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Newly weds Debra and Roger Martin (left) and Kina and James Washington exit the sanctuary after the ceremony.

Couples begin 2012 with 'I Do'



Seasoned couples await the start of the Renewal Ceremony.

BY LAYLA FARMER THE CHRONICLE

When the clock struck midnight on Dec. 31, James and Kina Washington had more than just the dawning of a new

The two had tied the knot earlier that day during a mass Marriage and Renewal Ceremony at Union Baptist Church and were celebrating their first night as a married couple. Two thousand eleven was a year of ups and downs for the Washingtons, who were homeless just six months ago, but it ended on a high note, as the couple joined Deborah Orr and Roger Martin - who were also married during the ceremony and 12 seasoned couples who renewed their vows on

"I feel like new money, hot off the printing press," James

Washington, said with a wide grin after the service. The Washingtons, who have nine children between them,

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FREEDOM'S

Annual celebration marks issuance of **Emancipation Proclamation**

BY LAYLA FARMER THE CHRONICLE

Eighteen year-old Sharonda Wright has seen her share of hardships. She lost her mother at age five, and at 10, her father, who was raising her on his own, passed away following a period of illness.

Wright, a Sioux Falls, S.D. native, was forced to leave her home and come to Winston-Salem, where her cousin Beverly Milligan and her husband John took her in. Despite the setbacks, Wright has maintained good grades and has been heavily involved in her church, House of a Delivered Praise, where Mrs. Milligan pas-

"I wanted to exceed the expectations that my family had set for me," said Wright, who helps with the Children's and Outreach ministries and serves on the Praise Team at her church.

Wright has recently begun to see the fruits of her Emancipation Association members present scholarships to (from left) DeVaughn Nance, Elaine Stackhouse and Victoria Lee.

New Carver principal to be announced very soon

Nathaniel Barber retires after nearly 40 years in education

BY LAYLA FARMER THE CHRONICLE

After two years with Principal Nathaniel Barber at its helm, Carver High School is again facing a transition in leadership.

Barber, 62, retired Dec. 31 after serving the school system for 38 years. The city native came to Carver at the start of the 2009-2010 school year, succeeding Carol Montague-Davis, who left Carver to take a school system administration post. Barber, who led North Hills for a decade prior to coming to Carver, had consid-

ered retirement after leaving the elementary school.

"I decided at the time going to Carver was something that I was very interested in doing," related Winston-Salem State University alumnus. "It's always been about trying to give back to the community, and I've attempted to that



Nathaniel Barber

Carver) in my own little way, but now I think it's time for me

to move on to another phase in my life.' Montague-Davis, now the assistant superintendent of Secondary Education for Winston-Salem/Forsyth County Schools, said Barber made some important strides during his brief stint at Carver. The school received a large boost to its student body at the beginning of the school year, as an influx of students from the Atkins High School district were directed to Carver when Atkins became a dedicated magnet school. Montague-Davis credits Barber with helping Carver, which now boasts more than 800 students, to weather the significant changes in its student body successfully.

"It's been a great transition and I know that's part of his leadership style, being able to get the students, staff, parents and community all together," she said. "One thing you can say about him is he cares about the children, so he will be missed."

Barber says he is proud of the academic growth Carver sustained under his leadership. the most significant indicator of which are the ever-increasing EOC (end of course) exam scores.

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Businesses take Kwanzaa's center stage



Evelyn Terry (left) accepts a picture of her famous grandfatherfrom Leverne Smoot and Ben Piggott.

BY TODD LUCK THE CHRONICLE

Kwanzaa's focus on Ujamaa, or cooperative eco-Thursday nomics, last brought out a slew of local African American-owned businesses to the Carl H. Russell Sr. Community Center, one of several sites that played host to citywide Kwanzaa celebrations from Dec. 26 - Jan.

· Local entrepreneurs and non-profit organizations were invited to help drive home the true meaning of Ujamaa by setting up displays booth n Russell Center Gym.

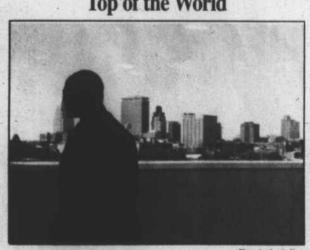


John Raye and Rosie Smith

Each vendor was given an opportunity to address a crowd of more than 150 Kwanzaagoers during the program,

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Top of the World



School Board Member John Davenport surveys the view from the rooftop of the new Career Center, which opened Tuesday. Read more on

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