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Political forum planned

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Several organizations are working together to hold the county's first and perhaps its only large-scale political forum of the general election season.



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United Metropolitan Missionary Baptist Church, the Ministers Conference of Winston-Salem and Vicinity, the Winston-Salem Bar Association, Twin City Medical Supplies and the Winston-Salem Pan-Hellenic Council Inc. are teaming up to sponsor the forum, which has been scheduled for Oct. 17 in the fellowship hall of United Metropolitan. The church is at 450 Metropolitan Drive.

The groups are making a big push to get as many residents as possible to attend the forum, which may be the only such venue before the Nov. 5 general election for residents to meet the candidates seeking a variety of county seats.

Candidates running in several high-profile races have been invited and are expected to attend the forum. They include Democratic sheriff hopeful John Polite and his Republican challenger, Bill Schatzman, who beat incumbent Ron Barker in the primary.

Earline Parmon and Vernon Robinson have also been

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N.L. Rumph Sr. describes why he believes a curb on Bowen Boulevard is dangerous. The curb would be used by dump trucks if the airport gets approval for a landfill.

A Hard Sell

Plans for airport landfill angers residents

BY T. KEVIN WALKER THE CHRONICLE

Residents who live in neighborhoods surrounding Smith Reynolds Airport are up in arms over a proposal by airport officials to dump debris in a 100-foot hole adjacent to the airport's main runway.

After filling the hole with materials such as bricks, concrete, dirt and sand - materials that will likely come from the remnants of demolished buildings - the airport wants to construct a runway safety area, so that a plane will not fall into the hole if it were to over-run the runway.

But the proposed project is not all about safety. Without a safety area,

the Federal Aviation Administration will not consider giving Smith Reynolds funds to resurface its badly-eroding runway. And without money to resurface the runway, airport officials say it will become impossible for the airport



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which is no longer used by com-

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Bowling for Prizes



Photo by Kevin Walker

Twana Clyburn, far right, and her son, Seth, did not waste any time before coming to the Dixie Classic Fair. They joined thousands of others Friday, the opening day of the fair. A tradition here in Forsyth County, the Dixie Classic Fair features a varied number of activities for people of all ages, from exhibits to gravity-defying rides. The fair also gives residents the chance to win prizes by testing their skills at various games. Here, Clyburn cheers on Seth as he goes for a victory at this bowling game. The fair will end Sunday. For more pictures from the Dixie Classic Fair, see the Community Focus main page, C1.

Grant may help end disparities in schools

IBM money will help teachers come up with rapid solutions to solve students' learning problems

BY T. KEVIN WALKER THE CHRONICLE

The school system is hoping that a \$1 million grant from computer giant IBM will help its efforts to completely close the achievement gap that exists between white and minority students in subjects such as math and reading.

The grant was announced Tuesday afternoon during a news conference at Diggs Elementary School and will be used to develop software that will, among other things, help teachers formulate specially designed lesson plans to target students' trouble areas. The initiative is part of IBM's Reinventing Education program, which strives to bring high-tech solutions to the fingertips of educators. IBM doles out about two dozen of the grants to school systems throughout the world, including grants to the Durham and Mecklenburg systems.

"This Reinventing Education grant will provide the tools and resources to enhance the teaching and learning environment and to bridge the gaps between student assessment and curriculum and instruction planning," said Winston-Salem/Forsyth County Schools Superintendent Don Martin.

IBM researchers and technologists have already met with local teachers from all grade levels to gauge their needs. The IBM folks will work with system officials to develop the software, which will integrate information such as students' test scores and educational data.

The school system's assistant superintendent of technology described how the software will help student achievement: "Imagine a teacher being able to pull data that determines her students are performing below average on specific math skills. To address the deficiency, she accesses lesson plans that specifically address her students' needs," David Shellman said.

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HAWS teens going into business for themselves

Program gives youngsters hands-on lessons in business and success

BY T. KEVIN WALKER THE CHRONICLE

Many teenagers dream of owning their own businesses when they grow up. But a group of young people living in the city's public housing communities are not waiting for puberty to kick in before they make that dream a reality.

The Housing Authority of Winston-Salem is working to broaden its partnership with an innovative nonprofit group that helps teenagers develop and run their own businesses. HAWS sees the program as a way to give young people something

worthwhile to do and, perhaps, a means to end the vicious cycle of poverty that many of the teens are on the tail end of.

"I think this program lets them know that they can grow out of public housing and grow out of it fairly quickly," said Reid Lawrence, HAWS executive director.

HAWS' partnership with KidCommerce USA is still in its infancy. Currently, only 17 teenagers are working with KidCommerce, a six-year-old agency that works with young people to develop entrepreneurial skills and profitable businesses. The HAWS teens run everything from vending machine operations to a charm school. Most of their business ventures have already or are expected to turn a profit, above and beyond the seed money provided by KidCommerce to jump-start the businesses.

"We pretty much let them run with their own ideas," said Gary Robinson, KidCommerce executive director. "I think there are a lot of people who are surprised by what we are doing with these kids and that these kids are very well spoken and astute."

The program KidCommerce offers is

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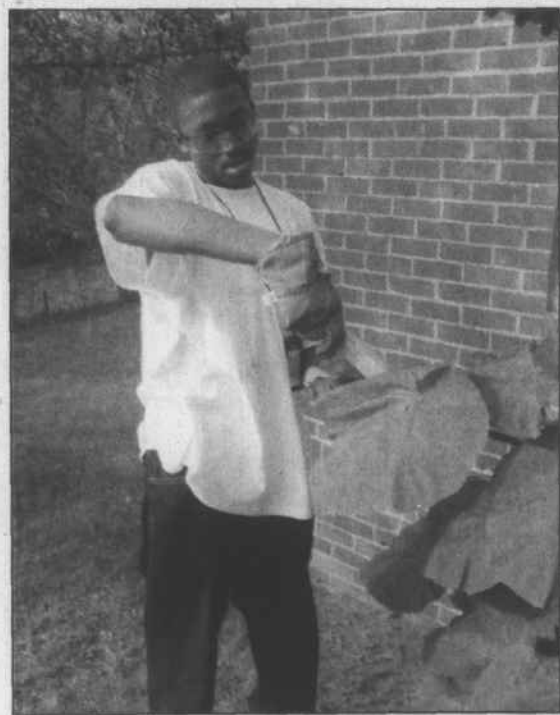


Photo by Kevin Walker

Bobby Pearson hones his landscaping skills near the KidCommerce headquarters, in the Happy Hill neighborhood.



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