

Web site designed to help state recruit new teachers

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North Carolina is aggressively trying to recruit more teachers for its public schools. According to the N.C. Education Research Council, the state's public and private colleges and universities are graduating about 5,000 teachers each year, and only 3,200 of those take teaching

positions in North Carolina. Under the auspices of Gov. Mike Easley, the N.C. Business Committee for Education (NCBCE) has established the Teach4NC initiative.

The emphasis of this initiative is captured in the organization's Web site, www.Teach4NC.com. The purpose is to recruit teachers, both traditionally and through alternative means. The lateral entry program establishes a means for people who maintain a relevant college degree, including business professionals and teaching assistants, to begin teaching while obtaining their permanent teacher's certification.

According to the NCBCE, the University of North Carolina system estimates that the state's schools will need more than 120,000 new teachers over the next decade. Forsyth County, alone, has a 10.19 percent teacher turnover rate com-



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According to statistics, teacher turnover rates throughout the state are higher than average.

pared with the state average of 12.49 percent. NCBCE serves as an advocate for business issues and resourceful change within North Carolina's public educational institutions. It is a non-partisan, nonprofit organization under the patronage of 63 businesses across the state,

including Alltel, Duke Power Co., and Martin Marietta Materials Inc. Vivian Turner, a representative of R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Co., is among the members of the board of directors.

For more information about the initiative, visit www.Teach4NC.com.

Course

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as well. Once students have graduated from the course, their names will be added to the city's volunteer databases and they will be encouraged to participate on the various

boards and commissions. CWSU alumni will be regarded as meaningful assets to the city government.

If CWSU proves to be successful, Collins looks forward to it becoming an annual part of Winston-Salem's budget.

"All the cities that we've found that have done this

have been extremely successful, and it's been a very, very popular program for the city and for the citizens," Collins said.

"They really get a lot out of it," she added.

For more information, contact Collins at 727-2317.



Photoc by Paul Collins
Dancers from Otesha Arts Ensemble perform an energetic dance.

Kwanzaa

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ates Heritage Gallery, an arts and crafts gallery on Trade Street, said of Kwanzaa: "It's a time to mingle with the community. It's a time to gather together to meet people and fellowship." She said she was also looking forward to the drumming and the dancing that would be featured at last Thursday night's celebration. "I love the arts."

Monticello Mitchell said this was his first time attending a Kwanzaa celebration in Winston-Salem, but he attended Kwanzaa celebrations when he lived in Baltimore.

"What it meant for me was a celebration of the African spirit. It was more of a celebration of African life and values and culture... something that 's so truly missed in our community today... All seven principles of Kwanzaa, to me, seem to have much value, much needed value in our community, to bring some of that back. I really enjoy the whole program actually." Originally from Winston-Salem, Mitchell moved back to Winston-Salem in 1998 after living in Baltimore.

Debra James said the Kwanzaa celebrations in Winston-Salem usually draw on average 150 to 200 people a night. She told the audience last Thursday night that since Kwanzaa is a harvest celebration, "be thankful for the harvest, the bounty and the goodness we have received throughout the year."



Photoc by Paul Collins
Olufemi Elom sells some of her ethnic crafts at the Kwanzaa celebration last Thursday night.

Friday night, Salaam Scents hosted a Kwanzaa celebration (featuring Kujichagulia, or self-determination) at Marketplace Mall. Saturday night, Winston Lake Family YMCA hosted a Kwanzaa celebration (featuring Ujima, or collective work and responsibility). On Sunday night, Williams C. Sims Recreation Center and Winston-Salem Parks and Recreation Department hosted a Kwanzaa celebration (featuring Ujamaa, or cooperative economics) at the Sims Center. The rest of the schedule: Dec. 30

at Grace Presbyterian Church, 3901 Carver School Road, at 7 p.m. (hosted by Grace Presbyterian); Dec. 31 - Kuumba (creativity) at the Woodruff Center, 4905 Lansing Drive, at 5 p.m. (hosted by Forsyth County Public Library and N.C. Black Repertory Theatre); Jan. 1 - Imani (faith) at St. Paul United Methodist Church, 2400 Dellabrook Road, at 7 p.m. (hosted by St. Paul United Methodist Church and Dellabrook Presbyterian Church).

AccuWeather Forecast for Winston-Salem

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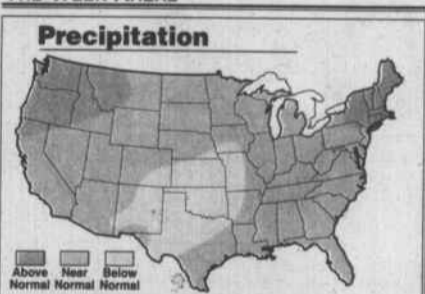
LOCAL 7-DAY FORECAST

Wednesday	Wed. night	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
Cloudy and breezy.	Patchy clouds.	Clouds and sun.	Times of sun and clouds.	Plenty of sunshine.	Mostly cloudy, p.m. rain.	Rather cloudy.	Cold with snow and rain.
58	38	50/35	46/26	48/30	45/41	49/30	40/25

THE WEEK AHEAD



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U.S. TRAVELER'S CITIES

City	Wednesday			Thursday			Friday			Saturday			Sunday		
	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W
Atlanta	52	37	c	52	29	pc	47	31	pc	51	34	pc	50	37	r
Boston	46	34	r	45	40	c	42	27	r	35	21	sn	25	19	pc
Chicago	36	24	c	30	20	sn	30	22	pc	34	23	c	34	26	sn
Cleveland	38	26	c	32	24	c	32	21	sf	34	25	c	35	31	sn
Denver	38	20	pc	41	29	s	53	29	pc	44	27	s	33	16	sn
Des Moines	32	20	sf	25	15	c	34	21	c	34	20	sn	21	4	pc
Detroit	36	26	c	32	22	sn	32	20	pc	34	24	c	34	28	sn
Houston	66	43	pc	63	37	s	60	40	s	61	42	pc	62	44	c
Indianapolis	38	28	c	35	24	sn	33	21	pc	37	26	c	27	9	pc
Kansas City	42	26	c	36	22	sf	42	26	pc	38	26	c	38	21	c
Los Angeles	68	48	s	70	50	s	70	50	s	72	48	s	71	44	s
Miami	79	64	t	76	60	pc	74	58	pc	73	62	s	75	67	r
Minn.-St. Paul	25	18	sf	24	14	pc	28	18	pc	29	18	c	26	14	sf
New Orleans	64	45	pc	60	41	pc	58	41	s	61	45	pc	52	41	r
New York City	50	36	r	42	32	c	38	30	c	38	28	c	42	36	c
Omaha	31	24	c	36	20	pc	39	24	pc	37	23	i	36	17	c
Phoenix	64	43	s	66	44	s	68	47	s	72	46	pc	64	33	s
San Francisco	58	44	pc	58	46	pc	60	46	pc	60	48	pc	59	49	pc
Seattle	48	42	r	50	40	r	50	40	sh	50	43	r	52	46	r
Washington	54	38	r	46	38	c	42	32	c	40	28	pc	46	39	c

THE NATIONAL SUMMARY

Mild air will cover the Plains during the period. Temperatures across Kansas, Nebraska and Oklahoma may average 5 to 10 degrees above normal. Storms will continue to bring precipitation to the Northwest. A storm may bring rain and snow to the Midwest and Middle Atlantic. Cold air will push southward into the Northeast. Dry weather will prevail across the Southwest.

Weather (W): s-sunny, pc-partly cloudy, c-cloudy, sh-showers, t-thunderstorms, r-rain, sf-snow flurries, sn-snow, i-ice.

WORLD TRAVELER'S CITIES

City	Wednesday			Thursday			Friday			Saturday			Sunday		
	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W	Hi	Lo	W
Amsterdam	41	40	r	54	42	r	43	36	r	37	26	c	30	24	pc
Berlin	28	27	pc	45	40	c	42	27	r	35	21	sn	25	19	pc
Buenos Aires	79	57	pc	82	63	pc	85	63	pc	83	60	pc	82	65	pc
Cairo	68	47	pc	61	45	pc	59	48	pc	66	50	pc	69	53	s
Jerusalem	57	41	pc	50	40	r	48	41	sh	53	45	c	56	45	pc
Johannesburg	88	60	s	89	61	pc	92	61	s	89	63	pc	87	65	pc
London	52	43	r	53	48	c	51	39	t	40	36	r	37	26	pc
Madrid	52	45	r	60	48	pc	55	44	c	50	46	pc	48	34	r
Mexico City	69	41	s	66	39	pc	59	39	r	64	39	pc	66	39	pc
Moscow	-5	-9	sn	5	4	sf	15	14	sn	21	17	sn	18	7	sn
Paris	47	43	r	53	41	sh	45	38	pc	39	38	r	43	24	r
Rio de Janeiro	84	73	c	84	73	c	85	73	c	82	73	t	83	73	c
Rome	57	45	pc	59	53	pc	63	45	pc	65	51	pc	58	51	r
San Juan	84	72	pc	85	72	s	85	72	s	84	73	s	85	72	pc
Seoul	27	16	s	32	24	pc	25	7	pc	19	8	pc	21	10	pc
Sydney	76	61	r	79	61	s	75	59	pc	78	61	pc	78	60	pc
Tokyo	44	28	pc	40	28	s	46	45	sh	47	33	s	43	32	pc
Toronto	36	21	pc	25	17	sn	18	7	pc	27	14	c	23	8	c
Winnipeg	7	-2	sn	17	12	pc	27	10	sn	25	7	c	17	4	pc
Zurich	43	42	c	52	42	sh	43	36	pc	39	36	pc	45	35	sh

SUN & MOON

	Sunrise	Sunset
Wed., Jan. 1	7:32 a.m.	5:17 p.m.
Thu., Jan. 2	7:32 a.m.	5:18 p.m.
Fri., Jan. 3	7:32 a.m.	5:19 p.m.
Sat., Jan. 4	7:32 a.m.	5:20 p.m.
Sun., Jan. 5	7:32 a.m.	5:20 p.m.
Mon., Jan. 6	7:32 a.m.	5:21 p.m.
Tue., Jan. 7	7:32 a.m.	5:22 p.m.

	Moonrise	Moonset
Wed., Jan. 1	6:25 a.m.	4:09 p.m.
Thu., Jan. 2	7:30 a.m.	5:07 p.m.
Fri., Jan. 3	8:28 a.m.	6:11 p.m.

Moon Phases			
New	First	Full	Last
Jan. 2	Jan. 10	Jan. 18	Jan. 25

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