

Worker Told Matics About Racism in '92

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Mark Matics

Matics being the main culprit. The workers provided hundreds of pages of legal documents, internal memorandums and numerous letters stemming from congressional inquiries over the past two years they say justify their claims. Some of those documents state that African-Americans are passed over for promotions, constantly verbally

harassed and have been unfairly targeted in missing money probes over the past two years. An African-American letter carrier last week compared Matics' management style to that of a slave master. A woman who described herself as a white, female supervisor called Matics "dominating" and said

he disliked African-Americans and women. She said Matics tends to not like anyone who won't conform to what he wants them to be. Matics defended his record of promoting African-Americans and women, but the Postal Service would not release a racial breakdown of managers and supervisors. Matics, 43, came to Winston-

Salem as postmaster from Beckley, W. Va., in 1986, and at 35 was one of the youngest ever postmasters at the time. Matics said he has contacted the department of human resources in Greensboro district office to set up focus group meetings to discuss some of the employees' concerns. He said the Postal Service has

prided itself on being one of the most sensitive organizations when it comes to equal treatment. The Winston-Salem postal office has about 480 employees sprinkled throughout 11 stations and an operating budget of over \$23 million a year. Targeted revenues for this year exceed \$60 million.

Carlos Stoner Killer Doby Continues a Life of Crime

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The men severed Stoner's penis and stuck it in his mouth and sliced a gaping hole in the left side of his chest. During the week-long trial, Doby testified that Ricky Knight and James Gilbert were responsible for Stoner's death. He said Knight severed Stoner's penis and cut his chest. Doby testified that he stayed in a pickup during the killing and did not participate. Knight and Gilbert were convicted on first-degree murder

charges and were given life sentences. In exchange for his testimony, Doby was tried on a charge of second-degree murder. He was given a 10-year suspended sentence and placed on five years of supervised probation. For a year prior to the trial, however, Doby was held in safekeeping at Central Prison in Raleigh until he testified. However, following the conviction he was released from prison after serving only two weeks

because there was a contract on his life at the prison, according to Vincent F. Rabil, the assistant district attorney who prosecuted the case. Judge James William Z. Wood promptly suspended the 10-year sentence and placed Doby on probation. Rabil said he was interested in keeping Doby alive to testify against Knight and Gilbert should their cases be heard on appeal. He now says he has given up on Doby.

"I'm very disappointed that he's gotten into this trouble," Rabil said. "He's on his own now." "I thought I could have a little control over him by having him on probation in case we needed his testimony again. But I think the case can be tried without his testimony," Rabil said. "I feel it's a strong case and that we'll win the appeal without him." After winning his freedom in September, Doby moved to Mont-

gomery County and wasted little time running afoul of the law. He was found guilty of driving while intoxicated on March 24; on April 7, he was charged with breaking and entering and larceny; and a week later, on April 14, he was charged with possession of marijuana, possession of drug paraphernalia and manufacturing or creating marijuana. He was convicted Oct. 20 of

DWI and has appealed to Superior Court. He was indicted on Oct. 31 and arraigned on the next day on the breaking and entering and larceny charges and growing marijuana. If convicted on the felony charges, Doby's probation could be revoked and he could begin serving the 10-year sentence.

Storey Fires Moody As Court Clerk

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your leave of absence," Storey wrote to Moody in a letter. Storey, who has worked in the clerk's office for 43 years, said she plans to retire after her last day on the job next Wednesday. That may

not be true, however. Storey and Thomas, a longtime deputy with the Sheriff's department, could construct an agreement wherein Storey would serve as a consultant to the new clerk of court.

That would help make smoother the transition of Thomas, a political neophyte who will be sworn in as the new clerk of court on Dec. 5. Storey was non-committal about whether a deal is in the

works. "It's been something said about it, but it's nothing that's been agreed upon," she said. Moody, 49, will soon begin working as a jailer, said Robert

Joyce of the Sheriff's department. "The sheriff is a good fellow. When he found out that she had been fired, he called her and offered her a job," Joyce said. There has been some other fall-

out following the election. Sharon Knight, another deputy clerk of court who had supported Moody's candidacy, was also fired by Storey. Storey declined to discuss the firing.

Will Southeast Gateway By-Pass Happy Hill?

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right now I really don't know," Simmonds said the committee is currently putting together a status report to further outline its plans. Doug Lewis, chairman of the Southeast Gateway committee, said the council has more than 100 rec-

ommendations and will have to prioritize them. He said Happy Hill residents should organize, voice their concerns and they won't feel isolated. "The problem is getting citizens to pull together to make things hap-

pen," he said. "Not everything will be done but when they come out and express what they want to be done they won't be isolated. Happy Hill hasn't been forgotten, they just haven't been anything happening lately." The Southeast Gateway plan

purports to link Old Salem, Winston-Salem State University and Salem College together and create its own district, hopefully, to attract businesses in the area. Happy Hill Gardens sits in the middle of the plan and residents are expected to be

hired for the jobs as well as receive job training through partnerships with the area colleges. "It was going great, but we've been wondering what happened because for a while we just haven't heard anything from them," Jeffer-

son said. "Anything they do would mean a lot to the kids in this community. We've been stereotyped and neglected so much, but we don't want that to happen again. We want our people to be given a chance, too. All they need is a chance."

Residents Say Foot Patrols Are Making a Difference

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"I think it's a lot safer out here now," she said. Winston-Salem Mayor Martha Wood praised the foot patrol unit at a ceremony honoring them Friday. She said the neighborhood has seen tremendous strides in the community during her tenure as mayor. Capt. C.E. Vance heads up the four-man unit. He said their presence helped to rid drug dealers and "save" residents saw their concern "they also get involved." "It was an on-going drug mar-

in a lot and gotten behind us." Melanie Tatum, director of the resource center, said they want people to stop referring to the area by its street-name of Piedmont Circle and to revert back to reflecting its true name of Piedmont Park. "When you think of a park, you think of a nice place to go outside and play," she said. "The foot patrols have really worked hard to restore that feeling of a park and creating a family atmosphere." Black said they have started a Golden Girls Club for senior citizens and the young kids are not afraid to playing outside anymore. "I couldn't get (seniors) to come

out at one time," she said. "Now we have an active club and they are get-

ting out again. I think they have made a difference in this commu-

nity." Vance said the unit is expecting

to get two more officers in December.



Queen Black, Piedmont Parks resident council president, congratulates Capt. Mike McCoy and other foot patrol officers. Sgt. L. T. Vance, who heads the unit, is seen wearing the suit.

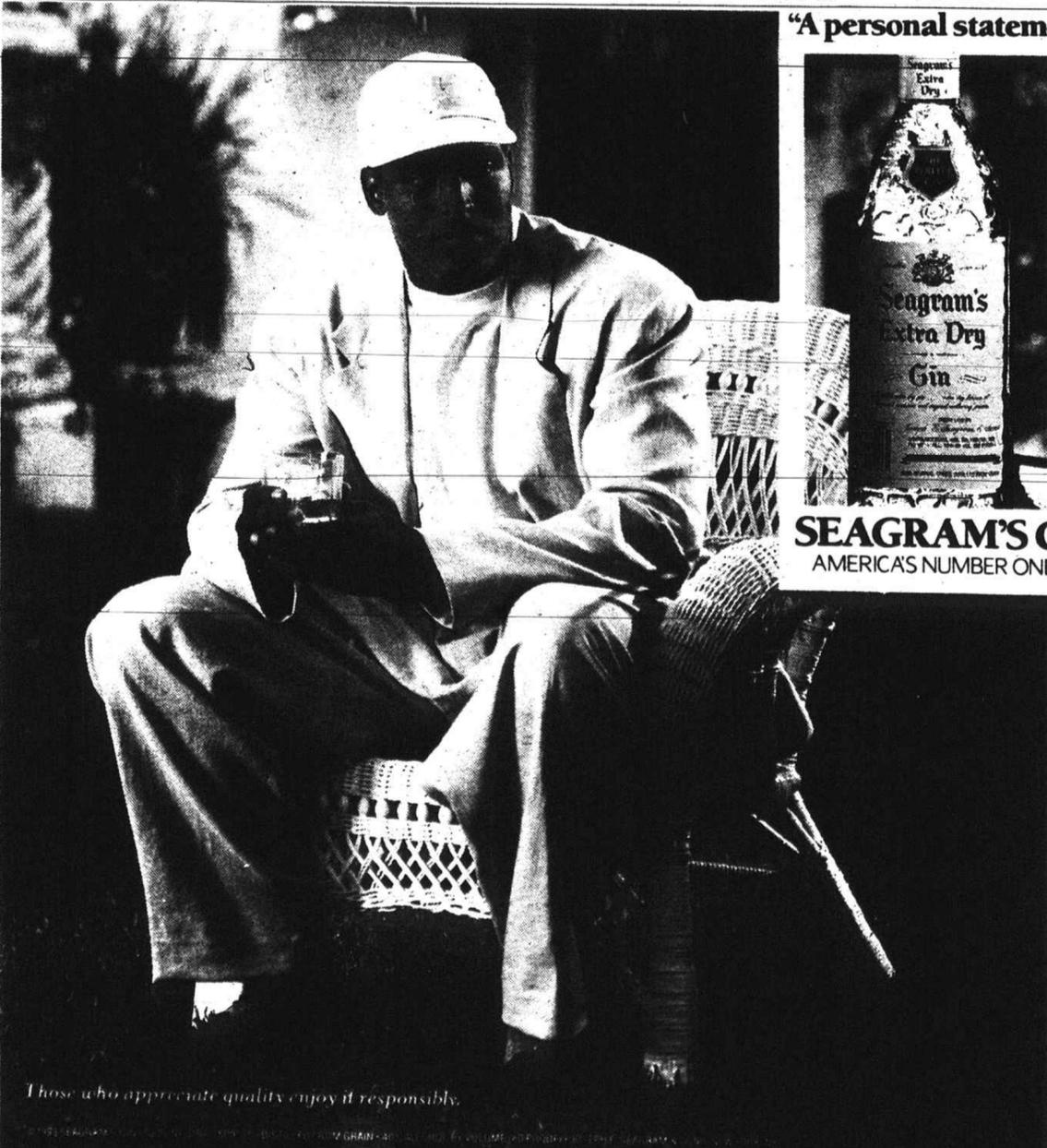
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