

THE CHARLOTTE COLISEUM 1988-2007



Only memories re

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The Charlotte Coliseum came crumbling down Sunday into a pile of stone and concrete, the final remains of the once-popular sports and entertainment facility. Hundreds of spectators started lining up a couple hours before the 10:30 a.m. blast, where demolition crews used about 550 pounds of explosives to knock down the 19-year-old building.

Cyndi Campos of Charlotte went to many events inside the Coliseum, including con-

certs and the circus — good times, she said. But on Sunday, “driving in felt like a funeral,” she said. “Just coming to watch something passing.”

Calvin Easter, who won a contest to help push buttons to trigger the implosion, said he’d miss the building, but “I know tomorrow has a lot of good things in store for the city of Charlotte.”

Developers plans to use the site for City Park, a 170-acre mixed-use project, including residences and stores.

Looking Ahead

TODAY	TUES.	WED.	THUR.	FRI.
Isolated storm	Isolated storm	Isolated storm	Partly cloudy	Partly cloudy
63 / 87	62 / 86	63 / 87	64 / 90	67 / 91

COMPLETE WNCN FORECAST, 6B

■ **WEEKEND RAIN** put a dent in the Charlotte region's moderate drought and rain may well fall several days this week, the weather service says. **FULL STORY ON THE WEATHER, 2B**