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Stewardess Terry Parks points to graffiti sprayed by young vandals on a newly purchased home (photo by Mike Cunningham).

**COVER STORY**

## Young vandals deface stewardess' home

For the second time in two months, assailants vandalized the newly purchased home of a Piedmont flight attendant this time spray-painting racial slurs on her back door and window.

The victim's next door neighbor, however, told police he saw two young boys leaving the scene of the crime and thinks he can identify one of them.

Terry Parks, who lives on Marble Street in a racially-mixed Southeast Winston-Salem neighborhood, "caught the first flight back" from her tour of duty last week when relatives got word

to her, through her supervisor, that someone had spray-painted "nigger," "get out," "I owe you" and "go back home" across her back porch and basement doors and windows.

The vandals also set fire to the basement door, prompting neighbors to call the fire department, says Ms. Parks.

John Sapp, a 14-year-old Glenn High School sophomore who lives next door to Parks, says that on Wednesday evening, Aug. 5, he opened his back door, startling two kids, approximately 10-years-old, "who took off over (Parks') back

fence towards the school (Hill Middle School)." One had curly hair and the other had glasses, he told the Chronicle.

Sapp says he told both the police and arson investigators he thought he recognized one of the vandals. He gave the names of two boys who look alike "especially at night." The crime was committed at about 8:30 p.m., he said.

"The only thing I can tell you is that (the incident) is under investigation," said Ken West, a police investigator. When asked if he had any leads, West responded, "possibly."

Parks says West does not "seem very enthusiastic about this case." After Sapp gave him the names of two neighborhood boys, Parks says West told her "that he didn't have any leads." She did say, however, that police did follow up on one boy's whereabouts on the night in question. He was with his grandfather, she was told. The other suspect, Parks says, has been known to put graffiti on trees.

Even though the suspects are two children, Parks still fears for the safety of her property. Two months ago, someone broke the

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**Illiteracy strikes in county****19 percent can't read**

By CHERYL WILLIAMS  
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Adult illiteracy is a problem not only nationally but right here in Forsyth County.

Sarah Coleman, coordinator of the Adult Basic Education (ABE) program at Forsyth Technical College's West Campus, said that 19 percent of the people in the county cannot read.

The state figures are no better. The 1980 Census Bureau report shows that more than 1.5 million adults in North Carolina have not completed high school and that 835,620 of those lack basic reading and writing skills.

Programs like ABE, offered at Forsyth Tech, are a step in the right direction to fighting illiteracy. ABE classes are offered at Forsyth's West Campus.

"Theoretically, the ABE program is designed to help a person get a G.E.D. or high school diploma," Mrs. Coleman said.

"ABE improves adults' ability to speak, read and write the English language," she said. "Every individual, regardless of status, should have the opportunity to participate in continued education."

Ruby Hill, of 1739 Waughtown St., is one person that ABE is helping.

For Ms. Hill the ABE program means an open door to the future.

A Maryland native, she said she received a certificate from high school in Baltimore, not a high school diploma.

At the suggestion of a church member, Ms. Hill enrolled in the program in March to enhance her reading skills.

"I enrolled to better myself -- especially in reading," she said. "I feel if I was to apply for another job then I would probably need a diploma."

Ms. Hill, 37, said that she worked in food services in Baltimore before coming to Winston-Salem two years ago.

Her ultimate goal, she said, is to continue at Forsyth Tech until she earns her G.E.D.

The ABE program operates 34 classes throughout Forsyth and Stokes counties, Mrs. Coleman said. The classes are held in libraries, recreation centers, schools, senior citizens centers and churches. The classes are scheduled a variety of times to meet everyone's schedule.

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## Jackson to decide candidacy Labor Day

By The Associated Press

RALEIGH (AP) -- The executive director of the Rev. Jesse Jackson's National Rainbow Coalition said Friday that Jackson would decide publicly on or near Labor Day whether he would run for the U.S. presidency.

At a news conference announcing Jackson's appearance in Raleigh next week, Ronald Daniels said it was "not probable" Jackson would announce his candidacy then.

"Reverend Jackson is testing the waters," Daniels said. "He's receiving a very positive response across the country."

Jackson will attend a coalition board meeting in Raleigh and will officially announce that the group's biennial convention will be held in Raleigh Oct. 9-11.

Daniels said Jackson's high recognition across the country gave him the luxury of waiting longer than other candidates before entering the race.

Daniels said that Jackson was trying to drum up financial support for his candidacy.

"He does not want to be asked to run out onto the football field -- and he can run very well -- without a helmet and shoulder

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## Group headed by Lewis will be largest black-owned company

By The Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) -- TLC Group made its mark with a highly profitable buyout of McCall's Pattern Co. But the planned acquisition of Beatrice International Food Co. catapults TLC into the merger and acquisition big leagues -- and will make it the nation's biggest black-owned business.

BCI Holdings, the Chicago-based parent of Beatrice Companies, announced Monday that it would sell its international foods business in a \$985 million leveraged buyout led by TLC, a closely held investment firm.

A successful buyout of Beatrice International would make TLC the nation's biggest black-owned company in terms of annual revenue.

With Beatrice expecting \$2.5 billion in 1987 sales, TLC would jump past such well-known black-owned businesses as Johnson Publishing Co., publisher of Ebony and Jet magazines, and Motown Industries, the entertainment concern, according to rankings compiled by Black Enterprise magazine.

The acquisition also would continue TLC's rapid rise in the risky -- and often highly profitable field of leveraged buyouts. Such

acquisitions are financed heavily with debt that is repaid with the target company's cash flow or the sale of its assets.

TLC is run by Reginald E. Lewis, 44, who founded the investment firm after working as a corporate attorney at the New York law firm of Paul, Weiss, Rifkind, Wharton & Garrison and later at the firm he co-founded, Lewis & Clarkson.

The Beatrice deal is just the second major buyout undertaken by TLC, which is controlled by Lewis and his family. After its founding in 1983, TLC acquired

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