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## Black Students Threatened In Letter To Dr. Wentz; Hate Crimes Rampant

Black students in Wake County public schools have become the latest target of white racist hate groups who threaten retaliation because, they say, white students are being harassed by blacks.

Harold Covington, publications director for the Ku Klux Klan newsletter, said in a letter to Raleigh School Superintendent Robert E. Wentz that white students are calling the Klan telephone message complaining about violence directed at them by black students. Covington

threatened action if Wentz did not take steps to protect white children. The letter is dated Feb. 8.

"Above all, we are going to rip aside the curtain of silence with which you have attempted to smother all dissent and all complaint in this business," the letter said. "You may choose to ignore this letter if you wish, possibly under some delusion that this issue will simply 'go away.' In this you will be mistaken. You may

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## Triangle Women Question "Shortage" Of Black Men

BY W. MASON, JR.  
Staff Writer

The reports are on the 6 o'clock news, morning radio talk shows, afternoon television talk shows, weekend television analysis programs and the front page of almost every newspaper in the country.

Black men. If they're not on drugs, gay, unemployed or committing crimes, they're rotting in the nation's prisons.

The images and the national attention toward and about black men

have caused women in the Triangle and across the country to question the availability of black men. The options for black women, according to media analysts, is to marry white men, foster relationships with married men, or remain single.

Beneath the surface, however, many black women are confused about what to believe, and despite the negative news reports, some black women are holding on.

"I don't know if there is a shortage of men," said Deborah Moore, a

manager at General Store No. 1 on Rock Quarry Road.

"Black people are so quick to believe anything they hear. They're hearing that all black men are in prison. We need to read and stop believing everything we hear in the street."

The reason for the perceived shortage of black men is simple, she said.

"Black women are so busy moving ahead on their own and forgetting

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MS. DORIS SITVA

## Mandela Embraces Comrades

"Comrades and fellow South Africans, I greet you all in the name of peace, democracy and freedom for all."

So began Nelson Mandela's first public utterance in more than a quarter of a century Sunday, to tens of thousands of cheering supporters who thronged outside City Hall at twilight in Cape Town, South Africa. It was the first look at him for many.

When Mandela walked through the gates of Victor Vester Prison with his wife, Winnie, it set off a joyous celebration as blacks nationwide welcomed their leader back from 27 years in jail.

"I stand here before you not as a prophet, but as a humble servant of you the people," he told the throngs—and the world—after a motorcade to City Hall.

In his suit and tie, Mandela looked much more like a politician than a guerrilla leader. His elderly appearance probably shocked most South Africans, the majority of whom were born after Mandela was last seen publicly in 1964.

Mandela has lost weight since the 1960s; both his face and body are leaner than when he was a sturdily built boxer decades ago. At 71, his face is creased with two thick lines that frame a strong, confident smile.

He speaks in a strong voice and emphatically reaffirms his commitment to the African National Congress' guerrilla campaign and calls for increased pressure to end white-minority domination—the same cause that resulted in a life sentence on charges of plotting against the government.

In his speech, Mandela called South African President F.W. de Klerk "a man of integrity" who has gone farther than any previous National Party leader in accommodating black political aspirations.

But he said further steps—including the lifting of the

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## No More Room Infant Denied Attention Dies

### Hospital Could Not Admit Her

CHICAGO (AP) - The leader of Operation Push on Saturday called for an investigation into the death of a month-old baby who was turned away from a hospital that had a full pediatric intensive care unit.

"Another life has been lost needlessly," said Rev. Tyrone Crider, national executive director of the civil rights organization, in calling for the city's Health Department and the Cook County state's attorney's office to investigate the death of Lenise Nelson. "Another family (has been) victimized by the dysfunction of the health care delivery system of this city."

The infant died Feb. 3, nine hours after her parents called paramedics because she had stopped breathing.

"I don't want this to happen to any other parent," said the mother, Denise Johnson, 23. "If my baby had gotten to a pediatric intensive care unit immediately, she might have survived."

Paramedics first planned on taking the girl to the University of Chicago Hospital, three blocks from her home, but learned its pediatric intensive care unit was full.

"We have 11 beds in our pediatric intensive care unit and that night we had 13 patients - all of them on ventilators," said hospital spokesman John Easton. "So we were filled, and beyond, and none of them could be transferred to another room because they were on ventilators."

Lenise was taken, instead, to St. Bernard's Hospital, where she was revived and stabilized. However, St. Bernard's did not have the facilities to continue treating her.

Officials at St. Bernard's called

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AGAINST APARTHEID—North Carolinians Against Apartheid issued a statement in Raleigh Monday halting the release of Nelson Mandela and calling for an end once and for all to the dreaded apartheid system. (Photo by Tath Sabir-Calloway)

## Families Cited For Distinguished Services By Family Life Council

An area individual, business and community organization were presented Distinguished Service Awards by the North Carolina Family Life Council during a program focusing on families in North Carolina.

Isabelle Buckley of Raleigh, SAS Institute, Inc., and Strengthening the Black Family, Inc., are recipients of the prestigious awards presented at the Family Life Council's annual banquet at Mission Valley Inn. DSAs are presented in recognition of outstanding contributions to families in North Carolina.

Dr. Hal Wallach, chair, public policy committee, National Council of Family Relations, delivered the opening address Feb. 15.

Ms. Buckley was honored for a lifetime of contributions to quality of life for families, especially older individuals. SAS was chosen in recognition of its employee-oriented atmosphere which encourages productivity and creativity. Strengthening the Black Family was singled out for praise for nine years of successful conferences aimed at improving the quality of life for black families.

Ms. Buckley retired from the

Agricultural Extension Service in 1983 after working as a county agent and then as a specialist on aging at North Carolina State University. Before joining extension, she taught home economics in high schools and adult education to mill workers.

At retirement, Ms. Buckley transferred her professional skills into the volunteer arena. She has served on the executive board of the Council on Aging of Wake County for six years, on the Adult Day Care Committee, as a patient's advocate on the Wake County Nursing Home Advisory Committee, and helped organize neighbors to form the Stafford Avenue Neighbors. She is a volunteer with the North Carolina Senior Health Insurance Information Program and a member of the Older Women's League, the League of Women Voters and the Coalition on

## New Sex Clinic Opens For Men, Provides Forum

BY W. MASON, JR.  
Staff Writer

Planned Parenthood of Greater Raleigh says it's time men had a greater understanding of their sexuality and their role in sexual relationships.

The agency held a press conference this week to announce Feb. 12-16 as National Condom Week. Condoms, they say, could prevent about 5,000 abortions in the Triangle, prevent the transmission of AIDS and prevent diseases that wreck relationships.

It also announced the opening of the Male Clinic, a new center where men can go to ask questions about male sexuality and get medical attention for sexual problems such as disease.

The center, located at the Bryan Building, Suite 233 at Cameron Village, will provide a setting where men can be tested for testicular cancer, get premarital exams and get

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## Banquet To Honor Unsung Raleigh Heroes

BY ROSA GILL  
Special To The CAROLINIAN

The annual African-American History Banquet will be held Saturday, Feb. 17, at the Biltmore Hills Park-Center from 4-6 p.m. The banquet is designed to celebrate many "unsung heroes and heroines" of Raleigh. These honorees are elderly African-American citizens who have served their communities well or have owned businesses located in the African-American communities prior to integration and which are still surviving today.

Youth of the community will take part in the "Passing the Torch" ceremonies. They will be taking a light from the low-burning flame of the torch of the elderly African-Americans and receiving the challenge to continue the struggle to improve the lives and conditions of African-American people in the next decades.

Many sectors of the Raleigh African-American community will be involved in this affair. The special guests are elderly African-American residents of Winters Haven, Summer

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## NEWS BRIEFS

**BUSINESS SUMMIT**

The N.C. Association of Minority Businesses will host its Mid-Year Summit on Feb. 22-23 at the Sheraton Imperial Hotel in Research Triangle Park. The purpose of the summit is to share and receive information about the minority business development initiatives in North Carolina.

**CHILD SAFETY**

Gov. James G. Martin has proclaimed the week through Saturday as North Carolina Child Passenger Safety Awareness Week. The theme of the week's observance is "Buckle Up for Love."

**THANKS TO TEACHERS**

Residents of central and eastern North Carolina are being asked to nominate excellent teachers in their communities as part of a national "Thanks to Teachers" campaign announced this week by WRAL-TV 5, Apple Computer, Inc., the Raleigh Chamber of Commerce and Diet Pepsi.

**YOUTH LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY**

High school students will have a chance to speak out about issues

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## Joblessness Among Black Females Most Severe In U.S. Labor Force

Despite a slight decrease in their unemployment rate, the size of the African-American unemployed population was little changed between the second and third quarters of 1989, according to the National Urban League Research Department's Quarterly Economic Report on the

African-American Worker.

The official number of jobless African-Americans continued to hover around 1.5 million out of a total of 6.5 million unemployed persons during the third quarter of 1989.

While African-Americans comprised 11.3 percent of the U.S. civilian

population and 11.0 percent of the civilian labor force, they were 23.9 percent of the unemployed. During the third quarter of 1989, African-Americans continued to be greatly overrepresented among all jobless workers. African-Americans were unemployed at 2.6 times the rate of whites (4.4 percent). The racial gap in unemployment has widened since last year this time when the ratio was 2.5 to one.

A standard feature of the report, the National Urban League's Hidden Unemployment Index, continued to disclose a much higher level of unemployment than the official DOL estimates indicate. This measure of unemployment, which includes segments of workers that the official estimates exclude (i.e., discouraged and involuntary part-time workers), estimated 10.8 percent of the civilian labor force unemployed, a rate 2.1 times that reported by the Department of Labor (5.2 percent). By race, the HUI estimates that African-Americans and whites experienced unemployment rates of 22.4 and 9.2 percent, respectively. These rates, too, were substantially higher than the corresponding DOL estimates of 11.3 and 4.4 percent.

This third-quarter report found the highest rate of unemployment among African-American females. According to the HUI, more than one-quarter of all African-American females in the labor force were unable to find work during the third quarter of 1989 (25.5 percent).

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DRAMATIC ENCOUNTER - Eddie Lawrence, left, playing the part of Dr. Martin Luther King and Tom Conway, portraying Malcolm X give a dramatic dialogue of the encounter these two figures of black history had during the civil rights movement. (Photo by Tath Sabir-Calloway)

## Ceremonies Salute Ms. Turner As N.C. Mother Of The Year

From CAROLINIAN Staff Reports

Ms. Augusta B. Turner of Raleigh, a mother of five, has been named North Carolina Mother of the Year, an award given by American Mothers, Inc., of North Carolina.

Ms. Turner is a native of Cove City, and has been married to her high school sweetheart for 50 years. They have five children and four grandchildren. Active in Wilson Temple United Methodist Church, she has served as an officer in United Methodist Women, on both the local and conference levels as well as participating in Women's Aglow Fellowship. Her education began with a degree from Shaw University in Raleigh and included the NCCU Law School in Durham. She was also a member of the Women's Army Corps.

Ms. Turner's working life has been centered around helping people, as a vocational rehabilita-

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MS. AUGUSTA B. TURNER