

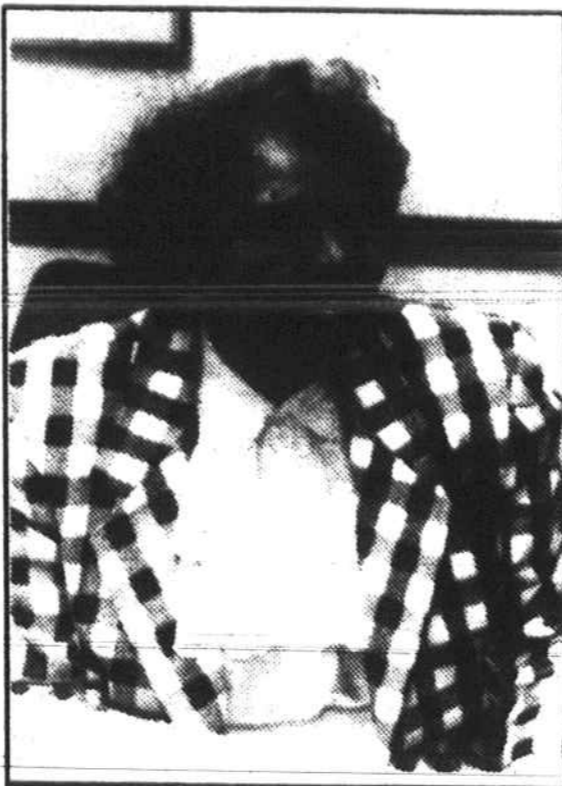
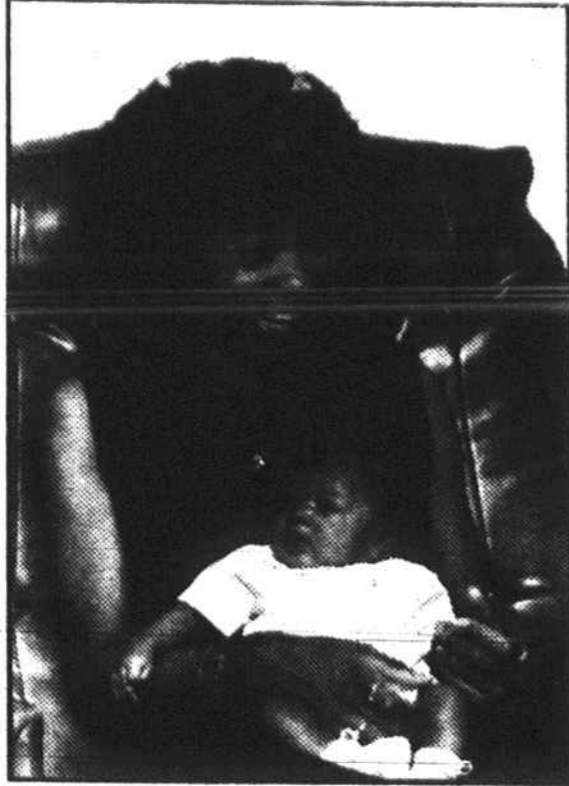
Retired WSSU professor delivers baby in car

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There is probably no particular day in a woman's life that is more memorable than the day of her child's birth. For Rosalind Banner, however, that day is especially reminiscent. Alexander Jordan, Ms. Banner's six week old son, made an early debut in a most unusual place, the back seat of a car belonging to a retired registered nurse.

On April 24 at 10:45 a.m., Mrs. Queen B. Reid, a retired Winston-Salem State University biology and human physiology instructor and registered nurse, delivered a healthy 6 lb. 11 oz. baby boy with the assistance of police officer C. E. Spain in the back seat of Mrs. Reid's black cherry Cadillac Fleetwood Brougham.

The day started out as any other day for Ms. Banner. "I was at home alone cleaning and putting his crib and some other things together," she recalled. "I had a doctor's appointment scheduled for 11:15 a.m. for a final sonogram and a visit. When I first felt the pains, I thought it was false labor because he wasn't due until May 17 and because I didn't feel any forceful pain as I had been told I would; that was what I was



Rosalind Banner cuddles Alexander Jordan, baby delivered by Mrs. Queen B. Reid (right), former WSSU professor.

Photos by L.B. Speas Jr.

waiting on." Uncertain of exactly what was happening, Ms. Banner called neighbor and trusted friend Mrs. Reid and asked her to drive her to the hospital. Evon Reid, Mrs. Reid's husband, drove so that Mrs. Reid could assist Ms. Banner. At Colise-

um Drive, Mr. Reid flagged down a passing squad car and asked for a police escort to the hospital. Fearing that he would not be able to escort them safely through the busy morning traffic, Officer Spain pulled over and went back to Mrs. Reid's car to check out Ms. Banner's

condition. "Ms. Banner's contractions at that point were really too close together for us to continue," said Mrs. Reid. "She was ready to deliver. The officer said, 'We're going to have to deliver this baby right here.'"

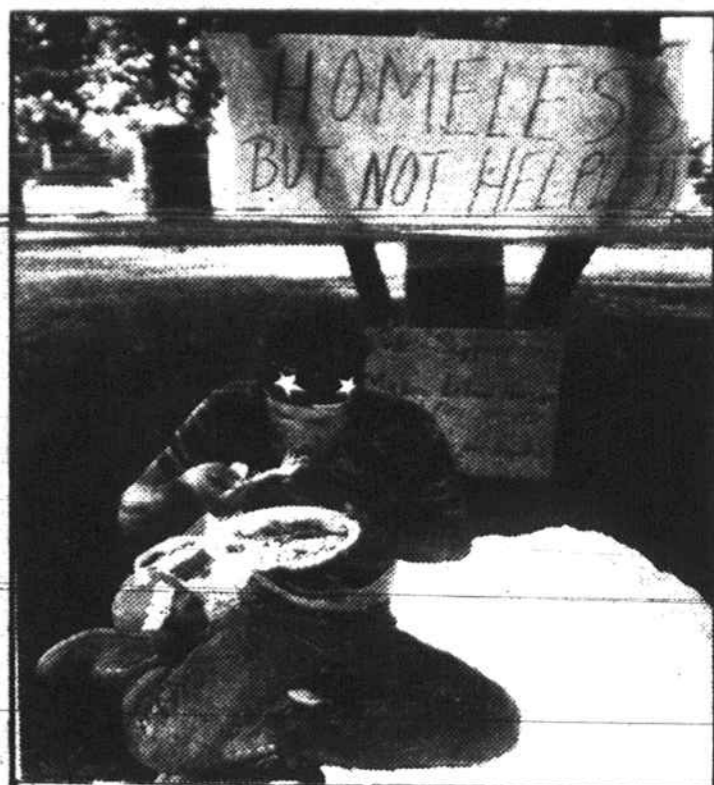
Unlike most deliveries, Ms. Banner felt a minimum of pain. "I wasn't in a lot of pain and I didn't have any pain killers. The officer just said 'push' so I did and out he came."

Because Alexander Jordan was born one month early, Ms. Banner was worried that he would be sickly. "I was afraid that he would be sick but luckily, he was healthy." A 1989 graduate of North Carolina A & T State University with a degree in nutrition, Ms. Banner plans to start work on a degree in nursing in the fall at Winston-Salem State University. Upon completion of the requirements for a nursing degree, Ms. Banner has aspirations of becoming a neo-natal nutritionist.

"A lot of premature babies are born sick. I want to have a nursing degree so that if something goes wrong I will know what to do."

It would appear that Mrs. Reid turned out to be a pretty good role model in very, very practical way.

Winston-Salem Chronicle NewsUpdate



Campout for the homeless

RALEIGH (AP) -- Johnny Dean, who lives in a shelter in Raleigh, enjoys a meal provided by advocates for better treatment of the homeless recently near the Legislative Building. Mr. Dean has found part-time work and is looking for full-time work. The advocates and the homeless were camping out together to bring attention to the plight of the homeless.

Wilder may run for president '96

RICHMOND, Va. -- Last year L. Douglas Wilder became the first black elected governor in both Virginia and U.S. history. Now, the question being raised is whether he can become the nation's first black president. There is growing speculation that he has already begun positioning himself for a presidential run. When asked to comment on his presidential aspirations, Wilder will only say he plans to complete his term as governor of Virginia, which ends in 1994. This has prompted speculation that he is planning a 1996 presidential run.

Poor, black families hurt by food cutbacks

WASHINGTON -- Through the states, the federal government provides food vouchers to poor families in a program known as WIC -- Women, Infants and Children. However, nearly half the states in recent months have moved to reduce the allotments, citing rising costs and reduced government aid as reasons.

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New kindergarten registration site is success

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At the end of last school year, three-fourths of the inner-city students eligible for kindergarten in our school system were not registered, said Mrs. Annie R. Hairston, assistant superintendent of elementary education in the Winston-Salem/Forsyth County school system. The reason, she said, is due mainly to the lack of transportation by the parents.

"Many of our system's elementary schools are located on the edge of the city," Mrs. Hairston said. "While students can take buses out there, a number of parents do not have a way to the schools so that they can register their children."

This year, the school system decided to use another site in addition to the schools that would be more accessible for the parents. Registration took place at Black Phillips-Smith Neighborhood Government Services Office located on Patterson Avenue.

Mrs. Hairston said that the school

system used every effort to inform the parents about the new location, includ-

ing distributing fliers and making announcements on radio and Channel 2,

which is the cable television channel for the school system.

The program was already offered in each elementary school for those parents that were able to bring their children early.

"We're offering this additional site as a community outreach program," she said. "We want to come to the parents if they are not able to come to us."

Approximately 30 students were registered and screened at the office. The children are screened so that teachers can assess their strengths and weaknesses. Chapter one teachers tested the students' fine and gross motor skills, color and word recognition, body part recognition and ability to follow directions.

"These tests are basically used to see how well each child can follow directions," said Ms. Carolyn Coram, coordinator of early childhood education for the school system. "If we find that a child shows great difficulty, we also check their hearing and vision when they register," she said.

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Annie Hairston, standing at left, and Carolyn Coram, standing middle, oversee screening process.

Photo by L.B. Speas Jr.

New recreation center will give kids positive options

Chronicle Staff Report

Plans for the new Happy Hill Gardens Recreation Center were unanimously approved at the Winston-Salem Recreation and Parks Commission meeting held Tuesday, June 5.

Edwin Bouldin is the architect. He created several plans which were discussed with a group of people from the Happy Hill neighborhood. Recreation Director Nick Jamison assured the commission, "We are continuing to meet with the neighborhood group."

Jamison said he estimated the construction to begin in October. "The center should be completed about this time next year," he added. The center will include a gymnasium, game room, meeting room, bathrooms and offices.

A desire was expressed to name the center with a name other than Happy Hill. Commission member Wesley Weaver said, "Happy Hill is bad publicity. With the recreation center without the Happy Hill name, we can get on with our business and get our work in order. We can help the community out of the problem. Happy Hill. Sounds like trouble."

District Recreation Supervisor Denise Scott-Johnson said, "[The name change] is not that significant. You can't enter in the neighborhood

without realizing it's Happy Hill. [The name change] is more positive than negative, but if you're going there, you know where you're going."

"There are no problems in the center [like the ones that have been in the neighborhood itself]. The center provides a necessary option for kids to use their energy and enthusiasm to get involved in a positive way," continued Scott-Johnson.

"We're doing a lot of things to encourage parents to be aware and to entrust their children to the center. I think they will be more willing with the new center," she continued.

A resolution to name the new center after Mr. William C. Sims Sr. was proposed, but the commission voted to let a subcommittee rule on this.

Sims was the president of the community group which met with the planners of the recreation center before his death on Jan. 19, 1990. His wife is a member of this group at this time.

Sims also served on various boards, task forces, and other groups in the area. He was an employee at Winston Lake Recreation Center at the time of his death.

The Board of Aldermen will make the final decision on the name of the center and is not required to follow the recommendation of the Recreation and Parks Commission.

Jackson avoids committing himself on 1992 intentions

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) -- The Rev. Jesse Jackson, a Democratic presidential candidate in 1984 and 1988, brushed aside questions about his plans for 1992 during a news conference, but characterized the Bush administration as "500 days of haze"

"I am fundamentally a freedom fighter," Jackson said before speaking to the 13th annual meeting of the Black Elected Democrats of Ohio on Friday.

"It is not seasonal work. It is eternal," he said, adding that such work differs little from a political campaign because it has as its goal economic and social justice for all Americans.

Jackson criticized Bush's first 16 months in office, the administration's economic and environmental policies, and "a war on drugs that has not been

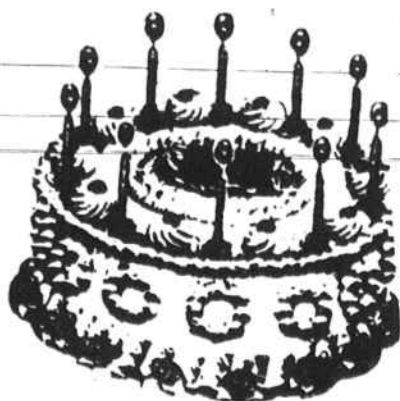
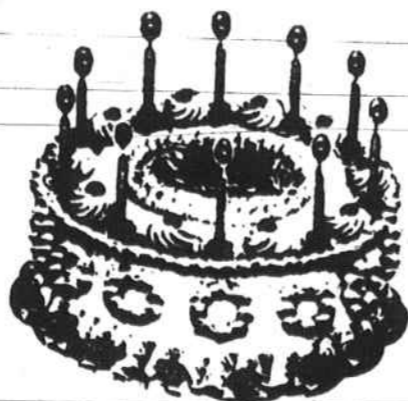
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