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If it's a mate you seek,
call Pat.

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The transit mall: Some are calling exit-ramp issue a 'smoke screen'

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Tenants in the Federal Building oppose a bus stop on their doorstep because of people, not traffic congestion, say some critics of the proposed transit mall's detractors.

A black lawyer recently said the judges and other Federal Building employees who oppose the mall

have decided to criticize the mall's exit ramp to hide their real reason for opposing it -- a dislike for the types of people who ride buses.

"This is just a back-door approach ...," said a black attorney who did not want to be identified.

The city plans to locate the \$3.6 million sheltered bus terminal at the corner of Third and Main streets in front of the Federal Building and across the street from the Wachovia Building. The heated terminal, which would accommodate 350 riders, will be placed on the upper level of what is now a small parking

deck. Buses will enter the terminal from Main Street and exit down a ramp to Church Street, which is 14 feet lower than Main.

The ramp would be placed about five feet from the entrance and exit of the Federal Building's underground parking garage.

Court officials, led by Clerk of District Court Joseph P. Creekmore, Chief Judge Hiram H. Ward, and judges Richard C. Erwin and Eugene A. Gordon, started a protest campaign last year when plans for the terminal were announced.

One of their major complaints then was that the terminal would attract "undesirables."

Alderman Virginia Newell lashed out at the Federal Building employees at a December Board of Aldermen meeting, saying their talk of "undesirables" put "a bad taste" in her mouth.

According to information from the Winston-Salem Transit Authority, almost 80 percent of the buses' 11,000 daily riders are black.

The Federal Building houses the offices for The Please see page A3

State's black businessmen meet in Raleigh

By DAVID R. RANKIN
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RALEIGH -- More than 300 representatives of minority-owned businesses in the state met last Thursday during the North Carolina Association of Minority Businesses' fourth annual conference. The business owners shared ideas and advice during the day-long meeting, whose theme was "Moving to Another Level: Mergers, Buyouts and Acquisitions."

The 1984-85 president of the NCAMB, Larry Shaw, said he hoped the information presented at this meeting would lift minority businesses in the state to a higher level.

The NCAMB sponsored the annual conference in conjunction with the Minority Business Development Agency, which is part of the state Department of Commerce. The conference was held at the Raleigh Inn, formerly the Royal Villa Convention Center.

The conference featured workshops on how to take advantage of corporate purchasing, mergers, acquisitions, buyouts, franchising, building positive business images and networking.

NCAMB members also got a rare chance to discuss business-related questions and concerns with Joshua I. Smith, chief executive officer of MAXIMA, a \$20 million minority-owned company. Smith served on the panel of the workshop on mergers, buyouts and acquisitions.

"Obvious benefits of minority businesses attending conferences like these are the exchange of ideas and the opportunity to share with other businessmen," Smith said. "If what I'm doing can be of an advantage to people, I want to tell them."

Gov. James G. Martin, who was scheduled to speak to the group during its opening session, could not make the conference. Please see page A13

No More Glass Houses?



Little and his wife Glenda spend time together two Christmases ago. Little says he definitely will go to Wake Forest's law school in the fall, but his political future remains unresolved (photo by James Parker).

Larry Little: Growing weary of public life

By ROBIN ADAMS
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From the outside, Larry Little's modest two-story home on Okalina Avenue is made of the same material as the others surrounding it. But once you step inside, there's no doubt that Little and his wife, Glenda, live in a glass house.

As alderman of the North Ward, and more importantly, as a spokesperson for black people, whatever Little does is open for all the world to see and comment on.

After almost 14 years of living in a bell jar, Little said he's ready to trade for something more private.

"All my life I've been a public figure," Little told the *Chronicle* recently. "At 19 I was into the Panther Party. Prior to that, I was a basketball star. After a period of time, you get tired of it. It no longer has an appeal to me."

"Every day I think more of my privacy."

But just as it seems that Little may be answering what has become known as the \$64,000 question, he puts on what he jokingly calls his skates and skates the issue.

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-- Alderman Larry Little

"To run for public office, one must have an ego," said Little. "There is a certain amount of prestige that comes with the position. After a couple of terms, you get it in your blood. You become accustomed to it. You feel you can do a decent, credible job."

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Tisdale's resignation is demanded

By ROBIN ADAMS
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Some of the faces have changed and the numbers have decreased, but the determination of Darryl Hunt's supporters remains the same.

Approximately 100 Hunt supporters sat through sweltering temperatures and the threat of an approaching thunderstorm in Lloyd Presbyterian Church last Thursday night as speaker after speaker updated the crowd on the activities of the Darryl Hunt Defense Committee.

"We ... demand that District Attorney Donald K. Tisdale resign immediately," said the Rev. John Mendez, chairman of the defense committee.

Mendez's call brought the house to its feet with chants of "Free Darryl Hunt." Mendez's demand was one of three recommendations in a petition being circulated by the committee.

The committee also is asking for a "complete investigation" of the handling of the case by the Winston-Salem Police Department and Tisdale by an independent body that includes residents of Winston-Salem, and the establishment of a civilian review committee to hear and resolve any future complaints alleging police misconduct.

Alderman Larry D. Little, the Rev. Carlton A.G. Eversley and S. Mark Rabil, one of Hunt's court-appointed attorneys, gave the group an update on attempts to free Hunt and on the attempts by Tisdale to have the defense committee account for all of the money it raised.

The case of *The State of North Carolina versus Larry Little* is scheduled to be heard in District Court on Friday, Aug. 2 at 2 p.m. Little has been requested to bring any records dealing with the amount of money raised, the amount spent and any amount that may be left. According to Please see page A7

Mitchell: The SBA will survive

By DAVID R. RANKIN
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RALEIGH --Despite the Reagan administration's efforts to dismantle the Small Business Administration, "that won't happen," said the chairman of the House of Representatives' Small Business Committee recently.

U.S. Rep. Parren J. Mitchell, D-Md., spoke last week at the North Carolina Association of Minority Businesses' fourth annual conference in Raleigh. He appeared at a fund-raiser for the Minority Business Enterprise Legal Defense and Education Fund (MBELDEF), which he founded.

Mitchell, who was elected Maryland's

first black congressman in 1974 and is known as friend of minority business, said the SBA will continue to help small and minority firms.

"We have already asked for special appropriations for the SBA in the House and the Senate," Mitchell said. "This has been passed."

Equal Opportunity Loans will still continue under the special appropriations, he said.

Mitchell said the mood in Washington concerning minority businesses is good and that funds and other resources are still available through the SBA. He said state Please see page A2



U.S. Rep. Parren J. Mitchell

State NAACP to honor Brown

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Clark S. Brown, a local funeral home owner and director, will be honored by the North Carolina State Conference of the NAACP at its annual Freedom Fund Dinner, Aug. 10, at 6 p.m. at the M.C. Benton Convention Center.

Brown will receive the Kelly M. Alexander Sr. Humanitarian Award during the dinner, whose featured speaker will be Georgia State Sen. Julian Bond.

Tickets are \$50 and can be purchased from NAACP offices throughout the state.

Brown was born in Roanoke, Va., and attended the public school system there. He

studied at the City College of New York and Renouard College of Embalming in New York City.

Brown is a licensed funeral director in three states and is the owner of Clark Brown and Sons Funeral Home at 727 Patterson Ave.

Brown, who has owned the funeral home since 1930, is also a licensed real estate broker.

He is involved in several local clubs and organizations. For 15 years, Brown was the Most Worshipful Grand Master of the Prince Hall Masons of N.C.

For 14 years, he was Grand Associate Please see page A7