

Triad women among Mahogany honorees

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The first annual Mahogany Dime Awards will take place tomorrow at 7 p.m. at the Hayti Heritage Center in Durham. The awards pay tribute to black women and their accomplishments in a prelude to Black History Month.

This year's theme is "An Evening of Blackberry Whispers."

The honorees include:

- Dr. Johnetta B. Cole (Living Legend Award). Cole is the 14th president of Bennett College and has had a distinguished career as a college and university teacher and administrator that spans 37 years. She is president emerita of Spelman College and professor emerita of Emory University, from which she retired as presidential distinguished professor of anthropology, women's studies and African-American studies.

Cole began her college studies at Fisk University and completed her undergraduate degree at Oberlin College. She earned a master's degree and a Ph.D. in anthropology from Northwestern University before embarking on a career in teaching and research in the areas of cultural anthropology, African-American studies and women's studies.

- Debra Terry (the arts) is an actress, comedian, producer from Kernersville. Terry recently worked one year on the "Donnie Simpson Morning Show" on WPGC 95.5 FM - in the DC-metro area - helping make it the "#1 morning show."

Her television credits include a recent principal role in "Funny Valentines" (produced by and starring Alfre Woodard) in which Terry plays a preacher's wife named Mrs. Watts. Terry has worked with the best comedians and singers in the industry, such as Patti LaBelle, Regina Bell, Brian McKnight, Paul Mooney, Mo'Nique, J. Anthony Brown, Chris Rock, George Wallace, Just June, Dennis Miller, Bernie Mac and D L Hughley, to name a few.

- Rosalind Fuse-Hall (leadership), who is the executive director, NCCU Foundation. Fuse-Hall is a former associate dean at the University of North Carolina and the former secretary for the



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UNC school system. This wife and mother is also an attorney. She has served as staff attorney at the Security Exchange Commission in New York. She resides in Durham.

• Mildred Edna Cotton Council, aka "Mama Dip," (entrepreneurship) is the owner of her own restaurant.

Mama Dip's first job was as a family cook in Chapel Hill. She

then moved on to work at Carolina Coffee Shop, Kappa Sigma fraternity and St. Andrews Hall. In 1957 she worked with her mother-in-law in a tiny take-out restaurant where she began to hone her business skills.

• Carnetta Green (service) is the coordinator for Durham Housing and Community Development. Green helps to provide food, shelter, and other basic essentials for disadvantaged and underprivileged families. As with many service jobs the DHCD serves this population, there are many challenges and difficulties one DHCD faces. On many occasions District Four Partners Against Crime has been able to call Carnetta when a homeless

family is in our office and she gets to work right away.

Mahogany Dime is an arts and entertainment firm based in Durham. The company develops motivational presentations, poetry, and dramatic performances tailored to the needs of its clients. The company specializes in uplifting seminars designed to raise the bar on professional speaking. A few of the company's clients include Monster.com, Merck Manufacturing, Women's Spa Day National Tour, Hatcher's Grove Baptist Church and Prosperity Marketing.

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A mother introduces her son to Darryl Hunt Monday outside of the Benton Convention Center.

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Mayor Allen Joines is also hoping that the city can get pass the hurt of the Hunt case and look collectively for answers and solutions. On Feb. 3, he has called a meeting of community leaders and public officials. Joines says the meeting will address ways the community can get their concerns addressed about the Hunt case. Attendees are expected to include police chief Linda Davis, several local ministers and Robert "Hoppy" Elliott, the chair of the city's Human Relations Commission.

Hunt had a busy Martin Luther King Jr. Day. He and his wife, April, led the traditional march from Mt. Zion Baptist Church to the Benton Convention Center, where Hunt received a standing ovation from the close to 2,000 people in attendance for the MLK Noon Hour Commemoration. Hunt was shadowed throughout the day by a film crew that hopes to turn Hunt's story into a documentary.

Hunt attracts well-wishers everywhere he goes these days, people who have prayed for him over the years and are grateful that their prayers were answered, people like Anna Mickens.

Mickens - a longtime member of St. Stephens who said she believed Hunt was

innocent from the "get-go" - reached from her pew to grab Hunt's hand Monday as he made his way into the church. Hunt smiled as he stopped to chat with her. When their conversation was nearly over, Mickens reached into a bag and handed him some coins engraved with bits of scripture. Mickens said she hopes the coins will bring Hunt more blessings.

"I think it was his faith that got him out of prison. He believed," she said.

The Ministers Conference, which sponsored Monday's awards, also gave out several humanitarian awards to people who have helped Hunt's cause over the years. Honorees included Hunt's longtime lawyer, Mark Rabil, and Larry Little, the well-known city activist who brought Hunt's case to the attention of the community.

"Larry literally saved my life," Hunt said Monday.

Allen Johnson, the editorial page editor of the Greensboro News & Record and former executive editor of The Chronicle, was honored for leading a newsroom at The Chronicle that did extensive reporting on the Hunt case. Johnson was the first member of the press to interview Hunt in 1985. Winston-Salem Journal reporter Phoebe Zerwick, who did a series of articles on the Hunt case last year, was also honored.

Thou Shalt not give city surprise gifts



It took several city workers Tuesday to move the massive brick pillar that City Council member Vernon Robinson gave the city on Monday. The pillar has the Ten Commandments on one side and the Bill of Rights on the other. Robinson had the pillar delivered and erected in front of City Hall on a day that all city employees were off from work because of the MLK holiday. The city manager immediately ordered the pillar to be taken down, saying it violated a city ordinance that says the City Council must first approve such displays, a law that Robinson himself voted for. The item has been taken to a storage facility, a city spokesperson said.

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The 21st Annual

Community Service Awards

Submit Your Candidates Today!

THE CHRONICLE invites you to help in the selections for the recipients for the "Man and Woman of the Year," "Community Service Award," and the "Lifetime Achievement Awards." Recipients will be chosen by the Chronicle staff and advisory team. Judging will be based as follows: "Man and Woman of the Year" will be persons who have demonstrated outstanding character and serve as role models for others. The man or woman of the year should be someone who has triumphed over a personal tragedy or someone who has helped an individual to overcome an obstacle in order to obtain a better standard of living. The occurrences should have taken place during the past year. The recipients of the "Community Service Award" will be judged based on contributions to the African-American community. The individual must have demonstrated a commitment through affiliation with community-service agencies, community institutions, schools, churches, etc. The recipients of the "Lifetime Achievement Awards" will be long-

time stewards in the African-American community. Each recipient of this award will be someone who has, over the years, epitomized what "role model" means. Nominees should be Piedmont Triad residents. The winners will be recognized in the February 2004 Community Awards Special Edition. The recipients will receive commemorative plaques at the 21st Annual Awards Banquet in March. Please print legibly and be as specific as possible in describing your nominee's accomplishments. Use additional paper if necessary.

Nominations must be received by THE CHRONICLE no later than 5:00 p.m. on Friday, February 13, 2004.

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Nominee's Name _____

Nominee's Address _____

Nominee's Phone # (Home) _____

Occupation _____

Activities, memberships, affiliations _____

Please explain briefly your candidate's service achievements. _____

Your Name _____

Your Address _____

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