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'This happens too often and we just decided to do something about it.'
 -- Mutter Evans

'Tina turmoil' precedes concert

By ROBIN ADAMS
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A group of black-oriented radio stations organized a boycott of Tina Turner songs last week to protest a decision by the show's promoters not to buy advertising time on black stations for Turner's Nov. 23 concert in Greensboro. Days later, the promoter changed his mind and bought time on the stations, but many of them consider it "a token gift."

"This was our way of calling attention to the fact," said Mutter Evans, owner and general manager of WAAA-AM in Winston-Salem and one of the organizers of the boycott. "Our objection was not with Tina Turner or Capitol Records, but with the promoters who refused to advertise with black radio stations."

"This was a serious disregard to black radio stations who played Tina Turner first on her return to the industry."

After finding out about the Nov. 23 concert, Evans said she contacted Southern Promotions, the concert's local promoter, to request advertising for WAAA. Evans said she was told that only Top 40 stations would be advertising the show. Evans said she then called other black stations in the area to see if they were included in the advertising package. Once she found out that most were excluded, Evans said, the stations decided to take action.

WAAA was joined by another Winston-Salem black-format station, WAIR, WEAL and
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Turner's promoter: He doesn't advertise on black stations because most of the singer's audiences have been white. Black radio stations: That's precisely why he should advertise in black media -- to attract black audiences.

Police department violated procedures in investigation

Study says police erred often in Sykes case

By ALLEN H. JOHNSON
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Local police repeatedly violated standard procedures during the Deborah Brotherton Sykes murder investigation, notes a report by the city manager's office reviewing police conduct in the case.

The report particularly cited police investigators for mishandling interrogations and line-ups and has instructed the department to implement a number of strategies to shore up its weaknesses.

City Manager Bill Stuart stressed in an interview Wednesday evening that the strategies are not recommendations.

"These are things that we are going to do," he said.

A copy of the study also has been forwarded to Police Chief Joseph E. Masten -- with the request that he in turn forward a copy to his department's Internal Affairs Division "for its appropriate action relating to the possibility of misconduct on the part of individual employees."

A copy has also been sent to the State Bureau of Investigation "for advice and recommendations," says its conclusion.

Sykes, 26, a copy editor for the now-defunct *Winston-Salem Sentinel*, was raped, sodomized and stabbed to death shortly before sunrise on a grass-covered hill behind the Crystal Towers elderly, high-rise complex downtown.

Hunt, a 20-year-old black man, was convicted of the crime by a jury of 11 whites and one black last summer and sentenced to life imprisonment amid protests in the black community that he was railroaded on flimsy evidence.

His supporters continue to raise money

on Hunt's behalf, however, to finance an appeal.

In addition, the report notes that an eyewitness has emphatically said that Hunt is not one of the men he saw near the scene of the Sykes murder.

Thomas Hooper, one of three eyewitnesses who said they saw the suspect at or around the scene of the crime, told a city official in a recent interview that Hunt was neither of the two individuals he saw



Darryl Hunt

Vivian Burke

near where Mrs. Sykes was murdered, the report says.

The report also includes among its findings that, despite testimony to the contrary by Detective J.I. Daulton, the chief investigator in the case, police did consider a man named Terry Thomas to be a suspect, and, "even after knowing that Thomas (who was in jail at the time of the murder) could not have committed the crime, continued to believe that he resembled the person who did."

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Mr. Pendleton: He's got it made

By L.A.A. WILLIAMS
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Clarence M. Pendleton Jr. says he's got it made.

As the \$300-a-day chairman of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, he's not doing too badly. But there's more.

He is president of his own consulting firm, Pendleton and Associates in San Diego, and chairman of the San Diego County Local Development Corporation. He also serves on the Board of Great American First Savings Bank.

"I'm a Ronald Reagan conservative Republican," Pendleton proudly proclaims, not to be mistaken for a black Republican because, as he explains, "I do not belong to the JV. I'm on the varsity. I want to be there when the deal is cut."

So when Pendleton walked out of last

Thursday's rather unkind press conference before his speech at the Wake Forest Law School, again insisting, "I've got it made," you may understand what he meant.

His critics say Pendleton has used his perch atop the Civil Rights Commission to take pot shots at black leaders and generally decry affirmative action as the root of all evil.

"Affirmative action" he said, "demeans progress."

Speaking on "The Colorblind Vision in Affirmative Action" as a guest of the conservative Federalist Society's Wake Law School branch, Pendleton said, "Affirmative action creates beneficiaries from non-victims. Blacks can no longer claim affirmative action as their own."

Pendleton said other people have used the work of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.
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Pendleton: The overwhelming black support for Walter Mondale was a "political Jonestown" (photo by Art Blue).

Women's dialogue is frank, revealing

By ROBIN BARKSDALE
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Twenty years ago they might have been standing on opposite sides of picket lines. But last Thursday night black and white women came together to discuss their similarities, their differences and how each affects their political concerns.

The Winston-Salem/Forsyth County YWCA was host to a "Dialogue -- Between Black and White Women," a series of statewide discussions. The series is a spinoff of a conference held at North Carolina Central University in 1983 to discuss "Common Differences between Black and White Women" and was sponsored by the Duke-UNC Women's Studies Research Center and the North Carolina Central University history department.
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AIDS disproportionately high among U.S. blacks

Special To The Chronicle

A disproportionate number of blacks have been stricken by AIDS, research reveals, and more than half of the nation's children with AIDS are black.

Citing recent data from the Centers for Disease Control, Dr. Wayne Greaves, chief of the division of infectious diseases at Howard University Hospital in Washington, notes that he has found "a lot more cases among blacks than we previously thought.

Nationally, blacks comprise 25

percent of all victims of Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome -- more than double the 12 percent black population in the nation. And some 56 percent of the nation's children hit by AIDS are black, Greaves said in a recent interview.

Since the AIDS virus was first reported in this country in 1981, more than 13,400 Americans have been afflicted by the disease, which destroys the body's immune system and is ultimately fatal. Blacks account for more than 3,300 of those vic-
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The city's new housing team: Housing/Neighborhood Development Director Monica Lett and Housing Services Director David Brooks map out community development plans (photo by James Parker).

New housing officials: Our door is wide open

By L.A.A. WILLIAMS
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The two new administrators in the city's reorganized Community Development Department say they will work as a team and be accessible to the community in addressing the city's housing needs.

Monica Lett, the new director of the city's housing and neighborhood development office, and David Brooks, the new housing services director, are charged with the planning and implementation of existing housing initiatives and development of new housing and services in their respective positions.

"We want the community to know they can call this office and have their concerns addressed," Ms. Lett said in an interview last Friday.

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