



Local hospital, government officials and doctors participate in the ground breaking ceremony for Winston East Health Care, a new facility at New Walkertown Road and 14th Street.

New Facility to Provide Health Care

▲ Officials break ground for Winston East Health Care

From Chronicle Staff Reports

Local hospital officials, physicians, and government leaders broke ground this week for Winston East Health Care, a new primary health center at the corner of New Walkertown Road and 14th Street in the East Winston community.

The construction of the 30,000-square-foot Winston East Health Care facility will be completed this summer and will open for patient care in August 1996.

The facility is part of Aegis Family Health Centers, a network of

centers that makes family health care services more convenient and accessible for residents of Winston-Salem and surrounding counties.

"This new building will allow us to do all the things that we need to do," said Dr. Charlie Kennedy, a local pediatrician who will practice in the facility with four other African-American doctors.

"Winston East Health Care is a symbol for all black physicians who strived to give their best health care to the citizens of this community," Kennedy said.

The other physicians who will

practice at Winston East Health Care are Drs. Pamela S. Dockery, Thomas L. Clarke, Lawrence D. Hopkins and Kenneth B. Rhinehart. Wilbert D. Dillard will be a physician assistant in pediatrics.

Winston East Health Care and all other Aegis centers provide comprehensive services to all ages, with particular emphasis on prevention and patient education.

More than 300 people attended the ground-breaking ceremony.

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Taylor Attacks Helms in NAACP Address

Pastor Compares Senator to Satan

By JOHN HINTON
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Dr. Gardner C. Taylor, pastor emeritus of Concord Baptist Church in New York City, attacked U.S. Sen. Jesse Helms, R-N.C., last week, comparing the conservative senator to Satan.

"You have sent to Washington someone whose very name is closer to the devil than anyone in America — Jesse Helms," said Taylor, the keynote speaker at the 1996 Freedom Fund Gala of the Winston-Salem Branch of the NAACP.

Eddie Woodhouse, a campaign spokesman for Helms, would not comment on Taylor's statement.

Helms, who is seeking his fifth term in the Senate, will face the Democratic winner of the May 7 primary between former Charlotte Mayor Harvey Gantt and Charlie Sanders, former president and chief executive officer of Glaxo Inc. of Durham.



NAACP President William Tatum, left, stands with keynote speaker, Dr. Gardner C. Taylor.

Helms, who was first elected in 1972, built his following in North Carolina by attacking civil-rights leaders and liberals during the 1960s. Critics have described Helms as a racist and a segregationist.

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Gantt: Black Leaders Should Take Public Stance on Campaign

By CASH MICHAELS
A staffer for The Carolinian

CHARLOTTE — African-American leaders across the state supporting his rival, Dr. Charles Sanders, in the Democratic U.S. Senate primary, should "have the guts" to say they don't believe a black man can beat Sen. Jesse Helms, says Harvey Gantt.

In an exclusive interview last Friday with The Carolinian at his architectural firm's offices, Gantt, 53, expressed both surprise and anger at growing reports that noted black leaders, including Benjamin S. Ruffin of R.J. Reynolds, Rev. John Mendez of Emmanuel Baptist Church in Winston-Salem, and businessman Marion "Rex" Harris of Fayetteville, among others, are either leaning toward or actively backing Sanders, because they feel a white Democrat has a better

chance to unseat Helms, the four-term Republican incumbent.

"My surprise comes only when I hear that folks are doubting whether I can win on the basis of my race. That is something we didn't hear in 1990," Gantt said, referring to his close loss to Helms six years ago.

"Here, following a vigorous and competitive campaign in 1990, for folks to speculate six years later, four years from the 21st century, that we could not win simply because of the color of our skin, it really makes me angry, and surprised."

Gantt went on to say he doesn't believe that sentiment is shared by "average black families" across the state, however, adding, "I think it borders on

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Ministers Vow To Clean Up Block

By MAURICE CROCKER
Community News Reporter

A new center to help ex-offenders, drug addicts, and alcoholics obtain the skills necessary to function in society began serving the community last week with a clothing drive and food giveaway.

More than a thousand Winston-Salem residents participated in the kick-off celebration of the new facility, Reception Center.

The idea for the center began when two ministers saw the need and joined forces to help less-fortunate people in the community.

"The center is an outlet for other outreach ministries to operate," said Elder Rip Wilkins, founder of Outreach Ministries.

Wilkins founded Outreach Ministries six years ago and is prepared to expand it to its fullest potential.

Wilkins joined with Bishop T.R. Rice of Mercy Seat Holiness Church to develop the idea

for Reception Center.

"What you have here is two different ministries coming together as one in the Reception center," Wilkins said.

The center is located at a house on the corner of 18th and Liberty Streets, which was donated by Jerry Gilmore of Gilmore's Funeral Home.

"Before we got the house, it was just here for people to go in and out and do whatever they wanted," Rice said.

Rice said one of his expectations for the center is to clean up the block.

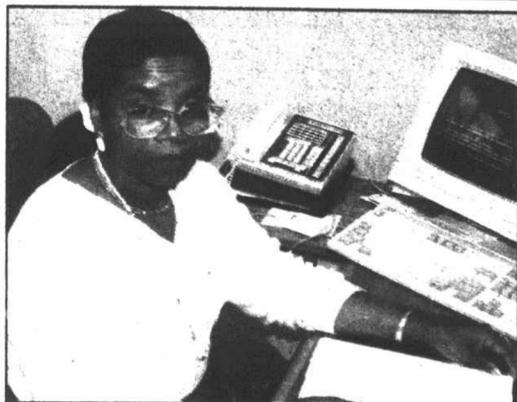
"When we say clean up the block, that doesn't mean we're going to bust the drug dealers, or the alcoholics, but we are going to show them there is another way," Wilkins said.

According to Wilkins and Rice, the center is for youth, adults, and homeless people. The agenda for the center is to offer meals, clothing, job training, placement, counseling for substance

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Residents from Winston-Salem, along with Elder Rip Wilkins, participate in the kick-off celebration of Reception Center.



Elizabeth Vah, an employee at Mechanics and Farmers Bank, escaped from war-torn Liberia in November 1992.

Liberian Native Had to Flee for Life in Monrovia

▲ Elizabeth Vah's family members were killed in war

By JOHN HINTON
Chronicle Senior Staff Writer

Elizabeth Vah had to run for her life four years ago in Monrovia, Liberia's war-torn capital.

"The plane was moving, and I was running to catch it," Vah said. "The airport was being shelled. The war was at its height."

Vah, a community customer service representative at Mechanics & Farmers Bank in Winston-Salem, is referring to a seven-year civil war in Liberia.

Last week, mobs broke down the gates at the United Nations headquarters, and looters jumped walls at the U.S. Embassy compound in Monrovia.

The fighting has claimed more than 150,000 lives and left half the country's 2.3 million residents homeless.

Vah said her father, grandfather and a brother were killed by rebel factions in Monrovia in 1992. Her father, Joseph L. Barchue Sr., was a judge, and her grandfather, Samuel

G. Bowe, was a commissioner.

She decided to leave the country in November 1992 after rebels threatened to kill her when she was pregnant with her third child, Vah said.

"They burst down our door and put a gun to my chest," Vah said. "A soldier cocked the weapon, but it didn't fire for some reason. They ran out, but they threatened to come back and kill me."

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Ezekiel Ezra Smith,

North Carolina

minister and

educator,

named minister

to Liberia



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