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HANES MALL AT 50



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The food court is on the upper level on the south side of Hanes Mall.

Shopping destination embraces nostalgia, adapts to retail trends

RICHARD CRAVER
Staff Reporter

A charming interaction between an excitable 5-year-old boy and a founding retailer symbolized Hanes Mall's past, present and future as the Winston-Salem shopping center turned 50 this month.

SaVyon Davis was with his mother, Kaye Howell, and grandmother, Tekeya Howell, as they shopped for kindergarten clothes. During a break from shopping, the trio stopped at The Cookie House.

Enticed by the freshly baked smells that have lured in shoppers since the mall's debut on Aug. 6, 1975, Davis urged his mom to buy the smiley face cookie that epitomizes the store's slogan of "The Cookies You Grew Up With."

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Tekeya Howell hands a smiley face cookie to her grandson, SaVyon Davis, 5, at Hanes Mall on Monday, Aug. 11. The treat was purchased at The Cookie House.



VIEW: To see additional photos of Hanes Mall, point your smartphone camera at the QR code, then tap the link. [NEWSVU](#)

WAKE FOREST UNIVERSITY

School closes diversity office

Wake Forest's Association of Black Alumni criticizes the move

JOHN HINTON
Staff Reporter

Wake Forest University has closed its Office of Diversity and Inclusion and reassigned its leader to other duties.

The university's action coincides with the Trump administration withholding federal money from some universities who don't support the administration's opposition of diversity programs, transgender athletes and pro-Palestinian protests.

Jose Villalba, the former vice president for diversity and inclusion and the university's chief diversity officer, informed Wake Forest students and faculty members on Aug. 8 that the office was closed.

Villalba said he was honored to lead the office since 2018.

The university's intercultural

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Defense: Attorney general's appeal attempt 'meritless'

NC challenging dismissal of convictions in killing of Chris Paul's grandfather

JOHN DEEM
Staff Writer

North Carolina Attorney General Jeff Jackson's office has offered no compelling reason for challenging a judge's decision Aug. 8 to throw out decades-old convictions in the 2002 murder of basketball star Chris Paul's grandfather, lawyers argued in a court filing Wednesday.

Brothers Rayshawn Banner and Nathaniel Cauthen are serving life sentences for first-degree murder and robbery with a dangerous weapon in relation to the killing of Nathaniel Jones outside his Winston-Salem home.

The attorney general's office asked the North Carolina Court of Appeals on Tuesday to pause the dismissals while prosecutors pursued an appeal.

"The State asks this Court to prolong

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Gridiron legacy: Coaches, players pick the best players in the Triad from the last 25 years

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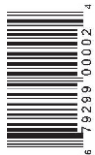
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