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## We Had Him

By DR. MAYA ANGELOU

One of the most touching moments of Michael Jackson's July 7 memorial at the Los Angeles Staples Center came when singer/actress Queen Latifah read a poem written by Dr. Maya Angelou in honor of the late music icon. The poem has been in great demand since then. Dr. Angelou has graciously provided The Chronicle, "her hometown newspaper," with the poem to share with its readers.

Beloveds

Now we know that  
We know nothing

Now that our bright and shining  
star can slip away from our  
fingertips like a puff of summer  
wind

Without notice our dear love can  
escape our dotting embrace to sing  
our songs among the stars and walk  
our dances across the face of the  
moon.

In the instant that we learn  
that Michael is gone,  
we know nothing  
no clocks can tell our time and  
no oceans can rush our tides

With the abrupt absence of our  
treasure,  
though we are many, each of us is  
achingly alone.  
Piercingly alone.

Only when we confess our confusion  
can we remember  
that he was a gift to us, and we  
did have him. He came to us from  
the Creator trailing creativity in  
abundance.

Despite the anguish of life he was  
sheathed in Mother love and  
Family love  
and survived  
and did more than that.  
He thrived with passion,  
compassion,  
humor and style.

We had him. Whether  
we knew who he was or did not  
know, He was ours  
and we were his.

We had him. Beautiful.  
Delighting our eyes,  
He raked his hat a slant over his  
brow and took a pose on his toes  
all for us  
and we laughed and stomped  
our feet for him. We were  
enchanted with his  
passion. Because he held nothing  
he gave us all he had been given.

Today in Tokyo, beneath the Eiffel  
Tower, in Ghana's Black Star  
Square  
in Johannesburg and Pittsburgh,  
in Birmingham, Alabama and  
Birmingham, England  
We are missing Michael Jackson  
But, we do know we had him  
and we  
We are the world



Courtesy of Lewis Campaign  
Ken Lewis is a native of Winston-Salem.

## YES, HE CAN?

Winston-Salem native wants to become state's first black U.S. Senator

BY LAYLA FARMER  
THE CHRONICLE

Winston-Salem native Kenneth Lewis hopes to make history next year by becoming the first African-American to represent North Carolina in the U.S. Senate. In fact, no African-American from the South has been elected to the Senate since Reconstruction.

Lewis is the son of the late Rev. Henry Lewis - a community leader who led several local churches - and Savannah Lewis, a retired school teacher. The high-profile attorney now makes his home in the Triangle area. The Democrat has announced his plans to run in 2010 for the seat currently held by Republican Richard Burr, who lives in Winston-Salem.

Lewis said he was greatly inspired by the victory of Barack Obama, who became the nation's first black president last year. Ironically, Obama was also the last African-American elected to the U.S. Senate, when the people of Illinois sent him there in 2004.

"I think that the Obama victory was a great victory for our country and for progress in America. It is the beginning of the work that is necessary to change the country in the right direction," Lewis remarked. "... (His) election has expanded many people's vision of what is

## College student among new Council hopefuls

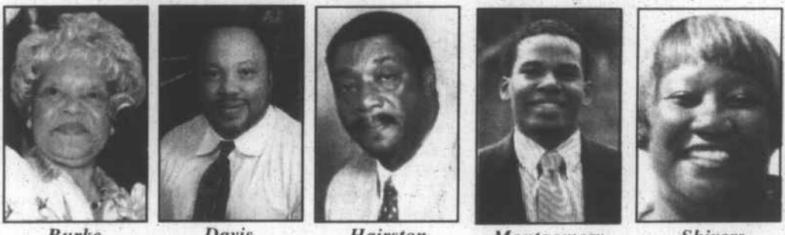
BY LAYLA FARMER  
THE CHRONICLE

Twenty-year-old Derwin Montgomery has yet to finish college, but the Hopkins, S.C.-native has already settled into the Winston-Salem landscape. So much so that he recently announced his candidacy for City Council.

Montgomery will run in an increasingly crowded race for the East Ward Democratic nomination.

"I originally was looking at 2013 as the year to actually run, but I saw this year as an opportunity," said Montgomery. "A lot of people are paying attention right now to what's going on in politics, so it's a prime opportunity for new people to get involved in the process."

Montgomery, a senior political science



Burke Davis Hairston Montgomery Shivers

major at Winston-Salem State University, joins fellow Democrats Donald Scales and Harold Hairston in their quests to unseat incumbent Democrat Joycelyn Johnson, who has served on the Council since 1993.

While some might view his age as a drawback, Montgomery believes his youth-

ful energy is just what the Council needs.

"Me being young, that's something even more to bring to the table," said Montgomery, who currently serves as first vice president of the N.C. NAACP Youth and College Division. "There should be

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### LATE-NITE SWEATIN'

Instructor Cortney Hill leads a nighttime Zumba class at the Winston Lake Family YMCA last week. The class was among a slate of activities offered during an event for ladies only. Read more about it in the July 30 edition of The Chronicle.

Photo by Kevin Walker

### DOCTORING-UP THE SOUTHSIDE

New medical clinic serves uninsured patients

BY LAYLA FARMER  
THE CHRONICLE

Uninsured patients on the south side of Winston-Salem now have somewhere to go for their medical needs. The Southside United Health and Wellness Center, which opened in March, serves patients of all ages, with sliding scale fees based on the individual's income if they are uninsured. The vast majority of those who have patronized the center thus far fall into the latter category, according to Dr. Richard Lord, the center's interim medical director.

Lord says he was blown away by the level of need the center encountered. "I was shocked at the number (of people who were uninsured)," he said. "Ninety percent of (our patients) are uninsured and are coming here because ... they can't afford to pay full price (for care elsewhere)."

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