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NAACP Seeks Changes At Mall While Citizens' Group Continues Boycott

Some officials at Crabtree Valley Mall appear ready to listen to alleged complaints of racism, harassment and negative attitudes toward African-American youth visiting the mall, leaving the organizers of the boycott in a position to negotiate in good faith.

Last week a letter from the National Association For the Advancement of Colored People, signed by the Rev. H. B. Pickett, Jr., president of the Raleigh-Apex Branch and Ms. Angela M. Grimes, its first

vice president, asked for changes at the mall.

Rev. Pickett said the NAACP would be gauging Crabtree's response before deciding to support the boycott. Pickett previously had told The CAROLINIAN that an investigation by the NAACP was necessary before becoming involved.

Black teens have been accused of "damage, vandalism, rowdy behavior, shoplifting and assorted problems at the mall which mall officials headed by John Grimaldi,

attempted to curtail by asking the City of Raleigh Transit Administration to eliminate bus service from downtown to the mall between the hours of 2:30 and 6:30 p.m. on Saturdays.

In response to the memo, a group of African-American teenagers, ranging from 30 to more than a 100, has stood at the entrance to the mall waving signs to Boycott Crabtree and asking others not to "spend your hard-earned money where your youth are not wanted."

Crabtree is the Triangle's largest shopping center, owned by CVM Associates, a Raleigh-based partnership. Grimaldi previously attempted to explain his position to reporters but had not issued a formal statement. On Friday, Paula Spivey, a spokesman for the mall said "the mall management office will be publishing a letter to the community this Sunday in The News and Observer and The CAROLINIAN,

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An Open Letter

John B. Grimaldi, CMS
Executive Vice President
Pinza Associates, Inc.
4325 Glenwood Avenue
Raleigh, NC 27612

Dear Mr. Grimaldi:

We have investigated the concerns regarding alleged statements made about African-American teenagers during discussions between the Capital Area Transit (CAT) and the Crabtree Valley Mall. Based on the results of our investigation, we see the following as the only viable options for you to pursue in order to resolve the negative perceptions in the African-American community resulting from these alleged statements:

1. A public apology must be made to the African-American community via the news media by John B. Grimaldi for any misperceptions caused by his actions or statements.

2. The Crabtree Mall must establish a task force or advisory board to:

a. Address the issue of alleged disturbances by teenagers at Crabtree Valley Mall;

b. Address the complaints by customers regarding alleged harassments and intimidation of African-Americans by Crabtree Valley Mall security personnel; and

c. Formulate proactive strategies (e.g., counter programs) aimed at youths on Friday and Saturday.

This task force/advisory board must include African-American adult and youth community leaders.

3. The Crabtree Mall must employ off-duty African-American police officers to ensure a security workforce which is sensitive to the African-American community.

4. The Crabtree Valley Mall must explore the possibility of establishing an on-premise recreational facility to be utilized by youths.

As you know, the community and Crabtree Valley Mall have been adversely affected by this situation. We will continue to work with you to resolve this issue. However, if you do not agree to the plan of action outlined above, we will be forced to pursue other legal action. Your immediate response to the plan of action outlined is critical and must be received by Tuesday, Dec. 12, 1989.

Sincerely,

Rev. H.B. Pickett, Jr.
President

Angela M. Grimes
First Vice President

Raleigh-Apex Branch, NAACP

New FBI Revelation

Rape-Attack Of Jogger Questioned

Evidence Traced To Boyfriend

BY ALTON H. MADDOX, JR.

And The Associated Press
Special to The CAROLINIAN

The well-publicized Central Park case charging six youths of African descent with rape has met a surprising but down-played obstacle. A DNA report released by the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) reveals that the white female jogger's white boyfriend was implicated in her assault. This report found no specimen connecting any of the youths with the female jogger. The report also found no evidence of a rape notwithstanding the enclosed news article.

(See RAPE-ATTACK, P. 2)



PEACEFUL PROTEST—Supporters of the protest of Crabtree Valley Mall management's attempts to re-route bus schedules continue as peaceful demonstrations and economic boycott with groups ranging from 30 to more than 100 black teens waving signs, chanting and passing out fliers saying "Do Not Spend Your Hard-Earned Money Where Your Youth Are Not Wanted." (Photo by Talib Sabir-Calloway)

Senate Approves Agreement Gov. Martin Pushed On Hazardous Waste

It was short but not sweet Thursday as the General Assembly approved North Carolina's entry into a regional agreement obligating the state to build a hazardous waste incinerator and landfill.

A Senate committee and the full Senate gave quick approval to the agreement Gov. Jim Martin negotiated to join Alabama, Kentucky, Tennessee and South Carolina for the treatment and disposal of toxic waste.

But the House wrestled with the proposal through five hours of committee meetings and nearly two hours of debate by the full House.

In the end, the House Infrastructure Committee removed amendments made a day earlier by a subcommittee that would have imposed stricter legal liability on the transporters of hazardous waste and banned the burial of such waste.

Martin and supporters of the agreement opposed any additions or attachments to the bill ratifying the pact, which the governor negotiated this fall subject to legislative approval.

Martin, during a morning news conference while the House Infrastructure Committee argued over the pro-

posal, said it is needed to assure the state has a plan for disposing of hazardous waste. He also said it would save North Carolina the worry of providing facilities to dispose of all the state's hazardous waste, because much of it would be treated in other states.

During the news conference, Mar-

tin blamed two leading Democratic environmentalists in the House for what he said were the impediments their comments made to his efforts to negotiate with other states. The two members, representatives Joe Hackney, D-Orange, and Dennis Wicker, D-Lee, in turn denied the

(See HAZARDOUS WASTE, P. 2)

See The Positive In Raleigh's Impressive, Trolley-Like Buses

If you haven't already seen the red, trolley-like buses around the city, take notice. They can serve you if you'll let them.

At first, it may disturb you that the city can find it in its budget to spend about \$160,000 on these toys, especially when they drive around Moore Square where many of our displaced African-American brothers and sisters find refuge.

But the time to protect the buses has past. The city council discussed the idea last year and now the buses are here. They're funded with 80 percent federal dollars, 10 percent state dollars and 10 percent local dollars. You pay taxes to all three. The buses are yours so you may as well take advantage of them.

The cost to ride the bus will be 10 cents beginning next year. During the month of December, however, it will be free to anyone who wants to hop on.

Hopping on is a unique feature of the buses. If you're walking on the bus route, the buses will stop whenever you flag them down, so you won't have to run to a corner and risk missing a ride.

The waiting time is 10 minutes.

Our elderly may find the buses attractive. The buses operate weekdays between 11:30 a.m. and 2 p.m. They can take the elderly from one end of downtown to the other, with convenient stops near the County Courthouse, City Hall and Fayetteville Street Mall. The buses are also equipped for the disabled.

Our teenagers might appreciate a cheap ride to some of our African-American businesses in town, such as our barber shops and bookstores. Some of Raleigh's best salaries,

clothing stores and places to meet friends are in the downtown area.

For our young adults with a taste for specialty foods and the money to pay for them, the City Market is on the bus route, too. Our suburban neighbors could find a parking lot in town and catch a ride to the market on the new buses, which stop in front of the City Market.

Besides the economic interests the buses could also be used as a

sightseeing tool for our friends and families who may be visiting during the holidays. The buses showcase our legislative buildings and the points of interest that make us a great state capital.

The City Council conceived the idea for the trolley buses as a way to boost business in the downtown area and make the city more attractive. A viable downtown means more jobs.

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Lutherans Seen Leading In German Reformation

BY DR. ALBERT JABS

An Analysis

Lutherans are leading the way in a new reformation of eastern Europe. Martin Luther led the first reformation of modern Europe in the 16th century. It is never easy to categorize complex reformers like Martin Luther, John Hus, or Martin Luther King, but for some, Luther was a theological liberal and a social conservative (John Fleming).

Luther, like black Lutherans and German Lutherans, has been unjustly stereotyped in the past. Luther, unfairly, has sometimes been criticized for part of his writings without looking at his entire work. Lutherans in Leipzig and in the East German churches are leading the reformation in 1989 as they did when Luther debated John Eck in the same city in 1521.

Black Lutheran history in America began about 1666 in the Virgin Islands

and originated in North Carolina about 1747. Black Lutherans in North Carolina organized themselves into the Alpha Synod in 1889 and developed influences which assisted in the development of congregations in Greensboro, Concord, Charlotte, Gastonia and Southern Pines.

The Missouri Synod Lutherans had organized Immanuel College in

(See LUTHERANS, P. 2)

Human Rights Week Supports World Freedom

Forty-one years ago the United Nations General Assembly adopted the Universal Declaration of Human Rights to protect human freedoms across the globe through December 16. All Americans will celebrate the legacy of human rights during this period. A series of events are planned to encourage greater knowledge, understanding and appreciation of human rights.

Slater Newman, co-chair of the NC Committee For the Celebration of Human Rights shared his enthusiasm about the project. "We have an opportunity to stand up and be counted in support of human rights as we watch our sisters and brothers across the globe struggle in the name of freedom, democracy and human rights," Newman stated.

Cathy Stuart, executive director of People For the American Way in North Carolina expressed concern

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INSIDE AFRICA

BY DANIEL MAROLEN

NNPA News Service

This past week, the General Assembly of the United Nations adopted the International Convention on the Rights of the Child. That convention lays down the basic rights of children of all nations and races on earth.

The Convention on the Rights of the Child stipulates that every child has: a right to a name, a right to survival, a right to an education, a right to protection from exploitation and abuse, and a right to protection from separation from parents, and other stipulations.

This convention isn't an entirely new one, and a new norm. The United Nations' declaration of 1979 made that year the International Year of the Child, which was a similar norm. Both conventions are a declaration of an international war against all manner of discrimination, abuse, deprivation, exploitation and separation from parents or families. Both conventions safeguard and guarantee the child's rights.

But in South Africa, the supreme example of racism, 1979 was in no way the envisioned Year of the Child that it was intended to be. There, 1979 became the year of the continuation of the ugly era of child abuse, exploitation, deprivation, separation

(See INSIDE AFRICA, P. 2)

Vaccine On Monkeys Offers New Hope In Fight Against AIDS

A new vaccine against a virus that causes AIDS in monkeys is a significant advance toward developing a vaccine to protect people against the closely related human AIDS virus, experts said last Thursday.

The major significance of this work is that it shows a vaccine is possible for an AIDS virus, said Michael Murphy-Corb, head of a team at the Delta Regional Primate Research Center in Covington, La., that developed the simian vaccine.

Researchers at the Tulane University research center said a vaccine made of whole, inactivated simian immunodeficiency virus can protect rhesus monkeys against the virus which is a close genetic relative of the human immunodeficiency virus that causes AIDS.

Dr. Wayne Koff, chief of AIDS vaccine research at the National Institutes of Health, said the work by Ms. Murphy-Corb and her colleagues "is the most significant advance in the vaccine field since we started the AIDS vaccine program. It is a giant leap."

"This has dispelled any doubts about our ever being able to create a vaccine against HIV," said Koff.

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MINORITY ADVISORY COUNCIL—MEDAC leaders include A. Mosbacher; Wain N. Lawrence, MEDAC's co-chair; and (from left) former Secretary of Commerce, Maurice H. Stans, MEDAC's chairman; Secretary of Commerce, Robert