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EYE ON N.C.'S ELECTORAL PRIZE

Supporters gear up to turn state 'Barack Obama Blue'

BY TODD LUCK
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A Winston-Salem event designed to get locals fired up about Democratic Presidential Hopeful Sen. Barack Obama drew nearly 100 people to Quality Education Institute last Friday night.

Obama is trying to become the first Democrat in decades to win so-called "Red," or Republican, states like North Carolina. To that end, his campaign is holding rallies and get out the votes efforts throughout the state. The events are also being used to recruit campaign volunteers to do things such as man phone banks

and hand out campaign literature. Jules Federle, the Obama for President field director for Forsyth and 10 other N.C. counties, was on hand to greet supporters and thank them on the senator's behalf.



Ellison

"We couldn't be where we are without you all," she said. Local attorney Eric Ellison worked to get the crowd pumped up, much like he did in April when he was among those that introduced Sen. Obama at a Winston-Salem rally. Ellison told those assembled that they should already give themselves a pat on the back. Winston-Salem, he said, had the second highest turn out in the

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Photos by Todd Luck

A resident signs up to take part in the effort to elect Barack Obama president of the United States.



File Photo

Joey Sommerville performs recently in Winston-Salem during a Downtown Jazz event in Corpening Plaza.

ALL THAT JAZZ

Promoter strives to spread the love he has for genre

BY LAYLA FARMER
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Tomorrow, Aug. 8, will mark the final Downtown Jazz concert of this year's Summer Music Series, but Carl Denerson hopes the impression this summer's concerts made will resonate long after the amps and microphones are unplugged.

"I think we're making a good impression," said Denerson. "We really have been seeing some record crowds."

Denerson can take a great deal of credit for that. The promoter booked the talent that entertained jazz-loving fans this summer each Friday evening in Corpening Plaza. The Downtown Winston-Salem Partnership, which produces Downtown Jazz and two other similar summer music events, hired Denerson's Post Entertainment company to promote and spice up the jazz event, which has been a staple of downtown for more than a decade.

Denerson is Post's sole employee, but for him, promoting the music he loves is not a job; it's a calling. He moved to Winston-Salem about five years ago to work for R.J. Reynolds after the tobacco giant bought Brown and Williamson.

He says when he first arrived, the city was virtually devoid

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Photo by Layla Farmer

Carl Denerson

A DAY AT THE OFFICE



Photo by Jason Pin

Local artist Leo Rucker takes a break from painting this wall-size tapestry in his Fourth Street studio. Rucker has been commissioned to create the piece, which he has been working on for months. Later this month, he will be in Salisbury taking part in another project. Read more about that on page A10.

Commissions will hold first statewide conference

Public invited to discuss issues like housing and race bias

BY LAYLA FARMER
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Gangs. Hate Crimes. Predatory lending.

Human relations commissions across the state are facing some tough issues, and finding solutions to the problems that plague their communities is often easier said than done.

With this in mind, officials at the North Carolina Human

Relations Commission and the state's Department of Administration will sponsor the first ever statewide civil / human rights conference in High Point later this month.



Allen-Abraha

"One of my regional people has wanted to have a large civil rights conference for years," said Sally Lind of the N.C. Human Relations Commission. "We

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Local Universalists honor those killed

BY LAYLA FARMER
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Nine candles flickered before an assemblage of nearly 200 in the sanctuary of the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Winston-Salem on Monday night.

Outside, a policeman on a motorcycle circled the parking lot - an unwitting reminder that "sanctuary" might not always mean "safe."

Geraldine Zurek, organizer of the Vigil of Healing and Remembrance, read the names of each of the victims of the tragic shooting that occurred at the Tennessee Valley Unitarian Universalist Church in Knoxville, Tenn. on Sunday, July 27.

Afterward, she returned to her seat, head bowed in reverence, and a hush fell over the congregation that gathered to remember and honor those whose lives were irrevocably changed by the actions

See Service on A11 Geraldine Zurek reads the names of victims as Tracey Maxwell lights candles.



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