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Voting still to be done in the Fifth

BY CHANEL DAVIS THE CHRONICLE

The race for the Fifth District congressional seat is heating up again, as Democrats Gardenia Henley and Josh Brannon prepare for a July 15 run-off.

Brannon, a Watuaga County resident, came out on top in May's primary for the district, which



tions of Forsyth, Davie, Iredell, Ashe. Catawba. Wilkes, Rowan. Alexander, Alleghany, Watauga, Yadkin and Davidson counties

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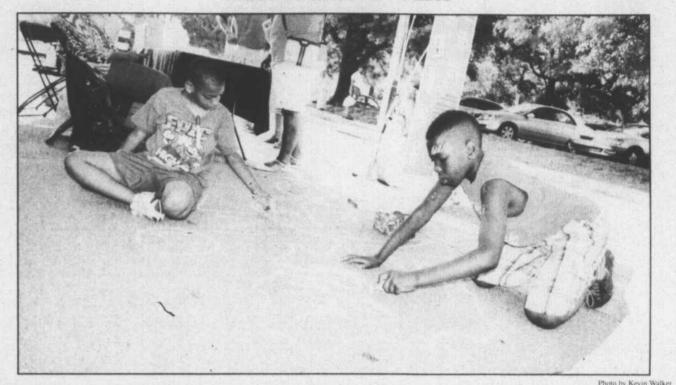
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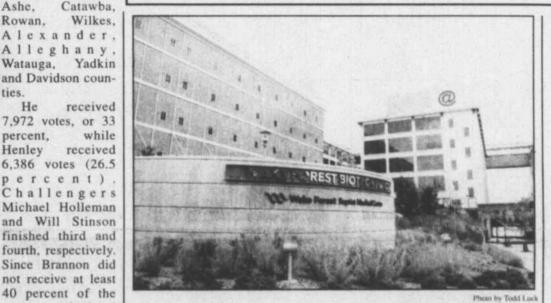
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vote, as stipulated by state election rules, Henley, as the second-place finisher, had the right to call for a run-off, which she did soon after the priWINSTON-SALEM, N.C.

BROTHERS-IN-ART



Jayden Wooten, 9, and his little brother, Nasir, 7, use colorful chalk to sketch on the street Saturday during the 10th anniversary Juneteenth festival. Read more about the event on page B1.



The new 525@vine stands behind Wake Forest BioTech Place.

Lawmakers to push for fathers' rights

BY CHANEL DAVIS THE CHRONICLE

A few days before Father's Day, members of the North Carolina Legislative Black Caucus announced their support of a Raleigh-based nonprofit's mission to get fairer visitation and other rights for fathers.

Rep. Garland Pierce, a Democrat who represents the state's 48th District (which includes Hoke, Richmond, Robeson and Scotland counties), said the concerns of men who participate in Every Father Counts were brought to the caucus' attention by President Milton McCoy; legislators thought that Father's Day weekend was an ideal time to share those concerns

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"Of course, I wanted to win but I see this as an opportunity to actually communicate and touch bases with more constituents," Henley said. "I am going to continue working very hard and try to reach more voters."

Brannon said he is also working hard to get his message to as many voters as possible.

"I have found that wherever I go, people just love my message," he said. "We essentially have a two-tiered society in our country. We have a different set of rules for the one percent, both economically and judicially, than everyone else."

Henley is an Air Force veteran and former auditor for the U.S. Office of Inspector General. In recent years, she has launched unsuccessful bids for several public offices, including governor.

"My qualifications speak for themselves. I am the only candidate, between (Brannon) and I, that can hit the ground running when I get to D.C. I used to audit and investigate legislation and legislators," Henley said.

Brannon, a software developer, said that he is running to take money out of politics, citing that it is not okay for the socalled "one percent" - the nation's richest - to donate as much money as they want to

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comes to Quarter

Cramer

BY TODD LUCK THE CHRONICLE

A former R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Co. factory is now a world-class research facility.

The grand opening was held for 525@vine, a five story,

234,000-square-foot mixed-use building, on June 13. The \$75 million structure actually opened earlier in the year, and nearly 87 percent of its office space, research labs and other facilities have been leased.

The building, which stands off of Fifth Street is recognizable and throughout downtown by

the bright red @ symbol at its apex, is in the Wake Forest Innovation Quarter swaths of downtown that Wake Forest Baptist Medical Center are quickly transforming into one of the nation's largest research parks. But 525@vine is owned by Wexford Science & Technology, a Baltimorebased biomedical realty company that

renovated the long dormant building. Dan Cramer, Wexford's senior

vice president for development, said research facilities like urban 525@vine are becoming common.

"One of the things that Wexford does best is create knowledge com-

munities," he said. "These are vibrant, mixed-use communities built on a foundation of discovery, innovations and entrepreneurial activities.

Cramer said the researchers, tech-whizzes and others who work in research parks, like allinclusive work communities, ones with housing. dining and entertainment facilities nearby.

There are already a number of lofts and apartments within walking distance of the Innovation Quarter; many more are currently being rehabbed from other former R.J.R Reynolds buildings. Bailey Park, which will boast a stage for free outdoor concerts and movie screenings,

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"We definitely understand the importance of men being in young boys and girls' lives. We have different problems in our

community based on the absence of fathers; some are of our own making," Pierce said. There are some who really want to do the right get in the court system, it stops families from

Every Father Counts maintains that fathers 33 percent of the time.

ty to be part of a child's life, the child has a greater opportunity of being a success and an

thing, but because of circumstances, once they being together."

are not given equal treatment in child custody litigation. The group is fighting to ensure that laws are developed and ratified to guarantee that fathers have child visitation rights at least

According to McCoy, there are 24 million children growing up without a relationship with their father.

"Statistics show if a father has an opportuni-

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Coaches shown how to prevent future tragedies



BY CHANEL DAVIS THE CHRONICLE

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Winston-Salem/Forsyth County Schools' football coaches, certified athletic trainers and athletic directors learned about ways to better protect student-athletes during a seminar at Reagan High School on Monday, June 16.

We are now the second school system in the state to have a clinic on our campus," said Stan Elrod, a former

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Photo by Chanel

Coaches and others get on-field training.





