



National title could be in Tide's future

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Riders hit road for Trayvon Martin

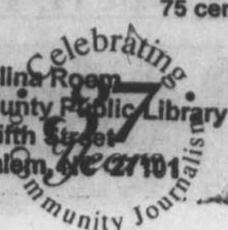
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Easter sweets galore for kids

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## Y Splash program showing kids in East Winston how to swim

BY T. KEVIN WALKER THE CHRONICLE

There is a new crop of kids learning swimming 101 at the Winston Lake Family YMCA this week.

Jolyn Roberts, Winston Lake's membership director, said that since Y Splash started two years ago, more than 300 elementary school children have received enough swimming basics to keep them safe in and around the pool.

"They come here for four straight days after school and basically learn how to swim," Roberts said.

This week and next, Y Splash is hosting kids from Kimberley Park Elementary School, or more specifically Kimberley's 21st Century Community Learning Center, a countywide after school program operated by the dropout prevention organization Communities in Schools of Forsyth County. Already students from Petree and Forest Park elementary schools have gone through Y Splash training.

It is by design that innercity schools are being...

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Photo by Kevin Walker

Kindergarten and first-grade students are all ears Monday as John Ravestein explains how lifeguards use a life preserver ring.



## It's Gettin' Down and Dirty

Many accusations of mudslinging in race for State House seat

BY LAYLA FARMER THE CHRONICLE

In less than a month, the election will be over for two of the three Democratic candidates running for the N.C. House District 72 seat, but Jimmie Bonham, Ed Hanes Jr. and S. Wayne Patterson are embroiled in a battle that could well continue far beyond the May 8 Primary.

The mudslinging began in earnest last month, when Bonham, an employment consultant for the N.C. Employment Security Commission, took both his opponents before the Forsyth County Board of Elections, alleging that neither man was a permanent resident of the 72nd District.

Both Patterson, a civil rights attorney and president of the Winston-Salem Chapter of the NAACP, and Hanes, owner of the development services company Monticello Park, were found by the Board to be legal residents of the District, although each man owns two homes. Bonham has since appealed that decision to the State Board of Elections.

"I know and they know that they don't live wherever they filed at," said Bonham, owner of Hair By Jimi. "...I am very confident (that the state will overturn the local Board's decision) because the law is clear."

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## N.C.'s top teacher comes to town

Teacher of the Year gives pep talk to colleagues at North Hills

BY LAYLA FARMER THE CHRONICLE

Teachers at North Hills Elementary School welcomed a special guest Monday.

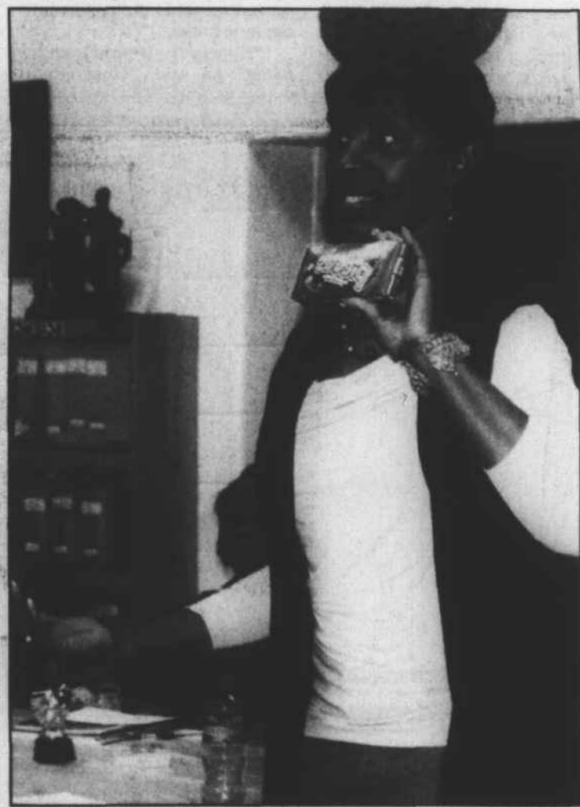
North Carolina Teacher of the Year Tyronna Hooker stopped by after the school day had ended to offer encouragement and inspiration to teachers and faculty members during their monthly meeting.

"I wish I could say I came today to tell you something, but I really came to applaud you," Hooker told the roughly three dozen teachers present in the media center of the school. "You guys are amazing."

Hooker is an exceptional children's teacher at Graham Middle School in Alamance County. Like North Hills, Graham Middle is a Title I school or a school with a high number of students that hail from low income families. But North Hills, which has a student population that is nearly all black and brown, is beating the odds. The school has exceeded academic growth expectations for the past two years.

Principal Dr. Karen Morning Roseboro said Hooker's appearance was intended to energize teachers as they prepare for changes that will soon go into effect under the READY initiative, which the N.C. Department of Public Instruction describes as "an ambitious alignment of our educational standards, assessments and accountability methods." As a Race to the Top grantee, the Winston-Salem/Forsyth County School system is required to adopt the model, which is designed to make education standards more uniform nationwide, Roseboro said. Teacher evaluations and test formats will change under the

Dr. Karen Morning Roseboro praises her staff, calling them "Hot Tamales."



Photos by Layla Farmer

Teacher of the Year Tyronna Hooker exposes the "sweet" side of public education.

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## Making the Cut



Photo by Lays Farmer

Mayor Pro Tempore Vivian Burke (fourth from right) helps veterans and community partners officially open the new Veteran's Helping Veterans Heal facility last week. The facility will house 30 formerly homeless veterans. Read more on page A3.

## Film chronicles musical comeback

BY TODD LUCK THE CHRONICLE

The subject of the documentary short "Kevin" will show 2012 RiverRun International Film Festival attendees just why director Jay Duplass was so fascinated by his talent.

Musician Kevin Gale is slated to perform live immediately after the 38-minute documentary is screened.

"Kevin," which details how Gale rekindled his long lost muse



Duplass



Press Photo

Kevin Gale will give a live performance after each showing of "Kevin" this weekend.

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