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File Photo
Larry Leon Hamlin (right) and Tom Joyner pose together at the Adam's Mark Hotel in August 2003.

Joyner to be back in town for the NBTF

BY T. KEVIN WALKER
THE CHRONICLE

The hardest working man in radio is coming back to Winston-Salem in August.

Tom Joyner - whose popular morning radio show reaches close to 10 million listeners in 120 U.S. markets - will broadcast his Sky Show live from the Joel Coliseum on the morning of Aug. 5. Joyner does a Sky Show nearly each week in a different city. The shows feature Joyner and his on-air cohorts at their best as well as music and celebrity guests.

There will be no shortage of celebrities in town on Aug. 5. Like in 2003, Joyner is bringing his show to the city to coincide with the National Black Theatre Festival, which will start on Aug. 1 and will run through Aug. 6.

Larry Leon Hamlin, the founder and artistic director of the NBTF, said he is excited that Joyner agreed to be a

part of festival week again. Hamlin said Joyner's broadcast in 2003 piqued interest in the festival from people around the nation who knew nothing about it.

"He has his own following," Hamlin said. "That certainly helped us get the word out."

Joyner's 2003 Sky Show included on-air interviews with Hamlin as well as several celebrities in town for the NBTF. The Gap Band performed several songs.

Locally, the "Tom Joyner Morning Show" is broadcast on

Greensboro-based 97.1 WQMG. A station official said tickets to the Sky Show will be given out on a first come, first served basis. In 2003, local folks turned the parking lot of the coliseum into a camping site as they waited for the precious and limited Joyner tickets, which were handed out just a few

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File Photo
Katherine Dunham will be among those honored with Joyner at the gala.

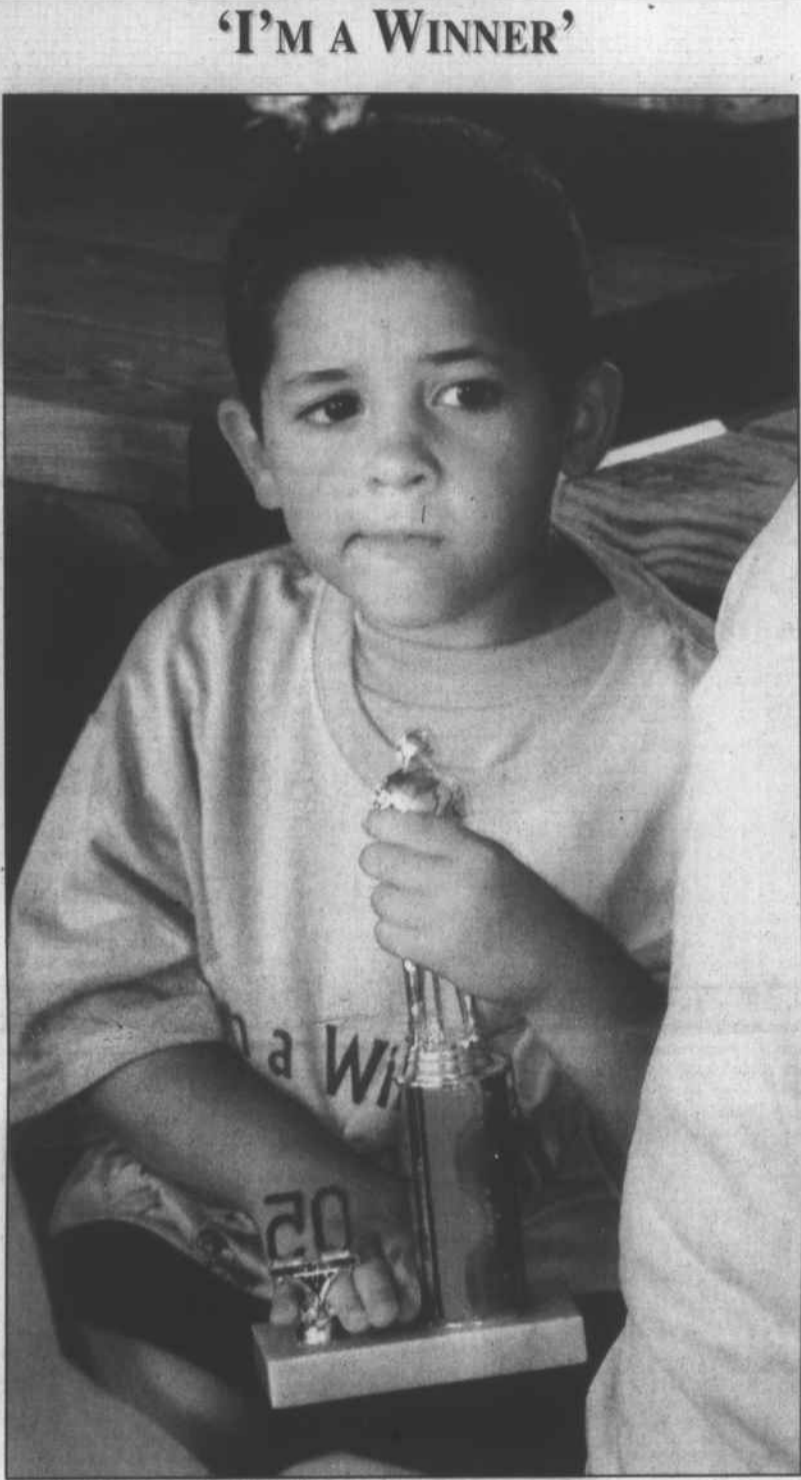


Photo by Kevin Walker

'I'M A WINNER'
Christian Washington holds the trophy he received last week after completing Vic Johnson's Annual Golf Clinic. Nearly a decade old, the clinic teaches young people the basics of golf and also some life lessons. Christian was among the more than 70 young people who took part in the clinic, which was held at the Reynolds Park Golf Course. To read more about the clinic, see page C1.

Loans will try to help Liberty

CDC hopes to revitalize the area by attracting new businesses

BY COURTNEY GAILLARD
THE CHRONICLE

The Liberty Street CDC is counting on a new economic development loan program to lure entrepreneurs to the Liberty Street corridor.

Small business owners can receive a \$1,000-\$3,000 loan to supplement startup costs, purchase equipment and fixtures.

The loans, which will carry an annual interest rate of 3 percent, can also be used for improving energy conservation and purchasing, constructing or rehabilitating commercial structures.

Jim Shaw, Liberty Street CDC president, hopes the loan program will encourage small business owners to set up shop on Liberty Street. Priority will be given, he says, to existing and new businesses that are already located in the target area on Liberty Street. Shaw estimates that there are between 15 and 20 vacant commercial spaces available along the corridor.

"Liberty Street is a part of the city of Winston-Salem, and it must continue to be a part of Winston-Salem. Liberty Street goes straight down the heart of our city," said Shaw.

The Small Business Loan Program is being made possible thanks to \$25,000 the Liberty

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Shaw

School bond may not be dead long

Referendum will not come this year but maybe in 2006

BY T. KEVIN WALKER
THE CHRONICLE

The proposed 2005 school bond referendum was as popular as a tone-deaf singer on "American Idol."

The school system had spent months devising the \$80 million proposal and several weeks trying to sell it to county voters. It would have built three new schools, including a replacement school for the aging Walkertown Middle School.

A few weeks ago, though, school officials said the 2005 bond referendum would not be. Superintendent Don Martin said last week the proposed bond lacked wide-range appeal.

"The basic issue is that it was too small," he said. "It did not touch enough children."

Under the proposal, few dol-



Photo by Kevin Walker

Superintendent Don Martin says a bond may come next year.

lars would have been spent on renovating existing schools.

School officials said millions in renovations have already been

done on most schools with past bond money.

The new schools that were proposed were all to be built in the suburbs, a fact that did not sit well with many black leaders. The Ministers Conference of Winston-Salem strongly came out against any 2005 bond referendum. The Ministers Conference was joined in its opposition by the grassroots group CHANGE, which told school officials that its hundreds of members would not support any bond unless at least half of the money was dedicated to renovating old schools.

If this bond had made it onto the November ballot and were passed by voters, the school system had plans to propose a \$156 million bond in either 2009 or 2010. With the '05 bond's fail-

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Mayor, others file for election

All City Council seats up for grabs

BY T. KEVIN WALKER
THE CHRONICLE

Allen Joines reached into his pocket Tuesday and pulled out a \$5 bill and handed it to the smiling clerk behind the counter at the Forsyth County Board of Elections office. When it comes to election filing fees, not even the mayor gets freebies.

After making his payment, signing a few papers and giving the clerk a few of his boy-next-door grins, Joines made it offi-

cial: He wants four more years. A group of about two dozen supporters applauded and cheered as Joines finished up his paperwork.

During his first term, Joines has won kudos for his part in bringing Delf to town and his efforts to save a U.S. Air call center that had threatened to leave the city for Pennsylvania.

Joines has also been applauded for his efforts to heal the city's long-standing

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Joines



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