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Attorneys: Cops' rights violated

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representing two African American officers demoted last fall in a rap concert wanted by the Board of Aldermen of Winston-Salem. Their clients' constitutional rights were violated in the process, head of the union said.

They wanted to ask the board to force City Manager Bill Stuart to appoint an independent arbitrator to hear the grievances so that the matter can finally be brought to a close.

But the attorneys didn't get a chance to utter a word at Monday's aldermen meeting. The board bickered over whether or not to allow the attorneys to be

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Winston-Salem police officers Chuck Byrom and Victor Robinson talk with supporters after a meeting with the Board of Aldermen Monday.

Angela Davis to speak at Wake

BY T. KEVIN WALKER
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Angela Davis, one of the most recognizable political activists of the 20th century, will come to Winston-Salem next week to speak at Wake Forest University.

Since her days as a Black Panther and one of the FBI's 10 most wanted, Davis has been a much sought after speaker, crisscrossing the world to speak on feminism,

diversity and politics.

Davis' appearance Wednesday is sponsored by Wake's Office of Multicultural Affairs, the Black Student Association and the Student Union. Barbee Oakes, director of the Office of Multicultural Affairs, says the campus has been electric since the school received confirmation from Davis' publicist last week.

"We are so excited. This is one of the most historical events to have

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Russell sells... ...pe VI

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of the construction firm that will handle the last three phases of a local public housing revitalization says the project is in good hands with his company.

Henson, president and chief officer of H.J. Henson, was in town Monday to discuss details with the Housing Authority of Winston-Salem. The Atlanta-based construction giant has been selected to complete a \$100 million Hope VI project, a U.S. Housing Development pro-



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community of moderate-income houses, townhouses and apartments.

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Star treatment



Photo By T. Kevin Walker

Winston-Salem police officers are mobbed by students during a career fair at Forest Park Elementary School.

Kids get bird's-eye view of work

BY T. KEVIN WALKER
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State Rep. Larry Womble looked down at a throng of pint-sized constituents as he slowly explained his duties in Raleigh.

"I make the laws in here," Womble said, pointing to a thick book containing state laws.

"Mr. (Eric) Ellison (a Winston-Salem lawyer) interprets the laws I help make."

Womble, Ellison and more than two dozen other local professionals were the guests of honor at a career fair Monday

hosted by Forest Park Elementary School.

The school - whose motto is "where the future begins today...every day" - has been staging the fairs annually for some time now. The school's principal, Herman Lane, said the purpose of the fairs is simple.

"We are trying to give (the students) an opportunity to learn something different ... something that they can aspire to," he said.

Every student had the chance to walk through the gymnasium and chat with the professionals.

Lane said the school wanted a "cross-section" of professions represented at the fair. Football players from Winston-Salem State University, WXII anchorman Cameron Kent, law enforcement officers and Ben Ruffin, chair of the UNC Board of Governors, were among those who agreed to participate.

The students formed small groups around the professionals as the men and women talked about their responsibilities in the "grown-up world."

"I have gotten a lot of different questions from them today,"

Ken Raymond laughed.

Raymond, who has published the Winston-Salem Ledger, an on-line newsletter, for the last three years, was invited to talk to the students about journalism.

"I think (the fair) is a good thing. It gives them some good direction."

The students seemed more occupied with the laptop computer Reginald Jones brought along than what he had to say. Jones said young people are not

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Hotel to host church group

BY T. KEVIN WALKER
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To go or not to go?

That is the question that another African American group has had to grapple with in relation to the Adam's Mark Winston Plaza Hotel.

The St. Louis-based Adam's Mark chain has been slapped with racial discrimination suits by both the NAACP and the U.S. Justice Department. Although the NAACP has not declared an official boycott of the 21 Adam's Mark hotels, many African Americans are hesitant to use the hotels while the matter is still pending.

Black United Methodists, a national African American church organization, will hold its annual meeting in Winston-Salem March 22-25 at the Adam's Mark. But the decision to keep the event at the hotel was not made without careful consideration.

"We started (negotiations) with the Adam's Mark 18 months ago," said the Rev. James Ferree, pastor of Charlotte's Simpson-Gillespie United Methodist Church and chairman of the Methodist state caucus. "At that time none of this had surfaced. After it surfaced, it was too late to change...If we knew then probably we would not have."

Ferree said large hotels in Greensboro were contacted after news of the chain's troubles hit the airwaves, but most were already booked.

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Wicker stumps Roundtable

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Dennis Wicker, a candidate for governor, standing-room-only Thursday night at the Black Leadership Roundtable of Winston-Salem County.

already has the backing of several local African Americans, including one former legislator.

Annie Brown Kennedy, who served with Wicker in the General Assembly, called him one of her "boys."

"Dennis (Wicker) and my twins (twin sons) were classmates at Carolina," she said. "Now Jim Hunt is coming to the end of his road, we need somebody to take up the mantle....He's a person that you can talk to. He really is informed. He is sensitive to the needs of the people, and I

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Photo by Paul Collins

Lt. Gov. Dennis Wicker became the first gubernatorial candidate to address the Black Leadership Roundtable last week.

Students: Rebel flag is heritage

BY CHERIS HODGES
THE CHRONICLE

For some, the Confederate battle flag is a symbol of hate and oppression. But for two students at Mount Tabor High School, the flag is a symbol of their Southern heritage.

The students want to proudly display the flag on their clothing and cars without people, especially African Americans, calling them racist or attacking them.

"Something should be done in the school to teach the meaning of the flag," said Bob, who asked that

his real name not be used.

He said he had a family member who fought in the Civil War for the South.

"That flag is about state's rights," he added.

According to Dusty Lindsay, who often wears Confederate Flag clothing, if African American students knew the history of the flag they would not be offended when they see it.

But some African American students and their parents are offended

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