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Bobcats score 32 runs in two wins

Crossing 52 is happening on court



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Depression among kids fairly common

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CDC begins push for city money

BY SHERIDAN HILL THE CHRONICLE

At Monday night's meeting of the Board of Aldermen, representatives from the East Winston Community Development Corp. made an impromptu plea for financial support for the long-proposed cafeteria in East Winston. The CDC has been raising funds for the project since 1998 when it established David Capital, a for-profit corporation, and sold stock to local churches and individuals.

Audit to be conducted, official says

BY SHERIDAN HILL THE CHRONICLE

An audit is forthcoming in response to questions about how the East Winston Community Development Corp. spent a \$250,000 federal grant designated for the East Winston cafeteria project.



Grace

Robert Mott, deputy director of community services, told the Chronicle that when the Health and Human Services' audit agency first attempted to schedule a visit to audit the CDC's expenditure of the grant, Grace had a medical condition that kept him out of the office for several weeks.

In a Jan. 20 memo to the CDC, the audit agency outlined areas of review and asked for supporting documents. The goal of the visit was to determine if the funds were spent for the purpose intended. According to Mott, the agency rescheduled and visited the CDC on Feb. 11.

Mott said that during the second week of May, HHS auditors gave the CDC a document of their findings and asking for the CDC's response. He said an organization is usually given 30-45 days to respond.

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Parents decry testing system



Daniella Cook of Common Sense addresses parents.

BY T. KEVIN WALKER THE CHRONICLE

Rick Poston said his daughter was so nervous about taking the end-of-grade test that she broke out in hives. She was even more distraught, Poston said, when she learned she failed the test by a single point.

Stories like Poston's were common last week during a forum featuring a representative from the Common Sense Foundation Fair Testing Project, a Raleigh-based public policy think tank that touts itself as a champion for the "locked out and left out." About a dozen parents attended the two-hour forum at Emmanuel Baptist Church. They shared their children's negative experiences with the state's highly praised accountability testing program, which financially compensates schools and districts whose students perform well on standardized tests.

Although the state has received kudos from outsiders for its strict accountability standards, many say the testing system has gotten out of hand.

"I left my classroom a little bit tired and frustrated with the testing system in North Carolina," said Daniella Cook, a former teacher who left the profession to head Common Sense's fair testing wing.

Cook said that since the state's accountability program, called ABC's, compensates

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Commencement Day

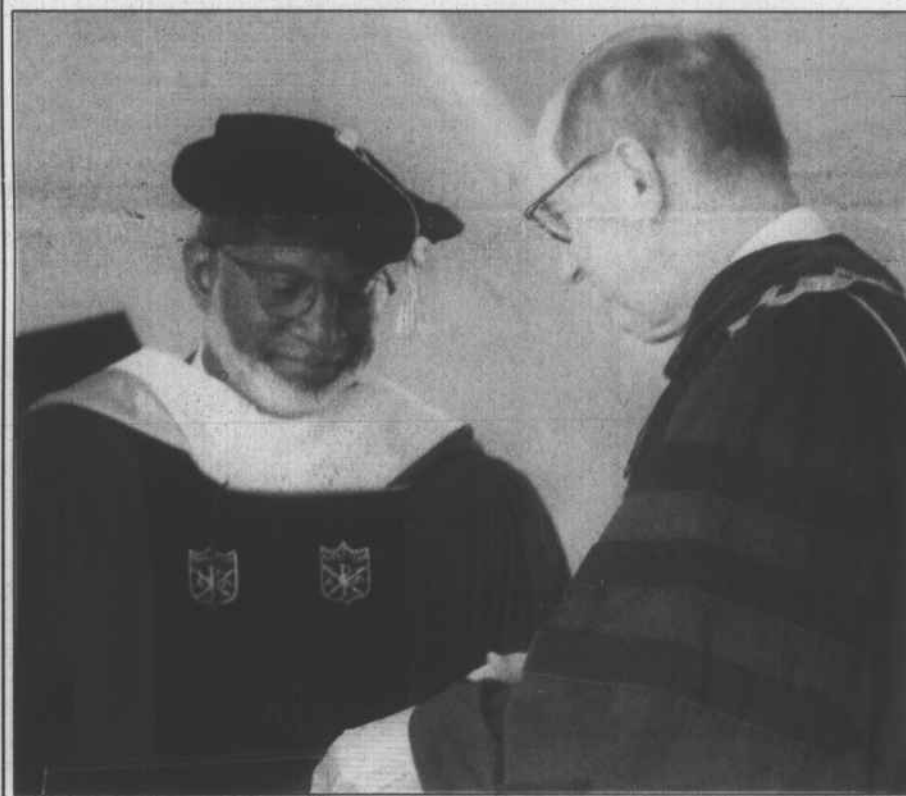


Photo courtesy of Wake Forest University

Former U.S. Surgeon General David Satcher, left, receives an honorary degree Monday from Wake Forest University President Thomas Hearn during the school's commencement. Satcher was appointed surgeon general during the Clinton administration. He decided to leave the post late last year. Satcher was one of five people who received honorary degrees at the graduation. Among them were Sen. John McCain, this year's commencement speaker, and Marian Wright Edelman, who delivered the pre-commencement baccalaureate address. To read more about Edelman's speech, see A5.

Chronicle family mourns

FROM THE CHRONICLE STAFF

This has been the toughest issue of the newspaper for The Chronicle staff to produce. Our hearts have been heavy, our tears have been many and our thoughts have been far away from the confines of our office and the newspaper business.



Warren

Friday, a member of The Chronicle family passed away unexpectedly. Victoria

Davis Warren, or Vickie as we called her, was only 40. She had worked at The Chronicle for seven years, most recently as the circulation clerk. She was also a valuable part of our front office staff. Many of you may have encountered her as you brought in news articles. Her big smile was her trademark as was her ability to make everyone feel at ease.

Of course none of us knew last Thursday that it would be the last time we saw her famous smile and heard her trademark laugh. We have found some solace this week in recalling that smile and laugh, but there will

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Resurrected

East Area Council is revised, has a new mission

BY T. KEVIN WALKER THE CHRONICLE

Talk concerning the demise of the East Area Council has apparently been premature.

The council, an arm of the Greater Winston-Salem Chamber of Commerce, is back in action after a brief and controversial hiatus.

"We are now going to be more philanthropic in our service," Mosé Belton-Brown, president of the council, said of the EAC revised focus. The council had been largely a business networking vehicle for minority businesspeople. The council held monthly breakfast meetings where invited guests spoke on



Photo by Kevin Walker

Members of Delta Fine Arts accept a check from the EAC steering committee.

various business topics and business owners fellowshipped.

Chamber President Gayle Anderson replaced

the council last December, citing a lack of attendance at the council's breakfast meetings and the council's inability to recruit new

blood into the chamber.

The East Area Council was to become the Minority Business Council with a

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Student has not missed day of school in 13 years

BY COURTNEY GAILLARD THE CHRONICLE

Juana (pronounced Je-nay) Richardson hasn't missed a day of school in 13 years. Neither cold nor flu nor even a family death has kept Richardson from being absent a single day at Rural Hall Elementary School, Mineral Springs Middle School or North Forsyth High School, where she is a senior.

And no, Richardson has yet to come down with a case of the chickenpox, unlike her brother and sister did when they were much younger. Richardson will graduate from North Forsyth tomorrow and is headed for N.C. State University in the fall to study biology.

If you ask Richardson how she feels about accomplishing this unbelievable milestone, you will find that she is amazed as



Photo by Courtney Gaillard

Juana Richardson stands in a hallway at North Forsyth High School.

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