



Vivian Love (left) asks motorists to "hank for fairness." During a demonstration in support of Dr. Ralph Wall, who resigned from Novant Health Inc. last month. At right is Wall's daughter, Diana Wall.

## Patients rally outside Novant office

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While some of Dr. Ralph Wall's former patients demonstrated Tuesday outside of the satellite office of Novant Health Inc., the health care company maintained the matter was simply a personnel issue.

About a dozen of Wall's supporter, former patients, employees — even family members — demonstrated for 11 hours outside the new Forsyth Medical Arts Building at 2135 New Walkertown Rd.

But not all protesters were protesting the same thing. Some felt that Wall, who resigned from his contract with Novant a month ago, had been forced out of his practice. One of Wall's two medical office assistants, whom Novant fired when Wall resigned, protested that her dismissal was unfair, while the husband of the second medical assistant fingered physician assistant Tommy Williams as the villain in the script.

And at least one demonstrator praised Novant and Wall, but felt both parties dropped the ball when it came to patient

consideration.

Wall, who practiced with East Forsyth Medical Associates on Cleveland Avenue, signed a five-year contract with the health care corporation in September 1995. In June, a letter was sent to Wall's patients notifying them that the practice was moving to the new Novant satellite. Wall was scheduled to receive patients at the Forsyth Medical Arts Building July 14.

Novant officials said that Wall breached the contract when he handed in

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## State to release ABC results

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The state Board of Education will release results today from the first phase of the school accountability initiative.

Under the model, named The ABCs of Public Education, schools are no longer compared to other districts or a statewide average. Instead, a school must prove that its standards have risen, measured against its performance of the previous year.

Students must show proficiency in the basics of reading, writing and mathematics, and schools must prove growth in their test scores. Schools that have exceeded the state-mandated performance goal by at least 10 percent will be judged exemplary. Those that have achieved their performance goal will be judged as meeting expectations, and schools that haven't met their goal but have shown 50 percent or more of the students testing at their level or above will be rated proficient. Those schools that have not met their goals or scored proficient will be classed low-performing.

Grades K-8 participated in the first phase of the ABC plan. The state board approved the high school model in March for the 1997-98 school year.

These are grades that count. If a school does not measure up to the ABC model, the principal could be fired and a state intervention team called in. On the other hand, the principals, teachers and teachers' assistants in schools that prove themselves exemplary will receive bonuses of up to \$1,000.

Drastic measures such as the former will be taken only in the very lowest-performing schools, said state officials.

When Winston-Salem/Forsyth County Schools released preliminary test scores last month, three elementary schools ranked as low performing schools: Forest Park, Hall Woodward and Mineral Springs. These schools were identified in 1995-96 statistics as not meeting proficiency levels or the state's growth expectation.

One of the six elementary and middle schools whose early test scores indicated trouble, Bolton Elementary, now ranks exemplary. Two other schools that also had low scores last year indicate that they have improved: LEAP Academy at Petree proved exemplary, and Diggs

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## Roundtable won't be a 'Trojan Horse,' says Griggs

By BRIDGET EVARTS  
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If revived, the Black Leadership Roundtable will not pander to party alliances, promised Khalid Griggs, co-convenor of the group's July 31 meeting.

"This is not an attempt ... to be some kind of Trojan Horse," said Griggs, imam of the Community Mosque of Winston-Salem, "by which people with political agendas can fit into this Trojan Horse."



Khalid Griggs

Some of the 70 or so people gathered at the Sarah Austin Head Start Center on East End Boulevard had participated in the original Black Leadership Roundtable. Organized in the early 1980s, the first Black Leadership Roundtable provided voter education information for the black community. The

group also served as a think tank, interpreting the social issues affecting African Americans.

Politics united the group, and politics ultimately split the first Roundtable. Disagreement over which candidate to support in the 1984 gubernatorial race led to the group's demise.

The steering committee of the new Roundtable has taken careful steps to avoid future disharmony. That's why Griggs was charged with crafting operational principles to guide the new organization.

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## Nation's black librarians meet in Winston: Culture keepers to make global connections

By FELECIA P. MCMILLAN  
Special to THE CHRONICLE

Gertiana Williams, from New Orleans, who served as the chairperson of the Third National Conference of African American Librarians, was pleased to announce that although this was the first time the conference was held in Winston-Salem, the event here far exceeded expectations in attendance, participation of authors, workshops, and vendors. According to Sylvia Sprinkle-Hamlin, president of the Black Caucus of the American Library Association (BCALA), more than 1,000 people attended from around the country.

"In this conference we tried to expand on the linkages to our colleges in other parts of the African Diaspora," Williams said. "We promote diversity in libraries and productivity."

According to Williams, it is crucial that librari-



Sylvia Sprinkle-Hamlin, the deputy director of the Forsyth County Public Library, is the president of BCALA.

ans begin to operate in "unpredictable ways" in order to serve a diverse population. As informational professionals, she said, librarians should realize the multiple ways to find solutions to reaching people, because the library should be more than just a depository.

"We need to reach out in our communities that are often under-served," Williams said. She said that in less affluent areas,

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## WomenWork! grads ready for work

By FELECIA P. MCMILLAN  
Special to THE CHRONICLE

"We can't afford to get tired. It does no good for the doors of opportunity to open for us if we are not prepared to go in. If they need computer-trained women, we need to be prepared," said the Rev. Lee Faye Mack, the keynote speaker for the graduates of the WomenWork! program sponsored by the Women's Resource Center (WRC) of Greensboro. The graduation was held at the WRC on Sunday, Aug. 3. These graduates just completed a 16-week commitment of classes in computer training, typing tutorial, self-esteem and other skills that are useful in the workplace.

This comprehensive, three-



The graduates were all smiles as they stood on the steps of the WRC following the graduation. The Rev. Lee Faye Mack, (front right) was the keynote speaker.

month program is designed to assist with job training and educational skills necessary for attaining self-sufficiency through gainful employment. Marian Franklin, executive

director and one of the founders of the WRC, said, "We recognize that women have the answers within

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