

Teachers protest



3 from Parkland sign up



• See Opinion/Forum pages on A6&7

• See Sports on page B1

THE CHRONICLE

Volume 44, Number 37

WINSTON-SALEM, N.C.

THURSDAY, May 17, 2018

Black Rep headed downtown

BY TEVIN STINSON
THE CHRONICLE

The North Carolina Black Repertory Company (the Black Rep) is moving downtown.

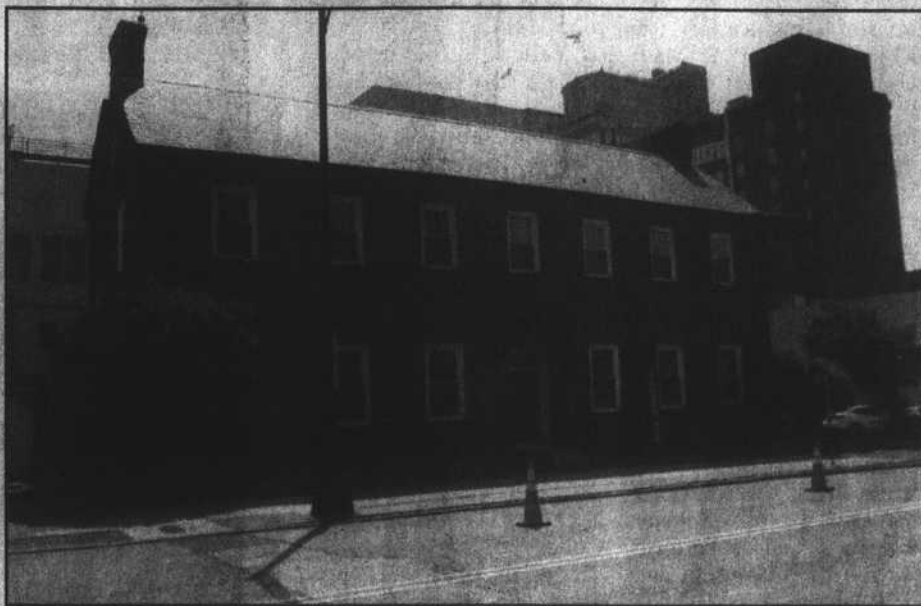
After calling 610 Coliseum Drive home for more than 20 years, during a press conference earlier this week representatives for the Black Rep, the states' first and oldest African-American theatre company, announced the move to 419 Spruce St.

Earlier this year, The Arts Council of Winston-Salem confirmed plans to sell its 2.93 acre property, which houses the Black Rep and the Little Theatre of Winston-Salem. At the time of the announcement, Arts Council officials said the move was part of a restructuring initiative that aims to reduce expenses.

Executive Director Nigel Alston said the move downtown, which is a collaborative effort with The Arts Council, will mark a new beginning for the Black Rep. He said although the old location has been the foundation of the company for years, the move downtown will carry the Black Rep and the National Black Theatre Festival into the future.

"We're moving out of our home. We're moving from where it started where the foundation has been laid over a

See Black Rep on A5



Photos by Tevin Stinson

During a press conference on Monday, May 14, representatives from the N.C. Black Repertory Company announced they will be moving to this building at 419 Spruce Street in the coming months.



Alston



Sparrow



Photo by Tevin Stinson

Participants in the May Day Celebration Royal Court make their way to the stage on Friday, May 11.

Cook students show off talent with 1st May Day event

BY TEVIN STINSON
THE CHRONICLE

With temperatures in the mid- to upper 90s last week, students, teachers, faculty, staff and parents at Cook Literacy Model School came together to celebrate the start of summer during their first annual May Day Celebration.

The earliest May Day celebrations were celebrated as a pagan holiday in Roman times, but through the years became a popular secular celebration.

The celebration took on new meaning at Cook last Friday as students showed their talents through song and dance. Students from every grade were also selected to represent the May Day Court, similar to the Homecoming court seen at high schools and colleges.

From Michael Jackson's "Thriller" to more contemporary hits, the event had enough singing and dancing to keep everyone interested. Several parents and teachers even joined in when they knew the lyrics.

See May Day on A5

Early College kicks off 2018 graduations

BY TEVIN STINSON
THE CHRONICLE

More than a dozen high school students and their loved ones became very familiar with the Lawrence Joel Veterans Memorial Coliseum last week as they participated in not one, but two graduation ceremonies on the same



Photo by Tevin Stinson

A student from the Early College of Forsyth County receives her high school diploma during the graduation ceremony on Friday, May 11.

day. Students from Early College of Forsyth County (ECF) officially kicked off graduation season in the area when they held their ceremony at the coliseum last Friday morning, May 11.

As if graduating from high school isn't enough excitement for one day, students returned later that evening to receive their associates' degree during the

See Early on A8

Frustration over body cam laws

BY TODD LUCK
THE CHRONICLE

Residents and City Council members expressed their frustrations with the state's body camera law during Monday's Public Safety Committee meeting on May 14.

The law, preventing release of

police body cam footage without court order, has once again become a local issue as many are calling for the release of footage from a recent deadly police shooting of an African-American man by a white officer.

According to a Winston-Salem Police Department (WSPD) release,

Officer D.E. McGuire was conducting a routine traffic stop on a car with Edward Van McCrea and two other adults in it on March 30. McCrea reached toward a concealed area of the vehicle and the officer repeatedly told him to stop. After being removed from the vehicle, McCrea physically struggled with

McGuire and a handgun became visible to the officer. When McCrea reached for the gun, McGuire fatally shot him.

Following standard procedure, the North Carolina State Bureau of Investigation (NCBI), WSPD

See Laws on A8

003 009 ***** FIRM CRL0T 0180A **C007
 ADMINISTRATION
 FORSYTH CNTY PUB LIB
 660 W 5TH ST
 WINSTON SALEM, NC 27101-2705 60

We Rent U-Haul Trucks!
 MOVE IN SPECIAL \$25
 Professional self-storage.

ASSURED STORAGE
 of Winston-Salem, LLC

(336) 924-7000
 www.assuredstoragews.com
 Office Hours: Mon-Fri 9am-5pm; Sat 9am-3pm
 Gate Hours: 5am-10pm
 4191 Bethania Station Road • Winston-Salem

