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'Love Boat' Bartender is Now the Captain

Lange bringing directing, playwriting skills to local audiences

BY LAYLA FARMER
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Ted Lange is best known for his role as Isaac Washington, the lovable bartender on the long-running television series, "The Love Boat."



Patton

But since "The Love Boat" docked for the final time in 1986, after an impressive nine seasons, Lange has proven to the entertainment industry and the world that his talents are far too vast for him to be type-casted or pigeonholed.

As a director, Lange has called the shots of popular sitcoms like "Moesha," "Dharma & Greg" and "Eve." As a playwright, he has penned about two dozen plays, many of which have won acclaim and awards, including the much-coveted NAACP Theatre honor.



Photo by Layla Farmer

See Lange on A2 Ted Lange likes what he sees during a rehearsal earlier this week.

Unsung local folks finally get chorus of praise

BY TODD LUCK
THE CHRONICLE

An informal ceremony Tuesday morning at Pyramid Institute of Barbering honored some of those who have contributed to local black history.

Each year in February, which is National Black History Month, Awakening Giants - a nonprofit that works to empower the black community through outreach and educational programs - highlights the contributions of local African Americans.

"They (are) pioneers in the community," said Awakening Giants Founder Rasheed Bey, who started presenting awards to community heroes and heroines two decades ago. "(These are) people who really need to be recognized for their work in the community towards bringing about cultural awareness and economic independence."

This year, honors went to Winston-Salem Tee's Owner Kevin Gates; Pyramid Institute of Barbering CEO

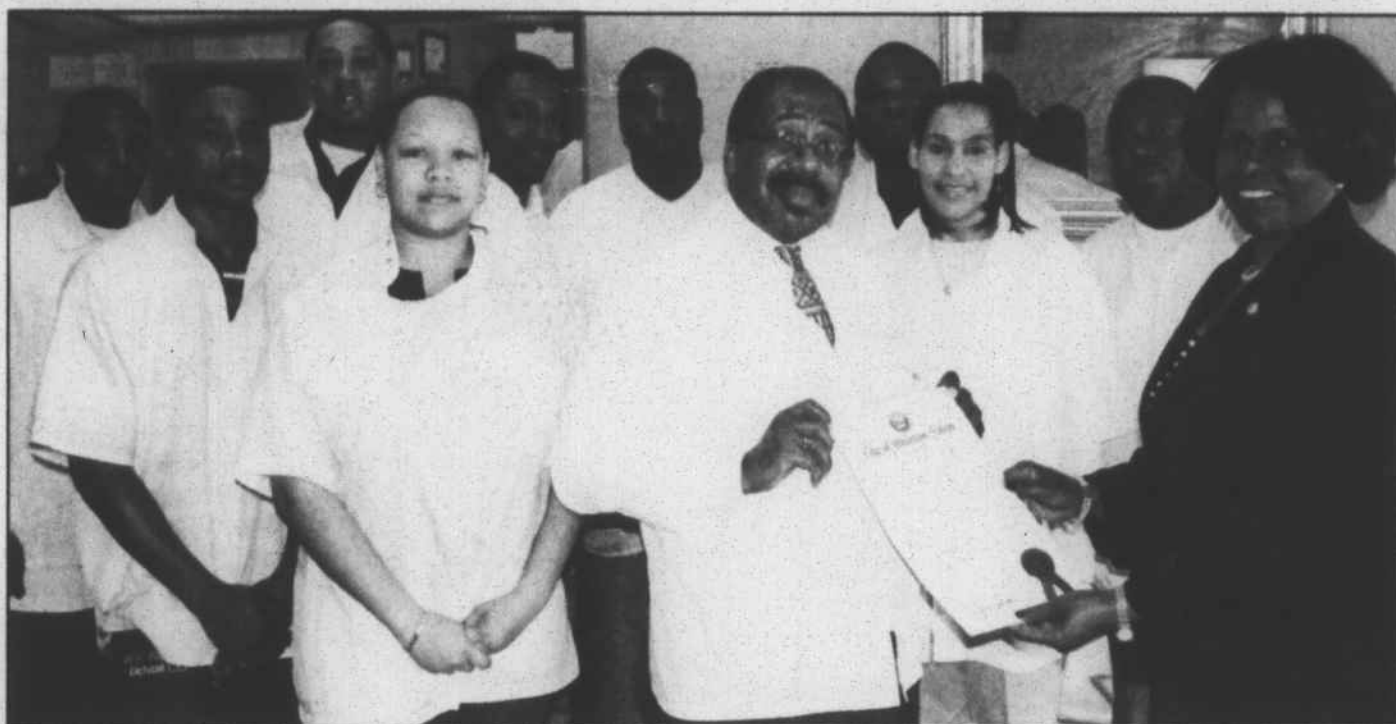


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Linda Jackson-Barnes presents a resolution to Ghuneem Farquan as Farquan's students at Pyramid Institute of Barbering stand around him.

Ghuneem Farquan, local Juneteenth Organizer Cheryl Harry; Lee Faye Mack, a longtime community activist; and Mohommad Herb, owner of Herb's Bargains. Each

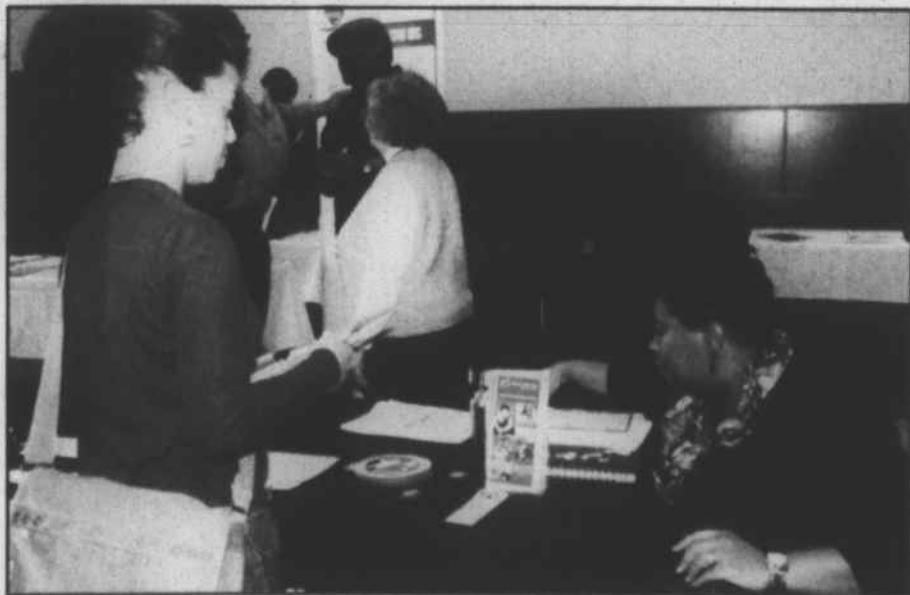
honoree received a proclamation signed by Mayor Allen Joines that praised their contributions to the city. Not all honorees were able to make it to the ceremony, which

was held on a icy, rainy morning. Those who were on hand were presented their proclamations by Linda Jackson-Barnes, the mayor's assistant.

For 25 years Herb's Bargains, located at the intersection of First Street and Jackson Avenue, has been selling "everything but beer"

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Agencies ask college students for help



Regina Craven gives some literature to Karissa Nelson.

BY LAYLA FARMER
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Winston-Salem State University hosted a Volunteer Service Fair last Thursday, in hopes of inspiring more of its students, faculty and staff members to live up to its motto, "Enter to Learn, Depart to Serve."

Twenty-four service providers were on hand for the semi-annual event, held in the school's Thompson Center. The purpose of the event was to connect prospective volunteers within the WSSU community with the many agencies that rely on the help of local residents to carry

out their philanthropic missions, said Volunteer Service Coordinator Arthur Hardin.

"Volunteer service is a way that students, faculty and staff can give back to the community in some way, shape or form to help it grow," Hardin noted. "It's our hope that in the process of giving back, they will grow themselves."



Hardin

Regina Craven, recruitment and public relations coordinator for Big Brothers Big Sisters, says the agency relies heavily on college volunteers to help fill the ever-growing demand for mentors in the community.

"About 40 percent of our Big

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Isaiah Brooks

Family seeks closure, justice

2006 murder of 13-year-old remains unsolved

BY LAYLA FARMER
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Four years after the life of a 13-year-old boy was ended by a bullet to his head, his family members are still seeking closure and answers.

"It's really hard for me, the more I think about it," said Barbara Stephenson, the mother of the victim, Isaiah Brooks. "I'm just hurt inside, knowing nothing about what happened to him."



Stephenson

Brooks was found on the night of Feb. 9, 2006 in a driveway on Machine Street, near his home. The homicide investigation remains open and the case unsolved. Stephenson and Isaiah's seven older siblings remember the sixth-grader as a happy-go-lucky youngster with a sweet tooth, a big smile and enough jokes at his disposal to tell for days.

Early on, Isaiah's family was confident detectives would find his killer quickly, given that he was killed in a residential area in the early evening.

"We most certainly did not anticipate it being (more than) three years for (police) to find who killed him; we most certainly thought they were hot on the trail," said Isaiah's older sister, Tawanda Fulwood.

But rumors didn't pan out and leads fizzled. Winston-Salem Police Department Cold Case Detective Shelly Lovejoy said, and time dragged on with no tangible developments in the case.

"It's hard, but you've just got to keep going and see if something comes up," said Isaiah's sister Sheresse Stevenson. "We're not going to have any closure until we find out what happened, who killed him."

In addition to the crushing

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