



Player fulfills college dreams

- See Page B1



Voters concerned about machines

- See Page A4



Fathers get fun time with children

- See Page A11



Event celebrates freedom, history

- See Page C1

THE CHRONICLE

For Reference

Not to be taken from this library

CELEBRATING 30 YEARS OF COMMUNITY JOURNALISM

THURSDAY, JUNE 23, 2005

Vol. XXXI No. 43

More exits for downtown blacks

Photos by Kevin Walker

Two black-owned arts businesses in the 500 block of Liberty Street will be moving out after their buildings' ownership changed hands. One of the businesses, United Creations, has created a colorful storefront.



BY T. KEVIN WALKER
THE CHRONICLE

The Grim Reaper has paid a visit to two more black-owned businesses in the city's Arts District. The owners of Moore African Dance and Ballet Studio (535 N. Liberty Street) and United Creations (522 N. Liberty Street) say new owners of their buildings have left them no choice but to leave.

United Creations - a multifunctional, artists' haven that hawks everything from bright, painted T-shirts to original art - has been given until Aug. 7 by Mike Coe to vacate the building. Public records show that Coe bought the building from Chuck Dolge on Feb. 3 for about \$100,000.

This week Coe, a local developer who also owns an electrical/plumbing business, said his plans for the building included everything from using it as a storage facility for his tools, to converting it into a residential/commercial space.



Moore

See Businesses on A10

NAACP tries to push forward

New election Tuesday ends with same old results

BY T. KEVIN WALKER
THE CHRONICLE

Gloria Davis has been a member of the NAACP for as long as she can remember. She joined a youth chapter when she was a young girl in her native Pennsylvania. The nearly 100-year-old civil rights organization has been a part of Davis' life ever since.

"Anything that is going to help our black people, I want to be a part of," she said.

Davis, who now lives in Winston-Salem, was one of nearly 100 members of the city's NAACP Chapter who made time Tuesday evening to cast ballots in a new election that was ordered by the board of the National NAACP.

The new election came nearly seven months after Davis and other members first voted.

Incumbent president Stephen Hairston won that election decisively, but the results were challenged by JoAnne Allen, who had also sought the presidency. In her complaint, she alleged that Hairston violated NAACP rules by using the chapter's membership roster to campaign for votes. She also claimed that people voted who were not allowed to.

The results of Tuesday's revote were much like the last results. Hairston beat Allen comfortably (67-23). Members also elected, again, the same slate of officers that won in November.



Hairston

See NAACP on A10

Bethlehem pioneer Wooten is 100

BY T. KEVIN WALKER
THE CHRONICLE

When a partygoer tried to seat Marian Wooten at a table close to the speakers' podium at Wooten's 100th birthday celebration Saturday, Wooten quickly insisted that her hearing was fine, despite her advanced age.



McRae

"The Lord has blessed me," she said with a wide grin. "I don't have any shortcomings yet."

With that said,

Wooten was quickly taken to the table of her choice.

A dining hall at Arbor Acres United Methodist Retirement Community - where Wooten calls home - served as the setting for the small, intimate gathering of some of Wooten's neighbors and friends. The celebration was hosted by the Book Club of Today, which was started by African-American women in East Winston 65 years ago.

Wooten has been a member of the club for half a century. She is the oldest current member of



Photos by Kevin Walker

See Wooten on A4 Marian Wooten flashes a smile Saturday during her birthday celebration at Arbor Acres.

Payback?

Roundtable discussion focuses on reparations

BY T. KEVIN WALKER
THE CHRONICLE

Maya Angelou said that African-Americans have shown an incredible ability to turn the other cheek in the face of racism and hatred.

Even during slavery, she said, black women lovingly breast-fed white babies even though the slave women knew that one day "the boys would rape our daughters, and the girls would sell our sons."

"We tend to be a forgiving

people. It is amazing," said Angelou, a famed writer, poet and city resident who teaches at Wake Forest University.



Jeffrey X

She used poetry, song and thought-provoking observations Saturday to open up a roundtable discussion of the issue of reparations for the descendants of slaves. The roundtable, held at City Hall, was part of a daylong slate of events to celebrate Juneteenth, a holiday that marks the end of slavery in this country. More than 80 people packed the City Council chambers while several more

See Roundtable on A9

PUPPY LOVE



Photo by Kevin Walker

Robin Tuttle lifts her dog, Rascal, last week at an outdoor concert on Fourth Street to give the dog a better view of the action.

Locals will get first dibs on gala tickets

CHRONICLE STAFF REPORT

Local folks are getting the first stab at tickets for the ritzy Ossie Davis Opening Night Gala for the 34th Annual Black Theatre Festival. Festival officials expect a national bombardment for the limited tickets in the weeks to come. They advise that those who do want to attend, buy early.

The price per ticket, \$250, is nothing to sneeze at. But for those who love theater and stargazing, the gala may provide a once-in-a-lifetime experience.

The Aug. 1 gala serves as the kickoff for the festival, which will run through Aug. 6. Dinner will be served at the M.C. Benton Convention Center. The dinner will be attended by dozens of celebrities from



Marcell

See Gala on A5



In Grateful Memory of Our Founders,
Florrie S. Russell and
Carl H. Russell, Sr.

"Growing and Still Dedicated to Serve You Better"
Russell Funeral Home
Wishes to Thank Everyone For Their Support

822 Carl Russell Ave.
(at Martin Luther King Dr.)
Winston-Salem, NC 27101
(336) 722-3459
Fax (336) 631-8268
russhome@bellsouth.net

