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Lakeside wants a police presence

Largely Hispanic community says crime a big problem

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Garcia

Most days Dalia Garcia is relieved to see her truck still sitting outside the management office at Lakeside Apartments where she works as a translator. She has lived in Lakeside for the last seven years but she doesn't feel safe in her home or anytime she steps foot outside the office, which is shielded by a secure glass window.

"They kill each other. They do drugs. Children are abused. Women are abused," said Garcia, who is originally from Mexico City. "The most important thing is that the police need to be here patrolling once in a while."

Police cruise through the complex maybe once a week, according to Garcia, if they are not responding to a call. But more crime seems to occur at night and on the weekends, she said. Crime statistics from the Winston-Salem Police Department for Lakeside were requested by The Chronicle but were not received by press time.

Garcia has joined a growing group of Lakeside residents who are requesting a meeting with Police Chief Pat Norris and that the department set up a police substation in the com-

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Albert Cuthbertson spent time last week covering graffiti with fresh paint at the YWCA Empowering Family Center on Liberty Street. It is an activity that Cuthbertson is used to doing. The center's walls have been the target of graffiti artists several times now.

Icon Height makes appeal to young people

BY T. KEVIN WALKER
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Black mothers, fathers, grandmothers and grandfathers have left today's young people with a great inheritance, said Dr. Dorothy I. Height. Built with sit-ins, protest marches and boycotts, the inheritance is being spent each time young people get jobs, buy homes, enroll in college and cast ballots.

But Height - one of the few living civil rights giants - said that inheritance is in danger of being squandered because it is not being invested wisely.

"It is disheartening to real-

ize that too few are going through open doors and really know how they got open. Too many go through those doors and feel they have made it on their own," Height said. "The struggle is not over. They have a lot more to accomplish."

Height was at Winston-Salem State University on Monday to speak at a Women's History Month symposium. Height, who turned 92 yesterday, has been at the forefront of the fight for equal rights for blacks and women for more than 70 years. She is perhaps best known for her work as



Dr. Dorothy Height

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Parmon pushes DOT for answers

Blacks claim that racism is rampant

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RALEIGH - The Legislative Black Caucus of the N.C. General Assembly wants to get some answers about the working conditions for African-Americans at the Department of Transportation.



Parmon

The caucus met with black maintenance workers last week to get more facts about allegations of widespread racial harassment at the NCDOT.

Rep. Earline Parmon prompted the meeting after she attended a news conference by workers seeking to get the word out about the alleged racism.

"I had to take the information back to the caucus, Parmon said. "Someone had to do something about it."

Among the allegations by African-American workers is that a white DOT employee on Feb. 1 hung a hangman's noose in the Raleigh DOT's maintenance shop where seven African American men had also worked for years. The management and employees of the facility saw the hangman's noose prominently displayed for the full month of February, Black History Month.

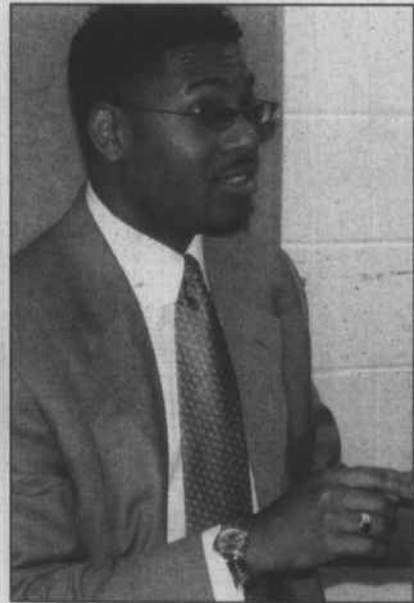
Recently Wake County District Attorney Colon Willoughby declined to file criminal

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Panel ponders state of black/Jewish relations



Rabbi Mark Strauss-Cohn



Rev. Lamont Johnson



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Rabbi Mark Strauss-Cohn has a picture from the 1960s in his office of Abraham Joshua Heschel - one of the 20th century's leading Jewish theologians - walking side by side with Martin Luther King Jr. and other African-Americans during a protest march in Selma, Ala. For Strauss-Cohn, rabbi at Temple Emanuel, the picture is a reminder that there was a time when Jews and blacks stood together for justice and against Jim Crow.

But after the victories of the Civil Rights Movement, Jews and blacks went their separate ways. Today, the relationship between the two groups fluctuates from being nonexistent to hostile.

Strauss-Cohn was among a panel that discussed the history of black/Jew relations last Thursday on the campus of Winston-Salem State University. The discussion was organized by WSSU political science professor Antonio Baxter, an African-American who two years ago converted to Judaism. "I'm right here in the middle," Baxter said of being both black and Jewish.

Strauss-Cohn said it was shared values that brought blacks and Jews together in the past. Both cultures, he said, have strong beliefs in faith, family and share a common respect for their elders. The viciousness of racism and anti-Semitism also brought the two groups together,

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