

# ARTS & LIFESTYLE

## Of Interest ...

### Yadkinville poorhouse project wins \$5,000 grant

The Yadkin County Historical Society in Yadkinville has been awarded \$5,000 by the North Carolina Humanities Council for the third phase of a documentary film, "Gone to the Poorhouse," which investigates the history of "poorhouses" in the state. The project will explore the experiences of poorhouse residents, who included the mentally ill, disabled, elderly, and orphaned. It will illuminate how poverty has been defined in our state, examine if and how that definition has changed over time, and consider its implications for responding to citizens in need.

The film was conceived almost four years ago, when the project director discovered that her great-grandfather was confined to a Yadkin County poorhouse and died there. Subsequent research of poorhouses in North Carolina revealed that "even though the institution was a widespread and long-lived part of our state's history, it had not been thoroughly investigated."

In June the North Carolina Humanities Council invested more than \$79,000 in 11 cultural and educational organizations to conduct public humanities programs across the state.

The Yadkinville project director is Kim Quintal (wolfiequ@bellsouth.net). The Yadkin County Historical Society can be contacted at 336-679-2702.

### A&T professor discusses his war book in Maryland

Dr. Olen Cole, Jr., professor and chairperson of the department of history at North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University, recently presented at the Greenbelt Museum in Greenbelt, Md. Cole discussed his book, "The African American Experience in the Civilian Conservation Corps." The Greenbelt Museum sponsors a bimonthly lecture series.

Topics focused on the period of the Great Depression to World War II and dealt with racism, history, material culture, social studies and art history.

### The Yoga of Love to perform

The Yoga of Love will be in Winston-Salem tomorrow (June 27) at 7 p.m. at the Unity Church of Winston-Salem, 108 Hewes St.

Performing music, dance and drama in festivals, parks, theaters, schools, universities and yoga centers in the throughout the world, The Yoga of Love is international group of 50 young spiritual practitioners who bring the culture of India through expression in the arts.

The members of the of the group are not actors and singers performing for an audience; They are yogis sharing with the audience their love and connection to the Divine through the medium of dance, music and drama.

Admission to the event is free, but donations are graciously accepted. For more information, contact Kindred Spirits, 537A N Trade St, at 336-777-0727 or via the Web at www.KindredSpirits.ws.

### Idol coming to Winston

"American Idol" winner Carrie Underwood is bringing her Carnival Ride Tour to the Joel Coliseum Theatre in Winston-Salem on Friday, October 24 at 7:30 p.m. The show will also feature special guest Little Big Town.

Underwood was recently inducted as the newest member of the Grand Ole Opry and named Top Female Vocalist at the 2008 Academy of Country Music Awards for the second consecutive year. Her current album Carnival Ride, which contains the hits "So Small," "All-American Girl" and "Last Name," was certified double-platinum within two months of its release. Her debut album, "Some Hearts," was certified seven-time platinum, making her the best-selling solo female country debut in the Recording Industry Association of America (RIAA) history and surpasses all other releases as the all-time U.S. top-selling album by any American Idol contestant.

Tickets are available at the Joel Coliseum Box Office, Ticketmaster Centers, by phone at 336-722-6400 or 336-852-1100 and online at ticketmaster.com or AEGLive.com. Ticket prices are \$35, \$45 and \$55.

### 'Jacob the Jeweler' gets time

DETROIT (AP) — The New York businessman known in the hip-hop world as "Jacob the Jeweler" was sentenced Tuesday to 2 1/2 years in federal prison for lying to investigators looking into a multistate drug ring.

Jacob Arabov, 43, pleaded guilty in October to falsifying records and giving false statements as part of a deal with federal prosecutors, who asked U.S. District Judge Averm Cohn to impose a minimum sentence of three years and one month.

But Cohn decided to shave off seven months from that recommendation, citing Arabov's extensive charity work.

"I feel ashamed that I broke the laws of this country, a country that has been so good for me," Arabov said. "I will carry this shame for the rest of my life."

## City channel has new programs

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The city's first Spanish-language program for Hispanic residents is one of two new programs now airing on WSTV 13, the Government Channel on TimeWarner Cable.

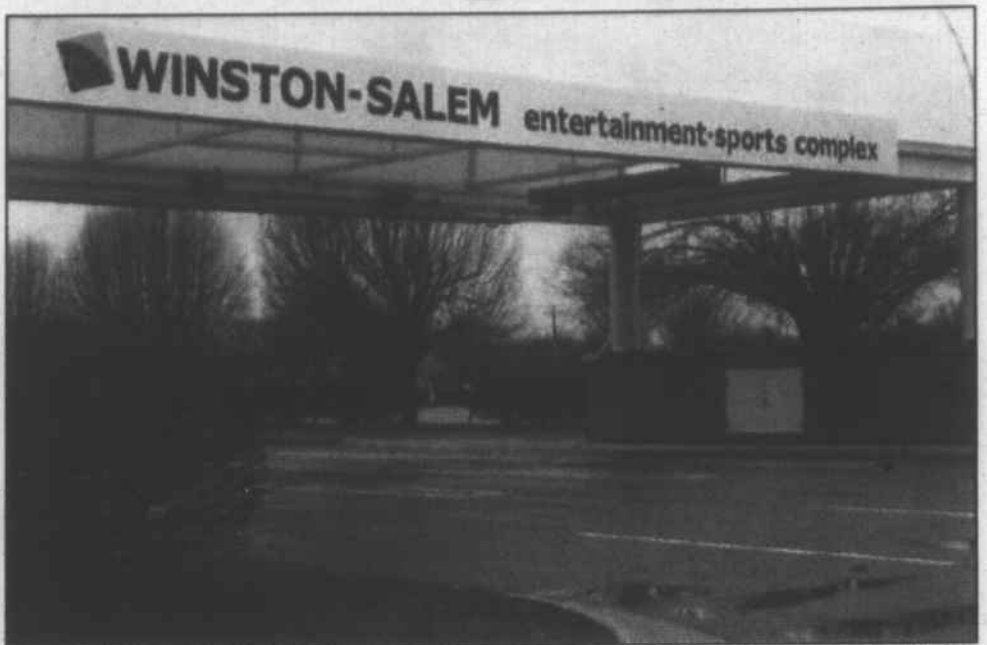


Allen-Abraha

"Tu Comunidad," (Your Community) is designed to give the city's Hispanic residents practical information about city services. The inaugural program includes information about how to use the city landfill, how and what to recycle, and how to obtain a roll-out cart and participate in the city's voluntary curbside garbage collection.

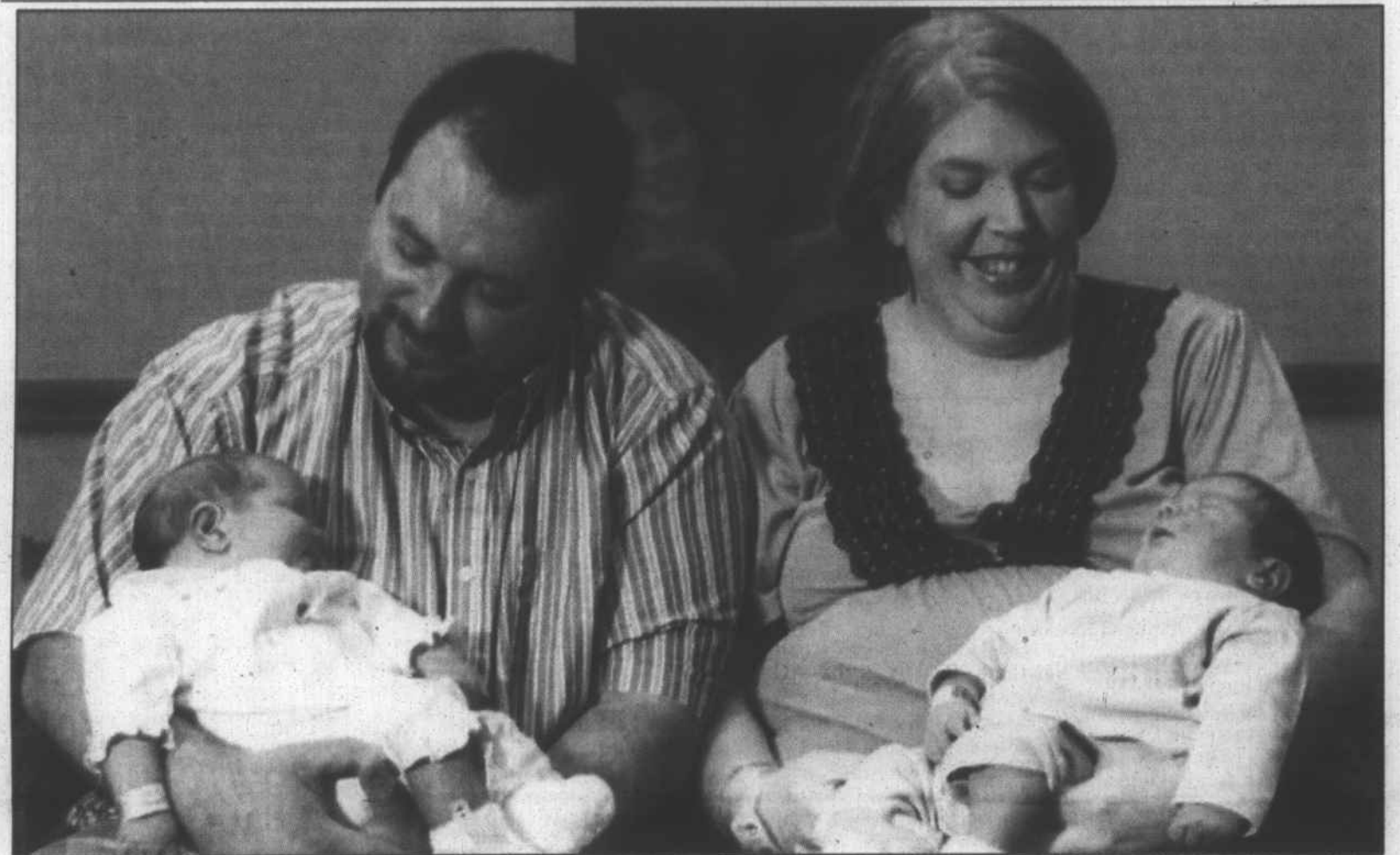
The program was requested by the city's Human Relations and Neighborhood Services departments. Wanda Allen-Abraha, the director of human relations, says the show will fill a gap in the city's communication with the Hispanic community.

"Often, we have Hispanic residents who state that they do not know what services the city provides because of the



File Photo

See Programs on A12 "Backstage Pass" will highlight events at the coliseum.



Forsyth Medical Center Photo

Joey Maynard, left, holds Abigail Rose, while his wife, Erin, holds Sean William.

## OH, BABY, BABY

Big twins may have set state record

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Twins delivered at Forsyth Medical Center's Sara Lee Center for Women's Health on Tuesday, June 23 may claim the distinction as the heaviest set of twins ever born in North Carolina, and possibly the second heaviest set born in the United States during the last century.

Sean William Maynard came in at 10 pounds, 14 ounces, while his sister, Abigail Rose Maynard, was 12 pounds, 3 ounces. The twins, born to Joey and Erin Maynard of Winston-Salem, were delivered via Cesarean

section two minutes apart and are in excellent condition. Both mom and the twins were released from the hospital on Saturday.

"The babies measured about nine pounds each when we did an ultrasound three weeks ago, so we knew they were going to be big babies at delivery," says Dr. Jacquelyn Mims of Lyndhurst OB-GYN, the attending obstetrician. "Because over the course of her pregnancy the mother took excellent care of herself, staying on a healthy diet and closely following our instruction we were fairly confident she could deliver without complications."

Based on an Internet search, the heaviest combined twin weights were born to an Arkansas woman, on Feb. 20, 1924, totaling 27 pounds, 12 ounces. A set born in 1997 to a Wilson, N.C., couple weighed a combined total of 18 pounds, 10 ounces.

The Maynards also have a two-and-a-half-year-old at home who was 10 pounds, 7 ounces at birth.

The Maynard twins are the most recent births at Forsyth Medical Center to establish a state record. The Brewer quintuplets were delivered at the hospital in 2004.

## Forsyth Library will use NEA grant to tout project

CHRONICLE STAFF REPORT

The Forsyth County Public Library will use a federal grant to host a mammoth community reading project.



The library is one of 208 libraries, municipalities, and arts, culture, higher education, and science organizations to receive a National Endowment for the Arts grant to host "The Big Read" from September 2008 - June 2009. The Big Read gives communities the opportunity to come together to read, discuss, and celebrate one of 23 selections from American and world literature.

The Big Read in Forsyth County will focus on Ray Bradbury's "Fahrenheit 451." The Forsyth project will kickoff on Sept. 13 at the annual BOOKMARKS Festival at Historic Bethabara Park.

"Fahrenheit 451" is this year's selection for On the Same Page, a community-wide reading program that the Forsyth County Public Library has sponsored for the past several years.

The library will use its \$10,000 Big Read grant to support On the Same Page projects. The library will work in partnership with Wake Forest University's Z. Smith Reynolds Library to host several events featuring "Fahrenheit 451" and the themes of censorship, banned books, the influence of visual media and technology on literacy and the role of reading and libraries in informing citizens of a democratic society.

Already planned is a BOOKMARKS appearance by young author Chris Crutcher, whose books have been at the center of censorship conflicts across the nation. A panel discussion on censorship featuring Wake Forest University faculty members and several film screenings are also set for the fall.

Through its Big Read grants, NEA is striving to restore reading to the center of American culture. The NEA presents The Big Read in partnership with the Institute of Museum and Library Services and in cooperation with Arts Midwest. Support is also provided by the W.K. Kellogg Foundation.

## Gathering this evening will feature plans for Downtown Arts Center

SPECIAL TO THE CHRONICLE

Winston-Salem young professionals are invited to hear first hand plans for the proposed Downtown Arts Center at an after-hours social to be held this evening (June 26) at the Sawtooth Building at 6 p.m.

This event is sponsored jointly by Winston-Salem Urban League Young Professionals, Reynolda After Hours, The Dash, and The Arts Council of Winston-Salem and Forsyth County. These groups have spearheaded several independent events designed to engage young professionals in the community. Wachovia Wealth Management is sponsoring the gathering as part of an effort to introduce members of the various groups to each other.

"It is valuable for these groups to meet one another and develop connections. The arts are a great avenue for building social

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