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Community Calendar

Central Library will hold family event April 13

Community Day @ Your Library will be held April 13 from 1-4 p.m. at the Central Library on Fifth Street. In celebration of National Library Week, the children's department of the Central Library will host a family event featuring crafts, "Musart Enrichment" by Mindamusic Learning Center (crafts and music) and continuous showings of William Wegman's hilarious short film "The Hardly Boys in, Hardly Gold." This film, for all ages, is offered in celebration of Wegman's exhibit at SECCA and features the talents of an all-canine cast, Wegman's famous weimaraners. All programs are free.

Crossing 52 Initiative will have awards celebration for essay/poster contest winners

Crossing 52 Initiative will have an awards celebration for the winners of its annual poster/essay contest. These contestants are students in grades K-12 in Winston-Salem/Forsyth County Schools.

Crossing 52 Initiative is dedicated to raising the cultural awareness in the community.

The event will be held on April 6 at 2 p.m. in the Anderson Conference Center on the campus of Winston-Salem State University. All Winston-Salem/Forsyth County Schools' students, parents, and school administrators are invited to attend. This event has no admission charge.

Carver School Branch Library will hold programs in celebration of National Library Week

In celebration of National Library Week, April 14-20, Carver School Branch Library, 4915 Lansing Drive, will present these programs:

- Rock 'n' Read - back by popular demand. Patrons are invited to enjoy rocking chairs while they read from April 15-20.

- Boom, Boom the Clown - April 15 at 10 a.m. Boom, Boom the Clown will entertain the children at our regular story time.

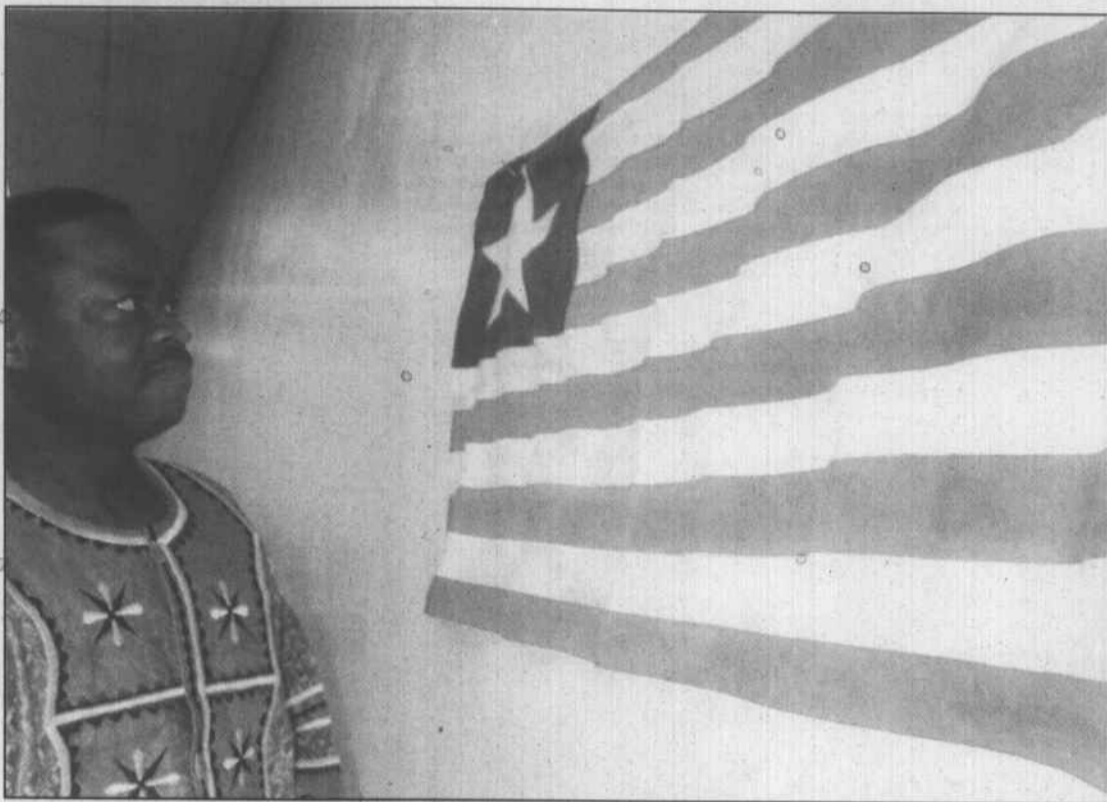
- Love your Body - April 18 at 7 p.m. Come out and learn simple techniques for loving your body. Free demonstrations and samples.

- Jazz in the Afternoon - April 19 from 3-6 p.m. Kick back, relax and enjoy smooth jazz tunes from trumpet player Joe Robinson.

All events are free and open to the public. For more information, call 661-4917.

Search under way for members of 1971 Junior Class of Atkins Senior High School

The 1971 Junior Class of Atkins Senior High School is planning an Atkins 1972 "Class That Never Was" Reunion for Aug. 2-4. All classmates are asked to call (336) 767-8894 or (336) 764-8477.



David Flomo, president of the Liberian Organization of the Piedmont, makes sure that the Liberian flag has been evenly placed on a wall of the banquet hall at the Urban League. Photos by Kevin Walker

A Party with a Purpose

The Liberian Organization of the Piedmont celebrates 14 years

BY T. KEVIN WALKER
THE CHRONICLE

The Triad's burgeoning Liberian community has come

together many times over the years for many different reasons. Last summer, local Liberians united to try to secure medical and financial

support for a young Liberian boy brought to Winston-Salem to get treatment for a painful birth defect.

For sometime now the

group has worked together to collect books and other learning supplies to send home to Liberia, a small West African nation that has had its share of ups but mostly downs over the last decade.

But Saturday, many local Liberians united for a different reason - to dance, eat traditional dishes and celebrate the successes of the past and look forward to the many challenges that the future holds.

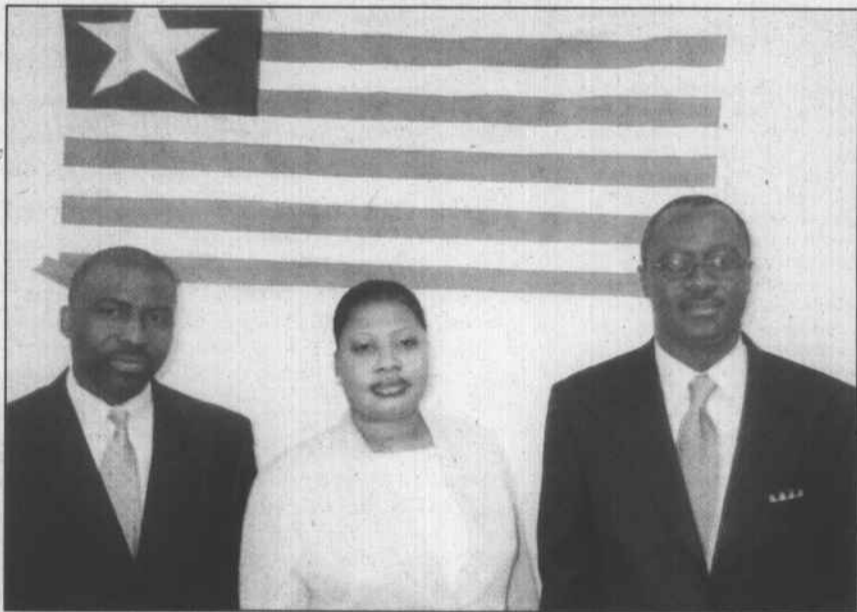
The Liberian Organization of the Piedmont celebrated its 14th anniversary during a soiree at the Winston-Salem Urban League that brought out dozens of people born in Liberia who now live in this

area. The event was also billed as a fund-raiser for LOP's latest outreach effort - Books for Liberian Schools Project, which is striving to once more give schools in the nation the tools they need to educate children and college students.

"We are and have always been willing to help our brothers and sisters in Liberia," said LOP president David Flomo, who detailed the many efforts LOP has launched in the past to give back.

Liberia has a historic relationship with the United States. In the 1820s, former black slaves from this country who wanted to return to Africa were resettled in Liberia. The

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Ranney Jackson, chair of the board of directors of the United Liberian Association group; Roberta Davis, president of the Liberian Community Association of Pittsburgh, and Deputy Ambassador Aaron B. Kollie



Ralph Pearson, left, talks with Dr. Joseph Korto, the former president of the national Liberian Association. Pearson is a member of LOP.



Aaron Kollie greets guests at the party.

