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Terry McMillan in town today

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Choir performs at NBA game

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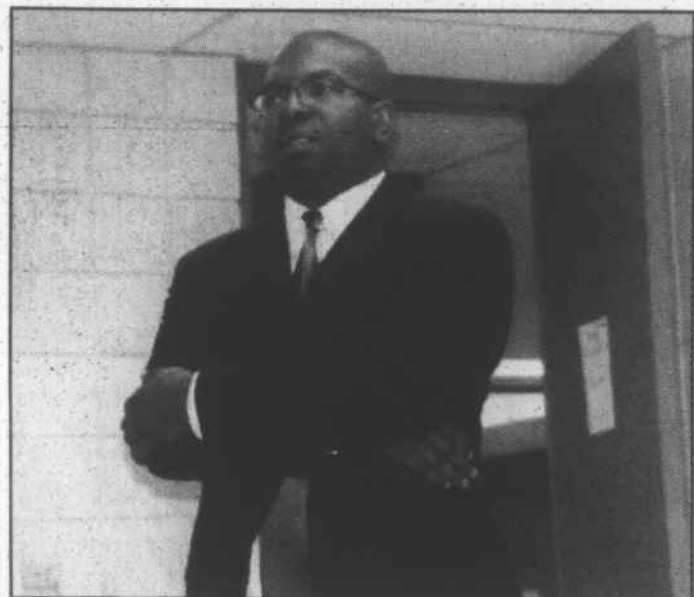
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Lawyer urges parents to fight school suspensions

Options are available to students who are booted out



Legal Aid Attorney Keith Howard.

Photo by Todd Luck

BY TODD LUCK THE CHRONICLE

Parents and community advocates got advice and other bits of useful information from a lawyer who often deals with school suspension cases.

The North Carolina Bar Association's Juvenile Justice & Children's Rights Section, Legal Aid and Neighbors for Better Neighborhoods hosted last Thursday's "Suspension Clinic" at the Fourteenth Street Community Recreation Center. Attorney Keith

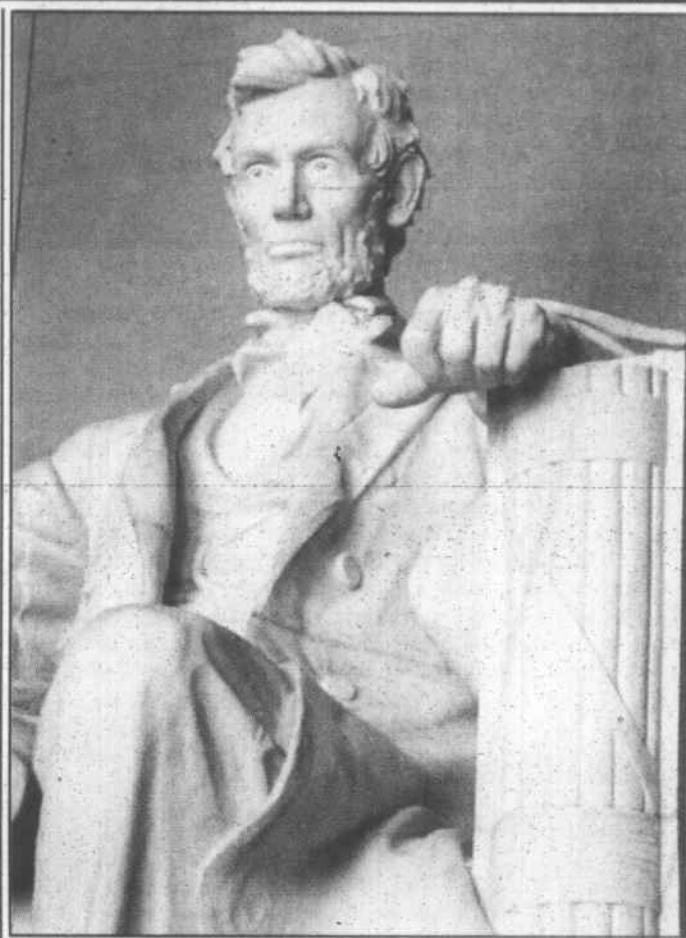
Howard informed attendees of a suspended student's rights. Those on hand were also urged to become advocates for students who face suspension hearings.

Howard, who represents students in suspension cases across the state through his work with Legal Aid, said suspension is an especially big issue in North Carolina schools because they have a suspension rate that is 45 percent higher than the national average.

School administrators See Suspension on A4



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The Lincoln Memorial is one of the most popular tourist sites in all of Washington, D.C.

Black leaders wary of giving tasers to cops

Police department wants city to purchase controversial devices

BY LAYLA FARMER THE CHRONICLE

The city of Winston-Salem is considering using a portion of its federal stimulus money to purchase taser guns for the city's police officers.

On its Web site, the city has listed an allocation of \$500,000 for the devices among 81 "shovel ready" projects it would consider for the economic stimulus dollars that are now funneling down from Washington to states, cities and towns.



Countless law enforcement agencies around the nation already use tasers.

use in close range and can cause temporary, but intense pain without incapacitating the victim.

While many people believe tasers could lessen the need for the use of firearms by police, the idea of handing the powerful devices to every cop on the street has some local black leaders concerned.

"There's always the question of who it's going to be used on," said Rev. Carlton Eversley, president of the Ministers Conference of Winston-Salem and Vicinity. "I think we're all concerned that it'd be used disproportionately with black people."

Supporters of the tasers say they could protect police officers and the people they arrest by cutting down on the number of scuffles that can occur during an arrest, but Eversley counters that by making the weapons so accessible it could inspire officers to resort to violent measures more

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VINTAGE MOVES



Photo by Ralph Meadows

Members of the Durham Seniors Divas 'n' Dude Cheerleading squad perform at Joel Coliseum last week during the MEAC Tournament. The cheerleaders, who are ages 55 to 83, won '06 and '08 titles at the N.C. State Senior Games.

THE LINCOLN LIE?

Professor explores myths, mystique of Lincoln in book

BY LAYLA FARMER THE CHRONICLE

Celebrations across the nation have touted the landmark bicentennial anniversary of the birth of one of America's best loved leaders.

"Honest Abe," as Abraham Lincoln has affectionately been dubbed, is enjoying a renewed place in the spotlight since Barack Obama - another talented orator who calls Illinois home - took office as America's 44th President.

Many, including Obama himself, are eager to draw parallels between the nation's first African-American president and the one who freed the slaves.

But was Abraham Lincoln really the emancipator and the champion of civil rights that many Americans believe him to be, or is the 16th



Professor Paul Escott in his Wake Forest office.

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Effort seeks black blood donors

BY LAYLA FARMER THE CHRONICLE

The brothers of Omega Psi Phi fraternity will join forces with the ladies of Delta Sigma Theta sorority to host a blood and bone marrow donor drive later this month.

Slated for Saturday, March 28 from 10 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. at the Winston-Lake Family YMCA, the Charles R. Drew Blood Drive is being led by Wayne Hosch, who joined Omega Psi Phi last year.

"We're out trying to help the people of the community and help others," Hosch said of

his Omega brethren. "It's an organization that strives to give back."

The Omegas have already signed up 40 blood donors for the local drive, which is being held through a directive of the national organization. Both the local and national initiatives bear the name Charles Drew, a pioneering African American doctor who is credited with inventing the modern blood bank system.

Fittingly, Drew, who died in a 1950 car wreck in Burlington, N.C., was an Omega man.



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Omega Man Wayne Hosch is flanked by Deltas Olivia Swinton, left, and Debra Norwood.

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