

WORLD BRIEFS

Jury finds Tyson guilty of rape, deviant conduct

INDIANAPOLIS — Boxer Mike Tyson was convicted Monday of raping a Black Miss America contestant who said he lured her to his hotel room and overpowered her.

Jurors deliberated about 9 hours before reaching their verdict in the case, which threatens to end the rags-to-riches career of one of the most prominent athletes of his generation.

Tyson was the youngest heavyweight champion ever and had been planning a comeback in a title fight against champion Evander Holyfield this spring.

Tyson's accuser, at 18 the youngest pageant contestant, testified that the boxer had overpowered her in his hotel room, pinned her on a bed with his forearm, stripped her, raped her and laughed while she cried in pain and begged him to stop.

The trial spanned nine days of testimony and featured about 50 witnesses. Tyson, 25, was charged with one count of rape and two counts of criminal deviate conduct.

Under Indiana state law, Tyson could face up to 63 years in prison.

The incident took place July 19 before the Miss Black America pageant. Tyson was a guest of pageant coordinators.

The conviction comes exactly two years after Tyson, then heavyweight champion of the world, suffered his first loss at the hands of James "Buster" Douglas.

Harkin scores major victory in Iowa caucus

DES MOINES, Iowa — Sen. Tom Harkin scored a decisive home-state victory by default Monday night in Iowa caucuses that inaugurated the wide-open 1992 Democratic presidential race. His rivals skipped the contest, pointing toward next week's primary showdown in New Hampshire.

Harkin, 52 years old and the most liberal Democrat in a field of five, was gaining almost 90 percent support as he bid for momentum in the tumultuous campaign week to come.

With 16 percent of the state's 2,186 precincts reporting, Harkin had 89 percent support. Uncommitted delegates had 7 percent, while his four rivals had 1 percent apiece.

Author Alex Haley dies of heart attack at 70

SEATTLE — Alex Haley, the Pulitzer Prize-winning author of the book "Roots," which told the story of the black experience in America and inspired people of all races to search for their ancestors, died Monday at age 70.

Haley, whose other works included "The Autobiography of Malcolm X," died of a heart attack at a Swedish Hospital, said hospital spokeswoman Jane Anne Wilder.

Haley won the 1977 Pulitzer Prize for "Roots: The Saga of an American Family," the gripping story of his family's monumental journey from Africa to slavery in America and ultimately to freedom.

— The Associated Press

STATE AND NATIONAL
Court refuses to review dial-a-porn law

By Chris Trahan
Staff Writer

The U.S. Supreme Court's recent refusal to hear a case involving the dial-a-porn industry might force many phone-sex message services out of business.

The nation's highest court decided Jan. 27 not to hear a challenge to a 1989 federal law that restricts phone customers' access to erotic adult telephone services.

The 1989 statute sponsored by U.S. Sen. Jesse Helms, R-N.C., requires the telephone industry to block all pornographic phone services that charge customers directly through an individual's phone bill. Opponents of the legislation contend that the law infringes upon a customer's right to free speech.

"Some segment of the industry might go under," said Evan Wolfson, lawyer for the Lambda Legal Defense and Edu-

cation Fund, a group that filed a friend-of-the-court brief in the latest Supreme Court case. "I see very serious blows to aspects of the industry, such as interactive phone lines."

Customers who use interactive lines, including many of the 900 numbers advertised on late-night television, speak with live operators. Multiparty lines were not affected by the 1989 law.

The high court wisely refused to hear the challenge to the federal legislation, said Nancy Clausen, spokeswoman for the National Coalition Against Pornography. Access to the adult phone lines could encourage immoral behavior or sexual experimentation among children, she said.

"Something that is harmful to children should not be in operation," Clausen said. "These services are not necessary. We are up in arms because children have molested siblings and playmates because of what they heard

on the telephone.

"The law will succeed in requiring these services to be nearly impossible for children to access them."

But Wolfson said no evidence had been presented to show that children had gained wide access to indecent phone services.

"Parents could call and have their phones blocked," he said.

The Federal Communications Commission, the federal agency responsible for regulating the \$2 billion-a-year dial-a-porn industry, defines indecency as anything that "depicts sexual or excretory functions and the organs associated with those functions," said Jane Mago, FCC assistant general counsel.

The FCC automatically restricts phone services that provide indecent messages, Mago said. "If someone is providing the services over telephone company lines and has the telephone company do the billing, then that ser-

vice will be blocked."

Customers still can receive adult phone messages and can pay within their bills by writing the phone company and requesting access, she said.

Adult phone message services can be safeguarded against the FCC ruling by using alternative billing methods. These companies can prevent young callers by requiring users to have access codes or scrambler boxes.

"Most minors, children under the age of 17, cannot get credit cards," Clausen said.

Wolfson said he believed that customers should have some means of preventing their children from calling but that they also should have easy access to the adult phone services.

"Writing in (for access) places an intolerable burden on free speech," he said. "A much more reasonable approach is to let customers voluntarily block the calls."

Bicentennial license plates draw 500 buyers

By Teesha Holladay
Staff Writer

About 500 Tar Heels have supported the University's Bicentennial Campaign by purchasing commemorative license plates.

"We're pleased with the response thus far," said Steve Tepper, associate director of the Bicentennial Celebration.

Gov. Jim Martin presented the first plate to Chancellor Paul Hardin Thursday.

"He said to kick off that program he wanted to present the No. 1 license plate to the No. 1 officer in that program," Hardin said.

Hardin said he gave Martin a UNC

sweatshirt in return. The first plate is fastened to the chancellor's Chrysler LeBaron, and the No. 2 plate already is attached to his wife's Honda, he said.

Tepper said those plates were two of about 500 plates already sold despite limited marketing. "There's been no direct marketing — announcements have been made at a few football games and at the governor's press conference, but our direct alumni campaign has not begun."

Bicentennial workers hope to work with the Department of Motor Vehicles to coordinate alumni mail drives with the renewal dates for individual alumni's license tags, Tepper said.

"We consider it a staggered response — many interested people will wait

until their tags need to be renewed before purchasing a Bicentennial plate," he said. "The more sold the better because as more people see the tags on the roads more will be bought."

The plates cost \$25 annually in addition to the regular DMV registration fee. The University gets \$15 from each plate sale.

These funds will be used to support the programs of the Bicentennial Observance, Tepper said. Hardin will designate any additional funds when the observance is complete, he said.

Richard Richardson, chairman of the Bicentennial Observance, said the plates provided an opportunity to bring attention to the University's 200th birthday.

"I think it's a good way for the Uni-

versity to put its Bicentennial in front of the state and nation," Richardson said. "I hope alumni and students will take this opportunity to celebrate the birthday of UNC."

Collegiate plates already in circulation include tags from N.C. State University, Duke University and about 10 other N.C. schools, he said.

Tepper said the UNC tag was the most popular among school plates.

"The Bicentennial plates are a new way to show school spirit," he said. "It's kind of a friendly competition between the schools."

The plates are available until the end of the Bicentennial Celebration and can be obtained through the DMV.

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Wattleton

abortion is impractical, said Wattleton, who has a teenage daughter.

"How many of you will ask your parent's permission to have sexual intercourse?" she said.

"There is no government law that will force my daughter to talk to me.

The only thing laws will do is force her to seek and circumscribe the rules."

Women should work to change Bush's stance on abortion or work for a pro-choice candidate, Wattleton said.

"A president who continues to run on a platform that panders to the right is a

president who needs to change his heart by November of 1992 or change his address," she said. "Women need to be left alone by politicians and their meddling neighbors."

Wattleton, who received a degree in nursing from Ohio State University and a master's degree in maternal health from Columbia University, said her professional work and training led to her involvement with Planned Parenthood.

"I really saw the hopelessness of 14-year-olds becoming mothers," she said.

Six protesters outside Memorial Hall held signs claiming that Planned Parenthood committed genocide by helping black women receive abortions.

Adam McManus, one of the protesters, said Wattleton, who is black, was

sacrificing her race by supporting abortion rights. He said Margaret Sanger, Planned Parenthood's founder, intended the organization to be a tool for the genocide of minorities and the poor.

"Margaret Sanger supported the idea of widespread abortion as a way to weed out people who were inferior," McManus said.

But Wattleton responded to criticism by emphasizing that Planned Parenthood counseled women about all available options. Wattleton said most women took the question of whether to have an abortion very seriously.

"I have yet to run into a woman who was looking forward to her first abortion as a life-enriching experience," she said.

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Crime

The number of police reports might increase because the level of crime is rising, or it might increase because more people decide to report crimes, Warren said.

"Many times when you get an underreport in an area, it is because (residents) just don't trust the law enforcement officials," he said.

During the past 10 years, the national rate of victimization has decreased while the rate of crime reporting has increased, Warren said.

John Turner, task force chairman, said one cause of increased crime was people's lack of a sense of responsibility

to their communities. Television, the mass media and the automobile have allowed people to escape their immediate surroundings so that they no longer feel a sense of community.

"They feel less accountability to the church, to the school, to the family than was once the case," Turner said. "In a sense what we have is a weakening of these institutions."

Schools, churches and community organizations have to step up their services to combat crime, drug abuse and unemployment because these issues are not always addressed in the home, said Turner, dean of the UNC School of Social Work.

"We've been accused of not thinking far enough ahead," he said.

"We really need to start much sooner with young people so that they believe they can own a part of America, a decent part."

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Planned Parenthood President Faye Wattleton discusses abortion rights Monday night

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Nominations are encouraged from all members
of the University Community

Senior Awards	Primary Area of Achievement
Algernon Sydney Sullivan Award	humanitarian contribution (one male, one female)
Irene F. Lee Award	character, scholarship, leadership (female)
Walter S. Spearman Award	character, scholarship, leadership (male)
Frank Porter Graham Award	improving quality of life of the University community through principles of equality, dignity, and peace among men
George Moses Horton Award	leadership, initiative, creativity in multicultural education programs
E. Eugene Jackson Senior Class	member of the graduating class whose leadership and selfless dedication have strengthened class pride and University loyalty, enriched the lives of seniors, and made the most significant contribution to the University
John Johnston Parker, Jr. Medal	student self-governance
J. Maryon Saunders Award	recognizes the greatest contribution to the preservation and enhancement of the feeling of loyalty and goodwill
Ferebee Taylor Award	recognizes the principle of honor as one of the University's most hallowed ideals
Junior Awards	Primary Area of Achievement
Jane Craig Gray Memorial Award	character, scholarship, leadership (female)
Ernest L. Mackie Award	character, scholarship, leadership (male)
Any Undergraduate Awards	Primary Area of Achievement
Ernest H. Abernethy Prize	student publications
Cornelius O. Cathey Award	recognizes the greatest contribution to the quality of campus life or the efficacy of University programs for student through sustained, constructive participation in established programs, or through creative, persistent effort in development of new programs
Gladys and Albert Coates Award	given to a member of the Student Congress judged most outstanding on a criteria of statesmanship, commitment and constructive involvement in issues affecting the quality of University community
Robert B. House Distinguished Service Award	unselfish commitment, through service to the University and to the surrounding community
International Leadership Award	international awareness and understanding
Jim Tatum Memorial Award	athletics plus extracurricular activities

NOMINATIONS DUE: FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 1992

NOMINATIONS FORMS AVAILABLE AT: Union Desk, Y Building, Leadership Development Office (01 Steele), Office of the Vice Chancellor-Student Affairs (104 Steele).

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