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Did Mrs. Mandela Get A Fair Trial? Court, Without Jury, Gives 6-Year Sentence

The Rand Supreme Court in Johannesburg has concluded a black liberation leader ordered the abduction of four black males from a Soweto church house in 1988 and later helped cover up their beatings, which resulted in the death of a 14-year-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

unblushing liar" and convicted her of 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 apartheid South Africa.

Her conviction comes at a time when decisions are being made in Luxembourg by western European countries to lift the economic sanctions imposed on South Africa. It also appears as a betrayal to the struggling oppressed and politically deprived African people, especially

Nelson Mandela whose campaign for ending apartheid was a great success in America.

"Keep the pressure on apartheid," cried Mandela during that historic tour and everywhere else. "Don't lift the economic sanctions against apartheid, because it is they who led to my release and that of other political prisoners," he added. Mandela demanded that sanctions should remain in place until there was profound and irreversible change and apartheid was a thing of the past.

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 struggle.

Ms. Mandela, 56, said she viewed 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 stunned by the verdict and said any

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Crabtree Valley Signs

Youth & Mall Agree

Better Human Relations Goal Of Agreement

From CAROLINIAN Staff Reports

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 1989 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 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 constant complaints by merchants 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

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GARNER'S MILITARY SUPPORT GROUP—"During Operation Desert 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 Edwards, marriage and family therapist. (Photo by James Giles, Sr.)

BY BEN HINTON, JR.
Special To The CAROLINIAN

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 homes 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 made under the Neighborhood Revitalization Program. Statewide,

for the purchase or renovation of 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 costs should not exceed \$2,000. No

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 (up to 50 percent).

For example, if a family's gross

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NC Community Colleges Take Differences Before Lawmakers

More than 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 members—joined forces for a meeting at the Raleigh Civic Center before meeting with individual legislators and legislative delegations throughout the day.

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 increase 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

Rosa Parks Honored By Rights Leaders, Entertainers

ATLANTA, Ga. (AP)—More than 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 blunder Tuesday night by the glitz of another screening of "America Salutes Rosa Parks," a television program taped last year.

"From the highest level of government down to the home, there is a lack of giving to our children all the care they need," Ms. Parks said, shaking her head gently at the work to be done.

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

had for a long time, all my life really, protested against being mistreated 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 children.

She also travels the country, raising funds for her institute and 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 things have changed."

NEWS BRIEFS

DISTINGUISHED TEACHING AWARD

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 recipients 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 Backnell University. A senior majoring in psychology, Garrett is the daughter of Jerroldine and John Garrett, 9617 Koupels Drive. She is a 1987 graduate of Lake Mary High School, Lake Mary, Fla. A member of Kappa Kappa Gamma sorority, she served as a coordinator with the Backnell Activities Council. Backnell University is a highly selective liberal arts institution with professional programs in engineering, management and education.

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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 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 each loan.

•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