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Mothers of accused killers hope trial will bring answers, freedom



Photo by Kevin Walker
Arlene Tolliver and Geneva Bryant are mothers of two of the boys who will stand trial next year for killing businessman Nathaniel Jones.

BY T. KEVIN WALKER
THE CHRONICLE

Arlene Tolliver has moved away from the Southeast Winston neighborhood where her family's world fell apart last year. Tolliver is the mother of one of the teenage boys accused of violently taking the life of gas station owner Nathaniel Jones last year. Jones was found beaten in the yard of his Moravia Street home. Robbery was apparently the motive.

Tolliver said she and her six other children have not been the same since the night police informed her that her son, whose name The Chronicle is choosing not to publish because of his age, was being arrested for the crime.

"There were too many bad memories," Tolliver said, describing why she moved from the East Devonshire Street house she and her family had called home for seven years. But her new East Winston apartment has not dulled her pain or weakened her resolve to see her son walk through her front door again.

Tolliver maintains that her son did not commit the crime. She has taken an active role in trying to prove it. Last week, Tolliver met with Stephen Hairston, the president of the local NAACP. Hairston said he helped Tolliver open up a better line of communication with the court-appointed lawyer that will represent her son in a trial that will begin



Photo by Kevin Walker
Larry Womble announces his plans to protest outside of the Bush luncheon during a meeting last week.

Bush visit expected to draw protesters

BY T. KEVIN WALKER
THE CHRONICLE

Protesters hope to steal some of the spotlight away from President Bush tomorrow as he comes to town to speak at a \$2,000-a-plate campaign fund-raising luncheon.

The president's appearance at the Benton Convention Center is expected to raise about \$1.5 million for his re-election campaign. A few blocks away in Winston Square Park, the Forsyth County Democratic Party hopes to generate hundreds of cans of soup for charity during an event that is being billed as an alternative to the \$2,000-a-plate luncheon.

During an event called "Free Soup and Free Speech," Democrats will create a soup line in order to draw attention to the have-nots in America. Organizers say those who can't afford a \$2,000 lunch will be invited to bring a bowl and a spoon and enjoy a cheap meal. Those taking part in the event also are being asked to bring cans of soup to be donated to a food bank.

"The best way we can draw attention to the damage Bush has done to the economy is



Hairston

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Keepers of a Rich History

Project unveiled that chronicles elders' stories

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THE CHRONICLE

C.B. Hauser doesn't need history books or a television Movie of the Week to reinforce the ugliness and injustice of pre-Civil Rights America. Long before Rosa Parks made her historic refusal, Hauser was arrested for holding up a Greyhound bus in Mount Airy after he refused to give up his seat to a white man.

Hauser - who would go on to serve in the General Assembly on his way to becoming one of this city's most respected residents - recalled the bus incident and many other stories from his more than 80 years of life in "Shades of Forsyth," a recently completed multimedia exhibit on display at the East Winston Heritage Center



Photo by Kevin Walker
See Elders on A11 Vivian Clingman Evans (from left), Ella Whitworth and Lonnie Nesmith were interviewed for the project.

Work of writer to come alive at fund-raiser

BY COURTNEY GAILLARD
THE CHRONICLE

Winston-Salem State University will celebrate the life and works of Lorraine Hansberry on Nov. 14 at the Anderson Center with "Lorraine Hansberry: The Woman." The program will spotlight several of Hansberry's plays, including "What Use Are Flowers?" and "A Raisin in the Sun."

"What Use Are Flowers?" is the focus of the One Book, One Community reading project at WSSU, where students and faculty take a yearlong look at her play across all academic disciplines. "What Use Are Flowers?"



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Photo by Kevin Walker
As is the tradition, the Winston-Salem State University marching band led the school's homecoming parade on Saturday. Several other bands, floats, cars, motorcycles and horses followed the band. To take a pictorial journey back at the sights of this year's parade, see page C11 in this week's issue.

Medical center regrets eugenic involvement

CHRONICLE STAFF REPORT

Wake Forest University School of Medicine released the results of a months-long inquiry into the role the school played in the controversial eugenics movement of the 1940s and 1950s.

North Carolina was one of dozens of states active in the movement, which involved sterilizing people deemed disabled or feeble-minded. According to some reports, as many as 8,000 people in the state were sterilized under a state law that was struck down only a few months ago. Many of those sterilized were poor African-Americans.

The Wake Forest University School of Medicine report acknowledges that beginning in the 1940s, several school faculty members promoted the practice of sterilization as a way to "reduce the incidence of inherited diseases." The report states that one faculty member and possibly others performed

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