



Local teams gear-up for title games

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Pastors discuss AIDS crisis



Group helps clean-up

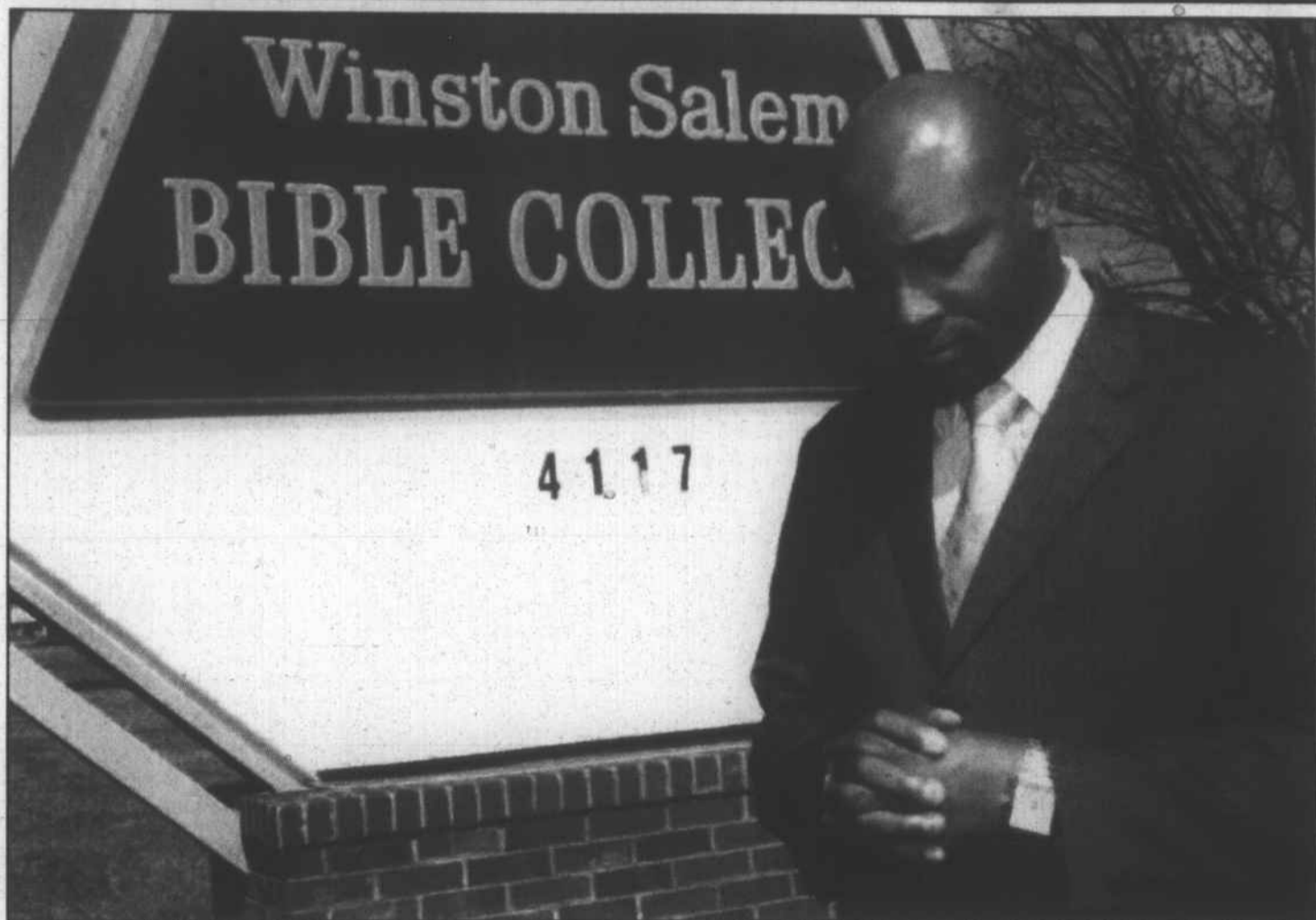


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The Rev. Nathan Scovens stands in front of the future home of Galilee Missionary Baptist Church.

Photo by Jason Pitt

FAITH IN A NEW PLACE

BY TODD LUCK
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One of East Winston's most respected churches is leaving the area

"Easy to find, hard to forget." That has been the motto of Galilee Missionary Baptist Church, which stands on the corner of one of the city's most congested intersections. Tens of thousands of people travel up and down Martin Luther King Jr. Drive and New Walkertown Road each day, and most pass by Galilee, which has stood proud and strong at the intersection for more than half a century. But the church may need a new motto. In the years to come, worshippers will have to search a little harder to get that unforgettable Galilee experience.

Sunday, city leaders and the Galilee family will gather at 4117 Northampton Rd., to consecrate 28 acres of land that will one day be home to a new Galilee campus. The Rev. Nathan Scovens, Galilee's pastor, said the church plans to leave its longtime East Winston sanctuary for its new digs in the next two to three years. "It was not an easy decision to make," he said of the relocation, "but we believe

that we cannot be defined by 'the church on the corner of Martin Luther King and New Walkertown,' but by the ministry and the quality of (the) ministry we are doing." Currently, the Northampton site is home to Carolina Christian College, formerly Winston-Salem Bible College. In recent years, the college has started to hold most of its classes at local churches instead on the campus. Galilee plans to construct a new sanctuary at the site and renovate existing structures on the campus. The church still does not yet know what will become of its current location. City Council Member Joycelyn Johnson

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A TOURNAMENT OF THEIR OWN

NC Special Olympic competitions come to town

BY TODD LUCK
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Basketball players and cheerleaders were getting pumped up last Friday inside Wait Chapel at Wake Forest University. But these weren't Demon Deacons preparing for a big game. These were Special Olympics athletes about to play their hearts out in their own tournament.

Last weekend was the first time Forsyth County has hosted the Special Olympics North Carolina Basketball & Cheerleading Tournament. More than 1,000 athletes from all over the state participated. They worked hard to get here, training and competing in their hometowns to qualify. This tournament marked the end of their sports' Special Olympics season.

Special Olympics provides sports competition for people with intellectual disabilities. The vast array of sporting events include tennis, gymnastics, figure skating, soccer and even roller skating. Special Olympics holds national and international competitions every four years. Full Deacon hospitality was extended to the athletes during the opening ceremony as Wake Forest basketball coach Dino Gaudio welcomed them. Gaudio, a former high school teacher, said that sports teaches important lessons about adversity and teamwork. "There are lessons you learn on the field of competition that you can't learn in the classroom," said Gaudio. "So you should be very proud of participating in the Special Olympics here." The Master of Ceremonies was sportscaster Stan Cotten, the



Local athlete Jennifer Wardlow speaks in Wait Chapel last week.

Photo by Todd Luck

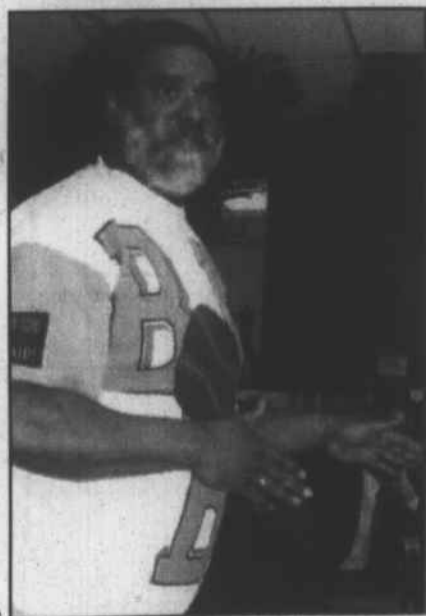
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IT TAKES A CONGREGATION

NAACP teams up with churches to provide support for schools

BY LAYLA FARMER
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Why is the Winston-Salem NAACP working so hard to link black churches with neighborhood schools? "Because our children are too important to lose," President Stephen Hairston said. "We're in it from start to finish."



The Rev. Carlton Eversley speaks.

Hairston spoke before an audience of more than 50 hand-picked church leaders, community members and school officials at Dr. J's House of Soul Food Tuesday afternoon. He explained the NAACP's intentions of linking Equity Plus Schools - or schools that have a high percentage of students on free or reduced lunch - with churches in the community that can offer added support by providing mentors and volunteers.

"I certainly think a school-church connection is a great opportunity to bring the faith community and the school community together," commented Superintendent Don Martin, who was on hand for the meeting. "There are many students who have many needs and I think ... an extra mentor, an extra adult who supports and

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HE STILL GOT GAME



Greensboro native Curlly Neal, one of the most popular Harlem Globetrotter players in the team's history, demonstrates one of his trademark tricks Monday during a visit to the Church's Chicken location on New Walkertown Road. Neal was in town to meet fans and promote the Globetrotters upcoming game at Joel Coliseum. Read more about his visit on page A3.

Photo by Jason Pitt



Nurse Practitioner Freda Clark-Cowen sits by the bedside of Loraine Rozell, a Hospice resident.

Photo by Layla Farmer

Hospice Home turns 10-years-old

BY LAYLA FARMER
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Ninety-two year-old Loraine Rozell knows she isn't long for this world. Yet she says she is glad she has found a place to spend the time she has left.

"If heaven's any better than this, I don't want to go there. I didn't know there was anything as nice as Hospice," she declared. "They've got love, they've got compassion; they've got food and plenty of it. They've got patience and

time for you. They are sincere."

Rozell, who suffers from severe Rheumatoid Arthritis and failure to thrive syndrome, lives at the Kate B. Reynolds Hospice Home in Winston-Salem.

The home is an offshoot of Hospice & Palliative CareCenter, which provides in-home medical care and emotional support to people with terminal conditions and their loved ones.

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