

# N.C. Black Caucus Supports Smart Start

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families in our state."

The plum of Hunt's early childhood education program might become a prune if money isn't approved to expand Smart Start, though.

Smart Start is now in 32 counties, but Gov. Hunt has proposed an additional 24 programs to begin over the next two years. One estimate said the Smart Start expansion will cost an additional \$72 million.

Forsyth County is one of the counties that already has Smart Start.

"Everybody is satisfied with the program," said Rep. Larry Womble, D-Forsyth. "We're getting the best bang for our buck."

Smart Start, which partners government and private enterprise, serves more than 8,600 children across the state. Smart Start's services include early

education for four year-olds and preventive health care.

"Either you pay on the front end, or you pay on the back end," Womble said, "It's much better to put money in programs for our kids because it gives us a chance to make a difference in their lives. If we can't do it now, then we won't be able to build enough prisons.

"It all begins with education," he said. But getting Smart Start to serve more children may be an uphill battle. The Republican leadership in the House has not come aboard to support the proposed expansion of the program.

Speaker of the House Harold Brubaker, R-Randolph, said he'd like to see Smart Start studied more before additional money is spent to expand the program. He pointed out other programs, including the Basic Education

Plan, that were expanded quickly before their full impact was known. And then it became apparent that the state wasn't realizing the full benefits that were promised.

That hasn't stopped Smart Start's top proponent from traveling the state to drum up support for Smart Start. Since his State of Address, Gov. Hunt has pushed hard for the expansion of the program. It was one of the main points when he addressed the General Assembly in January.

The next 12 counties that would be eligible for the Smart Start grants are Alleghany, Buncombe, New Hanover, Pamlico, Randolph, Robeson, Rutherford, Stokes, Surry, Wake, Washington and Wilson. Twelve more counties would be added next year if the appropriation is approved.



## Drive-Thru Open at Thruway Packaging

The construction is complete and now the drive-thru service is open at Thruway Packaging in the Thruway Shopping Center.

This service is being offered in a former bank drive thru.

Thruway Packaging's owner, Eli Bradley, has been located in the shopping center under Reading China for five years, and is the only black business in the Southeast that does shipping and packaging.

The grand opening celebration for the drive-thru will be Saturday, from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m.

## Johnson Accepted for Enrollment at School of Arts

Jerome Johnson, of Winston-Salem, has been accepted for enrollment in the 1995 Summer Session at the North Carolina School of the Arts.

Jerome Johnson will study in the Dance Summer Program at the School of the Arts. He is the son of Evelyn Johnson of 1720 Village Place. Jerome is currently a 6th grader at Philo in Winston-Salem.

The North Carolina School of the Arts is dedicated to the preparation of talented students for professional careers in dance, design and production, drama, filmmaking, music, and visual.

The School of the Arts established by the N.C. General Assembly in 1963. Accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, the School of the Arts became part of the 16-campus University of North Carolina in 1972.

The School of the Arts' annual Summer Session is a five-week residential program for intensive study in the arts. Students may study in the discipline of their choice: dance, drama, filmmaking, music, or visual arts.

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## "CHANGING THE ODDS"

Former WSSU and Dallas Cowboy great, Timmy Newsome will be the guest speaker for The African-American Recruitment Task Force (AARTF) dinner hosted by Big Brothers / Big Sisters of Forsyth County on Friday April 21, 1995 at the Adams Mark Hotel from 6:00 - 8:00pm. Pre-registration is required.

For information and registrations contact Michelle T. Edgerton, Big Brothers / Big Sisters of Forsyth County, at (910) 724-7993 prior to Tuesday April 18, 1995.

Timmy Newsome

### Easter Sunrise Service

The Easter Sunrise Service Committee of Winston-Salem, NC invite You and Your Congregation to attend the 17th Annual Seven Last Words (Phrases) Service, and the 39th Annual Easter Sunrise Service to be held on Friday, April 14, 1995 and Sunday April 16, 1995 at Shiloh Baptist Church, 916 East 12th Street, Winston-Salem, NC, where the Rev. Paul Lowe is Host Pastor. The Seven(7) Last Words(Phrases) Service will begin promptly at 7 p.m. Friday, April 14.

The ministers participating are: Rev. Dennis Bishop, Pastor of First Wauhtown Baptist Church; Rev. Richard Miller, Pastor of Holy Trinity Baptist Church; Rev. Shelton McCarter, Pastor of Cleveland Avenue Christian Church; Rev. Donald Salley, Pastor of Morning Star Baptist Church.

The Easter Sunrise Service will begin promptly at 5:30 a.m. Easter Sunday Morning, April 16, with devotional service at the Shiloh Baptist Church, 916 East 12th Street. This service will be aired live on Radio Station WAAA from 6 a.m. until 7 a.m. Rev. Paul Lowe, Pastor of Shiloh Baptist Church will bring the message.

COME AND BE A PART OF THIS GREAT WORSHIP SERVICE!!

## Winston-Salem State University Choir

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