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D.A.: Officer-involved shooting justified

Family plans to pursue civil case

BY TODD LUCK
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An investigation into the fatal police shooting of Edward Van McCrae found the officer acted lawfully in self-defense, but an attorney for his family said they disagree and plan to seek civil remedies.

Forsyth County District Attorney Jim O'Neill announced the conclusion to the investigation at the Hall of Justice on Monday afternoon during a press conference in which the body cam footage was shown to

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Photo by Todd Luck

Forsyth County District Attorney Jim O'Neill speaks about the findings of the investigation into the police shooting of Edward Van McCrae during a Monday press conference at the Hall of Justice.

Author, police chief discuss policing, accountability

BYN TEVIN STINSON
THE CHRONICLE

It's no secret that the relationship between African-Americans and law enforcement agencies across the country is one of distrust, paranoia and bias.

While promoting his new book, "The Black and Blue: A Cop Reveals the Crimes, Racism, and Injustice in America's Law Enforcement," security expert and CNN analyst Matthew Horace sat down with Winston-Salem Police Department (WSPD) Chief Catrina Thompson to discuss the relationship between law enforcement agencies and people of color, the systems in place that regulate the American prison system, and the importance of holding officers and elected officials accountable for their actions.

For nearly an hour, Horace and Thompson discussed the book, implicit bias within law enforcement agencies, community policing, mental health and several other topics before taking questions from the audience.

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Photo by Tevin Stinson

Artist Hugo Garcia takes a final look at his work before the mural was unveiled at the Best Choice Center on Wednesday, Sept. 5.

Herbalife division unveils mural at YWCA

BY TEVIN STINSON
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Last week, Herbalife Nutrition Foundation's "Casa Herbalife" program unveiled a 12-foot mural at the Gateway YWCA's Best Choice Center.

The colorful graffiti mural, which depicts the image of a young girl and boy of color beside the wording "Best Choice" in bright blue letters by artist Hugo Garcia, is a gift to the YWCA from the Herbalife Nutrition Foundation (HNF).

According to Garcia, the graffiti mural took almost an entire week to complete. Garcia, who is the senior designer for Herbalife, said he worked on the mural eight hours a day for four days straight to get everything done. He said

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City Council asks HAWS not to sell Crystal Towers

BY TODD LUCK
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Members of City Council asked the Housing Authority of Winston-Salem not to sell Crystal Towers during its General Government Committee meeting on



File Photo

The Housing Authority of Winston-Salem plans to sell Crystal Towers.

Tuesday.

HAWS is not a part of city government. The city has no involvement with Crystal Towers, a public housing high-rise on West Sixth Street for seniors and those with disabilities. However, City Council members say the sale of the building has caused widespread concerns in the

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She's continuing a culinary legacy

BY TEVIN STINSON
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Over five years ago, local chef and entrepreneur Shanta Faison set out on a journey to continue the culinary legacy left to her by her grandmother by marketing and selling a line of collard greens that would take

consumers back to their own grandmothers' kitchen with just one bite

After years of hard work, she's doing just that, and the legacy of "Rosey Bloom's" is here to stay.

Made with greens that are hand-picked and sourced by local farmers, every jar of Rosey Bloom's Collard Greens is made with the same pas-

sion and love that sets real soul food apart from all other cuisine without the guilt that comes with it.

During an interview with The Chronicle, Faison said her grandmother, Rosetta L. Bloom, was a specialist in the kitchen whose homemade spices and fresh ingredients kept family and friends coming

back for more. Born into a family of sharecroppers, Bloom learned the in's-and-outs-of-the-kitchen at an early age and as time passed her skills continued to evolve.

Even while she worked toward her degree from Winston-Salem Teacher's College, Bloom continued

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