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Did Mrs. Mandela Get A Fair Trial?

Court, Without Jury, Gives 6-Year Sentence

Johannesburg has concluded a black liberation leader ordered the abduction of four black males from a Soweta church house in 1988 and later helped cover up their beatings, which resulted in the death of a 14year-old youth.

Winnie Mandela, wife of Nelson Mandela, was found guilty on four kidnapping charges and four counts of accessory to assault after the fact by Judge Michael S. Stegmann this week who called Ms. Mandela a 'calm, composed, deliberate and

The Rand Supreme Court in unblushing liar" and convicted her of Nelson Mandela whose campaign for the charge.

Many supporters of Ms. Mandela question whether she received a fair trial, or whether there is such a thing as a fair trial in aparthied South

when decisions are being made in to my release and that of other Loxembourg by western European political prisoners," he added. countries to lift the economic Mandela demanded that sanctions sanctions imposed on South Africa. It should remain in place until there also appears as a betrayal to the was profound and irreversible stunned by the verdict and said any struggling oppressed and politically change and apartheid was a thing of deprived African people, especially

ending apartheid was a great success in America

"Keep the pressure on apartheid," cried Mandela during that historic Her conviction comes at a time apartheid, because it is they who led

At that time the world was ready to go the whole way with Mandela to end apartheid, but the decisions to lift sanctions and the conviction of Ms. Mandela bring another element into

the verdict as a vindication. "You all now know that I did not assault any child. That is all that matters to me. The rest I leave to my lawyers."

Ms. Mandela's attorneys appeared

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Crabtree Valley Signs

Youth & Mall Agree

Better Human Relations Goal Of Agreement

Crabtree Valley Mall has signed an agreement with the Human Resources and Human Relations Advisory Commission of the City of Raleigh and a youth task force for the purpose of proposing strategies to improve race relations stemming from a protest in November, 1989.

As part of a series of events leading up to a boycott of the mall, local African-American youths and their parents in 1969 began to picket the mall due to alleged unfair and unjust treatment by mall officials.

Members of the Concerned citizens for Equality during that time protested a request from John

protested a request from John B.Grimaldi to Michael P. Halperin and 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.

Grimaldi's actions came after that African-American teenagers were presenting problems, "such as loitering, blocking traffic aisles, using offensive language,

vandalism and harassing shoppers.' Mrs. Margaret Rose Murray, who helped organize the boycott said it generated tremendous results in that

it was an economic boycott.

A ratification of commitment between Crabtree Valley Mall and (See CRABTREE MALL, P. 2)



GARNER'S MILITARY SUPPORT GROUP-"During Operation Dessert Shield this group organized to meet the needs of the families left behind and also to support loved ones, who are members of the Armed Forces," said group founder and leader Norma Holland. Pictured seated left to

right: Ron Moore, Ways & Means; Barbara Whitley, reception; Norma Holland, group leader; and Nancy

BY BEN HINTON, JR.

Home ownership is an essential ingredient for a thriving neighborhood. It instills a sense of community pride because the responsibility for the condition of the mes and the neighborhood rests with those who live there.

Wachovia Bank's Neighborhood Revitalization Program, which was introduced in 1989 and expanded statewide in 1990, is designed to encourage home ownership and housing renovation in this and other communities across the state.

In the Raleigh area, 16 home loans totaling more than \$800,000 have been

owner-occupied, single-family primary residences, including

townhouses and condominiums. How does the program make it easier to own or renovate a home?

·Low Down Payment: The minimum down payment is three percent of the selling price. Under traditional mortgage programs, the required down payment could be five percent, 10 percent or 20 percent.

Favorable Interest Rates: Loans

will be available for up to 30-year terms at lower rates than are traditionally available. Also, higher down payments result in additional rate reductions.

•Reduced Closing Costs: Closing

for the purchase or renovation of makes it possible for more people to quality for a home loan by allowing a higher percentage of monthly income to be devoted to the house payment (up to 35 percent) and a higher percentage of monthly income to be allocated to all monthly payments

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In this climate of increased local and national focus on the issue of police abuse and other issues, Raleigh's first forum attracted various organizations from across the county last week in a spirit of African-American unity.

The forum, held at Davie Street Presbyterian Church, allowed organizations to discuss issues of mutual concern and to hear Dr. Benjamin F. Chavis, Jr., executive director of the United Church of Christ's Commission for Racial Justice, who received several standing ovations for his message.

Rev. LeonWhite of Wake Forest was the presiding officer of the forum, with Bruce E. Lightner, Raleigh civic worker, as the planner

"I'm not an outsider," Chavis said, making reference to years in North Carolina and his involvement with the Wilmington 10 during the height of the civil rights movement and his incarceration at

When Clarence Lightner was mayor there was a decrease in police brutality and someone needs to tell Mayor Avery Upchurch and the police chief, God does not like ugliness," Chavis said.

Participating in the forum were representatives of all major civic, social and political organizations in Wake County, which he urged to "build the bridges for a lasting unity, one which endures beyond this forum, the next election, the next year, build a network which thrives on community unity and cooperative spirit."

Chavis also focused on the increasing problems within the African-American community: drugs, teenage pregnancy, violence, economic stagnation and the crisis in health care. He stated, "There is more than enough for each of us to do. We can ill afferd to cast stones at one another, it serves no purpose beyond rhetorical

Lightner, one of the forum's organizers, stated, "Open dialogue among people who have honest intentions is so very important. This unity forum started to address its basic question of how we can come together around common concerns. I think it was an impressive

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Rosa Parks Honored By Rights Leaders, Entertainers

ATLANTA, Ga. (AP)—More than had for a long time, all my life really, 000 civil rights leaders and protested against being mistreated 1,000 civil rights leaders and entertainers gathered to watch a tribute to the black woman who sparked the 1955 Montgomery bus boycott when she refused to yield her seat to a white man.

But the star of the show, 78-year-old Rosa Parks, didn't seem blinded Tuesday night by the glitz of another screening of "America Salutes Rosa Parks," a television program taped

"From the highest level of government down to the home, there shaking her head gently at the work

Ms. Parks made civil rights history in Alabama on Dec. 1, 1955, when she refused to give up her bus seat. Her actions not only sparked the bus boycott, but also ignited a fire under a young Baptist preacher named

Martin Luther King, Jr.
"You are so special to us," Atlanta Life Insurance Co. executive Jesse Hill told Ms. Parks Tuesday. "What you helped to launch has had its impact around the globe.'

But Ms. Parks is matter-of-fact about her contributions.

"I didn't think in terms of being unusually courageous that day," she said in an interview. "And it wasn't that I was particularly tired. But I things have changed."

and abused.

"It didn't enter my mind how people would react... I was grateful that people were willing to take a stand and not ride the bus."

Ms. Parks, a widow who now lives in Detroit, works to help children through the Rosa and Raymond Parks Institute for Self-Development. She is writing her autobiography for

She also travels the country, is a lack of giving to our children all raising funds for her institute and the care they need," Ms. Parks said, attending screenings of the television tribute, taped last year at Washington's Kennedy Center to

mark her 77th birthday. Civil rights leaders attending Tuesday's Georgia premiere of the tribute included Southern Christian Leadership Council President Joseph Lowery and King's son, Fulton County Commissioner Martin King, III. Singer Melba Moore entertained

the crowd. Ms. Parks said she sometimes visits friends in Montgomery, the city she left in 1957. She said she doesn't dwell on her arrest or the subsequent harassment and unemployment she endured in Alabama.

"I try not to let bitterness enter my life," she said. "I'm happy some

NEWS BRIEFS

DISTINGUISHED TEACHING Lillian Gould, professor of

mathematics and Amanda Mason, professor and chairman of the Division of Education at Shaw University, have received the 1991 Distinguished Teaching Award from the Alpha Kappa Mu Honor Society. The award, presented annually, recognizes excellence in teaching, contributions to the University, and high scholarly conduct. The recipiants each received a plaque and a cash award.

CARRETT SERVES AS CHIEF STUDENT

Charlene Garrett of Raleigh, is serving as chief student officer of the Society for Human Resources Management at Bucknell University. A senior majoring in psychology, Garrett is the daughter of Jerroldine and John Garrett, 9617 Koupela Drive. She is a 1987 graduate of Lake Mary High School, Lake Mary, Fig. A member of Kappa Kappa Gamma sorority, she served as a rdinator with the Bucknell Activities Council. Backnell University is a highly selective liberal arts institution with professional programs

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made under the Neighborhood Revitalization Program. Statewide, costs should not exceed \$2,000. No Under the Neighborhood Revitalization Program it is possible for more people to

qualify for a home loan by allowing a higher percentage of monthly income to be devoted to the house payment and a higher percentage of income to be allocated to all monthly payments.

more than 375 such home loans have been provided totaling \$15.5 million, with an additional 90 loans totaling \$3.7 million either approved or in the approval process.

By offering favorable interest rates, low down-payment requirements, reduced closing costs and flexible credit guidelines. the Neighborhood Revitalization Program hopes to attract individuals and families of low- to moderate income, some of whom might think that home ownership is beyond their reach. Each component of the program is intended to make it easier for people to buy a new or existing home or research their expenses. home, or renovate their current residence., The loans are available

discount points will be charged. This is a potential savings of thousands of dollars that otherwise would have to be paid at the time the loan is made. Also, the bank will not charge for a credit report it must compile for

*Eased Qualifying Debt Ratios: In traditional mortgage financing, lenders generally require that a family's house payment not exceed 28 percent of its gross monthly income, and the total monthly payment debt (house payment, car payments, credit card and other loan payments) not exceed 36 percent of the total

monthly income. Under the Neighborhood Revitalization Program, Wachovia

(up to 50 percent). For example, if a family's gross

NC Community Colleges Take Differences Before Lawmakers

More man 400 community college leaders from across North Carolina came to Raleigh to impress upon legislators the urgency of increased funding for the system's 58 community colleges.

Representatives from most of the colleges-including trustees, presidents, members of North Carolinians for Community Colleges, students and state board membersjoined forces for a meeting at the Raleigh Civic Center before meeting with individual legislators and legislative delegations throughout the

When the group convened, system president Robert W. Scott urged them to "tell legislators how community colleges affect the lives and livelihoods of their fellow citizens in every county in North Carolina.

"Community colleges have been called 'the people's colleges," Scott said, "and you should tell our legislators what community colleges

mean to your people back home."

Scott also praised Rep. Dennis A.
Wicker (D-Lee) for introducing House Bill 1179 that would incre community college funding by \$135 million a year, the amount recommended by the Commission on the Future of the North Carolina Community College System. The commission, which was composed of

legislators, business leaders and others, said increased funding was purpose, he said he hoped legislators essential if the community college system were to meet the needs of the state board and local trustees were

bill is consistent with the for increased funding. recommendations of the Governor's Commission on Workforce Preparedness, which cited a vital role of community colleges in community college coalition in their meeting the needs of a changing efforts to get their message across to workforce. Talmage Penland, an attorney

from Asheville and president of the North Carolina Association of Community College Trustees, told the group, "We must prevail in on our egislators to realize the seriousness of our dilemma. We must tell them that, in spite of the serious obstacles facing this state, we must go

Penland, who is also a trustee of Asheville-Buncombe Technical spent on education in North Carolina, Community College, said that the and yet we are serving more than near-term and long-term economic 741,000 citizens this year—including well-being of North Carolina training the vast majority of our depended on healthy and well-funded nmunity colleges across the state.

The president of the State Board of

Emphasizing the singleness of would take notice of the fact that the working together to convince the Scott went on to say that the Wicker General Assembly of the critical need

> He also said he hoped legislators would respect the "positive, constructive approach" taken by the the General Assembly.

"For example," he said, "our students channeled their energy into a contest of writing poignant and convincing essays on how community colleges have changed their lives, and we believe their stories are bound to have an effect on legislators as they decide how to appropriate tax revenues most effectively.

"Our community colleges receive only about six cents of every dollar nurses, law enforcement officers, and

firefighters," Simpson said. "And with that small fraction of the Community Colleges, William F. education dollar in North Carolina Simpson of Reidsville, also spoke we also grant one out of five high education dollar in North Carolina, briefly to the group before school diplomas," Simpson pointed rep sentatives visited with their out. "That is the kind of information we need to get to our legislators."