

Democrats are hosting economic forum tonight

SPECIAL TO THE CHRONICLE

The Forsyth County Democratic Party, along with Obama for America, will host a forum on Thursday, January 14 at 6 p.m. at the party's headquarters, 1128 Burke Street.

All across the country, Obama for America, an Obama Administration policy advocacy group, is hosting local economic forums to hear the concerns of everyday Americans. A panel of distinguished community leaders will be attend-

ing to provide local perspectives on the best way to develop jobs and weather the current economic atmosphere. The audience will be encouraged to participate.

Confirmed attendees include businessmen Algernon Cash and Lafayette Jones. Representatives from the Urban League, City of Winston-Salem, Winston-Salem Chamber of Commerce, Winston-Salem Black Chamber of Commerce and the Winston-Salem Chronicle will also take part.



Jones

MLK

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in the Arts Council Theatre, 610 Coliseum Drive. The event is free and the entire Triad is invited to attend, but reservations are strongly recommended by calling 336-723-2266.

Brian McLaughlin, the National Black Theatre Festival's media consultant will host and will feature some of the Triad's most talented artists.

This event provides food donations to the Second Harvest Food Bank of Northwest North Carolina. Each guest is asked to donate three non-perishable food items to help feed those in need.

The 12th Annual MLK Basketball Tournament will be from 12:30 - 8 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 16 in Reynolds Gym at Wake Forest University. Co-sponsored by Wake Forest's Office of Multicultural Affairs and Campus Recreation, the invitational basketball tournament will bring together intramural teams from several North Carolina universities and will include tournament play culminating in a championship game as well as slam-dunk and three-point shot contests.

Mount Olive Baptist Church, 1301 C. E. Gray Drive, will observe Martin Luther King Jr. Day on Saturday, Jan. 16 at 12 noon with guest speaker Dr. J. D. Ballard, the former pastor of United Metropolitan Missionary Baptist Church. The host pastor is Dr. Charles E. Gray. The public is cordially invited to attend.

The University of North Carolina School of the Arts (UNCSA) School of Filmmaking and Thomas S. Kenan Institute for the Arts will screen "The Big Screen: Treasures from the UNCSA Moving Image Archive" on Sunday, Jan. 17 at 7 p.m. (see Page A8 for more info).

Green Street Church, 639 S. Green St., will celebrate King on Sunday, Jan. 17 with a community forum featuring Jet Hollander at 9:45 a.m. The forum will discuss Calvin Michael Smith, a local man serving time for a crime that many believe he did not commit. There will be a Worship Celebration at 10:45 a.m. with special music by "Four for One." On Monday at 10 a.m., the church will take part in a Day of Service by improving services in the neighborhood surrounding the church. Call 336-721-0606 for more information.

Grace Presbyterian Church, 3901 Carver School Road, will hold its 14th Annual Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday Concert on Sunday, Jan. 17 at 4 p.m., featuring the Twin City Choristers, under the direction of Dr. Fred D. Tanner.

The Wake Forest University Office of Multicultural Affairs and Winston-Salem State University will present Gospel Fest, featuring Kurt Carr, on Sunday, Jan. 17 at 3 p.m. at the Brendle Recital Hall on WFU campus. The WFU Gospel Choir and other local choirs will also perform. Admission is \$5 and free for students and children under 12.

The Chronicle will host

its annual MLK Prayer Breakfast from 7:30 - 9:30 a.m. at the Benton Convention Center on Monday, Jan. 18. Speakers will include the Rev. Nathan E. Scovens, pastor of Galilee Missionary Baptist Church; the Rev. Bill Wilson, president of the Center for Congregational Health; the Rev. Kelly Carpenter, pastor of Green Street United Methodist Church; and Mayor Allen Joiner. The event is free and open to the public but reservations are required by calling 336-722-8624, ext. 100.

The Ministers Conference of Winston-Salem and Vicinity will host its annual Youth Breakfast at Mt. Zion Baptist Church, 950 File St., at 8 a.m. on Monday. The program will feature entertainment and a bevy of activities for young people. At 10:45 a.m., the Ministers Conference, other organizations and individuals will march from Mt. Zion Baptist Church to the Benton Convention Center.

The Annual Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Noon Hour Commemoration will be held Monday, Jan. 18, beginning at 12 p.m. at the Benton Convention Center. The keynote speaker will be Rev. Dr. William C. Turner, Jr., an associate professor of the Practice of Homiletics at Duke University and pastor of Mount Level Missionary Baptist Church in Durham. Rev. Dr. Carlton A. G. Eversley, Dr. Virginia K. Newell and Isaac L. Howard will receive awards.

The 10th Annual WSSU/WFU Joint MLK Celebration: "On Common Ground: They Stood Together Then. We Stand Together Now." will be at 7 p.m. on Monday, Jan. 18 at WFU's Wait Chapel. It will feature a keynote address by Dr. Maya Angelou, a renowned poet and WFU professor.

Greensboro College, 815 W. Market St., will host a service of reflection at 4 p.m. Monday, Jan. 18, in Hannah Brown Finch Memorial Chapel as part of the Greensboro area's observation of the Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service Celebration.

The Ministers Conference of Winston-Salem and Vicinity will host its annual MLK Service at 7 p.m. at St. Stephen Missionary Baptist Church, 5000 Noble St. Dr. Sir Walter Mack of Union Baptist will be the speaker.

North Carolina A&T State University will welcome CNN's Roland S. Martin to its annual Martin Luther King Jr. Commemorative Celebration on Thursday, Jan. 21 at 7 p.m. in Harrison Auditorium. This event is a free, ticketed program and is open to the public. For ticket information, contact the University Ticket Office at 336-334-7449.

Dr. Mae Jemison, the first woman of color to travel in space, will be the keynote speaker at UNCG's MLK event at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 26 in the Elliott University Center Auditorium. The event is open to the public at no charge, however tickets are required. Tickets will be available at the UNCG Box Office beginning Tuesday, Jan. 19. Call 336-334-5090 for more information.

Fellowship

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Reinemund, a former CEO and chairman of Pepsico who is respected across the nation for his countless efforts to make corporate America more diverse, joined the Wake Forest faculty in the summer of 2008.

"Diversity, and inclusion was a major priority for Pepsico and for me personally; it was one of my four key initiatives during my tenure," said the New York native. "It was good for business and it was the right thing to do."

Pepsico found that employing a workforce that reflects the market can have a big impact on sales, Reinemund related. Increasing diversity within the school enhances the education of both minority and majority students, he believes.

"Our hope is that we can provide students in the academic environment... the opportunity to learn from each other," he related. "That melting pot (experience) is a really great opportunity for students to gain an aspect of their education that is going to be important for their future. The demand for students coming out of a multicultural environment is very strong."

The 2010 MA in Management class is the most diverse in the university's history, with 44 percent of the students hailing from underrepresented groups, said Sylvia Green, director of Marketing and Communication for the Schools of Business. The increased focus on diversity fits well with the institution's strategic plan, Green added.



Don Flow stands in front of one of his dealerships.

"Diversity in itself is a goal for the entire university," she said.

Corporate Fellows also enjoy the added benefit of being mentored by top executives from the companies that sponsor the scholarships.

Don Flow, chairman and CEO of 30 franchises that makeup Flow Companies, is among the local busi-

ness leaders who pledged their companies' support to the fellowship.

"I think its a fantastic program," said Flow, who is also on the university's Board of Trustees. "It shows the deep commitment of Wake Forest to developing the next generation of leaders in America."

Sponsoring a fellow is beneficial for local business leaders, Flow believes.

"We have access to some terrific talent. For those of us who are committed to diversity within our firms, it's a great opportunity to engage that talent," he said. "It also is a great opportunity for our city; we've got talent coming in from all over the US."

Raleigh says the program has enriched his educational experience.

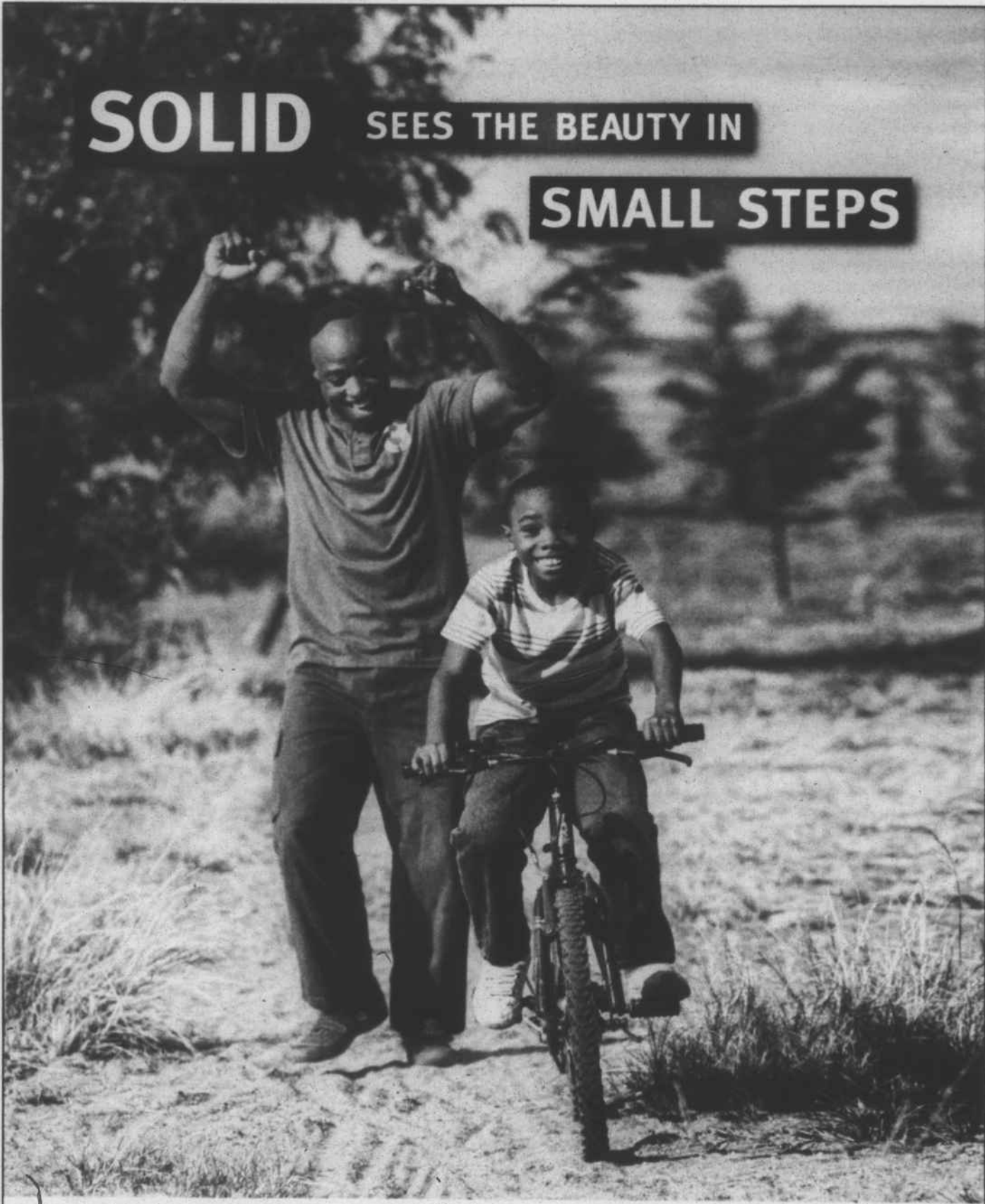
"It's been phenomenal. (The diversity) makes the classroom discussions so much richer," he said. "I think I'm in a place where I'm learning a lot from my classmates."

Raleigh, who holds a BS in Political Science from WFU, says he has seen the on-campus diversity improve since he started as an undergrad. He believes the school is truly committed to becoming more heterogeneous.

"It's one thing to try to get students of color, but it's another thing to make them feel at home, and Wake Forest has done that tremendously," he said. "...I definitely applaud the (institution's) effort."



Reinemund



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