

CIAA Fever

WSSU Rams hope they are poised to hold CIAA title.

PAGE C1



Praising His name

C.M.E. church welcomes Dr. Lloyd Watkins as its new pastor.

PAGE C5

Winston-Salem Chronicle

75 cents

"The Twin City's Award-Winning Weekly"

VOL. XIX, No. 1

Lakeside woman beaten, terrorized, shot

▲ Suspect still at large, armed and dangerous

By TRAVIS MITCHELL
Chronicle Staff Writer

A female resident of Lakeside, earlier this week, gave graphic descriptions of accounts that have trapped her in a continuing horrific siege of terror, as the man who assaulted, threatened and shot her remains at large.

Alicia Harris, 21, told the *Chronicle* that her nightmare began the week of August 17 and continues today. She ended a stormy relationship with Christopher Antonio (Tony) Ross, 20, the father of her seven-week-old baby

because he was getting into trouble with police and had gun fights with neighborhood foes.

According to reports, Ross returned to Harris' apartment on Saturday, August 22 with a gun and began to beat her with a pistol as she bathed her baby and two-year-old son, Dante Lamonte Harris. Ross' mother, sisters and cousin then sprayed mace in Harris' eyes, while he held her uncle and roommate at gun point. Police officials confirmed that arrest warrants have been issued for Eleanor Ross, Renee Ross, Charlene Ross and Lisa Ross for the assault of Ms. Harris who was treated and released from Bowman Gray Hospital later

Family stalked by suspect, page A3

Saturday evening.

Ross returned the next day around 10:30 p.m. and shot through her house with a semi-automatic weapon.

"He shot about three or four times," she said, "and I fell to the floor with Dante, but couldn't get Jerome (baby) off of the bed."

According to police, a separate warrant has been issued on Ross for shooting in an occupied dwelling. "I just wanted him caught," she said. "I told them that the man was armed and dangerous and that I didn't want anything to happen to my children."

But this bizarre tale did not end there. Alicia returned to the Lakeside area on Monday, where she was shot in the face at 9:15 p.m. by either Ross or the man with him. She is not sure who shot her. "I was thinking that I was going to die and I wanted someone to take care of my children," she said.

Dr. Joseph L. Mikus said he inserted a metal plate in her jaw and that her face could begin to return to normal in about six weeks. Ross reportedly called family members yesterday and warned them that he would find Alicia.



Alicia and Dante Harris

Easy riders



After a long stressful day on their white collar jobs, Kathy Hearts and Hilbert Brown don black leather and gear up to take a cruise down the highway on their motorcycles.

Girl Scouts fire Double Dutch lady Mattie Peebles

By SHERIDAN HILL
Managing Editor

Hundreds of young girls in Forsyth County and their parents know Mattie Peebles as "the Double Dutch lady." She introduced them to competitive jump-roping, which has become well-known in the community. They know she brings them jump ropes, coaxes companies into sponsoring their out-of-town trips to compete nationally, and they share her passion for Double Dutch.

But many of them don't know that for the past eight and one-half years, her salaried job was as a Girl Scout field executive. August 7, Peebles was fired by Tarheel Triad Girl Scout Council Executive Director Patricia Brandon.

"I am saddened, because I loved what I was doing," said Peebles. She has filed a complaint with

the council regarding her termination.

Neither Brandon nor Peebles will state the reason for her termination.



nation, but a clue can be found in listening to Peebles compare the standard duties of a Girl Scout field executive to her work with Double Dutch.

Asked to describe the duties of

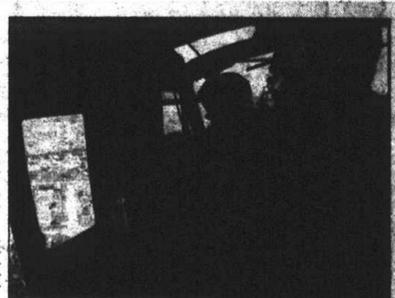
a field executive, without so much as a pause, Peebles recites: "to oversee volunteers, recruit, train, and ensure that quality Girl Scout program is given to the girls. One of our primary jobs is membership."

But Peebles says black girls don't flock to Girl Scouting in the same percentage as white girls. In 1983, when she was hired to develop Girl Scouting in East Winston, Kernersville, and Walkertown, she found it hard to sell the traditional Girl Scout program to inner city girls. She began using Double Dutch as a non-traditional way of reaching girls who wouldn't otherwise be in a troop.

"They may not know the Girl Scout Promise and the Girl Scout Law, but they are learning the same things in a different way - a way that's important to them."

Please see page A2

NEWS BRIEFS



Jackson tours hurricane area

FLORIDA CITY, Fla. — Rev. Jesse Jackson views the destruction caused by Hurricane Andrew from a U.S. Army helicopter last week over Florida City. Religious and political leaders were on hand in devastated communities in Florida hit by Andrew as they tried to rally spirits.

Blood donors needed

WINSTON-SALEM — With Labor Day blood shortfalls greater than anticipated, the American Red Cross is urging blood donors to give again to prevent a major shortage. Only July 31, 4,500 units of blood comprised the inventory for the region. Since then, supply has dwindled to about 2,225 units — a 50 percent decrease.

News Briefs
Compiled from staff and AP reports

✓ SPECIAL EDUCATION REPORT

Minority students disproportionately placed

▲ 46% of special ed students are black

By TRAVIS MITCHELL
Chronicle Staff Writer

[First in a series of reports]

Recently the state of North Carolina and the Winston-Salem school system have both been recipients of praise for the improvement in SAT scores, but these scores are not necessarily indicative of great strides forward for the African-American student. Figures from the Winston-Salem/Forsyth County School administration for the 1991-92 academic year reveal a more gloomy picture.

Excluding the Academically Gifted (AG) category in which white students encompass 90 percent of the total number of students enrolled, African-American students make up 46 percent of all students in special education.

According to school officials, students must go through an extensive review process before being placed in one of the special categories.

Special education categories include such areas as learning disabled (LD), behaviorally-emotionally handicapped

Please see page A3

Certified Headcount For Special Education

Category	Asian	Black	Hispanic	American Indian	White	Total
EH	—	110	—	—	61	171
EM	—	301	—	—	161	462
LD	—	416	5	5	940	1366
SI	8	513	4	—	709	1234
TOTAL	8	1340	9	5	1871	3233

PROGRAM DESCRIPTIONS
(EH) Behaviorally-Emotionally Handicapped — student has inability to: achieve adequate academic progress (not due to learning disability); inability to maintain satisfactory interpersonal and/or interpersonal relationships; inappropriate or immature types of behavior or feelings under normal conditions; a general mood of depression; and a tendency to develop physical symptoms associated with personal or school problems.
(EM) Mentally Handicapped — student exhibits significant subaverage general cognitive functioning and a reduced rate of learning. The condition exist in conjunction with other adaptive behavior deficits and affects students educational performance.
(LD) Specific Learning Disabled — a student who has difficulties in listening comprehension, oral expression, written expression, reading and/or mathematics.
(SI) Specific Learning Impaired — A pupil who has a speech-language impairment, a disorder in articulation, language, voice and/or fluency. Not to be confused with variation in dialect or regional, social or cultural/ethnic language.

SUMMARY: 91-92 Academic Year
41% of African-Americans and 57% of white Americans were enrolled in the above four special education categories.

There were 37,891 pupils (36% black and 62 percent white).

OTHER STATISTICS: (Racial Breakdown—Personnel in WS/FC Schools)

Personnel	White	Black
Elementary Teachers	776	271
Secondary Teachers	919	159
Guidance Counselors	69	34
Psychological Personnel	18	—

Source: WS/FC Schools' 1992 North Carolina Public Schools Statistical Profile



▲ Black educators sound off on stats

By TRAVIS MITCHELL
Chronicle Staff Writer

Geneva Brown (school board member-elect District 1) —

"The numbers don't surprise me, but what does surprise me is that no one in the system called for a review of the special education program. All of these kids come from the black community and something is wrong with that."

Walter Marshall (school board member-elect District 1) —

"Either we are going to have to take a stand for our children or we are going to have to write a whole generation off. My concern is programs, not schools. If our children are educated by white female teachers, then those teachers need to be sensitized to our children's needs."

Rev. Carlton Eversley (chairman/education committee, Citizens United for Justice) —

"Cultural insensitivity, institutional racism, individual and collective bias are

Please see page A3