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Community Calendar

East Ward meeting
Council member Derwin L. Montgomery will host an East Ward community chat on Thursday (today), Jan. 31 at 6 p.m. at United Metropolitan Missionary Baptist Church, 450 Metropolitan Drive. Discussion topics include economic and community development, crime prevention and neighborhood/community stability. Montgomery will present volunteer awards to community leaders during this meeting. Call Tabettha Bailey at 336-462-2341 for more information.

Adoption open house
There will be a free Foster Care and Adoption Informational Open House for interested adults on Tuesday, Feb. 4 at The Children's Home, 1001 Reynolda Rd., from 5-6:30 p.m. Reservations are requested by calling Marc Crouse at 336-721-7652 or emailing him at mcrouse@tchome.org.

FCGS meeting at library
The Forsyth County Genealogical Society will meet on Tuesday, Feb. 5 at 6:30 p.m. in the auditorium of Forsyth County Library's Central Branch, 660 W. Fifth St. Paul Marshall, FCGS member and historian, will discuss the "Old Town Road." The meeting is free and open to the public. Visit www.forsythgen.org for more information.

Triad Poets
Spoken word poet Buddy Wakefield will be in concert with Triad Poets on Thursday, Feb. 7 at 7:30 p.m. in the Jarrell Lecture Hall on the campus of UNCG. Call The Center for Creative Writing in the Arts' Director Emily D. Edwards at 336-580-6220 or 336-334-5360 for more information. Or email her at ededwards@uncg.edu.

Painter Young
Gilbert E. Young, a fine arts painter, will be at the Community Arts Café, Fourth and Poplar streets, on Thursday, Feb. 7 from 5:30-7 p.m.

TEEM presents "Grow"
Temple Emanuel's Environmental Movement (TEEM) and NC Interfaith Power and Light will present a free showing of the environmental movie, "Grow," on Thursday, Feb. 7 from 7-9 p.m. at Temple Emanuel, 201 Oakwood Drive. This film discusses the next generation of farmers and local agriculture. Contact Cynthia Silber at 201-638-1640 or cynthia.silber@gmail.com for more information.

"Lovers' Treat" at Delta Arts Center
Ms. Deborah with Poets Rock will present "Lovers' Treat" on Friday, Feb. 8 from 7-10 p.m. at The Delta Arts Center, 2611 New Walkertown Rd. This is an event of poetry.

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Photos by Todd Luck

The Gunckel family knocks down its tower after the end of Round One by removing planks from the bottom and letting it crumble.

PIECE-BY-PIECE

Family-friendly competition pits KEVA-builders against one another

BY TODD LUCK
THE CHRONICLE

The race was on Sunday at SciWorks to build the tallest and steadiest tower with KEVA planks. The friendly competition brought many local families to the science museum. The small, thin, uniform wooden KEVA planks are designed to be stacked upon one another to build simple or elaborate structures. The planks don't use glue or anything else to keep themselves together, only gravity. Sciworks has a popular KEVA exhibit on view.

Teams had eight minutes to build their tallest towers, which were then measured by SciWork's Ally McCauley. It was tense competition as teams worked quickly but carefully with the knowledge that one misplaced plank could send an unstable tower tumbling down.

McCauley first used a yardstick and later a tape measure to gauge the height of the finished products that were left standing after the building period ended. The Gunckel family created a 55-inch tower, one of the tallest of the competition.

"We came out specifically for the block building," said Craig Gunckel, who was joined by wife Michelle and kids Hayden, Payne and Logan. "We come out to Sciworks quite often, and we thought we'd come out today and play with the blocks."

The family came with a plan. Gunckel said they decided to construct a strong base and keep the tower straight as they added pieces. The strategy worked brilliantly at first. The family was the leader in the first round of the competition, but those in the second round improved on the building techniques used by the first teams.

Cathy McDowell, her daughter Lindsay Beckerleg, and five other family members earned second-place in the competition for their 57.75 inch tower.

McDowell called the competition "nail biting." She and her family painstakingly added planks in the final

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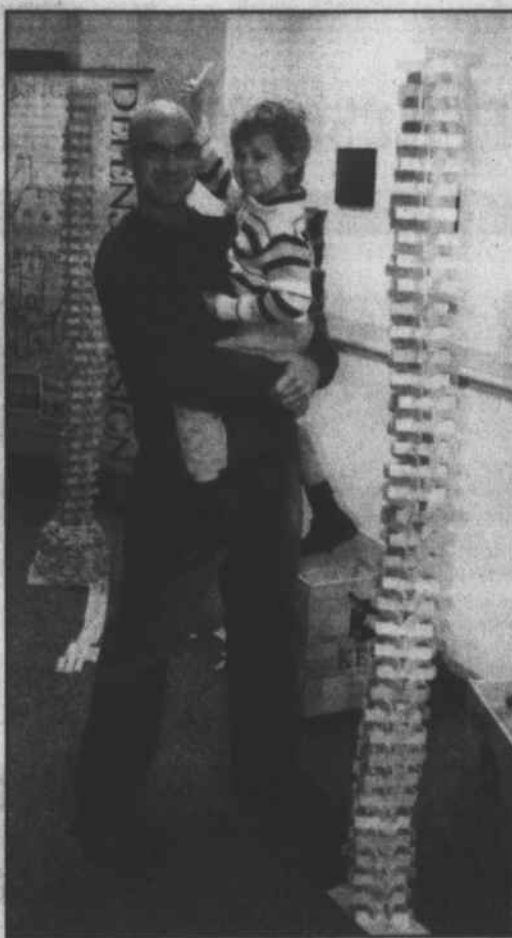
Ally McCauley lays out the rules for the contestants before building starts.



Olivia Trillo and her mother Jinhee Kong build their tower.



Christy Quartermain and her daughter Riley form their tower's base.



First place winners Josh Alving and his son Jamie with their 72.25-inch tower.



Teams scramble to build the tallest structure.



Ally McCauley measures a tower with the help from volunteer Austin Beltz.



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