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Photo by Kevin Walker
Vansler Nosie performs "Understand the Struggle" with his group, Apache Elements.

Apaches say the struggle continues

BY T. KEVIN WALKER
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Vansler Nosie, Jacob Casoose and Anthony Goode Jr. rap about struggle, poverty and lack of opportunity, frequent themes in a musical form that has become the soundtrack for the lives of many young people.

But Nosie, Casoose and Goode aren't your average rappers. When they perform, they are not referring to conditions in South Central, Detroit or some New York borough. Their 'hood is a western Native American reservation that they call "The Res."

"People think we still live in teepees. No one knows what it is like for us," said Nosie, a 19-year-old who is hoping that he and his friends can educate and entertain with their music.

They call themselves Apache Elements. They traveled from the San Carlos Reservation in Arizona last week to Winston-Salem to perform at Emmanuel Baptist Church.

The San Carlos Apaches have been close allies of Emmanuel and vice versa. The relationship started when the Rev. John Mendez, the church's pastor, began making regular visits to the reservation to stand with the Apaches against a project that has led to several high-powered telescopes being built on

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Mendez

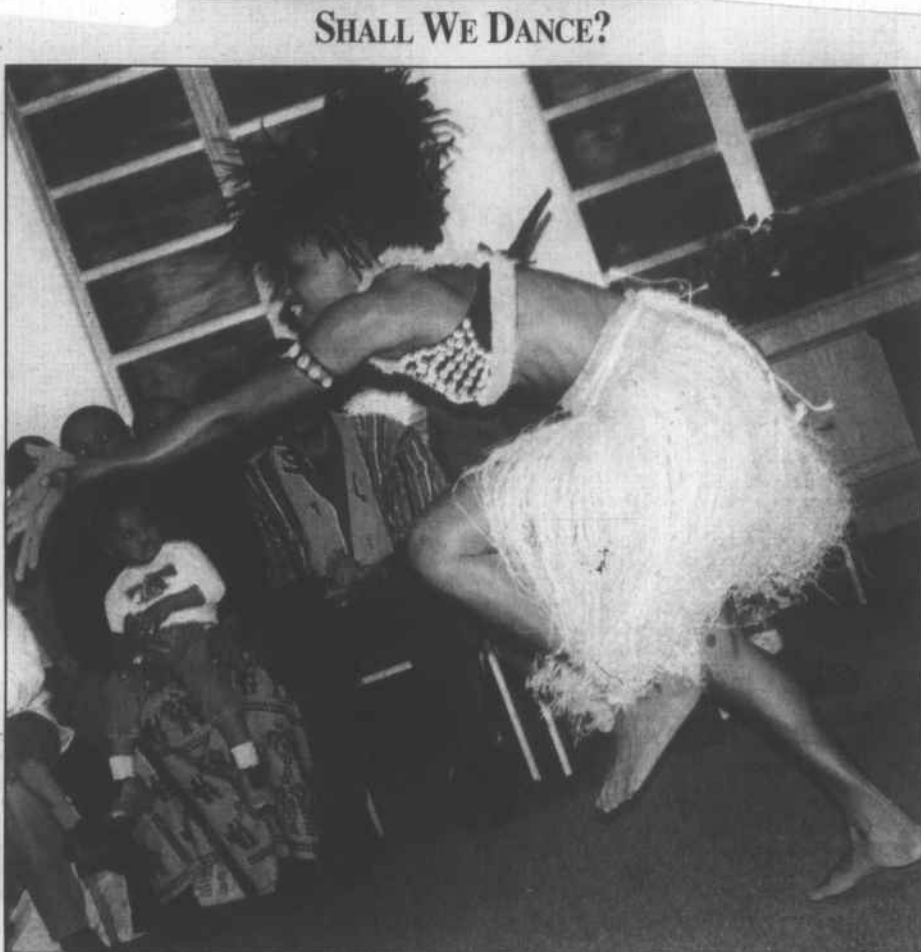


Photo by Kevin Walker
A dancer from the world-renowned Kusun Ensemble performs before more than 100 people last week at Emmanuel Baptist Church. The Ghana-based music and dance troupe has taken its unique style of music and performance all over the world. The group's local show was a benefit for the Amani Children's Foundation. To read more, see page C1.

SHALL WE DANCE?

Clock ticking on nominee submissions

The Chronicle will honor community servants next month at an awards gala

CHRONICLE STAFF REPORT

Time is running out for the public to submit nominations for the The Chronicle's 22nd Annual Community Service Awards.

The paper will honor local folks in several categories next month. Honorees will be featured in a special edition of the paper and receive awards during a gala dinner at the Benton Convention Center on March 24.

Awards will be presented in several categories. The big awards of the evening will be for Man and Woman of the Year. Nominees in this category should be individuals who have made significant contributions to the community over the last 12 months. Past winners of the Man of the Year Award have included Mayor Allen Joines,



File Photo
2003 Woman of the Year Brenda Diggs speaks at last year's Community Service Awards banquet.

WSSU Chancellor Harold Martin and philanthropist Marshall Bass. Police Chief Pat Norris, business owner Miriam McCarter and Mayor Pro Tempore Vivian Burke are some of the past recipients of the Woman of the Year award.

A Human Relations Award and Community Service Award will also be presented. The Human Relations Award is presented to an individual or group that has worked to bring people in the city closer together. For example, last year, students from Mt. Tabor High School won the award for organizing a race relations forum designed to bridge racial divides at the school. The Community Service Award is presented to an individual or group that has worked to help others or the community as a whole.

Several Lifetime Achievement Awards will be presented. The awards are presented to people who - over an extended period of time - have been community servants. Lifetime

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MEN OF HONOR

Council recognizes contributions of Atkins and Kennedy

BY T. KEVIN WALKER
THE CHRONICLE

The City Council gave posthumous recognition to two African-American legal trailblazers Monday night. The council unanimously approved resolutions honoring Jasper Alston Atkins and Harold Kennedy Jr.

Each Black History Month since 2003, Mayor Allen Joines has selected at least one local African-American for the honor. Joines has chosen people who have worked to strengthen race relations and furthered the



Ann Brown Kennedy smiles as Joycelyn Johnson presents her with a resolution honoring her late husband.

fight for civil rights. Atkins and Kennedy did both during their illustrious

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Photo by Kevin Walker
Vivian Burke presents a resolution to Simona Atkins Allen as members of Allen's family stand by her side.

Edwards is ready to lead ministers

Ephesus pastor named new Ministers' Conference leader

BY COURTNEY GAILLARD
THE CHRONICLE

Preaching was on the minds and souls of those who knew

Moses Edwards Sr. before he was called to the ministry more than two decades ago. Family friends made



Edwards

predictions about him when he was a baby. They told his mother that he would become a preacher one day. They were right.

For the last four years, he has been leading a faithful flock as pastor of Ephesus Seventh-day Adventist Church, and now he will shepherd the city's spiritual leaders as the president of the Ministers' Conference. He succeeds Rev. John Mendez of Emmanuel Baptist Church.

Edwards says he hopes to

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Hip-hop play pays homage to inventors

BY JAESON PITT
THE CHRONICLE

Black history and hip-hop culture. "It's something that isn't taught in schools," proclaimed Roderick Haygood, who plays "The Force" in Arthur Reese and Darryl Goodman's play titled "By a Black Hand."

Haygood and four other students from Chicago State University in conjunction with the N.C. Black Repertory Company have brought the play to Winston-Salem this month.

Tuesday the cast performed at the Arts Council Theatre for students from Paisley and Hill middle schools and Parkland High School.

"By a Black Hand" identifies often overlooked African and African-American inventors by pointing out everyday products and advancements that were cre-



Hamlin

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