Malcolm X slaying site to be razed



ALBANY, N.Y. (AP) - The Manhattan theater where black activist Malcolm X was assassinated will be torn down after the state's highest court Thursday refused to hear an appeal by those trying to save it.

This is our last possible appeal," said Matthew Chachere, lawyer for a group trying to preserve the Audubon Theater and Ballroom.

New York City, the state and Columbia University plan to build a \$34 million biotechnology research center, the city's first, on the site in the Harlem section where the civil rights activist was killed in 1965.

Although the plans include preserving a portion of the building as a Malcolm X memorial, neighborhood groups rallied against the project. They consider the building a biotech research center in such a densely the biotech center was expected to start this spring

populated area, Chachere said.

"If a plan came along to preserve a small portion of Ford's Theater where Lincoln was assassinated and build a factory. I think a lot of people would consider it an outrage," Chachere said.

The project has been stalled by a 10-year legal battle waged by civil rights activists, preservationists and neighborhood groups like the Save the Audubon Coalition. In June, a lower court rejected the coalition's contention that the proposed science center will be a health threat to its neighbors.

The Court of Appeals, without comment, refused Thursday to hear an appeal.

Demolition of the 80-year-old building could begin soon, said Catie Marshall, spokeswoman for the city's city-owned theater a historic site and were opposed to Economic Development Corp. She said construction of

Dog impression leads to suspect's capture

PALM SPRINGS, Calif. (AP) -Police in the movies need the latest in high-tech equipment and lots of firepower, but in the real world a little bark can work.

Six hours after a carjacking, Officer Greg Jackson spotted a man matching the gunman's description

walking along a road.

The man saw Jackson, too, and

The 16-year police veteran figured the man was too fast for him, so he pulled a fast one.

"Officer Jackson used his patrol

car speaker and said, 'Stop, or I'll send the dog," according to police spokesman Sgt. Ron Starrs.

"Then he went, 'woof, woof, woof.

The runner stopped and surrendered

Administrators say work done in school should repay loans

WASHINGTON (AP) - President-elect Clinton should allow students to repay college loans through community service work done while in school, a group of college administrators said Thursday

In addition, some said, Clinton's National Service Trust program should be structured so that poor, minority students aren't discouraged from applying for such loans. Low-income workers should not be displaced by people working their way through college by doing community service work, either, the administrators said.

Clinton has proposed allowing any student to borrow money for a college education and to repay it either through tax-time payments or public service - one year of service for two years of loans, two years of service for four years of loans.

The National Service Trust would replace the federally guaranteed student loan program, under which 4.8 million students received \$13 billion in 1991. That program has come under fire for its rising default rate. The government paid off \$2.7 billion in bad loans in 1991, and each year about 17 percent of those with college loans default.





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