



Local track stars shine during recent meet

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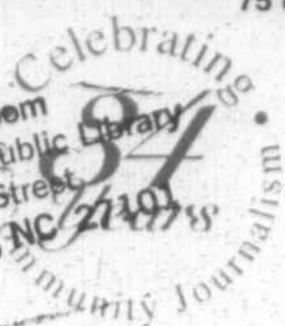
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Museum features exhibit on America's African American community

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## Verbal barriers fall for parents

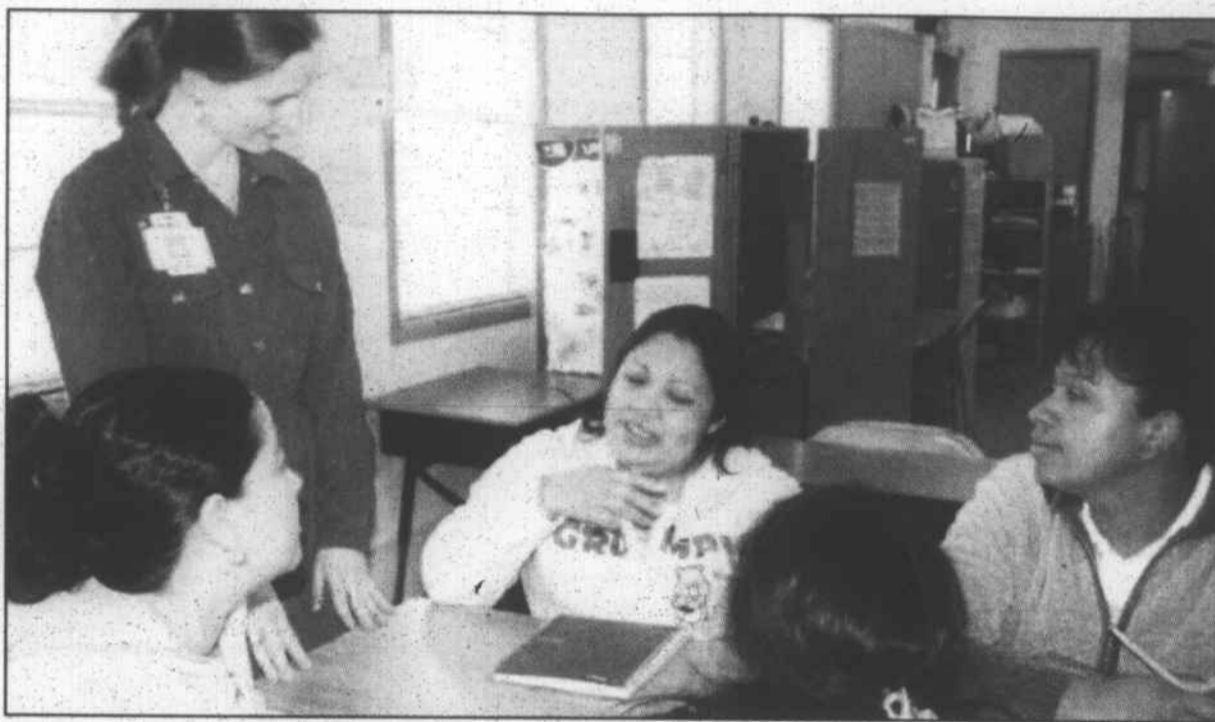
Literacy program focuses on the entire family

BY LAYLA FARMER  
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Four days a week, Erica Horantes brings her son, Alexis Vasquez, 8, to school. But, unlike the other parents, who drop their children off at the door, Horantes makes her way inside the building and heads to her own classroom near the back of the school. It is a routine she has followed for the past two and a half years.

Horantes, a native of Mexico City, is one of 15 parents at Latham Elementary who are taking part in the Toyota Family Literacy Program (TFLP), a nationwide initiative sponsored by the car manufacturer in conjunction with the National Center for Family Literacy.

Held four days a week at Latham, the free program is open to all Spanish-speaking parents with children in kindergarten through third grade. It encompasses four components: children's literacy, adult English as a Second



TFLP Teacher Jessica Ramsey answers a question from a student.

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Photo by Layla Farmer  
President Jimmy Boyd thanks supporters.

... And Many More

NAACP's 100th birthday celebrated by local chapter

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It seems like everyone had kind words for the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) last week as the respected civil rights organization turned 100.

Congratulatory praise came from the most powerful voices in Congress, the most famous names in Hollywood and the most revered churches and fraternal organizations in the nation.

The credit is way overdue according to Jimmy Boyd, the president of the NAACP's Winston-Salem branch. A ceremony last Thursday marking the anniversary, Boyd said devoted members, here in the city and around the nation, deserve much of the credit for continuing the NAACP's mission of equality.

"I'm just elated," said Boyd, during his first official event as the NAACP chapter

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Earl Ijames holds a slave choker collar.

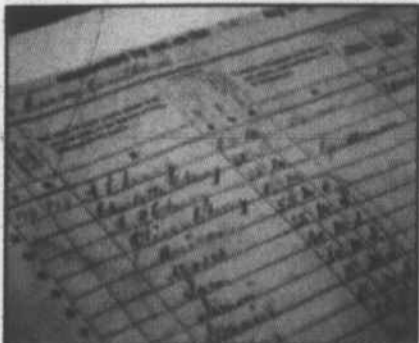
## HISTORY UNSHACKLED

Slavery artifacts showcased at Malloy/Jordan Library

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Locals got up close and personal with an ugly chapter of black history last week.

Earl Ijames, a city native and curator at the North Carolina Museum of History in Raleigh, brought some of the tools used to keep blacks enslaved to the Malloy/Jordan East Winston Heritage Center for two lectures.



This 1860 census report lists slaves.

Among the items he brought from the museum were century-old prints of Triad area slaves at work. The library was allowed to keep some of the prints to add to its permanent collection. Ijames also had artifacts, such as the shackles and a collar once worn by slaves; and an 1860 census showing slaves listed by name. That census report is thought to be the only such

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## HIP HOP HOORAY



Photo by Jason Pitt

Atlanta's H.B.O. Crew, a troupe of hip hop dancers, were among those who were at Winston-Salem State University last week for a summit on topics related to rap music. Here, they pose with DJ Kool Herc, in the sunglasses, who is widely-known as one of the pioneers of the music form.

## Black philanthropists see fruits of labor

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Five local programs received the very first round of grants from the Black Philanthropy Fund on Tuesday.

Family Services Inc., which hosted the grants announcement ceremony, Forsyth Technical Community College, North Forsyth High School, Quality Education Academy and the YWCA of Winston-Salem/Forsyth County each received a portion of the \$25,000 the Fund amassed for its 2008 season of giving.

The money stemmed from the Winston-Salem Foundation's Black Philanthropy Initiative (BPI), which was formed in 2000 to encourage more local African-Americans to donate money toward philanthropic efforts that benefit efforts that serve minorities.

"I have been on this wonderful committee since its inception and have longed for the day when we would show the world ... that we indeed



Photo by Layla Farmer

BPI Committee Members Richard Davis, Janet Wheeler and Brenda Diggs make a presentation to FTCC's Christopher Martin.

know what philanthropy is," commented Brenda Diggs, a former bank executive who helped select the first grantees. "It has been an absolutely long haul for most of us ... but we are here."

The Fund focused on education in its first year of giving.

"We chose ... educational things that would affect young black kids and young adults and improve the educational process," explained Richard Davis, 2008 chair of the BPI. "When we involve the entire community, it allows us to

address issues in a better way."

Family Services' Head Start program will use its share to support a new initiative for children in its after school program. Head Start Director Joanie Oliphant revealed.

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