

**Crime Prevention**

**Robber holds shotgun to man's head**

The following "Crime Box Score" is designed to keep you abreast of criminal activity in your community during the past week and protect your family and property from crime.

**Armed robbery**

• 1300 block, Highland Avenue  
A man parked his car in the driveway of his home and walked toward his front door when another man on the sidewalk asked him for a light. The victim said he didn't have one and went to the door and began to unlock it when the second man put a sawed-off shotgun to the back of his head and forced him inside.

The assailant stole some money and a .22-caliber pistol from the victim, then forced him to drive him to Vargrave and U.S. 52, where he jumped from the car. The robber was described as a dark-skinned black male, about 5 feet 11 inches tall and weighing 180 pounds.

**Strong armed robbery**

• 500 block, Claremont Avenue  
A woman was walking to her car when a man attacked her from the rear, knocked her down and fled with her purse. About two hours later, a police officer saw a man try to pass a check at a restaurant using a woman's identification. At that time there was no connection between the two incidents, but when the officer learned of the purse snatching, a look-out was posted for the man seen trying to pass the check. A short time later, the man in the restaurant was stopped while driving his car and was later identified by the woman as the man who robbed her. The alleged robber was charged with robbery and placed in the county jail.

• 2700 block, Patterson Avenue

Two boys were waiting for a school bus when a man approached them asking for some Halloween candy. When they told him they didn't have any candy, the man pushed them to the ground, took money from the wallet of one of the boys and then walked off.

The boys reported the incident when they arrived at school and a police officer was called. The officer took the boys back to the area where the robbery allegedly occurred and both boys identified a man they said was the attacker. The man was arrested and charged with assault and common law robbery.

**Storebreaking**

• 800 block, E. 23rd Street  
Some calculators, tools and money were taken from a business where someone pushed away some heavy steel mesh wire from a bathroom window to gain entry.

• 1600 block, E. 21st Street

Someone broke into a school, but officers chased him down and recovered some stolen items. The thief was charged with storebreaking and larceny.

• 2700 block, University Parkway

While investigating a break-in, police heard glass breaking nearby and went to check on it. They chased down a suspect, who was charged with storebreaking and larceny. The stolen items were recovered.

**Housebreaking**

• 600 W. 23rd Street  
A woman was moving into a new apartment. When she arrived, she found the apartment had been broken into and that two large rugs, several sheets and pillow cases had been stolen.

**Someone You Should Meet ...**



(photo by James Parker)

**Name:** Deborah L. Armstrong  
**Job Title:** Staff associate  
**Hometown:** Asheville  
**Describe Yourself in one word:** "Versatile"  
**Hobbies:** Swimming, playing piano and sewing  
**Favorite Book:** "Lady Sings The Blues"  
**Favorite Movie:** "Gone With The Wind"  
**Person admires most:** My mother, Elaine P. Armstrong, my law professor Thomas M. Ringer  
**Career Goal:** "To be an outstanding and well-respected lawyer."

(If you are single, at least 18 years old, doing something positive in the community, employed and interested in appearing in this column, or if you know someone who meets these criteria, please send your name and daytime telephone number to: Someone You Should Meet, Winston-Salem Chronicle, P.O. Box 2151, Winston-Salem, N.C. 27102.)

**NEWS DIGEST**

National, state and local news briefs compiled by Greg Brown

**35 million affected by African famine**

GENEVA, Switzerland -- A United Nations report issued last week says more than 35 million people are desperately hungry in all parts of drought-ravaged Africa and that their situation "is the worst human disaster in the recent history of the continent."

Increasing appeals and promises of aid for Ethiopia were sounded last week, where six million persons face starvation, but the International Red Cross warned that "similar horror pictures are possible in other African countries."

Despite a massive relief effort by national governments and the international community, there is no end in sight for the silent suffering of what is undeniably the worst human disaster in the recent history of Africa, a report from the U.N. disaster relief coordinator said.

Twenty-seven African nations urgently need emergency food supplies, the report said, and more than 35 million persons desperately need aid in 18 of the worst-hit nations. At least 20 percent of those affected are under age 5, the report said.

The food shortages are most severe in East Africa, particularly Ethiopia and Somalia. Red Cross officials said much of the problem in Ethiopia stemmed from poor response to appeals for aid earlier this year. They said they have a distribution system set up and their basic need now are continuing pledges to keep food coming in throughout 1985.

U.N. officials said recent allocations of \$44 million in emergency food aid by the United States and 6,000 tons of food from Britain were not enough.

**'Health gap' separates blacks from whites**

WASHINGTON -- A significant "health gap" continues to exist between whites and blacks, despite the fact that Americans are generally healthier than they were 30 years, doctors and health activists said a recent two-day meeting of the Congressional Black Caucus Brain trust.

Highlighting the gap, medical authorities said a black baby is twice as likely as a white baby to die before its first birthday; the average life expectancy of a black person is 68 years, compared with 74 years for whites; black women are 2.5 times more likely to die from diabetes as white women; black men are seven times more likely to be murdered than white men and have a greater chance of dying from cancer and heart disease and that some therapies used to treat patients are less effective on blacks than whites.

Speakers at the meeting offered several explanations for the gap: Blacks are more likely to be poor, to have unhealthy diets and to work in undesirable conditions -- increasing their stress levels and limiting their access to health care.

Minorities are also more likely to live and work in places where they are exposed to carcinogens, such as lead from car pollution or peeling paint.

Stress, depression, anger and low self-esteem are particularly severe in areas where black unemployment rates are double those of whites, health authorities said. These factors often result in higher rates of smoking, alcoholism, drug abuse, child abuse and homicide, they said.

**Tenants won't be evicted from apartments**

A company managing the Goler Metropolitan Apartments has canceled eviction notices for 15 families after an attorney for the Legal Aid Society of Northwest North Carolina threatened to sue.

Last month, the Atlanta-based First Columbia Management Corp. told tenants that families with more than one child per bedroom would have to leave. The corporation said the policy was proposed to prevent overcrowding.

But legal aid attorneys told the company that unless the letters of eviction were rescinded, legal aid lawyers would file suit. A spokesman for the group said the tenants could not be evicted unless they had done something wrong.

A spokesman for the federal Department of Housing and Urban Development, which financed construction of the rent-subsidized apartment complex, said the corporation would have to prove in court that it made a reasonable judgment in limiting the number of children.

The director of the management company, however, said the meeting with the legal aid attorney "had absolutely no influence" on the decision to rescind the policy.

Some families reportedly are violating their leases by allowing people who aren't members of the immediate family to live with them. The tenants were given a deadline by which those persons must be reported to determine how much rent the federal government will pay.

**Military News**

**Starnes completes recruit training**

Navy Airman Recruit Eric Starnes, son of Anne Starnes of 631 Granville Drive, has completed recruit training at the Naval Recruit Training Center in Orlando, Fla.

During Starnes' eight-week training cycle, he studied general military subjects designed to prepare him for further academic and on-the-job training in one of the Navy's 85 basic fields.

Starnes' studies included seamanship, close order drill, naval history and first aid. Personnel who complete this course

of instruction are eligible for three hours of college credit in physical education and hygiene.

A 1980 graduate of R.J. Reynolds High School, he joined the Navy in June 1984.

Marine Pvt. William P. Tatum, son of William P. and Juanita B. Tatum of 2400 Hardwick Court, has completed recruit training at the Marine Corps Recruit Depot at Parris Island, S.C.

A 1981 graduate of Mount Airy Senior High, Mount Airy, he joined the Marine Corps in

May 1981.

Marine Pvt. Rodney J. Benfield, son of Mr. & Mrs. C.L. James of 808 Hastings Hill Road in Kernersville, has completed recruit training at the Marine Corps Recruit Depot at Parris Island, S.C.

A 1984 graduate of East Forsyth High School, he joined the Marine Corps in May 1984. His wife, Janice, is the daughter of Frank & Ruth Shelton of 112 Hedrick Drive in Kernersville.

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