Pair of Rams earn **CIAA** tennis accolades



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### Backyard pick-up debate reignited

BY TODD LUCK THE CHRONICLE

The City Council will consider later this year whether to take measures to reduce the remaining number of backyard trash collec-

The city moved to do away with backyard collection in 2005 when it implemented a voluntary policy that asked residents to place their trash on curbs; in 2010, that policy became mandatory for all residents except for those with medical exemptions or who

live in some multifamily complexes.

Manager Greg Turner,

serviced, 2,700 still

receive backyard col-

lection, accounting for

five percent of collec-

tions. But the Citizens'

Organizational

Committee, which was

appointed by the City Council to find ways to save the City

reduce backyard col-

lections even further. It

is recommending that

residents receive a

doctor's note in order

to be exempt from tak-

City

oversees

out of

Review

wants to

households

According

Assistant

Sanitation,

Efficiency

ing their trash to the curb; the existing policy

only requires residents to submit a form stat-

ing that no one in the household is able to bring the trash cart to the curb. The stricter

requirement is already used in cities like

Greensboro, which has only one percent

backyard collection. It would save the city an

reducing backyard collections. They say hauling trash from backyards is backbreaking

work and can lead to uncomfortable con-

frontations with homeowners. Angelia Byrd,

a former sanitation truck driver, said that

going into a person's yard, sometimes before

the sun rises, can lead to confusion and hos-

lection) it'd be great for the protection of cus-

tomers and employees as well," said Byrd. "Because you got customers who don't want

people fumbling around their house.'

"If it can be done without (backyard col-

Byrd was fired after a conflict with a resident who receives backyard collection. Byrd said her three-person crew was struggling to collect the woman's garbage because it was far in excess of what the 96-gallon carts sanitation workers use could hold. Byrd said she told a co-worker that the resident's trash was

more than they were supposed to collect,

which, according to Byrd, led the woman to

Department found faults in her actions. She

maintains she did nothing wrong and recently

brought her wrongful termination claim

Byrd was axed after the Sanitation

Sanitation workers are all in favor of



McLaurin



Turner

estimated \$114,000.

tility from residents.

direct racial slurs at her.

before the City Council.

## Black ministers' group still divided over gay marriage



Ministers Conference President Rev. Willard Bass stands outside Green Street Church.

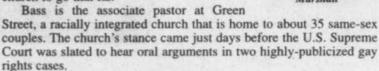
BY LAYLA GARMS THE CHRONICLE

The church of the president of the Ministers Conference of Winston-Salem and Vicinity made national headlines, announcing that it would not perform any more heterosexual marriage ceremonies until same-sex marriages are also honored by the state and federal govern-

But the issue of same sex marriage, and even homosexuality, is still very much a contentious one for the mostly black clergy who make up the Ministers Conference.

"It has been a journey for us," Ministers Conference President Willard Bass said of Green Street United Methodist Church's decision to support same-sex marriage in such a bold way. "... The question of not doing marriage at all in the church is a very controversial issue. It's really profound for a church to go that far."

Marshall



The Ministers Conference as an organization has not taken a stance, one way or the other, on the legal challenges to California's Proposition 8 ban on same-sex marriage and the federal Defense of Marriage Act. Last year, the Conference urged voters to vote against Amendment One, which changed the state constitution to define marriage as being only between a man and a woman, though many members, including then-president Rev. Joseph Nance, expressed uneasiness about gay marriage and Biblical objections to homosexuality.

### ght condemns usurpers of history

BY T. KEVIN WALKER THE CHRONICLE

Rev. Dr. Jeremiah Wright likened those who alter, edit or redact the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. to the Pharisees in chapter nine of John who created their own version of events rather than accepting a blind man's claim that he was healed by Jesus.

"We let folks repackage King They want to tell you today what they think Dr. King stood for," said Wright, who predicted that such repackaging would reach a fever-pitch next week as the nation marks the 45th anniversary of the Civil Rights icon's assassina-

Pastor emeritus of Trinity United Church of Christ - a Chicago mega church that once counted President Barack Obama and his family among its nearly 9,000 members - Wright keynoted The Chronicle's 28th Annual Community Service Awards Gala night at the Benton Saturday



Rev. Jeremiah Wright takes a moment to ponder.

Convention Center.

He told a crowd of more than 700 that distorting King's dream and message is a bi-partisan and mutli-racial campaign. Black preachers have used King's words to preach a message advocating prosperity for the church and its members. The "prosperity pimps" have it all wrong, Wright said.

"King was not a prophet of pros-perity ... King was on the side of the

On the other extreme, Wright contends that right-wingers have distorted King's words to advocate for causes such as ending affirmative action. Knocking notions of a "so-ealled post racial America," Wright suggested that those who think this country is at a place where content of character trumps skin color are delusional.

"Ask the parents of Trayvon Martin is racism a thing of the past," Wright

He urged the crowd to tell their own stories instead of leaving them for others to retell or distort.

See Wright on A8

Jane Goins, chair of the Winston-Salem/ Forsyth County Board of introduces Superintendent Dr. Beverly Emory to the local community Tuesday. Emory, who currently serves as superintendent of Pitt County Schools, will take the helm here in July when Dr. Donald Martin retires. Read more about her on page A3.



See Backyard on A7

Rev. Parthenia and Robert Galloway

#### oved ones vow to continue Cuthrell's fight

BY LAYLA GARMS THE CHRONICLE

City Tamla native "Tammie" Cuthrell built her life on serving others.

Whether it was her family, friends or her clients at the department of Social Services where she worked for 14 years, the UNC Chapel Hill alumna was known for her giving nature and willingness to do whatever she could for her fellow man.

"She never was a taker," said her father, Robert Galloway. "She never wanted you to give her anything unless she really needed it."

Cuthrell passed away March 9, following a coura-

See Cuthrell on A10



Photos by Layla Garms

late Tammie Cuthrell speaks at The Light's Toy Drive/Breast Cancer bene-December.



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