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# Money Said Not Important Issue In \$20 Million Suit

BY CASH MICHAELS

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The family of a man who was shot to death by a Raleigh police officer last year hopes that their \$20 million wrongful death claim against the city will force the RPD to improve their deadly-force policies. In an exclusive interview with *The CAROLINIAN*, Geoffrey Simmons, attorney for the family of Ivan Ingram, said that money is not the most important issue.

"There are actually four things our claim against the city contains that the family would like to see done," Simmons told *The CAROLINIAN*. The claim was filed last week in the death of 35-year-old Ingram, who was shot by Officer Vincent Kerr during a drug raid last Nov. 8. Ingram, who had no weapons or drugs on his person, and no drugs or alcohol in his system, was apparently a bystander to the raid when he was killed.

Simmons says police policies and procedures were clearly responsible for his death, and how it was mishandled afterwards.

"When the police go into a neighborhood to conduct a raid, they should first seal it off," said Simmons. "In this situation, according to the report to the police affairs committee, police were going block to block, street to street looking for a bust. When one of their undercover officers was recognized on one street, he went to Carver Street [where Ingram was shot]. That wasn't the way to do it. Anyone could be on the street and be killed."

How the Ingram family was notified after the fact is another concern addressed in the suit. Simmons said it took the Raleigh Police Department five hours to finally contact them, and Simmons says that added insult to injury. "Mr. Ingram's family" (See INGRAM FAMILY, P. 2)



**SCHOLARSHIP FUND** — Dignitaries gathered at the Washington National Cathedral for the national launching of the Episcopal Church's scholarship fund for students of color, The Martin Luther King, Jr. Legacy Fund. Pictured from left: The Most Rev. Edmond L. Browning, presiding bishop, Mrs. Pamela Chinnis, president of the

House of Deputies, Diane M. Porter, executive, advocacy, witness, Justice Ministries Unit at the national headquarters, Dr. Prezell Robinson, president, St. Augustine's College and chair, board of trustees, National Association of Episcopal Colleges and Dr. Thomas Law, president, St. Paul's College, Lawrenceville, Va.

## \$2.4 Million Tryon Grove apts. To Provide Affordable Housing

Forty-eight low- and moderate-income families, which could include more than 100 parents and children, will be able to move into affordable apartments in southwest Raleigh to be built through a \$2.4 million public/private partnership that includes the Downtown Housing Improvement Corporation and Fannie Mae (the Federal National Mortgage Association).

Monday at a groundbreaking ceremony at the site of the development called Tryon Grove, U.S. Rep. David Price, Raleigh Mayor Avery C. Upchurch, and chairman of the Wake County Commissioners Vernon Malone dedicated the family apartments.

"Tryon Grove shows us that it takes more than just a good public policy tool like low-income housing tax credits to make affordable housing a reality. It takes dedication, energy, and creativity from many people in the community. Fortunately, we have that in Raleigh, and Tryon Grove is a visible symbol of this unique spirit," said Price.

Tryon Grove will consist of 48 two- and three-bedroom units, with easy access to schools, shopping centers, and restaurants. Other partners in the project, which was created by DHIC, include the North Carolina Housing Finance Agency, NationsBank, Wake County, the City of Raleigh, the North Carolina Department of Economic and Community Development, and the Enterprise Foundation.

"The City of Raleigh's commitment to provide decent and affordable housing for all of its citizens remains steadfast. We are pleased we could join all of the financing partners in sponsoring Tryon Grove Apartments," said Upchurch.

"Wake County is proud to work with Fannie Mae, NationsBank, and the City of Raleigh to help build these apartments. It's in all of our interest to make sure that people who work in Wake County can live in decent housing."

Fannie Mae is investing \$933,000 in the development through the Housing Outreach Fund, a low-

come housing tax credit equity fund managed by the Enterprise Social Investment Corp., a subsidiary of the Enterprise Foundation, for the production of low-income rental housing. Fannie Mae is the sole investor limited partner in the fund.

"These family apartments are an example of the kind of affordable housing that a public/private partnership can generate. We are pleased to be working with DHIC and Enterprise to make this project a success. We also are grateful to Rep. Price, Mayor Upchurch and Mr. Malone, without whose support developments such as Tryon Grove would not become a reality," said Glenn T. Austin, Jr., senior vice president for Fannie Mae's Atlanta-based, 12-state Southeastern Region.

James H. Brown, chairman of the board for DHIC, added, "DHIC has enjoyed the support of the City of Raleigh for almost 20 years. We welcome Wake County as a new partner in our efforts to provide housing for lower-income families."

DHIC was created by the City of

Raleigh in 1973 to reverse neighborhood decline by providing affordable housing for low-income residents. Other examples of the DHIC's development through the use of the low-income housing tax credit include Jeffries Ridge Apartments in Central Raleigh and the award-winning Murphey School Apartments for senior citizens.

Fannie Mae's \$220 million of equity commitments to tax credit properties like Tryon Grove are part of its \$10 billion commitment to open the doors to affordable housing across the country, announced by its chairman, James A. Johnson, in March 1991.

Fannie Mae, The USA's housing partner, is a congressionally chartered, shareholder-owned corporation and the nation's largest investor in home mortgages.

## Washington State Supreme Court Rules "Out Of Place" Not Criminal

OLYMPIA, Wash. (AP)—The state Supreme Court ruled last week that a person of any race being "out of place" in a particular geographic area is not grounds for suspicion of criminal behavior.

"Distinctions between citizens solely because of their ancestry are odious to a free people whose institutions are founded upon the doctrine of equality," Justice Jim Andersen wrote for the majority.

The majority opinion simply sent the case back to King County Superior Court with orders to determine if the arrest and subsequent burglary conviction of Darron Barber was based on Barber's being "out of place."

In a strong dissent, Justice Jim Dolliver said he would go further and overturn Barber's conviction.

The case stemmed from Barber's arrest in 1987 as he and two companions were stopped while walking down a street in a predominantly white neighborhood in Bellevue. All three are blacks, as was the arresting officer.

## Ex-Champ Mike Tyson Sure To Face Prison Time

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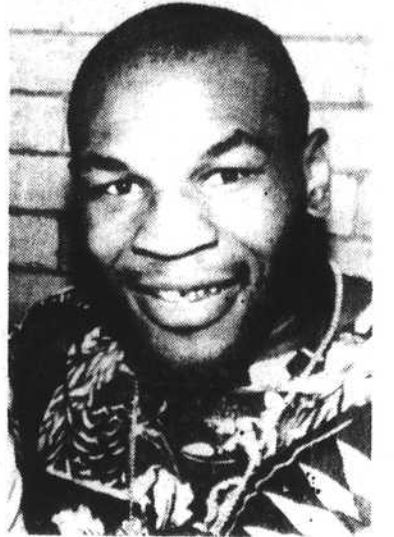
INDIANAPOLIS, Ind.—When former heavyweight boxing champ Mike Tyson returns to an Indianapolis courtroom on March 6 to be sentenced for the rape of an 18-year-old beauty pageant contestant, those familiar with Indiana law say he may face a minimum of seven to 11 years in prison.

Tyson, 25, was found guilty last Monday of one count of rape, and two counts of criminal deviate conduct. Tyson faces from six to 20 years on each count, and fines up to \$10,000. But with mitigating circumstances and this being his first offense, experts say the young boxing great will serve significantly less than the maximum 60 years.

Tyson went back to the Marion County Courthouse Tuesday for a pre-sentencing hearing. During that routine probationary meeting, Tyson's prior criminal history and social behavior were reviewed to be later considered during the sentencing deliberations.

Tyson was allowed to remain free on \$30,000 bond, but his passport was taken from him to prevent flight from the country.

After the decision was read, jurors in the Tyson trial told reporters that they believed the victim, an 18-year-old contestant in last year's Miss



MIKE TYSON

Black America pageant. The young woman testified that Tyson overpowered her in his hotel room after she was invited there one evening last July. She said Tyson held her down on the bed after stripping her, then sexually assaulted her, all the time laughing. The woman claimed that she was crying and pleading because of the pain.

In his defense, Tyson said that the woman knew why he invited her up to his hotel room, and was a willing participant in the act.

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## Raleighites Feel The Loss Of Author Alex Haley

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The untimely death of Pulitzer Prize-winning author Alex Haley Monday has saddened many here in Raleigh's African-American community who credit the writer with giving his people newfound pride in their history and heritage.

Haley, who was 70 when he died of a heart attack at Swedish Hospital in Seattle, Wash., authored *The Autobiography of Malcolm X* and the much-acclaimed novel *Roots*, which not only became a tremendous best-seller, but an Emmy Award-winning television mini-series in 1977.

*Roots* was the story of how Haley's great-ancestor from Africa, Kunta Kinte, was kidnapped from his land and brought to America a slave. Haley dramatically followed Kinte's descendants through the generations, documenting their struggles to live and survive as black people in America.

When Haley's story was shown on television 15 years ago, an estimated 130 million viewers tuned in, making it the largest television audience ever recorded at that time.

The impact of *Roots* caused people all over the world to look into their own family histories and heritage. Audrey Grant, library assistant at



ALEX HALEY

the Richard B. Harrison Library in Raleigh, told *The CAROLINIAN* that no one felt that impact more than African-Americans.

"We had never been as involved in finding out who we were, or our genealogy, before *Roots*." Family reunions took on a new meaning. There was a renewal of interest in the black family," she said.

Ms. Margaret Rose Murray, community activist and owner of Cross Link Day Care Center, where she teaches young children about their

(See HALEY DIES, P. 2)

### NEWS BRIEFS

#### SCHOOLS TO REPLACE MISSING PRINCIPAL

The Wake County School System will officially seek to permanently replace missing West Cary Middle School Principal Irms Estes when the Wake School Board meets on Monday, Feb. 17. Estes, 42, has been missing since Jan. 19 under suspicious circumstances when he disappeared from his home on Pleasant Union Church Road, and hasn't been seen since.

Investigators with the Wake Sheriff's Department say despite more than 200 interviews with family and friends, they still have no leads in the case.

#### OFFICIALS HONORED

Raleigh Mayor Avery C. Upchurch, City Manager Dempsey Benton, District C City Councilman Ralph Campbell, Jr. and Police Chief Frederick K. Heine-man, along with five police officers from the CLEAN unit, were recognized and given plaques during a special recognition day service at Word of God Fellowship Church on Davie Street last Sunday.

The Rev. Frank Summerfield, pastor of the church, preached that citizens should follow their civic leaders because they are "chosen by God," but those leaders should lead according to the dictates of the Bible.

#### N.C. JOBLESS RATE HOLDS STEADY

Ann Q. Duncan, Employment Security Commission

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**RECENT INDUCTEE** — Mrs. Mary Z. Clarke, a retired educator, is a recent inductee in the Raleigh Branch of the National Association of University Women.