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SPORTS WEEK

Winston-Salem High School
Track and Field still lives

Community members present gifts to
the communities



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Residents of
Happy Hill unite

New teacher gets
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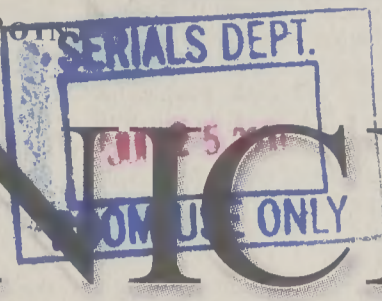
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Photos by Kevin Walker

Youths in the Bless
The Children Program
distribute seeds so that they
can be planted in the garden. Below,
Anjile Ford listens to
instructions before planting a
vegetable in the garden.

Greener Pastures

Garden project hopes to bring life
to East Winston community

BY T. KEVIN WALKER
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Thick kudzu was strangling
the life out of sprawling, ancient
tree when Johnell Hunter first
went to survey a vacant lot he
purchased on the corner of
Third Street and North Dunlei-
th Avenue.

The tree was the focal point
of the lot, Hunter believed. Its
stately presence gave the lot
character and warmth. But as
the vine continued to grow out
of the control, its many years of
life were about to come to an
abrupt end.

Hunter rallied many of the
loyal members of his Bless the

Children organization to save
the endangered tree. They
scaled the tree, destroying the
kudzu as they ascended.

As Hunter stood looking up
at the tree last week, the
progress that it has made since
its near death two years ago
brought a big smile to his face.

"That tree was about to die
before we cut all that kudzu off,"
he said. "Now that tree is pro-
ducing walnuts."

Saving things has been a mis-
sion of Hunter and his wife ever
since they founded Bless the
Children 16 years ago. The
multi-pronged organization is
dedicated to providing young

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ACLU asks Congress to 'leash' new technology

BY CHERIS HODGES
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The American Civil Liberties
Union is afraid that new law
enforcement surveillance tech-
nologies may be trouble for people
who are not involved in criminal
activity.

Last week, the ACLU released
a statement urging Congress to
"put a leash" on the FBI's new
online wiretapping program "Car-
nivore."

The system is essentially a
computer running specialized soft-
ware that is attached when law
enforcement has a court order per-
mitting it to intercept in real time
the contents of electronic com-
munications of a specific individual.

According to the group, the
program uses Internet service
providers to intercept and analyze
huge amounts of e-mail "from
suspects and non-suspects alike."

"It is high time that lawmakers
put a leash on Carnivore and other
government schemes that go way
beyond what Congress authorized
under the Electronic Communica-
tions Protection Act," said Laura
W. Murphy, director of the
ACLU's Washington national
office.

The group sent a letter outlin-
ing its concerns about electronic
surveillance to U.S. Rep. Charles
T. Canady, R-Fla., chair of the
constitution subcommittee of the
House Judiciary Committee, and
ranking member Rep. Mel Watt,
D-N.C.

Watt said he has not seen the
letter or talked with anyone from
the ACLU.

"I can't make any particular
comment (on the ACLU's com-
plaint)," he said.

But he added that it is impor-

tant for
Congress to
protect the
Fourth
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ment.

"We
need to pro-
tect the
Fourth
Amendment
rights of all
people," he
said.

But Watt said, when the
amendment was written there was
no Internet.

"The Fourth Amendment was
written about protecting people
inside their homes," he said.

The ACLU contends that the
Carnivore program does the oppo-
site of what law enforcement is
required to do when conducting
an investigation online.

Murphy said law enforcement
is required to minimize its inter-
ception of non-incriminating com-
munications of the target of a
wiretap order.

She contends that Carnivore
sweeps e-mails from innocent
Internet users as the targeted sus-
pect.

ACLU associate director
Barry Steinhardt likens Carnivore
to "allowing government agents to
rip open post office mail bags and
scan every piece of mail in search
of one specific letter whose
address they already know."

The Carnivore program came
to light during an April hearing
before the constitution subcom-
mittee.

While Watt said the subcom-
mittee has had meetings about
Internet privacy, this program has
not raised a level of concern with
the committee members.



Watt

Bethabara dig gives college students hands-on history lesson

relief from the hot rays.

A short distance away two
other college students were care-
fully excavating dirt from a plot
five-foot square.

In all, six students - two from
Winston-Salem State, two from
Randolph Community College
and two from Wake Forest Uni-
versity - and four staff members
from the Archeology Laboratories
at Wake Forest University are
involved in an archeological dig
at Historic Bethabara Park this
summer. The dig began early last
week.

Kenneth W. Robinson is direc-
tor of public archeology, Archeol-
ogy Laboratories, Wake Forest
University, and he is teaching an
Applied History course (also
called Public History) at Win-
ston-Salem State University.

Robinson explained the arche-
ological project at Historic
Bethabara Park: "This started as a
cooperative effort with Wake For-
est University Archeological Labo-
ratories and Winston-Salem
State University... We put together
a research effort here to investigate
archeology and history at Historic
Bethabara. Our goal is to make
this an investigation that we can
bring students from various places
into, including our institutions -
Wake Forest and Winston-Salem
State - and work cooperatively on
it, looking at history and (archeol-
ogy) of this region and the role
that Historic Bethabara played in
the settlement of this area.

"The Archeology Labs began
some investigations back in April.
We brought in remote sensing spe-

cialists, who investigated some
areas of the historic park and
came up with some readings on
their instruments that could be
indications where features are - in
other words, places where there
might have been pits dug in the
ground or post-hole structures....

"What we're doing this sum-
mer is following up on that and
actually excavating some of those
areas to see what those indications
meant. The machine will tell us
that there are anomalies or if
something has been disturbed in
that area; it doesn't tell us what.
The archeological excavations are
used to confirm these readings
from the machines....

"Historic Bethabara is an
archeological park. Most of the

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Winston-Salem State University students Mallory Chambliss, left, and Kim Rockette sift dirt, looking for artifacts.

Photo by Paul Collins



Photo by Kevin Walker

lot of attention as he held his protest sign at the cor-
ner and Fourth streets last week.

Man says he is waging protest to protect history

BY CHERIS HODGES
THE CHRONICLE

To many people Winston-
Salem, the construction downtown
is a sign of change and prosperity.
But to a select few, the downtown
development is costing African
Americans their history.

Al Abdo is waging a war of
words with the city over the fact
that some of the downtown build-
ings that are being demolished may
contain handmade bricks of
George Black, an African Ameri-
can. Black made his bricks in the
early part of the 20th century.

"No one has the right to take
away or throw away anybody else's
history," Abdo said vehemently.
"That's what is going on."

Abdo added that the city never
made an effort to determine whose

bricks were used in the buildings
that have been torn down.

"They don't care," Abdo said
about the city. "In the name of
progress, they'd throw away black
history so fast it will make your
head spin."

He is not asking the city to stop
the redevelopment project; Abdo
just wants the bricks preserved and
used for other things.

"We can preserve that brick
and then create sidewalks out of
that, monument... something his-
torical as a tribute to George
Black," he said.

Abdo contends that the city's
Minority Business Association is
willing to pay for the maintenance
of a fountain dedicated to Black.

"Every African American in
the community should be out-
raged," said Abdo, who is white.

But Black's granddaughter,
Evelyn Terry, said the family is not
sure what downtown buildings
contain bricks made by Black.

"We are in the process of mak-
ing a list (of the structures contain-
ing Black's bricks)," she said.

Terry, who is the wife of Alder-
man Fred Terry, added that she did
not know if any of her family
members were involved in Abdo's
protest.

Winston-Salem State student
Torrey Burton said seeing Abdo
on the street with his picket sign
that read "Winston-Salem is
Destroying Black History... What's
Next?" was rather ironic.

Burton said the one-man
protest pushed him to dig deeper
and learn more about Black.

"I spoke to (Alderman) Fred
Terry, who is the grandson-in-law

of George Black, and he said none
of those bricks that were thrown
away were George Black's bricks,"
he said.

This news allowed Burton to
look at Black's work without
thinking that the city was throwing
it away.

"I am really interested in find-
ing out more about George Black,"
he said. According to Jack Steel-
man from the city's development
office, the block where Abdo has
been protesting was not designated
as a historical monument. "We
have no reason to believe there are
handmade bricks on that block,"
he said.

Abdo said he is not trying to
create controversy with his protest.
He added that history cannot be

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