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Cross burners sentenced

CAMDEN, N.J. (AP) — Three people who admitted burning a cross on the lawn of a black woman who moved into a predominantly white section of the city have been sentenced to six months in jail.

The three — Lisa Pfetscher, 27, of Camden; Theresa Kling, 31, of Maple Shade; and Gary Ragan, 20, also of Maple Shade; pleaded guilty last week to a single count of conspiracy stemming from the Sept. 17 cross burning.

In exchange for the plea, prosecutors will dismiss charges of placing another in fear of bodily injury through use of a burning cross.

King institute investigated

ALBANY, N.Y. (AP) — Widespread mismanagement and waste has been found at New York's Martin Luther King Jr. Institute for Non-Violence, a newspaper reported.

State Inspector General Joseph Spinelli found that institute executive director Thomas Cooper was responsible for the mismanagement, the New York Post reported Monday.

The newspaper, quoting anonymous sources, said the Spinelli report also determined that entertainer Harry Belafonte improperly controlled the institute's activities and directed Cooper's actions.

S. Africa may participate

ATLANTA (AP) — Former Mayor Andrew Young said he believes the South African government is dismantling apartheid rapidly enough that its participation in the 1996 Olympics in Atlanta is almost assured.

"It's questionable whether they will be ready for Barcelona," site of the 1992 Olympics, said Young. "But 1996 will almost be definite."

The country was banished from the Olympics more than 20 years ago for its policies of racial segregation.

Black officers disagree

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The largest organization of black Los Angeles police officers says institutionalized racism does not exist within the 8,300-member department.

A splinter group of black cops and an outspoken community leader say it does.

The bitter split among the department's 1,300 black members is yet another troublesome consequence of the March 3 videotape that shows white officers beating black motorist Rodney King.

Barry to make first speech

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (AP) — Former Washington Mayor Marion Barry is scheduled to participate in ceremonies marking the 23rd anniversary of Martin Luther King Jr.'s assassination.

Barry, 55, is set to speak Thursday at the annual King rally and to two groups on Friday.

This will be his first public appearance in Memphis since his conviction last summer on a misdemeanor count of cocaine possession. Barry is appealing the conviction, for which he was sentenced to six months in jail and fined \$5,000.

Movie traces hate movement

HOWELL, Mich. (AP) — The kind of hate movement convention chronicled in a new documentary film, "Blood in the Face," may be a thing of the past, said a former Ku Klux Klan leader whose Michigan farm provided the setting.

Mall bus stop policy under fire

By RUDY ANDERSON
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The concern over the possibility of buckling pavement at Hanes Mall caused by city Transit Authority buses is not a valid reason for denying a second stop at the mall according to passengers who frequently use the mass transit system. Some of those passengers say the mall's attempt to curtail bus traffic to the mall is designed to cut down on the amount of African-American

cans coming to the mall.

Damage to the pavement is the only reason given to WSTA officials, so far, who have been negotiating with top management at Hanes Mall for the last two months to have a second stop at the new section of the mall near the Dillard's entrance. That explanation though is not widely accepted, especially among mass transit users. They and some WSTA officials charge that the same restrictions are not being put on delivery trucks making deliveries to the mall.

But during an interview Tuesday, WSTA manager, Nedra Woodyatt said in her experience with mass transit systems that buses could indeed damage new pavement. "It has to do with the axle weight of the bus. I have seen instances where buses have damaged pavement."

However, Terry Cornett, who supervises city street repairs, has said that parking lots can be reinforced with extra layers of asphalt to support the heavier weight.

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(At left) Eager Easter egg hunters take a break from their search to chat with "McGruff" the crime-fighting dog, while (at right) 18 month old twins Nicholas (right) and Nicole (left) continue the search in their first hunt.

Need for foster homes chronic

By RUDY ANDERSON
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There is a chronic need for more foster homes, especially for children from the African-American community according to officials in the Forsyth County Department of Social Services.

According to the most recent statistics available, African-American children make up 70 percent of the more than 300 children in the county needing foster care. And DSS officials say they tend to stay in

foster care longer than other children.

Seventy-five of those children were treated to an Easter Egg Hunt last Saturday sponsored by the Forsyth County Foster Parents Association at Rupert Bell Park. The children ranged in age from 18 months old to 16.

In addition to the hunt that spread children all over the park, they got to meet "McGruff" the crime fighting dog; a clown that loved to do face-painting; and of course the Easter Bunny.

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"Victory Celebration!"

Winston Y starts drive

By RUDY ANDERSON
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The Winston Lake Family YMCA has launched its annual campaign to raise funds for area youth through its Partner with Youth Campaign. The campaign called "Victory Celebration" is an effort by supporters of the 'Y' to raise more than \$36,000 dollars.

The fund raising campaign was kicked off Monday night with a dinner and a presentation of awards for major donors in the last campaign. "It was just our way of letting our supporters know how much we appreciate their contributions," said Norman Joyner, executive director of the Winston Lake 'Y'. Joyner said that while the goal is to raise at least \$36,000, the campaign committee really wants to raise \$50,000.

"That means we will be able to provide that much in summer camp and other program scholarships for kids," Joyner said, "and that means we will have gotten broad support from

the community."

The Winston Lake 'Y' initiated its first such campaign in 1985, shortly after Joyner's arrival. That campaign raised \$7,000. The campaign last year raised over \$40,000 dollars.

Between 40 and 50 volunteers are working with this year's campaign in soliciting funds. Joyner said that a successful campaign this year will mean at least 500 people will have contributed. That's up from the 36 who participated in the first campaign.

"Throughout the year 500-550 youths will benefit from these dollars," said Joyner. "The level of subsidy will be different based on a child's needs."

The chair of the campaign is committed to the goals the campaign is attempting to achieve in providing opportunities for children who need help.

"When Norm asked me to be the chair of the campaign, I couldn't turn it down," said Benjamin Ruffin, senior vice president at R.J.

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Black media critical of the NCAA

Indianapolis (AP)

Of the many news operations gathering in Indianapolis to cover the Final Four, one presence that was barely visible was the African-American press.

The Indianapolis Recorder, one of the nation's oldest African-American newspapers, was denied the opportunity to take pictures during the semi-final and championship games of the 1991 National Collegiate Athletic Association's Final Four basketball tournament.

According to the NCAA, only daily publications with a circulation of 350,000 or a weekly circulation of more than 700,000 are eligible for photo credentials.

These qualifications prevent all black newspapers in the United States access to photo credentials to cover the Final Four.

According to Jim Nelson, sports editor of The Indianapolis Recorder, the NCAA credentials committee denied the request even after the governing body of college athletics was informed the stories and photographs gathered during the Final Four would be distributed to all of the nation's black newspapers.

"The NCAA was aware of our desire to share the information with all of black newspapers across the country, but they still chose to deny us a photographer's credential," Nelson said.

After receiving information in mid-March that informed them their request for a photographer had been denied, Nelson said he waited until members of the credentials committee arrived in Indianapolis before appealing the decision to deny the black press photo access.

David Housel, representing the NCAA's credentials committee, told The Recorder its appeal to photograph the tournament had been denied.

"It was the decision of the credentials committee to deny access. I am not privy to the decision-making process of the committee," Housel said.

Amos Brown, station manager of WTLC-FM, the black radio station for the city of Indianapolis, has

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Norman Joyner, Winston Lake Y director, and Benjamin Ruffin, campaign chair, are working to ensure a successful fundraising effort.

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