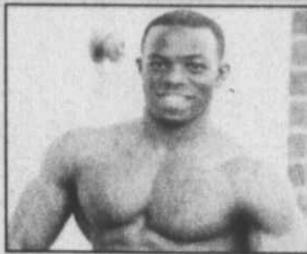




New downtown lofts are for rent

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Local bodybuilder takes home state title

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## A Gold Medal Spirit

Local Special Olympian raising money to compete at National Games

BY TODD LUCK  
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An effort is afoot to raise money to help Ghree Lockard compete in the Special Olympics National Games.

She is slated to compete in bocce – a sort of bowling-styling billiards where players roll small balls in an effort to get it close to an even smaller ball called “the jack” – during the games, which will be played from June 9-20 in Princeton, N.J.

“I love doing Special Olympics because you get to meet other people and compete against others,” said Lockard, who has numerous medals, including two golds in bocce and a gold in swimming.



Photo by Todd Luck

Ghree Lockard wears her Special Olympics medals.

Out of the state's more than 38,000 Special Olympians, only 45 gold medal winners are picked through a random drawing – to go to the national games, which are held every four years. An athlete from Forsyth County hasn't been to nationals since 2006, the games' inaugural year.

“She has a great disposition, a great personality, very easy going,” said Forsyth County Special Olympics Coordinator Lisa Kiser. “She is competitive, but in a fun way.”

All Special Olympians have intellectual disabilities, but some, like Lockard, also have physical ones. Lockard has cerebral palsy and ambulates with the aid of crutches or a walker. Despite her disability, she can swim with the best of them and has enough upper body dexterity to excel in both bocce and bowling.

She enjoys competing but gets an even bigger thrill out of traveling and meeting people.

“I don't think they do it for competition, I think they just do it because it's fun,” she said of Special Olympics athletes. “It's fun for everybody, because it's fun to meet new people and go places like that.”

Her trip to Jersey will be her first time out of the state and getting there will give her her first-ever experience on an airplane. The trip does have a financial obli-

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Solid Rock Baptist Church's Rev. Waymon Monroe Jr. asks God to stem the city's murder rate.

## 'NO MORE DEATH'

Congregants pray for an end to streak of local homicides

BY T. KEVIN WALKER  
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Perturbed by the recent rash of homicides, the pastor and flock of an East Winston church prayed in front City Hall last week for better – and safer – tomorrows.

The building had already closed for the day when the four dozen or so members of Solid Rock Baptist converged around 7 p.m. on May 21. The gusty evening meant that many of the miniature white candles they held as they stood in an oval formation were extinguished before Pastor Waymon Monroe Jr. stepped forward to pray, beseeching God to heal and protect the city.

“We know that you can change hearts; you can change minds,” Monroe pronounced.

The pastor said he was summoned by



Crystal Thompson (center) attends with one of her daughters.

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## Job fair exclusively for young people draws big crowd



Deonna Covington speaks with Brent Scoff of Aeropostale.

BY TODD LUCK  
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Goodwill Industries of Northwest North Carolina's Fourth Annual Youth Job Fair was well-attended.

Held Thursday, May 22 at Goodwill headquarters on University Parkway, the job fair drew a steady stream of 16-through 21-year-olds. More than 150 of them filed through during the first hour, more than the total number who attended last year's event, according to Goodwill Youth Programs Manager Lakisha Jordan.

Several employers were on hand to accept applications. They



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