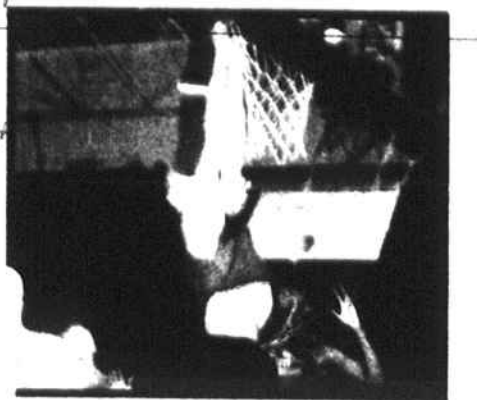




In Stifling Heat
Senior citizens say they beat the heat by staying indoors. Page A4

Summer Games
High school basketball league is underway at Carver High. Page B8



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"Power concedes nothing without a struggle." — Frederick Douglass

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A Mother's Cry: "My Baby's Been Shot!"

▲ Two white teenagers charged in shooting of black girl

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Talonda Lanier, 6, (lower left), her mother, Saidet Lanier, and sister Rosalynn Lanier, 4.

A weary mother whose car was riddled with bullets as she rested beneath an Interstate 40 overpass early Saturday chased the gunmen and memorized the car's license plate — unaware that one of the bullets had struck her 6-year-old daughter in the head.

After the shots were fired, Saidet Lanier took off after the Ford Escort, which got off at the Main Street exit. During the short time she was close enough to the car, she said, she kept "repeating the license tag number" in order to memorize it.

By the time she came to the first stop sign off the interstate, she said she heard her daughter, Talonda, whining in the backseat of her Chevrolet Spectrum.

Lanier's sister, Adrienne, who was in the front seat,

told her that Talonda was bleeding. Adrienne, 12, took off her shirt and pressed it against the child's head, Lanier said. Lanier put on her emergency lights and frantically beat on the horn to stop a passing car.

"My baby's been shot! My baby's been shot!" she yelled to the driver. The man led her to Forsyth Memorial Hospital. Also in the car was Lanier's other daughter,

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Rosalynn, 4.

Shannon Wayne Huffman, 16, of 222 E. Devonshire St., and Michael "Shane" Barber, 18, of 3801 S. Main St., are being held in the Forsyth County Jail under \$200,000 bond. They were arrested shortly after Saturday morning's shooting and charged with assault

with a deadly weapon with intent to kill, causing serious injury, police said.

Winston-Salem Police Capt. Linda P. Davis said the men were arrested Saturday at a friend's apartment in Woodmill Apartments on Jonestown Road. The white Ford Escort the men were driving at the time of the shooting also belonged to a friend, police said. Davis said a gun was recovered — the one believed used to riddle Lanier's car with six bullet holes on the driver's side — but she refused to identify its caliber. Talonda was shot above the left eye, and doctors are waiting for her to come out of a coma before they attempt to remove the bullet.

Lanier, 21, a private first class at Fort Hood, Texas, said in an interview Monday that she was traveling west

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NEWS WEEK

Man Dies in Custody

CONCORD, N.C. (AP) — The death of a black man in police custody sparked a disturbance that left at least eight people injured and downtown stores vandalized, authorities said.

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Husband's Genitals Ablaze

WAYNESVILLE (AP) — A Haywood County man was in good condition at Baptist Hospital Wednesday after his wife allegedly set his genitals on fire while he slept, authorities said.

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Female Asst. Superintendent

As a young girl, Shirley Gore was never complacent. She strived for excellence with the belief that hard work and determination would one day pay off.

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Hairstylist Lauded

That day came May 1, when Gore became the first black female assistant superintendent at the all-male Forsyth Correctional Center.

Jimmie Lee Bonham, artistic director at Hair by Jimi, 1617 E. 14th St., has been selected one of America's leading professionals in hairstyling and salon management by the Art and Fashion Group International of New Port Beach, Calif.

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Building Self-Esteem

Most people are familiar with the Winston-Salem/Forsyth County Service Corps only as a satellite program of the Workforce Development Department.

Complete story A5

Coping with Alzheimer's

Brenda Humphrey was making a name for herself teaching, lecturing, writing and traversing the world — sometimes in the company of renowned poet and author Maya Angelou.

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THIS WEEK IN BLACK HISTORY

On July 13, 1868, Oscar J. Dunn, a former slave, was formally installed as the lieutenant governor of Louisiana.

Family: Murder Charge Wrong in Cop Death

By DAVID L. DILLARD
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Wanda Crews said her 20-year-old son was confused and really didn't know what to expect at his hearing last week.

After he was sentenced to life in prison and court officers escorted him from the courtroom, Conrad Levern Crews told his mother he loved her.

"When (the judge) said life, I broke down and cried," she said. "I jumped up and

ran out of the room."

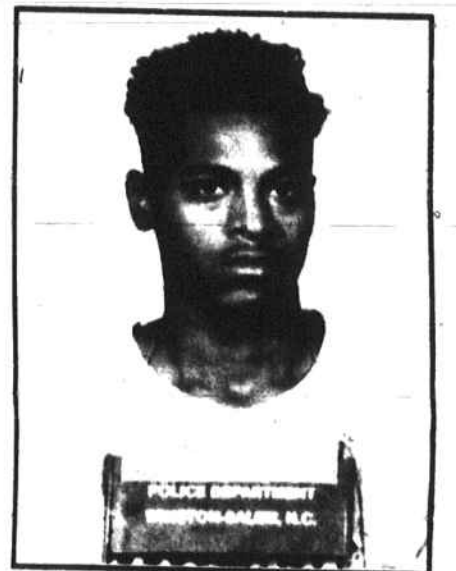
Last week, Conrad Crews was given a life sentence for driving a motor grader that hit and killed Winston-Salem police Lt. Aaron G. Tise Jr. and injured Officer Dan Dodder near the Lakeside community last June. Crews pleaded guilty to second-degree murder, which carries a life sentence. He will be eligible for parole in nine years.

Crews said her son was unfairly sen-

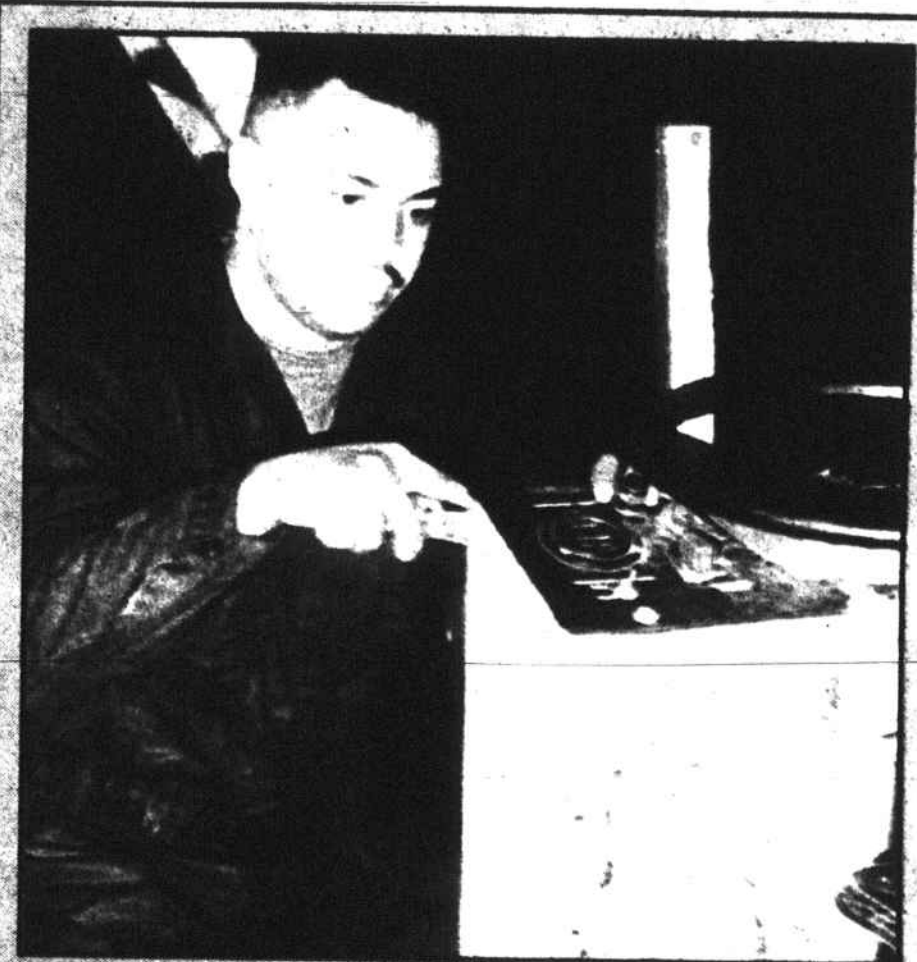
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Lt. Aaron G. Tise Jr.



Conrad Crews



Navy Airman Dejuan Oglesby of Winston-Salem does maintenance on an aircraft tow tractor on the U.S.S. Theodore Roosevelt deployed in the Adriatic Sea for Operations Dens Flight and Provide Promise.

Wood to Announce Candidacy on Tuesday

▲ Mayor to seek second term

By RICHARD L. WILLIAMS
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Martha S. Wood will announce next week that she will run for re-election for a second term as city mayor.

Wood said in an interview this week that her fund raising has gone well and that she is "96 percent" certain that she will run again.

Wood, who turns 50 in September, said she will talk with her family over the weekend about her decision. She will make her announcement at a 11 a.m. news conference on Tuesday at the Sawtooth Building.

In an hour-long interview with the Chronicle, Wood said that some of her priorities are increasing economic development in East Winston and reducing the city's crime rate.

"I think I stand for that," she said. "We understand that we cannot grow as a city or

as a community until the community can be at peace with each other."

Wood's campaign will be managed by Rich Noyes, who is taking a leave of absence from the Center of Media and Public Affairs in Washington, D.C.

"I think at this point, unless any one thing jumps up and causes her to do otherwise, she will be running," Noyes said. Noyes arrived in the city this week.

Wood, a Democrat, narrowly won the mayoral seat in 1989 with 51.5 percent of the vote, defeating Republican challenger Lenville M. Sale by 900 votes. She replaced longtime Mayor Wayne A. Corpening, who led the city as mayor for 12 years. Wood will face a party challenge from Noah Glass.

Charles Wallschleger, chairman of the Republican party, said a GOP candidate has not yet been named.

Former Homeless Man Turns Mistakes into Triumphs

▲ At age 39, former high school dropout pursues college degree

By SABRINA JONES
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Charles Ford is pretty content with his life.

He is the assistant director of the Bethesda Center, a shelter for the homeless, and is pursuing a college degree where he has a perfect grade-point average.

But Ford's future hasn't always been bright.

For years he abused drugs and alco-

hol as a homeless person and spent six and a half years in prison for being involved in a drug-related homicide.

Now when he looks at pictures of himself in the mid 1980s when he sported a jheri curl, gold jewelry and flashy suits, he does not feel nostalgic, but an anticipation for the future. He refers to the days when he could afford such luxuries as "B.C." (Before Christ), a past that he never wishes to repeat.

"I didn't know how to work, how to do anything," he said. "I was really

ashamed of where I was. I never accepted that homeless mentality."

But today his life has made a 360-degree turn. Ford, 39, is pursuing a degree in sociology at Shaw University. He has a 4.0 GPA, and is the recipient of four grants and scholarships that fulfill all of his educational expenses.

He has been working with homeless people for at least five years.

"I have never lived a normal life before," said Ford, the son of an alcoholic father. Ford's early years, which

he dubbed a "history of disobedience," included dropping out of school in the ninth grade, earning \$300 a week selling drugs and obtaining his first job at age 32.

Disgusted with his situation, Ford began a long, difficult process to overcome his many problems. He had two minimum-wage jobs and went into the landscaping business. In 1988, he began volunteering with the homeless.

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