

in effort to measure nation's racial pulse

BY T. KEVIN WALKER THE CHRONICLE

GREENSBORO - Forty years ago, President Lyndon appointed the Johnson Advisory National Commission on Civil Disorder to probe the cause of rebellions that erupted in inner-city communities throughout the nation in the late 1960s. Chaired by former Illinois governor Otto Kerner Jr., the 11-member panel is better known as the Kerner Commission.

In a nutshell, the commission concluded that the United States was becoming two societies - one white, one black, separate and unequal.

This week, N.C. A&T State University's Institute for Advanced Journalisme Studies and the University of Pennsylvania's Center for Africana Studies and its School of Communications released a 101-page report, "Kerner Plus 40," that takes a modern-day look at the circumstances and issues raised by the Kerner Commission.

Tukufu Zuberi, the director the University of of Pennsylvania's Center for Africana Studies, said the timing of the Kerner Commission was historically ironic, released a few months before Dr Martin Luther King's





Sprinkle-Hamlin, Hunt earn top Chronicle honors

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More than a dozen local residents will be honored next month for their phenomenal contributions to the community.

March 8 will mark the 25th consecutive year that

The Chronicle has placed the spotlight on the city's best and brightest. Top honors this year will go to Darryl Hunt and Sprinkle-Sylvia Hamlin.

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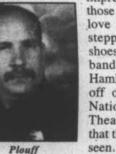
oned for nearly two les for a commit, Hunt has not wasted time being bitter or angry since his release. Instead, he is on a mission, trying to prevent others from suffering the same fate. He has become one of the nation's most recognizable advocates for reform in the legal justice system. He speaks about this calling at events around the nation. And through his nonprofit agency, The Darryl Hunt Project for Freedom and Justice, Hunt has become an ally to many, who like him, got injustice instead

of justice.

Sprinkle-Hamlin is every woman. By day, she heads the county's burgeoning public library systems. After work, she wears too many hats to name. She is not unfamiliar with challenges, but Sprinkle-Hamlin

impressed even those who know and love her when she stepped into the shoes of her late husband, Larry Leon Hamlin, and pulled off one of the best National Black Theatre Festivals that this city has ever

"The caliber of



assassination on April 4, 1968.

"(The Kerner Commission) took place right before the storm that rocked the United States," said Zuberi, who served as the editor of the Kerner Plus 40 Report, along with DeWayne Wickham, the director of A&T's Institute for Advanced Journalism Studies and a popular USA Today . columnist.

As part of its assessment of the nation's progress - or lack thereof - since Kerner, the uni-

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Dr. Cornel West speaks to a packed house in Harrison Auditorium on Sunday.

NCSA student still basking in **Grammy** glory BY TODD LUCK THE CHRONICLE

The list of performers at the recent Grammy Awards is long and illustrious.

It includes names like Alicia Keys, Kanye West, Amy Winehouse, Beyonce and Kendall Ramseur.

Kendall Ramseur?

NCSA Pho

The name of the N.C. School of Arts student may not be a household name yet, but just wait.

Ramseur, a cellist, performed at the 50th Annual Grammy Awards Feb. 10 in Los Angeles. NCSA Chancellor John Mauceri, an acclaimed Grammy-winning conductor, invited Ramseur and another NSA student, violinist Angela Michelle "Shelly" Story, to be among the musicians he conducted for a performance of "Rhapsody in Blue." The performance featured a solo by Herbie Hancock, who later took home the Album of Year Grammy.

Ramseur, a junior who transferred from

the nonorees this year is superior," said T. Kevin Walker, The Chronicle's managing editor. "I think Mr. Hunt and Mrs. Sprinkle-Hamlin are perfect examples of the kind of resilience this city personifies."

In all, more than a dozen awards will be handed out at the awards ceremony, which will be held at the Embassy Suites downtown.

The Human Relations Award, designed to honor individuals or groups that bring people of various backgrounds

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Postmaster David Barcio with Million Mile Club members Stanley Tedder, Jimmy Harrison, Bruce Browning, Chester Clark and Carry Trahan.

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BY LAYLA FARMER THE CHRONICLE

Becoming a member of the National Safety Council's Million Mile Club is no small feat. In fact, the NSC has likened the probability of traveling one million miles as a letter carrier - which takes about 30 years - without a preventable motor vehicle acciLocal letter carriers

in their careers and were honored in a special ceremony at the Manor Station Post Office on Healy Dr. Tuesday morning

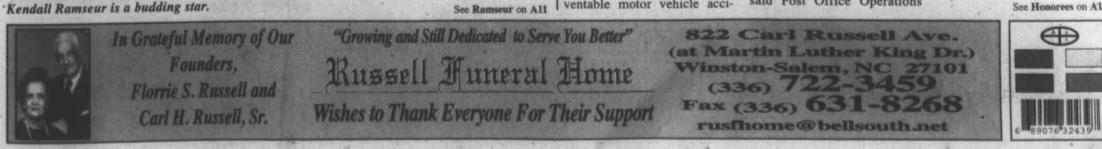
Manager Ronny White.

"Obviously, they're professionals and they take their jobs

Five Winston-Salem mail

carriers reached that pinnacle

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honored for longevity

dent, to that of reaching the summit of Mt. Everest. "We have over 400,000

employees nationwide and there's very few people that achieve this level of success," said Post Office Operations