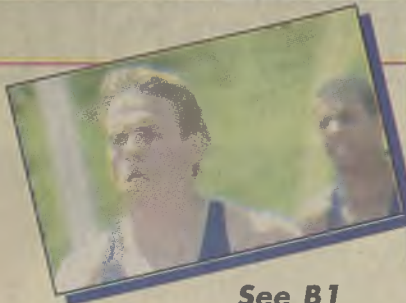


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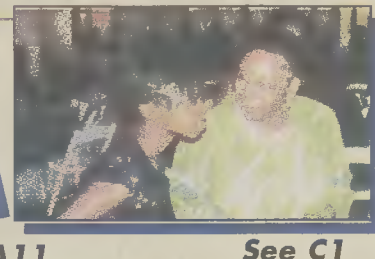
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Forum takes look at teen drinking

Coalition for Drug Abuse Prevention met with a group of parents, students and law enforcement agents at a forum on the problem of underage drinking. A parent who attended the meeting said it is important for parents to stay involved in their children's lives, especially in high school. ...

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Photo by Paul Collins

Weed and Seed Coordinator William Sturdivant passes out balloons at the program's community day.

Community Day attracts the masses

BY PAUL COLLINS
THE CHRONICLE

When Daria Quinsaas heard the Winston Lake Drummers perform Saturday at Weed and Seed's Cleveland Avenue Community Day, she

just had to dance.

"It was in my blood, my Tahitian blood, the drums, you know," said Quinsaas, who works for the Winston-Salem Housing Authority after-school program in the Cleve-

land community.

In addition to the drum music, Quinsaas especially liked the drug display at Community Day. "I don't do drugs and I didn't know what

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NOI calling on families to demand change

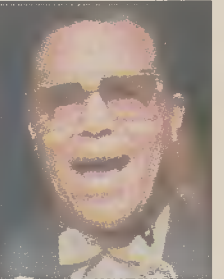
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The men, more than 1 million strong, marched for atonement and change. The women marched for unity and solidarity. The families will march for all of the above and much more.

The Million Family March is the latest reincarnation of the massive march on Washington concept. Like its trailblazing ancestors, 1996's Million Man March and 1997's Million Woman March, the Million Family March, which will be held Oct. 16, is being spearheaded by the Nation of Islam (NOI).

Local NOI mosques are in the process of educating communities about the mission of the march and recruiting those who want to go.

The Min. Mikal Muhammad of the Muhammad Mosque in Winston-Salem said the march, for the first time in this nation's history, will give families an opportunity to take issues like violence, crime and education to the people



Min. Farrakhan



Min. Muhammad

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Church hopes new center will enlighten young minds

BY KEVIN WALKER
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Rev. L.M. Johnson told the story of Moses parting the Red Sea when he told his congregation at Ephesus Seventh-Day Adventist Church one of the many obstacles he overcame during the construction of the church's new center and community cen-

ter. The construction company that built the facility had told Johnson that the land where the center was built was unfit for construction. To fix the problem, the cost close to \$50,000, Johnson said he was told. ...

pulpit at the church a few minutes before a ribbon cutting for the new center, which is adjacent to the church's edifice on Cleveland Avenue. The 13,500 square-foot center

The school moved into the church, sharing a space in the rear of the building with church offices and other facilities. Church officials say the new school provides all the space

"When you walk over to the center, you are walking on parted land." - The Rev. L.M. Johnson



will serve as a home for the Adventists' well-known education programs and school. The church has operated a school for close to 50 years.

Currently grades preschool through eighth are served by the school. The school once called a tidy, three-story building on Ivy Avenue home, but the structure was sold several years ago.

needed to cultivate young minds.

The building contains several classrooms, offices for the school's principal and nurse, and a full-fledged media center. The added space will also allow the school to increase its population tremendously.

"The Lord has been very, very gracious to Ephesus," Johnson said. "This is the light shined



Photo by Kevin Walker

Members and friends of Ephesus Seventh-Day Adventist Church prepare to cut the ribbon Sunday afternoon for the church's brand new community and education center.

in a dark place."

The ribbon cutting brought together many men and women who dreamed for years of opening the school. Some gave generous contributions to jump-start construction; others can easily

remember the school's rich history and the men and women who were the first to run it.

Robert Williams, principal of the church's school, talked about the magic of grand openings. Openings, he said, always signal

the start of something "fresh" and "new." He said the opening of the new school building is especially symbolic because it means more than just opening up a structure.

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Photo by Felecia McMillan

Reid, 57, poses with her two grandchildren.

Woman, 57, graduates from college after overcoming abuse, alcohol

BY FELECIA P. McMILLAN
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On the night before her graduation from college, Claudia M. Reid, 57, could not sleep. Due to her nervousness, she arose at midnight and at every hour on the hour until 6 a.m. when it was time for her to get dressed for the big event.

A caravan of six carloads of her children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren and friends followed her to N.C. A&T State University on Saturday, May 13, to watch her receive her bachelor of science degree in nursing. When she walked across the stage, she could hear the cheering of her family.

"My grandchildren were standing at the end of the aisle in a large group yelling, 'Grandma' and 'G-G.' My children yelled 'Mama!' and my friends called me by name. The babies were just hollering," she said with much laughter.

"I wanted this march. I didn't just want the

degree. This is closure," said Reid. "I went through every step. That is an achievement for me, and I was proud of myself for doing it."

Reid discovered that she wanted to be a nurse in the early 1970s when she took a friend to apply

"I know that I have had angels watching over me."

- Claudia M. Reid

for a job at a nursing home. Reid spoke with a registered nurse on staff, who gave her a guided tour of the facility. Reid watched her as she fed the patients, bathed the patients and gave general care of the clients.

"I fell in love with the place and the people. I started making plans to be a nurse because she seemed to love what she was doing. When I met

her, I ran across my first angel," said Reid. "I had been floundering around not knowing what I wanted to do or to be. I went to college at A&T, but I dropped out and got married. My whole life changed, but not for the better. I was a battered wife, a victim of domestic abuse with a tragic end. After all the debts were paid, I still wanted to be a nurse."

Reid went to Forsyth Technical College and studied automotive mechanics, but she was interested in health care.

"I had to make a decision. I either had to cook or get out of the kitchen. I could feel sorry for myself or I could go to school," she said.

In 1991, Reid enrolled in the licensed practical nursing program at Forsyth Technical College. Her goal was to work for a year, attain a two-year degree; however, her ultimate goal was a B.S. degree in nursing. She attended Winston-Salem State University for a while. She then transferred

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