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Lady Falcons end flawless season



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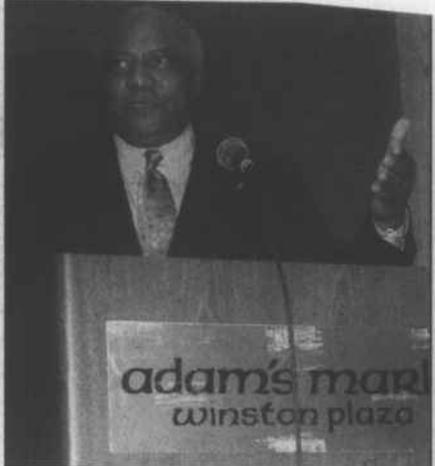


Photo by Courtney Gaillard
Garry Mendez speaks at a forum last week.

Drug culture direct affront to black life, speaker says

Center for Community Safety forum focuses on ways to save young minority males

BY COURTNEY GAILLARD
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"We're not black people; I call us Africans. We're African rooted people," said Garry Mendez, who was the featured speaker at last week's Community Mentoring Symposium sponsored by Winston-Salem State's Center for Community Safety.



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Mendez is the executive director and founder of the National Trust for the Development of African-American Men based in Washington, D.C.

Mendez founded the National Trust to respond to the variety of problems faced by the African-American male and has worked with incarcerated men and their families for more than 30 years. Mendez was also the director of the Administration of Justice for the National Urban League for 12 years.

George Sweat, former Winston-Salem chief of police, was also on hand to provide details on a recently awarded \$700,000 federal grant, the Core Project initiative, which will fund programs for serious and violent juvenile offenders who are re-entering the community. Currently, Sweat is the secretary of the N.C. Department of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention.

Before discussing ways to rehabilitate criminal offenders, Mendez chose to explain his preferred vocabulary when speaking about different ethnic groups.

"'African' has history, culture and values.... 'Black' doesn't have history, culture and values. 'Black' is a color," said Mendez, who is known for his blunt speech delivery and his provocative ideas on criminal rehabilitation.

The term "African-American" in reference to

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Photo by Kevin Walker
Matthew Errett lights a candle last week to honor the family who made his kidney possible.

Giving Thanks

Organ recipients partake in service to celebrate life and thank donors

BY T. KEVIN WALKER
THE CHRONICLE

Today, 8-year-old Matthew Errett can do cartwheels with the precision of a gymnast and imitate the rapid-fire dance moves he sees in hip-hop music videos. But Matthew has not always had the unlimited energy that most kids his age possess.

When he was just 16 months old, the bacteria E. coli was found in Matthew's system. The bacteria destroyed his kidneys and made the once healthy child dependent on a dialysis machine.

"Life on dialysis was not good," said Carmen Caruth, Matthew's mother. Every night at 9 p.m. we had to hook him to the



Heart recipients Tara Parker, left, and Eunice Jones talk after the service as Jones' friend Elaine Moore listens.

dialysis machine and then in the morning at 8:30."

After 10 months of dialysis, Matthew received a kidney transplant, which ended his dependence on dialysis and gave the boy a new lease on life, according to his

mother. Matthew's family doesn't know who Matthew's kidney once belonged to, but, they are, nevertheless, grateful.

"We know that someone made the ultimate sacrifice for

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Board will vote on name change

FROM STAFF REPORTS

The Winston-Salem Board of Aldermen could vote as soon as next month to change its name to the Winston-Salem City Council. Instead of aldermen, the eight members of the board would be known as council members.

Aldermen voted Monday to decide the issue at their next meeting, on Dec. 2. A name change would require the board to change the city's charter. Three aldermen, Fred Terry, Vernon Robinson and Robert Clark, voted against considering the name change



Joycelyn Johnson

altogether. They were on the losing end of the vote. Board members Vivian Burke, Wanda

Merschel, Joycelyn Johnson, and Dan Besse voted to pursue the idea. (Alderman Nelson Malloy did not attend Monday's meeting.)

The vote came after a public hearing Monday night on the proposal. The topic drew little interest from the public, however.

Only one resident spoke during the public hearing. He opposed the proposal, citing the costs that would be associated with such a change and the city's long history of having a Board of Aldermen.

City Manager Bill Stuart

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Photo by Kevin Walker
Jim Neal positions a wreath on one of the lamp posts along Main Street last week. He and his Alpha Electric co-worker Jimmy Francis spent much of last week getting the city's downtown ready for Christmas.

Black smokers urged to beware

Cigarette use by black women could pose risk to unborn children

BY COURTNEY GAILLARD
THE CHRONICLE

African-American women in Forsyth County who smoke while pregnant are four times more likely to have a baby die than white women who smoke during pregnancy, said a report released by the Forsyth County Department of Public Health (FCDPH) on Tuesday. The report findings were released as part of an ongoing investigation of infant mortality in

Forsyth County and the long-standing racial disparity that exists with the epidemic.

Dr. Tim Monroe, FCDPH health director, and Dr. Charles Woods, a pediatric physician from Wake Forest University Baptist Medical Center, revealed the results from a study that analyzed all fetal and infant deaths for residents of Forsyth County between 1995 and 2000.

"It looks very clear

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Photo by Courtney Gaillard
Dorameka Headen holds her daughter, Aaliyah, as she makes a statement. Tim Monroe is to their right.