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Judge refuses to drop case

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa (AP) — A judge refused defense pleas to dismiss kidnapping charges against Winnie Mandela, ruling prosecutors had presented enough evidence to go ahead with the trial.

Justice M.S. Stegmann adjourned the trial until Monday to let the state comply with his order to provide more information to Mrs. Mandela and her three co-defendants so they can prepare their defense.

(AP Laserphoto)

Periodic cease-fires urged

ATLANTA (AP) — Former Atlanta Mayor Andrew Young, who earlier talked of "kicking butts" in the Persian Gulf war, has called for periodic cease-fires so peace talks can begin.

Young, speaking to an audience of clergy and theology students Monday at the Interdenominational Theological Center, reiterated his support for the war. He called Iraqi President Saddam Hussein "a tinhorn dictator," but he said diplomats should work aggressively toward peace.

Suit changes Casino policy

ATLANTIC CITY, N.J. (AP) — A discrimination complaint filed against one casino led Trump Plaza Hotel and Casino to halt its policy of moving black and women dealers from the craps table of a high-roller, casino employees say.

"They felt as though the heat was going to come on them," said Carl Carpenter, a black male who is a former casino floor worker. "That was their way of cleaning up their act."

However, Trump Plaza attorney Brian Spector said the casino, like others in the city, merely wanted to be sensitive to its black employees.

Black Achievements recalled

NEW YORK (AP) — The achievements of black Americans were recalled Sunday at Harlem's Abyssinian Baptist Church and St. Patrick's Cathedral in sermons marking February as Black History month.

The Rev. Calvin O. Butts III, pastor of Abyssinian, told parishioners that the ingenuity of blacks has helped to save lives on the battlefield.

Butts told about 2,500 worshippers that the gas mask was invented by Garrett Morgan while a doctor, Charles Drew, developed plasma.

Move to merge M/WBE program shelved

By RUDY ANDERSON
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Al Beaty

A plan to reorganize the Minority/Women Business Enterprise program has apparently been put on hold leaving the future of that program, at least for the moment, in limbo.

The Chronicle learned earlier this week that Janet DeCreny, city economic

Plan is viewed with skepticism

By RUDY ANDERSON
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The planned move of the city manager's office to consolidate the city's Minority and Women Business Enterprise program into a newly created department is being viewed with skepticism by the chair of the M/WBE's Community Advisory Board.

"I see this as an attempt to do away with the M/WBE program," said Marie

Roseboro, committee chair. "Frankly, it makes me mad that no one on this board was notified of the actions Al Beaty (the assistant city manager), was about to take."

She said she was not familiar with the other components in the new Business Assistance office or how the concerns of the M/WBE would be addressed. She said under the circumstances she was not sure at this point

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development coordinator had been pegged to run the city's Minority/Women Business Enterprise program, in a newly consolidated office as director of the Business Assistance Program.

In the wake of Betty Hanes' resignation as M/WBE coordinator several weeks ago there had been some speculation by M/WBE participants about what the future of that office would be.

The M/WBE was to be one of three components in the program to include the small business loan program and the Winston East Economic Development strategy.

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Gray chosen to head delegation

By RUDY ANDERSON
Chronicle Managing Editor

The Forsyth County legislative delegation split its vote along party lines Monday, locking Representative Annie Brown Kennedy out of becoming chair of the delegation.

The five Republicans in the delegation all cast their votes for relative newcomer, Lyons Gray, who has been a member of the delegation since August 1989. He was appointed then to replace Ann Duncan who resigned to

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Lyons Gray (left) was selected over Annie Brown Kennedy (right) to head local delegation.



Operation PUSH broke, near death

By CLIFF EDWARDS
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CHICAGO (AP) — Operation PUSH championed civil rights for two decades, now it's out of money and active support has dwindled. Some blame its problems on the exit of co-founder, the Rev. Jesse Jackson, who moved on to pursue politics.

"Obviously, when you think of PUSH, you think of Jesse Jackson," said the Rev. Jesse Butler of United Life Church. "With him gone, what has PUSH been? Where will PUSH go?"

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Local credit unions join fight to stay independent

Congress to consider regulation bill

By RUDY ANDERSON
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Local credit unions in the eight county area of the fifth district have joined other credit unions across the country in a massive letter writing campaign to get congressional leaders to keep the federal government from making their institutions subject to the same regulations as banks.

There are 29 credit unions in the district, with assets totaling more than \$834 million, representing more than 190,000 people. A substantial percentage of the members are African-Americans.

There are approximately 1.2 million credit union members statewide, according to Jack Braswell, executive vice president

of Members Credit Union and one of the coordinators of the local campaign.

Credit union officials are opposed to changes in the way their institutions are regulated because they say the advantages for the average worker in belonging to credit unions would be lost.

"You've heard the story about having to prove to a bank that you didn't need a loan before you could get one," Braswell joked, "that was very nearly the case."

He explained that at the turn of the century on through the 1930s, the banking community for the most part snubbed the so-called average working man catering instead to big business interests for loan activity.

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Photo by L.B. Speas, Jr.

Thousands of African-Americans are credit union members in need of credit union services that can provide higher savings rates and lower interest rates.

Mayor says Womble should pin Stuart down for answers

By RUDY ANDERSON
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Alderman Larry Womble stepped up his call for an investigation into at least two city departments that he and Alderman Nelson Malloy have received numerous discrimination complaints about from current and former city employees.

Despite repeated attempts by Mayor Martha Wood, and other aldermen, for Womble to stop discussing personnel matters in public during the board's meeting Monday, Womble pressed ahead.

He said among other things that he

had been informed that officials in the recreation department have stolen property and used city equipment for non-city related work. Womble claims he has evidence to back up the allegations.

Womble said he became angry when he asked city manager Bill Stuart about the status of a report he asked him to compile months ago. The report was to focus on the hiring practices, promotions, terminations, low morale and job assignments in the recreation and parks and sanitation departments.

"Information I asked about months ago, and he tells me he hadn't even started," Womble grumbled. "Our employees say they are being mistreated



Alderman Larry Womble



Mayor Martha Wood

and we need to determine if what they are saying is true. I did what I felt I had to do to get this issue on the table."

Mayor Martha Wood, who repeatedly banged her gavel to restore order in the meeting, was harsh in her tone to

stop Womble's unrelenting tirade. The mayor said she was merely trying to ensure that the proper procedures were followed. "It's my job to conduct the

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