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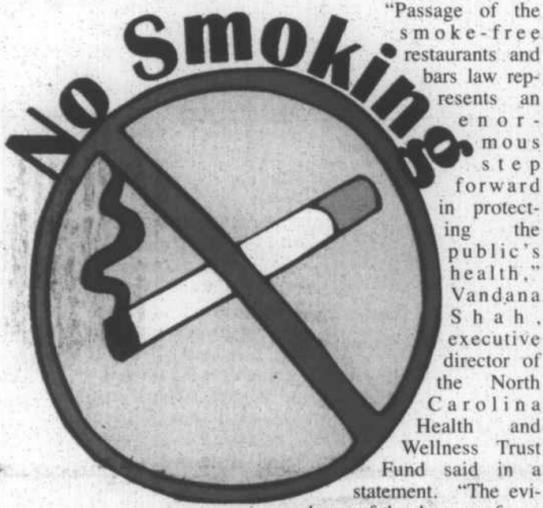
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## Establishments prepare for smoking ban

BY LAYLA FARMER  
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A law banning indoor smoking in restaurants, clubs and bars across the state will go into effect Jan. 2. The law was passed last year by the North Carolina General Assembly, and heartily approved by Gov. Bev Perdue.

A few establishments, such as cigar bars, are exempt from the ban, but restaurants, bars and other businesses that serve food and drink and currently allow their customers to smoke will be affected.



"Passage of the smoke-free restaurants and bars law represents an enormous step forward in protecting the public's health," Vandana Shah, executive director of the North Carolina Health and Wellness Trust Fund said in a statement. "The evidence of the dangers of secondhand smoke is indisputable, and North Carolina is taking the lead among tobacco-growing states with this legislation."

Dr. Tim Monroe, director of the Forsyth County Department of Public Health, thinks the ban is a healthy choice for North Carolina and the local community. The Health Department has already launched a campaign known as "Tasty Tuesdays," to raise awareness and increase support for newly smoke-free restaurants.

"We think it's a great public health achievement for North Carolina," Monroe remarked. "I think it's something to be celebrated."

The ban will create a healthier environment for everyone

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## Connecting Yesterday with Today



Renee Andrews performs a traditional libation on Monday to kick-off the Kwanzaa celebration of the principle of Ujima, or collective works and responsibility. The event was held at the Malloy/Jordan East Winston Heritage Center and attracted a crowd of locals. Read more on B1.



Photos by Todd Luck  
The Rev. Carlton Eversley leads Monday's CCEAA meeting.

## A Collective Resolution

Group hoping to make big impact on education in '10

BY TODD LUCK  
THE CHRONICLE

A small group of community residents is hoping to make a big impact on local education.

Concerned Citizens for Educational Accountability and Achievement (CCEAA) formed in April to address disparities facing minority students in the Winston-Salem/Forsyth County School System. The group is led by Dr. Virginia Newell, a retired educator, and the Rev. Dr. Carlton Eversley, who holds the monthly meetings at Dellabrook Presbyterian Church, where he pastors.

So far, the group has put teams in 10 Title 1 schools, which were deemed to have the greatest need. Title 1 schools have a high percentage of students from low income families.

The three-member observation teams consist of a parent, a teacher and a community member. They observe teachers and report their findings to the school's principal. Eversley said the teams have done a good job building relationships within the schools they tend.

"Hopefully, we're building relationships with parents and teachers and students and principals that are trustful, that people know we're not here to intimidate or harm anybody; we're here to be as helpful as possible," said Eversley, who hopes to expand the project, creating teams at other Title 1 schools that aren't currently under the

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## Library rolls out Food for Fines program



BY LAYLA FARMER  
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The Forsyth County Public Libraries system has found a creative way to recover some overdue materials from borrowers and help a fellow service organization in the process.

Throughout the month of January, library officials will be forgiving overdue fines in exchange for in-kind donations to the Second Harvest Food Bank of

Northwest North Carolina. The library will forgive one dollar's



Sprinkle-Hamlin

worth of fines for every non-perishable food item patrons donate to the Food for Fines program, up to \$50, said Library Director Sylvia Sprinkle-Hamlin.

"When we do this, people can bring all the books back and not have to pay a fine," she related. "Not only will we gather food, but we hope to get some of our books back, so it's a win-win."

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## The Art of Mentoring

Artist passes on his talents to young people

BY LAYLA FARMER  
THE CHRONICLE

Local resident Derrick Monk Sr. has taken the motto of his alma mater, "Enter to learn, depart to serve," to heart. In fact, the Winston-Salem State University alumnus didn't wait until he departed the institution to begin serving the community.

Monk, a member of the Class of 2002, started the Crew 7 Non Profit (C7NP) with six friends during his junior year of college. The organization was formed as a creative outlet for local youth. An

accomplished visual artist who once had his work displayed at the Capitol Building in Washington, D.C., Monk says he is well-versed in the many ways that art can provide a therapeutic approach to life's challenges.

Crew 7 hosted the popular Community Day festival at Rupert Bell park for four consecutive years before putting the project on hold to concentrate on their studies. Several local business contributed to the summer festival, which included free food, live mural painting,

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Submitted Photo

Derrick Monk Sr. has a passion for teaching young people how to express themselves through art.

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