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## Controversial theft case goes to trial

T. Williard Fair, Greater Miami Urban League director, to speak at Fuller rally Saturday

By ANGELA WRIGHT Chronicle Managing Editor

Judge Thomas W. Seay Jr. began hearing preliminary motions in the case of domestic worker Versell McDaniel Fuller of 6635 El Rancho Road in Rural Hall. Fuller is charged with four counts of felonious larceny.

Four of Fuller's former employers, for whom she worked interchangeably, contend that she stole several hundred thousand dollars worth of property from them over a period of about a year and a half.

On Monday Seay began hearing a motion to suppress the evidence which Fuller's attorney, Doug Miller, alleges was obtained through an illegal search of Fuller's house. The defense also claims that the items taken from Fuller's home belong to Fuller.

District Attorney Warren Sparrow maintains that Fuller consented to the search by signing a consent warrant.

The hearing on the motion continued throughout Tuesday when the 32-year-old Fuller took the stand and testified that she could not read and did not

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Far left, Fuller confers with the Rev. Leon White, director of the N.C. Commission for Racial Justice. In foreground, Fuller's attorney, Doug Miller, talks with Diana Williams-Cotton (photo by Santana).

### THE NATION'S NEWS

Compiled From AP Wire

#### Cartoon spurs controversy

EAU CLAIRE, Wis. -- A cartoon with which a campus newspaper satirized a University of Wisconsin enrollment plan for minority students might have been censored had professors known about it, UW-Eau Claire spokesmen say.

The characterization showed a student painting himself black, drawing paint from a bucket bearing the label "Minority In A Minute" and "E-Z 2-ition."

The cartoon character remarks: "Who needs to work so hard to get a perfect G.P.A. or money for tuition when ya' have this stuff!"

A second student has painted himself black and is wearing a T-shirt reading "Cosby Show" while he sings "FREEEEEE TU-I-TION here we come."

The cartoon that appeared in an edition of the Spectator was a comment on a proposal by UW President Kenneth Shaw to subsidize tuition for needy students, white as well as blacks and other minori-

#### Racial slur nets woman \$7,000

DES MOINES, Iowa -- A Des Moines woman has been awarded \$7,000 by a District Court jury for emotional distress she suffered from a racial slur made against her by a Des Moines supermarket employee.

Patricia Lewis sued the Beaverdale Super Valu store employee Ralph A. Elliott called her "nigger" while accusing her of stealing two oranges from store in January 1987.

#### Newsrooms short on minorities

WASHINGTON -- A new survey shows the newspaper industry is falling far short of its goal of making minority employment in the newsroom equal to the percentage of minorities in the country by the end of the century.

The study by the American Society of Newspaper Editors indicates a slow growth in minority newspaper employees in the past decade. The percentage of blacks, Hispanics, Asians and American Indians in the newsroom is 7.02 percent this year, the survey found, up from 6.56 percent in 1987 and 3.95 percent in 1978, the first year the survey was done.

#### Mich. blacks die at higher rate

LANSING, Mich. -- Blacks are dying of many diseases at dramatically higher rates than whites, according to a draft report by a state government task force.

"Poor access to early detection and treatment services for diseases such as cancer appears to be a significant factor in the elevation of mortality rates for blacks," the draft says.

#### Cross burned at Md. home

RISING SUN, Md. -- An 8 foot by 6 foot cross was burned early Saturday morning near the home of a white woman living with a black man, in what a fire official said was the third "racially motivated" incident directed against the couple in the last two months.

Although the Ku Klux Klan has recruited recently in this part of Northeast Maryland, officials do not know if the Klan was involved, said Bob Thomas, state fire marshal's spokesman.

## Jackson 2nd in New York

By The Associated Press

The Rev. Jesse Jackson's formula for success fell short Tuesday as the Democratic presidential candidate recorded a strong -- but second place -- finish in the New York primary.

Massachusetts Gov. Michael Dukakis was the clear winner in New York with 51 percent of the vote. Jackson followed with 37 percent while Tennessee Sen. Albert Gore managed only 11 percent.

Of New York's 255 available delegates, Dukakis captured 152, Jackson 86 and Gore 17. That gives Dukakis 1,046, more than half of the 2,081 needed for the Democratic nomination this summer in Atlanta. Jackson now has 849 delegates.

As expected, there was no contest on the Republican side. Vice President George Bush picked up enough New York delegates to fall just short of the 1,139 he needs for the Republican nomination.

Jackson was about 90 minutes late in addressing supporters Tuesday night. But his message to the crowd was positive and upbeat.

"I want to make America better," he said. "We the people will win." "The message from urban America must not be lost," he said. "We have built a bridge and we must not let that bridge fall down."

Jackson's formula for success was dubbed "90-60-20." He wanted to get 90 percent of the black vote, 60 percent of the Hispanic vote and 20 percent of the white vote.

He did manage to get 90 percent of the black vote -- 97 percent, in fact -- but the number of black voters was not as high as he anticipated. He also only got about 56 percent of the Hispanic vote and 16 percent of the white vote.

Jackson won the city of New York while Dukakis was strong in the suburbs and in the upstate precincts. Dukakis won 72 percent of

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Jackson took second in N.Y., but won Vermont in Tuesday's primaries.

## NAACP seeks state probe of DA, police practices

The president of the local NAACP has called upon State Attorney General Lacy Thornburg to begin an investigation of the Winston-Salem Police Department and the District Attorney's office.

Walter Marshall said in a letter to Thornburg, dated April 18, that the local branch had "observed for a long period of time the unjust and racially biased practices of the Winston-Salem Police Department and the District Attorney's office against the poor and all people of color."

Marshall asked that the attorney general investigate the arrest practices

of the Winston-Salem Police Department. Specifically, the request mentioned the case of Thomas Braddy of 4210 Morningside Drive.

Braddy recently received a 15-year sentence on charges of breaking and entering and larceny. The case stirred controversy because some of the items Braddy was charged with stealing were allegedly recovered from Wake Forest University football players who were never charged with receiving stolen property.

Marshall asked Thornburg to look into the Police Department's authority to grant immunity from prosecution, as

they reportedly did for the football players. He also asked that Thornburg investigate the District Attorney's authority to selectively prosecute.

District Attorney Warren Sparrow declined to prosecute the football players involved in the Braddy case. It was reported that Sparrow said he did not prosecute because the Police Department asked him not to. Sparrow has refused to comment on his decision not to prosecute those players known to have received stolen goods.

"How can Sparrow decide to selectively prosecute?" asked Marshall during a telephone interview. "We thought

we had elected a district attorney, but instead what we've got is someone who works for the police department.

"We need a recall vote or whatever it takes to get him out of office," Marshall said of Sparrow. "We can't put up with three more years of Sparrow. He's a wolf in sheep's clothing."

Marshall also questioned police actions in the case of Versell Fuller, a domestic worker accused by her employers of felonious larceny. He questioned police authority to allow a private citizen to participate in the

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## Reynolds offers reward

R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Co. is providing up to \$5,000 for information leading to an arrest and conviction for the murder of a company employee.

With the commitment from Reynolds Tobacco, a reward fund established to solve the 1987 slaying of Brenda C. Howse has reached \$11,000.

The body of the woman was found in her Pleasant Street residence on July 20, 1987. Police said the woman had been beaten, stabbed and raped.

Reynolds Tobacco made the reward commitment today to officials of Crimestoppers, the non-profit organization that solicits information anonymously to aid

police in solving crimes.

Crimestoppers already has designated \$1,000 to the reward fund. Gov. James B. Martin also has announced a \$5,000 reward for information in the slaying.

Winston-Salem police have described the \$11,000 reward fund as one of the largest in recent city history.

"We certainly appreciate this commitment by Reynolds and hope it can produce useful information to solve this murder," said Marvin Ferrell, a Winston-Salem businessman and chairman of Crimestoppers.

"It's our hope this reward will lead to an arrest and conviction in the tragic death of this very valu-



Howse

able company employee," said John Rickard, director of security for Reynolds Tobacco USA.

## EEOC head assails goals, quotas

By KENNETH RAYMOND Chronicle Staff Writer

Clarence Thomas, the second highest ranking Afro-American in the Reagan Administration, said Monday night that preferential treatment for minorities is wrong and that the administration should try to curb some of the existing related programs.

Thomas, chairman of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, made the comments during the Tocqueville Forum on the U.S. Constitution Monday night at Wake Forest University. He addressed an audience of about 400 in the Brendle Recital Hall on "The Modern Civil Rights Move-

ment."

Thomas, who attended Yale Law School, said that affirmative action programs hindered "true civil rights," which he said was "all people being accepted on the basis of merit and not race or sex."

"Today civil rights is too often associated with blacks alone," he said. "All programs that are racially based are wrong because they stand in the way of people of other races."

Thomas also said he believed preferential programs promoted the idea that Afro-Americans cannot compete. He said that employers should hire strictly on the basis of merit.

"The idea of blacks not being

capable of competing is the most offensive thing I've ever heard of," he said. "That's why I don't like these programs, which promote it."

While addressing "The Modern Civil Rights Movement," Thomas said that equal rights would never be achieved until America returned to the basic principles founded in the Constitution and in the Declaration of Independence.

"America has lost sight of the true meaning of civil rights," he said. "Unless everybody's rights are recognized and protected, equality is impossible. Our founding fathers have guaranteed justice and equality for all, but everyone's

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