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Miracle teen continues to impress

Art with a purpose motivates college freshman to paint about her heritage

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It has been said that necessity is the mother of invention. This has proven true for Monique Angela Johnson, a freshman at N.C. A&T State University. A 2005 honor graduate of Glenn High School, Johnson, 19, is still stressed about the finances necessary to start her first year at college.

But thanks to her art and the help of her parents, Augustus and Angela Matthews, and others, she could finally afford to move into her dorm room. Art has never been as important to Johnson as taking rigorous courses, maintaining her 4.0 G.P.A., making 1,120 on the SAT, and participating in Upward Bound at Winston-Salem State University, the Math Club, the Elite Ladies Club, the Gospel Choir or the Law Explorers Club at Wake Forest University.

But once she discovered that this latent talent had the ability to propel her into the land of higher education, it became more than just a way for doodling or passing leisure time. Johnson has never believed in art for art's sake, but art for education's sake, art for the people's sake is another story entirely.



Monique Angela Johnson is pictured here with some of her colorful artwork.

Photo by Kevin Walker

Johnson's Aunt Boniswa Ayan, a local activist, suggested that she use her art as a way to raise funds for her college educa-

tion in May. Ayan reminded Johnson's mother, about the award-winning painting Johnson completed in the eighth grade and

encouraged her to try her hand at others. Since she and her parents began raising money and looking

for sources of income for college, Johnson has completed at least 50 paintings in two months. She has

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Farrakhan coming to Triad

Nation of Islam leader to promote upcoming march

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Millions came before and millions more are expected at this year's Million Man March. Local organizers predict that around 2,000 people from Winston-Salem plan to attend the 10th Anniversary Commemoration of the Million Man March in Washington, D.C., Oct. 14-16.

Triad organizers for this year's Million Man March will meet with Min. Louis Farrakhan in Greensboro on Sept. 10. Before his speech, the Nation of Islam leader will get an update on their efforts for the upcoming march, which is being billed as the Millions More Movement.

Farrakhan has called for this year's march to serve as a



Farrakhan

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Larry Womble has been a champion for eugenics victims.

Womble continues fighting for victims

BY T. KEVIN WALKER
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State Rep. Larry Womble says he is prepared to introduce a bill that asks for millions in compensation for sterilization victims each session until the General Assembly passes it. He has introduced a bill this session that would divvy up \$69 million to the more than 3,400 living victims of the state-run



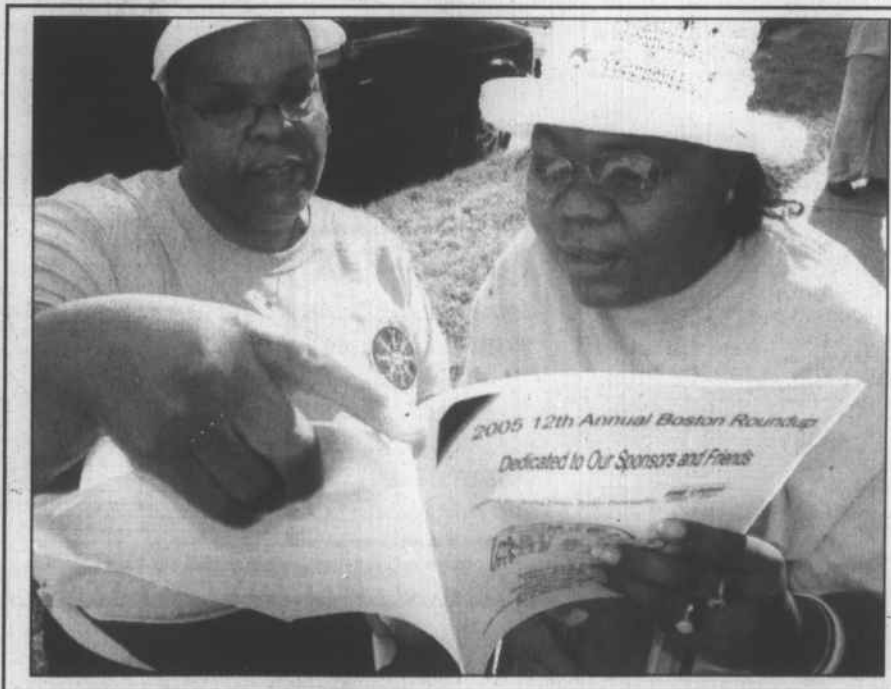
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sterilization program. But Womble has little faith that bill will even make it out of committee to the House floor.

"There just seems to be a whole lot of hedging and dodging," he said last week.

It is believed that the state may have forcibly sterilized more than 7,000 people between 1929 and 1974, including

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THE SHOW GOES ON

Photos by Kevin Walker

Cathy Hailstock (left) and Pat Landingham look over the program Saturday during the 12th Annual Boston Roundup. The women are members of the event's committee and worked for months to make it a reality. The Roundup took place despite extremely high temperatures. To read more about the roundup, see page A10.

Johnson, Hairston both confident

BY COURTNEY GAILLARD
THE CHRONICLE

This is the first in a series of stories The Chronicle will do in the weeks ahead about Sept. 27 primary races.

Candidates hot on the campaign trail have just about a month to convince voters to check their names on the primary ballot come election day, which is scheduled for Sept. 27.

Harold Hairston is hoping to unseat East Ward City Councilmember Joycelyn Johnson, who is serving her third term.

"There's two kinds of voters out there. The people who are rooting for Joycelyn and the people who are dissatisfied. There is no middle ground," said Hairston.

The Winston-Salem native has served on

the Black Leadership Roundtable, the African-American Caucus, the NAACP Executive Committee and the Castleshire Woods Homeowners Association.

Hairston likens his campaign experience so far to a Scripture from the Bible.

"The Bible says, 'A prophet is well liked everywhere but in his own country among his own people,'" said Hairston, who says he had planned to finance his campaign on his own. But, to his surprise, he says, he has generated some financial support.

"I had never done this before and I didn't know that it was such an important race and that people would feel the need to give

money," he said. "I'm not used to asking for money for anything."

Hairston has outlined 10 thrusts of his campaign, including restructuring the Forsyth County Board of Education, resurrecting the now-defunct CAT TV, and securing a pay raise for city employees.

Depending on the day and whom he runs into, Hairston says he feels he has the election "in the bag" while at other times he's convinced he doesn't have a chance at defeating Johnson.

"If Joycelyn has been a good City Councilperson, then she has nothing to worry about because you can't defeat somebody with nothing," said Hairston.

And incumbent Johnson isn't worried because she believes her record over the last

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