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New East Ward rep. sworn in

BY TEVIN STINSON THE CHRONICLE

With family, friends and other loved ones seated in the first two rows of the City Chamber on Monday, Nov. 26, Annette Scippio was sworn in as member of City Council and representative for the East Ward.

A native of Winston-Salem, Scippio was selected in October by fellow Democrats in the East Ward to replace Derwin Montgomery, who is a co-owner of The Chronicle, and was elected to fill the 72nd District seat in the N.C. State House vacated by Ed Hanes earlier this

Before she was persuaded to run for the vacant seat on the City Council by friends throughout the East Winston community, Scippio made a name for herself in the Twin City, serving as executive director for Leadership Winston-Salem, a nonprofit community leadership program started by the Winston-Salem Chamber of Commerce and the Delta Fine Arts Center. She also worked within the private sector at General Food Corp., Del Monte Corporation and RJR Foods.

Scippio, who was raised in the Reynoldstown community, graduated from Anderson High School. After high school, Scippio earned her Bachelor of Arts degree from Howard University and later a Masters of Arts degree from Duke University. She said she was honored to be the advocate for the citizens in the East Ward and all of Winston-Salem. She said the heartbeat of our community is the citizens and she wears red to be reminded of that every day.

Annette Scippio takes the Oath of Office from Forsyth County District Court Judge Denise Hartsfield on Monday, Nov. 26. Scippio will serve as the Representative for the East Ward.

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Protesters carry a sign reading "Justice for E.J." during a protest at the Riverchase Galleria in Hoover, Alabama, Saturday, Nov. 24. A police shot officer and killed 21-year-old Emantic Fitzgerald Bradford Jr. of Hueytown while responding to a shooting at the mall on Thanksgiving evening. Police said Bradford was fleeing the scene with a weapon. Hoover police initially told reporters Bradford had shot a teen at the

Alabama police blame gun in fatal shooting

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

HOOVER, Ala. - Police in Alabama offered sympathy Monday to the family of a black man killed by an officer responding to a shooting at a shopping mall, but said the man's visible handgun "heightened the sense of threat" to police in an already chaotic scene.

Emantic "EJ" Bradford Jr., 21, of Hueytown, was shot and killed by a police officer responding to a

Thanksgiving night shooting that wounded two people at the Riverchase Galleria mall outside Birmingham.

Hoover police initially portrayed Bradford as the gunman saying officers acted heroically to "take out the threat" within seconds of shots being fired in the crowded mall. Then they retracted the statement, saying Bradford was likely not the gunman responsible for the initial shooting, who remains at large.

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General Election Forsyth votes really finalized

BY TEVIN STINSON THE CHRONICLE

In comparison to 2016, when the Election Canvass lasted a few days, the canvass to finalize votes from the 2018 General Election went over without many issues

The canvass in 2016 was prolonged after former Gov. Pat McCrory requested a recount after then Attorney General Roy Cooper led by less than 10,000 votes. The local Board of Elections was also held up by protests filed by Forsyth County GOP Vice Chair Linda Petrou, claiming that two felons voted. The claims by Peatrou were later dismissed, along with four others.

Although this year the votes were finalized on Friday Nov. 16, the Forsyth County Board of Elections had to reconvene on Wednesday, Nov. 21, after seven provisional ballots were discovered by election



According to BOE Director Tim Tsujii, the ballots that were discovered were incorrectly placed inside the envelope used for holding provisional ballots and the envelopes appeared to be empty.

'We double check everything so when these workers were going through, they felt these and they felt different. They looked inside and found the applications and they knew right then and there that there were additional provisional ballots," said Tsujii. "It can happen, you know, poll worker error. They should've put the application in the front but these are things we can address in training. The main thing is that there is a process in place where

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Public Works Committee begins discussions on scooter regulations

BY TEVIN STINSON THE CHRONICLE

Less than 24 hours after members of the Public Safety Committee voted to remove all Bird scooters from city sidewalks, members of City Council listened to recommendations from the city staff and discussed ways to regulate use of the scooters and make them safer for riders and pedestrians

scooters first arrived on city streets in early September when Bird dropped 100 scooters in various locations across the city. In the short time they've been on the streets, dozens of citizens have voiced their frustration with the scooters saying they are unsafe and could cause serious injury. Although there is an ordinance in place that prohibits the use of the scooters on sidewalks, there isn't any law that allows the scooters to be used in the streets, which is what Bird recommends for riders. The current ordinance also causes a lot of confu-





