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Community Calendar

Basketball tryouts

Winston Lake Lakers 12U AAU boys basketball tryouts are being held at Winston Lake Family YMCA, 901 Waterworks Rd. Call Head Coach Sam at 409-2202, 767-7976 or Ed Plowden at 416-0077.

Dancers year round program

Parents, if you have a child or children ages 5-10 that would like to twirl or daughters ages 11-16 that like to dance, come sign up for the program at Rupert Bell Recreation Center on Mondays and Wednesdays 6-7:30 p.m. Space is limited and the deadline is Jan. 18. The center is at 1501 Mt. Zion Place.

Emergency Food Assistance

The R. I. C. H. Food Pantry located at Holy Trinity Full Gospel Baptist Church, 651 Akron Dr. is offering emergency food assistance every second and fourth Saturday, 10-11:30 a.m. For more information, call 744-9293.

Aggie Nite 2008

Tonight, Jan. 17 at 7 p.m. at the Sawtooth Arts Council, 226 N. Marshall St. in Winston-Salem, A&T State University will be hosting Aggie Nite 2008.

All prospective students, parents, school administrators, and alumni are invited to attend. The public is asked to support prospective Aggies and A&T by attending or inviting a student who may be interested in A&T to attend. For more information, call 336-624-3669 or e-mail kerns-fam4@bellsouth.net.

Emancipation meeting

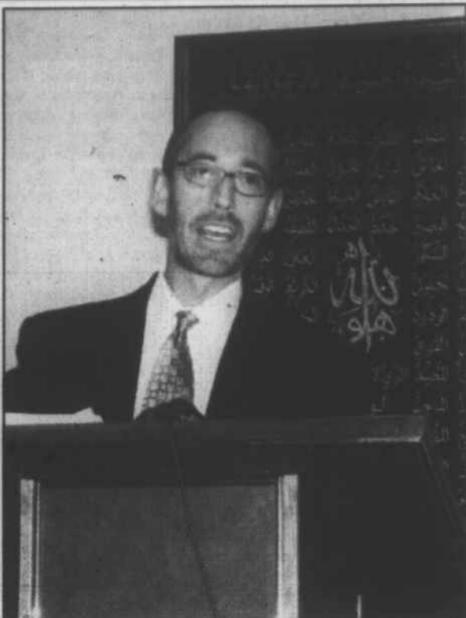
The annual meeting of the Winston-Salem/Forsyth County Emancipation Association will be held Monday, Jan. 28, at 12 noon at the Hanes Hosiery Community Center. All financial members are invited to attend and participate in the election of officers and board members. There will be other business items on the agenda. Rudolph V. Boone, Sr. is president. Call 767-4087 for more information.

Tiny Indians board positions open

The Winston-Salem Tiny Indians are having an open Public Meeting, Jan. 29, 6 p.m. at Rupert Bell for the following available Executive Board positions: president, secretary, treasurer and field manager. Anyone interested, please contact Ulysess Hunter at ulysseshunter59@yahoo.com.

Annual bowling tournament

The I Joshua's Camp Critical Life Advancement program held at Diggs Elementary School will sponsor its first annual bowling tournament on Saturday Feb. 9 at the Creekside Lanes, 1450 Trade Mart Blvd. Sign in time begins at 11 a.m. Bowling begins at 12 p.m. There will be four bowlers per team. Adults \$15 each, youth \$10 each and children under five free. Reserved team lanes are \$50 each. Prizes will be given out for all ages for high game, adult and youth male/female; high series, adults and youth male/female; team series, adult and youth and door prizes. Entry deadline is Feb. 2. Call 767-9338 or 432-4172 for more information or how to register.



Imam Khalid Griggs, Rabbi Mark Strauss-Cohn and the Rev. Laura Spangler were among those who spoke.

Photos by Todd Luck



Singers from Reynolds High School bring music to the service.

UNITED FOR PEACE

In wake of Bhutto assassination, leaders of various faiths come together to reflect

BY TODD LUCK
THE CHRONICLE

Christians, Jews and Muslims gathered together last week to reflect on the life of Benazir Bhutto, the history-making former prime minister of Pakistan who was recently assassinated. But the service, held at the Community Mosque, was not necessarily an occasion to uplift Bhutto.

"Peace itself has been assassinated," said the Khalid Griggs, the imam at the mosque. "Not that Bhutto was a symbolic or the personification of peace or hope because there are very strong feelings about Benazir Bhutto on both sides. So we're not here...to memorialize or glorify or anything like that but we are a group of people from all faith traditions who want to share hope and desire, a process to bring hope and peace to us...and spread it as far as it can go."

More than a dozen local leaders representing various religions and traditions were on hand for the service to deliver messages of hope and peace to a crowd of more than 100.

Questions and controversy still surround Bhutto's death. What is clear is that she died Dec. 27, 2007 after a campaign rally in Rawalpindi, Pakistan (Bhutto was vying to win the country's 2008 election to become its leader once again). Her supporters say that she was shot by an assassin seconds before an explosive device was detonated. The Pakistani government, which Bhutto was constantly at odds with, says she died after hitting her head on the sunroof of the SUV in which she was traveling. Just before her death, Bhutto was standing in the SUV with her upper torso through the sunroof. Video shows her dropping back into the vehicle after the explosion. It was then, the government says, that she fatally hit her head. England's famed Scotland Yard is conducting an independent investigation to try to bring some clarity.

Like much of the world, the Rev. Laura Spangler, of Llyod Presbyterian Church, said that she was shocked when she heard about the assassination. She felt then that the faith community needed to respond with love. She said not everyone accepted or agreed with Bhutto but to many she was a symbol of courage and dignity.



See Bhutto on B9 The late Benazir Bhutto.

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