

Police accepting applications for Citizen's Academy

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The Police Department is accepting applications for the spring class of the Citizen's Police Academy, which will start March 5.

The Citizen's Police Academy is designed to increase community support and awareness about police operations by making citizens aware of the administrative philosophy, internal policies and guidelines, principles of law and ethical conduct governing the delivery of police services within our community.

The Citizen's Police Academy curriculum is an abbreviated version of recruit training for new police officers. Citizens graduate with a better understanding of police officer training and decision making, and day-to-day police operations.

The Citizen's Police Academy will provide 36 hours of scheduled classroom instruc-

tion. Students can supplement their classroom training by riding with police officers on patrol.

The Citizen's Police Academy will meet from 6:30-9:30 on Tuesday evenings for 12 weeks, starting March 5 and graduating May 21. Classes will be held at the Public Safety Center, 725 N. Cherry Street.

Enrollment is open to any citizen 18 years of age or older who resides or works in Winston-Salem. Anyone interested in attending the Citizen's Police Academy may call the Winston-Salem Police Department Recruiting Unit for an application at 773-7925, or e-mail the request for an application to recruit@wspd.org. The class will be limited to 30 applicants.

The Winston-Salem Police Department is accredited by the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies Inc.

State moves to collect on bad support checks

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RALEIGH - Starting last week, those who pay child support will want to double-check their bank account before they lick that stamp. If the check bounces, the N.C. Department of Health and Human Services will give the check writer 15 days to make good before referring the matter to the court system for collection.

"We've been trying to collect without resorting to the courts. That hasn't been working," said Gary Fuquay, controller for the department.

Parents who receive child support will not see a change, because N.C. Child Support Central Collections sends them their money before the noncus-

tomial parent's check clears the bank. When an insufficient check comes in, it is the state that pays.

"This cost saving measure could save the state hundreds of thousands of dollars. While that won't fill the budget hole, it will certainly help," Fuquay said.

The state gets 2,500 bad child support checks totaling about \$850,000 every year. Currently, the state holds \$169,509 in bad checks sent from employers, and \$461,088 sent from individuals.

Donna Moye, manager of the Wake County District Attorney's Worthless Check Deferred Prosecution Program, says they stand ready to help the state collect these funds.

National Condom Day

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An article in last week's issue of The Chronicle gave the wrong date for National Condom Day. In fact, Feb. 14 is National Condom Day - "Your life is in your hands." Information will be available from 1-6 p.m. inside CVS

Drug Store at East Winston Shopping Center. Information will be available on HIV/STD prevention and testing locations. Free gifts will be given away. Stop by and see us! The event is courtesy of POSSE (Prevent Ongoing Spread of STDs Everywhere). Call 722-5774 for more information.

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SEEKING BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR CHARITABLE FOUNDATION

Attorney General Roy Cooper is seeking 11 outstanding North Carolina residents to serve on the Board of Directors of the Health Foundation for North Carolina. This Foundation has been created in anticipation of the conversion of Blue Cross Blue Shield of North Carolina to a for-profit corporation. The mission of the Foundation will be to promote the health of the people of North Carolina.

Board members should be creative, independent thinkers who have the vision to lead the Foundation in fulfilling its purpose. Applicants must be North Carolina residents who have significant experience, education or expertise in one or more of the following areas:

- ▶ health care;
- ▶ public health or social welfare;
- ▶ asset management and investment;
- ▶ corporate securities transactions;
- ▶ non-profit organizations or grantmaking foundations; or
- ▶ organization development or management.

Consideration shall be given to ensuring that the Board represents the diversity of North Carolina's population. The Board of Directors will not be compensated except for a stipend to prepare for and attend meetings. Members will be appointed to two- or four-year terms.

Resumes should be accompanied by a one-page letter explaining the applicant's interest and qualifications and submitted no later than March 8, 2002 to the attention of:

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Parents get crack at EOG tests

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Parents at Easton Elementary School are gearing up to cheer their children to victory on the end-of-grade test (EOG). For the third year, Patsy Squire, curriculum coordinator and president of the Phi Delta Kappa educational sorority, introduced parents to the makeup of the end-of-grade tests for grades three, four, and five.

Members of the Phi Delta Kappa sorority served as proctors for the simulated testing experience. They also provided refreshments for all participants and child care for the 38 children who came with their parents. Thirty-five parents came out to take the test in the Easton cafeteria on Saturday morning.

Squire wants to ensure that parents are aware of the challenges their students face on this test. She received clearance for this activity from Alice Walker, the director of accountability and testing for Winston-Salem/Forsyth County Schools. Students on the traditional school calendar will take the EOG during the May 6-10 testing window and those on the year-round schedule will take the test during the May 13-17 window. However, according to Marty Ward, program evaluation manager, the calendar could change due to snow days.

Squire believes that time on task in and out of class is the key to success on the EOG. She expressed this to the parents.

"Parents, please make sure that your children do their homework. Actively look for the homework packets. If there is math you do not understand, please work with the teachers," Squire said. "We have to take



Parents try their hands at the end-of-grade test, which is required of students in North Carolina.

homework seriously, and we must raise our children's level of respect for their teachers...We also encourage teachers to give quality homework assignments."

The actual tests for the EOG contain 80 items in math and 56-68 items in reading. The 80-item tests are administered in mathematics computation and mathematics applications. The reading is assessed by having students read passages and answer questions directly related to the passages. The 10 passages on the test are authentic reading selections in content areas (art, science, health, mathematics and social studies), and consumer and practical selections (pamphlets, recipes, and projects).

Squire encouraged parents to encourage their children to read from magazines such as "National Geographic," "Highlights," "Sports Illustrated," "Life," "Time" and many others. She also encouraged them to take their children grocery shopping and allow them to weigh produce, estimate the price reduction percentages for sale items and to model reading in front of the students.

The parents expressed concerns and compliments after tak-

ing the test.

Areatha Williams has a son, Austin, in the fifth grade. She came to take the test so that she can make sure that she reinforces the skills needed at home that the teacher explains in the classroom.

"This way, the test will be more comprehensible for my son. It will not be something new that he is seeing for the first time," Williams said. "I noticed that there was a lot of converting on the test, from ounces to pounds, from inches to feet, and so on. I also hope that the teachers are stressing the formulas for volume, perimeter, radius and other math terms."

Sherilena Staten said, "I really enjoyed taking the pre-test. It was proof of how long it has been since I was in school. I recommend that Easton continue with this process. It gives us parents a guidance tool to show where we can help our children in their weak and strong areas concerning reading and math."

Claire Rising has twin boys - Brice and Brandon - who are in fourth grade. This was the first time she has been exposed to the test.

"This exposure allows par-

ents to be better informed about their child, to know what to concentrate on. I am amazed at what fourth-graders have to do these days," Rising said.

Martina Loya, mother of Juana Bentura, a third-grader, said, "That was tough. I did not expect that. It is nothing like it was when I was in school!"

She was amazed at all of the math concepts - such as angles, exponents, area, volume, median - and other terms that the students were expected to know.

Chandra Singleton has a daughter, Charay Davis, in third grade. Singleton received a prize as a parent for getting all of the math problems correct.

"I think this is a good test. They should have been doing it years ago," she said. "I have a sixth-grader, and this early testing would have benefited him as a student."

Julius Davis, a grandparent of Keneisha Davis, third-grader, spoke about the reading.

"The reading part was very tricky. I thought the math was all right, but the phrasing of the questions on the reading was confusing," Davis said. "The test makes the students think, but it

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