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## Local ministers threatened over political endorsements

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A group that includes a number of African American elected officials and prominent leaders has hired a lawyer to send a cease and desist letter to a group of black pastors who earlier this year decided to endorse a number of local candidates.

Twelve pastors – including well known community activists Rev. Dr. Carlton Eversley and Rev. Dr. John Mendez – put out a flier endorsing a list of political candidates prior to the Primary races last spring, under the heading, "Concerned Black Pastors Support the Following Candidates."

The letter from Attorney Leslie Frye was sent Oct. 1, a little more than a month before the General Election. The pastors view the letter as a way to silence them from making similar endorsements for the General Election.

"...By using your names as



Dr. John Mendez



Victor Johnson

'Concerned Black Pastors,' your name is so clearly affiliated with the church (of) which you are pastor that the implication to the voter is that this represents such 'action' by the church," the letter reads in part. "If you prepare

and distribute a proposed ballot choice which purports to be 'Concerned Black Pastors' or lend your name for others to represent you or your church

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Tonja Cates of the Triad Health Project speaks.

## The Birds, the Bees and More

Parents urged to broach subject of sex with teens

BY LAYLA FARMER  
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When it comes to talking to teenagers about issues like sex and drugs, parental silence is anything but golden, public health educators say.

Despite many parents' feelings to the contrary, studies have shown that teens value their parents' opinions, and that the influence of their parents is often the biggest factor in the decisions they make about sex. But many parents remain uncomfortable talking to their children about the most pervasive issues that affect their generation.

Each year during October, which is nationally recognized as "Let's Talk Month," public health educators from the Forsyth County Department of Public Health encourage parents and youth to open the lines of communication and begin frank and open discussions about sex with a Let's Talk forum at the Central Library.

"Let's Talk Month is a national campaign that promotes parents as their child's primary health educator," explained the Health Department's Rolanda Coleman. "It is an opportunity to spread awareness that youth definitely want to learn about sex and other issues from their parents."



Rolanda Coleman

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Photos by Kevin Walker

Geno Segers speaks to members of the Top Teens of America on Sunday.

## Athlete-turned-actor wants to be a positive influence

BY T. KEVIN WALKER  
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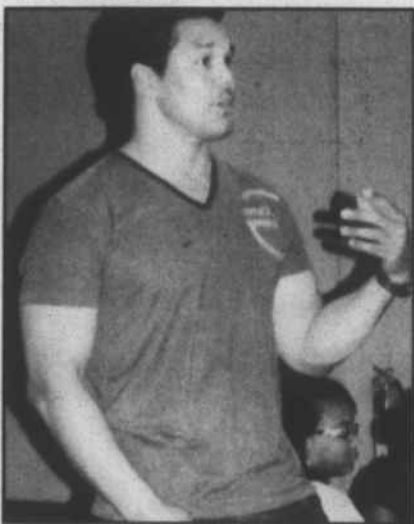
Geno Segers has never had a problem drawing attention to himself.

A triple threat in high school (as a wrestler, football player and track star), Segers had eyes glued to him at every match, game and meet. At nearly 6'4 and a solid 260 pounds, the Winston-Salem native easily stood out as a mem-

ber of the Richmond Rovers, a New Zealand rugby team. Now, as one of the stars of a popular kids' television show, Segers is being watched by viewers across the globe.

Instead of building his own ego, Segers – who also possesses a booming bass voice and the kind of racially-ambiguous good looks that have made The Rock and Vin Diesel box office gold

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## SISTERS IN THE CAUSE



Photo by Layla Farmer

Wake Forest University Deltas (from left) J'Taime Lyons, Mary Ykattah and Carmen Green were among those involved in a breast cancer awareness program last week. Read more on page A3.

## Early voting sites to expand on Monday

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Locals began casting their ballots last Thursday at the Forsyth County Government Center. Next week, a number of early voting sites will open throughout the county. Those who are not currently registered to vote, can register and vote on the same day at one of the satellite early voting sites or at the Forsyth County Government Center.

According to the Forsyth County Board of Elections, a North Carolina resident who has lived at his or her current address for at least 30 days is eligible to register and vote at an early voting site (but NOT on Election Day on Nov. 2) by filling out a voter registration form and "providing appropriate identification" that contains the voter's current name and address. Things like a North Carolina driver's license.



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Hundreds wait to cast their votes early for the historic 2008 General Election.

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