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## President still enjoys strong local support

*Nationally, even Democrats second guessing Obama's leadership*

BY LAYLA FARMER  
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President Barack Obama's time as the nation's first black president may be short lived, according to recent national polls.

As a whole, only about half of those polled believe the president deserves a second term, but what is perhaps more surprising is the number of his own party members who feel Obama's time is running out. Forty seven percent of the Democratic respondents said they would like to see Obama face off against a Democratic challenger in the 2012 primary – a statistic that has some saying the president's luster has all but disappeared.

The results of last week's

Midterm Election, which saw Republicans gains in both state houses and Congress, are not helping to silence critics.

But local Obama supporters say that the president is far from down and out. Theldora Williams was an Obama supporter long before he became the darling of the 2008 Presidential Election. She hit the road to campaign for him during the crucial '08 South Carolina

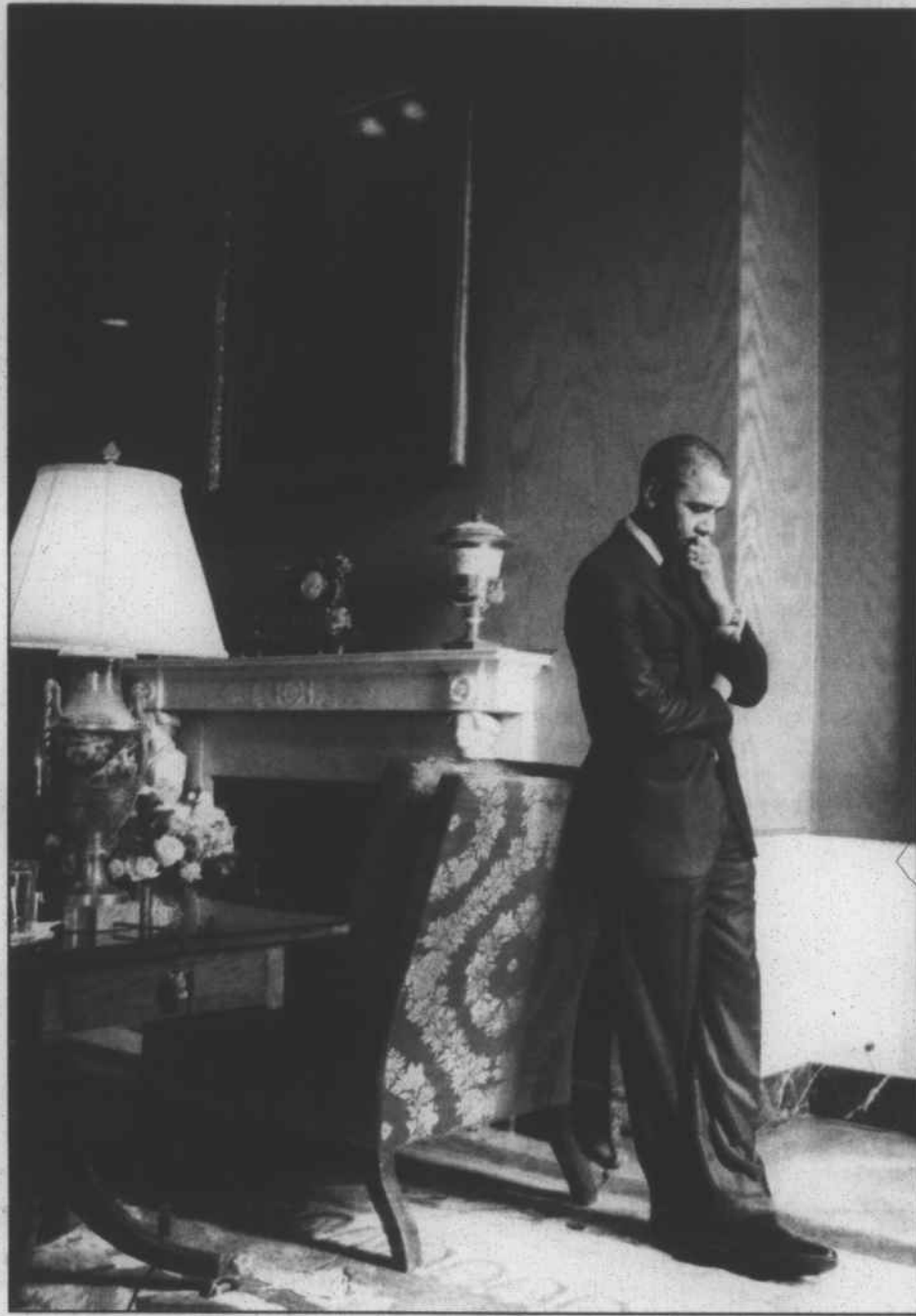
Democratic Primary – which Obama won – and says her feelings about the president have never wavered.

"He's my president. I support him," said Williams, the co-owner of TES Engraving and Sign Company. "He came into a

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Official White House Photo by Pete Souza

President Obama enjoys a moment of reflection in the Green Room of the White House on Oct. 5 before being introduced at the Summit on Community Colleges.

## Plans for growth eyed for new Atkins

*Enrollment at school has been lackluster*

BY LAYLA FARMER  
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Members of the Winston-Salem/Forsyth County Schools Board of Education heard from system officials Tuesday evening about a new plan that could boost enrollment at two historically black high schools: Atkins Academic and Technology High School Complex and Carver.

If approved by the board, the new plan would allow school system officials to use funds from President Obama's "Race to the Top" initiative for persistently low achieving schools to make some fundamental changes at Atkins, which opened in the 2005-2006 school year.

Atkins currently functions as three separate schools – Biotechnology, Computer Technology and Pre-Engineering – under one roof. Each school has its own curriculum and administration, and serves both a residential population and magnet school students, who come to the school to take part in a particular course of study. Atkins was opened with the help of a grant from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, which at the time favored small schools over large conglomerates, said Theo Helm, a spokesperson for the school system. Because funding from the Foundation is ending, the system is now free to "close" the three school model and immediately reopen as one school with three different curriculum tracks, Helm explained.

Under the new plan, the administrative offices would be streamlined with one principal, and the three schools would operate as one. The academic offerings available at Atkins would stay exactly the same as they are now, Superintendent Don



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## Longtime chef feted at 90th birthday celebration

BY TODD LUCK  
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Samuel Caldwell's relatives and church family showed up in force on Saturday to celebrate his 90th birthday.

More than 80 people gathered at Hanes Memorial CME Church for the party for Caldwell, who many remember and know from the six decades that he worked as a cook at local restaurants.

A farm-boy from Summerton, S.C., Caldwell moved to Winston-Salem as a teenager after "he got tired of working on the farm." He landed a job at a downtown eatery as a dishwasher. He still remembers how he transitioned to a cook.

"I was washing dishes, one day, the cook laid out and I looked ... and saw they ain't got nothing out there to sell," recalled Caldwell, who rolled up his sleeves and prepared all the food in the cook's place that day. "The owner of the place came in and said 'Boy, did you do that?' 'Wasn't no one back here but me,' I said. 'I had to do it.'"

Generations of diners have enjoyed Caldwell's cooking. For many years, he was the chef at Flynn's Lunch in downtown, which became Archie's Lunch. He then cooked at K&W for more than 30 years, starting at the former Coliseum Drive location before going to the Hanes Mill Road location.

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Photos by Todd Luck

Samuel Caldwell with his sister, Magdaline Moultrie, daughter, Delphine Jones, and grandson, Sam Jones.



Rev. Cox

## Student organization focuses on service, fun

BY LAYLA FARMER  
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Boredom inspires creativity.

Raleigh native Lorenzo Kornegay can certainly attest to that.

Kornegay, a junior, Information Technology (IT) major at Winston-Salem State University, founded Ram Representatives (Ram Reps), a successful student organization, on campus two years ago simply because he was bored.

"We know there aren't a lot of things on campus that students can't want to do,"

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Photos by Layla Farmer

Shamika Saddler works with a youngster at the Anderson Rec Center.

### IN SEARCH OF SWEETS



Photo courtesy of the Office of the Governor

Governor Bev Perdue and First Gentleman Bob Eaves welcome a steady stream of trick-or-treaters to the Governor's Mansion in Raleigh.

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