

Dancin'

Dance instructor Mabel Robinson, who has coached the likes of Diana Ross and Michael Jackson, is now showing students at the N.C. School of the Arts how it's done.
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Keeping Healthy

The Winston-Salem Urban League's Cynthia Mack gears up for the organization's health fair Saturday.
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'Gettin' Happy'

North Carolina School of the Arts students dance and sing to a full house in the musical extravaganza, "From 5th to Broadway," presented last weekend in the de Mille

Theatre on the school's campus. A story on Mabel Robinson, one of the production's choreographers, appears on B1 (photos by James Parker).

And carries Forsyth

Edmisten wins runoff

By ROBIN ADAMS
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State Attorney General Rufus Edmisten edged former Charlotte Mayor Eddie Knox in a June 5 runoff to win the Democratic nomination for governor and end a hard-fought, sometimes bitter campaign between the two.

According to unofficial results released early Wednesday, with 2,350 of the state's 2,352 precincts reporting, Edmisten totaled 352,108 votes, or 51.9 percent, Knox 326,442 votes, or 48.1 percent.

Unlike most urban areas in the state, Forsyth County handed Edmisten a win. With 79 of the county's 80 precincts reporting, Edmisten garnered 11,456 votes here as compared to Knox's 10,194.

Edmisten's strong Forsyth County showing, said Alderman Larry Womble, the attorney general's local co-campaign coordinator, can be attributed to hard work.

"A lot of people in this campaign were the same kinds of people who were involved in my campaign in the Southeast Ward when they said it couldn't be done," Womble said. "... We take campaigns to the streets, knock on doors, work the shopping centers, man the telephones. We work, work, work."

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In YMCA vandalism

Newell: Youth aren't the culprits

By JOHN SLADE
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Since security personnel were hired three weeks ago to guard the construction site of the Winston Lake Y off Waterworks Road, a rash of thefts and vandalism has subsided.

"And let's hope it stays that way," says Richard Glover, executive director of the Patterson Avenue Y. The Winston Lake facility will replace the one on Patterson Avenue.

Meanwhile, the Police Department is no closer to solving the case now than it was when the first theft occurred in March. As of June 4, the department put the investigation on its inactive shelf because of no leads or suspects, says Lt. C.H. Cunningham of the Criminal Investigations Division.

Despite the dead end the police encountered during

their investigation, some have speculated that the teenagers who frequent Winston Lake Park during the summer months are the logical culprits. Others strongly disagree.

East Ward Alderman Virginia K. Newell, who lives near the park, calls the idea ridiculous.

"I can't substantiate it," she says, "but it appears to me that that type of vandalism and theft is far beyond any children."

Among the items taken since March in five separate incidents were a \$950 concrete jackhammer, a \$935 concrete vibrator and a \$2,350 earth tamp (used to pack dirt). A storage trailer was also set afire. Thefts and damages together have totaled more than \$18,000, says Allen Jones of Fowler-Jones Construction Co., the contractor building the Y.

Newell says she thinks a more logical suspect would be

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Barbed wire and no trespassing signs greet passersby at the Winston Lake Y's construction site (photo by James Parker).

Police procedure angers local man

By ROBIN ADAMS
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It didn't matter to Garland Brice how fast he was going. It was an emergency. He didn't have much time.

He raced from his driveway and drove down Thurmond Street, doubling the speed limit and not remembering how he got from his home on Foxwood Place to Thurmond, but depending on instinct to get him to his grandmother's house -- a route he had traveled many times.

As he approached the intersection of Thurmond Street and Northwest Boulevard, he says, he slowed down. Stopped. Looked both ways. And raced through.

When he got within blocks of the home of his 99-year-old grandmother, he says, all he could think about was her lying on the floor bleeding and the distraught voice of his blind mother pleading with him over the telephone to

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A sensitive question

Should blacks be more selective in endorsing black candidates?

By ROBIN ADAMS
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Only 125 votes stood between Pat Hairston and a spot on the ballot in November's general election.

Hairston, a retired loading dock worker who serves as president of the local chapter of the NAACP, says he has worked more to further the cause of civil rights in Forsyth County than any other individual.

But he lost in May's Democratic primary, Hairston says, because the Black Leadership Roundtable Coalition, a local group of black political activists of which he is a part, endorsed both him and Mose' Belton Brown, a black woman, in the county commissioners race.

Brown edged Hairston for the last Democratic spot on the November ballot 12,128 votes to 12,003.

"When the Roundtable told the black community to give Mose' Brown or any other candidate the same support they gave me, I knew I had lost," Hairston says.

Because he has a reputation for addressing issues that concern the black community, Hairston says, he knew his white support would be limited, so he counted heavily on the black community, where he is well-known and liked, for support.

On the other hand, Hairston says, Brown, who is not a controversial candidate, and is therefore more acceptable

to white voters, received the endorsement from the Forsyth Association of Classroom Teachers and was assured a certain number of white supporters.

But when the Roundtable endorsed both Hairston and Brown, Hairston says, she was given instant credibility in the black community and that, coupled with her white support, gave her the win. Had she not received the Roundtable endorsement, Hairston feels, his support in the black community would have been enough to assure him of a win.

The reason for developing the Roundtable, says Hairston, was to start an organization with the primary aim of endorsing candidates and giving direction to the black community during elections.

It also is designed, he adds, to carefully examine candidates and how they stand on issues of concern to the black community. If candidates didn't measure up to those standards, Hairston says, they wouldn't receive the Roundtable's support.

At least, he says, that's the way it was supposed to be. "We haven't done that," Hairston says.

The main issue, says Hairston, is not whether the Roundtable should have endorsed Brown or any of the other candidates -- but whether black political groups

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New East Winston librarian named

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Birmingham, Ala., native Timothy Jackson Jr., 35, has been named head librarian at the Forsyth County Public Library's East Winston branch.

"This is a new experience for me," says Jackson, a three-year Winston-Salem resident who assumes the post after working with the library's Children's Outreach Department. "I'll be going through a learning process."

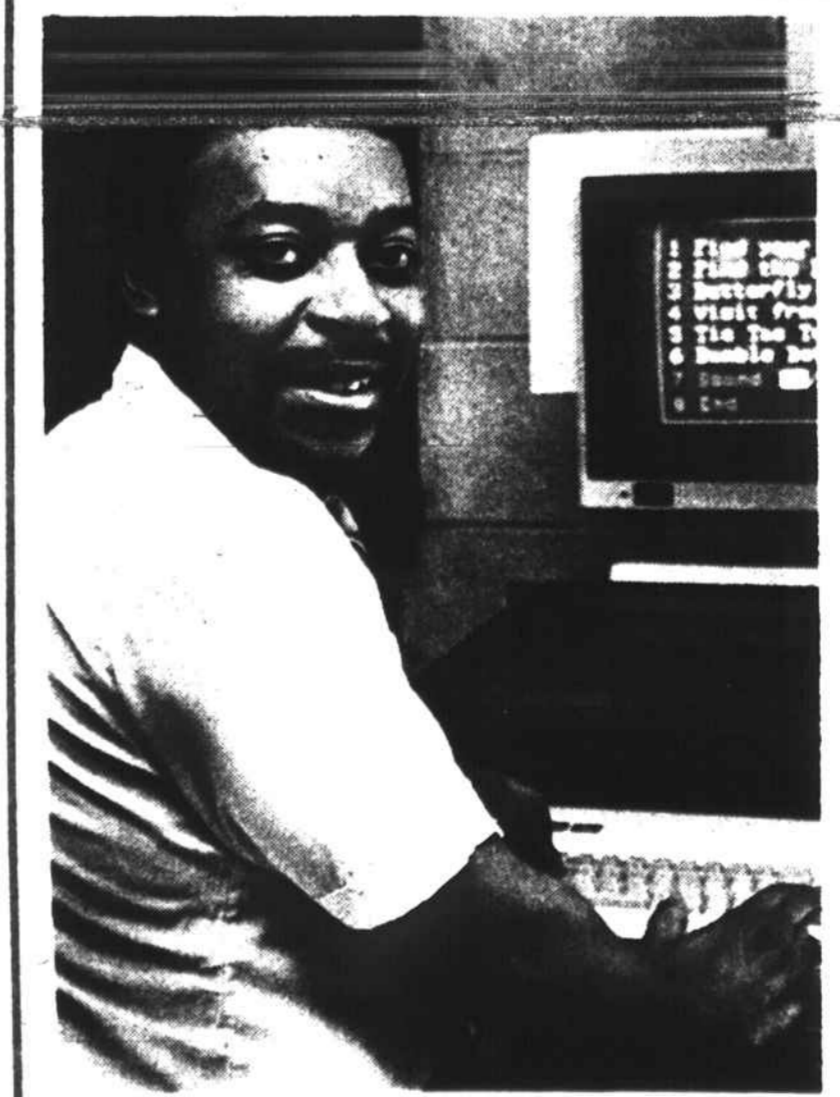
"We feel that Tim is needed there, so we put him there," says Sylvia Sprinkle-Hamlin, head of library extensions. "We are always making changes in this system and the changes that have been made have all worked out."

Jackson succeeds Barbara Anderson, who will join the main library's Business Science Department.

Among other changes at the East Winston branch, says Sprinkle-Hamlin, are a new look as well as new equipment and materials.

Carpeting has been added to the once-bare floors, new furniture is in place, an Apple II computer has been installed in the Adult Room and another ordered for the Children's Room, the circulation

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East Winston's new librarian, Tim Jackson, displays the library's other new addition -- an Apple II computer (photo by James Parker).