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County Dems elect black chair



Joycelyn Johnson and David Crawford count votes on Saturday.

Harold Kennedy III vows to reach out to everyone

BY T. KEVIN WALKER
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It has taken more than two decades, but the Forsyth County Democratic Party has elected another African-American chairman.

Harold Kennedy III was the victor in a hotly-contested race for the position. Kennedy received 160 votes, 43 more votes than Hayes McNeill, a longtime party official.

County Democrats elected Kennedy Saturday during their convention at Forsyth Technical Community College.

Kennedy, a local attorney, hails from a famous local legal and political family. His late father, Harold Kennedy Jr., and his mother, Annie Brown



Harold Kennedy III was elected.

Kennedy, both were Democratic members of the N.C. House of Representatives.

Kennedy touted his deep Democratic background.

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Allens plan to open practice

New building will be named for longtime physician

BY COURTNEY GAILLARD
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Slater Academy Family Medicine is planning to make a new home in the heart of East Winston a year from now. Construction crews have demolished a structure that once housed a dry-cleaning business on Martin Luther King Jr. Drive between Third and Fourth streets. In its place the Harvey Hamilton Allen Professional Building will be erected.

The new 16,000-square-foot building is named for Dr. Harvey Allen Sr., who has been practicing medicine in East Winston for the last 40 years.

"It could be named for anybody. Of course I'm overjoyed, but just to get a building up and working and helping the people is what gives me the joy," said Dr. Harvey Allen Sr.

Residents of East Winston have been relying on the Allen family to tend to their medical needs for decades. Dr. Allen's father, Dr. Hobart Allen, opened his own medical practice in East Winston in 1922, which Dr. Harvey Allen took over after his death.

For the last two years, his son, Dr. Harvey Allen Jr., has been serving patients at Slater Academy Family Medicine out of the Aegis Family Health Center on 14th Street. His vision for the new location is to serve the community's health care needs during the

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Native Watts spends time with freshmen

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Rolonda Watts has a date with the freshman class at Winston-Salem Preparatory Academy three years from now. The PAX TV host of "Lie Detector" promised students she would attend their graduation in 2008 after a parent from the audience invited her to the big day.

"It's a date," Watts told the students on April 8 at the Academic Awards Program, where she was the guest speaker. She spent more than an hour talking with the students about her journey from Winston-Salem to Los Angeles. "I'll see you at graduation."

Until that day arrives, Watts left the students with a lot to think about. To the nosy students blessed with the gift of gab, she told them to consider a career in journalism. To the bossy students, she told them to consider becoming a CEO or president of a Fortune 500 company. And to the dramatic students, she encouraged them to look no further than the stage where they could pursue acting professionally.

Try as many careers as possible, she told the ninth-graders, because she certainly has. Growing up in Winston-Salem, Watts said, she envi-



Rolonda Watts poses with students at the Winston-Salem Preparatory Academy last week.

Photo by Anthony Hill

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Mo'Nique shows serious side during Carver talk

Actress is new face of Sara Lee Brand's Just my Size

BY T. KEVIN WALKER
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The woman who became a celebrity by cracking jokes about everything from her plus-size figure, to presidential politics was not in a laughing mood when she paid Carver High School students a surprise visit on April 6.

Mo'Nique spent nearly an hour talking to a captive audience of hundreds of students and teachers about self-esteem, education and the power of dreaming. At times her message was blunt. On the topic of fashion, for example, she was critical of young men who wear do-rags and other "thug" fashions and young women who think

wearing less is better. "Dammit, (school) ain't the place for a fashion show," she said to enthusiastic applause that came mainly from teachers.

Mo'Nique is best known for her role as Nikki Parker on the UPN series "The Parkers." The series, which ran for five seasons, was once the top-rated television show among African-American households. Mo'Nique said she often visits schools like Carver - those with largely African-American student bodies - because she is concerned that too many young black people are falling into the traps of crime, unsafe sex and underachievement.

"We are lost and nobody

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Photo by courtesy of Sara Lee

Mo'Nique talks to students at Carver High School last week. The actress' visit to the school was arranged by Sara Lee. Mo'Nique is the new face of Just My Size, one of the company's brands.



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