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Teens drawn to music event



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## Being different made teen stronger

Darren Roseboro was born with rare condition

BY LAYLA FARMER THE CHRONICLE

Darren Roseboro's life story is enough to break your heart. At 16, he has suffered far more than his share of unkind words and disappointments. Yet, woven into the very fabric of his existence is another story - one of love, courage and succeeding against all odds. This is the story that he and his parents, Charles and Melendia Roseboro, choose to tell.

Darren was diagnosed as a newborn with a rare condition called cystic hygroma (lymphangioma). It is characterized by malformations of the lymphatic system that occur at sites where the lymphatic system connects to the venous system.

"He came home as a well baby. Then in less than a week, he was having problems breathing," his mother explained. "They kept saying something like he had a real

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Dr. Julianne Malveaux

Fight for a better world, says Malveaux Bennett president speaks at NAACP banquet

BY LAYLA FARMER THE CHRONICLE

"History, heritage and hope."

That was the theme of the local NAACPs annual Freedom Fund banquet, held at the Benton Convention Center Friday night. This year, the organization's signature fundraising event drew the usual elite collection of politicians, local sponsors and community members.

Dr. Julianne Malveaux, the newly-installed president of Bennett College for Women, served as keynote speaker. An economist, author and commentator, Malveaux is hailed as one of the country's leading authorities on issues of race, gender, and international affairs, among other things.

Awards and scholarships were bestowed upon some of the community's best and brightest.

Moses Lucas was given the Rev. J.T. McMillian Community Service Award for his contributions to the Winston Lake Family YMCA. Lucas founded the Boss Drummers during his 38 years at Winston Lake. The gymnasium there now bears his name.

State Rep. Earline Parmon was honored with the Charles McLean / Hanes Brand Corporate Community Service Award and Rev. Ira Anthony took

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Sixteen-year-old Darren Roseboro is flanked by his father, Charles, and mother, Melendia.

## FATHERHOOD IN PRACTICE

Local black men defy deadbeat stereotype

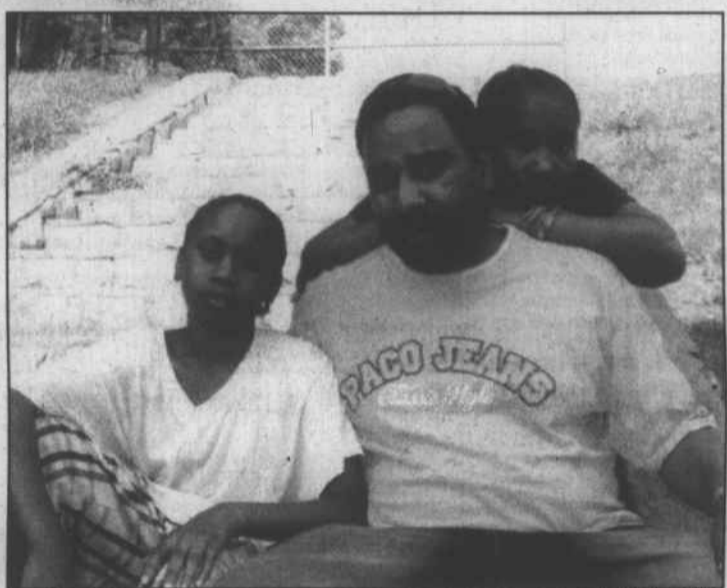
BY T. KEVIN WALKER THE CHRONICLE

Any man can have a child with little effort. It takes a lot more, though, before a man can truly be called a "father."

Mo Lucas taught that philosophy to Dominic Delph and countless others over the past six decades. Lucas, the legendary YMCA mentor, has spent a majority of his 80 years of life taking young black men under his wing - showing them right from wrong and filling a void as a positive male image in their lives.

"Most of us did not have a father around," said Delph, 40, who was mentored by Lucas during his formative years. "He was our father. He took us where we needed to go. He fed us. He got us what we needed, even if he had to spend his last penny."

Delph was among hundreds Sunday who spent their Father's Day thanking Lucas for his guidance and kindness during an afternoon long cookout and music extravaganza in Blum Park. It was the third



Archie Foster with son, Joshua, and daughter, Torie.

straight year that the tribute to Lucas has been held. Michael Terry, who was also mentored by Lucas, said he came up with the idea as merely a way to say thank-you to Lucas, but since, it has also become a family unity event that Terry says promotes the morals and principles that Lucas continues to practice and preach.

"He has always been about kids so we are glad

that this has become a big family event," said Terry.

Lucas says he is always astonished that so many people show up to honor him. He was especially pleased to see so many men at the event with their children. He first began to mentor young people all those years ago because he began to notice that more and more black youths were

growing up without their fathers around.

"It wasn't like that in my day," Lucas said. "When I was growing up, every household had a father. A man is essential for children."

The times have certainly changed greatly. A 2005 U.S. Census report states that one in four children live in homes where the father is absent. The problem is especially pronounced in the black community, where a majority (56 percent) of households are led by single-moth-

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Michael Shell with his kids, Michael Jr. and Maniya.



Anthony Washington attended the event with his daughter, Jada.

## Drivers' Olympics produces local champions

Annual Statewide Rodeo tests the skills of drivers

BY TODD LUCK THE CHRONICLE

An Olympic-style competition for transit drivers has made champions of several local people.

Drivers from transit systems across the state competed in the Annual Statewide Bus/ Van Rodeo Competition earlier this month in Wilmington. The three-day competition, held by the North Carolina Public Transportation Association, tests skills drivers use everyday, from mere vehicle operation, to pre-trip inspections.

Winston-Salem Transit Authority Drivers Heather Cousar, Alfredo Granados, Jose Najera, James Wilds and Qorpicha Glenn made up the local team. They more than held

their own. Cousar won first place in the Light Transit Vehicles Division, a van driving competition. Granados placed first in the Fixed-Route Division Category, a driving competition. Granados' co-worker Najera took the second place trophy in the competition.

Wilds has seen the competition evolve over the years. He has been competing in the rodeo since it began more than two decades ago. Drivers were once allowed to bring their own buses for the competition. Now all drivers compete in the same brand of bus. Wilds said that has provided an added challenge since the bus may handle different and have



See Rodeo on A11 James Wilds, from left, with Alfredo Granados, Jose Najera and Heather Cousar.



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