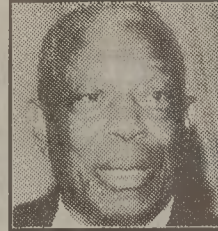


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## Despair Spawns Violent Behavior

This is the third in a series of articles on the criminal justice system and its relationship to African Americans.

By John Minter  
POST CORRESPONDENT

They are murderers. They are young. They are black. They are the tip of an iceberg of despair which freezes many of their age and race in a cold, lifeless world of survival, where proving one's manhood is a daily, almost hourly and surely dangerous

pursuit. A UNC Charlotte criminal justice student's case study of 29 young African Americans who killed other African Americans paints a gloomy picture of what will be the nation's future unless answers are found.

Nancy Thompson of Kings Mountain did the study over a two-year period and produced a document titled "An Early Winter." Its findings: America's institutionalized racism has pushed young and poor African Americans out of the mainstream - at school, where the underach-

ievers are often suspended and eventually pushed out, and the job market, where the uneducated and untrained are shut out.

You can't be a man without a job, the ability to take care of yourself and your family, according to conventional American ethic.

These youth, earlier and earlier it seems, become convinced they can never attain society's ideal of success in the business and corporate world. So they take to the streets, where money can be made by hustling and power can be found in a gun and a

willingness to use it.

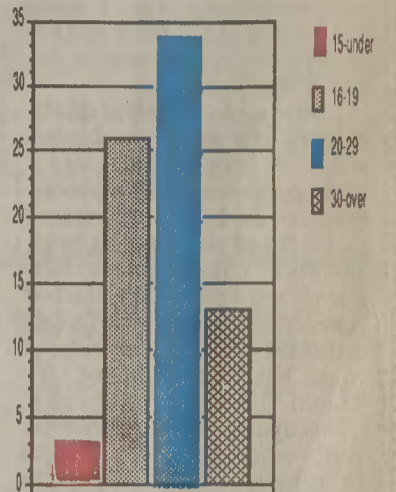
They and millions of others like them are terrorizing America, striking fear in the black communities in which they live and white communities from which springs the institutionalized racism which spawns them.

Isolated from their race and society in general, the displaced have developed a subculture of their own in which life is worthless and only the continual pursuit of manhood matters.

Thompson, a former Char-

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Age Of Murder Suspects In 1991



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News And Notes From Charlotte And The Rest Of The World.

### Central Alumni Gathering

The Charlotte chapter of the N.C. Central University Alumni Association will sponsor a gathering Sept. 25 immediately after the Queen City Classic football game between Central and Johnson C. Smith University.

Central alumni, supporters and friends are invited to attend the event at Renaissance Place, 631 N. Tryon St. Donations are \$5 and proceeds benefit the chapter's scholarship fund.

For more information, call 549-1531 after 7 p.m.

### Dialogue On Race Relations

Barber-Scotia College and the Concord-Cabarrus County Human Relations Committee will sponsor an "Open Dialogue On Race Relations" Sept. 21 at Concord Middle School. The program starts at 7 p.m.

The goal of the event is to promote understanding, respect and goodwill among all citizens. The event is free and open to the public. For more information, call Mary Blakeney, co-chair of the Human Relations Committee at (704) 782-7356 or Charlene Price-Paterson at Barber-Scotia at (704) 786-5171, extension 326.

### Farrakhan In Winston-Salem

Nation Of Islam Leader Louis Farrakhan will be in N.C. Saturday.

Farrakhan will speak at Lawrence Joel Coliseum in Winston-Salem at 7 p.m. Doors open at 5 p.m. Tickets are \$10 and available at all TicketMaster locations and the Clean N Fresh Power House on West Boulevard (377-6937).

### Black Political Caucus To Meet

The Charlotte Black Political Caucus will hold its monthly meeting Sunday at First Baptist Church-West, 180 Oaklawn Ave. The meeting starts at 7:30 p.m.

The agenda includes presentations by the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Board of Education, discussion on the November bond proposal and a report on Northwest Corridor improvements.

### Week Of Family Involvement

Families with children in Mecklenburg County's public schools have a chance to participate in school activities Oct. 3-9.

Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools and Charlotte-Mecklenburg PTA will sponsor Family Involvement Week Oct. 3-9. The festivities start with a parade and rally Oct. 2. The parade will start at First Ward School and end at Marshall Park. Cheerleaders, bands and food will be among the featured attractions. For more information, call 379-7275.

### Muggsy And Friends

Charlotte Hornets guard Muggsy Bogues autographs Candice Palmer's shirt last week during the Whiz Kids program uptown. Whiz Kids, sponsored by First Union, encourages students to strive for academic excellence.



PHOTO/JIM BLACK

Charlotte rolled out the red carpet Tuesday in pitching the city for the NAACP's 1996 national convention. Pictured left to right are Patty Richbourg, director of convention sales, Convention and Visitors Bureau; Melvin Tennant, CEO of the bureau; Ana Aponte, NAACP's director of Conference Department and Brian Monroe, sales manager of the new Convention Center.

By Sahm Venter  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

KING WILLIAM'S TOWN, South Africa - A year ago, Ntemboko Mafa marched for political freedom in the Ciskei black homeland and wound up gasping for breath with a bullet in his back.

Last week, Mafa, now confined to a wheelchair, laid a wreath at the site where Ciskeian troops killed 28 people and wounded scores in a shooting that drew worldwide condemnation and highlighted charges of political

repression in the homeland.

In a somber ceremony on a hot, dusty road, African National Congress officials and mourners said a prayer to honor victims of the massacre.

Police and homeland soldiers watched from nearby hills as about 150 people, including survivors of the shooting, held the brief memorial service. News reports said police detained one man and confiscated a hand grenade after searching a vehicle.

The 23-year-old Mafa, an

### Charlotte Making Its Best Moves To Win 1996 NAACP Convention

By Herbert L. White  
THE CHARLOTTE POST

Charlotte made its pitch to host the 1996 NAACP national convention Tuesday. And Ana Aponte was impressed.

Aponte, director of the civil rights organization's conference department, stopped short of saying Charlotte is a lock for '96, but said she's impressed with the city, which is competing with Detroit, Cleveland and Louisville, Ky.

"I think it has some very nice qualities," she said. "It has as good a chance as any of the other cities."

The '96 convention would be a major coup for the winning city. Not only would an estimated 15,000 people gather for a week's activity, but presidential candidates historically show up to campaign, bringing extra media attention.

"It would be a real plum for Charlotte," said Melvin Tennant, president and CEO of the Charlotte Convention & Visitors Bureau (CCVB).

This is Charlotte's first attempt to land the NAACP, said Alfred Alexander, president of the Charlotte-Mecklenburg

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## African National Congress Commemorates Massacre

must all contribute to the new South Africa."

Wreaths of yellow and white flowers, some decorated with ANC flags, were placed on the dirt road along the South African-Ciskei border where the shooting occurred.

Later, officials unveiled a marble tombstone wrapped in ANC colors of green, gold and black at the cemetery where 13 of the victims were buried.

Gqozo said his forces fired after being shot at from the crowd. Witnesses said hundreds of Ciskei troops

opened fire without cause or warning. Twenty eight protesters and one Ciskeian soldier died in the incident.

A judicial commission called the shooting "morally and legally indefensible" but also blamed march organizers for deviating from an approved route.

"One is filled with very sad memories of the actual slaughter that took place here," said ANC official Ronnie Kasrils, who was cited by the commission for leading marchers in a rush across

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