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**Resident
sessions
with mayor
begin anew**

**Talk of Town series
will again come to
all of the city's wards**

BY COURTNEY GAILLARD
THE CHRONICLE

Residents of the Northeast Ward met with Mayor Allen Joines on Monday evening for the second round of the mayor's Talk of the Town meetings. Concerned citizens inquired about a variety of issues ranging from recreation center closings to Liberty Street revitalization, police patrol to stray animals.

The mayor holds these community meetings to give citizens a chance to discuss issues of interest and concern in their areas. He began the series late last year. He will again visit each of the city's eight wards this year.

"We've found that these town hall meetings were good ways for us as city staff and elected officials to get out with members of the community to share a few things with you but more importantly to hear from you," Joines said.

Council member Vivian Burke, who represents the ward, made a brief appearance at the meeting, where she remarked on the "sad time" in Winston-Salem.

"As I look around and see how we've been together so long and I look at the economy and see folks are hurting...Winston-Salem is not the place it used to be," Burke said.

Joines echoed Burke's statement about the grim state of the local economy. He likened the recent

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Locals urged to lobby for Africa

Africa Peace with Justice Tour swings through state

BY T. KEVIN WALKER
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Getting everyday, average Americans to think about problems and issues half the world away is a tall order - especially when many of them have challenges of their own - but it was an order that a small group of people tried to fill earlier this week as it made its way around the city to talk to all who would listen.

The Africa Peace with Justice Tour kept a hectic pace in Winston-Salem, a pace that has been fine-tuned as the tour makes its way across the country to enlighten and lobby Americans.

"People in the United States just don't

know. They don't get consistent information about Africa, and the information that is conveyed is mainly negative," said Imani Countess, the coordinator of the American Friends Service Committee's Africa Program. AFSC, a faith-based organization founded by Quakers, is made up of people of various religious backgrounds. AFSC embraces nonviolence and works for justice and social issues.

The tour has become the organization's main way to educate people in this country about Africa. Up to 10 people with insightful knowledge about the continent and its issues travel with the tour, giving speeches and holding forums at churches, colleges and community events. Five people from the tour are in North Carolina this week. They began their trek in Winston-Salem Sunday before heading to Greensboro, High Point and Charlotte. The tour has stops scheduled in Chapel Hill. The N.C. schedule also includes Wilmington, Rocky Mount and Durham.

The issues of Africa are complex and

*"...All I can do is
give you the facts.
I can't tell you
what to do."*

*- Wilhelmina
Trout, of Cape
Town, South Africa*



Photo by Kevin Walker

See Africa on A4 South African Wilhelmina Trout makes a point during a forum Sunday.

Block Rockers



Photo by Kevin Walker

Thousands of people came downtown Friday for the city's third Rock the Block event. The massive street party featured live music, games for children, street vendors and a variety of live musical acts. Above, from left, Aaron Ingram of Krispy Kreme helps a young girl top her doughnut with chocolate; Charles Clark and his dog, Fluffy, enjoy the music of Sweet Dreams; and Joe Atkins holds his 5-month-old son, David, as they both take in the scene. See more pictures from the event on page A11 of this week's Chronicle.

Club gets seniority as it turns 30

BY COURTNEY GAILLARD
THE CHRONICLE

Elizabeth Wright was honored at the Carver Senior Citizens Club annual tea party on Tuesday. The club, which celebrated its 30th anniversary, recognized this "royal and loyal lady" for many years of creativity and service to the organization during an anniversary tea at the Carl Russell Recreation Center.

Open to senior citizens around the city, the Carver Senior Citizens Club boasts more than 50 members over the age of 55. The club includes people from various walks of life and professions who are committed to making significant contributions to society.

In recent years, the club has sponsored numerous activities such as preparing Thanksgiving baskets for the needy, a Black History Month celebration, an annual summer picnic, breakfast bingo, spelling bees and help for sick and shut-in residents.

Those in attendance kicked things off with a rendition of "God Bless America" and "We Shall Overcome," which was led by club chair Rudolph Boone. This year's tea party theme was "The American Tea Party," which Boone said was a reference to the historical Boston Tea Party.

"We decided to bring the tea party to Winston-Salem," Boone said.

Over the last two years, Boone said, the



Photo by Courtney Gaillard

See Club on A11 Elizabeth Wright, seated, greets well-wishers Tuesday during the anniversary tea.

Upcoming job fair will come at a good time

CHRONICLE STAFF REPORT

The recent announcement of massive layoffs at R.J. Reynolds has sent organizers of a job fair planned for next week into overdrive. The Winston-Salem Urban League's annual job fair is expected to draw dozens of employers on Oct. 3 and possibly hundreds of job seekers.

Fair organizers are expecting an even larger turnout since RJR announced that it is laying off about 40 percent of its work force.

"We have extended the job fair until 3 p.m.," said Steve Jones, employment specialist/counselor at the Urban League. "We have also added quite a few more employers."

Over the years, the Urban League job fair has had success in matching job seekers with the employers who need them. Jones expects that the upcoming fair will generate success stories as well. He said employ-



Jones

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