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McCoy up for top job in Wilson

WSPD assistant chief is one of six finalists for chief position

BY KEVIN WALKER THE CHRONICLE

Winston-Salem Assistant Police Chief Mike McCoy will take part in a two-day assessment next week as part of the selection process for the police chief position in Wilson, an Eastern North Carolina city.



McCoy

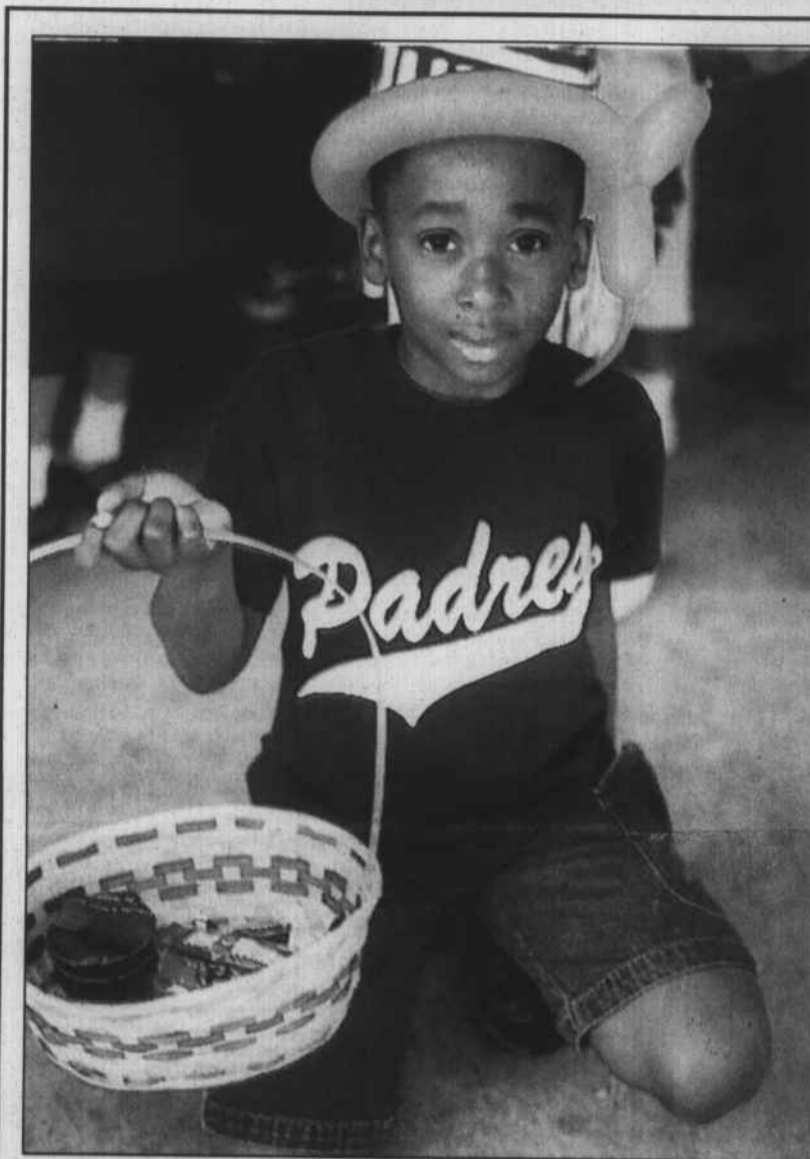
McCoy is one of six finalists for the job, according to the Wilson Daily Times. The 27-year Winston-Salem Police Department veteran is one of two department outsiders up for the job. The other is a captain from the Durham department.

McCoy said he applied for the position about three months ago in an attempt to fulfill his goal to head a police department.

"I have been preparing myself for a (chief's) position for several years now, even before (former WSPD) Chief (George Sweat) left," McCoy said recently.

McCoy was up for Sweat's position, but lost the job to

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Easter Outing

Photo by Paul Collins

Seth Brown shows some of the goodies he collected during an Easter egg hunt Saturday at Family Easter Fling at the Dixie Classic Fairgrounds. Take a look at his cool balloon hat. Easter egg hunts were held by age groups: 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 and 9-10. Other activities included: bonnet and best decorated Easter basket contests; sunflower seed planting; and drawings for door prizes. See story on page A11 for more details.

Exhibit tackles payday lending

Photos and captions will tell story of those who have relied on controversial business

BY CORTNEY L. HILL THE CHRONICLE

Ever run out of money before the end of the month? Do you find yourself going to places that offer cash advances just so you can make it to the next paycheck? Do you want the solution to handling your finances better? Well search no more. Coming to Winston-Salem on April 27 is the Photographic Exhibit and Discussion on Payday Lending at the Ivy Arms Clubhouse.



Womble

Sponsored by N.C. Rep. Larry Womble, N.C. Rep. Warren Oldham, Phi Omega Inc. of AKA Sorority and the Community Reinvestment Association of North Carolina, this photographic exhibit was put together to help the public learn about the pitfalls of payday lending as well as provide portraits and quotes of borrowers, lenders, advocates and regulators offering their opinions on these short-term, high-cost loans.

"People across the state have experienced many problems with these payday lending services," said

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City pitches in for HOPE VI

Robinson is only African-American alderman who voted against money

BY T. KEVIN WALKER THE CHRONICLE



Robinson

Public housing residents lent silent support to the Housing Authority of Winston-Salem's HOPE VI project at City Hall earlier this week. More than 50 of them crowded into the Board of Aldermen chamber for Monday's meeting, where the board passed a resolution providing the HOPE VI with \$2.5 million in funding.

The resolution passed with little drama, a surprising turn of events for some because aldermen had been critical of the project, objecting to everything from its escalating cost to HAW's management style.

Board members Vernon Robinson and Wanda Merschel voted against the resolution. Merschel made her intentions clear at a Finance Committee meeting last week, where she said she could not support the project because of problems she had

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'Raptivist' speaks at WSSU

BY CORTNEY L. HILL THE CHRONICLE

Shining light on matters of African culture vs. American culture, womanhood and manhood, and education as well as the matters of hip-hop music, Sister Souljah, a community activist, author, educator and political commentator, spoke at Winston-Salem State University in the K.R. Williams Auditorium Tuesday night.

Souljah, who is the author of the nonfiction book "No Disrespect" and the novel "The Coldest Winter Ever," came to WSSU giving more than just a history lesson about hip-hop, Africa, college and so forth. Souljah introduced the audience to themselves instead of the audience being submerged by her life experiences. "Everything you do, the people you choose to hang with, the person you choose to be with and the words you choose to say is all a reflection of you," exclaimed Souljah as she constantly moved her hands with every syllable of her words.

Souljah explained the hardships of growing up in

the housing projects of Bronx, New York and how at the age of 5 she had to think like a 12-year-old and be able to look after her younger siblings while her single mother was out working. "Yes, I grew up on welfare and received free cheese and peanut butter and stood in those long lines," Souljah said with no hesitation. "But those things didn't hinder me from doing what I had to do to succeed."

Though Souljah grew up around violence in her neighborhood, she explained how in the ghetto, black people kept it real, where as in the suburbs, where her family eventually moved, black people didn't want to be black and pretended like they were happy by covering up lies. "When we moved to the suburbs of New Jersey, the black people out there were too busy caring about the kind of house and cars and clothes they had...too busy trying to keep up with the white folks."

Souljah then went on a tangent about her academic advances. While in high school, Souljah was able to intern at the House of Representatives in Washington.

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Photo by Kevin Walker

Sister Souljah chats with a WSSU student.

Cincinnati riots a 'wake-up call,' congresswoman says

BY HAZEL TRICE EDNEY NNPA WASHINGTON CORRESPONDENT

WASHINGTON - The riots that raged out of control in Cincinnati last week in response to the killing of a young black man by a white police officer should be a "wake-up call for cities across the nation," U.S. Rep. Stephanie Tubbs Jones (D-Ohio) has told NNPA. She also said President Bush should speak up on the issue.



Tubbs Jones

"I would hope that other cities would use Cincinnati as a wake-up call because a lot of people think that in the 60s were the riots and that they won't happen again. But this should be the wake-up call for cities across this country to address this issue," Jones said in the NNPA tele-

phone interview from her 11th Congressional District.

Jones' district does not include Cincinnati. However, she is the only black member of the Ohio congressional delegation. Cincinnati Reps. Rob Portman and Steve Chabot, both Republicans, could not be reached for comment.

Given the nationwide focus on the uprising that involved more than 1,000 police officers and more than 150 arrests, and given the gravity of the undergirding causes, "I would hope that President Bush would speak out on the issue... This should be addressed at the presidential level," Jones said, describing the cause of the unrest as "a dream deferred."

By "a dream deferred," Jones was quoting Langston Hughes' poem that asks whether a dream deferred "dries up like a raisin in the sun - fester like a sore - and then run? Does it stink like rotten meat? Or crust and sugar over - like a

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Men protest outside of a Cincinnati church last week.

Photo by Knight Ridder