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NEW TERRITORY

Soulful vocalist Cherelle has been a consistent chartmaker since 1984 and is now stepping into new territory.

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SINGING FOR THE LORD

Albertina Walker has been traveling all over the world for the past 40 years moving people with her voice and singing for the Lord.

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THIS WEEK

Blues singer Alberta Hunter was born in Memphis in 1895. At age 12 she left for Chicago, where she peeled potatoes and began her singing career. Her first recording was "Bring Back the Joy," issued by the Black Swan Record Company in 1921.

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Youth In Crabtree Case Found Not Guilty

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After three days of both contradictory testimony and contentious controversy, 17-year-old Lorenzo McKoy was found not guilty Friday of trespassing and assaulting a police officer in Wake District Court.

The charges stemmed from an altercation the African-American teen had with Crabtree Valley Mall security guards last Jan. 25 after he was told to leave the mall. The case once again put the continuing battle between Raleigh's African-American community and the owners of Crabtree over alleged racial discrimination in the forefront.

District Court Judge William C. Lawton's announcement of the verdict was made all the more dramatic by the fact that he had asked all involved to come back Friday morning after three days of testimony to hear only his verdict.

There are no juries on the District Court level, so Judge Lawton could have chosen to deliver his decision right after the closing arguments Thursday afternoon, but said he didn't want to because it was "the longest trial I've had since I've been a judge" and he felt he needed to go home and study the four notepads full of case notes before rendering a decision. Judge Lawton is new to the

bench. When the verdict was announced, McKoy (who turned 17 on March 17, the day the trial began) smiled brightly as spectators in the courtroom broke into applause. McKoy then began hugging family, friends and supporters. His mother, Ms. Thelma McKoy, praised God.

"Oh, I feel so good," exclaimed a beaming Ms. Margaret Rose Murray, chairperson of the newly formed Crabtree II Community Task Force.

In a unique moment, John Wilson, the chief of Crabtree security who originally accused the youth of loitering, went over to

McKoy, said, "Congratulations, no hard feelings," and shook his hand. McKoy told The CAROLINIAN later that Wilson invited him to "come out to Crabtree anytime."

Lorenzo said to reporters later, "I'm not going back out there no more." "I feel relieved, happy, and I give the praise to God," Ms. Thelma McKoy told The CAROLINIAN. She said she knew the whole time that her son was innocent, and thanked Raleigh's African-American community for its support. "If it weren't for the community, we wouldn't have won this case!" Ms. McKoy said she now sees the value of becoming involved in issues.

At a press conference at his attorney's office, Lorenzo told reporters the whole experience was "nerve-wracking" and he was happy it was over. He said his attorney, Theadseus Clayton, Jr., and his staff gave him good representation.

"[Crabtree] needs to find a better way to handle situations out there with black people and youth," said McKoy. He admitted that the scariest point of the trial was when Judge Lawton was about to deliver his verdict.

McKoy, like his mother, also acknowledged the support of the Afri-

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LORENZO MCKOY

Yahwehs: Rags To Riches

Criminal Charges Pursued

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MIAMI, Fla.—The Son of God does live television shows from a south Florida jail cell. The Son of God is also a frequent guest on America's black radio talk shows and even has his own nationally distributed cable TV show.

Although he has been imprisoned for more than 15 months, Yahweh ben Yahweh which in Hebrew means "God, the Son of God," has become a major media attraction among blacks, but is depicted as a madman and murderer in the general community and its monotheist press.

Like Marcus Garvey, Louis Farrakhan, Adam Clayton Powell and Daddy Grace, Yahweh ben Yahweh has been sought out and championed in the black community and its press, but has been continually vilified and held in disdain by white-owned media.

The "major" newspapers across America, like the Washington Post, New York Times, Atlanta Constitution, and others of that ilk, have hanged Yahweh ben Yahweh on the European cross and have names for him such as cult leader, charlatan, and conjuror. The reason the Black Hebrew Israelite leader is held in high esteem among blacks is not as much for his creed as for his deeds in moving a large segment of our community from the poverty that the establishment has benignly ignored, to a state of real and tangible riches.

In less than 12 years, Yahweh ben Yahweh took his religious following

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ASSASSINATION PROBE—U.S. Representative Louis Stokes, the former chairman of the House Select Committee on Assassinations who investigated the Martin Luther King, Jr., and John F. Kennedy slayings, denounces the new JFK film and calls for continued probing into the King murder.

PHADA Develops Legislative Plan For Low-Income Housing Advocates

Floyd T. Carter, president of the Public Housing Authorities Directors Association, says that the 1992 congressional session promises to be a busy one for low-income housing advocates. In addition to the annual HUD appropriations process, Capitol Hill lawmakers will consider a reauthorization bill that could significantly alter existing public housing programs.

PHADA is a national organization representing the interest of public housing authorities in every state. It monitors federal legislation and participates in lobbying activities on behalf of its 1,250 members. Like other Washington housing organizations, PHADA recently for-

warded its legislative recommendations to senators Alan Cranston (D-Calif.) and Alfonse D'Amato (R-N.Y.). Cranston and D'Amato serve as the chairman and ranking Re-

publican, respectively of the Senate's Housing and Urban Affairs Subcommittee. Senate staff members have indicated that they plan to

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Police To Aim At Illegal Dumpsites

The City of Raleigh Inspections and Police departments are joining forces this spring against a dirty deed—the illegal dumping of garbage and trash.

Inspections Director Ed Owens said the two departments will be working together to cut down on the illegal dumping. Inspectors will identify property where the dumping is a recurring problem and police officers will set up surveillance to nab culprits. Criminal charges will be brought against anyone caught dumping illegally.

"This is a targeted effort," Owens said. "We're going to try to get some of those people in court."

Illegal dumping is a misdemeanor punishable by a fine as determined by the courts in addition to the cost of cleaning up the dumpsite.

Most of the dumping occurring throughout the city is of household items such as furniture and large appliances, and of building materials, such as shingles, wood and building debris.

Along with being unsightly, unsanitary and environmentally unsound, dump sites are expensive for both the city and the property owners. Although the dumping is usually not done by them, property owners must pay the cost of cleanup

if the culprit is not found. And getting a lot cleaned up can involve much time and paperwork for the city, said Beal Bartholomew, ad-

ministrator for the Housing/Environmental Division of the City's Inspections Department.

"One property owner who has had

a problem with people dumping on his lot told me it's going to take \$5,000 for him to clean his prop-

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SHARING KNOW HOW—Tetouan Mayor Mohammed Ajzoul, left, and Raleigh Mayor Avery C. Upchurch sign an agreement of international cooperation between their two cities. Looking on are, from left, Bouchta Thateu, vice president of the Tetouan City Council and member of the

Moroccan Parliament; Harry Bernholz of the U.S. Agency for International Development; Bill Windley, representing Congressman David Price; and Bob Caudle, representing Senator Jesse Helms. The visiting Moroccan dignitaries also are scheduled to meet with Helms in Washington.

Community Calendar

JOB FAIR FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

The Raleigh Mayor's Committee for Services to Persons with Disabilities will conduct its 11th annual Job Fair March 24 at the Raleigh Civic Center, Main Level, from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

The Job Fair gives citizens with disabilities a chance to present their qualifications for employment, while gaining information about jobs in the Triangle area. Also, employers have an opportunity to interview and hire qualified workers with disabilities.

Additional information and pre-registration materials are available from Kathy Lambert at 515-2135.

SERTOMA PARK WILDLIFE WANDER

Shelley Lake Sertoma Park is offering a program for lovers of early spring wildflowers. Naturalist Mark Johns will lead a walk through the park exploring different areas for wildflowers. This very popular walk will be held Sunday, March 29, from 3-5 p.m., beginning at the Sertoma Arts Center Porch. There is a \$1 per person fee and pre-registration is required. For more information or to register, call the Park Office at 881-3931.

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