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Newly crowned Bobcats exec Fred Whitfield displayed a winning knack for self-deprecation at his introductory press conference this week.

While telling reporters of his long-running ties to Charlotte, Whitfield mentioned one of his close friends here has invited him to play in the member-guest golf tournament at Myers Park Country Club each of the past 12 years. He played in the event each time, though he often lived out of town. And, Whitfield said, nobody in the tournament could miss him: "I was the only black guy on the golf course."

Local mystery author Terry Hoover has signed her first book deal with Gale/Five Star Publishing. Her debut novel, Double Dead, set in 1960s Charlotte, will be released in January.

The mystery: A prominent banker has a talent for making money, as well as an alleged mistress with a penchant for the bottle. Mistress turns up dead. It's up to reporter-turned-private eye Steve Harlan to solve the case.

Hoover, a native of Charlotte, lives just outside the city with husband, Harry Hoover, a public relations consultant.

"I've been researching poisons for the next book, and my husband has instructed the children to demand a tox screen if anything happens to him," she jokes. "But I assured him there are ways around that."

For a sneak peek at the first chapter, go to <http://www.hoovermysteries.com/>.

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