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## Centers to get artistic infusion

Program is geared toward child care

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Arts education will soon be making its way into the classroom at several child care facilities in the area thanks to a joint effort between Forsyth Early Childhood Partnership (FECFP) and The Arts Council of Winston-Salem and Forsyth County. An 18-week comprehensive arts education program will serve primarily low-income children attending one-star day care centers.

The FECFP became a Smart Start agency in 1995 and has since focused on collaborating with child care providers and various agencies throughout the community to create a child-friendly atmosphere for youngsters.

Beginning in February, a handful of centers that scored lowest on the state's new rating system for child care facilities will incorporate four main art components — music, drama, visual art and dance — into their daily curriculums. Each classroom will spend multiple sessions on each art component.

Officials hope the arts infusion will help centers increase their state ratings.

Cindy Sutton, community education and involvement coordinator for the FECFP, says that it historically offered an arts enrichment program in child care facilities before this one but many other arts programs were eliminated over the last year due to the state budgetary crisis. Sutton says they received the green light to proceed with the program, again, after receiving grants.

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Louise Davis is escorted to blow out the candles on her birthday cake.

Photos by Kevin Walker

## An Indomitable Spirit

Louise Davis, one of city's most beloved residents, turns 94

BY T. KEVIN WALKER  
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The price of admission to Louise Hammond Davis' 94th birthday party was simply a hug.

It's Davis' preferred form of greeting everyone from her closest friends to complete strangers. Those who have been the recipients of Davis' warm hugs and bright smiles over the years packed the cafeteria at Sunrise Towers Friday to honor her through poems, a cappella gospel songs and words of praise.

"She has an indomitable spirit," said Serenus Churn, Davis' pastor at Mount Zion Baptist Church. "Whenever you see her, she is always reaching forth, pressing for higher ground. If you hang out with her, you have got to want something in life."

Davis is a slight woman who moves slowly but surely with the help of a cane. But those who know her see her as towering, a steady rock in unstable times. Davis is the reigning matriarch of Sunrise Towers, a high-rise public housing complex on Martin Luther King Drive that many senior citizens call home. Davis moved into Sunrise Towers three decades ago, soon after the complex opened its doors.



One of Louise Davis' friends shows emotion as another friend of Davis sings a gospel song in honor of Davis' 94th birthday.

"The (Housing Authority) staff looks to her as a mom," said Reid Lawrence, executive director of the Housing Authority of Winston-Salem.

Though sweet as pie and kind, Davis has always kept HAWS staff members on their toes, Lawrence said.

"When things aren't right, she doesn't mind getting on that telephone to tell you to fix it," he laughed. Davis served as a commissioner on the HAWS board for years, serving as a voice for public housing residents.

Almeta Miller has lived down the hall from Davis for the past six years. Miller alternates between

calling Davis "mother" and "grandmother."

"She is the mother that I don't have, and she is the grandmother that I don't have. Plus she is my friend, also," Miller said.

Miller said there is no secret why Davis is so loved. Miller remembers Davis bringing her snacks and treats when she was under the weather and how Davis can always find good things to say to everyone with whom she comes in contact.

"She has taught me a lot of things, like how you should do for other people," Miller said.

Jacquelyn Jenkins, Davis' only

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## Locals will join others for capital peace march

Event organizers say they oppose military action against Iraq, others

BY T. KEVIN WALKER AND PAUL COLLINS  
 THE CHRONICLE

A local grassroots group that has been actively speaking out against a possible U.S. war against Iraq is planning to join other peace-minded people later this month for a march on Washington.

Community for Peace is planning to take at least 100 people from Winston-Salem to the Jan. 18 march. The trip is open to anyone who would like to take part, and organizers hope that Winston-Salem will be represented at the march by many more than those already confirmed.

Local marchers will join people from across the country. Up to half a million are expected to attend, according to International A.N.S.W.E.R. (Act Now to Stop War and End Racism). The organization — with offices in Washington, New York, Chicago and San Francisco — bills itself as a nationwide grassroots effort to oppose war with Iraq. The fact that the march is being held near Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday is no accident. Organizers will piggyback off King's nonviolent approach at the march. An image of King juxtaposed with a military aircraft is part of the color banner for the march.

The daylong event will feature several speakers, some of whom are well-known. Already confirmed for the event is Cynthia

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## Emancipation event well attended

BY PAUL COLLINS  
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Hundreds of people attended the annual Emancipation Proclamation celebration Jan. 1 at Emmanuel Baptist Church.

Louisa Lyerly Foy played an organ prelude, and Evelyn R. Clayborn gave the welcome. Mayor Allen Joiner — said to be the first Winston-Salem mayor to attend a city Emancipation Proclamation celebration — remarked, "I'm sorry we have to celebrate this day, because of man's inhumanity to man."

Rev. Miller Allen gave the invocation. Ralph Meadows sang "I Want to Be Ready" (and another solo later in the program). Martha Jones lit a candle and remembered those who have passed on.

The Mount Zion Baptist Church Praise Singers sang a

number.

Attorney Fredrick Evans read the Emancipation Proclamation by President Abraham Lincoln, which said, in part: "That on the first day of January, A.D. 1863, all persons held as slaves within any state or designated part of a state the people whereof shall be in rebellion against the United States be then, thenceforward, and forever free...."

Robert Long, president of the board of directors of the Winston-Salem/Forsyth County Emancipation Association, introduced the speaker. Rev. Dr. Serenus T. Churn, pastor of Mt. Zion Baptist Church.

Churn said, "...Our servitude has really not been terminated....We still find ourselves in a racist environment."

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## Trophy Time



Photo by Kevin Walker

Angie Green and Robert Wynn organize trophies Saturday at Carver High School during the championship game of the 10th annual Chronicle/David Lash JV Tournament. For full coverage of the tournament, see SportsWeek on B1.



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Rev. Dr. Serenus T. Churn, pastor of Mt. Zion Baptist Church, was the featured speaker at the Emancipation Proclamation celebration.