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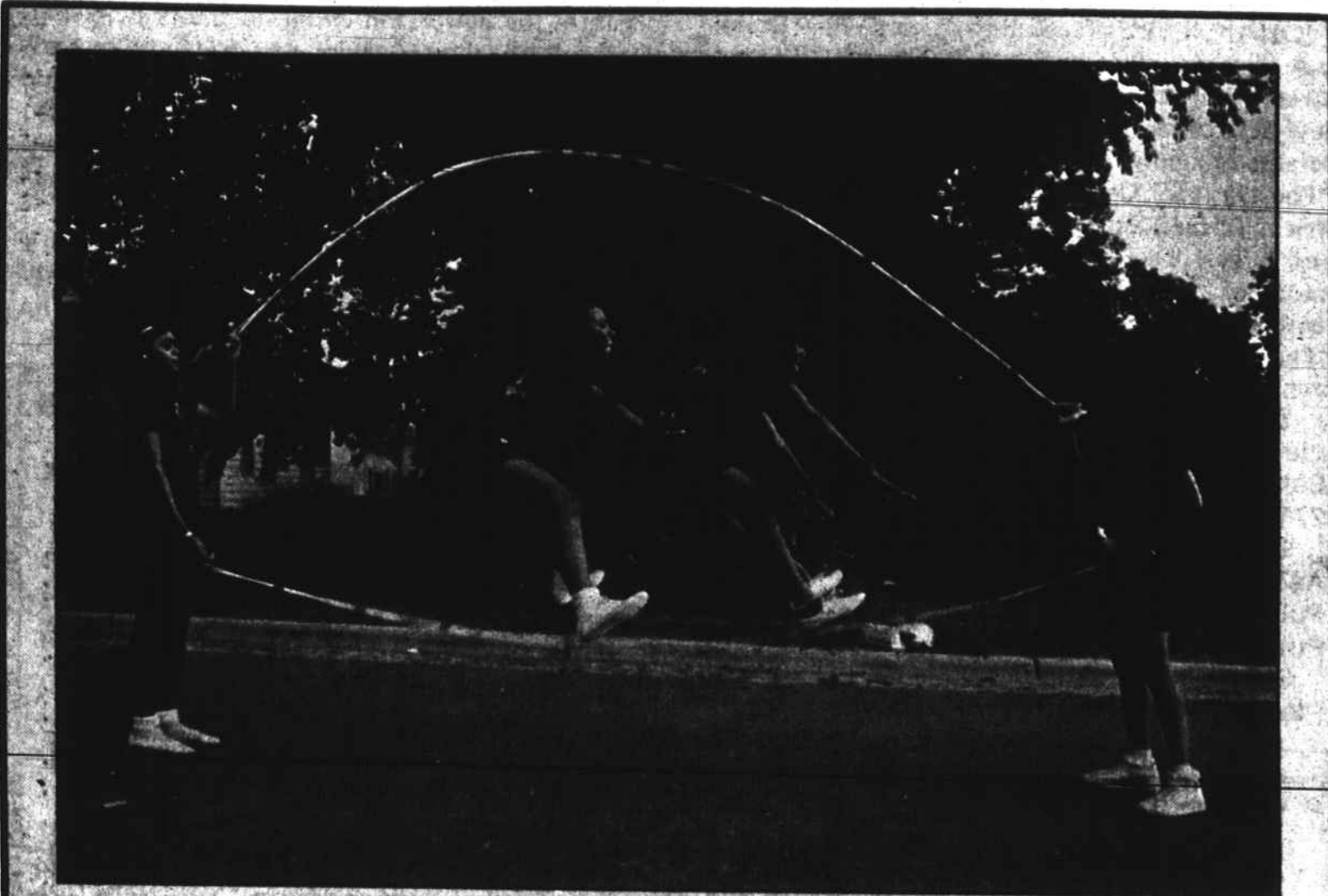
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## HOPPIN' TO IT



Members of the Fila Express from the Happy Hill Recreation Center were selected the best all-around double dutch team in Forsyth County. Teammates Monica Smith, Gwen Green, Kenya Gentry and Trenece Ingrahm will be among the teams representing the city at the championships in Washington (photo by James Parker).

## Few children missing in the city

By MARDELL GRIFFIN  
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While some cities may be experiencing an increasing number of missing children cases, a Winston-Salem Police Department spokesman said there was only one juvenile reported missing and still unaccounted for in

the city in the last three years.

The spokesman also said that no incidences of foul play were discovered in any missing children cases in that time period.

"We only have one - a white female," said Captain G.G. Cornatzer, the head of the detective division for the Police Department, commenting on the

number of unsolved child disappearances the department has on record.

And he "can't recall a one" that involved foul play in the three years since he joined the department.

The racial breakdown of all

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## Agency seeks male aides

By ROBIN BARKSDALE  
Chronicle Staff Writer

Forsyth Court Volunteers Inc. has started a campaign to recruit black male role models to help offer youth offenders an alternative to sentencing.

The agency, which serves youth between the ages of 10 and 16, has a shortage of male volunteers in general and is especially short on black male volunteers.

Volunteers in the program are assigned to work with youth who come through the court system and have been placed on probation by the courts of Forsyth County. Most volunteers work in the agency's one-on-one pro-

gram, which matches a young offender with a volunteer.

The purpose of the program is to help prevent further involvement with the courts. But coordinators of the local program say that although the number of male offenders is high, finding male volunteers to serve as matches is difficult.

"We just don't have as many volunteers as we'd like," said Julie Bremer, manager of volunteer programs. "We have 32 kids on probation who are in our files that we have no match for."

In the last year, there have been 475 children who have gone

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## COVER STORY

# Newell challenges city to curb loitering in area

By ROBIN BARKSDALE  
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EAST Ward Alderman Virginia K. Newell is mad about a condition in East Winston, and she wants the city to do something about it.

But the city's hands may be tied behind constitutional statutes.

Mrs. Newell is concerned about what she terms the "vagrancy" in the section of her ward at the corner of Jackson Avenue and 14th Street. She said she has received complaints from residents in the area that they are not able to park their cars or be comfortable in their homes because there is always a crowd of people that lingers on the corner throughout the day.

"I think it's vagrancy," she said. "I've asked the city attorney and he is checking with the Police Department to find out what kind of protection people have to keep people from hanging out, and lowering the value of the property in the area. If the policies are not on the books to protect people, then we need to institute policies."

But it may not be that easy.

Charles E. Brown Jr., the assistant city attorney, said the only ordinance currently on the city's books is one that prohibits "loitering about or trespassing" on school or academy premises and disturbing students.

City Attorney Ron Seeber was out of town and not available for comment.

In the early 1970s, the U.S. Supreme Court set the precedent of throwing out most vagrancy cases on the grounds that the statutes were unconstitutional. And the public nuisance consideration, Brown said, has generally applied to conditions on

property, not to people.

Claire McNaught, the Police Department attorney, said there is no law which specifically prohibits a group of people from gathering on a corner or "merely being a vagrant."

However, she said, there are laws which prohibit members of that group from impeding traffic, littering, being noisy, blocking the movement of other people or consuming alcohol or drugs on public property. She said there are between 80 and 85 statutes that refer to the conduct within a group.

*"We want that street (14th Street) to be like it used to be. ... We don't think anyone should be plagued with this."*

*-- Alderman Virginia K. Newell*

Ms. McNaught also said that the department has had "heavy police response in that area. The agency has responded there numerous times, and we have a heavy patrol allocation in that area."

Mrs. Newell, however, said she is not satisfied to idly wait for the city's help.

"We're not going to accept their (the city) saying they're not able to do anything and therefore not having anyone look into it," Mrs. Newell said. "I'm not going to accept that when the police tell us that."

She said she plans to take matters into her own hands and will personally go into the neighborhood with brooms and a clean-up crew to bring relief to the residents of that area.

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## Pressley joins Jordan's campaign

By CHERYL WILLIAMS  
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Winston-Salem native Carlton N. Pressley is making his presence known this summer on college campuses throughout North Carolina.

Pressley, a rising senior at Howard University, is spending the summer as a campaign researcher for Lt. Gov. Robert Jordan, a gubernatorial candidate.

Pressley, who started his job May 18, travels to college campuses to recruit black student support for Jordan.

He was recently in the Twin City to meet with Winston-Salem State University's student body president.

In an interview, Pressley, 21, said that he will not be working alone. The counties in the state will be divided among the cam-



Carlton Pressley

paid workers. So far, recruiting efforts on college campuses are going well, he said.

"We've rounded up 4,000 to 5,000 college students who are in support of Jordan's campaign," he said.

Besides visiting college campuses, Pressley, whose job is bas-

ed in Raleigh, will spend a lot of time in the state Senate.

"I listen to general legislation being passed," he said. "I report back who voted for what and try to get an idea of why they voted and what would be the outcome of voting for this particular bill. I basically serve as a watchful eye to see who's doing what."

It was while working another summer job last year that Pressley met Jordan and became interested in helping with his campaign.

"When I first met him, he announced that he was going to run for governor," he said. "I really liked his message. It was clear that he was interested in helping minorities any way he could."

Pressley said that he works under Wayne Lofton, who

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**QUOTABLE:** "Before blacks begin to applaud the exit of one Al Campanis, maybe we should take an in-depth look at a similar situation as it exists right in our own backyard." PAGE A5.

# N.C. welfare reform goals report focuses on state's children

By The Associated Press

GREENSBORO -- A recently released report on poverty in North Carolina recommends a series of reforms that its writers hope will encourage debate on welfare issues.

"We have seen what works and what doesn't, and we are ready to tell the people of North Carolina what we've learned," Sue Applewhite, president of the N.C. Association of County Directors of Social Services, said in the report. "We feel sure that a concerted effort by people in social services, working in concert with communities across the state, can turn the tide for poor families in North Carolina."

In a report called "A Blueprint for the Future: Poverty or Prosperity Among North Carolina's Families," the group called for more stringent child-support measures, including the mandatory determination of a child's paternity at birth.

The report, released Tuesday in Raleigh, also recommends a contract requiring a customized plan for each welfare recipient, a

higher minimum wage, private-sector help to reduce poverty and a simplified approach to welfare programs and payments.

"The hodgepodge of programs have developed a life of their own," said Joe Raymond, director of social services in Pamlico County. "Each has a manual 700 to 1,000 pages long. It's a true bureaucracy."

"We probably waste more money in administration than we lose in fraud from our clients," Raymond said.

To streamline the welfare process, the report recommends one payment to include all federal assistance, such as Aid to Families with Dependent Children, Low-Income Energy Assistance and food stamps.

Such a single payment would be possible with the establishment of a family living standard, a nationally set formula that would allow basic living costs to be determined for each state, the report says.

The report also calls on the state to implement a program of public assistance which blends work programs with adequate

benefit levels.

Such a program would ensure strong incentives to work, the report says. The program would have as its goals increasing client self-sufficiency, reducing the length of welfare dependency and improving social functioning.

The report also urges the adoption of a fair minimum wage. "The minimum wage should be established at a level adequate enough to provide the average-size family with children an income at the poverty level," the report says.

At the current \$3.35 an hour, that's not possible, Raymond said. The report calls for a variety of preventive and support services for families, including a concentration on teen pregnancy and parenting.

North Carolina should create a Center for State Action on Adolescent Pregnancy, the report says, although it did not spell out its responsibilities.

Some of the report's key recommendations involve the state's

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