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**Conference focuses on diversity and health care**

Speaker tells doctors, others to learn how to become more flexible in dealings with patients

BY T. KEVIN WALKER  
THE CHRONICLE

As this city and places like it around the nation become more racially diverse, area health-care workers, social workers and non-profit agency employees have to become more flexible in order to provide adequate services to the ever-growing minority population.



Evans

That was the overwhelming message of a man who has been dubbed "Mr. Inspiration" for his uplifting, straightforward motivational talks.

"We have not been flexible enough in our approach to different people," said Dr. Ted Evans, a Henderson native. "If we are flexible, we will never be bent out of shape."

Evans, a pediatrician who is the former vice president and corporate medical director of Cigna Corp., was the keynote speaker at a day-long conference last Friday at the Ramada Plaza Hotel on University Parkway.



Carter

The conference - "Delivering Culturally Competent Health Care and Human Services" - was designed to enlighten and inform. Seminars included sessions on the history of racism in Forsyth County; providing equal access to people of color; and the behavioral patterns of Hispanics and Latinos.

The belief among conference organizers is that if health-care providers can gain some insight into the cultures of their patients, they can understand some of the patterns that may exist in patients that are not of European descent.

For instance, studies have shown that some cultures are less likely to take prescribed medicine regularly. Some health-care providers have viewed this as patients not trying to make themselves healthier. But, in fact, there is a vast belief in some cultures that Western medicine is too potent and may sometimes be more harmful than good.

Linda Carter, the executive director of Today's Woman Health and Wellness Center, served as the chairperson for the conference.

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**Many Faces**



Photo by Kevin Walker

Winston-Salem State University art student David Listokin creates portraits of Mario Martinez and Zenaida Serrano on a T-shirt at Fiesta 2000. The annual downtown festival celebrates the accomplishments and contributions of Hispanics. Thousands packed the streets of downtown Saturday for the daylong event. Among the activities offered were musical bands, activities for children, information booths and lots of traditional Hispanic food. For more pictures from the event, see page A3.

**Black Muslims targeted**

Hatred stemming from terrorist attacks has reared ugly head locally

BY T. KEVIN WALKER  
THE CHRONICLE

The wrath of angry Americans expressing anti-Islamic sentiment has been directed



Griggs

most severely at Muslims of Middle Eastern origin. Over the past two weeks, Arab Muslims and

those believed to be Arab have been beaten, verbally assaulted and, in a few instances, shot dead.

But the attacks have put all Muslims, those born here and abroad, on guard since the events of Sept. 11, when the World Trade Center and the Pentagon were allegedly attacked by Muslim terrorists from Arab nations.

African-American Muslims have not completely escaped harassment. Imam Khalid Griggs, the leader of the Community Mosque on Woughtown Street, told a roomful of pastors and other people of faith that his mosque has been the target of vandals twice since Sept. 11.

Last week, a slur about Mohammed, the prophet and founder of the Islamic religion, was carved into the outside wall of the mosque, near the front entrance. A patch of white paint now clearly indicates where the offensive words were written. The week of the attacks, a badly mangled copy of the Koran, the Muslim holy book, was found

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**Hope may be fading for LIFT**

BY T. KEVIN WALKER  
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Supporters of LIFT Academy went to Tuesday's meeting of the Winston-Salem/Forsyth County School Board upbeat, hopeful and optimistic. They left frustrated and shaking their heads in disgust.

It took only a few words from members of the board to change supporters' moods. They had come hoping that the board would use its power to extend to LIFT one of the last opportunities it may have to keep its doors open.

Earline Parmon - the executive director of LIFT, a former charter school that recently lost its charter after a long, hard-fought battle against the State Board of Education - said LIFT's attorney sent a proposal to board members Friday. It asks that the school system enter into a contract with LIFT to educate students in grades 7-12. The school's student body, which Parmon said is about 150, is made up mostly of students who have been expelled or had



Photo by Kevin Walker

Earline Parmon, from left, Carolyn Cooper, a LIFT parent, and J.R. McClure, the school's student body president, answer questions from the press.

rocky starts at public schools.

In exchange for providing education, meals, books and transportation, the contract seeks from the school system nearly \$6,000 per student.

Although School Board Chairman

Donny Lambeth said the board would consider the proposal, Schools Superintendent Don Martin hinted that the proposal as it is currently written may not be

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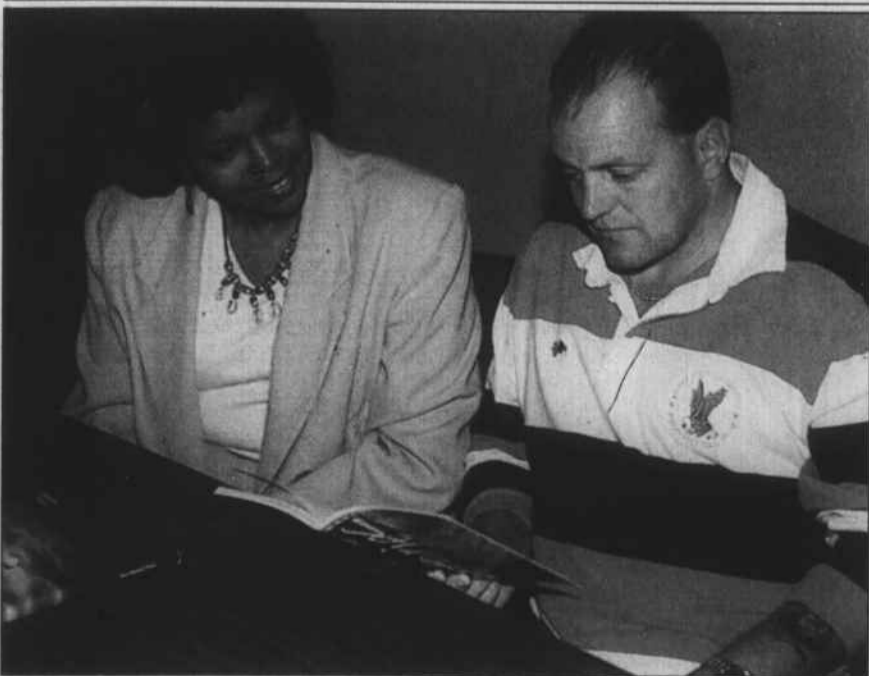


Photo by Paul Collins

Sandra Pennington works with Norman Kidby.

**Man pursuing American dream - with the help of literacy program**

BY PAUL COLLINS  
THE CHRONICLE

Norman Kidby moved to this country from Oxford, England, near London, nearly six years ago. After the terrorist attacks on the United States on Sept. 11, 2001, Kidby, of Winston-Salem, proudly displayed American flags on his vehicle.

Not only is Kidby patriotic, he is pursuing the American dream. He hopes to one day open a British pub in Winston-Salem. He has a strong work ethic. He is an electrician's helper for R&K Electric and a handyman for Sani Clean.

Kidby, 39, believes the progress he has made and is continuing to make in the YMCA Literacy Initiative program in the last three years will help him achieve his dreams.

Kidby said: "Going back three years ago, I couldn't even

pick up a newspaper. I used to pick up a newspaper and just fly through it, pretend I'm reading or look at the pictures."

Now, he's reading, and understanding, the newspaper more, and starting to read books.

Growing up in England, he said, "My grades were very, very low, but I did not miss any school in England. I went all the way through school. I was a bit slower than other people...so I got put to the back of the class. Then, because I got put to the back of the class, the guys who don't want to learn, I got put with them."

He earned an award for having the best attendance in junior school (for students ages 9 to 13). He missed only four days in four years. In addition to having excellent attendance, he also was good in sports.

"I went all the way through school, until I was 15 1/2," Kidby

said. "I'm quite handy with my hands," Kidby said, so after he started working manual jobs, he shied away from jobs or assignments that involved a lot of reading, or passed them on to other people to "do the writing and reading." Kidby kept it a secret that he was illiterate.

Kidby was the assistant manager of a bar when he met his future wife, Kendra, a Wake Forest University student studying in London, whose class would meet at the bar. The first few times Kidby asked her out, she said no, but then she agreed to go out. "After she moved back here (to the United States), we kept in contact; we wrote. I eventually came ... here (the United States) the first of November 1995...I've been here ever since. We got married on Dec. 30, 1995, in

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