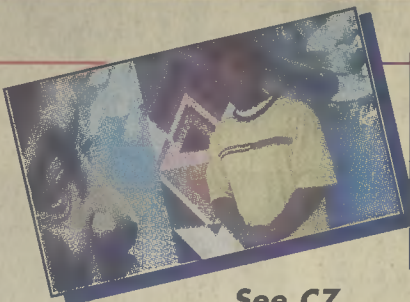


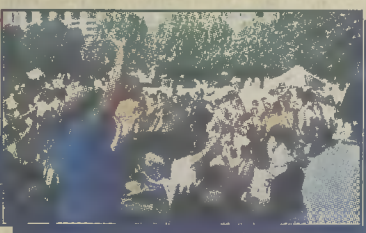
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Carolyn Napper, left, and Virgie Collins sing at The Pond Reunion Saturday.

Photos by Paul Collins

## Remembering a time gone by

BY PAUL COLLINS  
THE CHRONICLE

The 10th annual Pond Reunion was dedicated to the nine people who died in the 1904 tragedy that gave the community its name.

The history of Pond community says:

Around the turn of the cen-

tury, there was an important landmark in Winston-Salem, located on Trade Street Hill. It was a 60-foot deep brick water reservoir with 20 feet of it located below the ground and 20 feet of it above.

Although it very obviously stood out among the one-story tenements which were small rental shacks, there was little

concern about leaks or safety on the part of the residents who were mostly blacks, although there were a few whites living in the community.

Of course, time and hindsight proved otherwise, as that landmark and the turn of events gave us a name for the community we cherished - The Pond.

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## Rickets is an issue for black community again

BY PAUL COLLINS  
THE CHRONICLE

Nutritional rickets is making a comeback, especially among breast-fed black infants. But nutritional rickets is totally preventable, with vitamin D supplements.

Robert P. Schwartz, M.D., pediatric endocrinologist, held a news conference last Thursday at Brenner Children's Hospital to talk about a study of nutritional rickets, a bone-weakening condition in infants and children caused by too little vitamin D. Schwartz was an investigator in the study, which began in 1988. Doctors from Wake Forest University Baptist Medical Center and the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill School of Medicine identified and treated 30 cases of infants with nutritional rickets.

"It turned out that all, 100 percent, of our cases are African-American infants," Schwartz said. "All were breast-feeding for long periods of time, an average of 12 1/2 months. The median age of the children was 15 1/2 months but they ranged from as young as five months up to 25 months. They're mostly toddlers. And none had received supplemental vitamin D.

"Then we went to our state WIC (Women, Infants and Chil-



Photo by Paul Collins

Robert P. Schwartz, M.D., pediatric endocrinologist, explains the findings of a study on nutritional rickets.

dren) program to try to get some explanation for this. And as it turns out there obviously has been, and appropriately so, a push to increase breast feeding in all children in all mothers in the state of North Carolina. So we've done an excellent job. As a matter of

See Rickets on A9

## WSTA rolls out new, high-tech fleet

BY T. KEVIN WALKER  
THE CHRONICLE

Two of the latest additions to the Winston-Salem Transit Authority's fleet managed to cause more than a few distractions as they rolled into the downtown Transportation Center.

The shiny new bus and trolley were not available for public use yet, but transit authority officials gave the public and the press a glimpse of the new vehicles for a few hours last Thursday. The 18 new buses and the trolley should be on the road within the next week or so, according to Art Barnes, general manager of the Transit Authority.

In all, WSTA plans to add 36 new buses to its fleet in the next nine months. The new buses will be used to replace a family of box-shaped, aging buses purchased by the Transit Authority in 1987, buses that Barnes said are on their "last legs."

The new buses, along with a group of buses purchased in 1996, will give the city a leg up on other transit authorities, Barnes said.

"We will have one of the most modern fleets in the country," he said.

The buses will be modern not only in

look, but substance. In addition to bike racks, air conditioners, and wheelchair lifts, all the new buses are equipped with a computerized voice system, which will give passengers information in English and Spanish. Barnes said WSTA has just begun to tap into the Hispanic market.

The new buses also kneel (lower) in order to make it easier for passengers to board and leave. By the end of the year, Barnes said, a locator system should be installed on each bus in the fleet. The locator will allow the Transit Authority to know the approximate location of the buses. Location information will be passed on to riders who call a special number, Barnes said.

The arrival of the new buses and trolley brought Cathy Harper and her son to their feet as they waited for their bus.

"They are nice," she said. "They look a lot better than the other ones."

Harper said she hoped the new buses also operated better than the older ones.

"Quite a few of the older buses that are running frequently break down," said Harper, who said she rides the bus at least three times each week.

Barnes said he has no doubt that the new fleet will eliminate the most mechan-

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Photo by Kevin Walker

stands in front a new WSTA bus.



Martin Luther King III, from left, Min. Louis Farrakhan and the Rev. Al Sharpton pose at a press conference in Atlanta last month.

## Washington march to reignite King's dream is scheduled

BY CHERIS HODGES  
THE CHRONICLE

As the anniversary of perhaps one of the most important events in the civil rights era dawns, people across the country and in the Triad are heading back to Washington

to "Redeem the Dream" of Martin Luther King Jr.

Locally the trip to Washington is being organized by Amon Muhammad, the founder of Black Family Day. Buses will arrive in Washington on Aug. 26, 37 years after

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## Clara Cloud, 'Angel of Education,' passed out wings in the 1970s

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Winston-Salem. She graduated from Atkins High School in 1937 and received a B.A. in elementary education from Winston-Salem State University in 1941. She then completed two master's degrees - an M.A. in education from Columbia University in 1951 and an M.A. in guidance/counseling from N.C. Agricultural and Technical State University in 1964. She studied further at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro, the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and N.C. Central University.

Having received information through the guidance office from A Better Chance Program, a federal program, Cloud perused the material and followed up on all of the deadlines by identifying minority students who were academically and mentally strong enough to take on the challenge.



Photo by Felecia McMillan  
Clara Owens  
Cloud relaxes in  
her living room.

According to Earnestine Gary Fletcher, one of her former students, Cloud was considered the "matriarch of Anderson High School." Cloud was there when the doors of Anderson High

School opened during the 1958-59 fiscal year, until it closed during the 1983-84 fiscal year, when she retired. Several students benefited from the services Cloud offered to youth after hours.

Cloud would bring application materials home and would screen applicants in order to secure seven scholarships per year for males and females who had at least a 3.0 grade point average and competitive test scores. Students received scholarships to schools such as Phillips Exeter Academy in Exeter, N.H.; St. Anne's Academy; Christ School in Arden, N.C.; The Maderia School and many others.

"This kept me busy, but I didn't mind. These were underprivileged kids who would not have had the opportunity to go to college if it were not for a scholarship," said Cloud. "Those who

were willing to go knew it was the chance of a lifetime, but some of them did not accept the opportunity because they did not want to leave home."

Cloud wanted to give these students wings to fly, and she often had to use her own funds to finance trips to the schools for students and parents.

"I knew that if these kids took this opportunity, they could do anything they wanted to do. They had the chance to compete against the best. If given the opportunity, they can shine regardless of specialization," said Cloud. "Many of these kids were from Happy Hill Gardens, but when the good Lord was passing out brains, He didn't give them according to where you live. Use it or lose it! That's what I say."

She and Paul Ovelton Cloud,  
See Clara Cloud on A4