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THE DIVA WITHIN

Pamper session makes young mothers look good outside and feel good inside

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For unwed, teenage mothers, pampering one's self could be as basic as an after-school nap, before picking the baby up from the day care center. And feeling glamorous may be as simple as making it through the day without getting their little one's spit-up on their outfits.

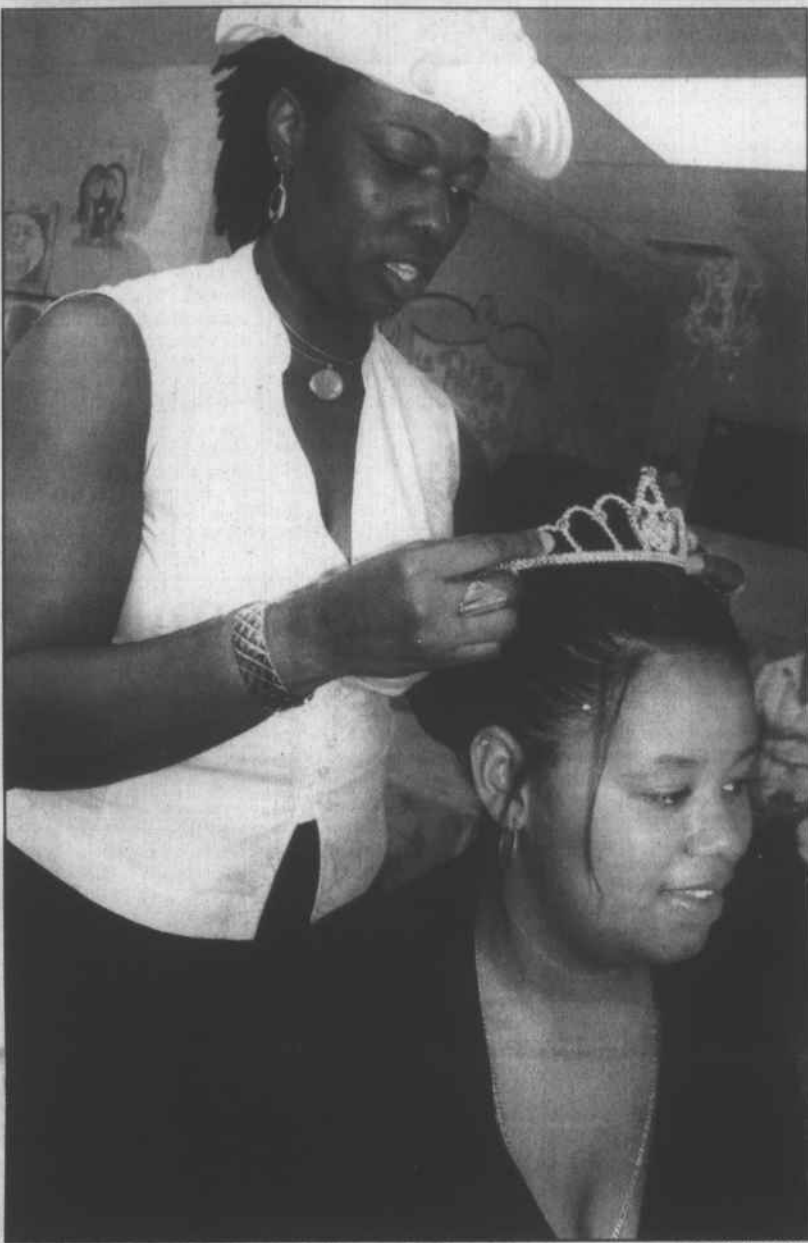


Katrina Rice sprinkles glitter over Jazmin Odom's head.

The definition of overindulgence was greatly expanded Saturday for seven young mothers during a three-hour retreat where their inside and outside were enhanced. The Party Palace hosted the "Diva Brunch" for the most devoted and active girls in Hand 2 Hand, a Catholic Social Services program that provides support and guidance for first-time teenage mothers.

The event was the ultimate getaway for the young women, many whom maintain jobs and attend regular high schools, all while juggling the awesome responsibilities of motherhood. Not only did they get a precious few hours away from their little ones, but also a beauty package that would rival the services of a full-service day spa.

"As women, we need to be treated like royalty," explained Katrina Rice, who owns Kernersville's The Party Palace, a
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Katisha Blackwell places a tiara atop Jalisa Nails-Herron's head.
Photos by Kevin Walker

Williams: Youths need honesty

NPR corespondent comes to town for educators' retreat

BY T. KEVIN WALKER
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One of the nation's most prominent African-American journalists told local educators Tuesday

morning that they are doing a grave disservice to young people by not being brutally honest with them.

"Don't think you are going to be a rap star or an NBA star," Juan Williams said as he reeled off a litany of realities that he says must be driven into the minds of teenagers.

"Don't have children until you are married," he continued. "You have got to have a high level of education in order to adapt to the changes that are taking place."

Williams, an author and National Public Radio senior correspondent, said that even if such lessons come off as preachy, they must be stated in order to steer youths, especially young black men, from a road that will inevitably lead to poverty, prison or even death. Williams spoke to Winston-Salem Forsyth County principals and administrators at Parkland High School as part of an annual post-school year retreat. School Board Member Jill Tackabery lobbied for Williams' appearance after she heard him promoting his book, "Enough: The Phony Leaders, Dead-End Movements, and Culture of Failure That Are Undermining Black America - and What We Can Do About It" on both Rush Limbaugh's and Diane Rehm's radio shows. Tackabery was impressed that Williams' book received raves from both



Williams

Teen job program kick-off includes Hamlin tribute

Urban League will put dozens of young people to work this summer



Larry Leon Hamlin performs at last year's kick-off.
File Photo

BY LAYLA FARMER
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The Winston-Salem Urban League hosted the kickoff of its annual Youth Leadership Institute (YLI) internship program last Thursday in Carver High School's auditorium.

Public officials and program leaders were on hand for the event, which was dedicated to the memory of the late Larry Leon Hamlin, who performed at last year's kickoff ceremony. It was one of Hamlin's last public appearances.

Established by the Urban League, the YLI is a year-round program that is designed to help youths obtain

the skills needed to make a smooth transition into adulthood. It is comprised of five major components which include money management and leadership development. The internship program was devised to help attain the goals outlined in the YLI program.

"We want these young people to learn leadership skills," commented UL President Keith Grandberry. "You can have summer jobs all you want, but if they don't learn leadership skills now, then we aren't

doing our job."

Brittany Brown and Darren Roseboro, both graduates of the 2006 YLI, served as co-hosts.

"Last year, when I participated in the program, I was looking strictly for the paycheck. However, I gained so much more than money. We had many opportunities to better ourselves," Brown said. "The Youth Leadership Internship program is a great opportunity for young people."



Grandberry

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McAllister is a GOP rising star

35-year-old helping stir black conservative movement

BY LAYLA FARMER
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Lenny McAllister is a black Republican. Those two facts alone make him a bit of an anomaly. Yet McAllister says he is proud of his heritage, and his political affiliation, two things that he says, contrary to popular belief, are not mutually exclusive.

"Black conservatives have always existed," he explained.



Lenny McAllister, left, with Republican National Committee Chairman Mike Duncan.
Photo provided by McAllister

"The difference is we, as African Americans, often-times think socially conservative and politically (but) vote more towards the liberal side, because we have aligned ourselves with the Democratic party."

Like most African Americans, McAllister, a 35-year-old Davidson College graduate, grew up a Democrat. Born and raised in western Pennsylvania, McAllister said back then being a Republican wasn't an option.

"Pretty much everybody

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OUT WITH THE OLD ...



Photo by Todd Luck

Only this pile of rubble remains at 575 N. Liberty St., just a hop, skip and jump from The Chronicle's office building. Construction crews ripped apart the old Advance Auto Store Monday to make room for Liberty Place Condominiums, a 36-unit building with one, two and three bedroom units that will start in the \$220's.



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