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## Job Fair offers second chances to ex-offenders

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More than 300 men and women waited anxiously in the hallway at the Hewitt Business Center on Marshall Street Tuesday morning for an opportunity many believed they might never get – a chance at honest employment without having to belabor their criminal records.

The "New Beginnings: A Source of Hope" job fair, a collaborative effort of the Northwest Piedmont Council of Governments' (NWPCOG) Workforce Development Program; the Forsyth County Detention Center; and Tabernacle of Faith Church, was designed specifically with ex-offenders in mind. The fair was intended to be an avenue for attendees to apply for employment and gain access to resources in the community that could help them in their upward climb.

"All we've tried to do is reach out into the community," commented Paulette Stokes of NWPCOG. "The job market's tough, but for people who have these circumstances in their background, it's even tougher. We wanted to be able to touch people and say there are those of us who understand." Though there was a wait to get in the door, ex-offender



Photo by Layla Farmer

Min. Ernest Tatum with Paulette Stokes.

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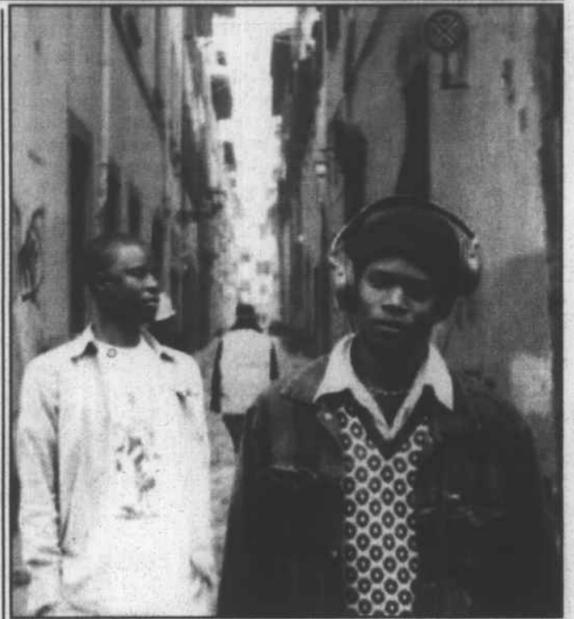


Photo by Endia Beal

A sample of some of her work.

## Africans in Italy become subjects of photographs

Local woman forms connections during semester abroad

BY LAYLA FARMER  
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Venice, Mediterranean men and meatballs. Those were the things that came to mind when Endia Beal used to think of Italy.

After spending a semester abroad in Florence, last spring, Beal, a city native and a 2008 alumna of UNC-Chapel Hill says she has a completely different take on that nation and her own.

Though she found that Italian life is heavily influenced by American, and especially African American, culture, the many contributions of nearby African cultures are largely ignored there, Beal said.

"(As a black person) you don't feel connected," she reported. "My white friends felt like they could connect. They had a sense of feeling honored or impressed."

Though Africans, as Beal, an art history major, puts it, "are not catered to" in Italy, Senegalese and Moroccan immigrants populate the city in great number, she says. Unfortunately, many of those who live there have entered the country illegally are forced to rely on illegal methods of making money as well, Beal says. Hawking counterfeit bags and watches has become a dangerous, yet necessary way



Photo by Layla Farmer

Endia Beal is looking to showcase her vast collection of photos.

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Photos by Todd Luck

Moses "Mo" Lucas, Lynette Wilson and George "Big" Redd listen to a speaker during last week's dedication ceremony.

## ROADS OF SUCCESS

Street names honor three legends

BY TODD LUCK  
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Those driving through Kensington Village Apartments may see some familiar names as they ride through the complex.

Roads at the new apartment complex have been named after three community icons: long time YMCA men-

tor Moses "Mo" Lucas, retired police officer George "Big" Redd and the late Louise Wilson, an educator, activist and former director of the Experiment in Self Reliance.

The renamed streets are meant to inspire, according to City Council Member Joycelyn Johnson, who pro-

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## BELLE OF THE BASH

Photo by Felicia P. Long

The mother of the late, great Larry Leon Hamlin, Annie Hamlin Johnson, cozies up to family friend Brian McLaughlin at a weekend fundraising event for the upcoming National Black Theatre Festival. To read more about the event, see page B7.



## The 'Home' Where the Heart Is

Substance abuse program alumni hold reunion

BY T. KEVIN WALKER  
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There is a reason why it is not called "The Fellowship House."

Within the walls of this hands-on substance abuse treatment program is the kind of love, support and encouragement that keeps families bound – a sort of warmth that is like mom's apple pie and dad's kind smile, all rolled together.

The residents, alumni and staff of "The Fellowship Home" consider themselves a giant close-knit family. They have been there for one another in the worst and best of times. The Home's



Photo by Kevin Walker

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