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OBAMA'S LAST STATE OF THE UNION

Residents mark historic address

President's final State of the Union talk focuses on future

BY TEVIN STINSON
THE CHRONICLE

Americans across the nation were glued to their TVs Tuesday night when President Barack Obama delivered his final State of the Union address. At the local level, The Winston-Salem Urban League's Young Professionals organization held a watch party to celebrate the historic occasion.



President Obama

Urban League Chief Executive Officer James Perry said he felt it was important to host the event.

"This is a historic moment," he said. "We wanted to mark this memorable evening by inviting the community to fellowship while listening to what the president would say in his final address."

During his hourlong speech, Obama addressed a number of issues, including economic inequality, education, global warming, voting rights and national security, among others. Although his time as president is coming to

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Photo By Tevin Stinson

Citizens thoughtfully listen to President Barack Obama deliver his final State of the Union address at a watch party hosted by the Urban League Young Professionals Organization.

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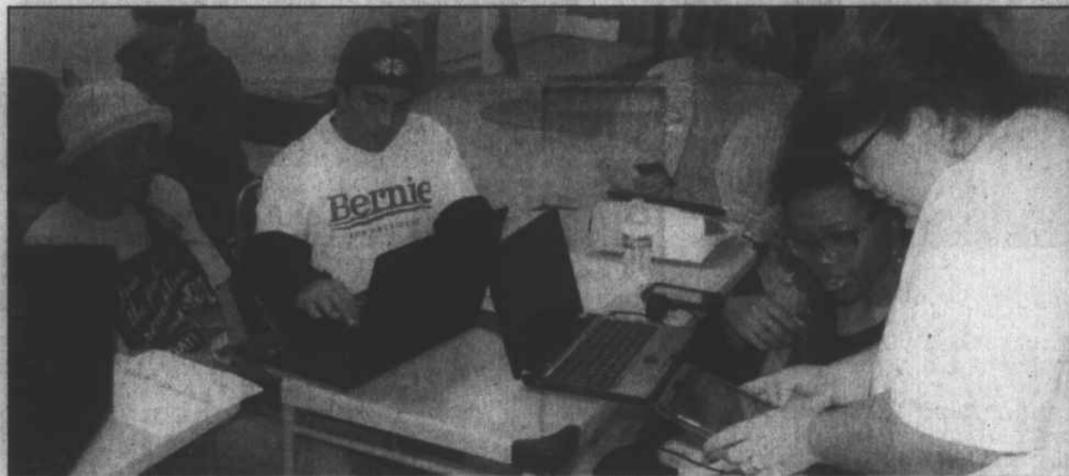


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Volunteers Glenda Wharton, Brian Coletta, Heather Jones, Sam Little and Rebekah Ricardo get set up for last week's phone bank. Also pictured in the background is Angela Savitri.

Campaigns gear up

Volunteers open campaign office for Bernie Sanders

BY TODD LUCK
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Volunteers supporting the Bernie Sanders' presidential campaign opened up a local office last week on Woughtown Street.

Early last week a "barnstorming" event was held that drew a standing room only crowd of more than 130 people to the office at 95 Woughtown Street. Opened with no campaign money, the office is paid for and manned by

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Candidate Rey tells Democrats Burr can be beat

BY TODD LUCK
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In 2011 Chris Rey ran for office for the first time, facing off against an incumbent mayor of Spring Lake with 31 years in public office, ten of them as mayor. He achieved not just an upset but a landslide, getting 76 percent of the vote.

Rey told Forsyth County Senior Democrats during their meeting at Golden Corral on Dec 7 that was a feat

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URBAN LEAGUE



Photo By Tevin Stinson

James Perry

New president lays out plan for the future

BY TEVIN STINSON
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When James Perry relocated to the city last year from New Orleans, he decided he wanted to get involved with an organization that is making the lives of the less fortunate better.

"I knew I wanted to work with an organization that had a track record of improving the lives of those in the community who are suffering from poverty and other issues," said Perry. "After doing my research I decided the Winston-Salem Urban League was the best place for me."

Last month following, a nationwide search, Perry was named president and chief executive of the organization

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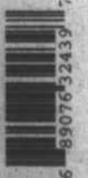
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