

SPORTS WEEK

Locals get set for Crosby

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Bill aims to make students more respectful

Month after some black legislators in South Carolina... Sen. Beverly Perdue... introduced a bill last week in the General Assembly...

would be left up to individual school boards, according to the bill. Funds would also be attached to the bill to help support...

"Even something as benign and non-controversial as this does carry racial baggage."

- Carlton Eversley

Terms implement programs that teach students respect. If a student persistently ignores the courtesy title rule,

his or her parents may be required to attend such programs with their children, according to the bill. "By teaching and requiring respectful forms of address in our schools, our local school districts can strengthen the relationship between parents and teachers," said Perdue in a statement.



Sen. Bev Perdue, center, campaigns in Winston-Salem earlier this year.

10 years and counting



Service Corps participants receive instruction earlier this week. The Service Corps program consists of physical training, education and training.

Service Corps helps turn lives around



Shall Simms clears a site near downtown Winston-Salem.

Ten years and countless success stories later, the Winston-Salem/Forsyth County Service Corps is still changing lives and brightening the tomorrows of the many young people who enter its ranks. The highly structured education and training program started in 1990 with lofty goals. Service Corps was designed to provide viable employment skills to men and women between 18 and 23, especially those who would not have anyplace else to turn.

Officials kick off National Law Enforcement Week

BY CHERIS HODGES THE CHRONICLE

Winston-Salem police officer Vincent Stephens didn't think he did anything spectacular when he stopped to help a family who had been in a car accident. The car was overturned and it was pouring down rain.

Stephens wasn't in the city of Winston-Salem when he risked his life to save the family of three; he wasn't even in North Carolina.

Stephens and another officer were attending a conference at S.C. State University in Orangeburg.

Stephens said it feels great to be recognized for what he did, but, he added, "When you see a car flipped over, it's your duty to do something."

When Stephens returned to Winston-Salem, he didn't tell



Assistant Police Chief Mike McCoy, from right, shares a laugh with Capt. Tim Samuels and Capt. Terry Jones at a Hanes Mall ceremony.

anyone of his heroic actions. "I was doing my job," he said. "I felt like talking about it would have been bragging." But his supervisor did find out and he was awarded the medal of valor at Monday's ceremony to kick off National Law Enforcement Week.

Inmates warn young people

BY T. KEVIN WALKER THE CHRONICLE

Don Ormsby merely isn't talking the talk when he speaks to young people about the dangers of drugs and a life of crime.

The path he took in life led him to a prison life sentence 25 years ago for second-degree murder. Ormsby was just 22 years old.

He's still serving his sentence at a Winston-Salem detention camp; 13 chances at parole have come and gone with no success.

Ormsby is in a work release program that allows him to do



Inmate Don Ormsby talks to kids at the Winston Lake YMCA.

electrical work in the daytime while spending his nights and weekends behind bars. Over the years he has also been an enthusiastic volunteer in the Think Smart program, urging youngsters at local schools and community centers to avoid the mistakes he has made.

"Think about what you are doing," Ormsby told about two dozen young people at the Winston Lake YMCA last week.

Ormsby told the students, who are participants in the Urban League's Project SELF program,

Graduates say goodbye to books, look toward real world



From left: Melissa Smith, Sheila Cunningham, Doris J. Vaughns, Nicole Jones, JoAnn W. Frazier, LaKisha King.

Forsyth Tech grads excited about future plans

BY PAUL COLLINS THE CHRONICLE

About 425 students received degrees, diplomas and certificates during Forsyth Technical Community College's spring commencement last Thursday night at Wait Chapel, on the campus of Wake Forest University.

Family members and friends snapped photographs and watched with pride during the service.

Derrick Davis, president and

Preparation is key to success, speaker tells WSSU grads

BY CHERIS HODGES THE CHRONICLE

Commencement day at Winston-Salem State University saw 540 eager young adults make the transition from the college world to the real world.

More than two-thirds of the degrees earned were in technical fields like math and the sciences. This is a trend at WSSU and across the nation.

The job market is looking for



Winston-Salem State University graduates prepare to walk across a stage at Joel Coliseum to receive their degrees.