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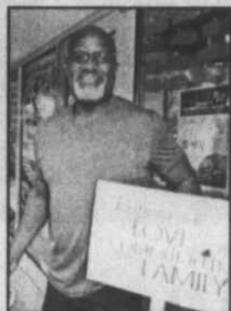
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Photo by Layla Garms
Rep. Alma Adams speaks as Sen. Earline Parmon (right) and Rep. Evelyn Terry flank her.

High Court rulings cause for celebration for local couples

BY LAYLA GARMS
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Rick Frazier

Local residents gathered at Winston Square Park on the evening of June 26 to celebrate a landmark ruling by the United States Supreme Court issued earlier in the day.

The High Court declared the federal Defense of Marriage Act (DOMA) – which defined marriage as being between a man and woman only – unconstitutional. The court similarly found that a 2008 California ballot initiative – Proposition 8 – that barred same-sex unions was unconstitutional.

The DOMA ruling will allow legally married same-sex couples to receive more than 1,000 federal



See Court on A8 **Bray Taylor (left) with her partner, Amy Donald.**

Photos by Layla Garms

War of Words

Local lawmakers defend, decry decision to end jobless benefits for thousands

BY LAYLA GARMS
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The past year has been difficult for Donald Davis and his family.

The father of three was laid off from his job at Merfin Systems in King in 2012. Soon after that, his wife lost her job as a CNA. In the time that has transpired since, the couple has struggled to care for their family of five. Last week, the family's unemployment benefits ended when Republicans in the state legislature made North Carolina the first state to opt not to accept benefits from the federal Emergency Unemployment Compensation (EUC) program that would have extended benefits through the end of the year for an estimated 70,000 long term unemployed citizens across the state.



Davis



Howard

"A lot of people are going to be hurt by this, me included," Davis said of the decision. "... It's going to be a struggle just to make ends meet, just to put food on the table."

Davis was among a small contingent of concerned citizens who gathered Monday at Democratic State Sen. Earline Parmon's district office downtown to discuss the unemployment cliff, which Parmon said would directly impact thousands of Forsyth County residents.

"Two thousand twenty five people in Forsyth County received their last unemployment check last month," Parmon told the group.

House Reps. Alma Adams, Ed Hanes and Evelyn Terry joined Parmon at the meeting. Adams, who represents Guilford County's District 58, called the July 1 cutoff date "D-Day" for the thousands of North Carolinians who have depended on the benefits to stay afloat.

"I think it is a slap in the face to our

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Dash to Light-up the Sky



W-S Dash Photo

If it is fireworks you want, then fireworks you'll get! This Independence Day weekend, the Winston-Salem Dash will feature a firework spectacular at BB&T Ballpark following games tonight (July 4) and tomorrow. This week's firework display at BB&T Ballpark will be larger than the ones the team usually sets-off after Friday home games. The display should be visible for miles around. Those who want an up-close view, can buy baseball tickets at www.wsdash.com.

CITY'S SECOND BLACK POLICE CHIEF TAKES OATH

BY LAYLA GARMS
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Barry Rountree, the city's first black male police chief, was sworn-in Sunday at City Hall.

Rountree, a Winston-Salem State University and UNC-Greensboro alumnus and 25 year veteran of the WSPD, took the oath before a standing-room-only crowd of friends, family members, colleagues and supporters. Sylvia Rountree balanced the bible for her husband and the couple's son, Barry Jr., looked on, beaming up at his father as Superior Court Judge Todd Burke administered the oath.

The ceremony capped a week of highs and lows for Rountree. Just days before taking his place at the helm of the



Photo by Layla Garms

Barry Rountree takes the oath with his wife, Sylvia, and son, Barry Jr., near him.

police department; the then incoming chief accidentally wounded a local woman, Tamara Whitt, after firing his service weapon at the woman's

dog. Whitt was injured in the leg after a bullet that Rountree fired ricocheted after striking the dog, which Winston-Salem

Police Department officials say was charging toward Rountree and another officer. Rountree was responding to a call related to a man wielding a double barrel shotgun on Jackson Avenue when the incident occurred.

Forsyth County District Attorney Jim O'Neill issued a statement clearing Rountree of any wrongdoing on Friday, but Whitt, who says she has had to postpone her August 30 wedding because of her injuries, isn't so quick to forgive and forget. She and a handful of family members and friends gathered outside City Hall to protest Sunday's ceremony, which Whitt believes should have been postponed because of the incident.

"I think it's sad. People are

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The Secret Language of Dogs

Second-generation trainer maintains family legacy

BY LAYLA GARMS
THE CHRONICLE

As a toddler, Kyle Anderson spent countless hours watching his father, veteran dog trainer Don Anderson, practice his craft.

"I would sit him in the captain's chair and he would sit there all day and watch me work the dogs. He never moved," recalled Don Anderson, the former owner of the Skyway Kennels of Chicago. "He's always been

Photo by Layla Garms
Kyle Anderson poses with one of his latest "trainees," Cash, a seven month old pitbull.



Don Anderson

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