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## "Killer" Drug African-American

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In the drug culture, when a dealer was trying to peddle a drug he thought was better than normal or provided a better high than usual, he would call it a killer drug.

"Hey man, I got this killer weed," he would say while letting his buyer take a hit of the stuff.

That phrase, "Killer Drug", became a catch word on the street, a sign that this was no ordinary high and that any money spent would be well worth it.

That same phrase, "Killer Drug," can also be used to usher in a new level in the drug culture, a new era that will leave some drug addicts very happy but most of them dead, if the drug is uncut or laced.

Three people died last week in what city officials are calling the worst string of drug overdoses in the city's

history.

Three men were found dead in two of the city's public housing projects, the victims of drug overdoses involving pure heroin.

Officials said the men thought they had bought cocaine. Two men were found in the Chavis Heights public housing complex, one with a hypodermic needle still stuck in his arm. Michael Dolby, 38 and Ernest Little, 39, apparently had been dead at least 24 hours before police found them, officials said.

The third man, James Curtis Burnett, 27, was found dead early Thursday in the Walnut Terrace public housing complex.

The three men, as well as four others who were rushed to Wake Medical Center early Thursday, apparently purchased the drug from the

same dealer Wednesday night and shortly after that began injecting the drug, police said.

As a result of the overdoses, the community was in shock, and many African-Americans channeled the anger from the drug overdoses into a rally to commemorate the birthday of civil and human rights leader Malcolm X.

City leaders at different agencies expressed concern that African-Americans, because they are prone to dealers from outside of the community, would be victimized by any influx of drugs coming into the community and that many more would die.

Drug addicts always look for catch words like "Uncut or pure," which signifies that the drug is worth the money and can provide a better high than normal.

And in the drug world, most addicts seek that kind of drug, since drug addiction will most likely level off unless the addicts take the addiction to a new height.

Officials said they knew the strange drug was circulating in the area but said they made no special effort to warn the public about the drugs because the media was unable to put the word out about the uncut heroin on the street and that even if they had, the warnings would likely have been ignored.

Both incidences, the overdoses and the resulting media outcry, have left African-Americans wondering what to do to stop the drug from coming into the community and from stopping the youth from seeking the drug in the first place.

## Moving Into City; cans First To Fall

## NAACP Depends Upon The Community For Help In Its Struggle For Freedom

BY REV. H.B. PICKETT  
President, Raleigh-Apex Branch, NAACP

We don't have the luxury of tearing down something and then rebuilding it! For the past five months, the Raleigh-Apex Branch, NAACP, has been criticized for not participating in the boycott of Crabtree Valley Mall and for having the audacity to investigate the concerns made by African-American teenagers.

The NAACP does not go blindly into a coalition; therefore, an investigation had to be carried out before any steps could be taken by the Raleigh-Apex Branch. After completing our investigation, we did not deem it necessary to join in the boycott so we submitted an open letter to John Grimaldi, executive vice president, Plaza Associates, requesting that several options be pursued in order to resolve the negative perceptions in the African-American community. Most of the options were accepted by the owners and management of the Crabtree Valley Mall through a letter to the community on Dec. 26, 1989.

Now that avenues for improvement at the Crabtree Valley mall are open, it is very important that those persons that have been silent

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## Burger King Restaurant

# POLICE SEEK ROBBERY SUSPECT

## Trade Show Focuses On Minorities Planning Early Career Choices

The Piedmont Minority Supplier Development Council hosts Trade Fair 1990 at Durham's Omni Hotel and Convention Center May 24 beginning at 9 a.m. The theme for Trade Show 1990 is "Partnership for Action." This year the council forms a special partnership with Durham City Schools as 20 students participate in the annual Trade Show activities.

More than 350 individuals representing industry, utilities, government, academia and public agencies join with small-business owners in this annual event. The mission of the Piedmont Minority Supplier Development Council is to strengthen relationships between small-business owners and major corporations located in the Research Triangle Park, Wake, Durham, Granville, Cumberland, Pitt, Nash, Person and Edgecombe counties.

Trade Show 1990 chairman Mike Worsham, MWBE director for Carolina Power and Light Co., says, "The entrepreneurial seed (See MINORITY, P. 2)

## Armed Man Fires Shot In Ceiling

A man robbed the Burger King Restaurant in Cameron Village Shopping Center on Friday night and escaped with an undisclosed amount of money.

An armed man entered the restaurant at about 9:45 p.m. and told the person at the counter to turn over all the money from the employees, Raleigh police said. After a confrontation, the man fired one shot into the ceiling, but no one was injured, police said.

No customers were in the store at the time of the robbery. The man, after getting some money, then fled on foot. He was described as a black male, 5-foot-3 to 5-foot-4 and wearing blue jeans, a denim jacket and a blue pullover shirt and a cap.

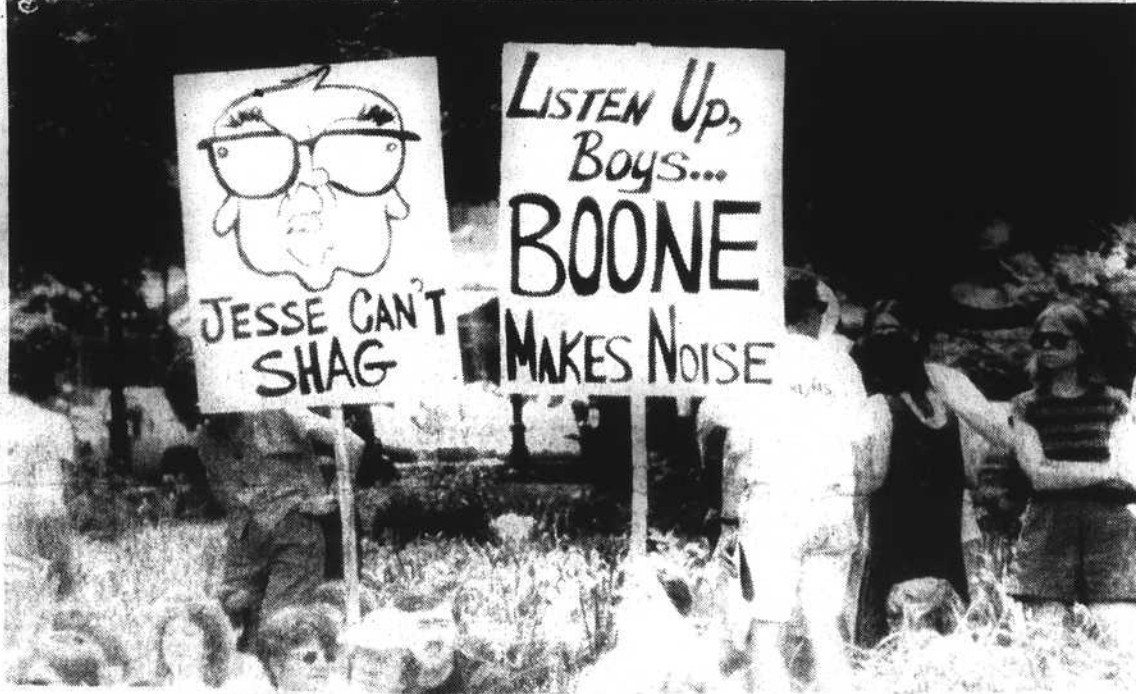
In other news, Police were searching for the person who fatally shot another man Friday night.

A Raleigh man was fatally shot late Friday night and police would not release the man's name and said they were still trying to piece together details of the incident.

The shooting occurred about 11:15 on Glascock Street in front of the Raleigh North Apartments.

Witnesses said a group of young people had been standing on the sidewalk in front of the apartment buildings when several shots were fired. Authorities had not determined

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HELMS OPPOSITION STEAMROLLING—Harvey Gant's candidacy gained momentum as he picked up an endorsement from former opponent John Ingram in his runoff election with Mike Easley. Gant, like many other North Carolinians hopes to unseat Republican incumbent Jesse Helms. (Photo by Talib Sabir-Calloway)

## Soul To Soul Relationships Seen As Benefit For Black Businesses

BY WILLIAM REED  
NCPA News Service

WASHINGTON, D.C.—If African-Americans have so much impact on blacks around the world, why don't we see more results on the bottom-line of black life and living? If it is a case of politics or discrimination in

Africa, South America or the Caribbean where blacks are in the majority, African-Americans and their leadership will raise their voices in a clamor to be heard around the world. But when it comes to solutions to blacks' economic situations around the world, African-Americans con-

tinue to have more conversation and will than wallet.

Recently, President George Bush met here with Jamaican Prime Minister Michael Manley to discuss Third World debt and bilateral relations. Beyond the White House, and its economic discussions, Manley met with black American reporters, organizational leaders and socialites, but this group spent more of Prime Minister Manley's time discussing politics, drug distribution and why blacks here and there have been victims for so long since the days of slavery in America and the Caribbean than how to produce capital in this country or there.

Jamaica is one of the most stable democracies in the underdeveloped world, so it doesn't need black Americans to march for its political equality. What Manley and his visiting entourage were seeking from the world's wealthiest black com-

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## AIDS In Prison Threatening To Swamp System

After six months of AIDS testing among new inmates, officials with the North Carolina Department of Correction have concluded that the disease is threatening to overwhelm the state's prison health care system.

In a pair of reports being mailed to state legislators, the Health Services Section of the Division of Prisons is also recommending that the General Assembly appropriate substantial funds for treatment services and facilities or be faced with even steeper costs down the road.

AIDS is an affliction in which a virus attacks the body's immune system, leaving victims susceptible to a wide variety of infections and cancers. A positive test result means

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tha a person has been exposed to the AIDS virus, but does not mean that the person has AIDS.

All convicted offenders entering the state prison system between Nov. 13, 1989 and April 30 of this year were tested for the presence of an HIV infection as part of routine physical examinations. Of the 8,726 persons tested during this period, 274, or 3.1 percent, tested HIV-positive.

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Although it is difficult to make com-

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## Inside Africa

# De Klerk Blocks Demo Society

BY DANIEL MAROLEN  
President F.W. de Klerk is the hurdle that retards progress to the black-white negotiations in South Africa. He is an Afrikaner of the mold, not dif-

ferent, and not a reformer. He is jingoistic, racist and deceptive.

De Klerk's release of Nelson Mandela and other minor concessions weren't a humanistic gesture, but

were prompted by the desire to wriggle South Africa out of the grind of global economic sanctions. Who doesn't know that? But only British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher

has succumbed to that de Klerk deceptive trick. President Bush was saved by intense American media and activist pressure from following suit.

During the euphoria of Nelson Mandela's release everything looked rosy for a peaceful transition from apartheid to democracy. And freed Mandela attacked moribund apartheid hammer and tongs, to smithereens. And the world was agog and encouraged by his pyrrhic fight against apartheid. "Apartheid... is an evil that must die," Mandela cried again and again.

But de Klerk, who released Mandela expressly to help launch a new South Africa, dragged his feet and did nothing to help Mandela to give apartheid its well-deserved death blow. He simply dilly-dallied, until the oppressed and chafing black millions became impatient and restless. Still, de Klerk didn't budge. But Mandela continued to level heavy blows at the scourge of apartheid, and fought relentlessly... In Cape Town, Durban, Johannesburg, Soweto, Port Elizabeth, Lusaka, Harare, Dar-es-Salaam, Addis Ababa, Stockholm, and even at London's Wembley Stadium on Margaret Thatcher's historic "Isle of Kings," Mandela made oratorical history. He became the world's champion gladiator par excellence against the demon of apartheid.

Still de Klerk wouldn't budge. But

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BACKSTAGE—Showing just a little of the stress and preparation needed for a beauty pageant, participants and advisors of the Miss Black North Carolina Teenage Pageant gather for last minute sprucing up. (Photo by Talib Sabir-Calloway)



CHIEF ANC REPRESENTATIVE—Lindwe Mabuzo, right, chief U.S. representative to the African National Congress met with the president of Duke University's Black Student Union during a recent visit to discuss cultural ties and awareness between Africans and African-Americans. (Photo by Talib Sabir-Calloway)