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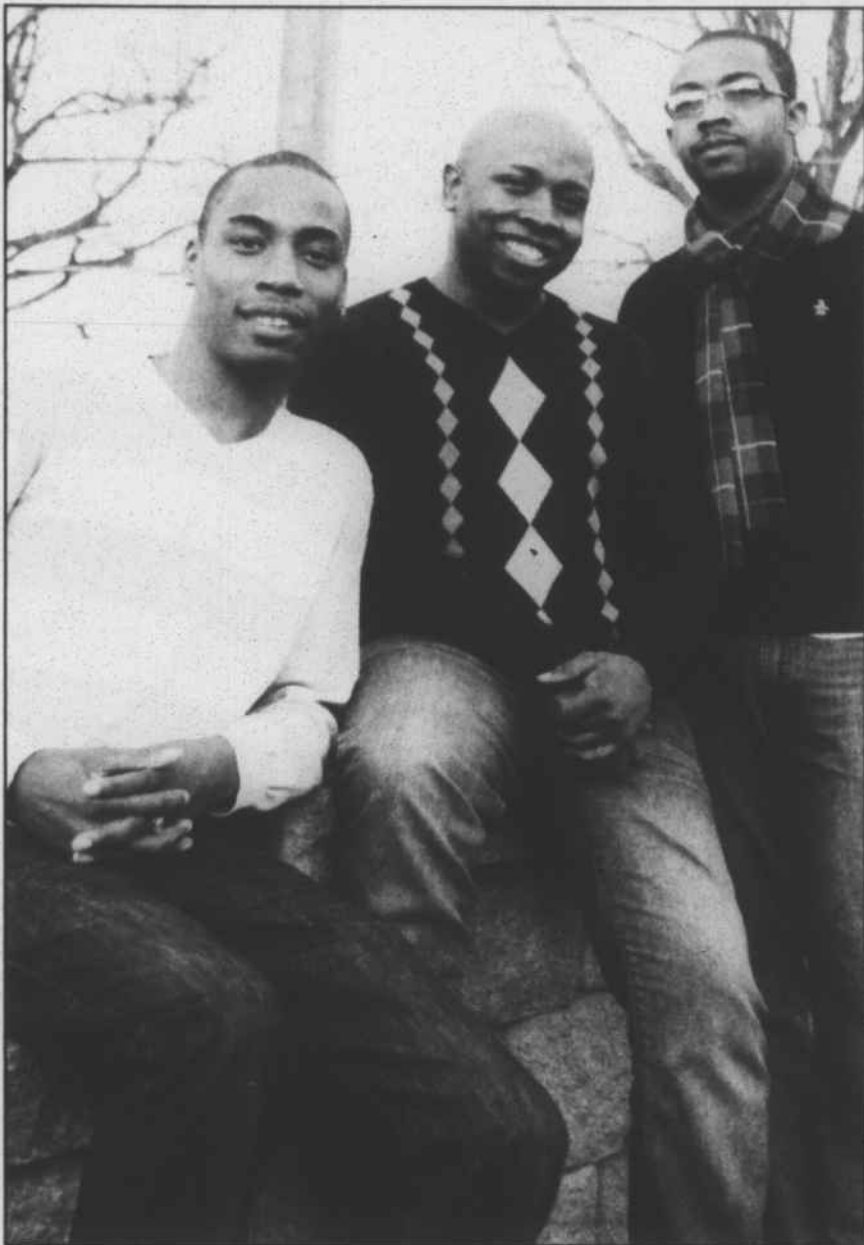
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Speak Life team members (from left) Anthony Irvin, Judson Fraley and Michael Evans.

## Spreading Love & Speaking Life

New HIV/AIDS advocacy groups takes form

BY LAYLA FARMER  
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In North Carolina, being young is a risk factor for contracting HIV.

Those within the 13-35 age bracket accounted for more than 41 percent of all new HIV cases in the state in 2008, according to a recent NC HIV/STD Surveillance Report.

African-Americans also showed a disproportionately high infection rate, making up over 57 percent of all new cases. Judson Fraley aims to change that.

Fraley founded Speak Life Inc. last spring to reach out and touch those who are most affected by the disease. Speak Life leaders say the organization will serve as a "one-stop shop" for those with HIV/AIDS — a resource to connect them with one another, emotional support and local service providers.

A former assistant director of Student Activities at UNC School of the Arts, Fraley was inspired to form Speak Life after a friend was diagnosed with HIV. The despair that his friend felt made an impression on him, said Fraley, an Altus, Okla.-native who has several friends that are living with the disease.

"I went to bed that night saying 'Somebody's got to do something,' and woke up the next morning with a passion to be the solution," related the 28 year-old.

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Candidate Jerry Herron was joined at the Board of Elections on Monday by his wife, Le'Ondra.

## THE RACE IS ON!

Candidates file to run for office in 2010

BY LAYLA FARMER  
THE CHRONICLE

We know that the early bird gets the worm, but the votes?

Those who were the first to file for the 2010 election season on Monday certainly hope so.

The filing window for candidates opened at noon and will close at noon on Feb. 26. Many incumbents wasted no time filing for re-election. State Rep. Larry Womble (D), who will seek his ninth term; State Rep. Earline Parmon (D), pursuing her fifth term representing N.C.'s 72nd District; and State Sen. Linda Garrou (D), going for her seventh term, were among the first at the Forsyth County Board of Elections. As was State Rep. Larry Brown (R), who filed for his fourth term in the N.C. House.

"I have always been interested in serving the people," said Brown, who represents the 73rd District, which includes Walkertown and Belews Creek. "...I just want to utilize my experience to help my constituents in Raleigh."

Sheriff Bill Schatzman came out to submit his intent to run for what he calls, "The best job I've ever had."

If elected for a third term, Schatzman promises to put a greater emphasis on youth violence and gangs; domestic violence; and the county's registered sex offenders' program. The Sheriff's Office, which will finish a three-year accreditation process in the spring, has done well on his watch, Schatzman says.

"We're quicker, we're more efficient, we're more effective," he stated. "Our performance is board and peer review recognized. We have addressed the best practice models in law enforcement."



Schatzman



Bonham

## Students, symphony create perfect harmony

Collaboration will send thousands of books to Africa

BY LAYLA FARMER  
THE CHRONICLE

For five decades, the Winston-Salem Symphony has partnered with Winston-Salem/Forsyth County Schools to introduce youngsters to the world of symphonic music.

Small ensembles of Symphony musicians visit each school in the county at least once a school year, and a full-fledged symphony orchestra concert is staged exclusively for local students annually.

Assistant Conductor Matthew Troy, who leads the annual orchestra concerts, says he wanted to do something special in 2010, in celebration of the 50th anniversary of the Symphony's partnership with the schools.

"I decided to change the theme of the program to storytelling and music, and the connection between literature and music led to a literacy theme," related the 30-year-old.



Assistant Conductor Matthew Troy.

"... and it kind of took on a life of its own." After searching the Internet for ideas, Troy stumbled upon the African Library

Project, an organization that promotes literacy by partnering with American volunteers to collect new and gently used books to establish libraries in schools and villages in Africa.

After meeting with school system leaders, Troy set out on the ambitious goal of collecting 1,000 books from each elementary school in the county to be shipped to partner schools in Botswana.

"I think it's incredible that they as an entire school system are also on board with this," he declared. "It's just exciting."

The African theme will even be incorporated into this year's Symphony shows for students, slated for March 3 and March 4. Troy will lead the Symphony Orchestra in a concerto inspired by African drums. African dancers are also slated to perform.

"It was just one of those things where it felt like it was meant to be," Troy said of the project. "It's really a fantastic way to bring everything full circle for the students, stressing the importance of literacy and reading."

In the classroom, many of the teachers in the various schools are also weaving

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## Jackson claims victory in battle to breathe

COPD had all but crippled her

BY TODD LUCK  
THE CHRONICLE

As Doris Jackson walked briskly on a treadmill on Monday, it was hard to believe that a little more than a year ago, she couldn't move even a few steps without being winded.

Doctors diagnosed her condition as COPD (chronic obstructive pulmonary disease) caused by chronic bronchitis. The condition — the fourth leading cause of



Doris Jackson walks on a treadmill with her husband, Douglas by her side.

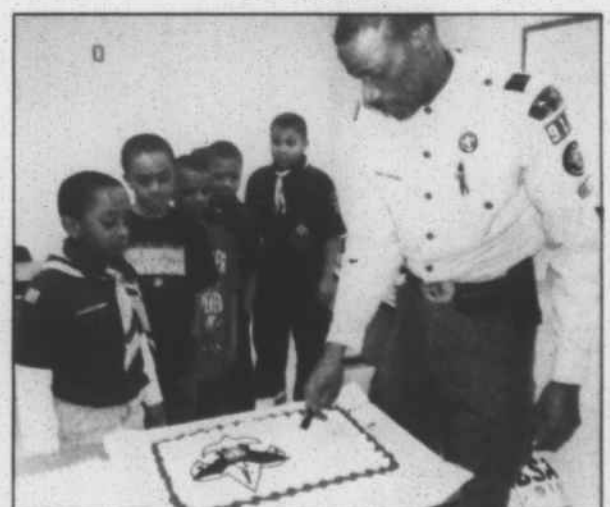
death in the United States — makes breathing so difficult that any type of physical activity — and even talking — is a struggle.

Jackson knows that struggle all too well. There was a time when she was attached to an oxygen tank from the time she woke up until bedtime, even when she ate meals. Her home was filled with large machines designed to help her breathe and fill her portable oxygen tanks.

"I was on how many machines?" Jackson asked her husband, Douglas, with a laugh.

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A CUT ABOVE



Local kids celebrate the 100th birthday of Boy Scouts of America on Monday with cake and camaraderie. See page B1 for the story.

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