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## An Open Letter To The City's African-American

BY SOLOANA INGRAM

This article is written to the citizens of Raleigh, especially all the many wonderful friends and also my family that have been so supportive through the loss of my son. I would like to thank each and every person for the many expressions of concern shown me.

My son, Ivan Lorenzo Ingram, was shot and killed on Nov. 8, 1991 by Mr. Vincent Kerr, a Raleigh policeman. I hope you are reading this, Mr. Kerr, because when you took my only child's life, you destroyed me. I have not really been living a normal life and I don't think I ever will again. I am barely existing through these troubled times. If it had not been for God and my family, I don't know what I would have done as my life has been devastated with the loss of my son. My life is so miserable that I found myself thinking of ending mine. My child and I were very close friends as he was the most important person in my life. He was first my son, then my best friend, my joy, my sunshine—he was my life. When he was happy, I was happy—when he was sad, so was I. When he was in pain I felt it too. These feelings are felt by many parents. I do not feel my situation is any different except for the fact that my son was killed in such a tragic, useless manner.



MS. SOLOANA INGRAM

I loved my son so very much and he was taken away from me by a policeman whose salary we help pay. I thought police were paid to protect citizens, not gun us down. Losing a loved one, especially a child, is terrible but losing a child in this manner, the way I lost mine, can never be understood by others until it happens to them. My prayer is that it never happens to any of you out there. But hey, that is what I am trying to tell everyone. We must come together and do something about this.

I know we have a lot of good policemen. I never said we didn't, but we must do something about the ones that do these tragic things. People will not continue allowing relatives and loved ones being punished and killed by our police force. City Hall, take a good look. Be more concerned about the caliber of persons being hired to "protect" the citizens of our city.

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## Campaign '92

# Clinton's Bid For President Seen As Moderate Conservative

BY RON DANIELS

An Analysis

Though the insurgent candidacy of former Gov. Jerry Brown continues to be a thorny nuisance for Arkansas Gov. Bill Clinton, the Democratic nomination for president now seems well within his reach. Clinton's steady and well-orchestrated march to the nomination marks a triumph for the Democratic Leadership Conference which

has been urging the Democratic Party to become less liberal as a means of retaking the White House.

Frustrated by Walter Mondale's humiliating defeat at the hands of Ronald Reagan in 1984, the DLC embarked on a course calculated to produce a moderate-conservative son of the South as the Democratic nominee for president by 1988. The DLC concluded that the Democratic

Party had to shift to the right on issues such as defense, crime, affirmative action and civil rights and fiscal policy. In other words, the Democratic Party would have to sound more "Reaganesque" in order to recapture those Democrats who had defected from the party to support Ronald Reagan.

An integral component of the DLC's strategy was to create a ve-

hicle for a moderate-conservative to come out of the South with a full head of steam as a means of eclipsing any liberal candidate that might do well in the early primaries in Iowa and New Hampshire. Super Tuesday, holding most of the Southern primaries on one day in early

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## Police Chief Blast Report By Relations Group Here

A report which detailed the allegedly strained relations between the Raleigh Police Department and the African-American community was severely criticized by Police Chief Frederick K. Heineman as "clearly in error" and "based on incomplete information." Chief Heineman also called some of the actions of the Raleigh Human Resources/Human Relations Advisory Commission, the body that issued the report, "a mystery."

Heineman's tough words were presented at the Raleigh Police Affairs Committee meeting Monday. They were in response to a study requested by the City Council of the HRHRAC in the aftermath of the Tony Farrell shooting last January. The report, which focused on how police policies, procedures and training impact community relations, recommended that human

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## CRIME BEAT

## Teen Appeals Court Decision In BB Gun Case

BY CASH MICHAELS

Staff Writer

Editor's Note: This column, a fixture of The CAROLINIAN in years past, has returned to our pages in hopes of deterring crime in our community. The information contained herein is taken from public arrest records and does not necessarily mean those mentioned are guilty of crimes.

### CHARGED WITH HAVING STOLEN PROPERTY

Twenty-three-year-old William Bryan Polite, 7508 Ray Road, has been arrested and charged with possession of stolen property, and possession of a firearm by a convicted felon. One .380 automatic handgun valued at \$250 was reportedly recovered from Polite in a parking lot at 581 E. Lenoir St. Friday at 1:30 a.m.

### 300 ZX STOLEN

A 16-year-old residing at 2826 Laodicea Drive has been arrested and charged with felony larceny. The juvenile allegedly took a red 1987 Nissan 300 ZX valued at \$5,500 from a non-residence at 910 Capital Blvd. Thursday between 10:30 and 10:36 a.m.

### DUO NABBED FOR LARCENY

Marita Shorice Collier, Lathan Hall; and Charles Donnell Barnes, 3015-F, Wakefield Apartments, have been arrested and charged with larceny. The duo allegedly took goods valued at \$798 from a residence at 3297-B Calumet Drive Thursday around 9 p.m.

### ASSAULT WITH KNIFE

Arlene Denise Marrant, 204 Allison Drive, Knightdale, has been arrested and charged with assault with a deadly weapon/disorderly conduct. Ms. Marrant allegedly assaulted Lemetric Herring at a business located at 2624 Westinghouse Blvd. Saturday at 3:40 a.m. No injuries were reported.

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A 16-year-old African-American youth, given what some have called an excessive sentence in District Court in a scuffle with school officials after bringing a broken BB gun to school, will now have to stand trial in Wake Superior Court on April 27 in order to appeal his case.

The youth, Willie Barnes, will have to go through the court system again in order to clear his name, and his mother and stepfather, Mattie Barnes and Jim Scales, were upset.

"I don't understand why we have to go through this again. Why do they want my son to go to prison?" asked Ms. Barnes.

The case began last Nov. 15 when her son took a borrowed, broken BB gun to Enloe High School. Although no one at the school ever saw the BB gun, when Willie was called out of class and taken to an office to see three assistant principals, he knew he was in trouble.

It was after the administrators refused to call his mother or the police as he requested after demanding to search him that Willie says he became scared and tried to run out of the office as they were leaving. When they tried to grab him, Willie struggled free and left the school. He was stopped by the police and searched. The broken BB gun was not found, but upon being taken back to the school, Willie discovered that he was now suspended for the year, and would be arrested for three charges of assault, and two charges of verbal threats, all emanating from when he was grabbed while leaving.

After a school hearing that upheld the suspension, Wake Superintendent Dr. Robert Wentz reviewed Willie's case, reversed the ruling and transferred him to Mary E. Phillips School, where he has been doing very well ever since. But his problems weren't ending, they were just beginning.

Unknown to Willie or his parents,

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**HAPPY BIRTHDAY** — Mrs. Maggie Peebles, center, recently celebrated her 102nd birthday. "I am blessed. My daughter's, Mrs. Daisy P. Walker, left, love and patience mean so much and my neighbors and friends, especially my friend, Mrs. Sylvester White, Sr., right, brings the joy of Christ when she comes." Mrs. Peebles was born in Wake County. She attended Crosby Garfield

School and is a lifetime member of First Baptist Church. She was married by Rev. C. E. Askew and is a dedicated member of the Bible Class in his memory. With a big smile, Mrs. Peebles pointed to an appreciation certificate from the Askew Bible Class. It read: "I will never leave you nor forsake you." Heb. 13:5. She enjoys reading, talking and associating with young people. (Photo by James Giles)

## Ingram Family Says City's Sympathy "Too Little, Too Late" Proceed With Claim

BY CASH MICHAELS

Staff Writer

The family of Ivan Ingram, an unarmed African-American citizen shot to death by a Raleigh police officer last fall, says that despite the sympathies of Mayor Avery C. Upchurch and the city council now, it's all "too little, too late." That sentiment was expressed after Police Chief Frederick K. Heineman issued his administrative review of the shooting last Monday during the Police Affairs Committee meeting.

It was Nov. 8 of last year when officers of the Raleigh Police Department's Selective Enforcement Unit staged a raid outside 314 N. Carver St. after an undercover officer made a drug buy.

When the raid was over, 35-year-old Ivan Lorenzo Ingram lay on the ground, shot once in the chest by Officer Vincent Kerr. Police say Ingram had no drugs or weapons on his person, no drugs or alcohol in his system. Ingram's family contends that he was a bystander, but Kerr told investigators that Ingram failed to stop when ordered, and reached into his pocket while proceeding toward the officer. That, according to Kerr, is why he fired his 12-gauge shotgun.

A Wake grand jury in December found no evidence to indict Kerr for any criminal wrongdoing.

In his report, Chief Heineman said that his investigation corroborated Officer Kerr's account. He indicated that a doctor at Wake

Medical Center who attended to Ingram the night of the shooting "describes the trajectory of the pellets as entering the body at a downward angle from front to back as consistent with someone in a crouched position," thereby con-

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**THIGPEN SWORN IN** — Chapel Hill Mayor Ken Brown, left, administers the oath of office to Cressie H. Thigpen, Jr. of Raleigh at a March 27 meeting of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill's Board of Trustees. Thigpen was appointed to the UNC-CH board by the UNC system's Board of Governors to fill the unexpired term of Dr. William Darity. Darity resigned in December 1991 to accept a public health position abroad. (Photo by Will Owens)

## NEWS BRIEFS

### RPD ACCREDITED

After five years preparation and \$20,000, the Raleigh Police Department finally made the cut as one of less than 300 law enforcement agencies across the country that is accredited. The Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies, Inc. awarded the honor to the RPD last week at its conference in Tucson, Ariz. The Raleigh Police Department is now the 10th law enforcement agency in North Carolina to achieve accreditation.

### WAKE COMMISSION OKAYS BALL PARK

While the Wake Board of Commissioners voted to pay up to half, the Raleigh City Council is still scheduled to vote on purchasing a sports complex for the Durham Bulls to play. The Bulls were purchased by broadcast executive Jim Goodman last year, and he is waiting to move the team to Wake County as soon as a stadium is built. Durham leaders have promised not to let the team go without a fight, however. The Raleigh City Council will vote on April 7 on whether the construction of a Triangle Central Park in Wake should be paid for by \$11 million worth of certificates of participation, and while the majority of citizens at last Monday's public hearing cautioned against it, the council is expected to approve the funding plan.

### ST. AUG'S STUDENT CHARGED IN RAPE

A St. Augustine's College student has been charged with second-degree rape and

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