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Judge Wynn addresses the audience.

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New Civil Rights battles loom, speakers believe

BY TODD LUCK
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Speakers at the Winston-Salem/Forsyth County NAACP Freedom Fund Gala talked passionately about today's many civil rights struggles as they took to the podium inside a banquet hall in Benton Convention Center last Friday.

Mayor Allen Joines praised the NAACP for taking a lead role in fighting legislation in State Houses across the nation

that would require voters to show a photo identification before casting their ballots. Sponsors, mainly Republicans, of such bills say it would help prevent voter fraud, but the NAACP and others say such requirements could intimidate and/or disenfranchise minority voters.

"It makes the work that this organization does so very important," said Joines. "It's probably never been as important as it is today because there are some things that are going on in this state and our



Rev. William Barber says he challenges are many.

nation that make me nervous."

Local NAACP President S. Wayne Patterson, a well-known local attorney, said voting rights are among his top concerns.

"We always have to fight the struggle," said Patterson. "If those who are in power can stop same day registration (and implement) voter ID, it's really going to affect less fortunate individuals."

Patterson said the NAACP's plate is overflowing. He talked about concerns about state budget cuts that could lead to teacher layoffs and other cuts to education. Patterson and others are especially uneasy not that Republicans are in control in the General Assembly. Some Republican legislators want to redraw state voting districts, which Patterson said would negatively impact minority voters.

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Another Historic Moment for President Obama

Official White House Photos by Pete Souza

Sitting at his desk in the Oval Office on Sunday, May 1, President Barack Obama edits his remarks detailing the mission that led to the killing of 9/11 mastermind Osama bin Laden. A short time later, the president delivered the news of bin Laden's death to the nation and world. President Obama, who gave the green-light for Navy Seals to take out the notorious terrorist leader, used part of his remarks to call on all Americans to come together.



NEW SCHOOL

QEA held up as successful charter school model

BY TODD LUCK
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Quality Education Academy tooted its own horn last Thursday as N.C. Rep. Marcus Brandon (D-Guilford) paid a visit.

Last Thursday's tour was organized by Parents for Educational Freedom in North Carolina (PEFNC), which advocates for greater educational options for parents. PEFNC and Brandon are advocates of N.C. Senate Bill 8, which would raise the state's cap on charter schools, which currently sits at 100. The bill, which is being considered in the House after passing in the Senate, is controversial. Opponents say the state should be focusing on bettering the public school system, while supporters believe that raising the cap will give all parents, including those with low incomes, the chance to consider a wider array of educa-



Tamara Turner with N.C. Rep. Marcus Brandon, Simon Johnson and Darrell Allison.

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John Davenport and his wife, Nia, are all smiles after his selection.

Davenport setting School Board goals

BY LAYLA FARMER
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Republican members of the Winston-Salem/Forsyth County Board of Education voted Tuesday evening to appoint another Republican to fill the seat of Democrat Geneva Brown, who resigned from the Board last month because of health issues.

John Davenport Jr. will be sworn in next week and officially take over Brown's District 1 seat. He received the votes of Chairman Donny Lambeth, Buddy Collins, Jane Goins, Marilyn Parker, Jeannie Metcalf and Jill Tackabery. Although School Board elections became non-partisan five years ago, the six members who voted for Davenport - who in the past has run unsuccessfully as a Republican for the City

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BB&T branch shows its WSSU spirit

BY LAYLA FARMER
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The BB&T branch on New Walkertown Road is showing its Ram Pride.

The branch celebrated its long and ongoing relationship with Winston-Salem State University last week by officially transforming itself into a WSSU "spirit branch." The branch, which now features large photographs of WSSU events, WSSU sporting paraphernalia and "Go Rams!" signage, is the first spirit branch the banking institution has instituted in the Triad area, according to BB&T Regional President Cantey Alexander.

"I'm so excited to have this," Alexander told those who gathered in the parking lot of the branch for the unveiling ceremony last Thursday afternoon. "I've been president of the region for eight years and this has got to rank within the top three or four days of my career."

Alexander called the spirit branch a "win-win" for the

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 W S S U
 Chancellor
 Donald
 Reaves and
 Regional
 President
 Cantey
 Alexander
 clap as the
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