained

Last month Raimond

white officer never identified himself,

white other never identified initial, but had only yelled, "Freeze." When an ambulance with paramedics arrived, the county police would not allow them to enter to treat Officer Gordon. County police claimed other intruders might still be

in the house. Then when five Wash-ington officers, including a homicide lieutenant and a district commander, arrived on the scene, they were not

you were highlighted. You are known for your work with the Big Sisters of the Triad and at your church, St. Peters Church of God

Last month Raimond was allegedly investigating a suspected burglary in the home of Officer Gor-don, the Afro-American officer. Offi-cer Gordon had recently arrived home. When the Afro-American offi-cer moved toward a window in his own house, the white officer shot him through the window. The white offi-Several Afro-American police officers on the Washington force have openly called the killing racially motivated. They suggest that because the house was located in a middle-class neighborhood, and because it bed a two-cre sense (the bed offithrough the window. The white offi-cer claimed he thought he saw a gun in Gordon's hand. Officer Gordon died a short time later, on the floor of his own home. A neighbor says the

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was

class negmornood, and because it had a two-car garage that held Offi-cer Gordon's Mercedes Benz, Cpl. Raimond assumed that the Afro-American man he saw in the house could not be its owner. On a recent call-in program on a local Afro-American radio station, some officers asked to be authorized to go in and get the white officer to bring him back to Washington in order to ensure a fair tri

police) never turn away an investiga-tor from another police unit."

allowed to remain in the house during the investigation. A Washington police officer called the non-coopera-tion "highly irregular," adding, "(D.C.

The Gordon killing is not an isoincident in the county. Back in mber 1986, Sir Kaylin Edwards, lated

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How to give and to receive

ager asked you to step into a pri-vate room, where you were intro-duced to "an officer" and "inter-viewed" by the loss prevention manager of the store. You were questioned about two

purchases charged to your credit card, one for \$142.95 and the other for \$116. Of course, these charges reflected a 30-percent discount because you are an employee of the

You freely admitted that you You freely admitted that you had allowed your nephew and a close friend to use this restricted card more than once. For these acts, you were promptly charged with

Campaigning in the new year TO BE EQUA By JOHN E. JACOB

NEW YORK -- The 1988 pres New FORK -- The 1988 pres-idential election campaign is likely to turn on the minority vote, but the many presidential contenders will not win Afro-American and His-

not win Afro-American and His-panic votes unless they understand America's need for policies and programs that lead us to a new era. The candidates must begin by addressing America's ugly, hidden issue. Because the present policies have bred intolerance, a litmus test for every candidate will be his or her condemnation of all forms of racism -- in word and form ader there will be no progress while racism is alive and well.

There are other priority issues, t00.

One is education. One-third of One is education. One-initial of the workforce will be Afro-Ameri-can and minority. Up to half of those workers will be from poverty households. Many will be dropouls. They'll lack the skills required in

We've stopped investing in people -- and especially in young people at risk. All the talk about making America competitive again is nonsense without a massive com-mitment to educate and train our young people -- beginning with the poorest, the most vulnerable, the most at risk.

most at risk. And if the politicians say we can't afford that, we'll have to tell them we can't afford *not* to do it. Studies show that investing in edu-cation and in training programs makes people employable taxpay-ers instead of consumers of welfare dollars. Such programs are actually cheaper because they return more to the Treasury than their cost. The candidates also need to focus on developing agreerssive

focus on developing aggressive policies that meet the urgent health, housing and survival needs of the poorest among us. Families aren't homeless today

because they like sleeping in parks or shelters -- they're homeless because the government and the private sector have stopped build-ing low-income housing.

And today's biggest national scandal is the scandal that so few oor people get Medicaid or wel-are assistance. Less than half of all poor peo-

ple get cash aid; 10 million poor pre get cash and, to minion poor people don't get food stamps; 30 million poor people don't get hous-ing assistance, and virtually every means-tested program for the poor serves only a fraction of those digible

Social welfare legislation i needed to assure access to educa-tion, to training, and to work oppor-tunities as well as to quality day care.

It should include universa coverage of all poor people, and to benefit levels no lower than the poverty line. Resources and assistance

should be targeted to the poorest, most vulnerable of the poor, espe-cially young mothers at risk of long-term dependency.

In the private sector has to be part of the process of progressive change, two. It needs to do more to move minorities up the corporate ladder, and to start doing more of

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Budding meteorologists reveal origins of the snowfall

You are also a woman who has knocked down another barrier of sexism. You are averaging \$1,800 every two weeks as a salesperson in N

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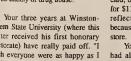
palm of a person's hand. Scientists also believe t two snowflakes are alike. preoccupied with developing snowmen (and women) or reason-able facimiles thereof. Snow ball fights have also become a favorite partime is recent development. vapor which comes from clouds. four to 13, how snow is made at

four to 13, how show is made and where it comes from. A variety of interesting answers were received, and although the comments could mb be included in the most prestigious investigation of the start of the start of the start investigation of the start of the start of the start investigation of the start of the star

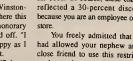
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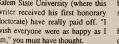


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Viewed

Your three years at Winston-Salem State University (where this writer received his first honorary doctorate) have really paid off. "I wish everyone were as happy as I am," you must have thought. On Sunday, Dec. 6, 1987, how-ever, God had a test for you. Just before the store closed on that fateful day, the personnel man-

the men's department at one of Winston-Salem, N.C.'s better stores. "Just think what I'm going to earn during the Christmas week," you're thinking to yourself. Things are going well outside the workplace, also. You are proud of your work as an avid Jesse Jack-son-for-President Campaign volun-teer. "Support Jesse Jackson; he needs his own," you wrote in the "Mailbag" column in the Winston-Salem Chronicle, the Jacking Afro-



Apostolic, as a hard worker and a fierce enemy of drug abuse.