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Kids learn from the blind

BY LAYLA GARMS
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Students in Cathy Peters' kindergarten class at Sherwood Forest Elementary School got a crash course in blind awareness on Monday.



Arthur Saunders

A group from Winston-Salem Industries for the Blind (IFB) led the children in a variety of activities they designed to improve the sighted community's understanding and acceptance of people who are blind. The program, dubbed "The Blind Side," was held on National White Cane Safety Day, a celebration of the white cane that affords independence to countless people who are blind and visually impaired across the nation and the world.



Rick Gaefe shows some of his gadgets to (from left) Maria Marlow-Rogers, Mary Lopina, Jackson MacArthur and Benjamin Flynt.

"We're here today to celebrate White Cane Day," Chris Flynt, director of A Brighter Path, a nonprofit that supports IFB, told the youngsters. "The white cane is what we use for

our eyes." The students were exposed to a variety of gadgets and devices people who are blind or visually impaired use

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Alfre Woodard addresses fellow Obama supporters.

Actress motivates Obama volunteers

BY LAYLA GARMS
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"Steel Magnolias" star Alfre Woodard has been making a lot of headlines lately.

A four-time Emmy winner, Woodard, and her co-stars Phylicia Rashad, Queen Latifah Condola Rashad and Jill Scott, have been getting high marks from critics and fans alike for their performances in the Lifetime Network's remake of the beloved 1989 classic, which aired Oct. 7, but Woodard doesn't have time to bask in the afterglow. Instead, the mother of two is crisscrossing the nation, drumming up support for President Barack Obama.



Barbara Lee preps attendees to begin the phone bank.

Woodard, who in recent years has landed recurring roles in hit series like "True Blood" and "Desperate Housewives," stopped by the Organizing for America headquarters on West Fourth Street on Oct. 10 as nearly three dozen volunteers took part in a "Seniors-to-Seniors" phone bank initiative.

"I am so excited to be here," she told the group with a wide smile. "...I was on my way to New York and they said, 'Can you come to North Carolina?' and I said, 'Yes, I can!' ...I know I'm preaching to the choir, but sometimes, the choir needs a little bit of a sermon," she quipped.

Woodard's enthusiasm for the campaign quickly transformed the staid atmosphere at the headquarters into rally mode.

"I don't know about you, but I'm still fired up from the last time," she said, referencing the historic '08 election. "I'm eager to protect the progress that Mr. Obama has made on behalf of all Americans."

Woodard told the predominantly female group that she supports the president because of the many things he has done for women, especially pushing the Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Act of 2009, which guarantees equal pay for equal work.

"You've got to love a president whose every policy

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Party members and supporters celebrate as Larry Little unveils the historical marker.

Black Panthers' legacy honored with marker

BY LAYLA GARMS
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When the Winston-Salem Chapter of the Black Panther Party was founded 43 years ago, the city was a very different place.

Party members who fought for better conditions, services and treatment for African Americans faced persecution, harassment and often, imprisonment, just for being associated with the organization.

Many of them could likely never have imagined that they would someday be honored, applauded and thanked for their service to the community. But that's just what happened Sunday, when the Forsyth County Historic Resources



Nelson Malloy speaks.

Commission unveiled a historic marker in honor of the Party's contributions before an enthusiastic crowd of supporters.

"Right on! All power to the people!" proclaimed Larry Little, a Winston-Salem State University professor and one of the local Party's most prominent members. "Brothers and sisters, we are so thankful for everybody being here on this occasion. We are indeed honored."

The marker, which stands at the corner of Fifth Street and Martin Luther King Jr. Drive, not far from where the Party's first headquarters stood, pays homage to the many contributions the Panthers made to the community, including the free breakfast program for children and ambulance service that members started.

"The Black Panthers did great work in our community and deserve

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Bearden exhibit leads to wider community discussion

BY TODD LUCK
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Romare Bearden's work depicting the epic story of Odysseus' journey home are making a homecoming of their own.

Reynolda House Museum of Modern Art is hosting the national opening of the North Carolina native's "Romare Bearden: A Black Odyssey."

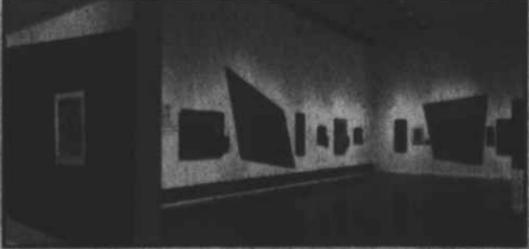
The exhibit opened Saturday and will be on display through Jan. 13. It features nearly 50 works by artist, including some of his drawings of "The Iliad" from the 1940s and collages and watercolors of "The Odyssey" from the 1970s.

Many of the "Odyssey" works were on display in New York for only one show before being scattered among collectors who bought

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Romare Bearden



The Bearden exhibit opened Saturday.

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