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Omega Psi Phi members crown Jackie Phillips at annual event.

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Judge may reduce charges against Alderman Larry Womble.

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Farrakhan to speak out on Winston Four

▲ National spokesman for the Nation of Islam will be at Benton Convention Center Tuesday night

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The Honorable Minister Louis Farrakhan, spokesperson for the Nation of Islam, is scheduled to speak at the M.C. Benton Convention Center Tuesday evening to address the attack on black leaders nationwide. The event will begin at 7 p.m. Doors will open at 5 p.m.



Farrakhan

It is being sponsored by the Winston-Salem Four committee and The Nation of Islam and is free to the public.

Publicity spokesman for the Winston-Salem Four committee, Rasheed Bey, said the event is expected to attract more than 3,000 people.

"He's coming to speak out and address the community on the attack of our black leaders. His speech will follow on the heels of (former Congressman Walter Fauntroy who spoke at the NAACP banquet on the same issue," said Bey. "The government has conspired to attack black leader-

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Calling all vendors!



City Market, the downtown farmers' market, needs vendors for its 1992 season, which starts May 5. The market will open every Tuesday and Thursday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. summer through fall. Interested vendors should call Bill Austin at 727-2226 for more information.

Minority subs win victory

▲ Aldermen vote eliminates bidding loop-hole that worked against minority subcontractors

By SAMANTHA MCKENZIE
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Minority contractors told the Winston-Salem Board of Aldermen that the city's subcontracting bidding process has actually worked against them by allowing general contractors to conduct "bid shopping" and other unethical practices.

In a 5-3 vote Monday night the board voted to shorten the time allotted for general contractors to submit their list of minority subcontractors, from five days to the "same-day," in hopes of eliminating alleged discrimination activities.

Minority subcontractors complained that general contractors were submitting a list of minority subcontracting bids to obtain the project and then using the five-day period to obtain lower bids.

"What happens is that the general contractor will submit a list of minority subcontractors and say that he is going to use them, but then within those five days he'll go talk to some of his buddies who come up with a lower price. We are eliminated altogether. We're cut out of the whole process," said James Moore, president of Metropolitan Drywall & Ceiling Systems, Inc.

Moore said the general contractor can make a claim that "good faith efforts" were made to secure minority subcontractors, but a lower bid to a non-minority was accepted.

Gail Withers, president of Withers Construction Company, added that the five-day process also allowed general contractors

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ON THE AVANT-GARDE

By TANG NIVRI

'Uncle Amos'

It was a beautiful Saturday morning, the day after Good Friday. Folks were scurrying all about the New Town Shopping Center looking for new things to buy for Easter Sunday.

As I strolled along the busy sidewalk, my eyes suddenly stopped. There they were sitting, squatting, bending, dancing, laughing, scratching, jumping, standing . . . waiting, frozen, forever, in time, sitting still on a white lady's table, out front of the Roses' Department Store, in downtown Clemmons, N.C. It was a collection of little black figurines, for sale.

At first, I didn't believe what I was seeing. This was not one of the little "steppe" figurines who will forever hold mass's gate post lantern; this was a table full of little black figurines — albeit surrounded by a host of other little white figurines, of various sizes and poses.

But the black ones stood out from all the rest. For unlike the others, the little white boy smiling, the little white girl praying, etc., the black figurines made one feel as though they had been made to look as if they were happy; that they were laughing even though they knew deep inside that nothing was funny, scratching when nothing was itching, bowing and scraping when really they wanted to stand up. They were in black face.

I looked at the little white lady who had set up the little exhibition booth. She was a middle-aged, grandmother type, an average looking white lady who probably makes everybody's favorite apple pie, is God fearing, goes to church on Sunday, (probably a Baptist) and no doubt loves her country.

But to tell you the truth, I couldn't really focus directly on her. I was too busy fumbling through my own feelings . . . wondering what were all the other white folks, young and old, thinking about when they saw these little figurines?

What was going through their minds and what did they think was going through my mind?

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Chamber says all-white club only place available

By SAMANTHA MCKENZIE
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Despite the fact that Forsyth County Club has no black membership, the Greater Winston-Salem Chamber of Commerce is planning to hold its Corporate Recognition Award black-tie dinner and reception there next Thursday.

Ironically, the banquet is being held to recognize Wachovia Corporation for its "dedication to the communities where the company is located, in particular, Winston-Salem . . . in support of economic development in the Winston-Salem area." Wachovia Corporation will receive Corporate Recognition Award from the chamber.

Attending the event will be Alderman Virginia Newell who said: "I feel like when I attend these things I'm letting my people down but at the same time I would like to go to show my support and appreciation to Wachovia."

"But I do really feel that they (Chamber) need to stop holding these kinds of events at places like this," Newell added.

Fred Nordenholz, president of the Chamber of Commerce, said the chamber originally elected to hold the event at the Winston-Salem Stouffer Plaza Hotel, but was unable to secure it.

"We have key people coming to this

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Angelou tribute postponed

By YVETTE N. FREEMAN
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Officials at the United Negro College Fund (UNCF) have postponed the first Bi-Annual "Maya Angelou Tribute to Achievement" that was scheduled to take place this Saturday, April 25 at the Stevens Center.

According to Marilyn Richards, area development director of the North Carolina UNCF Operation, the event was postponed due to the "unexpected unavailability of some special guests." The event will, however, take place sometime this fall. A specific date has not yet been determined.

During the event, which will benefit the six UNCF institutions in North Carolina, Dr. Angelou who is the chairperson of the Special Gifts Committee of North Carolina for the UNCF will pay tribute to Joe Dudley Sr., founder and president of Dudley Products; and Paul Fulton, president of the Sara Lee Corporation.

Also, as part of the activities, there will be a luncheon to recognize the "Friends of UNCF" who are persons who make an annual contribution to the organization of \$1,000 or more.

Anyone who has already purchased tickets for the event, should call the UNCF office at 748-0010 for more information.

Bridge tournament turnout exceeds expectations

▲ Two thousand players from across the country fill up the tables at the Benton Convention Center

By YVETTE N. FREEMAN
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Coordinators of the 29th Annual Spring Nationals Tournament of the American Bridge Association (ABA), which is currently underway in Winston-Salem, say their expectations of the event's success have been exceeded.

At least 2,000 people from around the country have come to the Twin City this week to gain master points, win prizes and just have some plain old fun in the tournament, being held at the M.C. Benton Convention Center.

"It's going very smoothly thus far, possibly greater than expectations," Ruth Washington, president of the Triad Bridge Unit, said Monday, the second day of the tournament.

Will Richardson, chairman of the National Tournament Authority (NTA), agreed and stated that the turnout for the event is "slightly higher" than what was

anticipated. "The tournament has been very successful. Our table count is up. People are turning out real good," he said.

The Tournament began Sunday, April 19 and will continue through this Saturday, April 25. The players are separated by experience — newer players in one room and the more experienced players in another. So far, everyone involved is enjoying the hospitality of the city's residents and the members of the Triad Bridge Unit, which is hosting the event locally.

This is the third year that Ethel Carr, a retired school teacher from Dayton, Ohio, has attended the ABA's tournament, and she said Monday that it was "the comradeship" that she enjoyed the most about the event. "I get along well with the partners," she said.

New Player Director Dorothy Cumberbatch of New York also thought the

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It's your bid!

New Player Director Dorothy Cumberbatch assists some players during one of their games. Pictured (from left to right) are Lula Johnson, East Orange, N.J.; Edna Nelson, Dayton, Ohio; Chlorice Parsons, East Orange, N.J.; Dorothy Cumberbatch, New York, N.Y.; and Joel Nelson, Dayton, Ohio.