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Oprah hosts bash for Angelou

Talk-show queen, other celebrities come to town to celebrate poet's 75th birthday

Commentary
Ernie Pitt

Last weekend Oprah Winfrey invited people from all over the world here to celebrate Dr. Maya Angelou's 75th birthday. Motivated out of pure love for the woman she calls "my mother," Oprah masterminded and lovingly watched over the events that carried over for three days. The result was an affair that was honorable, respectful, inspirational and, yet, the most down-to-earth love fest imaginable.

Those who attended and par-



Maya Angelou takes a bow as Oprah Winfrey and others cheer for Angelou.

Photo by Ernie Pitt

ticipated all connected and were raised to another level by the spirit of "mother," "sister," "sister-friend," Dr. Maya Angelou. This

connectivity was illustrated brilliantly by a quilt woven from 4-by-4-inch square patches with messages from those attending

the fete. Thus, the Mosaic of Maya was formed and shaped. It was awesome.

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Maya Angelou holds an African-carved walking stick, one of the gifts she received at her birthday celebration.

Local women honored for their vision by the YWCA

BY COURTNEY GAILLARD
THE CHRONICLE

What do a high school senior, a doctor, an administrative assistant and a few executives have in common? Vision, leadership, community involvement and commitment, according to the YWCA of Winston-Salem, which paid tribute to the community's Women of Vision at its recent Leadership Awards Luncheon. Guest speaker Lynn Beasley, president and chief operating officer of R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Co., shared with the audience a candid and humorous account of her rise to the top of a major tobacco company and the lessons she learned along the way.

The YWCA's Leadership Luncheon is an annual event that highlights the accomplishments and contributions of some of the community's female leaders. It has been held every year since 1982.

The 2003 Women of Vision are Claire Davis, Novant Health; Brenda Diggs, Wachovia; Karen Hilton, Southern Community Bank; Kathryn Holder, Industries for the Blind; Ann Johnston, Reynolds Tobacco Co.; Tara Maxwell, Cancer Services; Sarah Moran, West Forsyth High School; Sally Schumaker, Wake Forest University Baptist Medical Center; Cannon Simpson Stoeffel, Winston Personnel Group; Karen Stuckey, Sara Lee Corp.; Courtney Saunders, YWCA; and Vivian Turner, R.J. Reynolds.

Beasley spoke about the "power of a goal" and the importance of setting one in life. Beasley admitted that upon graduating from high school in Wisconsin, she had no plan, no goals. College seemed like an unrealistic accomplishment, said Beasley, whose career began in a lingerie factory, where she did piece work. Eventually, she enrolled in community college and worked as a janitor and even a postal carrier to pay for her tuition.

"How did I get from wanting to be a supervisor in a (lingerie) plant to president of RJR?...I continued to set goals all along the way. But I am convinced that if I had not set that first goal, I would still be working in that factory on the line and I would have become rather bitter thinking nothing good ever hap-



Saunders



Eurica Perkins of the Best Choice Center receives books from sorors Susie Nance, Linda Simmons and Sharonda McMurray. AKAs plan to donate \$1 million worth of books.

AKA sorors come to town

BY FELECIA P. McMILLAN, PH.D.
COMMUNITY CORRESPONDENT

More than 2,000 sisters of the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Inc. will gather at M.C. Benton Convention Center and Adam's Mark Hotel this weekend to celebrate the 50th Annual Mid-Atlantic Regional Conference.

Four of the local women of Phi Omega Chapter at the helm of this year's festivities include Janet Wheeler, conference chairman; Brenda Diggs, conference co-chairman of operations; Annette Wilson, coordinator of conference operations; and Susie Nance, president and chairman of the public meeting. Together they embody more than 100 years of the spirit of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority.

Highlights of this year's conference will include: a public kickoff celebration and reception to honor the Citizen of the Year. Special guests will include Allen Joines, mayor of Winston-Salem; Vivian Burke, mayor pro tempore; Earline Parmon, N.C. representative; and Joycelyn Johnson, City Council member, Northeast Ward. Sorors will also participate in the 50th Anniversary Golden Gala.

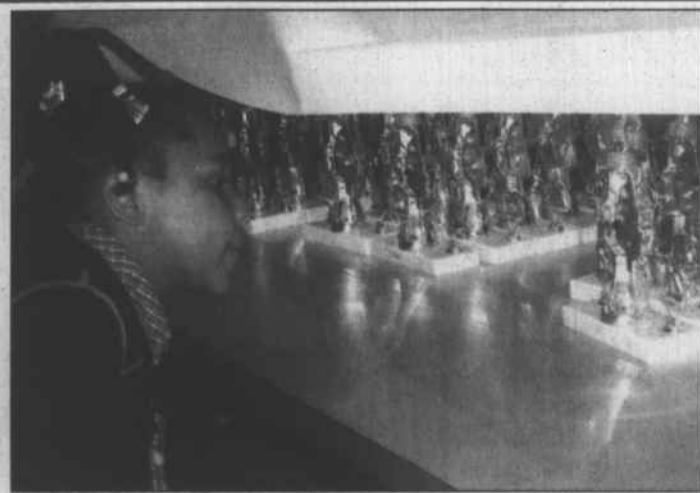
This will be the first conference under the leadership of 15th Mid-Atlantic Regional Director Dr. Caroline Lattimore, a native of Winston-Salem. Lattimore earned a place in the archives of Alpha Kappa Alpha in 1984 when Dr. Barbara K. Phillips encouraged her to work on the AKA Political Committee on the national level.

That year, the committee registered 250,000 new voters. Lattimore announced this successful campaign on Capital Hill before 14,000 members of Alpha Kappa Alpha.

Others who stood with her included Congressman Ron Delums, Jesse Jackson, Cardiss Collins and Barbara K. Phillips, then-national president of Alpha Kappa Alpha. Lattimore has fond memories of her hometown and looks forward to her return.

Two special service projects dedicated to supporting the educational advancement of children in the Winston-Salem community were achieved. Lattimore visited North Hills Elementary School to launch a \$2.7 million international reading initiative targeted at

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A girl takes a peek at the trophies that were handed out Saturday as part of the annual awards day at the William Sims Recreation Center in Happy Hill Gardens. See C1 and C2 for pictures of the award winners.



Photo by Kevin Walker

A woman registers at the convention.

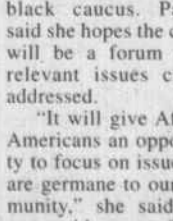
Black Dems given OK to start their own caucus

BY T. KEVIN WALKER
THE CHRONICLE

Forsyth County Democrats passed a resolution Saturday green-lighting the formation of an African-American caucus, which will be made up of local black Democrats and concentrate on issues important to them.

First-term state Rep. Earline Parmon proposed the resolution at the party's convention at the Forsyth Technical Community College West Campus. In February the state Democratic Party agreed to form a black caucus. Parmon said she hopes the caucus will be a forum where relevant issues can be addressed.

"It will give African-Americans an opportunity to focus on issues that are germane to our community," she said. Parmon said some of those issues will include economic development and jobs in the black



Parmon



Marshall

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