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Friends and Foes of "Tre-4"

Popular term's possible ties to prison culture being debated

BY LAYLA FARMER
THE CHRONICLE

For some, it's a catchy term that brings in customers in droves. For others, it's a dangerous and offensive link to prison culture. The one thing both sides can agree on is that the usage of the term "tre-4" to describe the Winston-Salem/Forsyth County area is becoming increasingly popular.

"You can go outside Winston-Salem and tell somebody that you're from Winston, and they will automatically say, 'Oh, the tre-4!'" related Kitrinka Gordon.

Gordon, 37, and her longtime friend Tarra Ellis, started an adult social group "Happenings in the Tre4" late last year. The group, which has hosted a variety of success-

ful gatherings, including a recent cookout at Winston Lake, has more than 1,880 members on the Facebook social networking site and continues to grow.

"I wanted it to be something catchy as well as something positive for the people of Winston-Salem," Gordon said of naming Happenings, which also promotes a variety of local businesses and provides information about job and health fairs and other relevant events. "That's what we're about, trying to promote positive events in Winston-Salem."

Local Entrepreneur Courtney Taylor also says that the term seems to resonate with residents in the Twin City. Taylor, the founder of Positive Image Performing Arts (PIPA) dance studio, obtained a trademark for the



Dr. Eversley



Photo by Layla Farmer

See Tre-4 on A5 Courtney Taylor shows off some of her popular t-shirts.



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Claude Allen speaks.

GOP honors slavery's demise

Juneteenth event coincided with state convention

BY LAYLA FARMER
THE CHRONICLE

Members of the Republican Party gathered at the Piedmont Club Thursday evening, to celebrate a pivotal moment in black history – the end of slavery – and the historical role their party played in it.

The Juneteenth Celebration for the Frederick Douglass Foundation of North Carolina was hosted jointly by the Piedmont Club, which occupies the 19th floor of the B B & T building downtown, and local businessman

Algenon Cash of Wharton Gladden &

Company. The event was not affiliated with the Triad Juneteenth Celebration, which is slated to be held Saturday, June 19 at Winston Lake Park.

"I think it's absolutely critical within the black community today that we have a sense of empowerment," Cash said of his motivation to co-sponsor the June 3 event. "...I really believe in the mission that (Foundation leaders) have shared with me in terms of what they want to do in the black community."

The Foundation is a national organization that was started nearly two years ago by a group of black GOP members to elevate the party's standing in the African American community. On its Web site, the organization describes itself as "a public policy and educational organization which brings the sanctity of free market and limited government ideas to bear on the hardest problems facing our nation."

"We started the organization because we kept being told that there are no blacks in the Republican Party," said State GOP Vice Chair Dr. Tim Johnson, one of the founders of the Douglass organization. "...People didn't realize from a public standpoint how many

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Photo by Todd Luck

Best Choice students and staff and Links members gather around the new Victory Garden.

Greener and Healthier Tomorrows

BY TODD LUCK
THE CHRONICLE

Links give kids gift that will keep giving

Green was the theme of the day as the Winston-Salem Chapter of The Links, Inc. dedicated a new garden at the Best Choice Center.

The ladies of Links have worked for many months to make the Victory Garden a reality at Best Choice, a YWCA facility that runs

an afterschool and summer program for students in pre-K through eighth grade. The vegetables in the garden were donated by Cooperative Extension and planted by Links members.

The garden is a response to an initiative of the national organization of Links, Inc. the oldest civic

organization for African American women in the country, that strives to tackle the problem of childhood obesity. At last Thursday's dedication program, local Links President Leslie Winbush said the garden was the perfect way for local Links to support the national effort.

"The Winston-Salem Chapter of

the Links has envisioned a Victory Garden here at Best Choice as a motivation and incentive to encourage you ... to adopt more healthy life styles, mind stimulation, proper diet choices and regular exercise," Winbush told students.

The dedication took place on a warm, sunny day. About 75 children surrounded the small garden as

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Photo by Layla Farmer

Rev. Calvin Runnels with his wife, Pamela.

Fight For Life

Respected religious leader shares colon cancer battle

BY LAYLA FARMER
THE CHRONICLE

In January, Rev. Calvin Runnels joined the millions of people who resolved to be healthier in 2010 by starting an exercise regimen.

Runnels, a faculty supervisor in the Department of Chaplaincy and Pastoral Education at Wake Forest University Baptist Medical Center, had no idea that he was about to be faced with the biggest health challenge of his life.

Runnels, 44, said his problems began with some back pain, which he attributed to his new workout routine.



Dr. Stewart

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