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Montague, Jones to take top honors

CHRONICLE STAFF REPORT

The principal at one of the county's oldest and most respected high schools and a local businessman who is playing a major part in the new look of downtown Winston-Salem have been selected to receive top honors next month at The Chronicle's Community Service Awards Gala.

Carver High School Principal Carol Montague has been named Woman of the Year; Lafayette Jones has earned the Man of the Year honor.

Montague has been Carver's leader for less than three years. She was barely into her tenure last year when a state judge threatened to shut down Carver if students' scores on standardized tests did not improve. Montague has stood strong in the face of great challenge and has reassured her faculty, staff, students, parents and the community that Carver will survive and meet the challenge.

Jones is an accomplished businessman who is also active in helping to make this city the best that it can be. He is vice-chairman of the Downtown Winston-Salem Partnership Board.

Jones has also been one of the most active participants in the Goler/Depot Community Development Corporation.

In all, about two dozen people will be honored at the March 10 event, which will be held at the downtown Embassy Suites from 6:30-9:30 p.m. Family members of four community icons who died within the last year are expected to accept Special Tribute Awards, which will go to Ben Ruffin, Shedrick Adams, Ella Whitworth and Louise Smith.

Special Recognition Awards will go to RJR executive Lisa Caldwell; the Winston-Salem Foundation's Donna Rader; and Karen McNeil-Miller, the head of the Kate B. Reynolds Charitable Trust. Chevara Orrin will receive the Volunteer of the Year Award. Human Relations awards will go to the Reynolda House Museum of American Art for an art series it hosts that helps to break down racial walls. The Hispanic League of the Piedmont Triad will also be honored for its popular Fiesta celebration.

Lifetime Achievement honors will go to theater king Larry Leon Hamlin, Dr. Maya Angelou, the Rev. Cedric Rodney, Joan Cardwell, the Rev. Jerry Drayton, Bronnie Daniels, the Rev. J.R. Samuels, and Alfred Poe and Olden Bryant, both longtime employees at Carver High.

Mayor Pro Tempore Vivian Burke will receive the Public Safety Award.

Tickets to the awards gala are \$25. Tables are also available. For more information, call 723-8428.

BY LAYLA FARMER THE CHRONICLE

Although some may argue that there is still much more to be done in the realm of equality and civil rights for all people, African-Americans have come a long way since the Jim Crow era, thanks to the brave citizens who stood up for themselves and others, enduring countless acts of discrimination and other hardships so that their successors might have the kinds of opportunities and benefits that so many African Americans enjoy today.

For the past three years, the Winston-Salem/Forsyth County branch of the NAACP, in conjunction with the city of Winston-Salem's Human Relations Commission, has honored some of these local heroes, designating Black History Month as a time to recognize them for their

Bilingual workers sought at fair

BY TODD LUCK THE CHRONICLE

GREENSBORO - Companies big and small, local and national gathered at the Triad's Bilingual Job Fair last Thursday, looking for potential employees to bridge the language divide between English and Spanish.

Nearly 1,000 job seekers attended the event during its eight-hour span at the Greensboro Coliseum Complex. Forty-four

companies, including American Express, AT&T, Liberty Mutual, Truliant Federal Credit Union and Bank of America, were on hand.

The event was organized by Mylene Duffy, president of the Dynamic Advertising Company, which specializes in Hispanic marketing and translations. Duffy said that she got the idea for the event from the many calls she's received from businesses looking for bilingual employees. She thought a bilingual job fair would help fill the great need that local employers have for bilingual employees. However, she said she never expected the response to the first job fair to be so large.



Green Ford's Johan Espinoza chats with Angel Rodriguez who traveled from Puerto Rico.

"When I came to this country, I moved here in 1981, I did not speak English. I knew how to say 'How are you?', 'fine,' and I knew how to count from one to 100 and knew how to say 'apple' and 'orange'.

That was my language," said Duffy, a native of Puerto Rico. "Here I am now running a company, so there is hope for those that want to learn English. I encourage everyone to do so, to assimilate themselves to the

culture."

Local companies were out in force at the job fair. The Telephone Centre, a small market research telephone survey company with a

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A SHOULDER TO LEAN ON

Photo by Layla Farmer
Luke Hale, left, poses with his twin brother, Logan. Luke was among the winners this week at the school system's annual science fair. To read more about the event, see page A9.

Agency tries to enlist churches in AIDS fight

BY LAYLA FARMER THE CHRONICLE

AIDS - it is the leading cause of death for African-American women between the ages of 25-34, affecting them at a rate that is 25 times higher than that of their Caucasian counterparts.

African-American girls in the 13-19 age bracket account for 61 percent of new AIDS cases, yet many black churches still refuse to take a stand in the fight against this crippling disease, as Ray Thomas has learned.

As lead case manager for Positive Wellness Alliance, an HIV and AIDS organization that provides services, education, outreach and support to infected persons, Thomas has led the fight against AIDS within this area for the past five years, drumming up support for the 'National Black Church Week of Prayer for the Healing of AIDS,' which occurs every March.

March 4-10 are the dates designated by A Balm In Gilead - the organization spearheading the national effort - for this year's prayer week. Approximately 10 churches within the Positive Wellness Alliance's service area, which covers Davidson, Davie,



Thomas

Local medical giants get dose of praise

BY LAYLA FARMER THE CHRONICLE

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Dr. Harvey Allen receives his award from Wanda Allen-Abraha.

numerous achievements. "This year we decided to focus on the medical field (because) Winston-Salem has a long, deep-rooted history

in the medical field," said NAACP Chapter President Stephen Hairston. "It is impossible for us to honor all of the ones, so the eight we have chosen

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"We are really excited and honored to be a part of today's program," said Human Relations Department Director Wanda Allen-Abraha. "Mr. Hairston and the NAACP board offi-

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