



WSSU to hold Fan Fest this Saturday

-See Page B10



Brodie's dream comes to fruition

-See Page A3



Popular eatery's chef pens cook book



FORSYTH COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY 650 W. 5TH ST. WINSTON-SALEM, NC 27101-2755

# THE CHRONICLE

Vol. XXXVII No. 51

WINSTON-SALEM, N.C.

THURSDAY, August 18, 2011

## Thanks for the Memories

Neighbors, friends gather for last Pond Reunion

BY T. KEVIN WALKER THE CHRONICLE

As one of the historians of The Pond community, one always depend on Barbara Carvana for a good story or two.



Carvana

She remembers when a shiny nickel could buy a kid a bag full of sugary treats and when she was "colored" and "Negro," but her fondest memories are of the people and places that she says made The Pond a neighborhood like no other.

"It was one village," Carvana said Saturday as



Photos by Kevin Walker

Ciesta Funderburk and James Bowen escort Alberta Black (center) during Saturday's Reunion.

former and current residents gathered for an annual reunion. "Everybody was your mama. We had Mama Ida, Mama Annie ..."

The weekend gathering at the Martin Luther King

Recreation Center marked the 20th anniversary of The Pond Reunion. Carvana and other community elders hope that the stories and history they have shared at the reunions over the years stay

fresh in the minds of attendees because Saturday's gathering was the last for The Pond Reunion.

The small committee that stages the annual event has gotten even smaller over the last two decades, as some members have gone on to Glory and others have simply become overwhelmed or sidetracked.

"We have had a good time doing it, and I think the 20-year anniversary is a good time to end it," Reunion Committee Chairwoman Delores Scales said.

Scales says she is sad, but happy that the Reunion has served a great purpose by educating neighborhood residents and the city as a whole about the storied Pond, one of Winston-

See The Pond on A10



Photos by Layla Farmer

Suzette Charles with her sons David (left) and Nathan.

## Workshops get parents ready for school year

BY LAYLA FARMER THE CHRONICLE

When it comes to the education of her two young sons, Haiti native Suzette Charles leaves nothing to chance.

Charles, the IT networking specialist at The Children's Home for the last 12 years, says she works hard to stay informed and active.

"I like to participate in every activity they have to learn more for my children so I can be a good steward for their future," she said of her sons David, a rising second grader, and Nathan, a rising kindergartner at Brunson Elementary. "I'm doing my best as a single mom to learn more."

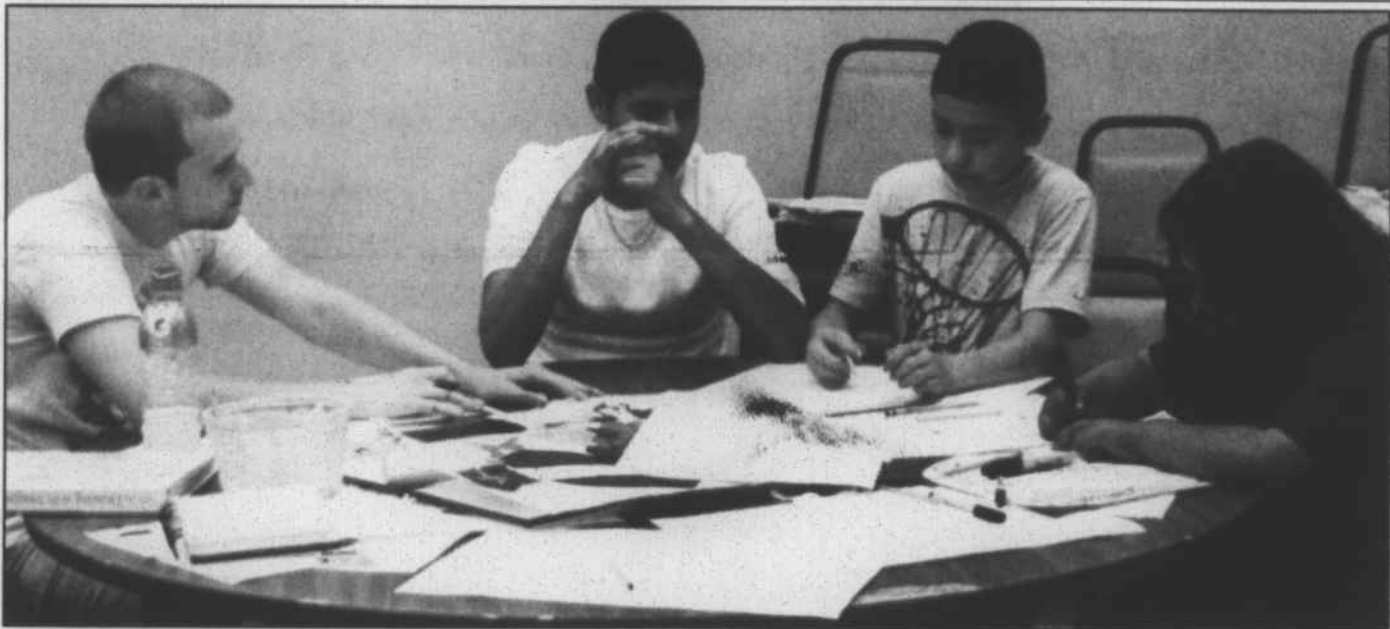
Charles was among the many parents who flocked to Parkland IB Magnet High School last Thursday for the annual No Parent Left Behind conference. The nearly two-hour long event was sponsored by Winston-Salem/Forsyth County Schools in conjunction with a variety of public and private community partners, including the Forsyth County Council of PTAs and the YMCA of Northwest NC.

The conference offered a variety of workshops for parents. Topics included "Parents Make the Difference," "High School Graduation Requirements" and "New Promotion



Cheryl Littlejohn gives parents coaching tips.

See Parents on A5



Photos by Layla Farmer

UNCSA student Samuel Pennington works with students in the !POWAR! project last week.

## !POWAR! to the People

Program gives teens alternative to graffiti

BY LAYLA FARMER THE CHRONICLE

Local teens got the opportunity this summer to have their artwork immortalized.

!POWAR! (People of Winston-Salem Art Reclamation), now in its second year, was developed by longtime muralist Marianne DiNapoli-Mylet and Gang Prevention Specialist Soloman Quick of the Winston-Salem Police Department to

help ease the city's growing graffiti problem and give young people a creative alternative to joining gangs.

"We want to empower the students. We want to inspire the students and we want to connect them with their city and their neighborhoods," explained DiNapoli-Mylet, who serves as POWAR's executive director. "We're really looking at kids that are underserved, kids that can't really afford to go to the Sawtooth Center."

See Art on A10



Marianne DiNapoli-Mylet

## School's inspiration comes full circle

BY LAYLA FARMER THE CHRONICLE

Fourteen years ago, Atiya Bey, then an eighth grader, joined more than 180 local youth in the first student body at the newly-formed Carter G. Woodson School of Challenge.

Bey, who suffers from Attention Deficit Disorder and dyslexia, was the impetus for the school's formation. Fed up with public schools, which she felt could not appropriately meet her daughter's unorthodox learning needs and unable to afford a private school education, Attorney Hazel Mack-Hilliard, Bey's mother, pursued the only other option she had at the time.

"It was out of frustration with what was happening with Atiya," she said. "I just couldn't see a way out, so I left my job and came home and home schooled her."

Mack-Hilliard had been working from home and schooling Bey for nearly two years when the



Photo by Layla Farmer

Former Carter G. Woodson student Atiya Bey is returning to the school as a teacher this year.

See School on A2

## Kings of Swing



Photo by Jason Pitt

PGA Golfer Joe Bramlett (left) and homegrown coaching legend Sam Puryear address youths during the Wyndham Championship Junior Golf Clinic at Winston Lake Golf Course Monday. See full story on B1.

Spend it here. Keep it here.

# BUY LOCAL FIRST!



CHAMBER A Mind For Business.

