COMMUNITY NOTES

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Church Women United recently honored Audrey G. Wall as Valiant Woman of

Year during the group's Leader Council at a m p Caraway in Asheboro.

The award honors women who have helped

build and shape the organization in the past and present. Nominations are made by state and local units, and the honoree must have participated in activities such as workshops and unit meetings. Women who receive the award must have served CWU for an extended peri-

CWU, founded in 1941, is a racially, culturally and theologically inclusive Christian women's movement that celebrates diversity and works

that claimed it discriminated on the basis of

race. Council later adopted the race- and gen-

der-neutral SBO, which provides resources and training for eligible vendors. It also spells

out the city's commitment to working with

contractors that recruit and retain businesses

owned by minorities and women as subcon-

Assistant City Manager Vi Lyles said the council's task is twofold: determine SBO's

effectiveness and whether more needs to be

done to strengthen it. As an example, Lyles

points to the disparity study's finding that African American firms in professions such as

architecture have historically missed out on contracts. If a race-neutral program doesn't

for world peace.

Wall, a retiree of Charlotte-Mecklenburg schools, is outgoing president of CWU's North Carolina Chapter. She is an active member of Presbyterian Church

• Henry M. Wallace was one of four Duke Energy employees to earn the company's robinson Citizenship

award recognizes



efforts help humanity or save a life.

Wallace, a vegetation management communication specialist at Duke Power in Charlotte,

has been a surrogate father to Boy Scout Troop 172, where 24 of 400 scouts have earned the Eagle rank. He is also a recipient of scouting's most prestigious awards, the

Council debate to focus on

timing, scope of remedies

Silver Beaver, for his work

with young people.

• RE/MAX Executive Realty welcomed Paige Shaver, Elaine Eschert, Jane McGinn, Sylvester MCGinn, Maria Lee, Gracie Obuseh, and Ken Johnson as sales associates

• Shelia Moran has been named executive director of Mobile Health Outreach. Moran has worked at MHO for six years, most recently as operations manager. She



produce results, a stronger remedy could be

used.
"The debate will be how long do you want to

do that," Lyles said. "The question is how long

you want to try (race-neutral goals) and then

determine if no change is made is when you go

Although the study details a lack of access to

city contracts for businesses owned by people of color, it doesn't provide an immediate reme-

dy. Courts haven't given strict timelines on

when municipalities can impose specific goals,

"There is no benchmark and no court has said there is a specific time," Lyles said. "Is it one year or two years? The courts haven't said."

to race-conscious programs.

day to day operations and lead MHO's drive to put a second mobile health screening unit in the road in the

Southeast. • Thinking about adopting a child? You can meet several at a fashion show Saturday.

County

Youth and Family Services is sponsoring "Stepping Out for the Holidays" at 11 a.m. at Briar Creek Road Baptist Church, 1451 Briar Creek Road. Children who are cleared for adoption will participate and meet informally with potential adoptive fam-

"Nearly 70 youths are waiting for adoptive families in Mecklenburg County," said Amy Ciceron, foster/adoptive recruiter with YFS. "Many of these children will be featured in the fashion show."

YFS completed 171 adoptions last year. The fashion show is an activity used by social workers, DSS and community partners to help find homes for children.

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2 local artists win arena projects

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rate art commissions for Wachovia and R.J. Reynolds. In addition



to Robinson, J. Paul Sires. sculptor residing here since 1983, also was selected. Sires. coof owner

Center of the Earth Gallery, has a 25 year histo-

ry of public and private commissions. He works in ceramic, granite and con-crete as well as terrazzo, mosaic and bronze. His work can be seen at

Duke Power and Edifice Inc. in Charlotte and at Elon College and the Savannah College of Art and Design in Georgia.

The other artists include Andrew Leicester of Minneapolis, Minn.; Mike Mandel of Watertown, Mass., Thomas Sayre, a Raleigh sculptor, and Janet Zweig of New York.

Upon approval of the artists' designs, the work phase is to be completed by the arena's opening in 2005.

Selection and review of the candidates was conducted by a panel made up of representatives from the the Arts & Science Council, Public Art Commission, Charlotte's Engineering Department the National Basketball Charlotte Association Bobcats, communitymembers and project architect Ellerbe Becket.

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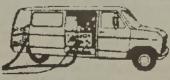


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