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Burr blames Clinton for 9/11 deaths

U.S. Senator also attacks Obama's leadership in fundraising letter

BY TODD LUCK
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U.S. Sen. Richard Burr is drawing fire from the Democrats who hope to challenge him for his seat this November over a campaign fundraising letter that appears to



accuse President Obama of putting Americans harm's way. "Today, however, I fear the dire consequences of electing Barack Obama ... He figures that if he can get your attention on the economy, his domestic spending and radical social agenda, then you won't recognize his foreign policy weakness, and more important, you won't notice his drastic military cuts," the letter, which is signed by Burr and mailed to voters late last year, states.

Burr, a member of the Senate's Armed Services and Select Intelligence committees, blames the country's two previous Democratic presidents, Jimmy Carter and Bill Clinton, for causing the deaths of Americans as a result of their weak military policies.

"The deaths of more than 3,000 Americans on September 11, 2001 came as a result of Clinton's weakness as President and our poor state of military preparedness," the letter reads, even though the attack occurred when Republican George Bush was in office.

The Burr Campaign declined to comment.
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Phillip Carter speaks.

Photo by Layla Farmer

Some make splash over E. Winston pool

BY LAYLA FARMER
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A handful of East Winston residents addressed the City Council Tuesday evening in hopes of reviving a request that some of them believe has fallen on deaf ears in the past.

Community Activist Marva Reid has been petitioning the Council to consider building a public swimming pool in the 14th Street area for several years, to no avail. Reid, a product of East Winston, says she spent many happy days in one of the several pools that were in the area during that time. The facilities have since been closed, due to declining attendance and other concerns, city

leaders have said. "We've got a rich history here and everything is being torn away and not replaced," Reid said. "I don't understand that."



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Reid believes the presence of a swimming pool in the area could help cut down on crime, by giving youth something positive to do, and would increase area youngsters' likelihood of participating in physical activities and learning the lifesaving skill of swimming. "Our kids have nothing in this community ... it's sad," she related. "Somebody has to fight for them."

Reid says she has collected over 600 signatures from community members who support the pool.
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MARCHING FOR MARTIN



Hundreds march into the heart of downtown Winston-Salem on Monday. The annual MLK Day walk from Mount Zion Baptist Church in East Winston to the Benton Convention Center for the MLK Noon Hour Commemoration has become one of the city's many MLK Day traditions. To read more about local MLK Day happenings, see this week's special section.

Photo by Todd Luck

Wiley Middle answers MLK's call to serve



Principal Sean Gaillard, far right, with Wiley students, teachers and staffers on MLK Day.

BY LAYLA FARMER
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While Monday's Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday provided many students and employees with a day off, some Wiley Middle pupils decided to make it a day on. The students gave up their free time to give back to the community, participating in a variety of Day of Service activities in honor of the slain civil rights icon.

Wiley students, teachers and staff members visited Silas Creek Manor nursing home Monday, to brighten residents' day, with song and more than 300 handwritten letters and drawings made by eighth graders at the school.

Among them was Holly Nelson, Nelson, an eighth grader, says she has fond memories of visiting her 98-year-old grandmother at a similar facility prior to her passing about a year ago. Nelson says she has felt compelled to reach out to the elderly ever since.

"I feel like I grow wiser more and more, every time I come (to visit the elderly)," commented the Alaska native. "History is my favorite subject and I believe that they



Wiley students Holly Nelson and Jamesha Cole at Silas Creek Manor.

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