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## Officials investigate letter on KKK plot

By The Associated Press

WINSTON-SALEM -- Seven weeks after a letter supposedly detailing a Ku Klux Klan plot to topple black African governments was discovered, officials at the U.S. State Department and a North Carolina church drawn into the controversy are waiting for the mystery to be solved.

"We've not had any information get back to us in a while," said Bob Gribbin, a spokesman for the department. "We're in the dark right now."

The controversy started in November when President Daniel arap Moi of Kenya expelled 16 American missionaries after Kenyan newspapers published the letter.

The letter, written on what appeared to be stationery from the Foscoe Christian Church near Boone, outlined a plot to overthrow several African presidents. The plot was alleged to be financed by \$80 million and to be carried out by missionaries in Kenya as undercover operatives.

Officials with the State Department called the letter a hoax and have said they suspect the letter was written by David M.S. Kimweli, a Kenyan minister living in Carrollton, Ga., west of Atlanta. Kimweli operates a non-profit religious group and spoke at the church near Boone 11 months ago, the *Winston-Salem Journal* reported.

Kenneth Caswell, the preacher at Foscoe Christian Church, said earlier this week that the church received a Christmas card from Kimweli. Several members of the church also received copies of a newsletter from Kimweli, Caswell said.

"He was basically maintaining his innocence," Caswell said. "He said that he had nothing to do with writing that letter."

Caswell, who was described in the letter circulated in Kenya as the treasurer and director of covert operations for the KKK, said publicly from the controversy.

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## \$6,000 reward offered

Six thousand dollars in cash rewards is being offered for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the person or people who killed Winston-Salem resident, Lamatha Ann Myers. Myers was last seen alive on Aug. 8, 1986.

The North Carolina Governors Office is offering a \$5,000 reward and the Winston-Salem Forsyth County Crime Stoppers program will pay an anonymous cash reward of up to \$1,000.

Myers was last seen leaving the Bee Hive Restaurant on Greenway Avenue accompanied by a

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Lamatha A. Myers

## Black students targeted for teaching profession

BY JOHN FLESHER  
Associated Press Writer

RALEIGH -- More blacks are retiring from teaching than are entering the field, but officials hope to reverse that trend with a program that is designed to draw more talented black students into the profession.

So far, the program has helped double the number of black applicants for scholarships for prospective teachers, officials said Wednesday.

"I think it's going to have a tremendous effect," Rep. Dan Blue, D-Wake, said. "We are losing minorities in the teaching profession more rapidly than ... in any other profession."

Since Project Teach was started in July, 144 minority youngsters have applied for scholarships under the North Carolina Teaching Fellows Program, which provides

400 scholarships per year to students who agree to become teachers after college.

In the 1986-87 academic year, 69 blacks applied for the scholarships, which provide \$20,000 per student over four years.

Leaders of the Public School Forum of North Carolina, a non-profit group that promotes better public education, reported on Project Teach to an audience of legislators, members of the State Board of Education and educators.

Sen. Tony Rand, D-Cumberland, said teaching was more attractive to blacks and women when few other paths were open to them.

"With changes in society's views, they have more opportunities and ... they're going elsewhere where they can make more money," Rand said.

Project Teach was modeled after

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*"I am one of the body of the National Council of Negro Women and I don't think the other members think of me as being 'white'."*

-- Pat Stanley, 1st VP, NCNW

## NCNW boasts unique 1st VP

By ANGELA WRIGHT  
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On the surface there is nothing unusual about Pat Stanley. She was born and bred in Winston-Salem and lives in a comfortable home in Salem Woods. She boasts (as any proud mother would) about her beautiful daughter, the model, who lives in Tampa, Fla. She has two dogs -- a black toy poodle named "Precious" and a lame dog that her daughter rescued from imminent euthanasia while working for a veterinarian.

But a closer evaluation reveals that Stanley is indeed unique; she is a white woman in an Afro-American women's organization. She is the first vice president of the local section of the National Council of Negro Women (NCNW).

The NCNW was founded in 1935 by the legendary Mary McLeod Bethune, Afro-American educator and civil rights activist, as a forum to address the needs and concerns of Afro-American women and their families.

As first vice president, Stanley is responsible for identifying the issues on which the local organization will focus and for designing the programs to address those issues, according to Manderline Scales, state president for the NCNW. Scales noted that some of the local programs are mandated by the national office.



Pat Stanley

How does a white woman acquire such a tremendous responsibility for issues affecting Afro-American women? According to Scales, Stanley is a "special person who has worked diligently at the grass roots level."

"Others have as much or more know-how, but she is concerned and she gets things done," said Scales, who is also assistant vice chancellor for student affairs at Winston-Salem State University.

"I don't think of myself as a 'white woman,'" said Stanley. "I am one of the body of the National Council of Negro Women and I don't think the other members think of me as being 'white'."

Stanley, who has been an NCNW member for more than 10 years, said she has always had a profound interest in Afro-American history.

NCNW member Savannah Johnson was instrumental in getting Stanley to join the organization. Johnson said the NCNW has had white mem-

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## COVER STORY

## Parmon named campaign chair

By ANGELA WRIGHT  
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Southeast ward alderman Larry Womble has named Earline Parmon to chair the local Jesse Jackson presidential campaign and they have asked nationally-known author, poet and playwright Maya Angelou to serve as one of the co-chairs. Womble, who is district manager for the Jackson campaign, said Parmon will be responsible

for organizing campaign efforts in Winston-Salem and Forsyth County. Womble is responsible for organizing the counties within the 5th Congressional District.



Angelou

Parmon

"We plan to organize a grassroots campaign," said Womble. "We will build a coalition of various sectors of people across a broad spectrum."

He said the campaign would involve the elderly, youth and the handicapped. A site for the campaign headquarters has yet to be identified, but Womble said they were looking at potential sites downtown.

"We want the downtown area because of the access it provides for the handicapped and the elderly," said Womble. He also said that downtown was the best site because it is accessible to bus lines.

Womble recently led a signature drive to guarantee Jackson's placement on the state ballot for the

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## MLK funds to go to UNCF

By ANGIE MARTIN  
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The Commemoration Committee for the Birthday of Martin Luther King Jr. announced yesterday that funds raised during the memorial services here Monday will be donated to the United Negro College Fund and to the East Winston Community Development Corporation.

Dr. Serenus Churn, head of the committee and pastor of Mount Zion Baptist Church said that \$12,000 will be earmarked to assist North Carolina institutions supported by UNCF. Churn was speaking on behalf of the Minister's Conference of the Winston-Salem Area at a press conference yesterday. The Minister's Conference is sponsoring the King Day activities.

Churn said last year the Conference raised more than \$10,000 to benefit the UNCF.

"Those monies in excess of that will be used to help underwrite funding for the East Winston Community Development Corporation," Churn said.

The East Winston Community Development Corporation is still in its infancy stages but plans to address economic restoration in the East Winston area.

"We're very excited about this program and we feel that it is going to be a milestone of community cooperation and development," Churn said.

A series of activities are being planned for King Day by the committee for Monday,

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## Tony Brown helps local woman convicted of larceny

By ROBIN BARKSDALE  
Chronicle Staff Writer

The plight of a Winston-Salem woman has caught the attention of syndicated national columnist Tony Brown and prompted him to pay her attorney's fees and court costs.

Brown addressed his weekly column to circumstances surrounding Veronica Bitting, a former employee of a local Thalheimer's department store who in December was charged with embezzlement. Bitting, who subsequently had the charges against her reduced to larceny, wrote a letter to Brown volunteering her services to help promote his anti-drug movie, "The White Girl." In the letter, Bitting described her own situation and expressed her concern that many young Afro-Americans facing conflict turn to drugs. Fortunately, Bitting said, she was lucky.

"I have encountered a lot but God kept me away from drugs and I was real down," said Bitting, a 26-year-old unemployed

mother of two young children. "I wrote him (Brown) a letter responding to his column on 'The White Girl' and I was telling him that I would do whatever I could to help him promote the movie and to help him sell tickets or whatever was needed. Drugs are a big problem. I told him that I had been down real low but that drugs never even entered my mind. I told him how sad it was that people resorted to drugs."

Bitting said she was "devastated" by the whole experience of being charged with embezzlement and the publicity that

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## THE NATION'S NEWS

Compiled From AP Wire

### Super Tuesday will be good for Jackson

Super Tuesday once was viewed as a way for the South to restore a down-home conservative look to the Democratic Party, and possibly send a Sam Nunn or Chuck Robb to the White House. Instead the March 8 primaries and caucuses are emerging as a Jesse Jackson showcase across Dixie, the kind of day many black voters never dreamed about in 1965 when marchers battled for the basic right to vote.

### Report: School bosses an 'old boys' club'

WASHINGTON -- The people who run public schools are disproportionately white, male and older than their counterparts in other occupations, according to a survey released today.

"The phrase 'old boys' club' has true meaning when it comes to school administrations."

### Last guests move out of Lorraine Motel

The last guests and the longtime owner of the Lorraine Motel, where the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. was assassinated in April 1968, have moved out. They packed their belongings Sunday, setting in motion the process of turning a dilapidated, \$18-per-night motel into an \$8.8 million civil rights museum and educational center.

### M.L.K. Jr.: Anti-Contras?

Martin Luther King Jr. would have opposed aid to the Contras in Nicaragua, just as he opposed the Vietnam War, says Rep. John Conyers Jr., D-Mich.

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