



WS Open tennis stars revealed

-See Page A2



National church gathering in town

-See Page A10



THE CHRONICLE

North Carolina Room
Forsyth County Public Library
650 West Fifth Street
Winston-Salem, NC 27101

Volume 39, Number 47

WINSTON-SALEM, N.C.

THURSDAY, July 18, 2013



Photos by Layla Garms
Larry Little (left) and Darryl Hunt hold up a photograph of the slain teen.

Large crowd denounces Trayvon verdict

BY LAYLA GARMS
THE CHRONICLE

Local residents took to the streets en masse Tuesday to protest a Florida jury's finding in the murder of 17-year-old Trayvon Martin.

Protests and vigils have cropped up nationwide since a Florida jury found George Zimmerman not guilty in the shooting death of the black teenager. Winston-Salem residents - more than 1,200 of them, according to organizers' estimates - joined the growing chorus of unrest with a July 16 rally and vigil in remembrance of Martin at the corner of Martin Luther King Jr. and New Walkertown Road.

Via social media and other outlets, Wake Forest alumna Nicole Little and The Post-Trayvon Martin Committee for Justice and Redirection led the charge to take a stand locally against the verdict and legislation such as the Stand Your Ground Law that many believe allowed Zimmerman to go free.

"This hits home for me because I have three brothers, one of whom, God rest his soul, was also taken by gun violence," Little told the massive crowd assembled around her. "This could have been any one of y'all, and that's the message that we're trying to stress today."

The Zimmerman verdict also struck a chord with city resident Andrea Barnes.

"It's something to have to worry about, the future of your kids, how they're discriminated against, and whether the justice system is going to prevail for them or against them," said Barnes, the mother of three young men. "The justice system is broken. It needs fixing."

Larry Little, a Winston-Salem State University professor who is no relation to Nicole Little, likened Martin's death to the brutal 1955 slaying of Emmett Till. The controversy that surrounded 14-year-old's death - and the subsequent acquittal of his attackers - helped to spark the Civil Rights Movement, Little said, and Martin's death could be the catalyst for a new revolution.



Organizer Nicole Little addresses the crowd.

See Trayvon on A8

Professors to live with students in dorms

BY LAYLA GARMS
THE CHRONICLE

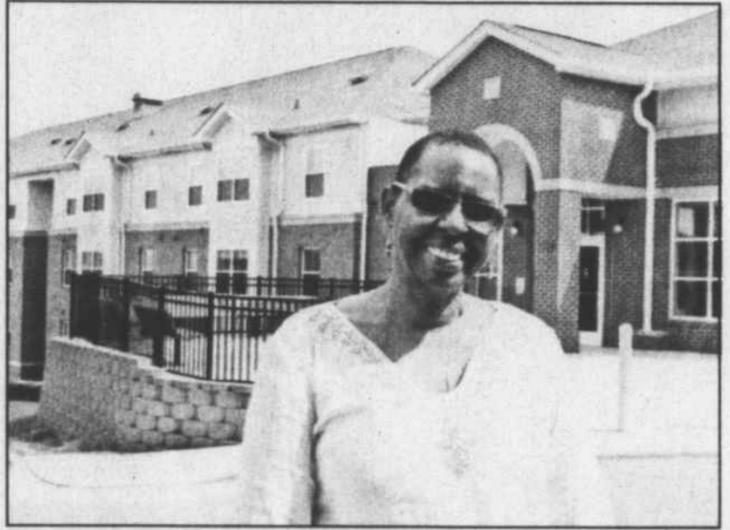
After nearly 30 years in academia, Dr. JoAnne Banks has practically seen it all.

But Banks, the Bertha L. Shelton Endowed Professor of Research at Winston-Salem State University, will be embarking on a new adventure next month, when she joins the university's Faculty-in-Residence (FIR) program.



Mustafa

Banks, who grew up in Chicago, is one of two faculty members who have signed on to live alongside their students in dorms as part of the program, which the university is offering for the first time in its 100-year history. Abeer Mustafa, the director of Housing Residence Life at WSSU, led the charge to pilot the program, joining the ranks of Appalachian State University, UNC Greensboro and a growing number of other universities nationwide.



Dr. JoAnne Banks stands outside Foundation Heights.

Photo by Layla Garms

Mustafa had overseen FIR programs at two universities prior to coming to WSSU last year.

"I've seen the benefits and I've seen what the program can do, so I'm ready to see the excitement here," said the Jeddah, Saudi Arabia native. "I'm ready to see how the students

respond when their faculty members interact with them."

Faculty in Residence programs have been shown to increase students' engagement in campus life outside of the classroom and increase their com-

See Professors on A7

LEADING LADIES

Photo by Layla Garms

Mayor Pro Tempore Vivian Burke and City Council Member Wanda Merschel (right) share a hug during the Outstanding Women Leaders Reunion last week. Merschel, who represents the city's Northwest Ward, has announced that she will not seek reelection this year. Burke, the Council's most senior member, remains undecided about her future on the Council. Read more about the event on page B1.



Cook speaks through her art

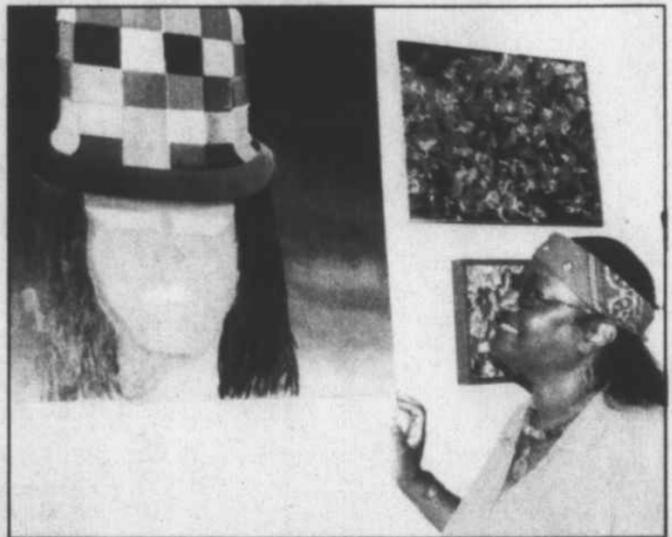
BY LAYLA GARMS
THE CHRONICLE

When Winston-Salem resident Cloves Cook speaks to the world, she does so in living color.

Whether it's an "environmental rant" or a social justice commentary, Cook, who signs her work simply "Cloves," has found the best vehicle to get her messages out is through her painting. Very often, she is speaking from experience.

"My goal is for my art to become the mirror that reflects the joys, as well as the bitter-sweetness of life," said the Chicago native. "That is what drives and inspires me."

Cook's apartment is like a window into her mind, cluttered with vibrant images, from abstracts to still lifes, and punctuated with notes about her plans for a given piece, photographs and quotations that inspire her. In acrylic and oil, she depicts images from recurring dreams and renderings that can



See Cook on A2
Cloves Cook shows off one of her works in progress.

Photo by Layla Garms

Ministers support college-bound teens

BY TODD LUCK
THE CHRONICLE

As part of its long-standing annual tradition, the Ministers Conference of Winston-Salem and Vicinity last week awarded Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Seed Fund Scholarships to six college-bound high school graduates.

The college-bound students received \$1,000 each. A committee of Conference members considered a number of applicants. The committee considered things such as the applicant's grades

See Ministers on A7



Photo by Todd Luck
(Front row, from left) Scholars Monte'a Eckard, Myracle Stevenson, Herman Hardial and Jalya Brim with (back row) Rev. Marina Skinner, Dr. Serenus Churn and Dr. Dennis Leach Sr.

006008...CR LOT 0077A...C00
N C ROOM
FORSYTH CITY PUBLIC LIBRARY
660 W 5TH ST
WINSTON SALEM, NC 27101-2755 60

Personal, convenient, secure, professional self-storage.
MOVE IN SPECIAL \$25 for first month

ASSURED STORAGE of Winston-Salem, LLC

(336) 924-7000
www.assuredstoragews.com
Office Hours: Mon-Fri 9am-5pm; Sat 9am-3pm
Gate Hours: 5am-10pm
4191 Bethania Station Road • Winston-Salem

